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This spring was, on the whole, a welcome departure from recent ones. It was generally milder than average, and drier than recent ones, for the most part, until late May.

The winter of 1984-85 was generally less severe than last, and with mostly less snow. Oddly, there was much heavier snow in the north than in the southern half of the state, a departure from the normal pattern. A warm spell in late December melted most of the snow that had fallen and turned dirt roads into a muddy morass. January was persistently cold, but was also quite dry. The latter half of February turned quite mild again, with another melting period similar to December.

March saw a return to cooler weather, and a couple of snow periods, on the fourth and fifth and again the accumulation was heavier in the north (Newport had 17 inches). Another snow period, around March 12 was also heavier in the north. Warmer weather the second half of the month brought bare ground to most of southern Vermont by month's end. Temperatures at Burlington averaged 2-4° F above normal.

The generally dry weather pattern continued in April with precipitation 1 to 2.5 inches below the 30 year average. It was the driest April since 1971 and temperatures in Burlington averaged 1.6° F above normal. Snow in the early part of the month was on the light side, particularly in the south. The last 10 days or so were mild and dry with temperatures reaching the 70's and low 80's during the final week. By then, the snow was gone from everywhere but the higher mountains.

May brought continued dry weather to southern Vermont but near normal precipitation in the north. Alternating periods of cold and warm weather occurred later, with frequent thunder storms rumbling across the state. The month's temperature at Burlington was .6° F above the normal. The freeze on May 9 sent temperatures to as low as 17° F in the Northeast Kingdom.

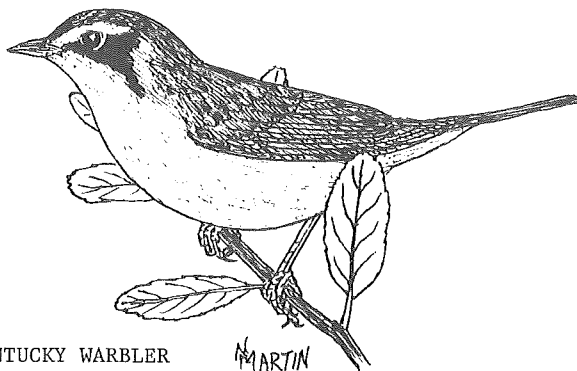
By the period of May 10-13, temperatures had rebounded to the 80's generally, and approached the 90's in the south. The last part of May had considerably more rain, and much wind, many days being so windy that this observer found birding difficult.

What did this mean for the migration? Well in contrast to 1984, there was a good deal of movement in March. Warm weather in February had softened up the ice so that the Connecticut River and other waterways were generally open by mid-month, with a correspondingly good waterfowl movement. The warm weather produced a fine early April movement, especially on April 6, a day on which many good birds were seen, both early passerines and waterfowl.

Birds continued to pass through without much interruption and it was my impression that there was less migration spilling over into June than there had been in recent years. There was much wind the latter part of May, in fact it was windy most of the spring, and on into the summer.

The recent decline in woodland birds appeared to continue. This was not so noticeable at low elevations, but was quite noticeable in the Green Mountains (FAP,WJN). The acidity of the precipitation, of course, increases at higher altitudes. I noticed this spring a number of times, that such shy, secretive species as the Northern Waterthrush and the Catharus thrushes were coming boldly out into the open to feed along roads and trails, and high-feeding warblers such as Tennessee, Bay-breasted and Blackpoll, usually difficult to see in the spring, feeding in the open and near the ground. This may indicate stress due to some interruption in the food chain.

The warm periods through April and May produced corresponding "wave" days: April 6, 10, 13, 19, and 23 were frequently mentioned. May 6, 9, May 10-11 (likely the best movement days of the spring) and May 15, 20. The VINS banding station considered their best days to be May 10, with 25 new birds, 5 retraps of 15 species, and May 21 with 28 new and 4 retraps of 18 species.



KENTUCKY WARBLER

As usual, we had a number of rarities: GLOSSY IBIS (several), MUTE SWAN, TUNDRA SWAN, a probable GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE (Greenland race), RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER, KENTUCKY WARBLER, hypothetical reports of BLUE GROSBEAK and LARK SPARROW (the latter would be a first state record).

Others of interest: Great Egret (twice), inter-grade Green-winged Teal (with Eurasian race), several Bald Eagles, Glaucous Gull, hybrid Glaucous X ? Gull, Iceland Gull, "Brewster's" Warbler (several), Orchard Oriole (2), Carolina Wren.

Due, no doubt, to the unseasonably mild weather, a great many early dates were recorded, some seemingly bizarre, but a pattern is discernable and it will be interesting to see if the same pattern turns up in nearby states. The following were very early: Solitary Sandpiper, Whip-poor-will, Northern Flicker, Eastern Kingbird, Bank Swallow, Veery, Swainson's Thrush, Tennessee Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Field Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Rump Sparrow. Many others were also earlier than usual.

The Birdathon was taken on 5/18 and 19. Saturday 5/18, it rained most everywhere, but it did not deter the indefatigable birdathoners. Sunday 5/19 it rained early and the latter part of the day was very windy. Despite all this, a fine 185 species (and 1

hybrid) were seen. The team of George and Walter Ellison, Nancy Martin and Dan Crook topped with 135 species. The team of Chris & Doug Kibbe followed with 126, and Jeremy Coleman, Don Clark, Tait Johansson and Jean Sangdahl got 114. Sally Laughlin, Betty Rist et al., had 106 and five other groups topped 100.

LOONS AND GREBES

Common Loon: well over 100 were reported, many no doubt duplications. First 1 4/5 Herrick's Cove (hereafter HC) (PFW,SAW), 9 4/6 L. Morey (SuG,WF), 2 4/6 Upper Mdws.-Rockingham (WGE,NLM), 1 4/11 L. Bomoseen (SSW), 1 4/12 Burr Pond (SSW), 2 4/13 L. Morey (WGE,NLM), 1 4/14 N. Hero (DLC), 1 4/15 Vernon (JJC), on 4/20 2 L. Fairlee (PT), 4 L. Memphremagog (CEH), 1 L. Carmi (PJM). There was a concentration of records around 5/18-19 with many seen flying over. Some high counts: 13 5/5 Groton Lake (BG), 24 4/25 L. Memphremagog (CEH). Some late dates: 1 5/29 HC (REG), 1 5/30, 2 5/31 Belvidere Pond, Eden (CCL) an encouraging spring for them. Pied-billed Grebe: 40 were reported - first 1 3/18 Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge (hereafter MNWR) (JBG), 1 3/24 S. Hero (DLC,BLR,PAT), 1 3/25 E. Charleston (CEH), 1 3/30 HC (REG), 1 3/31 Burlington Intervale (DLC,WAM), 2 3/31 Wilder (WGE,NLM), 1 4/3 Addison (MBN), 1 4/4, 2 4/5 Roundy's Cove, Rockingham (TEJ,DC,WJN), 1 4/7, 14 Wilder (WGE,NLM), 2 5/18 Barton River Marshes (hereafter BRM) (WGE,GFE,NLM,DaC), 5/18 Bennington Cty. Birdathon (BCD,RSK,ERK). High counts: 3 5/5 S. Bay, Newport (CEH), 3 4/10 Roundy's Cove-Springweather N.A. (WJN), 3 4/14 Champlain Islands (DLC), 3 4/17 Sand Bar, Burlington (JDM). Horned Grebe: nine reported - 1 4/6 Wilder (SuG,WF), 1 4/19 Roundy's Cove (WJN), 3 4/21 Peacham Pond (AVG) the high count, 1 4/21 Charlotte (DLC), 2 4/27 L. Salem, Derby (CEH), 1 5/5 Caspian L. (DLC). Red-necked Grebe: thirteen reported - 1 4/6 L. Morey (SuG,WF), 2 4/6 Springfield/Rockingham Town Line (hereafter SRTL) (WGE,NLM), 1 4/6, 2 4/11, 13, 4 4/16 Vernon (JJC) the high count, 1 4/21 Burr Pond Sudbury (EBB,JB,SSW,HB,JaB), 1 4/27 Hyde Park (PF), 1 5/20 Island Pond (DLC,MM).

CORMORANTS THROUGH IBIS

Double-crested Cormorant an ever-expanding species: 20 4/6 HC (WME), 3 4/6 Wilder (SuG,WF), 1 4/13, 4 4/20 S. Bay Newport (CEH), 1 4/27 Woodbury (MEF), 1 4/30 Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area (hereafter DCWMA) (DLC), 2 5/4 Vernon (JJC), 21 5/6 L. Fairlee (ViH), 1 5/16 Moore Res. (PFW,SAW), 1 5/18 St. Albans (WRB,RAE), 40 5/19 Young Isl. (FAP,CP), 1 5/21 SRTL (WJN), 1 5/23 MNWR (JBG), 7 5/25 L. Memphremagog (TH,DLC). High counts: 125 5/17 Young Isl. (JDM), 50 5/22 Champlain Isl. (DLC), 110 nests 5/28 Young Isl. (RBL,NLM,CCF). American Bittern: 2 4/15 West Rutland Marsh (hereafter WRM) (WJN), 2 4/16 WRM (LPS), 4 4/18 DCWMA, 1 4/18 WRM (JJC), 2 4/18 BRM (CEH), 1 4/20 L. Bomoseen (SBL), 1 4/22 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 9 4/29 BRM (CEH) the high count, 1 4/30 DCWMA (DLC), 1 4/30 HC (WJN), 4 4/30 MNWR (JBG). Up to 25 at MNWR during period (JBG). Least Bittern: 1 4/29 WRM (BLR) early, 1 5/5 WRM (REG,TEJ,DC,EE et al.), 1 5/18 "Birdathon" (DPK,CDK), 1 5/19 WRM (LPS et al.). Great Blue Heron: 1 3/8 MNWR (JBG), 1 3/20 Shelburne (WAM), 2 3/20 MNWR (JBG), 1 3/24 S. Hero (DLC,BLR,PAT), 1 3/24 Weybridge (MBN), 2 3/23 Sand Bar (WGE,NLM), 2 3/27 HC (WJN), 1 3/28 Bartonville (TEJ), 2 3/28 Retreat Mdws.-Brattleboro (JJC), on 3/29 1 Morrisville (TP), 1 Springweather NA (WME), 2 Brattleboro (WDN), 1 3/30 S. Bay, Newport (CEH), 6 3/30 Winooski River Delta (hereafter WRD) (JDM), 1 3/31 Lyndonville (PFW). Widespread after that. Some high counts: 10 4/5 HC to Springweather NA (DC,WJN), 12 4/6 Rockingham (WGE,NLM et al.), 12 4/14 Champlain Isl. (DLC,BLR, RHH), 19

5/17 Champlain Valley (JDM). Rookery of 2-5 nests 5/28 Morrisville (BW). Up to 75 at MNWR during period (JBG). Great Egret: 1 4/6 HC, Rockingham (WME,WGE,NLM et al.), probably the same one 4/6 Springweather NA (HSP et al.), 1 4/10, 2 4/14 MNWR (JBG). Cattle Egret: 1 5/18 Grand Isle (AH,NH,CM,SHu), 2 5/19 Young Isl. (FAP,CP), 2 5/22 S. Hero (DLC,MM); 15 nests 5/28 Young Isl. (RBL,NLM,CCF). Green-backed Heron: 1 4/24 Cambridgeport (DC), 1 4/26 Putney (TEJ), 1 4/26 Colchester (JDM), 2 4/27 Vernon (JJC), 2 5/1 HC (REG), 1 5/2 Alburt (DLC), 1 5/2 West Haven (LPS), 1 5/4 DCWMA (NLM). High count 2. Black-crowned Night-Heron: 4 4/8 DCWMA (WAM), 1 4/13 WRD (JDM), 6 4/27 Burlington (JDM) the high count, 2 5/4 DCWMA (DLC), 3 5/18 Burlington (WGE,GFE,NLM,DaC), 1 5/19 Waterbury (DL), 2 5/19 Young Isl. (FAP,CP) 2 5/23 MNWR (JBG), 1 5/28 Monkton (JRA); 38 nests 5/28 Young Isl. (RBL,NLM,CCF). GLOSSY IBIS: 3 4/18-19 Lyndon (PFW,SAW,DHM), 1 4/23 Shoreham (EBB,JB,SSW,EJ), 1 4/25 Charcoal Creek, Swanton (DLC).

WATERFOWL

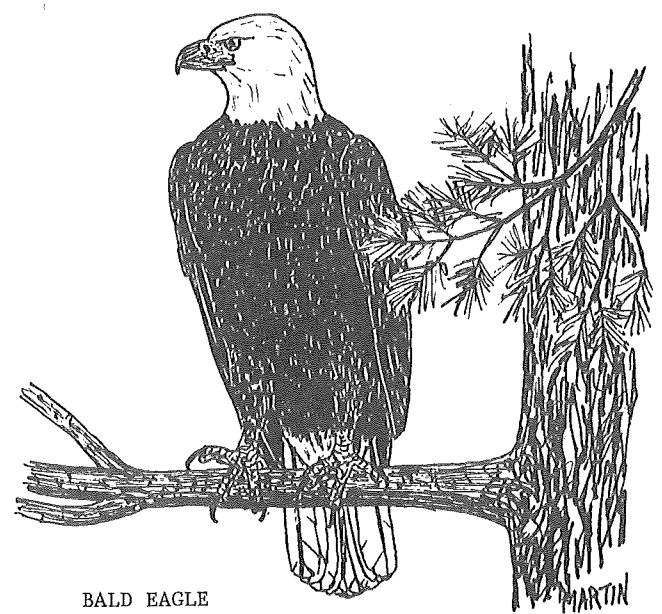
N.B. MNWR high counts are separated from others. MUTE SWAN: 1 imm. 4/13-16 Lake Bomoseen (RWP,JC,PSA,DLC,CJF). TUNDRA SWAN: 3 4/6, 7 Connecticut River at Rockingham (WGE,NLM, et al.). A goose of the genus Anser seen briefly at HC on 5/19 was probably an imm. GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE of the Greenland race flavivirostris (WJN). Snow Goose: good spring for them - 150 3/16 DCWMA (MBN), 300 3/17 DCWMA (WAM), 8 3/19 MNWR (JBG), 50 3/23 N. Hero (WGE,NLM), 1850 3/23 DCWMA (DLC), on 3/27 150 Elmore (TP), 180 Charleston (CEH), 200 Colchester (JDM), 150 Sheffield (PFW), 100 Ver-shire (SL), 4 3/28 Upper Mdws., Rockingham (JJC), 100 3/28 Winhall (WJN), 1000 3/29 Swanton (JBG), 1 3/30 Newport (CEH), 8+ 3/30 HC (DC), 1 3/31 Weybridge (MBN). Widespread in most places in early April. Some high counts: 4000 3/27 DCWMA (BCr) the high count, 900 3/28 Newport (CEH), 250 3/29 Albany (TP), 1000 3/31 Weybridge (MBN), 300+ 4/5 Upper Mdws., Rockingham (DC,WJN), 1000 4/21 DCWMA (WAM). Some late dates: 1 4/17 Weybridge (MBN), 150 4/24 Shoreham (ELW), on 4/28 70 DCWMA (JRA), 8 Morgan (CEH), 3 Springweather NA (WJN), on 4/30 43 DCWMA (DLC), 70 MNWR (JBG), 1000 Charlotte (WAM), 4 5/4 WRD (JDM), 175 5/4 DCWMA (WGE,NLM et al.), 2 5/12 Red Rocks Park-Burlington (WAM). The high count at MNWR-500 4/1 (JBG). A bird of the color phase known as "Blue Goose" at the Upper Mdws. and HC, Rockingham 3/30, 4/2, 5, among the Snows (JJC,DC,WJN). Brant: a report of 10 4/5 Bethel (JHa), 4 5/18 Island Pond (WGE,NLM,GFE,DaC), 1 5/28 Hen Isl., 3 5/28 Bixby Isl. (RBL,NLM,CCF). Canada Goose: 1500 2/28 DCWMA (JID,MCD), 1 3/3 Shelburne (WAM), 8 3/15 MNWR (JBG), 22 3/16 Springfield (WME), 1 3/16 Rockingham (WGE,SJS), 211 3/17 DCWMA (DLC), 37 3/20 Vernon (JJC), 270 3/21 DCWMA (WGE,NLM), 60 3/23 N. Hero (JDM), 2 3/25 HC (TEJ), 2 3/27 Springweather NA (WJN), "heard at night" 3/27 Woodstock (CRP), "heard at night" 3/28 Randolph (EWC,MCC), "two flocks" 3/28 Worcester (CVAS), 200 3/29 Brownsville (BMH), 50 3/30 HC (DC), 100 4/1 Vernon (WGE,DaC). Some high counts: 3000 3/24 Champlain Isl. to DCWMA (DLC,BLR,PAT), 2000 4/8 DCWMA (WAM), 1000 4/17 MNWR (JBG). Some unusual late movement: 100 over Dorset 5/30 (EFG), 14 5/31 Sheffield (PFW), 100 5/31 L. Carmi (PJM). Also: 10 ads. with goslings DCWMA 5/19 (MBN), breeding pr. 5/29 Gale Mdws., Winhall (WJN), and 5/18 Halifax (BHA) Birdathon. Wood Duck: first 2 3/3 Vernon (JJC), 2 3/16 White River Jct. (WGE,SJS), 2 3/17 DCWMA (WAM), 3 3/17 HC-Upper Mdws., Rockingham (TEJ,DC), 3 3/20 MNWR (JBG), 4 3/27 HC (WJN), 8 3/29 Springweather NA (WME), 2 3/30 Roundy's Cove (REG), 2 3/30 Stockbridge (EH), 18 3/30 Champlain Valley (DLC), 2 3/31 Rutland (CJF). Some high counts: 18 3/30 DCWMA (WAM), 20 4/19 Springweather NA (WJN),

19 4/28 Mud Creek (WAM), 125 4/25 MNWR (JBG). Green-winged Teal: first 6 3/19 DCWMA (MBN), 1 3/21 WRM (WGE,NLM), 2 3/27 Roundy's Cove (WJN), 1 3/27 Retreat Mdw. (JJC), 1 3/28, 8 3/29 Brattleboro (WDN), on 3/30 5 Roundy's Cove (REG), 15 DCWMA (DLC,WAM), 8 Derby (CEH), 4 Colchester (JDM), 2 3/31 HC (DC), 8 4/13 Upper Mdw., Rockingham (DC), 3 4/13 Windsor (GFN). Some high counts: 17 4/6 HC (WGE,NLM), 12 4/11 Springweather NA (WME), 15 4/19 Upper Mdw., Rockingham (WJN), 18 4/25 Charcoal Creek, Swanton (DLC), 37 4/26 Vernon (JJC). Late dates: 23 5/4 DCWMA (WAM), 2 5/6 Middlesex (DL), 3 5/18 Nulhegan Pond (WGE,GFE,NLM, DaC), 1 5/19 HC (WJN). A drake teal was seen at HC 4/23 that was apparently an intergrade with the Eurasian race of the Green-winged Teal (*Anas c. crecca*) as it had both the horizontal white bar above the wing and the vertical white bar on the sides of the breast (WJN). MNWR high count was 145 4/23 (JBG). American Black Duck: 3/2 DCWMA (REG), 350 3/3 Vernon (JJC), 4 3/6 HC (TEJ), 7 3/16 Weybridge (MBN), 25 3/17 DCWMA (WAM), 45 3/17 HC (DC), 2 3/20 MNWR (JBG), 12 3/23 Champlain Valley (DLC), 45 3/23 HC (WJN), 2 3/28 E. Charleston, 30 3/28 Newport (CEH), 10 3/29 DCWMA (JID, MCD). Some high counts other than the above 350: 120 3/30 DCWMA (DLC), 145 4/6 Rockingham (WGE,NLM), 100 4/19 HC (WJN), 200 4/23 Derby (CEH). MNWR high count - 465 4/3 (JBG). Mallard: 3/2 DCWMA (REG), 6 3/3 Clarendon (CJF), 50 3/3 Vernon (JJC), 2 3/8 MNWR (JBG), on 3/16 4 HC (TEJ), 13 Weybridge (MBN), 15 DCWMA (MBN), 22 3/17 HC (DC), 4 3/20 MNWR (JBG), 20 3/23 HC (WJN), 2 3/23 Morrisville (TP), 11 3/24 Champlain Isl. (DLC), 25 3/29 DCWMA (JID,MCD), 50 3/29 Springweather NA (WME), 30 3/28 Newport (CEH), 2 3/30 WRM (LPS). Some high counts: 120 3/30 DCWMA (WAM, DLC), 102 4/6 Rockingham (WGE,NLM), 50 4/19 HC (WJN), 75 4/23 Derby (CEH). MNWR high count-330 4/23 (JBG). Nest at L. Bomoseen 5/12-26 (CJF). Hen with brood W. Rutland 5/12 (CJF). Northern Pintail: 1 3/2 Vernon (JJC), 4 3/5 Rutland High School Athletic field (RWP et al.), 3 3/7 Williston (MFM), 50 3/17 DCWMA (WAM) high count, 3 3/17 HC (TEJ,DC), 6 3/24 DCWMA (WAM), 5 3/27 HC, 2 3/27 Springweather NA (WJN), 2 3/28 Newport (CEH), 26 3/28 Vernon (JJC), 3 3/28 HC (WGE), 9 3/29 DCWMA (JID,MCD), 8 3/29 Springweather NA (WME), 30 3/29 Brattleboro (WDN), 6 3/30 Burlington Intervale-Colchester (JDM), 50 3/30 DCWMA (WAM) high count, 5 4/1 Vernon (WGE,DaC). Late dates, possibly breeders: 1 4/23 DCWMA (JRA), 2 4/25 Charcoal Creek, Swanton (DLC), 1 4/26 HC (WJN), 1 5/4 Coventry (PFW), 1 5/28 "The Gut" Grand Isle (RBL,NLM,CCF). MNWR high count-75 4/10 (JBG). Blue-winged Teal: first 1 3/21 DCWMA (WGE,NLM), 2 3/23 DCWMA (JRA,DLC), 1 3/24 DCWMA (WAM), 1 3/29 DCWMA (JID,MCD), 3 3/31 Addison (MBN), 4 4/6 HC, 4 4/7 N. Hartland (WGE,NLM), 5 4/8 W. Salisbury (MBN), 1 4/10 Upper Mdw. Rockingham (REG,WJN), 1 4/12 Wheelock (DHM), 6 4/13 DCWMA (LPS), 6 4/13 Colchester (JDM), 2 4/18 MNWR (JBG), 4 4/19 Rockingham (WJN). High counts: 23 4/21 DCWMA (WAM), 21 4/25 Champlain Isl. (DLC). MNWR high count-35 5/22 (JBG). Northern Shoveler: 2 3/28 Upper Mdw., Rockingham (WGE), 2 4/5 Roundy's Cove (DC,WJN), 2 4/5 WRD (JDM), 2 4/13 Springweather NA (WJN), 3 4/19 HC (WJN) the high count, 1 4/25 Charcoal Creek, Swanton (DLC), 2 4/26 HC (WJN), 2 5/1 E. Charleston (CEH), 2 5/4 BRM (PFW,SAW), 1 5/19 E. Charleston (CEH), 1 5/21 DCWMA (DLC,MM). MNWR high count-40 3/31-4/3 (JBG). Gadwall: 2 3/23 Alburt (WGE,NLM), 1 3/25 HC (TEJ), 2 3/30 Sand Bar WMA (JDM), 4 3/30 DCWMA (DLC), 8 4/6 and 1 4/10 Vernon (JJC), 2 4/13 Newport (CEH), 6 4/19 Great Mdw. Overlook, Rockingham (WJN), 4 4/20 Newport (CEH), 1 4/22 Charleston (CEH), 1 5/18 DCWMA (JID, MCD), 1 5/21 Button Bay SP (DLC,MM), 1 5/28 "The Gut" Grand Isle (RBL,NLM,CCF), 2 5/29 Brattleboro (WDN). MNWR high count-25 5/7 (JBG). Eurasian Wigeon: 3/31, 4/7,14,25 at Charcoal Creek, MNWR (DLC,BLR,RHH).

-17- American Wigeon: 2 3/21 WRM (WGE,NLM) overwintered, 1 3/24 S. Hero (DLC), 8 3/28 Vernon (JJC), 4 3/28 Newport (CEH), 2 3/29 DCWMA (JID,MCD), 3/30 HC (REG,DC), 20 3/30 Champlain Valley (WAM), 2 3/31 Timmouth (PB), 10 3/31 Burlington Intervale (WAM), on 4/5 3 Brattleboro (WDN), 2 Roundy's Cove, 2 Great Mdw. Overlook, Rockingham (DC, WJN), 8 4/6 Rockingham (WGE,NLM), 2 4/6 HC (TEJ,EE,REG), 4 4/7 DCWMA (FAP), 1 4/13 Burlington Intervale (JDM), 8 4/13 Great Mdw., Rockingham (DC), 61 4/14 MNWR (DLC) the high count, 1 4/14 HC (ELW), 7 4/19 Rockingham (WJN), 17 4/20 Newport (CEH), 1 4/23 Roundy's Cove (WJN), 3 4/26 Vernon (JJC), 1 5/4 Coventry (PFW), 1 5/5 Mud Creek (WAM), 15 5/5 Newport (CEH), 5 5/22 Champlain Isl. (DLC), 1 5/28 "The Gut" Grand Isle (RBL,NLM,CCF). MNWR high count-35 4/10 (JBG). Canvasback: 18 3/2 Charlotte (DLC) the high count, 1 3/27 and 2 3/29 Vernon (JJC), 5 3/30 Newport (CEH), 1 4/1 Vernon (WGE,DaC), 1 4/3-6 Roundy's Cove (DC,REG,WJN, TEJ,EE,SJS et al.), 3 4/3 Newport (CEH), 1 4/5 WRD (JDM), 5 4/16 HC (WJN), 1 5/6 L. Fairlee (Vih), Winooski R. at Middlesex, date(?) (JMB). Ring-necked Duck: 21 3/21 Champlain Valley (WGE,NLM), 5 3/23 DCWMA (DLC), 11 3/24 DCWMA (WAM), on 3/27 1 MNWR (JBG), 4 Vernon (JJC), 2 L. Champlain Bridge (MBN), 25 Roundy's Cove, HC (WJN), 4 3/29 DCWMA (JID,MCD), 5 3/29 Springweather NA (WME), 60 3/30 HC (REG, DC), 2 3/30 Sand Bar WMA (JDM), 61 4/1 HC (WGE,DaC), 63 4/3 Roundy's Cove (DC), 3 4/6 Arlington (HWT), 2 4/6 Dorset (EFG), 12 4/7 DCWMA (FAP), 47 Roundy's Cove, 2 HC, 4 Allen's Marsh 4/13 (DC), 25 4/20 L. Bomoseen (SBL, HBS), 2 4/23 Reading (JoJ). Some high counts: 80 4/6 L. Bomoseen/Timmouth (CJF), 62 4/6 Vernon (JJC), 152 4/7 Champlain Isl. (DLC,BLR), 140 4/11 S. Bay Newport (CEH), 60 4/13 Rockingham (WME), 150 4/28 Mud Creek (WAM). Some late dates: 4 5/4 Colchester (JDM), 10 5/4 S. Bay (PFW), 43 5/5 Mud Creek (WAM), 55 5/5 S. Bay (CEH), 12 5/9 S. Bay (CEH), 1 5/18 Mud Creek (WRB, RE), 2 5/18 BRM (WGE,GFE,NLM,DaC), 2 5/22 Mud Creek (DLC), 2 5/27 Mud Creek (WAM). The MNWR high count was 1190 4/23 (JBG). Greater Scaup: 1 3/21 Addison (WGE,NLM), 50 3/23 WRD (JDM), 24 3/27 Champlain Bridge (MBN), 6 3/28 HC (WGE), 10 3/29 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), on 3/30 90 Champlain Bridge (MBN), 10 Newport (CEH), 2 HC (REG), 2 N. Ferrisburg (WAM), 115 3/31 Champlain Isl. (DLC) the high count, 2 3/31 Wilder (WGE,NLM), 3 4/1 HC (WGE,DaC), 32 4/6 Rockingham (WGE et al.), 8 4/6 Retreat Mdw. (JJC), 5 4/10 HC (WJN), 2 4/13 HC (WJN,DC), 2 4/13 Allen's Marsh-Westminster (DC), 3 4/14 L. Bomoseen (CJF), 2 4/14 Wilder (WGE,NLM), 4 4/20 Newport (CEH), 13 5/5 Newport (CEH), 1 5/21 S. Bay (DLC,BLR). Lesser Scaup: 2 3/21 Shoreham (WGE, NLM), 1 3/24 S. Hero (DLC), 6 3/28 Vernon (JJC), 2 3/28 HC (WGE), 20 3/29 Rockingham (WDN), 1 3/30 N. Ferrisburg (WAM), 6 3/30 Champlain Bridge (MBN), 5 3/31 Champlain Isl. (DLC), 2 4/1 Rockingham (TEJ), 6 4/1 HC (WGE,DaC), 2 4/3,5 Roundy's Cove (DC,WJN), 5 4/6 Roundy's Cove (REG), 9 4/6 Rockingham (WGE,NLM et al.), 2 4/14 Wilder (WGE,NLM), 1 4/19 HC (WJN), 6 4/20 Newport (CEH), 3 4/24 L. Carmi (PJM), 2 5/13 Shelburne (JDM). MNWR high count-200 4/23 (JBG). Scaup (species): 30 3/30 WRD (JDM), 5 4/6 Sand Bar (JDM), 12 4/27 S. Bay (PFW,SAW). Oldsquaw: 1 4/22 Lake Memphremagog (CEH), 6 5/18 Island Pond (WGE,GFE,NLM,DaC). Black Scoter: 5/18 HC (DPK,CK) Birdathon. Surf Scoter: 1 5/22 Charcoal Creek, Swanton (DLC,MM). White-winged Scoter: 1 5/15 MNWR (JBG), on 5/18 4 St. Albans Bay (WRB,RAE), 25 HC (TEJ,DC,JJC,DPK,CK), 15 Island Pond, 2 Arrowhead L., Milton (WGE,GFE,NLM,DaC), 42 5/21 Arnold Bay (DLC). A good late movement for them. Common Goldeneye: 9 3/2 Charlotte (DLC), 12 3/13 HC (REG,JJC), 67 3/16 MNWR (JBG), 50 3/16 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 20 3/17 HC (TEJ,DC), 5 3/17 Burlington (CJF), 4 3/23 HC (WJN), 7 3/27 Champlain Bridge (MBN). Some high counts: 150 3/23 WRD-Sand Bar (JDM), 287 3/23 Grand Isle (WGE,NLM), 302 3/24 Champlain Isl.

(DLC,BLR,PAT), 100 3/29 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 78 4/13 L. Memphremagog (CEH). Other reports: 1 4/23 HC (WJN), 8 4/28 Mud Creek (WAM), 9 5/3 and 16 5/5 Newport (CEH), 11 5/6 Shelburne (WAM), 1 5/9 L. Carmi (PJM), hen and brood 5/15 Mud Creek (DLC,DCD,DMC), 10 5/17, 4 5/19 Sand Bar (JDM,FAP,CP), 5 5/22, f. with 10 young 5/27 Mud Creek (DLC,WAM), f. with 3 young Sand Bar 5/29 (DL). MNWR high count-275 4/3 (JBG). Bufl-head: 1 3/9 Shelburne (WAM), 5 3/23 WRD (JDM), 9 3/23 Charlotte (DLC), 3 3/21 Addison (WGE,NLM), 2 3/27 Champlain Bridge (MBN), 19 3/27 Charlotte (JID,MCD), 2 3/28 E. Montpelier (MEM), on 3/30 4 Newport (CEH), 10 WRD (JDM), 5 Addison (MBN), 2 3/31 Wilder (WGE,NLM), 1-4 4/1 HC (TEJ,REG,WGE,DaC), 2 4/1 Vernon (WGE,DaC), 8 HC, 2 Roundy's Cove 4/3 (DC), 20 4/5 HC (WJN), on 4/6 4 Vernon (JJC), 2 Wilder (SuG,WF), 16 Rockingham (WGE,NLM), 2 4/13 L. Morey (WGE,NLM). Some high counts: 47 4/10 Shelburne-Charlotte (WAM), 45-50 4/15, 22 Charlotte (WAM), 81 4/21 Champlain Valley (DLC). Late dates: 12 4/24 Shoreham (ELW), 7 4/27 Newport (PFW,SAW), 4 4/30 Island Pond (CEH), 2 5/9 L. Carmi (PJM), 1 5/15 Charcoal Creek, Swanton (DLC,DCD,DMC), 1 5/18 Shelburne (SRA,BSL), 12 5/18 HC (TEJ,DC,JJC,SJS). MNWR high count-10 3/31-4/3 (JBG). Hooded Merganser: on 3/16 1 Clarendon (CJF), 1 Lamoille R. (JDM), 2 HC (TEJ,WGE,SJS), 6 3/17 HC (TEJ,DC,REG), 1 3/17 DCWMA (WAM), 1 3/19 E. Montpelier (MEM), 4 3/20-31 Shelburne (WAM), 24 3/22 SRTL (WGE,SJS), 11 3/23, 20 3/27 HC (WJN), 1 3/27 Vernon (JJC), 2 3/28 Derby (CEH), 3 3/30 Champlain Valley (DLC), 12 3/30 Addison (MBN), 18 3/31 HC (DC), 8 4/6 Retreat Mdws. (JJC), 8 4/14 Champlain Isl. (DLC,BLR,RHH), 17 4/15 N. Derby (CEH), 9 4/26 L. Carmi (PJM). Some late dates-probably breeders: 6 5/2,7,12 Albany (TP), 2 5/5 Newport (CEH), 1 5/18 Island Pond (WGE,GFE,NLM,DaC), 1 5/19 Gale Mdws. (WJN). MNWR high count-75 6/3 (JBG). Common Merganser: overwintered at L. Memphremagog (CEH), and up to 14 most of the winter on the Connecticut R. below the dam at Bellows Falls (DC). 39 3/2 Shelburne (DLC), 7 3/2 DCWMA (REG), 2 3/6 Springfield (WME), 1 3/7 Cavendish (TEJ), 6 3/11 Middlesex (JMB), 2 and 11 3/14 Taftsville (JMN,CMW), 54 3/16 Shelburne (WAM), 51 3/16 WRD-Heineberg Bridge (JDM), 2 3/17 Burlington (CJF), 8 3/17 Roundy's Cove (DC), 2 3/18 Ottauquechee (MF), 60 3/19 HC (JJC), 30 3/20 MNWR (JBG), 100 3/21 Addison (WGE,NLM), 74 3/22 SRTL (WGE, SJS), 51 3/22 Vernon (WDN), on 3/23 3 WRD-Bolton (DL), 50 Champlain Bridge (MBN), 103 Grand Isle (WGE, NLM), 33 3/24 Shelburne (WAM), 7 3/26 Middlesex (DL), 14 3/28 Springfield (WME), 9 3/29 Springweather NA (WME), 20 HC, 20 Springfield Boat Landing, 8 Great Mdws. Overlook 3/31 (DC), 2 4/21 Peacham Pond (AVG). Some high counts: 411 3/24 Champlain area (DLC,BLR,RHH), 96 4/13, 140 4/23 Newport (CEH). Some late dates-probably breeders: 10 5/6 Reading (FMH,GEH), 4 5/12 L. Bomoseen (CJF), 2 5/12-17 Bartonville (TEJ), 5 5/15 Cavendish (TEJ), 2 5/19 Gale Mdws. (WJN), 2 5/20 L. Seymour, Morgan (CEH), 5 5/24 Shelburne (DLC), 6 5/25-31 Eagle Point, L. Memphremagog (TH), 1 5/26 West River at S. Londondery (WJN). MNWR high count-340 4/23 (JBG). Red-breasted Merganser: 2 4/1 Newport (CEH), 6 4/5 and 2 4/6 Retreat Mdws. (JJC), 1 4/6 Springweather NA (TEJ,DC, SJS), 2 4/6 Charlotte (DLC), 1 4/10 Charlotte (WAM), 21 4/14 Charlotte (DLC,BLR,RHH), 6 4/21 Shelburne (WAM), 16 4/23 L. Memphremagog (CEH), 7 4/23, 8 4/30 Charlotte (WAM), 4 5/4 Pantown (WGE,NLM et al.), 5 5/4 WRD (JDM), 24 5/6 Shelburne (WAM) the high count, 6 5/8 Island Pond (CEH), 3 5/9 Thurman W. Dix Res. (DL), 1 5/13, 5 5/19 Shelburne (JDM,WAM), 1 5/19 DCWMA (EBB, JB,HB), 3 5/21 Charlotte (DLC,MM), 2 5/17 L. Seymour, Morgan (CEH).

over last year, primarily due to better early season coverage, which gave us a good count of Red-tails. Turkey Vulture: 42 were seen by hawkwatchers - 2 3/7 Vernon (JJC), 1 3/14 Bartonville (TEJ), 3 3/16 Bellows Falls/Westminster (WGE,SJS), 1 3/17 DCWMA (WAM), 2 3/20 Bristol Cliffs (JRA), 2 3/21 Orwell (WGE,NLM) "feeding on fish on the ice", 1 3/23 Orwell (MBN,RJW) "feeding on muskrat carcasses", 1 3/29 Benson (RJW), 6 3/29 Hartland (JLW), 2 3/29 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 3/30 W. Rutland (LPS), 2 HC, 8 Bellows Falls 3/30, 1 3/31 Grafton (DC), 1 4/5 Brandon (ELW), 6 4/5 Putney/Brattleboro (CEH), on 4/6 1 Rockingham (SuG,WF), 2 Castleton (CJF), 4 Hartford (WGE,NLM), 1 Lamoille R. (JDM), 5 4/7 Georgia (DL), 8 4/7 Champlain Isl. (DLC), 1 5/11 Island Pond (WGE, NLM) rare there. Some high counts: 16 4/16 L. Bomoseen (CJF), 10 4/20 Mt. Philo (Charlotte) (JID,MCD), 25 5/13 Townshend (DC), 14 5/18 Birdathon (WGE,GFE,NLM,DaC). Osprey: 18 were seen on Hawk Watches. First 1 4/4 Bethel (JHa), 1 4/5 HC (WJN), 2 4/6 HC (WGE,NLM), 1 4/6 Springweather NA (TEJ,DC,SJS), 1 4/7 Brattleboro (WDN), 1 4/11 Retreat Mdws. (JJC), 4 4/13 Vernon (JJC), 1 4/15 Moretown (FAP), 1 4/16 Charleston (CEH), 4 4/19 HC/Springweather NA (WJN), 2 4/20 Mt. Philo (JID,MCD), 1 4/21 Weathersfield (ELW), 3 4/21 Grafton (DC), 2 4/22 Fuller Mt., Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 4/22 Bridgewater (ALG), 1 4/24 Shelburne Bay (DLC), 2 4/24 MNWR (JBG), 4 4/27 Jericho (MEM), 1 4/27 Brownington (PFW), 1 5/5 Springfield (DC), 1 5/8 MNWR (JBG), 2 5/8 DCWMA (SBM, BeC), 1 5/12 Albany (TP), 1 5/14 Bartonville (TEJ), 1 E. Charleston, 1 Moose Bog 5/20 (CEH,DLC,MM), 1 5/29 HC (REG). High count-5 4/20 Lincoln Hill, Hinesburg (MPB et al.) Bald Eagle: four were reported on Hawk Watches. A tremendous increase in reports, some of which certainly are duplications. At least one of these birds stems from "hacking" operations in bordering states as evidenced by wing tags. 1 3/2 S. Royalton (SK), 1 ad. 3/3 Grafton (ML,LL,KK), 1 ad. 3/5,14, 17 White River Jct. (WGE,NLM,JLW,MD,EY), 1 ad. 3/10 Charlotte (BB), 1 imm. 3/13 Vernon (JJC), 1 ad. 3/14 Sharon (LRP), 1 3/20 Little Otter Creek, Ferrisburg (MBN), 1 ad. 3/20 Vernon (JJC), 1 imm. 3/24,27 Thetford (DaC,ET), 1 imm. 3/28 HC (WGE), 1 ad. 4/3 HC (DC), 1 4/3 Sharon (CVAS), 1 imm. 4/5 SRTL (DC,WJN), 1 imm. 4/6 I-91 at Weathersfield (SuG,WF), 1 4/6 Thetford (ET), 1 imm. 4/6 Williston (WRB,RAE), 2 4/20 Windsor (BH), 1 ad. 4/22 Otter Creek (JID,MCD), 1 4/27 Woodbury (MEM), 1 imm. 5/8 Albany (TP), 1 imm. 5/14



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The spring 1985 Hawk Watch, taken primarily in the second half of April, produced 902 birds; an increase

Upper Mdws., Rockingham (WJN), 1 imm. 5/18 DCWMA (WRB, RAE) "yellow tag and blue stripe on left wing", 1 "May" MNWR (JBG). Northern Harrier: 32 were seen by hawkwatchers. 1 3/3 DCWMA (DLC), 1 3/16 Mt. Philo (JID,MCD), 2 3/17 DCWMA (WAM), 1 3/19 DCWMA (MBN), 3 3/24 DCWMA (WAM), on 3/30 1 Plainfield (MFM), 1 HC (REG), 1 WRM (LPS), 1 Shelburne (WAM), 1 4/1 S. Bay, Newport (CEH), 4 4/2 Newport (CEH), 1 4/1 HC (WGE, DaC), 1 4/5 Shoreham (ELW), 1 4/5 Burlington Intervale (JDM), 1 4/5,6 Upper Mdws., Rockingham (DC,WJN), 1 4/6 DCWMA (DLC) the high count, 2 4/6 Vernon (JJC), 6 4/13 Champlain Valley (DLC,WAM), 1 4/13 L. Carmi (PJM), 2 5/5 WRM (TEJ,DC,EE,REG), 1 5/7 Woodstock (JMN), 1 5/10 Cavendish (TEJ), 1 5/25 Newport (DLC), 1 5/30 E. Charleston (CEH), 2 5/31 Monkton (JRA). Sharp-shinned Hawk: 156 were seen by hawkwatchers. One 3/1 L. Carmi (PJM), 1 3/16 Vernon (JJC), 1 3/17 Lincoln (JRA), 1 3/17 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 3/30 W. Rutland (LPS), 1 4/4 Shrewsbury (LPS), 5 4/6 Rockingham (SuG,WF,WGE,NLM), 1 4/7 S. Hero (DLC,BLR), 1 4/12 Holland (CEH), 1 4/13 Starksboro (DLC,WAM), 2 4/13 Lincoln Hill (DLC), 1 4/14 Sheffield (PFW), 1 4/17 E. Charleston (CEH), 1 4/19 Cavendish (TEJ), 3 4/20 Mt. Philo (JID,MCD), 1 4/20 Winhall Hawk Lookout (hereafter WHL) (WJN), 3 4/21 Grafton (DC), 1 5/2 Brattleboro (WDN), 1 5/8 Weybridge (MBN), 1 5/11 Woodstock (JMN), 1 5/18 Addison County Birdathon (PR), 1 5/18 Manchester (RuS), 1 5/19 Springfield (EE,HSP,FuH), 1 5/25 Moose Bog (DLC,BLR), 1 5/30 E. Charleston (CEH), 1 5/30 Bartonville (TEJ). High counts: 25 4/6 Lincoln Hill (PAT et al.), 41 4/20 Lincoln Hill (MPB et al.). Cooper's Hawk: four were seen by hawkwatchers. 1 3/5 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD) "caught a Junco", 1 3/28 WHL (WJN), 1 3/31 Duxbury (FAP), 1 4/7 Charcoal Creek, Swanton (DLC), 1 4/5 Woodstock (WGE, NLM), 1 4/22 Island Pond (CEH), 1 4/26 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1 5/20 HC (TEJ), 1 5/20 Moose Bog (DLC, MM). Northern Goshawk: six were seen by hawkwatchers. 1 3/2,7 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 3/7 Woodstock (JMN), 1 3/20 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 4/15 Button Bay SP (DLC, WAM), 1 4/13 Lincoln Hill (DLC), 1 4/20 WHL (WJN), 1 4/20 Mt. Philo (JID, MCD), 1 4/27 Barnard (WMB), 1 4/27 Grafton (DC), 1 5/6 E. Montpelier (MFM), 1 5/13 I-91, Black River (JJC), 1 5/18 Addison Cty. Birdathon (PR), 1 5/21 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 5/25 Stratton Mt. (JJC), 1 "through period" Albany (TP). Red-shouldered Hawk: 21 seen by hawkwatchers. 1 3/8 Quechee (fide VINS), 1 3/22 Rockingham (WGE), 3 3/27 Thetford (FT), 1 3/28 Winhall (WJN), 2 3/29 Marlboro (WDN), 1 3/30 Colchester (JDM), 2 4/6 I-91, Rockingham (SuG,WF), 1 4/13 Lamoille R. (JDM), 3 4/20,28 WHL (WJN), 1 4/25 Lincoln (JRA), 1 4/28 Grafton (DC), 2 5/13 Quechee (WGE), 1 5/14 Albany (TP), 1 5/19 Hubbardton (FAP), 1 5/24 Winhall (breeder) (WJN). Broad-winged Hawk: 111 were seen by hawkwatchers. 1 4/19 Cavendish (TEJ), on 4/20 8 Mt. Philo (JID,MCD), 1 WHL (WJN), 11 Paine Mt. (WHB), 1 4/21 Duxbury (CVAS), 1 4/21 Woodstock (JMN), 11 4/22 Fuller Mt., Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 4/22 Lincoln (JRA), 1 4/22, 2 4/23 Bartonville (TEJ), 1 4/23 E. Charleston (CEH), 6 4/23 Lincoln (JRA), 4 4/24 Morgan (CEH), 1 4/25 Sheffield Hts. (PFW), 1 4/25 W. Brattleboro (JJC), on 4/26 1 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 Newport (REG), 1 Lyndon (PFW), 9 4/28 WHL (WJN), 10 4/28 Paine Mt. (LK), 2 4/29 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 5/1 Marlboro (WDN), 1 5/4 W. Rutland (DLC), 1 5/19 Ferdinand (MFM). High count: 16 4/21 Shrewsbury (MPB). Red-tailed Hawk: an excellent 299 were seen by hawkwatchers. 1 3/1 Bartonville (TEJ), 1 3/1 Woodstock (JMN), 4 3/2 DCWMA (REG), on 3/3 5 DCWMA (DLC), 2 Grafton (DC), 5 Shelburne (WAM), 1 3/4 Marshfield (PFW), 3 3/8 Weybridge (MBN), 1 3/11 Ira (EPA), on 3/16 6 Brattleboro (JJC), 1 Wallingford (LPS), 1 Duxbury (EMP), 2 Brockway Mills/Chester (TEJ), 8 Connecticut Valley (WGE,SJS), 5 Weybridge (MBN), 1 3/17 Rockingham (TEJ,DC), 3 3/23 Burlington/Lamoille R. (JDM), on 3/27 1 SRTL (WJN), 3

-19- MNWR (JBG), 1 Shoreham (JWAW), 1 3/30 E. Charleston (CEH). High counts were from hawk watches: 98 4/6 Lincoln Hill (PAT et al.), 52 4/6 Brownell Mt., Wallingford (WRB et al.). An adult seen 5/19 at WRM was a melanistic individual, all dark with a red tail (WJN). Several observers reported nesting activity in March and April. Rough-legged Hawk: none were seen by hawkwatchers. 4 3/2 DCWMA (REG), 3 3/3 DCWMA (DLC), 4 3/3 Champlain Isl. (DLC), 1 3/8 Weybridge (MBN), 1 3/21 Shoreham (WGE,NLM), 1 3/22 MNWR (JBG), 5 3/30 DCWMA (WAM,DLC) the high count, 1 4/4 "dark form" MNWR (JBG), 2 4/7 Hog Island, Swanton (DLC,BLR). American Kestrel: 62 were seen by hawkwatchers. 2 3/3 DCWMA (DLC), 1 3/5 Retreat Mdws. (JJC), 1 3/14 St. Albans (JBG), 2 3/15 New Haven (JRA), 1 3/16 Wallingford (LPS), on 3/17 1 Salisbury, 3 Vergennes (CJF), 1 HC (TEJ,DC), 2 3/21 Barnard (BGa), on 3/22 1 Brownsville (WGE,SJS), 2 Concord (PFW), 1 Winhall (WJN), 1 E. Montpelier (MFM), 2 3/23 Orwell (MBN), 1 3/27 Shoreham (JWAW), 1 3/27 Newport (CEH), 1 3/28 Brownsville (BMH), 17 3/30 Lamoille R. (JDM), 11 3/30 DCWMA (DLC, WAM), 3 4/2 Newport (TP). High count: 43 4/7 Champlain Valley (DLC,BLR). Merlin: two were seen by hawkwatchers. 1 4/9 Albany (TP), 1 4/14 Morgan (CEH), 1 4/16 WHL (WJN), 1 4/20 Mt. Philo (JID,MCD), 1 4/25, 26 Albany (TP), 1 4/26 Morgan (CEH), 1 f. 5/5 Quechee (WGE,NLM), 1 5/7 Woodstock (JMN), 1 5/8 E. Charleston (CEH). Peregrine Falcon: one was seen on the Hawk Watches. 1 3/3, 2 3/10 Mt. Pisgah (TAR), 1 ad. 3/23 DCWMA (JID,MCD), 1 4/18 Bristol Cliffs (AB fide JED), 1 4/20 Mt. Philo (JID,MCD), 2 5/25 L. Willoughby (DLC, BLR), 1 5/25 Wallingford (CH fide BLR).

GALLINACEOUS BIRDS THROUGH RAILS

Ruffed Grouse: widely reported. High counts: 5 4/4 Colchester (WDB), 4 4/13,23 Reading (FMH), 6 5/4 E. Charleston (CEH), up to 15 at MNWR (JBG), hen and chicks 5/28 Grafton (DC). Gray Partridge: 2 3/22 MNWR (JBG), up to 5 during period MNWR (JBG). Wild Turkey: 1 3/9 Reading (FMH,GEH), 10 3/13 MNWR (JBG), Through March and April and high 13 3/24 Milton (WDB), 6 4/6 Brattleboro (WDN), 1 4/6 Montpelier (CVAS), 1 4/12, 5/1 Saxtons River (DC), 1 4/21 Bartonville (TEJ), 12 4/21, 2 hens with brood 5/3 Grafton (DC), 6 5/6 Reading (FMH,GEH), 2 5/11 Benson (CJF), 1 5/11 E. Charleston (fide CEH), 1 5/14 Shrewsbury (LPS). Surely under-reported. Virginia Rail: 1 4/15 WRM (WJN), 1 4/22 Vernon (JJC), 1 4/29 WRM (BLR), 1 5/1 Allen's Marsh, Westminster (REG), 3 5/4,5 WRM (DLC,DC), 4 5/6 BRM (CEH) the high count, 2 5/7 Allen's Marsh (TEJ), 1 5/10 Bartonville (TEJ), 1 5/16 WRM (LPS), 1 5/17 Mud Creek (JDM), on 5/18 1 Allen's Marsh (TEJ,DC,JJC,SJS), 1 Mud Creek (WRB,RAE), 1 BRM (WGE,GFE,NLM,DaC), 1 5/19 L. Hortonville (FAP,CP), 1 5/19 WRM (WJN), 3 5/20 S. Bay (DLC,MM), 1 5/24 S. Bay (PFW). High count was 4. Sora: 1 4/13 McCuen Slang, Addison (EBB,JB,SSW,EJ), 1 4/29 WRM (BLR), 5 5/4 DCWMA (WGE,NLM et al.) the high count, 1 5/4 WRM (DLC), 2 5/5 WRM (DC), 1 5/5 BRM (CEH), 1 5/11 Weybridge (MBN), 1 5/15 WRM (WJN), 2 5/15 BRM (CEH), on 5/18 3 WRM, 1 Allen's Marsh (TEJ, DC,SJS,JJC), 1 BRM (WGE,GFE,NLM,DaC), 1 5/19 Newport (MFM), 2 5/19 WRM (WJN), 1 5/23 Allen's Marsh (REG). Common Moorhen: 5 4/28 Mud Creek (WAM), 2 5/5 BRM (CEH), 6 5/5 Mud Creek (WAM) the high count, 1 5/11 Benson (CJF), 1 5/11 Colchester (JDM), 3 5/15 Mud Creek (DLC), 2 5/17 Mud Creek (WAM), 5 5/17 Colchester-Mud Creek (JDM), 1 5/18 Mud Creek (WRB,RAE), 1 5/18 BRM (WGE,GFE,NLM,DaC), on 5/19 1 DCWMA (FAP,CP), 1 WRM (WJN), 1 BRM (CEH), 2 5/22 Mud Creek (DLC,MM). American Coot: 1 3/18 Retreat Mdws. (WDN,JJC), 1 3/30 DCWMA (MBN), 2 4/21 Charlotte (WAM), 1 4/28 BRM (REG), 1 5/4 DCWMA (WAM), 1 S. Bay 5/25 (DLC,BLR).

SHOREBIRDS

Black-bellied Plover: 1 5/18 Birdathon (DPK,CDK),

1 5/28 Bixby Is. (NLM,CCF,RBL). Semipalmated Plover: 1 5/19 Richmond (FAP,CP). Killdeer: 1 3/1 Woodstock (WGE), 1 3/13 Tirmouth (PB), 2 3/17 HC (TEJ,DC), 2 3/17 DCWMA (WAM), 1 3/18 Woodstock (CRP), 1 3/20 Waterbury (JMB), 3 3/22 Retreat Mdws. (JJC), on 3/23 1 DCWMA (DLC), 1 HC (WJN), 4 Rutland (CJF), 1 3/24 Windsor (BMH), 2 3/24 Weybridge (MBN), 1 3/25 HC (TEJ), on 3/27 3 MNWR (JBG), 1 Albany (TP), 6 Newport (CEH), on 3/29 1 Springweather NA (WME), 1 Cavendish (TEJ), 1 Plainfield (MFM), 1 3/30 HC (REG). Some high counts: 17 4/1, 9 Albany (TP), 18 3/31 Wilder (WGE,NLM), 19 4/1 Vernon (WGE,DaC), up to 35 MNWR (JBG). Numerous nesting reports in May - 2 ad., 4 yg. 5/24 Duxbury (FAP). Greater Yellowlegs: 2 4/13 Vernon (JJC), 1 4/18 E. Charleston (CEH), 4 4/19 HC (WJN), 1 4/22 Vernon (JJC), 1 4/25 Charcoal Creek, Swanton (DLC), 1 4/27 Colchester (JDM), 4 5/4 Coventry (PFW), 2 5/6 Addison (DL), on 5/7 11 E. Charleston (CEH) the high count, 6 Shoreham (ELW), 2 Gale Mdws. (WJN), 1 5/9 HC (TEJ), 1 5/11 Norwich (WGE,NLM), 4 5/15 MNWR (JBG), 1 5/18 Halifax (BHA), 2 5/19 Arlington (RuS), 1 5/19 WRM (WJN), 3 5/21 Shelburne Bay (DLC,MM), 1 5/22 E. Charleston (CEH), 10 5/23 MNWR (JBG), 3 5/25 New Haven (JRA), 1 5/29 Brattleboro (WDN). Lesser Yellowlegs: on 5/7 1 New Haven (JRA), 4 E. Charleston (CEH), 19 Shoreham (ELW) very high count!! 10 5/14, 1 5/18 E. Charleston (CEH), 5/18 Birdathon-Champlain Valley (DCD,LJE), 1 5/19 Brighton SP (PS), 1 5/19 Richmond (FAP,CP), 1 5/29 Brattleboro (WDN). Solitary Sandpiper: 1 4/22 Weathersfield (ELW) early, on 5/4 3 Middlebury (MBN), 1 Newport (PFW), 2 E. Charleston (CEH), 2 Starksboro (DLC,Dmc), on 5/7 2 New Haven (JRA), 1 Allen's Marsh (TEJ), 2 Gale Mdws. (WJN), 1 5/8 Woodstock (WGE,NLM), 1 5/8 Cavendish (TEJ), on 5/11 10 Norwich (WGE,NLM), 1 Cavendish (TEJ), 8 Gale Mdws. (WJN), 3 5/11-13 Lyndonville (PFW,SAW), 1 5/11 W. Glover (REG), 1 5/12 Woodstock (SBL). High count-32 5/14 E. Charleston (CEH). Last seen - 1 5/28 Weybridge (MBN). Spotted Sandpiper: 1 4/23, 3 4/24 Shelburne (WDB,DLC), 1 4/28 Pawlet (CJF), 3 5/1 Morgan (CEH), on 5/4 1 DCWMA (WAM,NLM et al.), 1 Albany (TP), 1 Vernon (JJC), 1 5/5 Gale Mdws. (WJN), 1 5/6 Woodstock (JMN), on 5/7 1 Bartonsville (TEJ), 1 L. Carmi (PJM), 1 Woodstock (SBL), 12 5/8 Island Pond (CEH), 1 5/11 W. Glover (REG). High count: 37 5/25 New Haven (JRA). Upland Sandpiper: 2 5/4 Newport (PFW), 2 5/7 Shoreham (ELW), 6 5/18 Newport (CEH), 2 5/20 Newport Airport (DLC,MM), 2 5/24 DCWMA (DLC). Ruddy Turnstone: 1 5/28 Rock Island (NLM,CCF,RBL). Semipalmated Sandpiper: 6 5/19 Weybridge (MBN), 1 5/22 Charcoal Creek (DLC). Least Sandpiper: on 5/11 1 Gale Mdws. (WJN), 2 Norwich, 1 Island Pond (WGE,NLM), 10 5/14, 14 5/16, 4 5/22 E. Charleston (CEH), 2 5/15 MNWR (JBG), 4 5/15 Charcoal Creek (DLC), 2 5/18 Weybridge (WME), 6 5/18 Birdathon (WGE,GFE,NLM,DaC), on 5/19 9 Gale Mdws. (WJN), 25 Richmond (FAP,CP) the high count, Champlain Valley (DCD,LJE), 9 5/22 Charcoal Creek (DLC), 1 5/24 Long Point (DLC,BLR). Pectoral Sandpiper: 2 5/14 E. Charleston (CEH). Dunlin: 1 5/2 MNWR (DLC), 1 5/18 BRM (WGE,GFE,NLM,DaC), 1 5/19 "Champlain Valley" (DCD,LJE), 1 5/28 Hen Isl. (RBL,CCF,NLM). Short-billed Dowitcher: 8 5/14 E. Charleston (CEH), 72 5/17 WRD (JDM), 5/19 "Champlain Valley", Birdathon (DCD,LJE). American Woodcock: 1 3/3 Guilford (JJC), 1 3/22 Bartonsville (TEJ), 1 3/23 Rutland (CCF), 1 3/23 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 3/26 Bartonsville (TEJ), 1 3/27 Danville (CVAS), 2 3/21 Lincoln (JRA), 1 3/29 Duxbury (FAP), 2 3/30 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 4/1 Woodstock (WGE,NLM), 1 4/5 Sheffield Hts. (PFW), 3 4/6 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 4/10 Woodstock (JMN), 1 4/11 Bartonsville (TEJ), on 4/14 1 E. Charleston (CEH), 1 Winhall (WJN), 1 Plainfield (MFM). High counts: 10 5/18 Ferdinand (WGE,GFE,NLM,DaC), 11 4/7 Grafton (DC), 14 4/30 Brighton Airport (CEH), up to 20 at MNWR (JBG). Common Snipe: 3 3/2 Clarendon (CJF) over-wintered, 1 3/27 Ferrisburg

(JID, MCD), 3 3/31 Hog Isl. (DLC), 8 4/2 and through the month Albany (TP), 2 4/5 Chester (DC), 1 4/6 Sand Bar, 1 4/6 Burlington Intervale (JDM), 1 4/8 N. Salisbury (MBN), 1 4/10 HC (REG,WJN), 4 4/13 DCWMA (-JRA, MBN), 5 4/12 So. of Wheelock (DHM), 1 4/14 Plainfield (MFM), 1 4/15 N. Derby (CEH), 3 4/21 Charlotte (WAM), 1 4/22 Shelburne (WAM), 2 4/22 WRM (WJN), 1 4/22 Vernon (JJC). High counts: 18 4/21 Charleston (CEH), 9 5/18 Birdathon (WGE,GFE,NLM,DaC), "up to 125" MNWR (JBG).

GULLS AND TERNS

Bonaparte's Gull: 2 4/7 HC (WGE,NLM), 7 4/14 Newport (CEH), 2 4/15 Long Point (JID,MCD), 1 4/23, 26 HC (WJN), 11 5/4 WRD (JDM), 2 5/6 Springweather NA (WME), 1 5/14 HC (WJN), 3 5/17 WRD (JDM), on 5/18 1 St. Albans Bay (WRB,RE), 1 Plymouth (SBL et al.), 1 Island Pond, 21 5/18 Colchester (WGE,GFE,NLM,DaC) the high count, seen 5/18 HC (DPK,CDK). Ring-billed Gull: 3/2 DCWMA (REG), 13 3/16 Springfield/HC (WGE,SJS), 5 3/17 Roundy's Cove (TEJ, DC), 1 3/17 WHL (WJN), "flock" 3/20 Bristol (JRA), 20 3/20 Ferrisburg (MBN), 300 3/23 Middlesex (DL), 9 3/23 Rutland (CJF), 800 3/23 Grand Isle (WGE,NLM), 50 3/28 E. Montpelier (MFM), 20 3/28 Newport (CEH), 30 3/29 Brattleboro (WDN), 22 3/31 Clarendon (CJF), 4000+ 4/6 Champlain Valley (DLC) the high count, 59 4/15 Vernon (JJC), 30 4/16 Retreat Mdws. (WJN), 30 4/19 HC (WJN), 86 5/1 SRTL (REG). Eggs hatching and chicks up to one week old 5/28 Young Island (RBL,CCF,NLM). Herring Gull: 1 3/5 Hartford (WGE), 8 3/16 HC (TEJ), 21 3/17 Roundy's Cove (TEJ, DC), 425 3/22 and 4/5 Retreat Mdws. (WDN,JJC) the high count, 8 3/23 HC (WJN), 82 3/24 Champlain Islands (DLC), 3 3/30 HC (REG), 4 3/30 Newport (CEH), 30 4/5 Roundy's Cove (DC), 100 4/6 Rockingham (WGE,NLM et al.), 5 4/26 HC (WJN), 1 5/18 HC (TEJ,JJC,DC,SJS), 3 5/25-31 Eagle Pt., L. Memphremagog (TH). Eggs hatching - Young Island 5/28 (RBL,NLM,CCF). Iceland Gull: 1 3/10 Brattleboro Dump (JJC), 1 4/16 Retreat Mdws. (AMB). Glaucous Gull: 1 4/4 Brattleboro Dump, 1 4/4 Vernon (JJC), 1 4/6 Upper Mdws., Rockingham (WGE,NLM et al.). A bird seen at the Retreat Mdws. was apparently a hybrid between Glaucous and some other species, probably Herring (WJN). Great Black-backed Gull: 133 3/3 Burlington (DLC) the high count, 30 3/10 Burlington (WAM), 1 3/11 Middlesex (DL), 40 3/15 Retreat Mdws. (JJC), 10 3/16 WRD (JDM), 1 3/16 Rockingham (WGE,SJS;DC), 3 3/17 HC (REG), 7 3/21 Orwell/Bridport (WGE,NLM), on 3/23 12 Grand Isle (WGE,NLM), 2 Champlain Bridge (MBN), 1 HC (WJN), 1 3/30 Newport (CEH), 16 4/1 Vernon (WGE,DaC), 24 4/2 Brattleboro (WDN), 2 4/16 Retreat Mdws. (WJN), 2 4/22 Newport (CEH), 1 4/26 HC (WJN), 2 4/29 L. Seymour (CEH), 2 5/5 S. Bay Newport (CEH), 1 5/17 WRD (JDM), 1 5/18 St. Albans Bay (WRB,RAE), 3 5/24 Arnold Bay (DLC), 3 5/25-31 Eagle Pt. L. Memphremagog (TH). 3 chicks 1-1 1/2 weeks old Young Island 5/28 (RBL,NLM,CCF). Common Tern: 2 5/1 WRD (DLC), 1 5/8 MNWR (JBG), 2 5/17 WRD, 1 5/17 N. Hero (JDM), 1 5/18 S. Bay Newport (WGE,GFE,NLM,DaC), 1 5/18 St. Albans Bay (WRB,RAE), 8 5/21 Arnold Bay (DLC,MM). 158 adults, 92 nests-Rock Isl., Hen Isl., Popasquash Isl. 5/28 (RBL,NLM,CCF). Black Tern: 1 5/1 WRD (DLC), 1 5/2 MNWR (JBG), 2 5/4 DCWMA (WAM,WGE,NLM, et al.), 2 5/5 Newport (CEH), 2 5/17 WRD/Colchester (JDM), 10 5/18 BRM (WGE,GFE,NLM,DaC), 14 5/18 DCWMA (SBL et al.) the high count, 7 5/19 BRM (CEH), 1 5/19 DCWMA (LPS,MFM), 3 5/24 S. Bay Newport (PFW), 5 5/30 DCWMA (JID,MCD).

DOVES THROUGH KINGFISHER

Rock Doves were present in usual numbers. High counts: several observers reported around 20, surely far short of their true numbers. Mourning Dove: winters in most areas so migration dates are difficult to ascertain. Some high counts: 20 3/1 Woodstock (JMN),

21 3/3 Plainfield (MFM), 20 3/4 Weybridge (MBN), 20 5/9 Woodstock (WGE,DaC), "up to 25"-May MNWR (JBG). One was banded at Plainfield (MFM). Black-billed Cuckoo: amazingly, no reports were submitted for this species; apparently they arrived in June. Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 1 5/18 heard calling across L. Champlain in Willsboro, NY (JRA), 1 5/25 Wolcott (DLC, BLR). Eastern Screech-Owl: 1 4/26 Albany (TP), 1 5/18 Salisbury (WME), 5/18 Addison Cty. Birdathon (JSA, KMA), "pair with fledgling" late May S. Hero (JDH), 5 "May" MNWR (JBG). Great Horned Owl: 1 3/3 Woodstock (CRP), 1 3/16 Lincoln (JRA), 3/27 "female incubating on nest" Shoreham (SSW), 1 4/8 Dorset (EFG), 1 4/19 Cavendish (TEJ), "young on nest" 4/24 Shoreham (ELW), "April" E. Montpelier (JMB), 1 4/28 Mud Creek (WAM)-nest, 1 5/7 Mud Creek (JDM), 1 5/11 Benson (CJF), 1 5/18 Mud Creek (WRB,RAE), 2 5/18 DCWMA-Addison (SBL, WGE,GFE,NLM,DaC), 1 5/23 Addison (DLC), 1 5/24 Dorset (EFG), 1 5/26 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 5/27 Mud Creek-"nest appeared to have been destroyed" (WAM), up to 6 at MNWR (JBG). Snowy Owl: 1 4/5 Northfield (CVAS), 1 4/18 Plainfield (MFM)-same bird? Barred Owl: 2 3/3 Shrewsbury (LPS), 2 3/9 thru May Woodstock (JMN), 3 3/16 Shrewsbury (LPS) the high count, 1 4/12 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 4/21 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/5 WRM (TEJ,DC, EE), 1 5/5 Winhall (WJN), 2 5/11 Benson (CJF), 1 5/13 Grafton (DC), 2 5/18 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1 5/18 Cornwall (WME). Short-eared Owl: 2 5/18 Stone Bridge Access-Panton courtship flight (JJC,DC,TEJ,SJS,SBL, BLR,DPK et al.), 1 "in April" MNWR (JBG). Northern Saw-whet Owl: 1 3/6 Stockbridge (EH), 1 3/9 Winhall (WJN), 1 3/11 Albany, heard thru 5/4 (TP), 1 3/21 Stockbridge (WGE,NLM) "stunned in road", 1 3/31 Marshfield (CCF), 1 3/23 Panton (DLC), 2 4/20 Nulhegan Pond (CEH), 1 4/20 Moose Bog (CEH), 1 5/4 Morgan (CEH), 1 5/12,18 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1 5/13 Grafton (DC), 1 5/18 N. Springfield (TEJ,DC,JJC,SJS), 1 5/19 Weathersfield (EE), 1 5/26 Moose Bog (CEH). Common Nighthawk: 1 5/17 Brattleboro (WDN), 1 5/17 Rutland (CJF), 1 5/18 Allen's Marsh (TEJ,DC,JJC,SJS), 1 5/19,21 Woodstock (CRP), 1 5/20 Burlington (DLC), 1 5/21 Saxtons River (REG), 2 5/25 Rutland (CJF), 1 5/25 Winooski (JDM), 3 5/29 Colchester (JDM), 6-8 5/29 Cogman's Marsh, W. Haven (EPA) the high count, 1 5/30 Montpelier (FAP). Whip-poor-will: a fantastic report of one seen at close range on the phenomenal date of 3/20 at Rockingham (DD). One 5/5 through the period - Woodstock (CRP), 1 5/8 Benson (CJF), 1 5/13,17 Grafton (DC,TEJ), 1 5/15 Saxtons River (REG), 5/18 "Addison Cty" (JSA, KMA), also 2 Brighton (WGE,GFE,NLM,DaC), 3 Salisbury (WME), 1 Westminster (TEJ,DL,JJC,SJS), 2 Saxtons River (DC), 2 5/21 W. Rutland (DLC,MM,BLR, CJF), 1 5/22 Brattleboro (WDN), 3 5/26 Brighton Airport (CEH). Chimney Swift: 4 5/2 Saxtons River (REG), 8 5/3 Brattleboro (WDN), 4 5/4 N. Ferrisburg (DLC), 2 5/4 DCWMA (TEJ,WGE,NLM et al.), 3 5/5 WRM (DC et al.), 6 5/6 WRM (LPS), 1 5/7 Bartonville (TEJ), 1 5/7 Rutland (CJF), 1 5/8 Woodstock (CRP), 3 5/9 HC (WJN), 5 5/10 Vergennes (JRA), 24 5/10 Woodstock (WGE), 5 5/15 Winooski (WDB), 6 5/16 Middlebury (MBN), 8 5/18 Weybridge (MBN), 10 5/19 WRM (WJN), 2 5/19 Newport (CEH). High count-100 5/20 Burlington (DLC,MM). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 1 5/5 MNWR (JBG), on 5/10 1 Reading (FMH, GEH), 1 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 Weybridge (MBN), on 5/11 1 E. Charleston (CEH), 1 Moose Bog (WGE,NLM), 1 Woodstock (PH,DH), on 5/12 1 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1 Ira (CJF), 1 Brownsville (BMH), 1 5/13 Quechee (WGE), 1 5/13 Marlboro (WDN), on 5/14 1 Barnard (JNF), 2 Saxtons River (DC), 1 Duxbury (FAP), 1 5/14, 1 5/15 netted (VINS), also 5/15 1 Woodstock (CRP), 1 Ira (WJN), 1 Lincoln (JRA), 1 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 Colchester (WDB), 1 5/18 Lyndonville (PFW), 4 5/18 Birdathon (WGE,GFE,NLM,DaC), 12-14 netted 5/29 at VINS (NLM) - the high count. Belted Kingfisher: 1 3/3 Ctr. Rutland (CJF), 1 3/5 Bartonville (TEJ), on 3/23

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Woodstock (WGE,NLM), 1 Vernon (JJC), 1 Westminster (REG), 1 HC (WJN), 1 3/25 Colchester (fide WDB), 1 3/31 Woodstock (CRP), 2 4/3 HC (DC), on 4/6 5 Rockingham (WGE,NLM et al.), 1 Lamaille R. (JDM), 1 Shelburne (WAM), 1 Dorset (EFG), 3 4/7 Champlain Isl. (DLC,BLR), 1 4/10 Newport (CEH), 1 4/10 Springfield (WME), 1 4/12 Quechee (PHH), 8 5/5 E. Charleston-Newport (CEH) the high count.

WOODPECKERS

Red-headed Woodpecker: 1 3/3,16,29 Addison (Jersey St.) (DLC,MBN,JID,MCD), 5/10 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 5/14-16 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 1 5/14 Plainfield (MFM), 1 5/18 Weybridge (WME), 2 5/18 Addison (Jersey St.) (JID,MCD,KMA,JSA,PR,RR). RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER: 1 through 4/1 Shoreham (SB via BBD), 1 5/15 Sand Bar WMA (WRB,RAE). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 1 4/4 Roundy's Cove (TEJ,DC), 1 4/6 Plainfield (MFM), 2 4/7 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 4/12 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1 4/13 L. Fairlee (WGE,NLM), 1 4/14 Winhall (WJN), 1 4/14 Marlboro (WDN), 1 4/15 Bartonville (TEJ), 1 4/15 Weathersfield (ELW), 1 4/16 Springfield (WME), 1 4/16 Shrewsbury (LPS), 2 4/18 Sheffield Hts. (PFW), 1 4/20 Newport (CEH), 9 4/21 Champlain Valley (DLC). High count: 20 4/20 Reading (FMH,GEH). Male excavating nest hole 5/10 Peacham Pond (AVG); several times in late May one seen eating sunflower seeds at feeder-Winhall (WJN). Downy Woodpecker: reported widely through the period. High counts: 11 3/28 HC (WGE), 8 4/28 Mud Creek (WAM), 5 4/28 Weybridge (MBN). Two netted at VINS. Hairy Woodpecker: also reported widely from all sections, mostly at feeders. High counts: 4 4/12 Colchester (WDB), 4 March-April Randolph (EWC, MCC). The impression persists that this species and the above are grossly under-reported, particularly as to numbers. It is this observer's opinion that both of them have declined in the last few years, particularly at higher elevations. Black-backed Woodpecker: 2 5/4 Moose Bog (CEH), 1 5/25 Moose Bog (DLC,BLR). Northern Flicker: 1 3/2 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 1 3/23 Panton (DLC), 1 3/24 Weybridge (MBN), 1 3/29 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 3/31 Clarendon (CJF), 1 4/5 Brattleboro (WDN). A massive movement of this species took place on 4/6 - 30 HC (DC) the high count, 1 Retreat Mdw. (JJC), 2 Reading (HC,FMH,GEH), 1 Dorset (EFG), 10 Chester-Bartonville-Saxtons River (TEJ,DC), 10 Winhall (WJN), 1 Barnard (JNF), 18 Rockingham (WGE,NLM et al.) all flying south, 3 4/6, 4 4/7 Albany (TP), also 4/7 12 Springweather NA (WME), 21 Wilder-Rockingham (WGE,NLM), 1 Bomoseen (EPA), 3 DCWMA (DLC), 2 Weybridge (MBN), 1 4/9 Woodstock (JMN), 2 4/8 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 4/12 Newport (CEH), 1 4/13 L. Carmi (PJM), 1 4/13 WRD (JDM), 1 4/14 Duxbury (FAP), seen excavating nest 5/12 and on nest until 5/27 Reading (FMH,GEH). Two were netted at VINS. Pileated Woodpecker: Widely reported as usual-some high counts: 3 4/1 Shelburne (WAM), 3 4/1 HC (WGE, DaC), 3 4/12 HC-Bellows Falls (TEJ), 3 4/23 Charleston (CEH), 3 5/10 Woodstock (WGE, NLM), 3 5/18 Sand Bar WMA (WGE,GFE,NLM,DaC), up to 10, May MNWR (JBG).

FLYCATCHERS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1 5/18 West Haven (SBL et al.), 1 5/18 Rutland Cty. (LKR), 1 5/20 Sheffield Hts. (PFW), 1 5/20 Weathersfield (TEJ), on 5/25 1 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 Stratton (JJC), 1 Beebe Pond, Sunderland (WJN), 1 5/28 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/28 Morgan (CEH), 1 5/28-31 Albany (TP). Eastern Wood-Pewee: 1 5/15 Sand Bar (DLC), 4 5/16 Morgan (CEH), 1 5/17 Burlington (JDM), 1 5/18 Milton (WGE,GFE,NLM,DaC), 1 5/20 Weathersfield (TEJ), 1 5/20 Shoreham (ELW), 1 5/21 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1 5/21 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 5/22 Middlebury (JRA), 3 5/22 Colchester (WDB), 1 5/23 Rockingham (TEJ), 1 5/23 Dorset (EFG), 1 5/25 Woodstock (JMN), 7 5/28 Morgan-E. Charleston (CEH) the

high count, 1 5/23 Hubbard Park (FAP). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 1 5/19 "Orange County" (FK et al.), 1 5/25 Stratton (JJC), 4 5/25 Victory Bog (TEJ,WGE,NLM), 1 5/25 Albany (TP), 1 5/26 Moose Bog (CEH,DLC,BLR) the high count. Most arrived in June. One netted at VINS. Alder Flycatcher: 1 5/17 Leicester (ELW), 2 5/22 Winhall (WJN), 2 5/23, 3 5/29 Sheffield Hts. (PFW), 2 5/25 Island Pond (DLC,BLR), 1 5/25 Windsor (TEJ,SJS), 4 5/25 Victory Bog (WGE,NLM), 4 5/26 Island Pond (CEH), 1 5/26-27, 3 5/30 Bartonville (TEJ), 1 5/28 Woodstock (TEJ), 1 5/31 Winhall (WJN). Willow Flycatcher: 1 5/12 Bristol Notch (JRA), 1 5/24 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 2 5/25 White River Jct. (WGE,NLM,SJS et al.), 1 5/26 S. Londonderry (WJN), 1 5/28 Weybridge (MBN), 1 5/30 Springweather NA (WME). Three "Traill's" type netted at VINS. Least Flycatcher: 1 5/7 Barnard (JNF), 2 5/7 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1 5/8 Cavendish (TEJ), 1 5/8 Woodstock (JMN), 1 5/8 Shoreham (ELW), on 5/9 1 Bellows Falls (TEJ), 2 Reading (FMH, GEH), 1 Rockingham (WJN), on 5/10 1 Cavendish (TEJ), 1 Marlboro (WDN), 3 Grafton (DC), 1 Victory Bog (PFW), 1 Morgan (CEH), on 5/11 3 N. Cavendish (TEJ), 1 W. Glover (REG), 1 Colchester (JDM), 1 Deer Leap, Bristol (DLC), 1 Woodstock (CRP), 2 5/12 Ira (CJF). High count: 12 5/16 Morgan-E. Charleston (CEH). Fifteen netted at VINS. Eastern Phoebe: 1 3/27 HC (WJN), on 3/28 1 Marlboro (WDN), 2 Vernon (JJC), 1 Hartland (JRP), 1 3/29 Woodstock (NER), 1 3/30 Lamaille R. (JDM), 3 3/30-31 Cavendish (TEJ), 2 4/1 HC-Springfield (WGE,DaC), 1 4/2 Woodstock (JMN), 1 4/3 Lincoln (JRA), on 4/6 2 Shelburne (DLC), 1 Woodstock (CRP), 1 Dorset (EFG), 4 HC (WME), 9 Rockingham (WGE et al.) the high count, on 4/7 2 Rutland (CJF), 1 Grafton (DC), 1 Shelburne (WAM), 1 4/8 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 4/8 Brownsville (BMH), 1 4/12 Lyndonville (DHM). Also 6 4/22 Albany (TP), 6 5/11 Colchester (WDB). Great Crested Flycatcher: 1 4/28 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 5/4 DCWMA (WGE,NLM et al.), 1 5/9 Bartonville (TEJ), 2 5/10 Woodstock (JMN), 2 5/10 Grafton (DC), on 5/11 1 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 Colchester (JDM), 1 Winhall (WJN), 1 Cavendish (TEJ), 4 Benson (CJF), 1 S. Burlington (DLC), 5 Colchester (WDB), 1 Marlboro (WDN), on 5/12 1 Fair Haven (EPA), 4 Burlington (DLC), 1 Bartonville (TEJ), 3 5/14 Grafton (DC), 1 5/15 MNWR (JBG). High counts: 8 5/22 Colchester (WDB), 7 5/22 E. Charleston (CEH). Eastern Kingbird: A fantastically early report of 1 4/6 Brownsville (BMH), 1 5/1 Woodstock (WGE,NLM), 1 5/2 Isle La Motte (DLC), 1 5/2 W. Haven (LPS), 1 5/3 Woodstock (JMN), 1 5/4 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 5/4 DCWMA (WAM), 1 5/5 WRM (TEJ,DC,REG,EE), 2 5/6 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/6, 7 Bartonville (TEJ), 1 5/9 Burlington (DLC), 1 5/10 L. Carmi (PJM), 2 5/10 Hubbardton (CJF), on 5/11 2 E. Charleston (CEH), 5 Colchester (WDB), 1 S. Burlington (WAM), 2 Woodstock (JMN), 1 DCWMA (DL), 1 Sheffield Hts. (PFW), 1 Brattleboro (WDN), on 5/12 1 Heineberg Bridge (JDM), 2 Guilford (JJC), 1 Shoreham (ELW). One retrap VINS-originally banded 5/22/81. High count, 20 Champlain Valley 5/17 (JDM).

LARKS AND SWALLOWS

Horned Lark: 1 3/2 DCWMA (REG), 8 3/3 DCWMA (DLC), 20 3/3 Morgan (CEH), 1 3/4, present 3/6-19 Albany with a high of 115 3/8 (TP), on 3/6 10 Berlin (FAP), 50 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 50 New Haven (JRA), 5 3/7 E. Montpelier (MFM), 15 3/7 Addison (MBN), 15 3/15 Duxbury (DL), 1 3/29 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 200 3/30 DCWMA (WAM,DLC) the high count, 12 4/2 E. Montpelier (MFM), 30 4/2 Newport Airport (CEH), 15 4/1 Vernon (WGE,DaC), 20 4/6 HC (WGE,NLM), 108 4/7 Champlain Isl. (DLC), 6 4/13 DCWMA (MBN), 2 5/4 Newport Airport (PFW), 11 5/6 Woodstock (JMN), 1 5/8 Shoreham (ELW), 2 5/17 Newport Airport (CEH). Purple Martin: 4 4/28 DCWMA (JRA), 1 5/4 Addison (DLC), 6 5/4 DCWMA (WGE,NLM et al.), 2 5/5 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 5/11 McCrae Farm Rd., Colchester (JDM), 10 5/17 Champlain Valley (JDM), 4 5/18

DCWMA (TEJ,DC,JJC,SJS), 2 5/18 Derby (WGE,GFE,NLM, DaC), on 5/19 10 Derby (CEH), 3 DCWMA (LPS), 4 Addison (MBN), 6 5/24 Newport (PFW), 7 5/25-31 Derby (TH), 12 5/27 DCWMA (WAM) the high count. Tree Swallow: 3 3/29 Long Point (JID,MCD), 6 3/30 HC (REG), 5 3/30 Shelburne Bay (DLC,WAM), 10 3/31 Hartford (WGE,NLM), 2 3/31 HC (DC), 3 3/31 Springfield Mdns. (DC), on 4/3 10 Addison, 2 New Haven (JRA), 2 Newport (CEH), on 4/5 30 HC (WJN, PFW,SAW), 1 Woodstock (JMN), 1 WRD (JDM), on 4/6 200 HC (TEJ,DC,EE,REG), 30 L. Bomoseen (CJF), 200 Retreat Mdns. (JJC), on 4/7 9 Wilder (WGE,NLM), 4 Springweather NA (WME), 1 Barnard (JNF), "several" Addison (FAP), on 4/8 6 W. Salisbury (MBN), 150 WRM (LPS), 2 Fair Haven (EPA), 2 4/9 Brownsville (BMH). High counts: 280+ 4/13 Burlington-WRD (JDM), 227+ 4/14 Champlain Isl. (DLC), two were netted at VINS. Northern Rough-winged Swallow: 1 4/13 HC (WJN), 3 4/13 Lamaille R. (JDM), 1 4/20 Bartonville (TEJ), 3 4/22 Brattleboro (WDN), 2 4/27 Bartonville (TEJ), 1 4/28 Pawlet (CJF), on 5/4 2 DCWMA (WGE,NLM et al.), 2 Colchester (JDM), 2 Vernon (JJC), on 5/9 2 Wilder, 2 Sharon (WGE,DaC), 3 Woodstock (JMN), 2 5/11 Island Pond (WGE,NLM), 1 5/12 Plainfield (MFM), 5 5/18 Winooski (WDB), on 5/19 2 Middlebury (MBN), 10 HC, SRTL (WJN), 50 Shelburne (WAM) the high count. Bank Swallow: 1 4/6 HC (DC et al.) early, 1 4/13 HC (-WJN,REG), 3 4/24 Addison (DLC), on 5/4 6 Vernon (JJC), 5 Colchester (JDM), 4 DCWMA (WGE,NLM et al.), 2 5/5 WRM (DC), 2 5/5 BRM (CEH), 2 5/7 Bartonville (TEJ), 6 5/18 DCWMA (JID,MCD), 2 5/18 WRM (LPS), 250 5/19 HC-SRTL, WRM, S. Londonderry (WJN) high count, 30 5/30 S. Londonderry (WJN). Cliff Swallow: 1 4/26 Monkton (JID,MCD), 1 5/3 E. Charleston (CEH), 7 5/5 Quechee (WGE,NLM), 3 5/5 WRM (DC), 2 5/6 WRM (LPS), 1 5/7 Allen Bros. Marsh (TEJ), 6 5/10 Winhall (WJN), 6 5/15 Shrewsbury (LPS), 6 5/18 WRM (JJC, TEJ,DC,SJS), 2 5/20 HC (TEJ), 2 5/20 Morgan Ctr. (DLC), 10 5/28 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/31 Newport (TH), "missing this year from usual sites in Grafton and Saxtons River" (DC). High count-colony of about 100 at end of period E. Charleston (CEH). Barn Swallow: 1 4/13 Burlington (JDM), 1 4/16 Orange (MFM), 1 4/20 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), on 4/22 2 WRM (LPS), 1 Rutland (WJN), 1 L. Carmi (PJM), 2 4/24 DCWMA (DLC), 3 4/27 Middletown Springs (CJF), 1 4/27 Woodstock (JMN), 1 4/28 DCWMA (JRA), 2 4/29 Woodstock (WGE,NLM), 2 5/1 Westminster (DC,REG), on 5/2 Brownsville (BMH), 3 Bartonville (TEJ), 3 Morgan (CEH), 2 5/3 Weybridge (MBN), 6 5/4 Vernon (JJC), 1 5/6 Springweather NA (WME), 4 5/7 Shoreham (ELW), 50 4/19,20 HC (WJN,TEJ) high count.

CORVIDS THROUGH CREEPERS

Gray Jay: 6 3/10 Ferdinand (CEH), 3 5/11 and ad. with one recently fledged young 5/12 Moose Bog (WGE, NLM), 1 5/20 Moose Bog (DLC), 4 5/25 Moose Bog (DLC, BLR). Blue Jay counts seemed stable. High counts: 20 3/9 Colchester (WDB), 28 5/9 HC (TEJ), 26 5/11 N. Cavendish (TEJ), "nest with 3 young" 5/24 Mendon (JML). One banded at Plainfield (MFM), 1 retrap at VINS-banded 5/26/80. American Crow overwinters in most valley areas, with the mild weather they were on the move into the uplands in February. High counts: 200+ 3/3 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 100 3/8 S. Burlington (WDB), 100 3/8 Weybridge (MBN), 120 3/20 Morgan (CEH), 120 3/23 Grand Isle (WGE,NLM). Common Raven now occurs pretty much throughout the state, although nesting mostly at higher elevations. High counts: 6 3/1 Woodstock (JMN), 6 4/13 Starksboro (WAM,DLC), 4 5/4 Morgan (CEH), 4 5/11 Ferdinand (WGE,NLM), pair with 5 young at Deer Leap Bristol 5/11 (DLC), nest with 4 young 5/15 Mt. Independence, Orwell, fledged 5/30 (MOM). Black-capped Chickadees were present in all areas. High counts: 25 3/2 Reading (FMH,GEH), 17 3/16 Bartonville (TEJ), 20 4/28 Colchester (WDB). Several people commented on chickadees gathering various types

of nesting material. A nest was discovered in a stump near the Connecticut R. bank HC 4/14 (WJN). Ten were netted at VINS. One banded Plainfield (MFM). Boreal Chickadee: 2 4/2, 1 4/30 Ferdinand (CEH), 1 4/25, 5/4 Albany (TP), 2 5/9 Sheffield Hts. (PEW), 4 5/11 Moose Bog-one pr. nest building (WGE,NLM), 2 5/20 Moose Bog (DLC,MM). Tufted Titmouse: 1 3/7 Brattleboro (WDN), 2 3/9 Rockingham (REG), 2 3/13 Mendon (JML), 1 3/16 Bellows Falls (WGE,NLM), 1 3/17 Colchester (JDM), 2 3/19 Hartford (WGE,GFE,NLM), 1 3/21 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 3 3/24 Panton (DLC) high count, 2 4/6 Colchester (JDM), 2 4/6 HC (WGE,NLM,SuG,WF), 1 4/12 Bellows Falls (TEJ), 1 4/20 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 4/21 Bartonville (TEJ), 1 4/27 Shelburne (WAM), 1 5/13 S. Strafford (HR), 1 5/21 HC (WJN), "nesting pair" 5/30 L. Dunmore (WK). White-breasted Nuthatch reported everywhere. The high counts were: 4 3/2, 3/9 Reading (FMH,GEH), 4 through period-Winhall (WJN), 5 4/3 DCWMA (DLC,WAM). One was netted at VINS. Red-breasted Nuthatch resident at higher altitudes. High counts: 6 3/2 Reading (FMH,GEH), 8 5/11 Ferdinand (WGE,NLM), 5 through period Winhall (WJN). Brown Creeper: 1 3/2 Bomoseen (EPA), 1 3/10 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1 3/11 Bartonville (TEJ), 1 3/15 Woodstock (JMN), 2 3/19 Shrewsbury (LPS), 3 3/16 Bartonville (TEJ), 1 3/29 Lincoln (JRA), 1 3/31 Milton (WDB), 1 4/2 Plainfield (MFM), 1 4/7 Rutland (CJF), 1 4/7 Grand Isle (DLC), 1 4/14 HC (ELW). High counts: 5 3/29, 4/22,23 Reading (FMH,GEH), 5 4/21 Burlington (DLC).

WRENS

Carolina Wren: 1 4/1 Upper Mdws., Rockingham (WGE, DaC). House Wren: 1 4/22 W. Brattleboro (JJC), on 4/30 1 Putney (WDN), 1 Springfield (WME), 1 Dorset (EFG), 1 5/1 Springfield (REG), 1 5/1 Reading (FMH, GEH), 1 5/2 Woodstock (PHH), 1 5/5 WRM (DC), 4 5/7 Shoreham (ELW), 1 5/7 Fair Haven (EPA), 1 5/8, 2 5/9 Shrewsbury (LPS), 5 5/9 Pomfret/Wilder (WGE, DaC) the high count. Widespread influx 5/11: 1 Rutland (CJF), 1 Weybridge (MBN), 1 S. Strafford (HR), 2 Bristol (DLC), 1 Winhall (WJN), one netted at VINS. Winter Wren: 1 3/30, 5 4/11 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 4/14 E. Charleston (CEH), 1 4/18 Cavendish (TEJ), 1 4/28 Gratton (DC), 7 5/4 E. Charleston/Moose Bog (CEH) the high count, 1 5/6 Lyndonville (PEW), 1 5/9 Woodstock (JMN), 1 5/9 Wilder (WGE, DaC), 4 5/11 Ferdinand (WGE,NLM), 1 5/13 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/14, 2 5/27 Shrewsbury (LPS), 4 5/22 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 5/22,31 Sheffield Hts. (PEW), 1 5/24 N. Cavendish (TEJ), 2 5/25 Stratton Mt. (JJC), 1 5/25 Island Pond (DLC), 1 5/28 Winhall (WJN). Marsh Wren: 1 4/22 Vernon (JJC), 3 5/4 WRM (DLC), 3 5/4 DCWMA (WGE,NLM et al.), 3 5/5 WRM (REG), 2 5/6 BRM (CEH), 4 5/6 WRM (LPS), 1 5/9 HC (WJN), 2 5/17 WRD, MNWR (JDM), 1 5/18 Allen Bros. Marsh (TEJ,DC,JJC,SJS), 3 5/18 BRM (WGE,GFE,NLM, DaC), 2 5/19 WRM (WJN). High count: 6 5/28 BRM (CEH).

KINGLETS AND GNATCATCHERS

Golden-crowned Kinglet a winter resident in some areas: 1 3/1 Bartonville (TEJ), 5 3/2 Reading (FMH, GEH), 3 3/3 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 3/15,16 Bartonville (TEJ), 7 3/30, 1 3/31 N. Cavendish (TEJ), 2 4/2 Woodstock (JMN), 1 4/3 Sheffield Hts. (PEW). Heavy influx on 4/6: 2 L. Morey (SuG,WF), 1 Clarendon (CJF), 1 Vernon (JJC), 1 Winhall (WJN), 4 Great Mdws. Overlook, Rockingham (DC), 1 HC (DC). Also 3 4/7 Springweather NA (WME), 3 4/8 Albany (TP), 1 4/13 Weathersfield (ELW), 5 4/13 Lamaille R. (JDM). High count: 12 4/15 Burlington (DLC). Ruby-crowned Kinglet arrived early this year: on 4/6 2 HC (WGE,NLM), 2 Vernon (JJC), 1 Albany (TP), 3 L. Morey (SuG,WF), 1 4/7 Waitsfield (FAP), 1 4/10 HC (WJN), 1 4/11 Bartonville (TEJ), 1 4/12 HC (TEJ), 1 4/13 Upper Mdws., Rockingham (REJ), 1 4/14 Clarendon (CJF), 4 4/15 Weathersfield (ELW), 1 4/15 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 4/16 Woodstock (CRP), 1 4/19

HC (WJN), on 4/20 1 Marlboro (WDN), 1 Shelburne (JDM), 1 Springfield (WME), 2 Mt. Philo (JID,MCD), 1 4/21 Dorset (EFG), 2 4/21 Woodstock (JMN), on 4/22 1 Colchester (WDB), 3 Bartonville (TEJ), 3 Reading (FMH, GEH), 1 N. Derby (CEH), 1 4/23 Sheffield Hts. (PEW), 1 4/24 Rutland (NEF). Late: 1 5/11 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/11 Woodstock (JMN). High count: 25 4/21 Burlington (DLC). Twelve netted at VINS. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 1 4/21 Bartonville (TEJ), 2 4/22 Ferrisburg (JID, MCD), 1 4/27 Vernon (JJC), 2 5/1 HC nest building (REG), 1 5/2 S. Burlington (DLC), 6 5/2 W. Haven (LPS), 4 5/4 HC (DC), 1 5/17 S. Londonderry (WJN), 5/18 W. Haven (SBL et al.), 1 5/18 Sand Bar WMA (WGE, GFE,NLM, DaC), 2 5/19, 5/20 HC (WJN,TEJ), 1 5/19 W. Haven (LPS), 5/19 Champlain Valley (DCD,LJE), 1 5/21 Rutland (CJF), 10 5/24 Lewis Creek (JID,MCD) the high count, "nest discovered" 5/29 Cogman Marsh, W. Haven (EPA).

THRUSHES

Eastern Bluebird overwintered in the Champlain Valley: 2 3/1 Benson/Orwell (WGE, NLM), 1 3/2 Timmouthe (PB), 1 3/3 Vernon (JJC), 1 3/6 Shoreham (BD), 1 3/19 Bartonville (TEJ), 1 3/20 Castleton (PSA), 1 3/20, 2 3/24 Brownsville (BMH), 2 3/22 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 3/23 W. Woodstock (AF), 1 3/23 Weybridge (MBN), 3 3/24 Winooski (DLC), 2 3/28 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 2 3/28 E. Montpelier (MFM), 2 3/29 Lincoln (JRA), 1 3/29 Pomfret (EEB), 1 3/31 Vershire (VRM). Many nesting reports. High counts: 5 males 4/13 Woodstock (JMN), 9 (incl. 5 yg.) 5/19 Cavendish (TEJ). Five were banded at VINS. Three nestlings 5/25 (VINS). Veery: first very early 4/21 Saxtons River (REG), 1 5/7 N. Pomfret (TEK), 1 5/8 Burlington (DLC), on 5/9 1 E. Charleston (CEH), 2 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 Burlington (WAM), 1 5/10 Woodstock (WGE), 1 5/11 Brattleboro (JJC), 1 5/11 Woodstock (JMN), 1 5/12 Lincoln (JRA), 2 5/12 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/13 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 1 5/13 Springfield (WME), on 5/15 2 Albany (TP), 1 Marlboro (WDN), 3 Hubbardton (CJF), 1 Cavendish (TEJ), 1 5/16 Sheffield Hts. (PEW,SAW), 1 5/17 Shrewsbury (LPS), 5 5/17 Champlain Valley (JDM), 5 5/18 Ferdinand (WGE,GFE,NLM, DaC), 3 5/19 Ripton (MBN). High count: 11 5/26 E. Charleston (CEH). Three were netted at VINS. Gray-cheeked Thrush: 1 5/25 Kelley Stand, Sunderland (WJN). Swainson's Thrush: 1 4/20,22 Reading (FMH,GEH), very early, 1 5/5 Woodstock (JMN), 2 5/8 Burlington (DLC), 1 5/9 HC (WJN), 1 5/11 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/15 Woodstock (VINS), 3 5/16 E. Charleston (CEH), 1 5/17 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/17 Heineberg Bridge (JDM), 1 5/18 Halifax (BHA), 1 5/18 Moose Bog (WGE), 2 5/25 Kelley Stand (WJN), 4 5/25 Stratton Mt. (JJC) the high count, 1 5/27 Winhall (WJN). One netted at VINS. Hermit Thrush: on 4/10 1 Springweather NA (WJN), 1 Woodstock (JMN), 3 Cavendish (TEJ), 1 4/11 Woodstock (WGE), 2 4/12 Winhall (WJN), 1 4/12 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 4/13 Rockingham (REG,DC), 5 4/15 Burlington (DLC), 1 4/15 Springfield (WME), 2 4/17 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 2 4/18 N. Cavendish (TEJ), 2 4/18 Woodstock (JMN), 6 4/19 N. Cavendish (TEJ), 2 4/20 Johnson (MFM), 1 4/20 Colchester (JDM), 1 4/20 Mt. Philo (JID,MCD), 1 4/21 Albany (TP), 2 4/21 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 4/24 Marlboro (WDN), 1 4/25 Sheffield Hts. (PEW). High count: 25 4/21 Burlington (DLC). A nest found by C.J. Frankiewicz in Benson 5/19 contained 2 blue thrush eggs and 2 spotted cowbird eggs. Three were netted at VINS. Wood Thrush: 1 5/4 WRM (DLC), 4 5/4 Vernon (JJC), 1 5/5 WRM (TEJ,DC, EE,MBC), on 5/6 2 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 Woodstock (WGE), 2 Winhall (WJN), 1 Bartonville (TEJ), 1 5/7 Shoreham (ELW), 1 5/7 Fair Haven (EPA), 8 5/8 Benson (CJF), 2 5/9 Woodstock (JMN), on 5/10 1 E. Charleston (CEH), 1 Marlboro (WDN), 4 Burlington (WAM), on 5/11 1 W. Glover (REG), 4 Lincoln (JRA), 1 Colchester (WDB), on 5/13 1 Middlebury (MBN), 4 Albany (TP), 3 Shelburne (JDM), 2

5/16 S. Strafford (HR), 1 5/16 Springfield (WME). High count: 12 5/27 E. Charleston-Morgan (CEH). American Robin overwintered in large numbers in the Champlain Valley. 1 3/2 DCWMA (REG), 1 3/2 Shelburne (DLC), 1 3/3 Rutland (CJF), 1 3/3 Shelburne (WAM), 1 3/6 Springweather NA (WME), 1 3/7 Weybridge (MBN), 1 3/7 Brattleboro (WDN), 1 3/10 Waterbury (JMB), 1 3/10 Fair Haven (EPA), on 3/11 2 Newport (CEH), 1 Brownsville (BMH), 4 Bartonville (TEJ), 1 3/13 Mendon (JML), 2 3/14 Woodstock (JMN), 1 3/16 WRD (JDM), 1 3/16 Woodstock (MWB) "sitting in pre-made nest in apple tree", 1 3/17 Rutland (LPS), 1 3/18 Burlington (WDB), 20 3/18-21 VINS (SBL), 1 3/20 New Haven (JRA). High count: 500 4/11 Albany (TP). Six were banded, five in Woodstock (MEM,VINS).

MIMIDS

Gray Catbird: 1 4/6 E. Calais (CVAS) most surely represents a bird which wintered far north of its normal range, 1 5/1 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1 5/4 HC (DC), 1 5/5 WRM (TEJ,EE,DC,MEC), 1 5/6 Bartonville (TEJ), 2 5/7 Shoreham (ELW), 1 5/8 Springweather NA (WME), 1 5/8 Woodstock (WGE), 1 5/9 Shrewsbury (LPS), 10 5/9 HC (WJN), on 5/10 2 Woodstock (JMN), 1 E. Charleston (CEH), 1 N. Ferrisburg (JRA), 5 Hubbardton/Rutland (CJF), on 5/11 1 Brownsville (BMH), 2 Weybridge (MBN), 2 Fair Haven (EPA), 1 Huntington (DLC), 2 Colchester (WDB), 1 Reading (FMH,GEH), on 5/12 5 Heineberg Bridge (JDM), 1 Burlington (WAM), 1 L. Carmi (PJM), 2 5/14 Barnard (JNF), 1 5/14 Woodstock (VINS), 2 5/15 Albany (TP), 1 5/15 S. Strafford (HR), 6 5/16 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 5/17 Vershire (VRM). High count: 25 HC/WRM (WJN). Eleven were netted at VINS. Northern Mockingbird: 1 3/22 Springfield Mdws. (WGE,SJS), 3 3/23, 4 4/13, 5/17 Colchester (JDM), 1 4/14 Wilder (-WGE,NLM), 2 4/14 Champlain Isl. (DLC), 1 4/16 Putney (WJN), 1 4/30 Charlotte (WAM), 1 4/30 Colchester (WDB), 2 5/2 W. Haven (LPS), 1 5/5 Weybridge (MBN), 1 5/11 Marshfield (MFM), 1 5/13 Charlotte (WAM), on 5/18 1 DCWMA (TEJ,DC, JJC,SJS), 1 Sand Bar (WRB,RAE), 1 Panton, 1 5/18 Georgia (WGE,GFE,NLM,DaC), 2 5/4 Rutland (CJF), 2 5/24 Island Pond (CEH), 1 5/29 Westminster (WME), 1 5/29-31 VINS (NLM). The high count was 4. Brown Thrasher: 1 4/18 Newport (CEH), 1 4/24 Panton (DLC), on 5/1 4 Brighton Airport (CEH) the high count, 1 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 Marlboro (WDN), 1 Woodstock (CRP), 1 5/2 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/4 Vernon (JJC), 1 5/4 DCWMA (WGE,NLM et al.), 1 5/5 WRM (REG,DC,EE,TEJ), 1 5/5 Woodstock (JMN), 1 5/7 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 5/7 Woodstock (VINS), 2 5/9 Springweather NA (WJN), 3 5/11 Island Pond (WGE,NLM), 1 5/12 L. Carmi (PJM), 1 5/15 Brownsville (BMH), 1 5/15 Sand Bar WMA (DLC). Two were netted at VINS-1 retrap, banded 5/13/82.

PIPET THROUGH STARLING

Water Pipit: 20 4/1 Vernon (WGE,DaC), 1 4/18 Newport (CEH), 25 4/19 Springweather NA (WJN) the high count, 2 5/7 Shoreham (ELW), 1 5/7,9,10 Woodstock (WGE), 1 5/18 N. Hyde Park (WGE,GFE,NLM,DaC). Cedar Waxwing: 15 3/3 Rutland (CJF), 60 3/4 Woodstock (WGE), 3 3/5 Bartonville (TEJ), 3 3/6 Bethel (EH), 6 3/10 Retreat Mdws. (JJC), 6 3/13 Duxbury (FAP), 6 3/14 Randolph (MEH), 6 3/14 Rutland (LPS), 60 3/16 Brownsville (WGE,SJS), 5 3/16 Bartonville (TEJ), 11 3/18 Woodstock (PHH), 44 3/21 Woodstock (JMN), 200 3/23 Charlotte (DLC), 25 3/28 Middlebury (MBN). High count: 350 4/6 DCWMA (DLC). Where this erratic species doesn't winter, mostly at higher elevations, it is a late migrant, not generally arriving until mid-late May. Sixteen were netted at VINS; one banded at Plainfield (MFM). Northern Shrike: 1 3/6,21 Sheffield Hts. (PEW), 1 3/27 Coventry (CEH), 1 3/30 Lamoyille R. (JDM), 1 4/6 Albany (TP), 1 4/13 Colchester Bog (JDM), 1 4/19 Charleston (CEH). European Starling: popula-

tions appeared stable. In areas where it doesn't winter, some in-migration occurs during March. The high count was 3000+ 4/7 Champlain Valley (DLC). One was netted at VINS; 1 banded Plainfield (MFM).

VIREOS

Solitary Vireo: 1 4/20 Reading (FMH,GEH), 2 4/21 Winhall (WJN), 1 4/21 Marlboro (WDN), 1 4/24 Morgan (CEH), 2 4/24 Saxtons River (DC), 3 4/26 Lyndon SC (PFW), 1 4/27 Brattleboro (JJC), 1 4/28 Grafton (DC), 1 4/29 Woodstock (WGE,NLM), 1 5/2 Grafton (TEJ), 7 5/4 E. Charleston/Brighton (CEH), 1 5/5 Woodstock (JMN), 1 5/5 Moose Bog (DLC), 2 5/7 Bartonville (TEJ), 2 5/8 Cavendish (TEJ) "nest building", 1 5/13 Shoreham (ELW). High count: 12 5/13 Reading (FMH,GEH). Yellow-throated Vireo: 1 5/4 Brattleboro (JJC), 1 5/5 Woodstock (TEJ,NLM), 2 5/5 Quechee (NLM,WGE), 2 5/9 HC (WJN), 1 5/11 Woodstock (CRP), 2 5/11 Arlington (CJF) "nest nearly complete", 1 5/12 Woodstock (JMN), 2 5/12 Huntington (DLC), 1 5/14 Albany (TP), 1 5/16 Marlboro (WDN), 1 5/18 Ripton (WME), 1 5/19 Sand Bar (FAP), 1 HC, 1 WRM 5/19 (WJN), 2 5/19 Middlebury (MBN), 1 5/20 Rockingham (TEJ), 4 5/21 Rutland (CJF,DLC), 1 5/22 Lewis Creek (JID,MCD), 1 5/24 Reading (FMH, GEH), 8 5/24 Lewis Creek (JID,MCD) the high count, 1 5/29 Cogman Marsh, W. Haven (EPA). One netted at VINS. Warbling Vireo: 3 4/28 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1 5/1 Newfane (WDN), on 5/4 2 HC (DC), 3 Heineberg Bridge (JDM), 1 Woodstock (CRP), 2 5/5 Quechee (WGE,NLM), 1 5/5 WRM (TEJ,DC,EE), on 5/7 1 Bartonville (TEJ), 1 Lewis Creek (JID,MCD), 1 Shoreham (ELW), 1 5/8 HC (REG), 2 5/9 HC (TEJ,WJN), 10 5/9 Wilder/Woodstock (WGE,DaC), 8 5/10 Woodstock (WGE,NLM), on 5/11 2 Colchester (WDB), 1 Weybridge (MBN), 2 Arlington (CJF), 4 Newport (CEH), 1 5/12 L. Carmi (PJM), 1 5/12 Huntington (DLC). High count: 20 5/24 Lewis Creek (JID,MCD). Four netted at VINS. Philadelphia Vireo: 1 5/13 Burlington (DLC), 1 5/18 Birdathon (MFM,MVE), 1 5/19 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/19 Orange Cty. (FK et al.), 1 5/29 Sand Bar WMA (DL). Red-eyed Vireo: on 5/10 1 Winhall (WJN), 1 Grafton (DC), 1 Woodstock (JMN). Most first dates on 5/11: 2 Deer Leap, Bristol (DLC), 1 Cavendish (TEJ), 1 Hartford (WGE), 1 W. Glover (REG), 1 Shoreham (ELW), 1 Lincoln (JRA), 1 Brattleboro (JJC), 1 Marlboro (WDN); 1 5/12 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 5/13 Morgan (CEH), 1 5/15 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 5/19 Middlebury (MBN), 2 5/21 Duxbury (FAP), 5 5/23 Charlotte (JID,MCD) 1 5/25 Victory Bog (PFW). High count: 11 5/17 Burlington (JDM).

WOOD WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler: 1 5/8 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 6 5/12 W. Brattleboro (JJC) high count, 1 5/15 Ira (Rt. 4 Pulloff) (WJN), 2 5/17 W. Rutland (DLC,MM), 1 5/18 Ira-Rt. 4 Pulloff (TEJ,DC,JJC,SJS), 1 5/18 Shaftsbury (RSK,EK,BCD), 1 5/18 W. Haven (SBL et al.), 1 5/19 Ira-Rt. 4 Pulloff (JLa,BAH,MWB et al.), 1 5/23 Bellows Falls (TEJ), 1 5/27 Bartonville (TEJ). Golden-winged Warbler: 1 5/7,12 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1-2 5/12 -period Westford (MJM et al.), 1 5/14 Saxtons River (DC), 1 5/15 Ira-Rte. 4 Pulloff (WJN), 1 5/17 W. Rutland (DLC, MM), 1 5/17 Leicester (ELW), on 5/19 1 Springfield (WME), 1 Ira Pulloff (LPS,JLa,BAH,MWB), 1 E. Charlotte (DCD,LJE), 1 Timmouth (PB). "Brewster's" Warbler - hybrids of this type: 5/12,17,20 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 5/18 W. Haven (SLB et al.), 5/14 E. Charlotte (DCD,LJE), 1 5/18 Ira-Rte. 4 Pulloff (FAP, CP). Tennessee Warbler: 1 5/2 Woodstock (WGE) very early, 1 5/5 Woodstock (JMN), 1 5/6 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 5/10 Brattleboro (WDN), on 5/11 3 Brattleboro (JJC), 2 Winhall (WJN), 2 S. Burlington (WAM), 3 Huntington (DLC), 1 Benson (CJF), 1 5/12 Fair Haven (EPA) "killed flying into window", 2 5/13 Bartonville (TEJ), 5 5/13 Shoreham (ELW), 1 5/14 HC (WJN), 1 5/15 Woodstock (TEJ), 1 5/16 Morgan (CEH), 1 5/16,21 (VINS), 2 5/17

Morgan (CEH), 16 5/17 Burlington (JDM) the high count, on 5/18 2 Colchester (WDB), 1 Grafton (DC), 13 Ferdinand/Brighton (WGE,NLM,GFE,DaC), 1 St. Albans (WRB,RAE), 1 W. Haven (SBL et al.), 1 Addison Cty. (JSA,KMA), on 5/19 3 Weybridge (MBN), 2 HC (WJN), 1 Champlain Valley (DCD,LJE), 1 5/20 HC (TEJ), 2 5/21 Reading (FMH,GEH), 8 5/22 Colchester (WDB), 3 5/22 Charlotte (JID, MCD), 1 5/29 Weybridge (MBN), 2 5/30 Colchester (WDB). A good spring for them. Two netted at VINS. Nashville Warbler: 1 4/24 Snake Mt. (AP) very early, 2 4/27 Brattleboro (JJC), 1 4/30 Hartford (WGE,NLM), 1 5/1 Woodstock (CRP), on 5/2 1 Saxtons River (DC), 1 Marlboro (WDN), 1 Colchester (WDB), on 5/4 1 Albany (TP), 1 Springweather NA (WME), 1 Heineberg Bridge (JDM), 1 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 5/6 Woodstock (SBL), on 5/7 11 Bartonsville/ Westminster (TEJ), 3 Woodstock (JMN,VINS), 1 5/8 HC (REG), 1 5/8 Shoreham (ELW), 1 5/9 Albany (TP), 1 5/9 Burlington (DLC), on 5/10 3 E. Charleston/Morgan (CEH), 2 Rutland (CJF), 1 Shrewsbury (LPS), on 5/11 1 Winhall (WJN), 1 S. Burlington (WAM), 4 Lincoln (JRA), 9 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 Victory Bog (PFW), 6 Woodstock (JMN). High count: 16 5/18 Ferdinand (WGE,GFE,NLM,DaC). Two netted at VINS. Northern Parula: 1 5/1 Marlboro (WDN), 1 5/5 Quechee (WGE,NLM), on 5/10 3 Brattleboro (JJC), 2 E. Charleston/Morgan (CEH), 1 Reading (FMH,GEH), on 5/11 3 Ferdinand (WGE,NLM), 1 Victory Bog (PFW), 1 5/11, 2 5/13 Burlington (DLC), 4 5/14 E. Charleston/Morgan (CEH) the high count, 1 5/17 Burlington (JDM), on 5/18 3 Ferdinand (WGE,GFE,NLM,DaC), 1 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 Mud Creek (WRB,RE), 1 5/21 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 5/25 Victory Bog (PFW), 1 5/25 Island Pond (DLC). Yellow Warbler: 1 4/26 Charlotte (JID,MCD), 1 4/30 Putney (WDN), 1 5/1 HC (REG), 1 5/2 W. Haven (LPS), 1 5/3 Dorset (EFG), 1 5/3 W. Arlington (CJF), on 5/4 1 HC (DC), 2 Weybridge (MBN), 3 Vernon (JJC), 6 WRM (DLC), 3 Heineberg Bridge (JDM), 3 5/5 WRM (DC), 1 5/6 Bartonsville (TEJ), 3 5/6 Newport (CEH), on 5/7 1 S. Strafford (HR), 3 Shoreham (ELW), 1 Springfield (WME), 1 5/8 Woodstock (CRP), 2 5/9 HC (WJN), 1 5/9 S. Burlington (WAM), 11 5/10 Woodstock (WGE,NLM), 5 5/10 (VINS), on 5/11 20 Colchester (WDB), 4 Weybridge (MBN), 1 Lincoln (JRA), 1 DCWMA (DL), 3 5/12 L. Carmi (PJM). High count: 50 5/17 Champlain Valley (JDM). Sixteen netted at VINS, 1 retrap banded 5/19/83. Chestnut-sided Warbler: 1 5/1 Springweather NA (WME), 1 5/3 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1 5/3 Bartonsville (TEJ), 1 5/5 Ira (DC), 1 5/6 HC (REG), 1 5/7 Bartonsville (TEJ), 1 5/7 E. Charleston (CEH), on 5/8 1 Woodstock (JMN), 1 Shoreham (ELW), 1 Lincoln (JRA), on 5/9 1 HC (WJN), 6 Reading (FMH,GEH), 4 Woodstock (WGE,DaC), on 5/10 2 Burlington (WAM), 1 Grafton (DC), 1 Brattleboro (WDN), 1 5/11 Colchester (JDM), 2 5/11 Huntington (DLC), 1 5/12 Fair Haven (EPA), 1 5/13 S. Strafford), 2 5/16 Benson (CJF), 1 5/17 Verhsire (VRM), 1 5/17 L. Carmi (PJM). High count: 18 5/25 Reading (FEH,GEH). Three were netted at VINS. Magnolia Warbler: 1 5/2 Marlboro (WDN), on 5/10 1 Burlington (WAM), 5 Woodstock (WGE), on 5/11 1 Morgan (CEH), 1 Cavendish (TEJ), 1 Weybridge (MBN), 1 Reading (FMH,GEH), on 5/12 1 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1 Winhall (WJN), 1 Shrewsbury (LPS), on 5/13 1 Sheffield Hts. (PFW), 1 Shoreham (ELW), 2 Burlington (DLC), 1 5/15 Albany (TP), 1 5/17 Duxbury (FAP), 1 5/18 Grafton (DC), 1 5/19 Mendon (JML) "killed flying into window." High count: 18 5/11 Ferdinand (WGE,NLM). Three were netted at VINS; one was banded at Plainfield (MEM). Cape May Warbler: 4 5/5 Quechee (WGE,NLM), 1 5/9 Sheffield Hts. (PFW), 8 5/10 Brattleboro (JJC) the high count, 1 5/10 Morgan (CEH), on 5/11 1 Sheffield Hts. (PFW), 3 Colchester (JDM), 2 Woodstock (PHH), on 5/12 1 Ira (CJF), 1 Springfield (WDN), 5 Fair Haven (EPA), 5 5/13 Hartford (WGE,NLM), 1 5/13 Shoreham (ELW), 4 5/14 E. Charleston (CEH), 1 5/16 Fayston (FAP), 4 5/17 Burlington (JDM), 3 Sand Bar, 1 Ferdinand 5/18 (WGE,

GFE,NLM,DaC), also on 5/18 3 Springweather NA, 1 Mt. Holly (TEJ,DC,JJC,SJS), 1 Grafton (DC), 1 St. Albans (WRB,RAE), 3 Leddy Park (SRA,BSL), 1 5/19 Woodstock (ALG), 1 5/19 Middlebury (MBN), 1 5/23 Mt. Philo (JID,MCD), 1 5/25 Moose Bog (DLC,BLR). Black-throated Blue Warbler: 1 5/6 Reading (FMH,GEH), 2 5/8 Rutland (NEF), 1 5/8 Cavendish (TEJ), on 5/10 1 Brattleboro (JJC), 6 E. Charleston/Morgan (CEH), 1 Grafton (DC), 1 Marlboro (WDN), on 5/11 1 Cavendish (TEJ), 2 Reading (FMH,GEH), 2 Burlington (WAM), 1 Winhall (WJN), 5 Colchester (WDB), 1 Woodstock (JMN), 5 Deer Leap, Bristol (DLC), 2 5/12 Ira (CJF), 1 5/12 Bristol Notch (JRA), on 5/13 12 Reading (FMH,GEH) high count, 5 Hartford (WGE), 1 Bartonsville (TEJ), 1 5/14 Shrewsbury (LPS), 9 5/14 E. Charleston/Morgan (CEH), 1 5/17 Burlington (JDM), 1 5/18 Ripton (WME). Yellow-rumped Warbler: 1 3/3 Pantton (DLC) must have been a bird that wintered somewhere locally, 2 4/6 HC (WGE,NLM), 1 4/15 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 4/19 Marlboro (WDN), on 4/21 1 Peacham (AVG), 6 HC (WME), 1 Lincoln (JRA), 1 Morgan (CEH), on 4/22 3 Reading (FMH,GEH), 3 Bartonsville (TEJ), 6 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 2 Weathersfield (ELW), 4 4/23 HC (WJN), 4 4/23 Shelburne (WDB), 1 4/25 Albany (TP), 1 4/26 Vernon (JJC), 1 4/27 W. Glover (REG), 1 4/29 Sheffield Hts. (PFW), 1 4/29 Duxbury (FAP). High counts: 47 5/14 E. Charleston/Morgan (CEH), 40 5/4 HC (DC). Eighteen were netted at VINS. Black-throated Green Warbler: 1 4/28 Dorset (EFG), 1 4/30 W. Brattleboro (JJC), on 5/1 1 Woodstock (JMN), 1 Grafton (DC), 1 Marlboro (WDN), 1 5/2 Woodstock (WGE), 2 5/2 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 5/3 St. Johnsbury (PFW), 1 5/4 L. Willoughby (PFW), 1 5/4 Morgan (CEH), 1 5/5 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 5/6 Bartonsville (TEJ), 1 5/8 Albany (TP), 1 5/9 Grafton (TEJ), 4 5/9 Hartford (WGE,NLM), on 5/11 3 Cavendish (TEJ), 3 Woodstock (JMN), 1 Lincoln (JRA), 1 5/12 Ira (CJF), 5 5/13 Burlington (DLC), 12 5/13 Reading (FMH,GEH) the high count, 10 5/16 E. Charleston/Morgan (CEH), 4 5/17 Colchester/Burlington (JDM). Blackburnian Warbler: 1 5/1 Saxtons River (DC), 1 5/2 Marlboro (WDN), 1 5/4 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 5/6 Reading (FMH,GEH), 2 5/9 Hartford (WGE,DaC), 5 5/10 E. Charleston/Morgan (CEH), on 5/11 1 Cavendish (TEJ), 1 Winhall (WJN), 1 Deer Leap, Bristol (DLC), 1 S. Burlington (WAM), 4 Brattleboro (JJC), 10 5/13 Reading (FMH,GEH) the high count, 4 5/13 Burlington (DLC), 8 5/14 E. Charleston/Morgan (CEH), 4 5/16 Cavendish (TEJ), 7 5/17 Burlington (JDM), 6 5/18 Ferdinand (WGE,GFE,NLM,DaC), 1 5/19 Duxbury (FAP,CP). Bay-breasted Warbler: on 5/10 1 Brattleboro (JJC), 1 Woodstock (WGE), 1 E. Charleston (CEH), 3 5/11 Winhall (WJN), on 5/12 2 Fair Haven (EPA), 6 Woodstock (SBL), 1 Shrewsbury (LPS), 3 Burlington (WAM), 1 5/12,18,19 Reading (FMH,GEH), 9 5/13 Red Rocks, Burlington (DLC), 4 5/16 E. Charleston (CEH), 3 5/17 Burlington (JDM), 1 5/17 Bartonsville (TEJ), on 5/18 1 Weybridge (WME), 3 Ferdinand/Milton (WGE,GFE,NLM,DaC), 6 Springweather NA/Mt. Holly (TEJ,DC,JJC,SJS), 1 DCWMA (WRB,RE), 1 Addison Cty. (JSA,KMA), 15 Leddy Park (SRA,BSL) the high count, on 5/19 2 Fayston (FAP,CP), Birdathon Champlain Valley (DCD,LJE), 1 W. Glover (REG), 2 Middlebury (MBN), 1 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 Winhall (WJN), on 5/20 2 Springweather NA (TEJ), 3 Sheffield Hts. (PFW), 1 MNWR (JBG), 1 Shoreham (ELW), 5 5/22 Charlotte (JID,MCD), 1 5/22 Sheffield Hts. (PFW), 1 5/29 Sand Bar (DL). A good spring for them. Blackpoll Warbler: 1 5/13 Hartford (WGE), on 5/18 1 Shrewsbury (SBL et al.), 3 Ferdinand/Milton (WGE,GFE,NLM,DaC), 1 HC (DC), 1 5/19 Middlebury (MBN), 1 5/19 SRTL (WJN), 2 5/20 HC (TEJ), 1 5/22 Lincoln (JRA), 1 5/23 HC (REG), 4 5/23 Mt. Philo (JID,MCD), 1 5/24,26 Fair Haven (EPA), 6 5/25 Stratton Mt. (JJC) the high count, 1 5/26 HC (WME), 2 5/27 Bartonsville (TEJ), 1 5/28,29 banded in Woodstock (VINS), 1 5/30 Bartonsville (TEJ). Pine Warbler: 1 4/6 Winhall (WJN), 2 4/26 Burlington (JDM,DLC), 4 5/5 Quechee (WGE,NLM), 1 5/8 Cavendish (TEJ),

1 5/9 Wilder (WGE,DaC), 4 5/9 Red Rocks, Burlington (DLC,WAM), 1 5/11 E. Charleston (CEH), 1 5/13 Quechee (WGE), 1 5/16 Brattleboro (WDN), 2 5/17 L. Morey (JRA), 1 5/18 Milton (WGE,GFE,NLM,DaC), 1 5/10-16,19 Cavendish (TEJ), 5/18 Essex Jct. (TG), 1 5/18 Addison Cty. (JSA,KMA), 1 5/19 Brighton SP (PS), 6 5/23 Brattleboro (JJC) the high count, 2 5/26 Charlotte (JID,MCD), 2 5/30 Button Bay SP (JID,MCD). Prairie Warbler: 1 5/9 S. Woodstock (WGE,DaC), 1 5/12 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 4 5/23 Brattleboro (JJC) the high count, 1 5/23-30 Bragdon N.P., Woodstock (NLM), 1 5/27 Firing Range, Woodstock (TEJ). Palm Warbler: 2 4/6 Clarendon (CJF), 1 4/6 "yellow" HC (WGE,NLM), 3 4/7 "yellow" Upper Mdws., Rockingham (WGE,NLM), 4 4/10, 1 4/13 SRTL "yellow" (WJN), 2 4/14 Clarendon (CJF), 1 4/15, 2 4/16 E. Charleston (CEH), 1 4/16 Marlboro (WDN), 1 4/19 HC (WJN), 4 4/21 HC (WME), 1 4/22 Vernon (JJC), 2 4/24 "yellow" Cavendish (TEJ), 1 5/8 Cavendish (TEJ), 1 5/9 Wilder (WGE,DaC), 1 5/17 Woodstock (VINS). All May birds were "western" race. A good spring for them. Cerulean Warbler: 2 5/15 (DLC), 1-2 5/18 Sand Bar WMA (WGE,GFE,NLM,DaC;DCL,LJE). Black-and-white Warbler: 1 4/22 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 3 4/28 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1 4/28 Dorset (EFG), on 5/1 1 Woodstock (CRP), 1 Grafton (DC), 1 Newfane (WDN), on 5/2 1 Grafton (TEJ), 3 Woodstock (WGE,JMN), 1 5/3 Saxtons River (DC), on 5/4 3 Reading (FMH,GEH), 2 Rip-ton (MBN), 1 Springweather NA (WME), 1 Burlington (JDM), on 5/5 1 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 WRM (DC et al.), 1 5/6,7 Bartonsville (TEJ), on 5/8 1 HC (REG), 2 Albany (TP), 1 Shoreham (ELW), 4 5/9 Red Rocks, Burlington (DLC,WAM), 1 5/9 L. Dumore (LPS), 3 5/10 Morgan/E. Charleston (CEH), 7 5/10 Woodstock (WGE,NLM) the high count, 1 5/12 Ira (CJF), 1 5/12 Lincoln (JRA). Two were netted at VINS. American Redstart: 1 5/6 Reading (FMH, GEH), 1 5/8 Shoreham (ELW), 1 5/9 Woodstock (JMN), on 5/10 1 Woodstock (WGE), 1 Brattleboro (WDN), 1 Morgan (EH), 1 Rutland (CJF), 1 Victory Bog (PFW), 2 5/11 Huntington (DLC), 6 5/11 Brattleboro (JJC), on 5/12 1 Heineberg Bridge (JDM), 1 Red Rocks, Burlington (WAM), 1 Fair Haven (EPA), 1 5/14 Springfield (WME), 1 5/14 Bartonsville (TEJ), 1 5/15 Downers Four Corners (TEJ), 1 5/16 Albany (TP). The high count was 10 5/17 Champlain Valley (JDM). Four were netted at VINS. It did not seem generally to be a good year for them. Ovenbird: 1 5/2 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 5/4 Brattleboro (JJC), 1 5/5 Quechee (WGE,NLM), 1 5/5 WRM (DC et al.), on 5/6 1 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 Marlboro (WDN), 1 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/7 Springfield (WME), 3 5/8 Cavendish (TEJ), 1 5/8 Woodstock (JMN), 1 5/9 Albany (TP), on 5/10 5 Winhall (WJN), 1 Grafton (DC), 7 Woodstock (WGE,NLM), 10 E. Charleston/Morgan (CEH), 1 Lincoln (JRA), 1 Essex Jct. (JDM), 1 5/10,11 Victory Bog (PFW), also on 5/11 12 Deer Leap, Bristol (DLC), 1 Colchester (WDB), 7 Cavendish (TEJ), 14 5/12 Lincoln (JRA), 18 5/13 Reading (FMH, GEH), 2 5/18 S. Strafford (HR). The high count was 19 5/16 E. Charleston/Morgan (CEH). Northern Waterthrush: 1 4/27 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 4/28 Dorset (EFG), 1 5/3 Saxtons River (DC), 2 5/4 HC (DC), 1 5/7 Woodstock (WGE,NLM), 1 5/9 L. Dumore (LPS), 1 5/9 HC (WJN), 1 5/10 Brattleboro (JJC), 1 5/10 Lyndon (PFW), 1 5/11 E. Charleston (CEH), 1 5/11 Victory Bog (PFW), on 5/12 1 S. Bay, Newport (PFW), 4 Huntington (DLC), 1 S. Londonderry (WJN), on 5/13 Woodstock 1 (VINS), 1 Winhall (WJN), 2 Reading (FMH,GEH), 5 5/18 Grafton (-TEJ,JJC, DC,SJS), 4 5/18 Ferdinand (WGE,GFE,NLM,DaC), 1 5/19 Sherburne (FAP), 2 5/20 HC-Springfield (TEJ). The high count was 11 5/24 E. Charleston/Island Pond (CEH). Two were netted at VINS; 3 banded at Plainfield (MEM). Louisiana Waterthrush: 1 4/21 Dorset (EFG), 1 4/24 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1 4/26 HC (WJN), 1 4/28 Bartonsville (TEJ), 2 4/29 Reading (FMH,GEH), 2 5/5 Dorset (EFG), 2 Wilder, 2 Pomfret 5/9 (WGE,DaC) the high count (4), 1-2 5/9-period Bartonsville (TEJ),

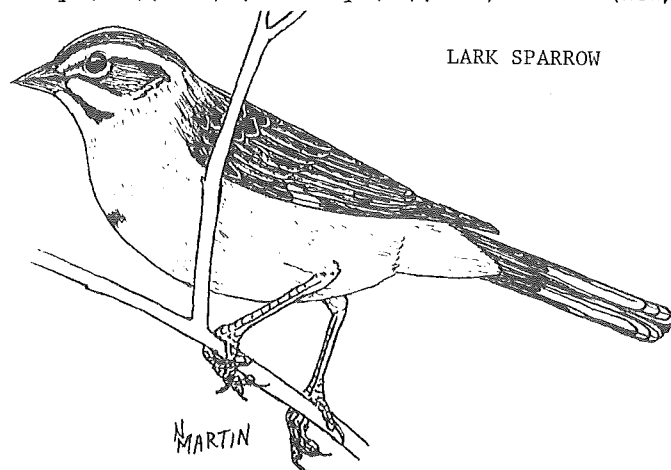
1 5/14 Grafton (DC), 1 5/19 Benson (CJF), 2 5/19 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 5/21 Rutland (DLC, MM), 1 5/25 Dorset (EFG). Two nests were found in Rutland (CJF,RWP). KENTUCKY WARBLER: 1 5/19 Cavendish (TEJ,ANK), for fifth state record. Mourning Warbler: 1 5/19,24,26 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/19 Duxbury (FAP,CP), 1 5/21 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 5/25 Island Pond (DLC,BLR), 1 5/27 HC (WJN), 2 5/30 Morgan (CEH). Moves mostly in June. Common Yellowthroat: 1 4/26 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 5/4 Vernon (JJC), 1 5/5 Mud Creek (WAM), 1 5/5 WRM (REG,DC,EE,TEJ), 1 5/7 Reading (FMH,GEH), 2 5/7 Bartonsville (TEJ), 2 5/8 Woodstock (JMN,CRP), on 5/9 2 Shoreham (ELW), 1 Fair Haven (EPA), 1 Weybridge (MBN), 1 Woodstock (WGE), 1 5/10 Peacham (AVG), 1 5/10 Shrewsbury (LPS), on 5/11 4 Colchester (WDB), 2 Huntington (DLC), 2 Lincoln (JRA), 1 Brattleboro (WDN), on 5/12 2 Island Pond (CEH), 1 Winhall (WJN), 2 L. Carmi (PJM), 1 5/13 Springfield (WME), 1 5/15 Shefffield Hts. (PFW), 1 5/15 Albany (TP). The high count was 25 5/17 Champlain Valley (JDM). Twenty-four were netted at VINS; three banded at Plainfield (MEM). Wilson's Warbler: 1 5/10 Woodstock (WGE), 2 5/11 Weybridge (MBN), 1 5/11 Vernon (JJC), 1 5/14 Woodstock (JMN), 1 5/14 E. Charleston (CEH), 1 5/15 Mud Creek (DLC), 1 5/15 Woodstock (JDL), 1 5/16 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/18 St. Albans (WRB,RE), 1 5/18 S. Duxbury (NH,AH et al.), 1 5/19 Manchester (RuS), 1 5/19 Newport (CEH), 3 5/20 HC/Weathersfield (TEJ) the high count, 1 5/21 HC (WJN), 1 5/23 HC (REG), 1 5/29 Woodstock (VINS). Five were netted at VINS. Canada Warbler: on 5/11 1 Island Pond (REG), 3 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 Weybridge (MBN), 2 5/14 Morgan (CEH), 1 5/14 Bartonsville (TEJ), on 5/18 1 Ferdinand (WGE,GFE,NLM,DaC), 1 Lyndon (DHM), 1 Shrewsbury (SBL et al.), on 5/20 5 HC/Weathersfield (TEJ), 2 Island Pond (DLC,MM), 8 Reading (FMH,GEH) the high count, 1 5/21 Woodstock (VINS), 1 5/23 Mt. Philo (JID,MCD), 1 5/24 Weybridge (MBN), 4 5/23 Morgan (CEH), 1 5/25 Stratton Mt. (JJC), 1 5/25-27 Albany (TP), 1 5/29 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/31 Woodstock (JMN). Scarce and late at the higher elevations, but reported as "numerous"-Champlain Valley (JDM). Four were netted at VINS; 3 banded at Plainfield (MEM).

TANAGER THROUGH SNOW BUNTING

Scarlet Tanager: 1 5/6 Bartonsville (TEJ), 1 5/7 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1 5/10 Woodstock (WGE), on 5/11 1 Red Rocks, Burlington (WAM), 3 Cavendish (TEJ), 1 Pittsford (EPA), 2 Winhall (WJN), 3 Reading (FMH,GEH), 3 Deer Leap, Bristol (DLC), 1 Marlboro (WDN), on 5/12 1 Bartonsville (TEJ), 1 Woodstock (JMN), 2 Lincoln (JRA), 1 5/13 Morgan (CEH), 2 5/16 W. Barnet (PFW), 1 5/16 Woodstock (VINS), 2 5/17 Burlington (JDM), 1 5/18 Ripton (WME), 1 5/19 Leicester (ELW), 1 5/19 Benson (CJF). High counts: 5 5/13 Winhall (WJN), 5 5/15 Sand Bar (DLC). One was netted at VINS. Northern Cardinal: resident just about everywhere in state. High count: 21 3/23 Champlain Valley (DLC); nobody else had more than three. One was banded at Plainfield (MEM). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 1 5/1 Woodstock (SBL), 1 5/2 Woodstock (DH,PH), 1 5/3 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 5/4 Winhall (WJN), on 5/5 1 WRM (TEJ,DC,EE), 3 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 3 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 5/6 Randolph (MEH), 2 5/6 Reading (FMH,GEH), on 5/7 1 Mendon (JML), 4 Rutland (NEF), 2 Bartonsville (TEJ), 2 Woodstock (WGE,NLM), 1 Shrewsbury (LPS), on 5/8 3 Marlboro (WDN), 1 Benson (CJF), 1 Woodstock (JMN), 5 Shrewsbury (LPS), 3 5/9 S. Strafford (HR), 1 5/9 Red Rocks, Burlington (DLC,WAM), on 5/10 1 Grafton (DC), 3 Morgan (CEH), 2 Woodstock (VINS), 2 Plainfield (MEM), on 5/11 5 Reading (FMH,GEH), 5 Colchester (WDB), 2 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 Lincoln (JRA), on 5/12 2 Heineberg Bridge (JDM), 3 Red Rocks, Burlington (WAM), 8 Lincoln (JRA), 1 5/13 Albany (TP), 4 5/13 Hartford (WGE), 6 5/14 Morgan (CEH), 1 5/15 Springfield (WME), 1 5/15 Hartland (JRP), 1 5/17 Leicester

(ELW), on 5/19 1 Vershire (VRM), 1 Weybridge, 1 Middlebury (MBN). The high count was 16 Deer Leap, Bristol 5/11 (DLC). Five were netted at VINS; 1 banded at Plainfield (MFM). BLUE GROSBEAK: a report accepted by Vermont Bird Records Committee as hypothetical of 2 males, 1 female 5/19 at Wells River (MMC,AHC). Indigo Bunting: 1 5/10 Brattleboro (JJC), 1 5/12 Woodstock (DH,PH), 1 5/12,14 Bartonville (TEJ), 1 5/13 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 2 5/14 Springfield (WME), on 5/15 2 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 Ira-Rte. 4 Pull Off (WJN), 1 Woodstock (JMN), 1 5/16 Vershire (VRM), 1 5/17 Burlington, (JDM), 2 5/17 W. Rutland (DLC,MM), 2 5/18 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), on 5/19 1 Benson (CJF), 1 Colchester (WDB), 1 W. Rutland (FAP, CP). The high count was 3 5/26 Colchester (WDB). One retrap at VINS banded 6/6/83. Rufous-sided Towhee: 1 4/19 Marlboro (WDN), 2 4/20 Mt. Philo (JID,MCD), 2 4/25 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1 4/30 Dorset (EFG), 1 5/1 Woodstock (CRP), 1 5/3 Saxtons River (DC), 1 5/4 Mendon (JML), 1 5/4 Island Pond (CEH), on 5/5 4 Lincoln (JRA), 1 Woodstock (JMN), 1 Ira (TEJ), 1 5/7 S. Woodstock (JMN), 1 5/7 Woodstock (WGE, NLM), 1 5/8 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/9 Springfield (WME), 2 5/10 Woodstock (VINS), 1 5/14 Reading (FMH, GEH), 1 5/15 MNWR (DLC), 1 5/17 Vershire (VRM). High count was 7 5/10 Woodstock (WGE,NLM). Two were netted at VINS. American Tree Sparrow wintered at most places except at the higher elevations. Some late dates: 1 4/12 Woodstock (CRP), 2 4/19 HC (WJN), on 4/20 "several" Lyndonville (DHM), 3 Ferrisburg (JID, MCD), 1 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 Marlboro (WDN), 5 4/21 Woodstock (JMN), 2 4/22 Johns River Marshes (CEH), 1 4/23 Sheffield Hts. (PFW), 6 4/25 Albany (TP), 2 5/2 Colchester (WDB). High counts: 30 3/16 Westminster (WGE, SJS), 30 4/2-4 Albany (TP), 35 4/13 Champlain Valley (WAM,DLC). Twenty-nine were banded at Plainfield (MFM). Chipping Sparrow: 1 4/6 Plainfield (MFM), 1 4/7 Rockingham (WGE,NLM), 1 4/13 Springfield Mdns. (REG), 1 4/13 Lamaille R. (JDM), 1 4/16 Brattleboro (WDN), 1 4/17 Bristol (JRA), 1 4/20 Weybridge (MBN), 1 4/21 Sheffield Hts. (PFW), 2 4/21 Bartonville (TEJ), on 4/22 4 Weathersfield (ELW), 1 Saxtons River (DC), 1 W. Rutland (LPS), 1 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 Woodstock (CRP), 1 Dorset (EFG), 1 E. Charleston (CEH), 3 4/23 Albany (TP), 4 4/23 HC (WJN), 1 4/24 Shelburne (DLC), 1 4/25 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 4/26 Colchester (WRB), 6 4/27 Brattleboro (JJC). The high count was 65 5/4 E. Charleston/Brighton Airport, (CEH). Field Sparrow: 1 3/16 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD) early, 1 4/1 Vershire (VRM), 3 4/6 Winhall (WJN), 1 4/8 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1 4/10, 2 4/11 Barnard (JNF), 1 4/11 Weybridge (MBN), 1 4/14 Rutland (CJF), 1 4/14 Lincoln (JRA), on 4/15 2 Saxtons River (DC), 1 Weathersfield (ELW), 1 Dorset (EFG), 1 4/16 Marlboro (WDN), 1 4/20 Weybridge (MBN), 1 4/21 WRD (DLC), 1 4/24 Woodstock (SBL,JDL), 1 4/25 Bartonville (TEJ), 1 4/26 Shelburne (JDM). The high count was 8 5/9 Woodstock (WGE,DaC). LARK SPARROW: This first report of the species in Vermont occurred 5/17 Rutland (CJF). Accepted as hypothetical by the Vermont Bird Records Committee (since two observer's reports are required for a first state record). Vesper Sparrow: 1 4/6 HC (WGE,NLM), 2 4/13 Springfield Mdns. (REG), 1 4/16 HC (WJN), 2 4/28 DCWMA (JRA), 1 5/4 Shoreham (DLC), 1 5/13 Quechee (WGE), 1 5/14 Shoreham (ELW), 2 5/18 DCWMA (DC,JJC,SJS,TEJ et al.), 1 5/19 Springfield Airport (WJN), 1 5/19 Addison (FAP,CP), 2 5/21 DCWMA (DLC,MM). Savannah Sparrow: 1 3/29 Ferrisburg (JID, MCD), 1 4/1 Vernon (WGE,DaC), 1 4/6 Winhall (WJN), 6 4/10 Retreat Mdns. (JJC), 1 4/14 Grand Isle (DLC), 3 4/16 Clarendon (CJF), 3 4/16 E. Charleston (CEH), 4 4/20 Shelburne (JDM), 1-5 4/22-26 Albany (TP), 1 4/22 Lyndonville (PFW), 1 4/23 DCWMA (JRA), 2 4/24 Shoreham (ELW), 1 4/26 Lyndonville (PFW). The high count was 40 5/1 Brighton Airport (CEH). Grasshopper Sparrow: 1 5/7 Landgrove (WJN), 1-2 5/18 DCWMA-Panton (TEJ,

DC,JJC,SJS,SBL,WGE,NLM,GFE,DaC et al.), 2 5/21 DCWMA (DLC,MM). Fox Sparrow: 1 3/9 Marlboro (WDN), 1 3/17 Plainfield (MFM), 2 3/23 Hartland (WGE,NLM), 1 3/28 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1 4/1 Woodstock (JMN), 1 4/1 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 4/2 Winhall (WJN), 2 4/4 Marlboro (WDN), 1 4/5 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 4/6 Reading (FMH, GEH), 1 4/8 Dorset (EFG), 1 4/13 Winhall (WJN), 1 4/16 Calais (CVAS), 1 4/19 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 4/20 Marlboro (WDN), 1 4/21 Red Rocks, Burlington (DLC). The high count was only 2. This species was missed by many of the active people. Song Sparrow: 1 3/1 Lyndonville (DHM), 1 3/3 Rutland (CJF), 1 3/5-6 Bartonville (TEJ), 1 3/13 HC (REG), 1 3/16 WRD (JDM), 11 3/17 Rutland (CJF), 1 3/17 Winhall (WJN), 1 3/18 Sheffield Hts. (PFW), 1 3/19 Weybridge (MBN), 1 3/20 Plainfield (MFM), 1 3/20 E. Charleston (CEH), 2 3/21 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 3/22 Duxbury (FAP), on 3/23 1 Montpelier (DL), 20 WRD (JDM), 1 Woodstock (CRP), 2 DCWMA (DLC), 1 3/24 Lincoln (JRA), 1 3/27 Woodstock (JMN), 1 3/28 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 3/31 Fair Haven (EPA), 3 3/31 Milton (WDB). High counts: 30 4/5 HC (WJN), 34 4/6 Rockingham (WGE,NLM). An "albino" 4/6 Clarendon (CJF) and a "nest with 5 eggs" 5/10 Hubbardton (CJF). Seven were netted at VINS; 13 were banded at Plainfield (MFM). Lincoln's Sparrow: 2 5/2, 1 5/3,5 Albany (TP), 1 5/8 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/10 Woodstock (VINS), 1 5/11 Ferdinand (WGE,NLM), 1 5/15 MNWR (DLC), 1 5/17 Heineberg Bridge (JDM), 6 5/18 Ferdinand (WGE,GFE,NLM,DaC) the high count, 1 5/25 Kelley Stand (WJN), 2 5/26 Island Pond (CEH), 1 5/30 Sheffield Hts. (PFW). Three were netted at VINS. Swamp Sparrow: 1 3/19 Duxbury (FAP) very early, 3 4/16 Vernon (JJC), 2 4/20 BRM (CEH), 2 4/21 Rockingham (WME), 1 4/22 WRM (LPS,WJN), 2 4/23 New Haven (JRA), 4 4/25, 5 4/26 Albany (TP), 1 4/26 Allen's Marsh (TEJ), on 4/28 1 Mud Creek (WAM), 5 BRM (REG), 1 Weybridge (MBN), 1 5/2 Colchester (WDB), on 5/4 4-8 DCWMA (WAM, WGE,NLM), 1 S. Bay, Newport (PFW), 3 WRM (DLC), 7 5/5 WRM (DC et al.). The high count was 40 5/6 BRM (CEH). Two were netted at VINS. White-throated Sparrow apparently wintered at Albany (TP) and Bartonville (TEJ) elsewhere - 1 3/5 Duxbury (FAP), 3 4/1 Vernon (WGE,DaC), 3 4/6 Rutland (CJF), 1 4/13 Sheffield Hts. (PFW), 1 4/13 Reading (FMH,GEH), 6 6/14 Weathersfield (ELW), 1 4/14 Lincoln (JRA), 1 4/15 Randolph (EWC, MCC), 1 4/15 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 4/18 Winhall (WJN), 1 4/19 Saxtons River (REG), on 4/20 2 Weybridge (MBN), 1 Marlboro (WDN), 1 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 4/21 Woodstock (CRP), 1 4/23 Dorset (EFG), 6 4/24 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 4/26 Shelburne (JDM). The high count was 100+ 5/4 E. Charleston/Moose Bog (CEH). Six were netted at VINS; 1 banded at Plainfield (MFM). White-crowned Sparrow: 1 3/23 WRD (JDM) very early, probably a bird that wintered north of its usual winter range, 1 4/20 Marlboro (WDN), 1 4/27,30 Albany (TP), 1 4/28 Weybridge (MBN), on 5/2 2 Woodstock (PH,WGE), 1 Duxbury (FAP), 1 5/3,7 Albany (TP), 3 5/4 DCWMA (WGE,



LARK SPARROW

NLM et al.), 1 5/5 Island Pond (DLC), 3 5/6 Shrewsbury (LPS), 8 5/6 Winhall (WJN), on 5/7 1 Lincoln (JRA), 3 Shoreham (ELW), 3 W. Brattleboro (JJC), on 5/8 4 Rutland (NEF), 21 Lincoln (JRA) the high count, 5 Weybridge (MBN), 6 Springweather NA (WME), 1 Cavendish (TEJ), on 5/9 1 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 Shrewsbury (LPS), 4 Newport (CEH), 3 MNWR (JBG), 3 Wilder (WGE,DaC), on 5/10 1 Sheffield Hts. (PFW), 3 L. Carmi (PJM), 2 Rutland (CJF), 1 5/11,12 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 2 5/11 Winhall (WJN), on 5/12 1 Weybridge (MBN), 1 Colchester (WDB), 1 Heineberg Bridge (JDM), 4 5/13-19 Shelburne (WAM), 1 5/15 Lincoln (JRA), 2 5/17 Lamoille R. (JDM), 1 5/18 DCWMA (WGE,GFE,NLM,DaC), 2 5/18 Mud Creek (DLC), 1 5/19 Champlain Valley (DCD, LJE), 1 5/19 Duxbury (FAP,CP), 1 5/20 Island Pond (DLC,MM), 1 5/24 Brighton Airport (CEH). A good spring for them. Dark-eyed Juncos overwintered heavily in 1984-85, even in mountain areas where they usually do not, so migration patterns were not easy to discern; most observers reported them as present thru the period. Some high counts: 30 4/3 Winhall (WJN), 50 4/3 Sheffield Hts. (PFW), 150 4/12 Reading (FMH, GEH), 20 4/19 Hartford (WGE,NLM), 50 4/20 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 60 (date?) E. Charleston (CEH). One was banded at Plainfield (MFM). Snow Bunting: 1 3/2 Shelburne (DLC), 50 3/6 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 8 Randolph, 1 Barnard, 12 Woodstock 3/6 (CCF), 7 3/5 Brownsville (BMH), 2 3/7, 60 3/8 the high count, 35 3/9 Albany (TP), 58 3/10 Brattleboro (JJC), 1 4/1 Upper Mdws., Rockingham (WGE,DaC), 14 4/3 Morgan (CEH).

BLACKBIRDS

Bobolink: 3 5/4 Shoreham (ELW), 1 5/4 DCWMA (WGE,NLM et al.), 8 5/6 Brownsville (BMH), 1 5/6 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/8, 6 5/9 L. Carmi (PJM), 9 5/9 Woodstock (WGE,DaC), on 5/11 3 Morgan (CEH), 1 L. Wiloughby (REG), 2 Lincoln (JRA), 1 Weybridge (MBN), 1 Shoreham (ELW), on 5/12 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 10 W. Glover (REG), 1 Colchester (JDM), 3 5/13 Woodstock (JMN), 3 5/14, 6 5/15 Albany (TP), on 5/15 1 Lyndonville (PFW), 1 Shrewsbury (LPS), 8 Woodstock (JMN,TEJ, NLM,CRP), 1 Duxbury (FAP), 1 5/16 N. Pomfret (JNF), 3 5/17 Brattleboro (JJC). High counts: 25 5/15 E. Charleston/Derby Line (CEH), 30 5/25 Eagle Point, Memphremagog (TH). Red-winged Blackbirds were on the move widely in late February, so arrival dates are obscure: on 3/1 "many males with 1 female" Randolph (EWC,MCC), 2 Woodstock (CRP), 15 L. Carmi (PJM), on 3/2 1 DCWMA (REG), 2 Colchester (WDB), 3 Weybridge (MBN), on 3/3 8 Albany (TP), 3 Sheffield Hts. (PFW), 5 Shelburne (WAM), "large flocks" 3/4 N. Hartland (JRP), on 3/5 30 Reading (MWB), 2 Shrewsbury (LPS), 140 Bartonville (TEJ), 2 3/6 Springweather NA (WME), "small flock" 3/8 Waterbury Ctr. (JMB), 2 3/10 Colchester (JDM), 3 3/10 Winhall (WJN), "flock" 3/11 MNWR (JBG), 1 3/20 E. Charleston (CEH). The high count was 5000+ 3/21 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD). Seven were netted at VINS. Eastern Meadowlark: 1 3/9 Charlotte (WAM), 1 3/15 Bethel (EH), 1 3/16 Brattleboro (JJC), 1 3/17 Rockingham (TEJ,DC), 1 3/23 Timmouth (PB), 1 3/23 Albun (WGE,NLM), 1 3/24 Lyndonville (PFW), 1 3/24 Addison (DLC), 7 3/26 Woodstock (WGE), 2 3/28 Weybridge (MBN), 1 4/2 N. Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 4/2 MNWR (JBG), 8 4/6 Weathersfield (WGE,NLM), 1 4/13 Duxbury (FAP), 1 4/13 Upper Mdws., Rockingham (WJN), 1 4/14 Rutland (CJF), 2 4/15 Colchester (WDB), 1 4/15 Plainfield (MFM), 1 4/18 E. Charleston (CEH), 3 4/20 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 4/20 Woodstock (CRP), 1 4/21 Rockingham (WME), 1 4/21 Dorset (EFG). The high count was 12 4/3 Lyndonville (PFW,SAW). Rusty Blackbird: 2 3/28 HC (WGE), 4 4/6 Upper Mdws., Rockingham (WGE, NLM), 2 4/6 Clarendon (CJF), 1 4/7 Bartonville (TEJ), 2 4/7 Hog Island (DLC), 3 4/11 Upper Mdws., Rockingham (REG), 6 4/11 Salem R. inlet (CEH), 4 4/13 L. Fairlee (WGE,NLM), 1 4/13 HC (WJN), on 4/19 10 Lyndonville

(DHM), 1 HC (WJN), 3 Lyndon (PFW), 2 4/21 Weathersfield (ELW), 1 5/1 Woodstock (WGE,NLM), 1 5/5 WRM (DC et al.), 4 5/7 Bartonville (TEJ), 10 5/18 Mud Creek (WRB,RAE), 1 5/25,26 Moose Bog (DLC,BLR,CEH). The high count was 10 twice. Common Grackle - also on the move in February: 2 3/1 Woodstock (CRP,WGE,NLM), 1 3/1 New Haven (JRA), 23 3/2 DCWMA (DLC,REG), 1 3/5 Bartonville (TEJ), 25 3/11 Charlotte (DL), 35 3/12 Woodstock (CRP), on 3/13 1 Woodstock (JMN), 1 Plainfield (MFM), 1 Albany (TP), on 3/16 10 WRD (JDM), 4 Milton (WDB), 2 Brattleboro (JJC), on 3/17 70 Weybridge (MBN), 4 Springfield (WME), "common" Rutland/Burlington (CJF), on 3/20 2 Albany (TP), MNWR (JaG), 4 Morgan (CEH), 310 3/23 Grand Isle (WGE,NLM), 150 3/23 Milton (WDB), 1 3/26 Fair Haven (EPA), 1 3/28 Shrewsbury (LPS). The high count was 1000+ Albany 4/7 (TP). One was netted at VINS; 3 were banded at Plainfield (MFM). Brown-headed Cowbird: 1 3/1 Woodstock (CRP), 1 3/2 DCWMA (REG), 1 3/8 Albany (TP), 20 3/13 Weybridge (MBN), 1 3/17 DCWMA (DLC), 1 3/18 Sheffield Hts. (PFW), 1 3/21 Albany (TP), 2 3/12 Reading (FMH, GEH), 4 3/25 Bartonville (TEJ), 12 3/27 Derby (CEH), 16 3/30 Colchester, (JDM,WDB), 150 4/1 Weybridge (MBN), 2 4/2 Mendon (JML), 3 4/6 Barnard (JNF), 1 4/8 Woodstock (JMN), 1 4/8 Winhall (WJN), 4 4/7 Springfield (WME), 1 4/9 Shrewsbury (LPS). The high count was 200+ 4/6 Springfield Mdws. (WGE,NLM). ORCHARD ORIOLE: 1 ad. male 5/7 Shoreham (ELW), 2 5/24,30 Dorset (EFG). Northern Oriole: 1 5/1 N. Westminster (DC), 1 5/4 Vernon (JJC), 2 5/4 Woodstock (JMN), 1 5/5 WRM (TEJ,EE,DC,REG), 3 5/5 Brownsville (BMH), 1 5/6 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/7 Bartonville (TEJ), 1 5/7 Marlboro (WDN), 1 5/8 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 5/8 MNWR (JBG), on 5/9 1 Shoreham (ELW), 1 Shrewsbury (LPS), 5 Woodstock (CRP,WGE,DaC), 4 Fair Haven (EPA), on 5/10 1 Monkton (JRA), 1 Grafton (DC), 2 L. Carmi (PJM), 1 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 Springfield (WME), 1 Morgan (CEH), 1 Weybridge (MBN), 2 Colchester (WDB), 1 Woodstock (VINS), on 5/11 1 Plainfield (MFM), 1 Arlington, 1 Rutland (CJF), 2 S. Burlington (WAM), 1 Colchester (JDM), 3 Deer Leap, Bristol (DLC), 1 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 3 Lincoln (JRA), 1 5/12 S. Bay, Newport (PFW,SAW), 3 5/12 L. Carmi (PJM), on 5/13 1 S. Strafford (HR), 1 Sheffield Hts. (PFW), 2 Barnard (JNF), 1 5/15 Duxbury (FAP), 6 5/16 E. Charleston (CEH), "pair at suet feeder" 5/16 Hartland (JRP). The high count was 20 5/21 HC/Rockingham (WJN). Three were netted at VINS.

FINCHES AND HOUSE SPARROW

Pine Grosbeak. There was practically no southward irruption of them this winter, so very few reports: 2 4/25 Albany (TP), "possible" Sheffield (PFW). Purple Finch. They wintered widely this year, being present thru March and April almost everywhere, by May thinning down to normal breeding populations. Some high counts: 100 3/19 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 50 4/1 Reading (FMH,GEH), 50+ 4/2 Woodstock (WGE,NLM), 60 4/2 Brownsville (BMH). Eighteen were banded at Plainfield (MFM). House Finch: Now a common feeder-patronizer at lower elevations all over the state and moving into higher elevations in the south. 4 3/16, 5 4/28 Lyndonville (PFW), 1 3/27, 4/6 Duxbury (FAP), 1 4/1 Vershire (VRM), 1 4/27 Montpelier (MFM), 1 5/9 Sheffield Hts. (PFW), 1 5/16 Waterbury (DL), 2 5/20 Randolph (EWC,MCC). Some high counts: 50 thru period Fair Haven (EPA), 20 3/28 HC (WGE), 35 4/5 Barnard (JNF), 18 5/30 Rutland (LPS). Red Crossbill: A small irruption this winter: 1 3/19 Woodstock (JDL), 1 3/20 Hubbardton (PSA), 1 3/21 Benson (WGE,NLM), 2 3/27, 1 4/22 Bartonville (TEJ), 10 4/24,28 Newport (CEH) the high count, 8 5/1 Marlboro (WDN), 2 5/5 Quechee (WGE,NLM). White-winged Crossbill. A massive invasion occurred in the northern part of the state, commencing in the

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN TEXT

BRM - Barton River Marshes
DCWMA - Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area
HC - Herrick's Cove, Rockingham
MNWR - Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge
SRTL - Springfield/Rockingham Town Line
WHL - Winhall Hawk Outlook
WRD - Winooski River Delta
WRM - West Rutland Marsh

ad. - adult
ctr. - center
cty. - county
f. - female
imm. - immature
Isl. - island
Mdw. - meadows
NA - Nature Area

pr. - pair
Res. - reservoir
R. - river
SP - State Park
Yg. - young

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fall. Some evidence of this opportunistic year-round breeder nesting during the period. This species (unconfirmed as a breeder during the Atlas) bred this spring: 3/2 Reading "adult male feeding young" (FMH, GEH), pair 4/19 Winhall (WJN) "gathering nesting material-mud and grass." Other reports: 100+ 3/1 Lyndon State College (DHM), "present from February on" Morgan (CEH), 2 3/6 Sheffield Hts. (PFW), 1 3/7 Landgrove (LA), 300-500 - possibly more 3/8 Lyndon State College (PFW, DHM et al.) the high count, 1 3/8 Cavendish (TEJ), 16 3/26 Woodstock (WGE, NLM), 4 3/29 Cavendish (TEJ), 1 3/29 "female at feeder" Winhall (WJN), 8 3/30 Cavendish (TEJ), 1 4/2 Marlboro (WDN), 12 4/13 L. Morey (WGE, NLM), 12 4/17, 35 4/18, 20 4/19 Cavendish (TEJ), 12 4/21 Burlington (MEF), 12 4/25, 45 4/30 Albany (TP), 8 4/30 Ferdinand (CEH), 15 5/2 Marlboro (WDN), 26 5/4 Moose Bog (CEH), 6 5/9 Hartford (WGE, DaC), 20 5/10 Woodstock (WGE), on 5/11 7 Ferdinand (WGE), 6 Cavendish (TEJ), 10 W. Glover (REG), 10 5/16, 19 Morgan (CEH), 17 5/20 Island Pond (DLC, MM), 5 5/21 VINS, Woodstock (TEJ), 11 5/31 Marlboro (WDN). Common Redpoll: 1 3/3 Fairfax (DLC), 1 3/10 Worcester (CVAS), 8 3/16 Milton (WDB), 6 3/16, 18 Sheffield Hts. (PFW, SAW), 40 3/17 Ferrisburg (JID, MCD) the high count, 20 3/19 Waitsfield (DL), 2 3/24 Milton (WDB), 1 3/27 S. Duxbury (CVAS), 1 4/2 E. Charleston (CEH), 1 4/3 Woodstock (NLM), 4 4/4-8 Braintree (BH). Pine Siskin. A widespread irruption of this species over much of the state all through the winter, with high numbers continuing into the spring. Surprisingly some of the western areas, such as Colchester, Milton and Dorset reported very few or none. As with the cross-bills, this species is an opportunistic nester, nesting at odd times of the year, and much evidence of nesting turned up this year in several places: "seen many times after 3/2 gathering nesting material, both at Winhall and HC (WJN), also at Grafton (DC), 8 5/11, 1 5/12 Lincoln (JRA), 2 5/12 Woodstock (JMN), "young-of-the-year banded" 5/14 Woodstock (VINS), 1 5/17 Lamoille R. (JDM), 2 5/17 Shrewsbury (LPS), 6-8 5/18-31 Albany (TP), 1 5/18 Halifax (BHA), 1 5/19 S. Strafford (HR), 1 5/20 Winhall (WJN), 5 5/20 Island Pond (DLC, MM), 3 5/20 Duxbury (FAD), 1 5/21 Woodstock (VINS), 40+ 5/26 E. Charleston/Moose Bog (CEH), "15 at feeder thought to be young" 5/26 Reading (FMH, GEH), 1 5/30 Weybridge (MBN). High counts: 100+ 3/1 Woodstock (JMN), 125 3/14 Marlboro (WDN), 80 4/7 HC (WGE, NLM), 75 4/15 Reading (FMH, GEH). Six were netted at VINS-all young-of-the-year; 12 banded at Plainfield (MEF). At Albany on 4/24, 5/5 several siskins with American Goldfinches were seen "feeding on algae in a stagnant beaver pond-balancing on low branches" (TP). American Goldfinch wintered in numbers in most of Vermont in contrast to some years when but few are to be found. Some high counts: 150 3/1 Woodstock (JMN), 75 4/11 Albany (TP), 100 4/13 Lamoille R. (JDM), 60 4/15 Weathersfield (ELW), 200 4/23 Reading (FMH, GEH). Thirty were netted at VINS; 7 were banded at Plainfield (MEF). Evening Grosbeak wintered in good numbers everywhere. Some late dates, some of which are breeding birds: 2 5/9 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 5/10 Winhall (WJN), 40 5/12 Shelburne (WAM), 1 5/16 Fayston (FAP), 4 5/18 Grafton (DC, JJC), 1 5/19 Moose Bog (DLC), 1 5/20 Island Pond (DLC, MM), 1 5/26 Essex (WDB), 5 5/31 Albany (TP). Some high counts: 85 3/6 Halifax (BHA), 135 3/7 Sheffield Hts. (PFW), 100 3/13 Plainfield (MEF), 90 3/13 Montpelier (DL), 90 4/21 E. Charleston (CEH). An albinistic bird was reported-"all yellow with white wings and tail" 4/4 Johnson (SS). Twenty-two were banded at Plainfield (MEF). House Sparrow populations seem stable in their usual habitat; towns, villages, and around farm buildings. High counts: 50 4/14 Weybridge, "gathering nesting material" 4/21 (MBN), 50 thru period Brownsville (BMH).

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