

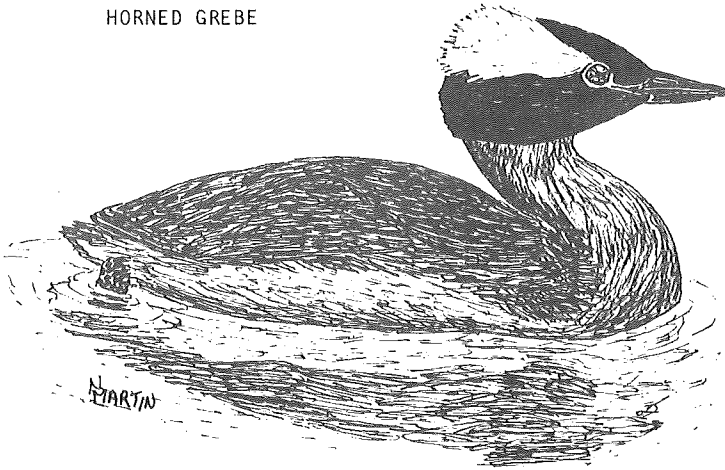


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HORNED GREBE



### SUMMER SEASON 1985

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One hundred eighty-five species of birds were reported to The Vermont Institute of Natural Science's Records of Vermont Birds (hereafter RVB), a fine total indeed. Highlights of sight records for Summer RVB include: HORNED GREBE (fourth summer record), RED-NECKED GREBE (second), SNOW GOOSE (third), BRANT (fourth), NORTHERN SHOVELER (third), WHITE-WINGED SCOTER (first), and RED-NECKED PHALAROPE (second).

With respect to breeding species, a pair of SNOWY EGRETS raised three young this summer for the second year in a row. A RED-BREASTED MERGANSER female was found on a nest with eight eggs, constituting the second state nesting record for the species, a young SHORT-EARED OWL was seen with an adult in Waltham and the ORCHARD ORIOLES were back in Addison.

The news of the summer was the successful nesting of the pair of Peregrine Falcons at Lake Willoughby--the first in Vermont since 1957! Three young were raised.

At the other end of the spectrum, the Common Loon and Common Tern had disappointing breeding seasons, especially the latter species. Only two Common Tern young survived to fledging.

The weather appeared to have little effect on the 1985 nesting season. June was an abnormally cool month in Vermont with frequent rain and the temperature averaging 3.2 degrees below normal (Daytime temperatures in the 50s were some 20 degrees below average for mid-June). Only 39% of possible sunshine was recorded at Burlington, compared with the average of 59%.

There was a return to somewhat more summer-like weather in July, with the temperature average for the month normal. The heaviest rainfalls for July occurred on the 15-16th of the month, with totals of 1/2" to 1"; the southern part of the state picked up

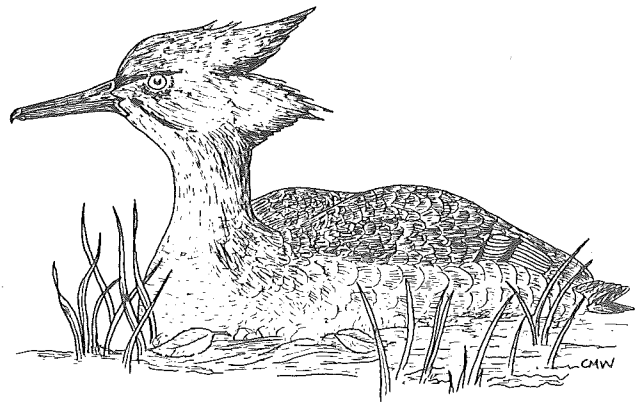
3/4" to over 1" from the aftermath of Hurricane Bob on July 26th, leaving soils favorably moist for most of the state.

LOONS THROUGH NIGHT-HERONS. The Common Loon had a better breeding season in 1985 than it did in 1983 and 1984. However, only 13 chicks were produced by the eight pairs that nested, and the species still remains in danger here in Vermont. On 20 July, 66 lakes were monitored and found to harbor 37 adults and the 13 chicks. Pied-billed Grebes were reported at the same three sites as last year - Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge (hereafter MNWR), Mud Creek Wildlife Management Area (hereafter MCWMA) and the Barton River Marsh (hereafter BRM). A peak of 20 individuals was estimated at MNWR on 4 June (JBG). A solitary HORNED GREBE was observed at BRM on 1 June (REG). The second summer record of RED-NECKED GREBE, 2 individuals seen at Eagle Point in Derby, was accepted by the Vermont Birds Records Committee (hereafter VBRC). The Double-crested Cormorant continues to increase each summer with 400 being seen on Young Island in northern Lake Champlain on 23 July (WGE). Additional sightings away from the Champlain Valley included one at McConnell Pond in Brighton and six at Clark's Pond in Glover. Only a handful of American Bitterns were reported this summer, while a peak of ten Least Bitterns were estimated to be at MNWR on 2 June. Another report of 1 from the unusual location of Allen's Marsh, Westminster was spotted by Tait Johansson on 27 June. The Great Blue Heron was well documented with an amazing 1400 "peak population" at MNWR after the breeding season. For the second year in a row the Snowy Egret has bred on Young Island on Lake Champlain. Two to three young were observed in the nest on 23 July (RBL,CCF,NLM,WGE). A single bird was reported from Albany on 7 July (TP). Surprisingly few Cattle Egrets were recorded this summer. Is this just an oversight? An average number of reports of Green-backed Heron were received with a maximum of six seen at Shelburne Pond. As expected, the high count for Black-crowned Night-Heron was also from Young Island, although the number recorded was less than last summer.

Common Loon: 6/2 1 Lake Carmi (PJM); 6/8 1 Button Bay (WAM); 6/18 2 ad. Belvidere Pond (CCL); 6/28 2 ad. 1 yg. Elmore (JGG, RYG); 7/15 2 ad. 2 yg. Norton Pond (WA); 7/20 4 Somerset Reservoir (WME); 7/24 5 ad. Peacham Pond (SF). Pied-billed Grebe: 6/1 1 BRM (REG); 6/4 20 MNWR (JBG); 6/16 1 MCWMA (WAM,DLC); 6/27 1 ad. 2 yg. BRM (JGG,RYG,ED); 7/5 2 DCWMA (MCD,JID). Horned Grebe: 6/1 1 BRM (REG). RED-NECKED GREBE: 7/21 2 Eagle Point, Derby (STH,CWH). Double-crested Cormorant: 6/17 1 Burlington (PFW,SAW); 7/10 1 Eagle Point (STH); 7/20 1 Brighton (CCF); 7/23 400 Young Island, 40 Gull Rock (WGE); 7/28 1 Glover (CDN). American Bittern: 10 reports - max 3, Albany (TP); 6/15 2 DCWMA (MBN); 6/16 2 MCWMA (WAM); 6/19 1 Cambridge (JGG,RYG); 7/4 1 WRM (WGE). Least Bittern: 6/16 4 MCWMA (WAM,DLC); 6/27 1 Westminster Station (TEJ); 7/4 4 WRM (WGE); 7/31 1 WRM (WJN). Great Blue Heron: 26 reports - June, 1400 MNWR (JBG); 7/23 14 MNWR (WGE); 7/30 16 DCWMA (MCD,JID).

SNOWY EGRET: 6/7 1 Young Island (BLR,DCD); 7/7 1 Albany (TP); 7/23 2 ad. 2-3 yg. Young Island (RBL,CCF,NLM,WGE). Cattle Egret: 6/8 1 flying toward Young Island (FO); 6/12 1 Charlotte (WAM). Green-backed Heron: 18 reports - June 15 MNWR (JBG); J/J 1-3 Bartonville (TEJ); 6/16 5 MCWMA (WAM); 7/22 6 Shelburne Pond (MCD,JID). Black-crowned Night-Heron: 6/15 3 Burlington (WDB); 6/24 2 Shelburne (WAM); 7/5 2 MCWMA (REG); 7/23 3 ad. 24 juv. Young Island (RBL,CCF,NLM,WGE).

RED-BREADED MERGANSER



1 ad. 16 yg. Shelburne Beach (WAM); 6/29 20 Eagle Point (STH); 6/30 3 Ludlow (TEJ); 7/23 14 Savage Island (WGE). Red-breasted Merganser: 6/7 1 f. Bixby Island (FO et al); 6/20 1 f. (NE), Rock Island (CCF,RBL).

WATERFOWL. A fine total of 18 species of waterfowl was tallied this summer. The report of two SNOW GEESE in Norwich on 29 June is only the third summer record for this species since the beginning of the RVB's, while a BRANT on Bixby Island on 7 June (FO, et al) is the fourth summer record. An average number of reports of Canada Goose were submitted. The Wood Duck had an excellent breeding season at MNWR where their peak population including ducklings was 500 on 31 July (JBG). Reports of Green-winged Teal came from MNWR and Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area (hereafter DCWMA). The American Black Duck and Mallard were seen throughout the state. Again this year 2 pairs of Northern Pintails were observed on Bixby Island in early June, but no additional information was received. Most reports of Blue-winged Teal were from the Champlain Valley with a maximum of 100 at MNWR on 31 July. The first summer report of NORTHERN SHOVELER since 1977 came from MNWR this year. Several Gadwall and a pair of American Wigeon were present on Bixby Island on 7 June. The last summer record of Ring-necked Duck was in 1978, so the three seen in Holland is a good record. A tardy WHITE-WINGED SCOTER earned itself a slot as the first of its species to appear in the summer RVB. The Common Goldeneye did well at MNWR and MCWMA. Hooded Merganser reports were average, while those for Common Merganser were many and widespread. A female RED-BREADED MERGANSER on a nest with eggs was discovered on Rock Island in St. Albans Bay on 20 June (CCF,RBL), making this the second state nesting record for this species.

HAWKS. The number of sightings of Turkey Vulture continues to increase each year. The season high was 20 seen in Weybridge on 29 July (MCD,JID). Seven Osprey were reported this summer, as were seven Bald Eagles. Northern Harrier reports have decreased over the last three years. While one can see thousands of Sharp-shinned Hawks and hundreds of Cooper's Hawks at Cape May Point, N.J. each fall, very few are seen during the breeding season here in Vermont. Seven and five individuals were reported respectively. Only four Northern Goshawks were tallied. Red-shouldered and Broad-winged Hawk records were about average, while those for the Red-tailed Hawk increased over 1984. American Kestrel reports declined significantly this year with JMN "missing this one" in Woodstock. As expected, the pair of Peregrine Falcons at Mt. Pisgah successfully nested this year, raising three young to fledging. Another one was sighted at DCWMA on 24 June.

Snow Goose: 6/29 2 Norwich (AAB). BRANT: 6/7 1 Bixby Island (FO et al). Canada Goose: 6/1 3 BRM (REG); 6/8 Dorset (EFG); 6/8 6 ad. 15 yg. Otter Creek (WAM); 6/9 40+ Lyndonville (PFW,SAW); 7/7 26 East Slang (MCD,JID); 7/25 37 DCWMA (TEJ). Wood Duck: 6/1 2 Barton (REG); 6/9 5 Sandbar (WAM); 6/16 8 ad. 29 yg. MCWMA (WAM); 7/30 20 DCWMA (MCD,JID); 7/31 500 MNWR (JBG). Green-winged Teal: 6/3 5 MNWR (JBG); 6/30 4 DCWMA (WAM); 7/14 3 DCWMA (WAM); 7/31 25 MNWR (JBG). American Black Duck: 11 records - 6/2 1 ad. 8 yg. Woodstock (JMN); 6/19 4 Cambridge (JGG,RYG); 6/23 7 Sunderland (WJN); 7/31 250 MNWR (JBG). Mallard: 12 reports - 6/9 1 f. 13 yg. Dorset Pond (EFG); 6/12 1 f. 10 yg. Lake Carmi (PJM); 7/31 1500 MNWR (JBG). Northern Pintail: 6/7 2 prs. Bixby Island (FO et al); 7/23 1 Young Island (WGE); 7/30 3 DCWMA (MCD,JID). Blue-winged Teal: J/J 1-2 Lake Carmi (PJM); 6/19 1 ad. 10 yg. MCWMA (CJF); 6/23 brood Sunderland (WJN); 7/31 100 MNWR (JBG). NORTHERN SHOVELER: 6/28 2 MNWR (JBG); 7/15 2 MNWR (JBG). Gadwall: 6/7 3-4 Bixby Island (FO et al); 7/23 6 Young Island (WGE); 7/30 2 DCWMA (MCD,JID). American Wigeon: 6/7 pr. Bixby Island (FO et al). Ring-necked Duck: 6/29 2 m. 1 f. Holland (CCF). WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: 6/7 1 m. Bixby Island (FO et al). Common Goldeneye: 6/16 16 MCWMA (WAM,DLC); 7/1 200 MNWR (JBG); 7/23 12 MNWR (WGE). Hooded Merganser: 6/16 1 MCWMA (WAM,DLC); 6/14 1 Gale Meadows (WJN); 7/1 25 MNWR (JBG); 7/7 1 f. East Slang (MCD,JID); 7/31 2 Albany (TP). Common Merganser: 12 reports - 6/1 2 Barton (REG); 6/10

Turkey Vulture: 23 reports - 6/2 1 Mt. Pisgah (REG); 6/3 1 Woodstock (JMN); 6/8 6 Bristol Cliffs (JRA); 6/22 3 Pownal (TEJ); 7/4 13 DCWMA (WGE); 10 Lewis Creek (MCD,JID); 7/28 20 Weybridge (MCD, JID). Osprey: 6/27 2 DCWMA (JRA); 7/11 2 Milton (DL); 7/20 1 Somerset Reservoir (WME); 7/22 Shelburne Pond (MCD,JID); 7/31 1 Black River (TP). Bald Eagle: 6/3 1 ad. Windham (LFS); 6/4 1 ad. Pico (AR); 6/7 1 ad. Norwich (DJG); 6/19 1 im. Sherburne (SH); 6/22 1 Grand Isle (DJH); 7/11 1 Milton (DL); 7/22 1 ad. Marshfield (DWC). Northern Harrier: 6/9 1 MCWMA (WAM); 6/10 1 Cornwall (JRA); 6/15 2 DCWMA (WAM,DLC); 7/15 1 m. Ferrisburg (MCD,JID); 7/18 1 m. E. Charleston (CCF); 7/18 1 Albany (TP). Sharp-shinned Hawk: 6/1 1 Ferdinand (REG); 6/15 1 MCWMA (WAM,DLC); 6/17 1 Bartonville (TEJ); 6/25 1 f. Fair Haven (NLM, JPM); 6/23 1 Woodstock (NLM,WGE); 7/9 1 Lincoln (JRA). Cooper's Hawk: 6/24 2 DCWA (WAM); 6/23 ad. f. Wilmington (JJC); 7/4 1 Middlebury (WJN); 7/27 1 Woodstock (JMN). Northern Goshawk: 6/22 1 Wilmington (JJC); 7/6 1 Woodstock (JMN); 7/25 1 N. Ferrisburg (MCD,JID); 7/28 1 Shrewsbury (LPS). Red-shouldered Hawk: 6/4 1 Winhall (WJN); 6/7 2 Addison (MCD,JID); 6/10 1 Albany (TP); 7/24 2

Bartonsville (TEJ). Broad-winged Hawk: 12 reports - 6/7 2 Shrewsbury (LPS); 6/20 1 Winhall (WJN); 6/29 2 S. Duxbury (FAP); J/J nest N. Cavendish (TEJ); 7/22 2 Reading (FMH,GEH). Red-tailed Hawk: 19 reports - 6/7 4 Addison (MCD, JID); 6/15 3 DCWMA (WAM,DLC); 7/16 3 Lyndonville (PFW,SAW). American Kestrel: 13 reports - 7/7 4 Rutland (WJN); 7/14 4 DCWMA (WAM); "breeding in Lincoln" (JRA); J/J pr. w/2 yg. Albany (TP). Peregrine Falcon: J/J pr. w/3 yg. 2 m. and 1 f.; fledged 7/1-7/3 Mt. Pisgah (VINS); 6/24 1 DCWMA (WAM).

GROUSE THROUGH COOT. Ruffed Grouse were everywhere this summer with most sightings including young. The Wild Turkey is "fairly common in West Milton" (WDB). Six other sightings were made. A single Northern Bobwhite was seen in Rutland. Virginia Rails were noted by nine contributors with a high of 30 estimated at MNWR (JBG). Only 3 Sora reports appeared, while the Comon Moorhen capital of Vermont appears to be the MCWMA-MNWR area. A single American Coot was seen at MNWR.

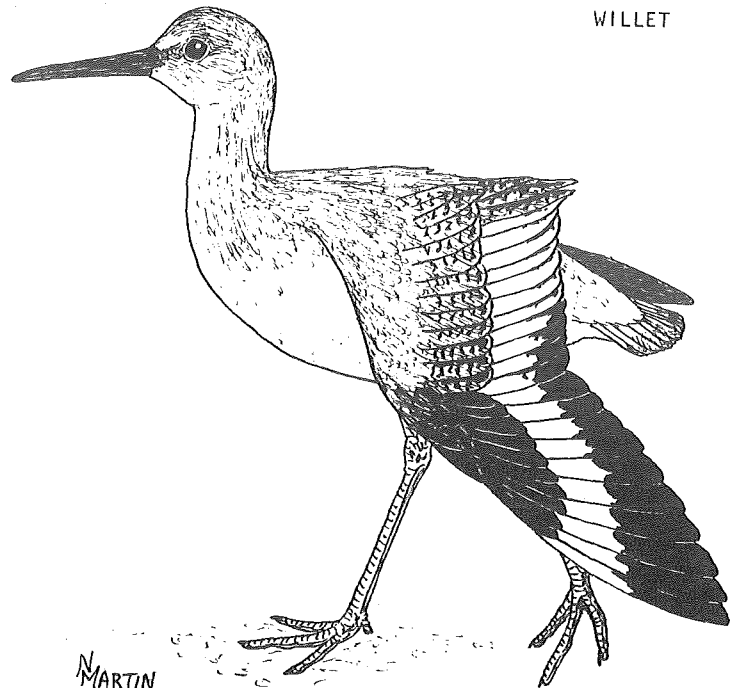
Ruffed Grouse: 17 reports - high 7/6, 3 ad. 24 yg. Reading (FMH,GEH); broods seen in Albany, Cambridge, Lincoln, Woodstock, Cavendish, Colchester. Wild Turkey: 6/16 1 Sherburne (NLM); 6/16 1 E. Warren (DN); 7/2 3 Reading (FMH,GEH); 7/5 2 ad. w/ yg. Hartland (ChF); 7/5 5 Richmond (DLC). Northern Bobwhite: 6/15 1 Rutland (LPS). Virginia Rail: 6/16 1 MCWMA (WAM,DLC); 6/27 1 South Bay (JGG,FO); 7/4 4 WRM (WGE); 7/4 4 DCWMA (WGE); 7/11 2 S. Slang (MCD,JID); 7/13 2 ad. 4 yg. S. Albany (REG). Sora: June 50 MNWR (JBG); 6/15 Burlington (WDB); 7/31 1 WRM (WJN). Common Moorhen: 6/1 BRM (REG); 6/9 4 MCWMA (WAM,DLC); 6/16 17 MCWMA (WAM,DLC); 6/21-22 3 Bennington College (var. obs.); June 25 MNWR (JBG). American Coot: 6/19 1 MNWR (JBG).

SHOREBIRDS THROUGH TERNS. Semipalmated Plovers appeared in the Champlain Valley during the last week of July. The Killdeer is doing fine in Vermont. Shorebirds were moving south by the beginning of July. The first Greater Yellowlegs was seen on 4 July at DCWMA (WGE), with only 1 or 2 more being seen. A Lesser Yellowlegs and Solitary Sandpiper were seen a week later. Two WILLETS at DCWMA on 9 July constitutes the second summer record for RVB. The Spotted Sandpiper breeds in Vermont and continues to do well. On a seven mile canoe trip from Weybridge to Vergennes, on 28 July, John and Margaret Dye recorded 48!! Unfortunately, the same cannot be said of the Upland Sandpiper for which only six reports were submitted. Most Semipalmated and Least Sandpipers began to arrive at the end of July, along with one Dowitcher species. Common Snipe were seen or heard throughout the period, but only three observers mentioned American Woodcock in their summaries. And last, but surely not least, of the shorebirds was a RED-NECKED PHALAROPE seen on 6 June in S. Londonderry (WJN), a second summer record. Bonaparte's Gulls seemed a little low in numbers but nothing alarming. For such an abundant species, reports of Ring-billed Gull were low as usual. Most of the Herring Gulls reported were from the Newport area. Great Black-backed Gulls were present in the Champlain Valley and also the Newport area. For the second season in a row only two Common Terns were fledged. The Black Tern is still common in proper habitat.

Semipalmated Plover: 7/25 1 DCWMA (TEJ); 7/28 2 Shelburne (JJC); 7/28 & 29 1 Blodgett's Beach

(WAM). Killdeer: 18 reports - 6/23 13 DCWMA (WAM); 6/15 2 ad. 4 yg. Colchester (WDB); 7/14 17 DCWMA (WAM); 7/30 7 S. Londonderry (WJN). Greater Yellowlegs: 7/4 1 DCWMA (WGE); 7/9 2 DCWMA (EPA); 7/31 1 Brattleboro (JJC). Lesser Yellowlegs: 7/14 1 DCWMA (WAM,MBN); 7/15 1 Charlotte Beach (WAM); 7/30 1 DCWMA (MCD,JID). Solitary Sandpiper: 7/14 1 Lewis Creek (DLC); 7/18 1 E. Charleston (CCF); 7/28 1 N. Cavendish (TEJ); 7/30 2 DCWMA (MCD,JID). WILLET: 7/9 2 DCWMA (JCh,EPA). Spotted Sandpiper: 18 reports - highs June 10 MNWR (JBG); 7/23 10 MNWR (WGE), 7/28 48 Weybridge/Vergennes (MCD,JID). Upland Sandpiper: 6/1 3 Newport (REG); 6/4 3 W. Glover (RVC); 6/22 1 Benson (MCD,JID); 7/4 1 Addison (WGE); 7/13 3 W. Glover (REG); 7/16 7 DCWMA (WAM). Semipalmated Sandpiper: 6/1 1 Prouty Beach (REG); 7/23 6 Savage Island (WGE); 7/27 26 Shelburne Bay (WAM,DLC); 7/27 8 Blodgett's Beach (WAM,DLC); 7/31 8 Brattleboro (JJC). Least Sandpiper: 7/4 1 DCWMA (WGE); 7/13 1 Colchester Pt. (WAM); 7/27 1 Dorset Pond (EFG); 7/27 7 Shelburne Bay (WAM,DLC); 7/29 12 Blodgett's Beach (WAM). Dowitcher species: 7/30 1 DCWMA (MCD,JID). Common Snipe: 10 reports - J/J max. 6 Albany (TP); 6/16 3 Swanton (WAM,DLC); 6/16-28 1-3 Weybridge (MJN); 7/27 1 South Bay (JGG,RYG). American Woodcock: "fairly common in Chittenden County" (WDB); 6/6 1 ad. 2 yg. Shrewsbury (LPS); 7/29 1 Winhall (WJN). RED-NECKED PHALAROPE: 6/6 1 S. Londonderry (WJN). Bonaparte's Gull: 6/1 1 Prouty Beach (REG); 7/21 2 Lake Memphremagog (STH); 7/23 3 northern Lake Champlain (WGE). Ring-billed Gull: J/J 250 Lake Memphremagog (STH); 7/25 50+ DCWMA, 60+ S. Burlington (TEJ). Herring Gull: 6/1 1 Prouty Beach (REG); 6/26 5-6 Lake Memphremagog (FO et al); 7/14 1 DCWMA (MBN). Great Black-backed Gull: 6/15 Grand Isle (DJH); J/J 1-5 Lake Memphremagog (STH); 7/11 1 Burlington (RYG, JGG); 7/23 7 Champlain Islands (WGE). Common Tern: June 10 MNWR (JBG); 7/23 15 7 nests, Rock Island, 60 7 chicks Gull Rock, 30 Popasquash Island (WGE). Black Tern: June 76 MNWR (JBG); 6/1 5 BRM (REG); 6/16 20 Swanton (WAM,DLC); 7/5 10 ad. 2 im. DCWMA (MCD,JID); 7/11 38 ad. 8 yg. South Slang (MCD,JID); 7/23 32 MNWR (WGE).

WILLET



DOVES THROUGH KINGFISHER. While Rock Doves go virtually unreported, it is doubtful they are in any trouble. Mourning Dove reports were spread throughout the state with a high of 14 on the Post Mills Breeding Bird Survey (hereafter PMBBS) on 15 June. Ten reports of Black-billed Cuckoo are all of single birds, but only two Yellow-billed Cuckoos were seen. Two records for Eastern Screech-Owl totalled five birds. Great Horned Owls were reported in six towns. Our other common owl species, the Barred Owl, is "becoming scarce" in the Winhall area (WJN). An adult and a young SHORT-EARED OWL were seen in Waltham on 28 July, representing the fourth breeding record to RVB. Three of the seven reports of Common Nighthawks came from Woodstock, while the Whip-poor-will was heard at four localities. Chimney Swift records were the highest in three years with a high of 60+ in Middlebury on 15 June (TEJ). Good numbers of Ruby-throated Hummingbird were submitted although in S. Strafford there seemed to be "fewer than usual" (HR). Belted Kingfisher is a common species, widespread throughout Vermont. Two different totals of 8 individuals were seasonal highs.

Rock Dove: "usual numbers" (WJN). Mourning Dove: 13 reports - highs - 6/15 14 PMBBS (WGE); 6/30 8 Weybridge (MBN); 7/2 9 Gaysville Breeding Bird Survey (hereafter GBBS) (SBL); 7/16 7 Herrick's Cove (hereafter HC) (WJN). Black-billed Cuckoo: 6/1 1 Bennington College (NS); 6/17 1 S. Londonderry (WJN); 6/17 1 Winhall (WJN); 6/26 1 Cambridge (JGG,RYG); 7/4 1 Shelburne (WAM); 7/20 1 Dorset (EFG); 7/21 1 Brandon (SSW). Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 6/2 1 Black Branch (REG); 6/28 1 Dorset (EFG). Eastern Screech-Owl: June 3 South Hero (JDH); 7/2 2 Albany (TP). Great Horned Owl: 6/2 & 9 1 Dorset (EFG); 6/4 1 yg. Addison (TS); 6/10 Brandon (MWB); 7/9 family group Lake Bomoseen (JC); 7/22 pr. Mt. Tom (GH); 7/28 2 Weybridge (MCD,JID). Barred Owl: 6/1 pr. Woodstock (JMN); 6/17 1 yg. Woodstock (JMN); 6/26 1 Babcock Preserve (JGG,FO); 7/2 1 GBBS (SBL); 7/2 3 Shrewsbury (LPS); 7/9 2 Reading (FMH,GEH); J/J 2-3 Cambridge (JGG,RYG). SHORT-EARED OWL: 7/28 1 ad. 1 yg. Waltham (MCD,JID); 7/28 1 DCWMA (JJC). Common Nighthawk: 6/4-12 1-2 Woodstock (NLM,JMN,CRP); 6/8 2 St. Johnsbury (PFW,SAW); 6/15 1 Rutland (LPS); 6/23 2 Addison (PFW,MCD,JID); 7/12 2 Lyndonville (MCD,JID). Whip-poor-will: June 2-3 Fairfax (MJM); J/J 1 Woodstock (CRP); 6/17 1 Norwich (MJC); 7/9 1 Saxtons River (REG); 7/13 1 VINS (SBL). Chimney Swift: 20 reports - 7/2 14 GBBS (SBL); 7/4 20 Ripton (MBN); 7/27 30+ Shelburne Farms (WAM); 7/26 60+ Middlebury (TEJ). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 23 reports - highs - 6/10 4 Woodstock (JMN); 7/4 4 S. Albany (TP); 6/2 6 Barton (REG); 7/27 4 Marshfield (MFM); 7/28 3 Springweather Nature Area (hereafter SNA) (WME); 7/29 2 m. 3 f. N. Ferrisburg (MCD,JID). Belted Kingfisher: 24 reports - highs - June 5 MNWR (JBG); 7/4 8 Shelburne (WAM); 7/16 8 Lewis Creek (MCD,JID); 7/21 6 GBBS (SBL).

WOODPECKERS THROUGH HORNED LARK. Again this year only three records for the rare Red-headed Woodpecker were received. However, one was that of an adult carrying food, indicating a successful breeding attempt in Addison. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker and Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers were all well documented. Two sightings of Black-backed Woodpecker were nice finds, especially one in southern Vermont in Winhall (WJN). Northern Flicker and Pileated were noted by many observers. Only a half dozen Olive-sided Flycatchers were seen, probably owing to lack of coverage of proper habitat. The Eastern Wood-Pewee was noted by most contributors, with a high of 15 being recorded on 26 June in Reading

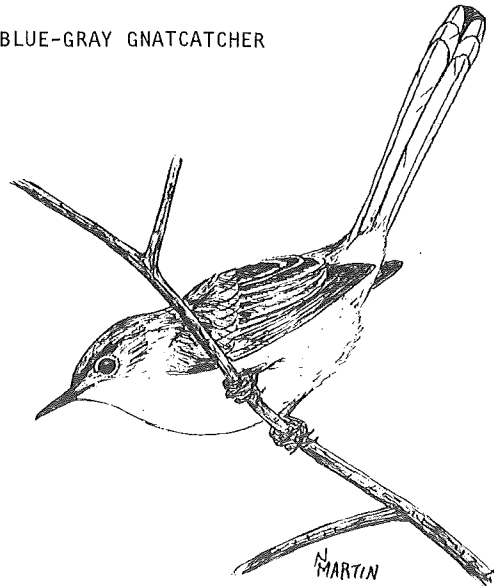
(FMH,GEH). Another flycatcher of a somewhat restricted habitat, the Yellow-bellied Flycatcher was seen at five locales. Two meticulously described nests were found on Mt. Mansfield in Stowe by Kristin Wood, each having four nestlings. Unfortunately in one of the nests the young were later found dead by the GMC caretaker 3 August. Alder Flycatchers out-numbered Willow Flycatchers two to one. Least Flycatcher, Eastern Phoebe, Great Crested Flycatcher, and Eastern Kingbird all received a large number of records. The only Horned Lark report came from the Champlain Valley.

Red-headed Woodpecker: 6/15 1 ad. Fairfax (LPR); 7/4 ad. (FY) Addison (TEG,BFG,CRW); 7/26 1 Cornwall (TEJ). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 16 reports - highs - 6/8 12 Reading (FMH,GEH); 6/12 3 MNWR (WAM,DLC); 7/27 1 ad. 3 yg. Cambridge (JGG,RYG); 4 banded Marshfield (MFM); "scarce" Woodstock (JMN). Downy Woodpecker: 24 reports - highs - J/J 3 pr. Cambridge (JGG,RYG); 6/28 4 Reading (FMH,GEH); 7/13 5 Colchester Point (WAM); "small numbers" (WJN). Hairy Woodpecker: 22 reports - highs - J/J 2-4 Cambridge (JGG,RYG); 7/7 2 prs. w/ yg. Woodstock (JMN); 7/24 3 Reading (FMH,GEH); "scarce" (WJN); "only one" Dorset (EFG). Black-backed Woodpecker: 6/4 1 m. Holland Pond (CCF); 6/10 1 Gale Meadows (hereafter GM) (WJN). Northern Flicker: 25 reports - highs - 7/2 7 GBBS (SBL); 7/15 8 Shelburne (WAM); 7/15 8 Colchester Point (WAM). Pileated Woodpecker: 17 reports - 7/5 3 Winhall (WJN); 7/30 3 DCWMA (MCD,JID). Olive-sided Flycatcher: 6/1 1 Barton (REG); 6/4 1 Holland Pond (CCF); 6/8 1 Reading (FMH,GEH); 6/14 1 Cabot (MCD,JID); J/J 1-2 Albany (TP); J/J 1 Sheffield (PFW). Eastern Wood-Pewee: 18 reports - highs - 6/26 15 Reading (FMH,GEH); 7/16 8 Lewis Creek (MCD,JID). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 6/2 1 Moose Bog (REG); 6/19 & 22 Wilmington (TEJ,JJC); 6/25 1 Bear Swamp (JGG); 7/18 1 Albany (TP); 7/21 2 ad. nest w/4 yg. Toll Road Stowe; 7/30 2 ad. nest w/4 yg. Wampahoofus Trail Stowe (KNW). Alder Flycatcher: 13 reports - highs - 6/10 17 Landgrove Breeding Bird Survey (hereafter LBBS) (ALG); 6/15 6 PMBBS (WGE). Willow Flycatcher: 7 reports - highs - 6/3 3 S. Londonderry (WJN); 7/23 4 Weybridge (MBN). Least Flycatcher: 16 reports - highs - 6/10 14 LBBS (ALG); 6/15 21 PMBBS (WGE); J/J 6 m. Woodstock (JMN). Eastern Phoebe: 21 reports - highs - 6/10 7 LBBS (ALG); 6/15 6 PMBBS (WGE); 7/2 10 GBBS (SBL); 7/16 2 ad. 4 yg. Woodstock (JMN). Great Crested Flycatcher: 22 reports - highs - 6/15 11 PMBBS (WGE); 7/16 17 Lewis Creek (MCD,JID). Eastern Kingbird: 25 reports - highs - 6/9 9 DCWMA (WAM); 6/15 10 PMBBS (WGE); 6/23 DCWMA (WAM); 7/4 8 S. Hero (WDB). Horned Lark: 6/8 DCWMA (WAM).

SWALLOWS THROUGH CREEPER. Purple Martins were found at established locations. Tree Swallows were evident everywhere although they were "not as numerous" in Randolph (EWC,MCC) and "less numerous" in Weybridge (MBN). The less common Northern Rough-winged Swallow received nine reports. Scattered reports of Bank Swallow were submitted, while the Cliff Swallow appeared to be doing fine. There were four to five colonies between Westford and St. Albans (MJM). Barn Swallows also had a good season. Blue Jay, American Crow and Common Raven sightings were in keeping with recent years. Black-capped Chickadee were numerous while only one Boreal Chickadee was seen, in Sheffield (PFW). Six Tufted Titmouse sightings included a pair with young at a feeder in Dorset (CSE). Red-breasted Nuthatch was described as "low" in Winhall (WJN) and "missing" in Woodstock (JMN). However, they received

their "best count since 1977" in So. Duxbury (FAP). No concern was expressed for White-breasted Nuthatch. A few scattered Brown Creepers were seen.

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BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER



Purple Martin: 6/2 1 Prouty Beach (REG); 6/15 15 Addison (MBN); 6/27 1 Newport (JGG); 7/28 15 Vergennes (MCD,JID). Tree Swallow: 24 reports - highs - J/J 21 Bartonville (TEJ); 6/14 30 Winhall (WJN); 7/20 60+ DCWMA (JRA); 7/30 500+ DCWMA (WAM, DLC). Northern Rough-winged Swallow: 9 reports - 7/7 8 Shelburne Beach (WAM); 7/23 4 The Gut (WGE). Bank Swallow: 11 reports - highs - 7/2 127 GBBS (SBL); 7/9 55+ HC (TEJ); 7/30 300 DCWMA (WAM,DLC). Cliff Swallow: 12 reports - highs - 7/18 30 Winhall (WJN); 7/26 50+ Lake Carmi (PJM). Barn Swallow: 19 reports - highs - 6/10 24 LBBS (ALG); 7/27 30 Colchester (WDB); 7/31 50 WRM (WJN). Blue Jay: 19 reports - highs - J/J 30 max. Cambridge (JGG,RYG); 6/15 13 PMBBS (WGE); 6/29 9 So. Duxbury (FAP) "low." American Crow: 18 reports - highs - 6/15 44 PMBBS (WGE); 7/2 30 GBBS (SBL); 7/27 25 HC (WJN). Common Raven: 13 reports - 6/6 5 GM (WJN); 6/19 S. Wilmington (TEJ,JJC); 7/7 5 Cabot (WJN); J/J 4 Albany (TP). Black-capped Chickadee: 19 reports - highs - 6/10 12 LBBS (ALG); 6/15 26 PMBBS (WGE); 6/24 13 Reading (FMH,GEH); 6/29 13 So. Duxbury (FAP); "seem low" (WJN). Boreal Chickadee: 7/6-10 1 Sheffield (PFW). Tufted Titmouse: 6/11 1 N. Westminster (REG); 6/9 1 Dorset (EFG); 6/22 1 Pownal (TEJ); 7/10 1 Chester (WJN); 7/16 1 HC (WJN); 7/19 pr. w/3 yg. Dorset (CSE). Red-breasted Nuthatch: 11 reports - highs - 6/24 9 Reading (FMH,GEH); 6/29 8 S. Duxbury (FAP). White-breasted Nuthatch: 17 reports - highs - 7/2 5 GBBS (SBL); 7/8 7 Shelburne Bay (WAM); 7/20 8 Reading (FMH,GEH). Brown Creeper: 9 reports - 6/1 2 Barton (REG); 6/22 2 Pownal (TEJ).

15 1 Sheffield (PFW); 6/1 7/14 1 W. Glover (REG); 6/14 1 Cabot (MCD,JID); 6/25 1 Dorset (EFG). Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 6/16 2 Colchester (WAM,DLC); 6/27 1 Bartonville (TEJ); 7/16 8 Lewis Creek (MCD,JID); 7/23 5 MNWR (WGE); 7/25 10 Lewis Creek (MCD,JID). Eastern Bluebird: 24 reports - highs - J/J 2 prs. 13 yg. S. Albany (TP); J/J 2 prs. 18 yg. Cavendish (TEJ); 7/14 2 ad. 2 yg. W. Glover (REG). Veery: 21 reports - highs - 6/15 16 PMBBS (WGE); 7/2 34 GBBS (SBL). Swainson's Thrush: 8 reports - 6/4 4 Job's Pond (CCF); 6/19 & 22 "good numbers" Wilmington (JJC); 7/17 3-4 Mt. Tom (TP); 1 banded Marshfield (MEM). Hermit Thrush: 21 reports - highs - 6/25 8 Reading (FMH,GEH); J/J 4 m. Woodstock (JMN); J/J 1-4 Winhall (WJN). Wood Thrush: 23 reports - highs - 6/10 12 LBBS (ALG); 6/15 15 PMBBS (WGE), 7/2 8 GBBS (SBL). American Robin: 23 reports - highs - 6/10 52 LBBS (ALG); 6/15 73 PMBBS (WGE); 7/2 44 GBBS (SBL); 7/14 50 Winhall (WJN). Gray Catbird: 21 reports - highs - 6/15 8 PMBBS (WGE); 7/2 7 GBBS (SBL); 7/27 15 HC (WJN). Northern Mockingbird: 13 reports - 7/6 2 Plainfield (MEM); 7/9 2 Charlotte (MCD,JID); singles Clarendon (LPS); Glover (REG); Colchester (WDB); Essex Jct. (RYG); Burlington (DL). Brown Thrasher: 19 reports - highs - 6/15 4 PMBBS (WGE); 6/24 5 Albany (TP); 6/24 2 ad. 1 yg. Woodstock (JMN). Cedar Waxwing: 20 reports - highs - 6/10 20 LBBS (ALG); 7/7 26 Reading (FMH,GEH); 7/16 20 HC (WJN); 7/28 22 Otter Creek (MCD,JID). European Starling: 16 reports - highs - 7/2 132 GBBS (SBL); 7/23 500 DCWMA (MBN).

WRENS THROUGH STARLING. The House Wren was widespread, while reports of Winter Wren were mostly single birds. WJN still considers them "scarce" in his area, and they are "around, but not as many as I'd like" in S. Duxbury (FAP). A fine count of seven was recorded on 2 July in Reading (FMH,GEH). Marsh Wrens were apparent in proper habitat. Four reports each were submitted for Golden-crowned and Ruby-crowned Kinglet. A count of seven for the former species in S. Duxbury is the "best since 1973" (FAP). Blue-gray Gnatcatchers are doing well along Lewis Creek and MNWR. The Eastern Bluebird had a good breeding season, especially in Albany and Cavendish where two pairs at each location fledged thirteen and eighteen young respectively! The numbers for Veery were "down" in Woodstock (JMN), but appear normal elsewhere. No Gray-cheeked Thrush reports were received. Only a few Swainson's Thrushes were seen. Hermit Thrush, Wood Thrush, and American Robin all had a good number of reports. However, the Hermit Thrush had a "trouble year" in Lincoln (JRA) and the Wood Thrush was "down" in Woodstock (JMN). Reports of Gray Catbird were the highest in three years. Northern Mockingbird and especially Brown Thrasher were widespread. The same can be said of Cedar Waxwing and European Starling.

VIREOS THROUGH WARBLERS. Only seven reports for Solitary Vireo were submitted. Yellow-throated, Warbling, and Red-eyed Vireo all were seen in good numbers. A single report of Blue-winged Warbler came from W. Brattleboro (JJC). A new site for breeding Golden-winged Warbler was found in Westford (MJM,PAT). Tennessee Warbler appeared at three locations. The Nashville Warbler received an average number of reports and Northern Parula was seen by only a few contributors. Yellow and Chestnut-sided Warblers were common. Magnolia Warbler sightings were up slightly. A single Cape May Warbler was seen. Black-throated Blue, Yellow-rumped, Black-throated Green and Blackburnian Warbler all had a fine showing. Pine Warbler was noted by three observers, while Prairie Warbler was present in Vershire and Woodstock. Only one sighting of Blackpoll Warbler occurred. While Black-

House Wren: 18 reports - highs - 6/15 10 PMBBS (WGE); 7/20 6 Woodstock (CRP); pair nested successfully in an insulator on a power pole in Fair Haven (EPA); Winter Wren: 13 reports - 7/2 7 Reading (FMH,GEH); scattered singles. Marsh Wren: 14 reports - highs - 7/5 45 DCWMA (MCD,JID); 7/11 43 South Slang (MCD,JID). Golden-crowned Kinglet: 6/2 1 Moose Bog (REG); 6/19 1 Wilmington (TEJ); 6/29 7 S. Duxbury (FAP); June 2 ad. 4 yg. Moose Bog (JGG,FO). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 6/2 7/11 &



and-white Warbler, American Redstart and Ovenbird were generally common, the latter species "appeared down for the second year in a row" in Woodstock (JMN). The number of Northern Waterthrush reports increased this year. Six Louisiana Waterthrushes were seen. Mourning Warbler sightings were way down. Common Yellowthroats were seen everywhere, while Canada Warbler sightings decreased slightly.

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TANAGER THROUGH SPARROWS. The Scarlet Tanager was much in evidence this summer. One particularly aggressive male "attacked" a woman in Lamoille County as she walked to her mailbox wearing a bright red skirt with black letters on it! The Northern Cardinal is doing very well in the southern half of the state. A high of six was seen in Chester on 10 July (WJN). The Rose-breasted Grosbeak is a very common summer resident, especially at those feeders still in operation during the summer months. Although an average number of records of Indigo Bunting were submitted, they were termed "down" in Lincoln (JRA) and Cambridge (JGG,RYG). While JGG and RYG found no Rufous-sided Towhees in Cambridge, TEJ had little trouble finding them in the southern part of the state. He accounted for eight of the nineteen records. Chipping and Field Sparrows both seemed fairly common this season, but the Vesper Sparrow was alarmingly low. It could "not be found in regular spots" (MCD,JID). Only one report was received. Savannah Sparrow was seen in average numbers. The uncommon Grasshopper Sparrow was seen at two locations, its known site at DCWMA and also in Arlington during the Vermont Bird Conference. Song Sparrows were everywhere. The less common Lincoln's Sparrow received six reports, which isn't bad for this species. Although a fairly common nester, most reports of Swamp Sparrow only included one or two individuals. However, the number of observers reporting this species doubled over the last three years. Most contributors included White-throated Sparrow in their summaries, however, they were called "scarce this year" by WJN and "few" by HR. The twelve records of Dark-eyed Junco are about average.

Solitary Vireo: 6/2 1 Black Branch (REG); 6/15 1 PMBBS (WGE); 7/15 1 Hazen's Notch (PJM); 7/20 7 Reading (FMH,GEH). Yellow-throated Vireo: 11 reports - highs - 6/15 3 PMBBS (WGE); 7/2 4 GBBS (SBL); J/J pr. Woodstock (JMN). Warbling Vireo: 15 reports - highs - J/J 1-5 Bartonsville (TEJ); 6/15 11 PMBBS (WGE); 7/2 5 GBBS (SBL). Red-eyed Vireo: 21 reports - highs - 6/10 32 LBBS (ALG); 6/15 62 PMBBS (WGE); 6/24 15 Reading (FMH,GEH); 7/2 30 GBBS (SBL). Blue-winged Warbler: 6/26 pr. (FY) W. Brattleboro (JJC). Golden-winged Warbler: 6/1-30 1-3 m. 6/23 f. (FY) Westford (MJM,PAT); 6/8 1 paired w/B.W. Warbler W. Brattle-boro (JJC). Tennessee Warbler: 6/1 1 W. Glover (REG); 6/14 2 Lyndonville (MCD,JID); 7/8 1 S. Strafford (HR). Nashville Warbler: 12 reports - highs - 6/15 4 PMBBS (WGE); 6/1-3 1-3 Woodstock (JMN); J/J 1-3 Bartonsville (TEJ). Northern Parula: 6/1 1 Reading (FMH,GEH); 6/2 Black Branch (REG); 6/7-21 1 m. Dorset (EFG); 6/28 1 Craftsbury (JGG); 7/5 1 Tyson (TEJ); 7/10 4 Reading (FMH, GEH). Yellow Warbler: 22 reports - highs - 6/10 13 LBBS (ALG); 6/15 9 PMBBS (WGE); 6/21 9 Bartonsville (TEJ); 7/13 6 Colchester Point (WAM). Chestnut-sided Warbler: 20 reports - highs - 6/10 11 LBBS (ALG); 6/15 20 PMBBS (WGE); 6/29 8 S. Duxbury (FAP). Magnolia Warbler - 13 reports - highs - 6/10 3 LBBS (ALG); 6/24 5 Reading (FMH, GEH). Cape May Warbler: 6/2 1 Winhall (WJN). Black-throated Blue Warbler: 15 reports - highs - 6/15 5 Reading (FMH,GEH); 6/29 7 S. Duxbury (FAP); 7/9 9 m. Lincoln Gap (JRA). Yellow-rumped Warbler: 17 reports - highs - 6/15 3 PMBBS (WGE); 6/17 6 Wilmington (TEJ,JJC); "amazingly none", Reading (HR). Black-throated Green Warbler: 16 reports - 6/2 3 Woodstock (JMN); 6/10 2 LBBS (ALG); 6/15 2 PMBBS (WGE); 7/27 3 Lincoln Gap (TEJ). Blackburnian Warbler: 12 reports - highs - 6/24 13 Reading (FMH,GEH); 6/29 4 S. Duxbury (FAP). Pine Warbler: 6/3 1 ad. 1 im. N. Cavendish (TEJ); 6/4 1 Button Bay (MCD,JID); 6/15 1 PMBBS (WGE). Prairie Warbler: 6/4-11 1 VINS (NLM); 6/23 1 Vershire (BL). Blackpoll Warbler: 6/19 5 Wilmington (TEJ,JJC). Black-and-white Warbler: 16 reports - 6/15 7 PMBBS (WGE); 6/21 5 Perkinsville (TEJ); 7/2 6 GBBS (SBL). American Redstart: 26 reports - 6/15 24 PMBBS (WGE); 6/21 9 Bartonsville (TEJ); 7/2 16 GBBS (SBL); 4 banded Marshfield (MFM). Ovenbird: 20 reports - highs - 6/9 18 Reading (FMH,GEH); 6/15 13 PMBBS (WGE); 6/22 10 Pownal (TEJ); 7/2 14 GBBS (SBL). Northern Waterthrush: 13 reports - 3 banded Marshfield (MFM); 6/13 2 Cabot (MCD,JID); 6/27 2-3 Babcock Preserve (JGG,FO). Louisiana Waterthrush: 6/20 1 Reading (FMH,GEH); 6/22 1 Pownal (TEJ); 6/24 1 m. W. Brattleboro (JJC); 7/1 1 Grafton 1 Bellows Falls (TEJ); J/J 1 Bartonsville (TEJ). Mourning Warbler: 6/29 4 S. Duxbury (FAP); 6/29 4 Reading (FMH,GEH). Common Yellowthroat: 22 reports - highs - 6/10 20 LBBS (ALG); 6/15 55 PMBBS (WGE); 6/21 11 Cavendish (TEJ); 7/2 17 GBBS (SBL); 7/4 12 Ripton (MBN). Canada Warbler: 11 reports - highs - 6/19 5 Wilmington (TEJ,JJC); 7/27 12 Reading (FMH,GEH); 3 banded Marshfield (MFM).

Scarlet Tanager: 21 reports - highs - 6/15 2 PMBBS (WGE); 6/24 5 Reading (FMH,GEH); 7/2 4 GBBS (SBL); 7/7 6 Chester (WJN). Northern Cardinal: 23 reports - highs - J/J 2-4 Burlington (WAM); 6/14 5 Weybridge (MBN); 7/10 6 Chester (WJN); "well distributed-seen on every birding trip" (MCD,JID). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 29 reports - highs - J/J 4-5 S. Strafford (HR); 6/14 3 pr. Cambridge (JGG,RYG); 6/26 7 N. Ferrisburg (MCD, JID). Indigo Bunting: 19 reports - highs - 6/15 7 PMBBS (WGE); 7/2 11 GBBS (SBL); 7/4 5 Colchester (WDB). Rufous-sided Towhee: 19 reports - highs - 6/19 3 W. Brattleboro (TEJ,JJC); 6/22 3 Pownal (TEJ); 7/2 4 m. Lincoln (JRA); 7/7 4 Chester (WJN). Chipping Sparrow: 27 reports - highs - 6/10 15 LBBS (ALG); 6/15 17 PMBBS (WGE); 6/27 6 Chester-Grafton (TEJ); 7/2 9 GBBS (SBL). Field Sparrow: 15 reports - highs - 6/21 4 Colchester (WDB); 6/26 3 Wolcott (JGG); 7/9 2 ad. 3 yg. VINS (JMN). Vesper Sparrow: 6/15 2 DCWMA (WAM,DLC). Savannah Sparrow: 12 reports - 6/15 5 PMBBS (WGE); 6/15 21 DCWMA (WAM,DLC); 6/16 8 Swanton (WAM,DLC). Grasshopper Sparrow: 6/15 2 DCWMA (WAM,DLC); 6/23 Arlington (WGE,NLM, et al). Song Sparrow: 24 reports - highs - 6/15 44 PMBBS (WGE); 7/2 25 GBBS (SBL); 7/28 23 Otter Creek (MCD,JID). Lincoln's Sparrow: J/J 1 Sheffield (PFW); 1 banded Marshfield (MFM); 6/2 Moose Bog (REG); 6/19 2 Sunderland (TEJ,JJC); 7/7 1 N. Ferrisburg (MCD,JID). Swamp Sparrow: 13 reports - 6/16 5 MCWMA (WAM,DLC); 7/5 10 DCWMA (MCD,JID); "scarce this year" (WJN). White-throated Sparrow: 22 reports - highs - 6/15 12 PMBBS (WGE); 7/2 10 GBBS (SBL); 7/4 10 Ripton (MBN); 3 banded Marshfield (MFM); 7/16 8 Reading (FMH,GEH). Dark-eyed Junco: 12 reports - 6/24 6 Reading (FMH,GEH); 6/30 5 Sugarbush (JRA); 7/2 5 GBBS (SBL).

BOBOLINK THROUGH HOUSE SPARROW. Despite its preference for nesting in hayfields about to be mowed,

the Bobolink remains a common species. The Red-winged Blackbird was reported by many, as was the Eastern Meadowlark. Only two reports were received for the Rusty Blackbird, a species with more restrictive habitat requirements. Common Grackle and Brown-headed Cowbird were commonly seen. The Orchard Oriole nested again at the same site in Addison as it did in 1984. Northern Orioles were present throughout the state. While many contributors reported Purple Finch, this species was "not seen" in Dorset (EFG) and "missing" in S. Duxbury (FAP). The House Finch continues to expand at a rapid rate, with one albino bird reported from Weybridge (MBN). Six reports for Pine Siskin came from the northern half of the state. American Goldfinch was very well documented, including a photograph of one partially albino bird at a feeder in Barnard (EBr). The Evening Grosbeak breeds in the Green Mountains, so, were the two seen at DCWMA on 27 July early migrants? Finally, the House Sparrow remains common in cities, towns and barnyards.

ORCHARD ORIOLE



Bobolink: 20 reports - highs - 6/10 17 LBBS (ALG); 7/28 20+ Lake Carmi (PJM); 7/30 250 DCWMA (MCD,JID). Red-winged Blackbird: 18 reports - highs - 6/15 48 PMBBS (WGE); 6/16 50 HC (WJN); 7/27 20 Colchester (WDB). Eastern Meadowlark: 16 reports - highs - 6/15 7 DCWMA (WAM,DLC); 6/26 4-5 Albany (TP). Rusty Blackbird: 6/19 2 Wilmington (JJC,TEJ); 6/14 2 Cabot (MCD,JID). Common Grackle: 20 reports - highs - 7/2 68 GBBS (SBL); 7/14 130+ Bartonville (TEJ). Brown-headed Cowbird: 19 reports - highs - 6/15 23 PMBBS (WGE); 7/30 200 S. Albany (TP). Orchard Oriole: 6/15 pr. Addison (WAM,DLC); 6/22 pr. m.(FY) Addison (MJM) young fledged 6/28; 6/23 1 DAR State Park (WAM). Northern Oriole: 24 reports - 6/15 10 PMBBS (WGE); 6/21 9 Bartonville (TEJ); 6/26 5 N. Ferrisburg (MCD, JID). Purple Finch: 20 reports - J/J 8-18 S. Albany (TP); J/J 6-8 S. Strafford (-HR); J/J 7-8 Cambridge (RYG,JGG); 7/6 15 Plainfield (MFM). House Finch: 18 reports - "abundant UVM campus" (WDB); 9/27 40 (1 albino) Weybridge (MBN); 7/29 18 Springfield (WME). Pine Siskin: 6/1 present Barton (REG); 6/2 12 Plainfield (MFM); 6/3 12 S. Lincoln (MCD); 6/4-19 6 S. Albany (TP); 6/7 1 Sheffield (PFW); 6/11 1 Woodstock (TEJ). American Goldfinch: 26 reports - highs - 6/5 12 Reading (FMH,GEH); J/J 4-10 S. Albany (TP); 6/10 16 LBBS (ALG); 7/27 25 Colchester (WDB). Evening Grosbeak: J/J 3-7 incl. yg. S. Albany (TP); 7/12 2 Plainfield (MFM); 7/23-26 50+ S. Lincoln (TEJ); 7/27 2 DCWMA (WAM,DLC); 7/30 20+ Bartonville (TEJ). House Sparrow: "taking a back seat to House Finches" in Weybridge (MBN); 7/2 143 GBBS (SBL).

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THE TEXT

- BRM - Barton River Marsh
- DCWMA - Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area
- GM - Gale Meadows
- GBBS - Gaysville Breeding Bird Survey Route
- HC - Herrick's Cove
- LBBS - Landgrove Breeding Bird Survey Route
- MNWR - Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge
- MCWMA - Mud Creek Wildlife Management Area
- PMBBS - Post Mills Breeding Bird Survey Route
- SNA - Springweather Nature Area
- VBC - Vermont Bird Conference
- WRM - West Rutland Marsh

- ad. - adult
- f. - female
- fl. - fledgling
- FY - feeding young
- im. - immature
- J/J - June and July
- m. - male
- max. - maximum
- Mt. - mountain
- NE - nest with eggs
- NY - nest with young
- pr. - pair
- Pt. - point
- yg. - young

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This report was inadvertently omitted from the 1984 Summer RVB: Bald Eagle, imm., 2nd year plumage, 6/19/84, South Bay, Newport.

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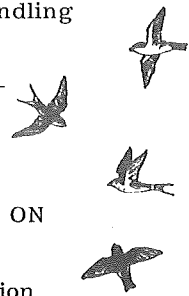
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