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## SPRING MIGRATION 1986

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For the second year in a row, we were treated to a warmer than average spring which was drier than normal in many places.

The winter of 1985-86 was somewhat different from the preceding one in that there were no major thawing periods during December - February. The temperatures were consistently cold; however the cold was not extreme in most localities, but many nights were in the 0° to -10° F. range. Snowfall was lighter than average with no "mammoth" snowstorms, and for the second year in a row it was heavier in the north than in the south. March was characterized by alternating very cold and very warm periods, with record temperatures being set both for high and low readings, especially in the second half of the month. There was also some flooding, thunderstorms, and several periods of damaging high winds. The month's temperatures averaged about 3° F. warmer than normal. Snowfall for the month was below normal, particularly in the south. The highest temperature at Burlington was 76° F. on March 30 and the lowest was -3° F. on March 8.

April continued the pattern set in March, only this time the warm periods greatly outnumbered the cold ones, and this turned out to be the warmest April since 1968 and the fifth warmest in the 92 years of record keeping. It was also abnormally dry, 1 1/2 inches below normal, for the driest April since 1966. The warm periods produced many warm days, including several with temperatures in the 70's and even 80's. At Burlington the highest temperature was 85° F. on April 29. The minimum for the month was 24° F. on April 5.

In May temperatures were warmer than normal for the third straight month. May averaged 3° F. warmer than normal, and the three-month average (March-May) was almost 4° warmer than the long-term mean. This was the second warmest spring since 1945, and the seventh warmest in 92 years of record keeping for this statistic. The precipitation for the month was uneven, heavier in the north than in the south. The last really cold period in the month was early, with a cold front pushing through late on May 1 bringing showers, and in some areas damaging winds - temperatures dropped into the 20's everywhere during this period, and there was some snow in places. By the 5th a warm front had returned and the temperatures had returned to normal. From then on it warmed up and by the 18th or so there had even been a few days in the 90's.

Thunderstorms rumbled across the state frequently in late May, with some hail and damaging winds, an ominous forerunner of things to come in the summer period. The northern part of the state was treated to flooding, power outages, and like miseries. May, on the whole, despite the warm temperatures, had less than the normal amount of sunshine. The warmest temperature at Burlington was 87° F. on May 29, the minimum was 30° F. on May 3 (although it was consider-

ably colder during that period in most other places).

What did this mean for the migration? For one thing, the waterfowl migration peaked in late March, and as the ice disappeared to the north of us, the waterfowl went through rapidly in early April, and by April 10 most of them were gone, in contrast to some years when they stage in numbers in the lower Connecticut River Valley and other areas.

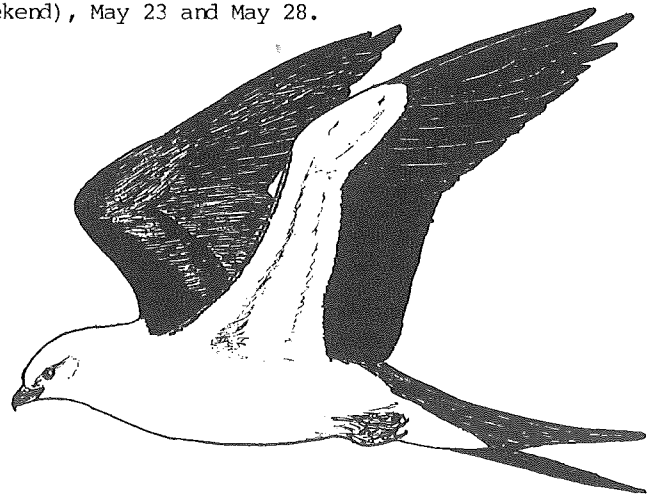
The warm temperatures in early April caused early records to surface on many tropical wintering migrants, some of them so very early that they would have been outstanding in the New York City area, some 200 miles to the south of us.

Following the cold front of May 1-5 a warm front and a foggy, drizzly period around May 6, there was a major dropout of passerine migrants just about all over the state. Birds moved through rapidly in May and the land bird migration was concluded earlier than usual, except for a few normally late-arriving species.

The rainy periods in late May caused dropouts of shorebirds that normally over-fly Vermont in the spring, enroute from the coast to their arctic breeding grounds. This was especially noticeable in the lower Connecticut Valley - at the Retreat Meadows (Brattleboro) and Roundy's Cove (Rockingham). The Ellison team on May 17 (Birdathon) recorded many shorebirds by call, passing over in the foggy pre-dawn hours in the Northeast Kingdom.

As far as recent declines of woodland passerines are concerned, the results are mixed; some observers commented on the scarcity of warblers, others considered them abundant. Weather-induced dropouts probably had much to do with this. Many people commented on the scarcity of the five thrush species. More on this in the summer report.

As far as waves were concerned, the warm weather produced a more or less continuous flow of migrants. Days most mentioned as productive were April 29-May 1 and May 6-7, before and after the cold spell, including the foggy day May 6 with many dropouts. Also mentioned were May 11, May 17-18 (Birdathon weekend), May 23 and May 28.



AMERICAN SWALLOW-TAILED KITE

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We had, as usual, a few rarities, maybe a few less than last year. GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE (race flavirostris), HARLEQUIN DUCK, AMERICAN SWALLOW-TAILED KITE, GOLDEN EAGLE, SANDHILL CRANE, RED PHALAROPE, WHITE-EYED VIREO.

Others of interest, somewhat less rare, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, several Bald Eagles, Spruce Grouse, Purple Sandpiper, Glaucous Gull, Iceland Gull, Snowy Owl, Carolina Wren, "Brewster's" Warbler (several), Orchard Oriole (several).

As mentioned before, the warm spring produced many early arrivals - the following are the most noteworthy: Broad-winged Hawk, Sora, Pectoral Sandpiper, Northern Flicker, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Eastern Phoebe, Eastern Kingbird, Tree Swallow, House Wren, Swainson's Thrush, Tennessee Warbler, Cape May Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Pine Warbler, Ovenbird, Grasshopper Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Bobolink.

The Birdathon was held mostly on May 17, some on May 18. For a change the weather held fairly good, the rain did not commence until the evening of the 18th. 180 species (and one hybrid) were seen. The top list was 141 species by the team of George and Walter Ellison, Nancy Martin and Dan Crook. The team of Don Clark, Tait Johansson, Jeremy Coleman and Ray Griffin had 131 species and 127 species were seen by Chris Kibbe, Midge and Don Clark. Betty Rist, Mark and Connie Youngstrom had 116 species on May 18. Betty Rist and Sally Laughlin had 116 species on May 17. Hugh Putnam and Eleanor Ellis had 107 species and John and Margaret Dye had 104 species. 228 species (and 1 hybrid) were reported for Spring 1986.

#### LOONS AND GREBES

Common Loon: first 2 3/27 Pomfret/Hartford (DB), 1 4/5 Lake Champlain (ATA), 1 4/12 Champlain Islands (WAM,DLC), 3 4/13 Lake Iroquois-Hinesburg (WAM), 2 4/15 Prouty Beach-Newport (fide PFW). Recorded widely after that, both seen and heard through the period. High count: 4 pairs 5/17 Burlington area (ES). A bird was picked up grounded at Smuggler's Notch 5/27, released at Lake Waterbury, apparently okay (BeD). Pied-billed Grebe: first 1 3/12 Vernon (REG), 1 3/29 Rutland (CJF), 1 4/1 Retreat Mdws.-Brattleboro (hereafter RM) (JJC), 1 4/5 Dead Creek WMA-Addison (hereafter DCWMA) (ATA,WAM), 2 4/5 RM (JJC), 1 4/9 Rockingham (WJN), 2 4/15 Springweather NA (WJN). High counts: 4 5/31 West Rutland Marsh (hereafter WRM) by canoe--calling birds (SBL,BLR), 4 5/17 Barton River Marshes (hereafter BRM) (GFE,WGE,NLM,DHC). A peak population of 20 at Missisquoi NWR (hereafter MNWR) (JBG). Horned Grebe: 1 4/3 Shelburne (WAM), 15 4/11 Grand Isle (RBL) the high count, 1 4/13 Berlin Pond (MFM), 1 4/14 Lake Dumore (SSW), 1 4/14 Rockingham Overlook (WJN), 11 4/16 Shoreham (ELW), 4 5/5 Milton (BD), 2 5/6 Lake Dumore (JID,MCD). Red-necked Grebe: 15 4/11 Grand Isle (RBL) the high count, 10 4/14 Lake Dumore (SSW), 1 5/5 Milton (BD), 1 5/17 Connecticut R. at Bellows Falls (DC,REG,TEJ,JJC,EE,HSP,CDK et al.).

#### CORMORANT THROUGH HERONS

Double-crested Cormorant ever increasing throughout, not only in the Champlain Valley. First 2 4/4 Winooski R. Delta (hereafter WRD) (JDM), 1 4/9 Rockingham Overlook (WJN), 11 4/12 Champlain Islands (WAM,DLC), 3 4/13 Rockingham (WGE), 30 4/20 Pantou (WGE,NLM), 1 4/22 Grand Isle (DJH). The high count was 416 5/17 at the Young Isl. breeding area (RBL). Late dates away from the breeding areas: 1 5/28 Roundy's Cove (Rockingham) (WJN), 4-7 5/31 Newport (ELW,REG). American Bittern: first 1 4/11 WRM (LPS) early, 1 4/14 Leicester Jct. (SSW), 1 4/18 Hyde Park

(DMT), 2 4/20 DCWMA (WGE,NLM), 1 Coventry, 3 Newport 4/20 (REG), 3 4/27 N.E. Kingdom (WAM,DLC,BLR), 3 4/29 WRM (WJN). High count: 7 5/31 WRM (SBL,BLR). Peak of 25 at MNWR (JBG). Least Bittern: 2 5/17 WRM (WJN), 1 5/18 WRM (NER,GB), 4 5/31 WRM (SBL,BLR), peak of 10 at MNWR (JBG). Great Blue Heron: first 1 3/19 MNWR (JBG), 1 3/22 Rutland (CJF), 1 3/25 Leicester Jct. (SSW), 1 3/26 RM (JJC), 1 3/26 Herrick's Cove-Rockingham (hereafter HC) (WJN), on 3/27 3 HC (TEJ), 1 Woodstock (JDL,WGE,NLM), 2 MNWR (JBG), 1 3/28 Grand Isle (DJH), on 3/29 1 Westminster 1 Bellows Falls (TEJ,DC), 11 Champlain Valley (JDM), 1 Sheffield Hts. (PFW,SAW), 1 Colchester Pt. (WAM,DLC), 1 3/31 Montpelier (MFM). High count: 26 5/18 Champlain Valley (JDM). A peak of 1276 at MNWR and young birds at nest there 5/27 (JBG). Great Egret: one reported in May at MNWR (JBG) date not given. Snowy Egret: 1 5/17 Young Isl.-Grand Isle returned to nesting site (RBL), 1 5/22 Roundy's Cove (REG). Cattle Egret: 1 4/20 Charlotte (WAM), 1 4/25 Grand Isle (DJH), 2 5/8-11 Vernon (PM), 5/18 Young Isl. - back nesting (RBL). Green-backed Heron: 1 4/27 Dorset (EFG), 1 4/30 Howe's Horse Ranch-So. Londonderry (WJN), 1 4/30 Shelburne (WAM), 1 5/5 Montpelier (MFM). High count: 3 several times. Peak of 20 at MNWR (JBG). Black-crowned Night-Heron: 1 5/2 Shelburne, 1 5/11 Colchester (WAM), on 5/17 1 Burlington Intervale (WGE,NLM,GFE,DHC), 1 Shelburne (JDM,WAM), 1 DCWMA (ATA,LPS), 1 5/20 Shelburne (WAM), 2 5/22 Brattleboro (fide DUW), 4 5/25 DCWMA (WAM). Peak of 25 at MNWR (JBG).

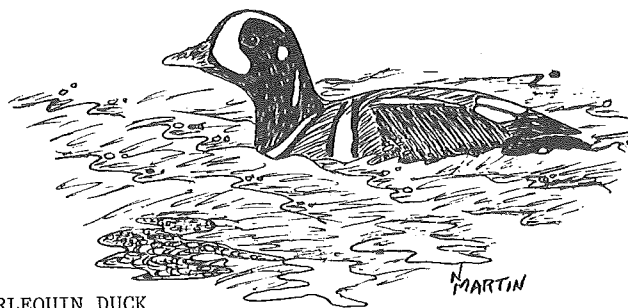
#### WATERFOWL

MNWR high counts are separated from the others.

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE (race flavirostris): 1 ad. 5/6-9 Roundy's Cove (WGE,JJC,REG). Last year the writer saw a bird briefly 5/19 at nearby HC; believed to be an imm. of this species and race. The thought occurs that this could be the same bird, now an adult, taking the same route on its journey back to Greenland. Snow Goose: 4 3/23 DCWMA (WAM), 300 3/24 DCWMA (MBN), 150 3/25 MNWR (JBG), on 3/27 57 Plainfield-240 Marshfield (NER,BMP), 80 HC (TEJ), 150 Whiting (SSW), on 3/28 300 Quechee (JDL), 100 +/- Burlington (GEB), 250 Sheffield Hts. (fide PFW), 8 Grand Isle (DJH), 800 3/29 Alburt (WAM,DLC) the high count, 80 3/29 Bellows Falls (TEJ,DC), 5 3/30 Winhall (WJN); widespread in April. Late dates: 1 5/3 DCWMA (ELW), 1 5/17 DCWMA (m. ob.). A "Blue Goose" morph 4/28 DCWMA (WGE,NLM). Canada Goose: 1 3/17 E. Dorset (RuS), 1 3/22 Westminster (TEJ,DC,REG), 1 3/22 Vernon, (JJC), on 3/23 500 DCWMA (WAM), "hundreds" Grand Isle (DJH), 6 Brandon (SSW), 2 Winhall (WJN), 70 3/24 Grand Isle (WGE,NLM), 590 3/24 DCWMA (MBN), 3/26 25 Reading (FMH,GEH), "flock" Topsham (EM,AM), 150 MNWR (JBG). Widespread after that, with numbers of presumably feral birds around through May. The high count was 2600 4/5 Cornwall (MBN); f. on eggs by 4/20 DCWMA (WGE,NLM), 6 goslings by 5/29 at a pond Pomfret/Hartford (DB). Wood Duck: first 1 3/18 Vernon (JJC,TEJ), 5 Westminster 2 RM 3/22 (TEJ,REG,WGE,NLM), 10 3/22 Clarendon/Otter Ck. (CJF), 2 3/23 DCWMA (WAM), 1 3/25 Bartonville (TEJ), 2 3/26 Springweather NA (WJN), on 3/27 2 Grand Isle (RBL), 8 Rockingham Overlook, 7 HC (TEJ), 4 Leicester Jct. (SSW), 8 3/28 E. Dorset (RuS), 1 3/28 Shelburne (WAM), 10-20 3/29 Springweather NA (WME,WJN,DC,TEJ), 4 3/29 Sand Bar WMA-Milton (hereafter SBWMA) (JDM), 2 5/29 Addison (MBN). Widespread after that. High count: 35 4/5 Rutland/Clarendon (CJF). Peak of 150 MNWR 5/9 (JBG). Green-winged Teal: 6 Clarendon 3 Rutland 3/23 (CJF), 6 3/27 Leicester Jct. (SSW), 8 Bartonville 4 Rockingham 3/27 (TEJ), on 3/29 10 Springfield Mdws. (WJN,DC,TEJ), 6 Thetford (WGE,NLM), 7 Burlington Intervale (JDM), 22 3/30 Otter Ck. Valley (WGE,NLM), 2 3/31 RM

(JJC). Some late dates: 2 5/17 DCWMA (m. ob.), 2 5/17 Rockingham (WJN), 1 5/18 Addison (JSA,KMA,WME), 2 5/24 DCWMA (MBN), 1 5/25 DCWMA (WAM). High counts: 61 4/19 Burlington Intervale (WAM), 60 4/16 MNWR (JBG). American Black Duck overwintered in many areas; where it did not - 1 3/1 Westminster (REG), 2 3/10 Bartonville (TEJ), 3 3/15 WRM (RWP), 150 3/23 DCWMA (WAM), 50 3/24 DCWMA (MBN), 100 3/25 MNWR (JBG), 8 3/25 Leicester (SSW), 150 3/26 Springfield Mdws./HC (WJN), 60 3/27 Rockingham/HC (TEJ), 4 3/28 E. Dorset (RuS). High counts: 700 4/5 Cornwall (MBN), 350 4/7 MNWR (JBG). Mallard overwintered in many areas. Other dates: 2 3/1 Westminster (REG), 24 3/15 WRM (RWP), 4 3/16 Westminster (TEJ), 30 3/20 Manchester (RuS), 8 3/23 DCWMA (WAM), 18 3/24 Weybridge (MBN), 10 3/25 Leicester Jct. (SSW), 50 3/26 Springfield Mdws./HC (WJN), 32 3/27 Rockingham/HC (TEJ). High counts: 126 3/30 Otter Creek Valley (WGE,NLM), 200 5/1 MNWR (JBG). Northern Pintail: 2 3/15 WRM (RWP), 2 3/20 Woodstock (CRP), 11 3/20 Brattleboro (JJC), 3 3/24 S. Hero (WGE,NLM), 1 3/24 DCWMA (MBN), 7 3/25 Leicester Jct. (SSW), 7 3/26 HC (WJN), 4 3/27 HC (TEJ), 6 3/27 Swanton (RBL), 8 3/29 WRD (JDM), 4 3/29 Springfield Mdws. (TEJ,NLM), 39 3/30 Otter Creek Valley (WGE,NLM). Late date: 1 5/11 Burlington Intervale (WAM). High counts: 50 4/5 Cornwall (MBN), 110 4/1 MNWR (JBG). Blue-winged Teal: 1 3/24 Brattleboro (JJC), 2 Weybridge 3 Salisbury 3/30 (WGE,NLM), 1 4/2 Woodstock (WGE), 4 4/4 Lamoille R. (JDM), on 4/5 2 Springfield (REG), 2 DCWMA (JRA), 5 DCWMA (WAM), 8 4/6 Alburg (WAM), 10 4/6 Burlington (GEB), 5 4/8 Shelburne (WAM), 12 4/12 Champlain Isl. (WAM), 4 4/16 Burlington (GEB), 2 4/19 Weybridge (MBN), 10 4/20 DCWMA (WGE,NLM), 2 4/22 Springfield Mdws. (WJN), 2 4/24 Lake Carmi (PJM). High counts: 32 5/4 DCWMA (WAM), 50 5/9 MNWR (JBG). Northern Shoveler: 1 3/28 Leicester Jct. (SSW), 3 3/29 Burlington Intervale (JDM), 2 3/30 Burlington Intervale (JDM,DLC,WAM), 1 3/31 Leicester (MBN), 5 4/1 and 3 4/4 MNWR (JBG), 2 4/7 Leicester (ELW), 5 4/12 Champlain Isl. (WAM,DLC), 1 4/13 DCWMA (WAM), 2 4/13 Leicester Jct. (SSW), 3 4/20 DCWMA (WGE,NLM,WAM), 5 4/26 DCWMA (WGE,NLM,MBN), 2 5/3 DCWMA (ELW), 3 5/11 DCWMA (JRA). High count: 5 several times. Gadwall: 2 3/22 RM (m. ob.), 10 3/28 Burlington Intervale (GEB), 2 3/29 Grand Isle (WAM,DLC), 11 Weybridge 2 DCWMA 3/30 (WGE,NLM), 2 3/30 RM (JJC), 40 4/1 MNWR (JBG) the high count, 3 4/4 Burlington Intervale (JDM), 2 4/5 DCWMA (WAM), 1 4/12 Grand Isle (WAM,DLC), 2 4/14 Leicester Jct. (SSW), 4 5/4 DCWMA (JRA), 1 5/12,17 Lewis Creek (JID,MCD). American Wigeon: 1 3/15 WRM (RWP), 2 3/24 Grand Isle (WGE,NLM), 4 3/25 Leicester Jct. (SSW), 2 HC 2 Springfield Mdws. 3/26 (WJN), on 3/29 7 Burlington/Swanton (JDM), 1 Bellows Falls, 5 HC, 4 Springfield Mdws. (TEJ,DC), 2 Spring-weather NA (WJN), 20 3/30 Otter Creek Valley (WGE,NLM), 12 3/31 Leicester Jct. (MBN), 2 3/31 RM (JJC), 3 4/4 Burlington Intervale (JDM), 4 4/5 Springfield (REG), 1 4/5 Button Bay SP (ATA), 2 4/5 HC (WJN), 3 4/6 Alburg (WAM), 24 4/12 Burlington/Grand Isle (WAM,DLC) the high count, 2 4/16 MNWR (JBG), 2 4/20 DCWMA (WGE,NLM), 2 5/4 Mud Creek (WAM), 1 5/11 Burlington Intervale (WAM), 1 5/17 Sudbury (SH). Peak of 10 4/16 MNWR (JBG). Canvasback: 50 +/- 3/24 S. Hero (WGE,NLM) high count, 21 SBWMA-Grand Isle 3/29 (WAM,DLC), 3 SBWMA 15 Alburg 3/29 (JDM), 4 3/30 Vernon (JJC), 40 SBWMA 5 N. Hero 4/4 (JDM), 1 4/15 Long Pt.-Lake Champlain (JID,MCD), 11 4/24 Alburg (RBL). Ring-necked Duck: 3 3/24 (WGE,NLM) 37 3/26 (RBL) Grand Isle, 9 3/26 Hartland (JMN), 5 3/26 Springfield Boat Landing (WJN), 7 3/27 HC (TEJ), 15 3/27 Leicester Jct. (SSW), 5 3/28 Shelburne Bay (WAM), 100+ 3/29 Springfield Mdws.-Roundy's-HC (WJN,DC,TEJ) the high count, on 3/29 59 Shelburne-Mud Creek (WAM,DLC), 8 Spring-weather NA (WME), 3 Rutland (CJF), 49 WRD 5 Burlington 10 Alburg (JDM), on 3/30 60 Otter Ck. Valley (WGE,NLM), 84 Vernon (JJC), 3 Rochester (WGE,NLM), 7 3/31

Leicester (MBN). Late dates - "through period" Thurman W. Dix Reservoir (hereafter TWD Res.) (ATA), 26 5/4 Champlain Isl. (WAM), 14 5/5 Lake Carmi (PJM), 1 5/17 Orange (DL,JaL). Peak of 1200 MNWR 4/1 (JBG). Greater Scaup: 1 3/12 Bellows Falls (JJC), 6 3/15 mouth of the Ottaquechee R. (JoG), 18 3/24 S. Hero (WGE,NLM), 2 3/29 WRD (JDM), 2 4/1 HC (WJN), 150 4/4 SBWMA (JDM) the high count, 1 4/5 Roundy's Cove (REG), 4 4/6 Rockingham (WGE,NLM), 4 4/7 Shoreham (ELW), 1 4/9 HC (WJN), 3 4/12 L. Bomoseen (CJF), 45 4/12 Champlain Isl. (WAM,DLC). Lesser Scaup: 6 3/27 Leicester Jct. (SSW), 1 3/29 HC (WJN), 1 3/29 WRD (JDM), 5 4/1 HC-Roundy's Cove (WJN), 1 4/3 Coventry (PFW,SAW), 2 4/5 HC (WJN), 2 4/9 Roundy's Cove (WJN), 2 5/3 L. Fairlee (WGE,NLM). Scaup sp.: 63 3/29 Burlington to Champlain Isl. (WAM,DLC), 9 3/29 Alburg (JDM), 4 3/30 Shelburne Bay (WAM), 2 4/3 2 4/25 Shelburne Bay (WAM), 3 4/4 WRD-SBWMA (JDM), 3 4/12 Panton (MBN), 2 4/13 Coventry (PFW), 3 5/4 Champlain Isl. (WAM). Oldsquaw: 2 3/27 Leicester Jct. (SSW), 1 4/4 Shelburne (WAM), 2 4/12 Timmouth Pond (CJF), 2 4/15,17 4 4/18,19 Charlotte (WAM), 1 5/25 Grand Isle (RBL). HARLEQUIN DUCK: drake 3/15 Connecticut R. at Ottaquechee R. Jct. (JoG,GWG) 8th state record--perhaps a carryover from the winter--seen in Feb. '86.



HARLEQUIN DUCK

Black Scoter: 2 3/25 Leicester Jct. (SSW). Surf Scoter: 2 5/19 L. Fairlee (REG). White-winged Scoter: 2 5/3 L. Fairlee (WGE,NLM), 1 5/8 L. Pineo-quechee (WGE), 1 5/17 McCuen Slang-Addison (EFG), 1 5/17 Arlington (RSK,ERK,BCD). Common Goldeneye overwintered at White River Jct. (WGE): 1 3/1 Westminster (REG), 2 3/8 Bellows Falls (MPH), on 3/16 3 Otter Ck.-Rutland (CJF), 14 Westminster Sta. (TEJ), 1 White River Jct. (JMN), 60 3/18 Bellows Falls (JJC,TEJ), 70 3/19 Bellows Falls (REG), 5 Lamoille R. 2 SBWMA 3/22 (JDM), 370 3/24 Grand Isle (WGE,NLM), 30 3/26 HC (WJN), 150 3/26 Grand Isle (RBL), present on flooded cornfields at Leicester Jct. 3/30-4/20 (WGE et al.); widespread after that. High count: 450 4/12 Champlain Isl. (WAM,DLC). Late dates: 2 Colchester 3 SBWMA 5/18 (JDM). Peak at MNWR 90 4/1 (JBG); broods at MNWR f. w/15 ducklings 5/25 f. w/6 ducklings 5/27 (JBG). Bufflehead: 1 3/22 RM (m. ob.), 2 3/26 Grand Isle (RBL), 1 3/27 Leicester Jct. (SSW), 5 3/28 Shelburne (WAM), on 3/29 4 Burlington (JDM), 1 HC (WJN,DC,TEJ), 2 Swanton (RBL), 2 4/3 Prouty Beach, Newport (PFW,SAW), 32 4/4 Shelburne (WAM) the high count, 12 4/4 SBWMA-Alburg (JDM), 1 4/5 Button Bay SP (ATA), 2 4/7 Shoreham (ELW), 2 4/13 Rockingham (WGE,NLM), 5 4/14 Lake Carmi (PJM). Late dates: 3 5/4 DCWMA (JRA), 3 5/5 Lake Carmi (PJM). Peak of 20 MNWR 4/16 (JBG). Hooded Merganser: 3 3/16 Westminster (TEJ), 1 3/16 Hartland (JMN), 2 3/18 Westminster 2 3/22 Brattleboro (TEJ), 5 3/22 Westminster (REG), 1 3/23 Rutland (CJF), 1 3/25 Colchester Pt. (WAM), 2 3/25 S. Hero (RBL), 20 3/26 HC (WJN,WGE,NLM) the high count, 2 3/26 N. Hartland (JMN), 3 3/28 DCWMA (WAM), widespread after that. Late dates: 6 5/3 DCWMA (ELW), 2 5/8 Gale Mdws.-Winhall (WJN), on 5/17 2 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 3 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/17 Sudbury/Orwell (SH). Peak of 10 MNWR 4/1 (JBG).

Common Merganser overwintered in some areas. First: 3 2/24 MNWR (JBG), 8 Bellows Falls 3 Westminster (TEJ), 10 3/2 Rutland (CJF), 4 3/9 Bartonville (TEJ), 4 3/11 34 3/15 Proctor (RWP), 28 3/16 N. Hartland (JMN), 6 3/17 Bartonville (MPH), 18 3/22 Burlington/Lamoille R. (JDM), 10 3/26 HC (WJN), 15 3/27 Pomfret (DB), 8 3/28 Springfield (WME), 5 3/28 Grand Isle (DJH), 86 3/29 Vernon (JJC). Late dates: 6 5/2 pond near Fair Haven (EPA), 1 5/4 DCWMA (JRA), 25 5/8 Quechee (ECM), 6 5/11 Colchester Pt. (JDM), 1 5/14 Gale Mdw. (WJN), 3 5/23 Lewis Creek (JID,MCD) - many probably breeders. High count: 150 +/- 3/29 WRD to N. Hero (JDM). Peak of 70 4/16 MNWR (JBG). Red-breasted Merganser: 2 3/29 HC (WJN,DC,TEJ), 4 4/5 Shelburne (WAM), 8 4/14 Grand Isle (DJH), 42 4/14-15 Charlotte (WAM) the high count, 2 4/15 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 26 4/19 Charlotte (WAM,MBN), 4 4/20 Addison (WGE,NLM), 4 4/23 TWD Res. (DL), 3 4/30 L. Fairlee (REG), 1 5/9 HC (WJN), 28 5/10 WRD (JDM), 12 5/11 Colchester Pt. (WAM), 1 5/17 L. Champlain (ATA). Ruddy Duck: 5 4/1 MNWR (JBG).

# DIURNAL RAPTORS

The spring hawkwatch, taken primarily in the second half of April produced 1252 hawks, an increase over last year. Turkey Vulture: Fifty-five were seen by hawkwatchers. First 2 3/3 Westminster (AJ), 1 3/12 Springfield (TEJ), 1 3/16 Westminster (REG), 4 3/15 Bellows Falls (MPH), 5 3/18 Bellows Falls (JJC,TEJ), on 3/22 1 Clarendon (CJF), 2 Vernon 7 Brattleboro (WGE,NLM), 1 Cornwall (MBN), 1 3/23 Morrisville (GFN), 1 3/23 Burlington (WAM), 3 3/25 Milton/Colchester (RBL), 6 3/25 DCWMA (WAM), 1 3/27 Arlington (RuS), 1 3/28 Fair Haven (EPA), 1 3/29 Springfield/Rockingham Town Line (WJN), 6 3/30 L. Dumore (SSW), 1 3/31 Waterbury (MFM), 4 3/31 Bridport (RN). High count: 26 3/25 Bellows Falls (TEJ). AMERICAN SWALLOW-TAILED KITE seen by Anne Aversa and Barb DeAngelis 3/28 Washington ca. 1500' elevation, area mostly snow-covered - cruised by at eye level - third state record. Osprey: 36 were seen by hawkwatchers. First 1 4/5 HC (WJN,REG), 1 4/13 Fair Haven (EPA), 1 4/13 Woodstock (JMN), 1 4/15 Springweather NA (WGE,NLM), 1 4/16 Cavendish (CJF), 2 4/16 Charlotte (JID,MCD), 1 4/17 Button Bay SP (ATA), 1 4/19 HC (JJC), 1 4/20 L. Bomoseen (CJF), 1 4/24 Thompson Pt.-Charlotte (JID,MCD), 1 4/26 Rutland (CJF), 8 4/26 Fuller Mt. (JID,MCD), 2 4/27 Bartonville/HC (TEJ), 1 4/28 Shoreham (ELW). High count: a fantastic 27 5/8 Woodstock/Quechee (WGE). A pair built a nest in the Champlain Valley for the first attempted nesting in many years; perhaps they were a young pair and will succeed in raising young nest year (site confidential). Bald Eagle: none seen by hawkwatchers. An adult wintered on the Connecticut R. at Wilder Dam and further south (m. ob.); last seen 3/18 at White River Jct. (GFE); roosted on ledge above 191 south of White River Jct. (WGE). Also 1 3/16 Addison (RMW), 1 3/17 Pownal (PW), 1 imm. 3/18 with orange wing tag Westminster (TEJ,JJC), 1 ad. 4/24 Thompson's Pt.-Charlotte (JID,MCD), 1 5/13 Topsham (EM,AM). Northern Harrier: 25 were seen by hawkwatchers. 1 m. 3/22 Clarendon (CJF), 3 3/24 DCWMA (MBN), 1 m. 3/24 Alburg (WGE,NLM), 1 3/27 Rockingham Overlook (TEJ), 1 3/27 Sudbury (SSW), 2 3/28 DCWMA (WAM), 2 3/29 Rockingham Overlook (TEJ,DC,WJN et al.). High count: 8 4/26 Shoreham (WGE,NLM). Sharp-shinned Hawk: 190 were seen by hawkwatchers; overwintered Brattleboro area (JJC); 1 3/8 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 3/9 Plainfield (MFM), 1 3/12 Hinesburg (EH), 1 3/15 Lincoln (JRA), 1 3/16 Danby (CJF), 1 Vernon 2 Brattleboro 3/22 (WGE,NLM), 1 3/23 Weybridge (MBN), 1 3/29 Washington (ATA), 1 3/31 Winhall Hawk Lookout (hereafter WHL) (WJN). Some later dates: 1 5/10 DCWMA (WAM), 1 5/10 Orwell (ELW), 1 5/12 N. Pomfret (JMN), 1 5/17 Chester (VF), 1 5/18

Cambridge (JGG,RYG), 1 5/18 Duxbury (FAP). High count: 27 4/26 Lincoln Hill, Hinesburg (m. ob.). Many people reported them taking birds at feeders. Coopers Hawk: 11 were seen by hawkwatchers; 1 3/22 Dummerston (TEJ,REG), 1 3/16 Westminster Sta. (TEJ), 1 3/24 Woodstock (CRP), 1 4/3 Springfield (MPH), 1 4/11 E. Dorset (RuS), 1 4/13 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1 4/19 Mt. Holly Hawkwatch (WJN), 1 4/25 Shoreham (ELW), 1 4/26 Bridport (WGE,NLM), 1 4/26 WHL (WJN), 1 4/27 Rockingham (WGE,NLM), 1 5/4 m. found dead in yard-Chippenhook (PaR), 1 5/8 Quechee (WGE), 1 5/17 Chester (VF), 1 5/17 Lincoln (JRA), 1 5/27 Ripton (JID,MCD), 1 5/28 Saxtons River (WJN). High count: 2 4/20 Lincoln Hill (m. ob.). Northern Goshawk: 13 were seen by hawkwatchers; 1 3/1 Brandon (SSW), 1 3/14 Springfield (MPH), 1 3/23 WHL (WJN), 1 3/28 Washington (ATA), 1 4/20 WHL (WJN), 1 4/26 Putney Mt. (JJC), 1 5/6 Lake Dumore, 1 5/17 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD). Red-shouldered Hawk: 32 were seen by hawkwatchers; 1 3/22 Norwich (AAB), 1 ad. 3/26 Rockingham Overlook (WGE,NLM), 1 4/2 Topsham (EM,AM), 1 4/8 Washington (ATA), 1 4/13 Rockingham (WGE,NLM), 1 4/15 WHL (WJN), 1 4/20 Brandon (WGE,NLM), 1 4/26 Putney Mt. (JJC), 2 4/26 Fuller Mt.-Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 4 4/27 Rockingham (WGE,NLM) the high count. The many May dates no doubt represent breeders. Broad-winged Hawk: only 273 were seen by hawkwatchers. An unusually early movement took place this spring--for complete details see Spring 1986 Hawk Watch Report forthcoming. First was the phenomenally early date of 3/17 1 ad. Lincoln Hill (PAT et al.), another 3/26 Paine Mt. (Northfield) Hawk Watch (WHB et al.), 1 3/29 South Londonderry (WJN), another 3/31 Paine Mt. (WHB), 2 4/1 Sheffield Hts. (PFW,SAW), 1 4/2 WHL (WJN), 1 4/11 (WHB et al.) another 4/13 (WHB) Paine Mt., 2 4/13 W. Brattleboro (JJC) - all of the above early, normal arrival date 4/15 or after. In addition to these your editor heard in a second hand manner of other early ones which were not reported. The high count: 53 4/29 Putney Mt. (JJC). Red-tailed Hawk: 300 were seen by hawkwatchers; overwintered in some areas; 1 3/2 Woodstock (CRP), 1 3/5 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 1 3/8 Pittsford (SSW), 1 3/12 Pompanoosuc (TEJ), 1 3/15 Hartford (REG), 3 3/15 Bartonville (TEJ), 1 3/17 Rockingham (MPH), 1 3/20 Rutland (EPA), on 3/22 1 Washington (ATA), 1 Shelburne (JDM), 5 Bellows Falls-Vernon (DC,TEJ,REG), 5 3/23 DCWMA (WAM), 4 3/24 DCWMA (MBN), 1 3/26 Woodstock (JMN), 9 3/26 Rockingham (WGE,NLM), 1 3/28 Springfield Boat Landing (WJN). High count: 29 Lincoln Hill 4/20 (m. ob.). Female on eggs at Quechee 4/12 (WGE). Rough-legged Hawk: 2 were seen by hawkwatchers; overwintered in the Champlain Valley; 2 light phase 3/1 Addison 1 dark phase 3/1 Bridport (WGE,NLM), 2 3/2 Shoreham (CJF), 1 3/22 Shelburne (JDM), 1 3/24 Plainfield (MFM), 3 3/24 DCWMA (MBN), 1-2 3/26-31 Leicester Jct. (SSW,MBN), 5 3/28 DCWMA (WAM), 3 3/29 Addison (JRA), 5 3/30 Addison-Cornwall (WGE,NLM), 2 3/31 DCWMA (PFW,SAW), 2 4/7 3 4/11 1 4/26 Shoreham (ELW), 3 4/26 Shoreham, 1 4/26 Addison (WGE,NLM). The two Hawk Watch birds were at Paine Mt. 4/11 and 4/23 (WHB et al.). High count: 5 twice. GOLDEN EAGLE: imm. reported 4/5 Button Bay SP (ATA), two (pair?) photographed 4/26 Pomfret (FB,SB). American Kestrel: 99 were seen by hawkwatchers; overwintered sparingly in the Champlain Valley (WGE); 1 3/1 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 1 3/12 Bridport (RuS), 1 3/15 Clarendon (CJF), 1 3/16 Brattleboro (REG), 1 3/18 Vernon (JJC,TEJ), on 3/19 1 Berlin 1 E. Montpelier (MFM), 1 New Haven (JRA), 7 3/22 Bellows Falls to Brattleboro (REG,JJC), 2 3/22 Burlington-Colchester (JDM), 1 3/23 DCWMA (WAM), 10 3/24 Grand Isle Cty. (WGE,NLM), 1 3/24 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 1 3/25 MNWR (JBG). High count: 14 4/25 Paine Mt. (WHB et al.). Merlin: only 1 seen by hawkwatchers on Lincoln Hill 4/5 (PAT et al.); 1 4/21 Woodstock (JMN) this bird may have had falconer's jesses on one leg. Peregrine Falcon: none seen by hawkwatchers; 1 3/19 Burlington

(CCF), 1 3/24 Cambridge (RYG,JGG). Nesting pair returned to Mt. Pisgah (Westmore) 3/30 (NER) this pair seen there 4/8 (WGE,NLM); 1 4/13 West Burke (BG,JG), 1 4/14 Rockingham Overlook (WJN), 1 5/23 Roxbury (IG).

# GALLINACEOUS BIRDS THROUGH RAILS

Spruce Grouse: The Vermont Dept. of Fish & Wildlife conducted a survey for Spruce Grouse, between March and June, and located 10 adult birds, 3 chicks, and 2 sets of distinctive Spruce Grouse droppings. This raises hopes that the Spruce Grouse may still have a viable breeding population in Vermont; further surveys are planned. Survey results: Yellow Bogs, towns of Lewis and Bloomfield, 10 adults: 1 m. 3/18; 3 m. 5/13; 1 m. 5/20; 1 m., 2 f. plus 1 f. with 3 chicks 6/25. Moose Bog, 1 f. 4/25; Ferdinand Bog droppings 5/15; Granby Gob 5/23 (VDFW). Ruffed Grouse was widely reported. High counts: 5 5/10 Benson (CJF), peak of 15 at MNWR (JBG). Remains found 3/4 Woodstock (JMN) killed by some mammalian predator. Gray Partridge: 8 3/6 S. Alburg "present" Grand Isle (DJH), peak of 5 MNWR (JBG). Chukar: bird 5/22 S. Londonderry (HS) came into yard-release from somewhere. Wild Turkey was widely reported: 30 3/1 West Haven (WGE,NLM), 5 3/16 Grand Isle (DJH), 5 3/16 Manchester (CJF), 4 3/17-26 Woodstock (JMN), 6 4/5 Waltham (JRA), 4 4/14 Springfield (MPH). Northern Bobwhite: 1 5/3-5 Sheffield Hts. (PFW,SAW)--at feeder--apparently from some local release. Virginia Rail: 1 4/19 Weybridge (MBN), 1 4/26 Brandon (WGE,NLM), 1 5/9 Newport (PFW et al.), 3 5/10 WRM (SSW), on 5/11 2 Weybridge (MBN), 4 WRM (WGE,NLM), 1 BRM (PFW,SAW), on 5/17 1 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 Allen Bros. Marsh-Westminster (REG,DC,TEJ,JJC), 2 Grand Isle (DJH), 2-3 WRM (m. ob.), 1 5/18 Mud Creek (JDM), 6 5/24 BRM (WGE,NLM et al.) the high count, 4 5/31 Newport (ELW,REG et al.), 4 5/21 WRM (SBL,BLR). Peak of 50 MNWR (JBG). Sora: a report of 12 4/11 Grand Isle (DJH), 1 4/29 WRM (WJN), 1 5/6-7 S. Hero (DJH), 1 5/8 Tirmouth (PB), 3 5/11 WRM (WGE,NLM), on 5/17 1 Allen Bros. Marsh (JJC et al.), 1 Ferrisburg (JID, MCD), 3 WRM (WJN), 1 BRM (WGE,NLM et al.), 1 DCWMA (m. ob.), 8 5/23 Grand Isle/S. Hero (DJH), 1 5/24 BRM (WGE,NLM et al.), 3 5/31 WRM (SBL,BLR). Peak of 75 MNWR (JBG). Common Moorhen: 3 4/27 DCWMA (MBN), 1 4/30 Shelburne (WAM), 1 5/3 DCWMA (ELW), 3 5/4 Mud Creek (WAM), 1 5/9 Newport (PFW,SAW), on 5/10 3 Cogman Pond-West Haven (SSW), 1 Shelburne (WAM), 2 Colchester (JDM), 14 East Creek-Orwell (ELW) the high count, on 5/17 2 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 DCWMA (m. ob.), 3 brm (gfe,WGE,NLM,DHC), 2 5/18 Champlain Valley (JDM), 1 5/18 "Birdathon" (MOM), 2 5/31 Newport (ELW), 2 5/31 WRM (SBL,BLR). Peak of 30 MNWR (JBG). American Coot: 1 3/29 Burlington Intervale (JDM,WAM,DLC), 1 5/10 WRD (JDM). SANDHILL CRANE: 2 reported 5/10 at Retreat Meadows, Brattleboro (DM); details not yet received. A belated report and photo has been received of a Sandhill Crane 5/14/85 in Vernon (PM).

# SHOREBIRDS

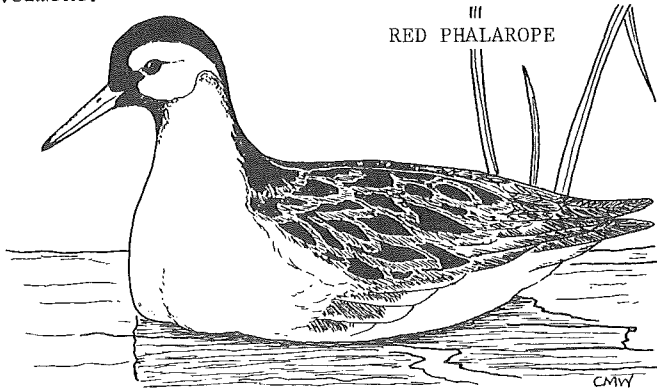
Black-bellied Plover: 1 5/24 RM (JJC), 1 5/26 Young Isl.-Grand Isle (RBL). Semi-palmated Plover: 10-20 calling overhead in pre-dawn fog 5/17 Island Pond (GFE,WGE,NLM,DHC), 4 5/30 RM (DUW). Killdeer: 1 3/15 Lincoln (JRA), on 3/16 1 Grand Isle (DJH), 1 Rutland (CJF), 2 Vernon (JJC), 5 3/18 Bellows Falls to Vernon (TEJ,JJC), on 3/19 2 Lyndonville (PFW,SAW), 3 MNWR (JBG), 1 E. Dorset (RuS), 3 3/20 Westminster (REG), on 3/22 5 Shelburne (JDM,WAM), 7 Vernon (WGE, NLM), 2 Hartford (GFE), 15 Putney (REG,DC,TEJ et al.), 4 3/23 S. Burlington (WAM), 2 3/24 Weybridge (MBN), on 3/26 2 Shrewsbury (LPS), 3 Woodstock (JMN,CRP), 2 Duxbury (FAP), 1 Springfield (MPH), 11 HC 13 Springfield (WGE,NLM), 1 3/28 Topsham (EM,AM). High count:

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38 3/28 DCWMA (WAM). Peak of 35 MNWR (JBG). Female w/4 yg. 5/23 Topsham (EM). Greater Yellowlegs: 1 4/13-15 Springfield Mdws. (WGE,NLM,DHC), 1 4/15 Burlington Intervale (GEB), 1 4/22 Springfield Mdws. (WJN), 14 4/26 Leicester Jct. (WGE,NLM et al.) the high count, 1 5/3 Shelburne (WAM), 1 5/6 Springfield Mdws. (WGE), 2 5/6 Gale Mdws. (WJN), 1 5/6 W. Salisbury (JID,MCD), 1 5/7 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/10 DCWMA (WAM), 22 5/10 WRD (JDM), 1 5/11 Quechee (JMN,ALG), 4 5/12 Roundy's Cove (REG). Widespread 5/17-Birdathon (m. ob.). Peak of 10 at MNWR (JBG). Lesser Yellowlegs: 3 5/6 W. Salisbury (JID,MCD) the high count, 1 5/6 Springfield Mdws. (WGE), 1 5/7 Burlington Intervale (GEB), 2 5/9 MNWR (JBG), 1 5/12 Roundy's Cove (REG), 1 5/17 Addison (SBL,BLR), 1 5/24 RM (JJC), 1 5/24 DCWMA (MBN). Solitary Sandpiper: 4 Springfield Mdws., 2 Woodstock 5/6 (WGE et al.), 2 5/7 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/9 Barton R. (PFW et al.), 1 WRD 1 Winooski 5/10 (JDM), 3 5/10 E. Creek Orwell (ELW), on 5/11 1 Quechee (JMN,ALG), 1 E. Dorset (RuS), 6 Weybridge (MBN), 1 Halifax (WHA), 1 5/13 Bellows Falls (JJC), 1 5/14 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/16 near Branch Pond-Sunderland (EFG), 1 5/16 Brandon (SSW). Widespread on 5/17; in a large number possibly 40-50 heard passing over in the pre-dawn fog 5/17 Island Pond (WGE,GFE, NLM,DHC); 1 5/24 Coventry (WGE et al.). Spotted Sandpiper: 1 4/22 and 1 4/26 Grand Isle (DJH), 3 4/28 Shoreham (ELW), 1 4/30 Howe's Horse Ranch, S. Londonderry (WJN), 1 4/30 White River Jct. (WGE), 1 5/1 MNWR (JBG), 1 5/5 Shelburne Bay (WAM), 1 5/7 West Haven (SSW), 4 5/9 Shoreham (ELW), 4 5/9 HC-S. Londonderry (WJN), on 5/10 2 W. Glover (REC), 10 WRD-Winooski (JDM), 1 E. Dorset (RuS), 5 5/11 Colchester Pt. (WAM), 3 5/12 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 5 5/13 L. Carmi (RJM). High count: 11 5/17 Island Pond (GFE,WGE,NLM,DHC). Peak of 12 MNWR (JBG). Upland Sandpiper: first 2 4/24 then seen daily through the remainder of period Shoreham (ELW), 2 4/26 Salisbury (WGE,NLM et al.), 1 4/27 Newport (WAM,DLC,BLR), 1 5/3 W. Glover (REG), 2 5/17 Ferrisburg, two different prs. (JID,MCD), 2 5/17 Newport (PFW), 1 5/17 DCWMA (WGE,GFE,NLM,DHC), 1 5/18 W. Glover (REG), 2 5/19 Bridport (JSA,KMA), 1 5/22 Winhall (WJN), 2 5/24 Coventry (WGE,NLM et al.). Ruddy Turnstone: 1 5/26 Savage Isl. Grand Isle (RBL). Semi-palmated Sandpiper: on 5/17 2 overhead in fog-Island Pond, 1 WRD (WGE,GFE,NLM,DHC), 6 DCWMA (JID,MCD), 1 5/26 Savage Isl. Grand Isle (RBL). PURPLE SANDPIPER: 1 5/23 Alburg (RBL)-photographed. Least Sandpiper: 1 5/6 Springfield Mdws. (WGE), 4 5/17 Addison (SBL,BLR), "large numbers" 50-100 overhead in pre-dawn fog 5/17 Island Pond also on 5/17 3 DCWMA (WGE,GFE,NLM,DHC), Bennington Cty. (RSK,ERK, BCD,MK), 6 Addison (REG,DC,TEJ,JJC), 13 5/24 Middlebury (MBN), 4 5/25 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 7 5/26 Savage Isl. Grand Isle (RBL). Pectoral Sandpiper: 3 3/26 Springfield (WGE,NLM), 3 5/17 Lewis Creek (JID,MCD), 1 5/17 Addison (SBL,BLR). Dunlin: 6-10 heard overhead pre-dawn hours 5/17 Island Pond (WGE,GFE,NLM,DHC), 12 5/17 RM (fide LPM). Short-billed Dowitcher: 1 5/17 WRD (GFE,WGE,NLM,DHC), 50 Bixby Isl., 7 Young Isl. 5/25 (RBL). Peak of 10 MNWR (JBG). Dowitcher (sp.): 1 5/24 Roundy's Cove (REG). Common Snipe: 1 3/1 Burlington (JDM) presumed to have overwintered, 1 3/22 Clarendon (CJF), 1 3/30 MNWR (JBG), 1 3/30 Leicester Jct. (WGE,NLM), 1 3/29 Westminster (TEJ,DC,REG), 5 4/4 Leicester Jct. (SSW), 3 4/4 SBWMA (JDM), 1 4/6 RM (JJC), 1 4/12 Rutland (ELW), 2 4/13 SBWMA, 1 4/13-19 Shelburne (WAM), displaying 4/14 Topsham (EM,AM), 1 4/15 E. Dorset (RuS), 1 4/18 Lyndonville (PFW), 3 4/19 Weybridge (MBN), 3 4/20 Newport (REG), displaying 4/20 Castleton (JVF). High counts: 14 4/27 N.E. Kingdom (WAM,DLC,BLR), peak of 150 MNWR (JBG). American Woodcock: 1 3/25 Hartford (GFE), 1 3/26 E. Dorset (RuS), 2 3/26 Bartonville (TEJ), 1 3/27 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 3/30 Woodstock (JMN), 1 3/30 Bartonville (TEJ), on 3/31 1 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 Duxbury (FAP), 1



Lincoln (JRA), 1 4/1 Washington (ATA), 1 4/3 Castleton (EPA), 1 4/4 Winhall (WJN), 1 4/11 Grand Isle (DJH), 1 4/14 Springfield (MPH), 1 4/16 Dorset (EFG). High counts: 15 5/17 Brighton/Ferdinand (WGE,GFE,NLM,DHC), peak 50 MNWR (JBG); 5/3 ad. 4 yg. near Roundy's Cove (JJC). RED PHALAROPE: f. in breeding plumage 5/23 Roundy's Cove (WJN); grounded by heavy thundershowers from the night before. First spring record for Vermont.



#### GULLS AND TERNS

Bonaparte's Gull: 2 5/3 WRD (JDM), 8 5/10-11 Colchester (JDM,WAM), 1 5/11 Sherburne (WGE,NLM), 1 5/12 Long Pt.-L. Champlain (JID,MCD), 1 5/17 RM (fide LPM), 20 5/17 WRD (m. ob.) the high count, 8 5/18 WRD (JDM). Ring-billed Gull undoubtedly overwintered L. Champlain: 6 3/12 Brattleboro (REG), 2 3/15 RM (JJC), 1 3/15 Bellows Falls (MPH), on 3/16 5 Brandon (SSW), 100 +/- Grand Isle (DJH), 4 Rutland (CJF), 17 Bellows Falls (TEJ), 1 White River Jct. (JMN), 160+ 3/18 Vernon to Bellows Falls (TEJ,JJC), 110 3/19 Bristol (JRA), 5 3/19 MNWR (JBG), 60 3/22 Brattleboro-RM (TEJ), 8 3/24 Weybridge (MBN), 1 3/26 HC (WJN), on 3/27 1 Manchester (RuS), 1 Plainfield (NER,BMP), 175 RM (JJC). High counts: 300 4/12 Panton (MBN), 450 3/30 Weybridge/Addison (WGE,NLM). Herring Gull overwintered on Champlain, probably in some other areas: 15 3/12 Brattleboro (REG), 1 3/12 Bellows Falls (TEJ), 90 3/18 Bellows Falls-Vernon-Brattleboro (JJC,TEJ), 125 3/20 RM (JJC), 20 RM 20 Brattleboro Dump 3/22 (TEJ et al.), 6 3/22 Grand Isle (DJH), 10 3/26 HC (WJN), 1 4/7 Winhall (WJN), 1 4/20 WHL (WJN), 1 5/11 Quechee (JMN). High counts: 90 Vernon 80 Brattleboro 3/22 (WGE,NLM), 140 4/5 Comerford Dam-Waterford (WGE,NLM). Great Black-backed Gull: 5 wintered Grand Isle (DJH), 1 3/12 Brattleboro (REG), 1 Brattleboro Dump 4 Vernon 3/16 (TEJ,JJC), 2 Brattleboro Dump 5 RM 3/22 (TEJ et al.), 16 3/22 RM (JJC), 5 3/28 RM (WJN), 10 3/29 RM (TEJ), 2 4/12 Grand Isle (WAM,DLC), 1 4/15 RM (WJN), 1 4/26 Vernon (JJC), 5 4/27 N.E. Kingdom (DLC,WAM), 2 5/3 WRD (JDM), 5 5/11 Colchester (WAM), 5/13,18 Grand Isle nesting birds back--1 nest 2 eggs (RBL), 1 5/17 Chimney Pt. (TEJ,DC,REG,JJC), several 5/18 Champlain Valley (JDM), up to 20 5/31 Newport (m. ob.). High counts: 24 3/22 Brattleboro/Vernon (WGE,NLM), 15 Comerford Dam-Waterford to McIndoe's Falls 4/5 (WGE,NLM), peak of 5 at MNWR (JBG). Iceland Gull: one probable imm. 3/16 White River Jct. (JMN). Glaucous Gull: 1 ad. 3/18 Brattleboro Dump (JJC,TEJ). Common Tern: 2 4/30 MNWR (JBG), 3 5/18 "Champlain Valley" (JDM). Peak of 25 MNWR (JBG). Black Tern: 6 4/30 MNWR (JBG), 4 5/6 WRD (GEB), 3 5/9 Newport (PEW), 3 WRD 1 Colchester 5/10 (JDM), 3 5/11 Colchester (WAM), 4 5/11 S. Bay-Newport (PEW,SAW), 1 5/13 DCWMA (MBN), several 5/17 DCWMA (m. ob.). High counts: 20 5/31 Newport (ELW et al.), peak of 75 at MNWR (JBG).

Mourning Dove winters about everywhere now; arrived 3/6 Vershire where it doesn't winter (VRM). High counts: up to 30 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 24 3/14 Hartford (WGE,NLM), 50 5/17 HC to WRM (WJN), peak of 25 MNWR (JBG). A spring Mourning Dove survey located 172 birds heard or seen on routes in various parts of the state. Black-billed Cuckoo: 1 5/9 Springfield "this bird was perched on a utility wire" (WJN), 1 5/17 Dorset (EFG), 1 5/17 "calling overhead before dawn"-Island Pond (GFE,WGE,NLM,DHC), 1 5/21 Woodstock (NLM), 1 5/27 Brandon (SSW), 1 5/31 Weybridge (MBN). No Yellow-billed Cuckoos were reported. Eastern Screech Owl: peak of 10 MNWR (JBG) the only report. Great Horned Owl: relatively few reports, surely under-reported: 1 3/25 Rockingham (TEJ), 1 4/4 Winhall (WJN), 1 4/22 1 5/14 Dorset (EFG), 1 5/14 Winhall (WJN), 2 5/15 Retreat Woods-Brattleboro one fledgling raised (JJC), 1 5/17 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 5/17 DCWMA (m. ob.), 1 5/24 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 1 5/26 Clarendon (CJF), 1 5/27 Shoreham (ELW), 1 May (date not recorded) L. Bomoseen-killed itself by flying into a screen window (HWD). Peak of 5 MNWR (JBG). Snowy Owl: 1 3/5 Westminster (REG), 1 3/6 Burlington (JF). Barred Owl, the most widely reported of the owls, reported through the period. A bird seen hunting at the feeder in broad daylight 3/8 Winhall (AS) suggests possible food stress. More than usual were seen out in the open: 1 3/9 Westminster West "by side of road" (BJ), 1 3/14 Barnard (JNF) "on a neighbor's telephone pole", 1 3/18 Barnard "in top of a maple tree" (GC), many heard calling in the daytime. Peak of 3 MNWR (JBG). Northern Saw-whet Owl had only four reports: 1 3/1 "flushed from I-89 exit ramp shelter-Royalton Co. 9 p.m. (WGE,NLM), 1 3/19 N. Calais (BMP), 1 3/4,5,9,10 "came into barn to feed on mice and red squirrels. Seen to fly outside on a windy day, sporting in the wind as Ravens do!" Topsham (EM,AM), 1 5/30,31 calling Topsham (EM,AM). Common Nighthawk: 1 5/17 Rutland (m. ob.), 1 5/19 Barre (ATA), 1 5/20 Burlington (WAM), "several" 5/25 Rutland (PB), 1 5/28 Colchester (JDM), 1 5/31 Glover (ELW). Whip-poor-will: 1 5/10 Benson (CJF), 1 5/13 Washington (ATA), 1 5/16 W. Brattleboro (JJC), on 5/17 1 WRM (SBL,BLR) 1 Topsham (AM), 2 Brighton (WGE,GFE,NLM,DHC), 4 Saxtons River (TEJ,DC,REG) the high count, 1 5/18 Addison (JSA,KMA,WME). Chimney Swift: 4 5/1 Brandon (SSW), 1 5/2 E. Dorset (RuS), 2 5/5 Rutland (LPS), on 5/6 1 Woodstock (WGE), 12 Middlebury (JID,MCD,JRA), 10 Woodstock (JMN), 1 Weybridge (MBN), 3 Dorset (EFG), 1 5/7 Rutland (CJF), 2 5/9 Burlington (WAM), 31 5/9 Woodstock (JMN) the high count. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 1 5/6 Halifax (WHA), 1 5/7 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 5/7 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 1 5/9 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 5/10 E. Dorset (EFG), 2 5/11 Grand Isle (DJH), 1 5/12 Brownsville (BMH), 1 5/12 Fair Haven (EPA), on 5/13 1 Barnard (JNF), 1 Topsham (EM,AM), 1 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 1 5/14 Washington (ATA), 1 5/14 Woodstock (CRP), on 5/15 1 Rutland (LPS), 1 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 HC (REG), 3 Woodstock (VINS). Around 50 netted at VINS for the season, 20 on 5/26 the high count. Belted Kingfisher: 1 3/9 Bartonville (TEJ), 1 3/16 Brattleboro (REG), on 3/26 1 E. Dorset (RuS), 2 Rockingham Overlook (WJN), 1 Springfield Mdw. (WGE,NLM), 1 Hartland (JMN), 1 3/29 HC (WME), 1 3/30 Shelburne (WAM), 1 4/2 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 1 4/3 Chittenden (DeB), 1 4/3 TWD Res. (ATA), 1 4/4 Weathersfield (MPH), 1 4/5 Rutland (CJF). High counts: 8 4/27 N.E. Kingdom (WAM,DLC,BLR), 10 MNWR (JBG).

#### WOODPECKERS

Red-headed Woodpecker: 2 5/9 1 5/16 Shoreham (ELW), 1 5/17 Bridport (EFG), 1 5/17 DCWMA (JJC,DC,TEJ,REG). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 2 4/3 Reading (FMH,GEH), 2 4/4 Winhall (WJN), 1 4/11 W. Brattleboro

#### DOVES THROUGH KINGFISHER

Rock Dove present in normal numbers at the usual locations. High counts: 65 4/1 Shoreham (ELW), 62 5/6 Rutland (LPS), "up to 100 on any given day" (WGE).

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(JJC), 1 4/11 Sharon (KH), 1 4/12 Rockingham (MPH), 1 4/12 Shrewsbury (LPS), 2 4/14 Woodstock (WGE,NLM), 1 4/16 Burlington (WAM), 1 4/20 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 1 4/21 Washington (ATA), 1 4/21 Plainfield (MFM), "from early April on" Topsham (EM,AM). High count: 15 5/7 Reading (FMN,GEH). One netted at VINS. Downy Woodpecker reported widely, mostly at feeders. High counts: 6 5/3 Shoreham (ELW), 6 Brandon (SSW), 5 5/26 Woodstock (JMN), 14 4/20 Pittsford to Brandon (WGE, NLM). Two netted at VINS. Hairy Woodpecker as in the previous species, reported widely throughout the period, mostly at feeders. High counts: 4 4/27 N.E. Kingdom (WAM,DLC,BLR), "3 to 4 present" Topsham (EM, AM). Two banded at Plainfield, one at VINS. Black-backed Woodpecker: 1 5/17 Moose Bog (DHM), 2 5/22 Newark (SN). Northern Flicker: 11 3/9 Shelburne (WAM), 1 3/17 Allen Bros. Marsh (TEJ), 1 3/28 E. Dorset (RuS), 1 3/29 Springfield Mdw. (TEJ,DC), 1 3/30 Duxbury (FAP), 1 3/30 Hartland (PAN), 1 3/31 Woodstock (JMN), 1 4/3 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 4/3 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 4/5 Washington (ATA), 1 4/5 HC (REG), 1 4/6 Sheffield (PFW,SAW), 1 4/7 Bolton (DL), 1 4/7 Weybridge (MBN), 1 4/10 Cambridge (RYG,JGG). High count: 15 5/17 HC to WRM (WJN). Two netted at VINS. Pileated Woodpecker reported widely throughout the state as a resident. Some high counts: 3 5/17 SBWMA (WGE,GFE,NLM,DHC), "a couple of pairs" Topsham (EM, AM), 5 MNWR (JBG). One netted at VINS.

### PASSERINES

#### FLYCATCHERS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1 5/13 Cambridge (RYG, JGG), 1 5/17 Birdathon (EE,HSP), 1 5/20 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 5/22 Dorset (DGC), 1 5/24 SBWMA (JDM), 1 5/24 Marlboro (JJC), 1 5/27 Ripton (JID,MCD), 1 5/31 W. Glover (REG). Eastern Wood-Pewee: 1 5/14 Woodstock (VINS), 2 5/14 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), on 5/17 1 HC (TEJ), 1 Orwell (SH), 1 Grafton (REG), 1 W. Haven (SBL,BLR), 2 5/18 Champlain Valley (JDM), 1 5/18 Addison (JSA,KMA,WMB), 1 5/19 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 5/19 Shoreham (ELW). High count: 10 5/24 SBWMA (JDM). One netted at VINS. Several observers commented on the scarcity of this species. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 1 5/8 Retreat Woods (JJC) early, 1 5/26 Kelley Stand (WJN), 1 5/31 Wolcott (ELW). Very scarce, most probably arrived in June. Alder Flycatcher: on 5/17 1 Timmouth (PB), 1 Plymouth (REG), 1 WRM (DC,TEJ,REG,JJC,SBL,BLR), 1 Bloomfield (WGE,GFE,NLM,DHC), 1 Bennington (ERK,RSK,MK,BCD), 3 5/19 Sheffield (PFW), 1 5/23 S. Londonderry (WJN), 3 5/24 Newport area (WGE,NLM), 1 5/26 Woodstock (JMN), 1 5/26 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 5 5/28 HC-S. Londonderry (WJN), 1 5/29 Winhall (WJN), 10-12 Barton R. Rd. 5/29 (PFW,SAW) the high count, 2 5/31 Glover (ELW). Willow Flycatcher: 1 5/13 RM (WJN), 1 5/17 N.E. Kingdom (DHM), 1 5/17 RM (WJN), 1 5/19 Lincoln (JRA), 1 5/20 Woodstock (VINS), 1 5/23 HC (WJN), 2 5/24 Vernon (JJC), 1 5/24 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 2 5/25 Shelburne (WAM), 1 5/28 HC (WJN), 1 5/28 Allen Bros. Marsh (WJN), 1 5/31 W. Glover (REG), 1 5/31 Glover (ELW). Two Traill's type netted at VINS. Least Flycatcher: 1 4/30 Woodstock (VINS), 1 4/30 Topsham (EM,AM), 1 4/30 White River Jct. (WGE), 1 5/2 Ferrisburg (JID, MCD), 1 5/5 Halifax (WHA), 2 5/5 Lincoln (JRA), 1 5/6 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 5/6 Shoreham (ELW), 1 5/7 Topsham (EM,AM), 4 5/8 Retreat Woods (JJC), 1 5/9 HC (WJN), 1 5/9 Barton R. Rd. (PFW). High count: 10 5/24 SBWMA (JDM). Twenty-one netted at VINS. Several observers commented on this species' scarcity. Empidonax (sp.): 1 5/3 Sheffield (PFW), 1 5/11 Rutland (CJF), 1 5/24 Winhall (WJN). Eastern Phoebe: 1 3/16 Vernon (REG, OAG), 1 3/25 Bartonville (TEJ), on 3/26 1 Springfield 1 Rockingham (WGE,NLM), 2 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 Topsham

(EM,AM), 1 Springfield (MPH), 1 Pittsford (SSW), 1 3/27 Woodstock (JMN), 1 3/28 Woodstock (JDL), 1 3/28 Grand Isle (RBL,DJH), on 3/29 6 Springfield Mdw.-Westminster (TEJ,DC), 1 Lincoln (JRA), 1 HC (WJN), 1 Halifax (WHA). High count: 17 4/6 Rockingham (WGE, NLM). Two netted at VINS. Great Crested Flycatcher: on 5/6 2 Middlebury (JID,MCD), 2 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/7 Brandon (SSW), 1 5/7 Shoreham (ELW), on 5/8 4 Retreat Woods (JJC), 1 Hubbardton (CJF), 1 Woodstock (WGE), on 5/10 1 Topsham (EM,AM), 1 E. Dorset (RuS), 1 S. Strafford (HR), 2 Burlington (JDM), 7 Benson (CJF), on 5/11 3 Shoreham (ELW), 1 Woodstock (JMN), 1 Halifax (WHA). High count: 10 5/18 Champlain Valley (JDM). One netted at VINS. Eastern Kingbird: one reported on the very early date of 4/13 Royalton (LWI), 2 5/5 Brownsville (BMH), on 5/6 1 Lincoln (JRA), 2 WRM (LPS), 2 Brandon (SSW), 1 Woodstock (WGE,NLM), 2 Dorset (EFG), 1 5/7 Manchester (CJF), 1 5/8 Shoreham (ELW), on 5/9 1 Woodstock (JMN), 1 Springfield Boat Landing (WJN), 2 Barton R. Rd. (PFW), on 5/10 2 DCWMA (WAM), 5 S. Hero (DJH), "common in Rutland Cty." (CJF). High count: 25 5/18 Champlain Valley (JDM). Four netted at VINS, one a retrap banded 5/22/81, now at least 6 years old, previously retrapped 1984-85. Several observers reported nesting late in the period.

#### LARKS THROUGH SWALLOWS

Horned Lark was present widely in the Champlain Valley in March (mostly "northern" race). Birds present after mid-April mostly of the breeding "Prairie" race praticola. Away from the Champlain Valley: 12 3/9 Timmouth (PB), 21 3/11 Barre (DL), 75 3/15 Clarendon (CJF), 11 3/17 Rockingham (TEJ), 10 3/17 Barton (PFW,SAW), 33 3/18 Brattleboro/Vernon (JJC,TEJ), 5 3/20 Sheffield (SAW), 1 3/25 Topsham (EM,AM), 2 4/7 E. Montpelier (MFM), 3 4/26 Vernon-possible breeder (JJC), 1 4/27 Newport (WAM). High counts: 197 3/1 Bridport/Addison (WGE,NLM), 52 3/22 Vernon (WGE,NLM). Adult observed gathering food for young 5/24 Coventry Airport (WGE,NLM et al.). Purple Martin: 1 4/27 Grand Isle (DJH), 5 5/3 DCWMA (ELW), 3 5/9 Newport (PFW), 6 5/10 Addison (WAM), 20 5/14 L. Dumore (SSW) the high count. Widespread in the Champlain Valley by the Birdathon weekend. Tree Swallow: 3 3/22 RM (WGE,NLM,REG,SJS,TEJ) early, 15 3/27 Leicester Jct. (SSW), 2 3/28 Clarendon (LPS), 1 3/28 New Haven (JRA), 60 3/29 HC/Springfield Mdw. (TEJ,DC,WJN), 2 3/29 SBWMA (WAM,DLC), 2 3/30 Weybridge (MBN), 1 3/30 E. Dorset (RuS), 1 3/31 Brownsville (BMH). High count: 520 5/3 Fairlee (WGE,NLM). Six netted at VINS. Northern Rough-winged Swallow: 2 4/19 Shoreham (ELW), 1 4/19 Rockingham (WGE,NLM), 1 5/4 E. Dorset (RuS), 3 5/4 Champlain Isl. (WAM), "several" 5/8 Dorset (EFG), 1 5/9 Springfield Boat Landing (WJN), 4 5/11 Quechee (JMN,ALG). High count: 12 5/24 Weybridge (MBN) - a poor spring for them. Bank Swallow: "several" 4/16 MNWR (JBG), 1 4/20 DCWMA (WGE,NLM), 1 4/27 Mt. Holly Hawkwatch (WJN), 2 4/27 Newport (WAM,DLC,BLR), 6 5/3 DCWMA Addison (ELW), 5 5/8 Ripton (SSW), 1 5/9 S. Bay-Newport (PFW). High count: 200 +/- 5/17 Barre (DL). One netted at VINS. Cliff Swallow: 1 4/27 Rockingham (WGE,NLM), 4 4/30 L. Carmi (PJM), 1 5/6 Winhall (WJN), 10 5/9 Newport (PFW et al.), 1 5/11 E. Dorset (RuS), 20 5/13 RM (WJN) the high count, 2 5/17 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 5/24 Newport (PFW et al.), 3 5/25 Winhall (WJN). This species was very poorly reported. My impression was that all the swallows were late and scarce and had a lot of trouble with the weather. New colonies reported at RM and W. Brattleboro (JJC,WJN). Barn Swallow: 4 4/20 DCWMA (WGE,NLM), 1 4/22 Springfield Boat Landing (WJN), 2 4/24 Townshend (REG), 2 4/25 Vershire (VRM), 1 4/26 Topsham (EM,AM), 6 4/27 Cambridge (RYG, JGG), 3 4/27 Newport (WAM,DLC,BLR), on 4/28 1 Grand

Isle (DJH), 2 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 Shoreham (ELW), 1 4/29 Rutland (SSW), 2 4/30 E. Middlebury (CJF). The high count only 25 5/3 DCWMA (ELW). Another species which built up very slowly and numbers seemed low.

#### CORVIDS THROUGH CREEPER

Gray Jay: 2 5/17 Moose Bog (WGE,GFE,NLM,DHC). Blue Jay numbers seemed about normal. Some high counts: 40 5/8 Woodstock (WGE), 40 5/8 E. Dorset (RuS), 50 +/- 5/20 Winhall (WJN), 65 5/20 Shoreham (ELW). 5/8 and 20 were obviously movement days for them. Nine netted at VINS. Many reports of nesting in May. American Crow overwintered in all but the highest mountain areas. Some high counts: 300 3/14 S. Burlington (JRA), 500 3/16 Burlington (WGE,NLM), 100+ 3/18 E. Putney (JJC,TEJ). Common Raven now frequent throughout. Some more interesting locations and high counts: "up to 10 all spring" Topsham (EM,AM), 11 3/22 and 8 3/24 White Rocks-Wallingford (MPH), 1 3/31 Grand Isle (RBL), 9 4/5 Westmore (WGE,NLM), "pair feeding young" 4/25 Smuggler's Notch (RYG,JGG). Black-capped Chickadee present everywhere throughout the period. Some high counts: 20+ per day Winhall (WJN), 20 +/- 3/5 Shrewsbury (LPS), 30 5/3 Barnard (JNF), 25 Mar-Apr Reading (FMH,GEH), "feeding young" 5/30 Cambridge (JGG,RYG), "pair nesting in a hollow fence post" Vershire (VRM). Ten banded at Plainfield (MFM), 16 at VINS, ten of which were retraps; the oldest banded 4/21/81 making it at least 7 years old. Boreal Chickadee: 2 3/6-29 daily Sheffield Hts. (PFW,SAW), 1 3/22 Lincoln (MBN), 1 4/11 Sheffield Hts. (PFW,SAW), 6 4/27 Island Pond (WAM,DLC,BLR), 8 5/17 Moose Bog (WGE,GFE,NLM,DHC). Tufted Titmouse: 2 3/1 Westminster (REG), 2 3/9 Plainfield (MFM), 1 Bellows Falls, 1 Westminster 3/18 (JJC,TEJ), 4 3/22 Vernon (WGE,NLM), 1 3/23 Colchester (JDM), 1 3/26 HC (WGE,NLM), 2 3/29 Wilder (WGE,NLM), 1 4/1 Brandon (SSW), 2 4/12 S. Burlington (WAM), 1 4/14 Rutland (ELW), 1 4/18 Brownsville (BMH), 1 4/19 Rockingham (WGE,NLM), 2 4/25 Shelburne (WAM), 2 4/26 S. Burlington (WAM), 1 4/27 Dorset (EFG), 2 5/1 Norwich (MJC), 1 5/17 HC (TEJ,JJC,REG,DC), 1 5/17 WRM (WJN), 1 5/17 Dorset (EFG), 2 5/17 Mendon (JML), 1 5/31 Coventry (ELW), 1 5/31 Newport (REG et al.). Red-breasted Nuthatch resident at higher elevations. Some high counts: 5-6/day Winhall (WJN). Many other sites had 2-3. One banded at Plainfield (MFM). White-breasted Nuthatch resident in most places. Some high counts: 4 4/29 Shoreham (ELW), 5 5/26 SBWMA (WAM), up to 5 Winhall (WJN). Brown Creeper: 1 3/11 Bartonville (TEJ), 1 3/17 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 3/20 Fair Haven (EPA), 2 3/22 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 3/30 Halifax (WHA), 1 3/31 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 1 4/20 Shelburne (WAM), 1 4/20 Cornwall (WGE,NLM), 1 4/22 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 4/28 Woodstock (WGE,NLM). High counts: 8 4/25 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), up to 5 Topsham (EM,AM). Most May dates represent breeders.

#### WRENS

Carolina Wren: 1 wintered in Ferrisburg, still present 4/9, nest-building 5/17 (DD,JID,MCD), 1 3/6-16 Brandon "was chased by Winter Wren on 3/16" (SSW). House Wren: 1 4/13 Vernon (JJC) early, 1 4/20 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 4/28 E. Dorset (RuS), 1 4/29 Rutland (CJF), 2 4/29 Brandon (SSW), 2 4/30 Dorset (EFG), 1 5/4 Shoreham (ELW), 1 5/6 Springfield (WME), 1 5/9 Springweather NA (WJN), 1 5/7 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 5/8 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 2 5/9 Rutland (CJF), on 5/10 1 Middlebury (MBN), 2 WRD/Winooski (JDM), 1 Fair Haven (EPA), 1 S. Strafford (HR), 1 Springfield (MPH). High counts: 8 5/17 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 8 5/17 HC-WRM (WJN). Winter Wren: 1 3/16 Brandon (SSW) see Carolina Wren, 1 3/31 Stockbridge (EH), 2 3/31 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 4/5 Westmore (WGE,NLM), 1 4/12 Danby

(CJF) appeared to be nest building, 1 4/16 Sheffield (PFW), 1 4/16 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 4/22 2 4/29 Woodstock (JMN,JJC), 1 4/23 Sheffield (PFW), 1 4/25 Winhall (WJN), 1 4/26 Reading (MPH), 1 4/26 Topsham (EM,AM), 1 4/27 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 1 5/4 E. Dorset (RuS). High count: 7 4/10 Reading (FMH,GEH). Marsh Wren: 1 WRD 3 Winooski 5/10 (JDM), 5 5/10 WRM (SSW), 20 5/11 WRM (WGE,NLM,JPM,JBM,VX) the high count, 1 5/13 HC (WJN), 1 5/17 Allen Bros. Marsh (TEJ,DC,REG,JJC), 5/17 WRM,DCWMA (m. ob.), 1 5/23 HC (WJN), 2 5/24 Mud Creek (WAM), 6 5/24 BRM (WGE,NLM et al.), 12 5/31 Newport (ELW).

#### MUSCICAPIDAE

Golden-crowned Kinglet wintered in many areas. Two 3/3 Reading (FMH,GEH), 2 3/7 present through 3/31 Bartonville (TEJ), 1 3/29 Rockingham (TEJ,DC), 1 3/29 Springweather NA (WME), 1 3/30 Halifax (WHA), 1 3/30 Wilgus SP (WME), 1 4/18 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 4/22 Charlotte (JID,MCD), 1 4/27 Mt. Tabor (MPH). High count: 18 5/17 Ferdinand (WGE,GFE,NLM,DHC). May dates probably refer to breeders. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 2 4/3 Fair Haven (EPA), 2 4/6 Rockingham (WGE,NLM), 2 4/10 Fair Haven (EPA), 1 4/13 Vernon (JJC), 1 4/16 Woodstock (JMN), 1 4/16 Winhall (WJN), 1 4/18 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 4/19 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 1 4/19 Charlotte (MBN), 1 4/20 Dorset (EFG), 2 4/25 Rutland (CJF), on 4/26 1 Springfield (MPH), 1 Shrewsbury (MPH), 5 Winhall (WJN), 2 Shelburne (WAM), 1 Topsham (EM,AM). High count: 24 4/27 N.E. Kingdom (WAM,DLC,BLR). Eighteen netted at VINS. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 2 4/22 Brandon (SSW), 2 5/5 Vernon (JJC), on 5/6 3 Shoreham (ELW), 1 Lewis Creek (JID,MCD), 1 Roundy's Cove (WGE), 1 Halifax (WHA), 1 5/7 Woodstock (NLM), on 5/17 6 Lewis Creek (JID,MCD), 1 West Haven (LPS), 1 Newport (MFM), 2 HC 1 Roundy's Cove (TEJ,REG,DC,JJC), 3 SBWMA (m. ob.), 2 5/23 HC (WJN), present at SBWMA from 5/17 through period by m. ob. with an incredible high of 50 5/26 (JDM). Eastern Bluebird: first 3/1 Brandon (EH), 1 3/18 E. Putney (JJC,TEJ), 2 3/22 Vernon (WGE,NLM), 4 3/25 Brownsville (BMH) the high count, on 3/26 1 Springweather NA (WJN), 1 Reading (FMH,GEH), 2 Springfield (MPH), 1 Topsham (EM,AM), on 3/28 1 Woodstock (JMN), 1 Saxtons River (OAG), 1 Timmouth (PB), 2 3/29 Salisbury (SSW), 1 3/31 DCWMA (PFW,SAW), 2 3/31 Reading (JoJ). Numerous nesting reports; nestlings out by 5/30; reports of Bluebirds being harassed at boxes by Tree Swallows and Chickadees. Four netted at VINS. Veery: 1 5/10 E. Dorset (RuS), 2 5/10 Reading (FMH,GEH), on 5/11 1 S. Wallingford (CJF), 1 Winhall (WJN), 1 Woodstock (JMN), 1 Halifax (WHA), 1 5/12 Topsham (EM,AM), on 5/16 1 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 Grafton (TEJ), 2 Woodstock (VINS); widespread by 5/17. High count: 25 5/17 HC to WRM (WJN). Seven netted at VINS; 2 retraps, oldest one banded 5/26/80 now at least 7 years old. Gray-cheeked Thrush: 2 5/17 Island Pond--overhead pre-dawn (WGE,GFE,NLM,DHC), 2 5/26 Kelley Stand (WJN). Swainson's Thrush: 1 4/26 Cambridge (JGG,RYG), 1 4/27 N.E. Kingdom (WAM,DLC,BLR) both very early, 1 5/11 Halifax (WHA), 2 Lyndonville, 10 Island Pond (calling overhead pre-dawn) 2 Ferdinand 5/17 (WGE,GFE,NLM,DHC), 1 5/18 Lincoln (JRA), 5 5/18 Champlain Valley (JDM), 1 Colchester 1 SBWMA 5/24 (JDM), 4 5/26 Kelley Stand (WJN), 1 5/30 Jay Peak (REG). Hermit Thrush: 1 4/3 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1 4/10 Stockbridge (EH), 2 4/10 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 4/11 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 4/14 Springfield (MPH), 1 4/17 Topsham (EM,AM), 1 4/19 Hartland (WGE), 1 4/20 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 5 4/26 Winhall (WJN). High count: 10 5/17 Ferdinand (WGE,GFE,NLM,DHC). Wood Thrush: on 5/6 4 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1 Halifax (WHA), 3 Brandon (SSW), 1 Woodstock (JMN), on 5/7 1 Winhall (WJN), 1 Woodstock (WGE,NLM), 1 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 Shoreham (ELW), 1 Washington (ATA), 1 5/8



Dorset (EFG), 1 5/9 Fair Haven (EPA), 1 5/9 Randolph (EWC,MCC), on 5/10 1 W. Glover (REG), 1 Benson (CJF), 1 E. Dorset (RuS), 1 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 1 Topsham (EM,AM). High count: 15 5/17 HC to WRM (WJN). Many observers commented on the scarcity of all the thrush species. American Robin: 2 3/2 Brandon (SSW), 24 3/4 Grand Isle (DJH), 1 3/11 Woodstock (CRP), on 3/16 8 Rockingham (TEJ), 2 Heineberg Br. (JRA), 3 Westminster (REG), on 3/17 1 Bartonville (TEJ), 1 Springfield (MPH), 1 Bethel (EH), 1 3/18 HC (WJN), 1 3/18 Clarendon (CJF); overwintered at Shelburne (WGE). High count: 125 5/17 HC-WRM (WJN). One banded at Plainfield; 16 netted at VINS where 1 retrap was banded 5/26/80--at least 7 years old.

#### MIMIDS

Gray Catbird overwintered at Manchester (fide NS). Others: 1 5/1 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1 5/1 Arlington (NS), 2 5/6 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 5/6 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/7 Dorset (EFG), 3 5/8 Woodstock/Quechee (WGE), 1 5/8 Woodstock (VINS), 1 5/8 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 5/9 Shoreham (ELW), 1 5/9 Barton R. Rd. (PFW), on 5/10 1 Fair Haven (EPA), 1 Heineberg Br. (JDM), 2 S. Wallingford (CJF), 1 Barnard (JNF), 1 WRM (SSW), 1 L. Carmi (PJM), 1 Burlington (WAM). High count: 15 5/17 HC-WRM (WJN). Thirty-six netted at VINS, one retrap banded 8/22/79 now at least 7 years old. Northern Mockingbird: 1 3/1 Shoreham (WGE,NLM), 1 3/5 Westminster (REG), 2 3/22 WRD (JDM), 1 3/27 Brandon (SSW), 1 4/12 Addison (MBN), 2 4/26 Ferrisburg (JID, MCD), 1 Rutland 1 Sudbury 4/26 (WGE,NLM), 1 4/27 Reading (FMH,GEH) first there, 2 5/4 Champlain Isl. (WAM), on 5/10 3 WRD/Burlington (JDM) high count, 1 Dorset (RuS), 1 Montpelier (DL), on 5/17 1 RM (WJN), 1 Rutland Airport (WJN), 1 Newport (WGE,GFE,NLM,DHC), 1 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 W. Rutland (SBL,BLR), 1 5/18 Shoreham (ELW), 2 5/18 Champlain Valley (JDM), 1 5/19 RM (WJN). Brown Thrasher: 1 4/25 Vershire (VRM), 1 4/25 Woodstock (CCR,WGE,NLM), 1 4/27 Woodstock (JMN), 1 4/28 HC (WJN), 1 4/29 Woodstock (VINS), 1 4/30 Dorset (EFG), 1 5/1 Arlington (NS), 3 5/1 Winhall (WJN) the high count, 1 5/7 Randolph (EWC,MCC), on 5/9 1 Well's River (REG), 1 Barton R. Rd. (PFW), 1 Grand Isle (DJH), 2 5/10 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 1 5/10 Orwell (ELW). Six netted at VINS.

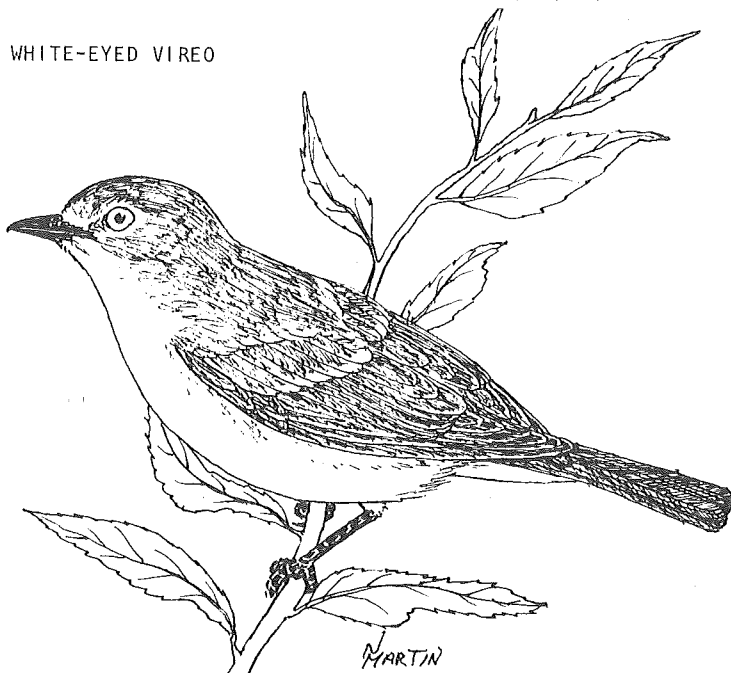
#### PIPITS THROUGH STARLING

Water Pipit: 1 3/28 Woodstock (JDL), 14 3/29 Thetford (WGE,NLM), 1 4/5 Bellows Falls (REG), 40 4/6 Rockingham (WGE,NLM), 20 4/13 Champlain Valley (WAM), 17 5/3 White River Jct. (WGE,NLM), 60 5/7 Shoreham (ELW) the high count, 50 5/9 Salisbury (SSW). Bohemian Waxwing: 35 3/2 Brandon (SSW), 100 3/3 St. Albans (DHH), 4 3/9 Shelburne (WAM), 10 3/16 Charlotte (WAM), 240 4/1 Shoreham (WGE,NLM) the high count, 14 4/13 Duxbury (FAP). A report of 5 5/31 L. Carmi (PJM) seems late. Cedar Waxwing winters in many places especially the Champlain Valley and Lower Connecticut River Valley. In places where it doesn't winter, it is a late migrant arriving after mid-May. Some high counts: 100 3/1 Shoreham (WGE,NLM), 100 3/2 Brandon (SSW), 250 3/9 Shelburne (WAM), 120 3/9 Brattleboro (MPH), 67 3/6 Bartonville (TEJ), 300 3/16 Charlotte (WAM), 65 3/19 Woodstock (JMN), 160 4/26 Brandon (WGE,NLM), 250 5/9 Grand Isle (DJH). Ten netted at VINS. Northern Shrike: a shrike seen 3/13 Hartland (HBR) was reported as a Loggerhead, unlikely at this date, 1 3/22 RM (TEJ,REG,SJS,DC). European Starling was present in usual numbers. Returns in March to high elevation areas where it doesn't winter. High counts: 630 3/24 Grand Isle Cty. (WGE,NLM), 200 3/6 E. Montpelier (MFM), several with 100 +/--. Three netted VINS; 2 banded Plainfield.

#### VIREOS

Solitary Vireo: 1 4/19 Rockingham (WGE,NLM), 1 4/20 Winhall (WJN), 1 4/25 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 4/27 N.E. Kingdom (WAM,DLC,BLR), 3 4/27 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 2 4/28 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 4/28 Norwich (EH), 1 4/29 Cambridge (RYG,JGG). High counts: 6 5/26 Kelley Stand (WJN), 8 5/1 Reading (FMH,GEH). Yellow-throated Vireo: 1 5/6 Woodstock (WGE,NLM), 1 5/8 Retreat Woods (JJC), 1 5/10 West Haven (SSW), 6 5/11 Woodstock/Quechee (JMN) the high count, 1 5/13 HC (WJN), 1 5/14 Woodstock (CRP), 3 5/14 Lewis Creek (JID,MCD), 2 5/16 Woodstock (VINS), 2 5/17 Cambridge (RYG,JGG); seen on the Birdathon 5/17 at HC, Roundy's, RM, Plymouth, etc. (m. ob.), 4 SBWMA 5/24 (CJF). Three netted at VINS. Warbling Vireo: 1 4/29 Woodstock (WGE,NLM), 1 5/1 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/6 Shoreham (ELW), on 5/7 1 Weybridge (MBN), 3 L. Carmi (PJM), 1 Woodstock (JMN), 1 W. Haven (SSW), 1 5/9 Barton R. Rd. (PFW), on 5/10 11 WRD/Heineberg Br. (JDM), 4 Shoreham (ELW), 1 E. Dorset (RuS), 3 Woodstock (CRP). High counts: 13 5/18 Mud Creek/Heineberg Br. (JDM), 14 5/28 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD). Six netted at VINS. Philadelphia Vireo: 1 5/17 WRD (PRI), 1 5/26 SBWMA (WAM), 1 5/28 Vershire (VPM), most of them probably moved in June. Red-eyed Vireo: 1 5/6 Winhall (WJN), 3 5/6 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 5/10 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 1 5/10 E. Dorset (RuS), 1 5/15 Woodstock (JMN); arrived en masse 5/17 (m. ob.). High count: 8 5/22 Reading (FMH,GEH). Two netted at VINS. Several observers were of the opinion that this species was in low numbers. WHITE-EYED VIREO: 1 5/23 HC (WJN) "chubby little bird, more active than some other vireos, moving through the small branches of deciduous trees"; (one seen there also 5/19/84).

WHITE-EYED VIREO



#### WOOD WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler: 1 5/8 Ira Rest Stop (LPS), 1 5/10 E. Dorset (RuS), 1 5/11 W. Brattleboro (JJC), on 5/17 2 Saxtons River (TEJ,JJC,DC,REG), 1 Brandon 3 Ira Rest Stop (SSW), 1 Shaftsbury (ERK,RSK,MK,BD). Golden-winged Warbler: 1 5/8 2 5/10 Ira Rest Stop (LPS,SSW), 1 5/12 N. Pomfret (JMN,ALG), on 5/17 2 Ira Rest Stop (WJN), 1 Williston (CCY), 1 Saxtons River (REG,DC,JJC,TEJ). "Brewster's" Warbler: 1 5/8 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 2 poss, 3 different males of this hybrid 5/17 Ira Rest Stop (WJN,REG,TEJ,JJC,DC,HSP,EE). Tennessee Warbler: 1 4/30 Dorset (EFG) very early, 2 5/6 Shoreham (ELW), 1 5/7 Westminster (REG), 4 5/11 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1 5/12 Topsham (EM,AM), 1 5/12 Fair Haven (EPA), 1 5/15 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 1 5/16 Brandon (SSW), 1 5/17 Shrewsbury (BLR,SBL), on 5/17 1

Bennington (ERK,RSK,MK,BD), 1 Topsham (EM,AM), 1 Dorset (EFG), 1 Halifax (WHA), 2 Bloomfield (WGE,GFE,NLM,DHC), 6 Birdathon (JJC,TEJ,DC,REG), 10 5/18 Colchester (JDM) the high count, 1 5/18 Addison (JSA,KMA,WME), 1 5/23 HC (WJN), 2 5/25 Rutland (CJF), 1 5/25 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 5/27 Ripton (JID,MCD), 1 5/31 Colchester (JDM). Nashville Warbler: on 4/29 1 Woodstock (VINS), 1 Putney Mt. (JJC), 1 Shoreham (ELW), 1 5/1 Woodstock (JMN), 1 5/3 Reading (FMH,GEH), on 5/6 3 Woodstock (JMN), 5 Shoreham (ELW), 1 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 1 Winhall (WJN), on 5/9 3 Woodstock (WGE,NLM), 1 Ripton (SSW), 1 Sheffield Hts. (PFW), 2 5/10 Charlotte (WAM,DLC), 1 5/10 E. Dorset (EFG). High count: 10 5/14 Lincoln (JRA). Three netted at VINS. Northern Parula: 1 5/6 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/8 Quechee (WGE), 1 5/11 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1 5/12 Topsham (EM,AM), 1 5/17 Grafton (REG,DC,TEJ,JJC), 6 5/17 Ferdinand/Bloomfield (WGE,GFE,NLM,DHC) the high count, 1 5/18 1 5/23 Dorset (EFG), 1 5/23-26 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 5/29 SBWMA (JDM), 1 5/31 Wolcott (ELW). Yellow Warbler: 1 4/29 Halifax (WHA), 1 4/30 Dorset (EFG), 1 5/1 Woodstock (VINS), 1 5/1 Shoreham (ELW), 1 5/5 Woodstock (CRP), on 5/6 1 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 3 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 2 WRM (LPS), 1 E. Dorset (RuS), 2 Springweather NA (WME), 2 Woodstock (WGE,NLM,JJC), on 5/7 1 Vergennes (MBN), 1 Grand Isle (DJH), 1 Rutland (EPA), 5 W. Arlington (CJF), 4 W. Haven (SSW). High count: 50 5/18 Champlain Valley (JDM). Nineteen netted at VINS; a retrap banded 5/19/83 as a 2 year old, now at least 4 years old, retrapped each previous year. Chestnut-sided Warbler: 3 5/4 W. Brattleboro (JJC), on 5/6 1 Ripton (JID,MCD), 1 Woodstock (WGE,NLM,JJC), 1 Halifax (WHA), 3 Shoreham (ELW), 2 Lincoln (JRA), 6 Woodstock (JMN), on 5/7 1 HC (REG), 1 Winhall (WJN), 1 Reading (FMH,GEH), on 5/8 5 Quechee/Woodstock (WGE), 1 Woodstock (VINS), 1 Ira (LPS), 1 5/9 Ripton (SSW). High count: 10 5/24 SBWMA (JDM). Four netted at VINS. Magnolia Warbler: 1 5/6 Halifax (WHA), 1 5/7 Winhall (WJN), 4 5/8 Woodstock/Quechee (WGE), 2 5/8 Retreat Woods (JJC), 1 5/9 Shoreham (ELW), 1 5/10 Sheffield Hts. (PFW), 1 5/11 Woodstock (VINS), 1 5/12 Topsham (EM,AM), on 5/13 1 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 1 Sheffield Hts. (PFW), 2 Rutland (CJF). High count: 5 5/18 Colchester (JDM). Three netted at VINS. Cape May Warbler: 1 4/26 Woodstock (JMN)-early, 1 5/6 Halifax (WHA), 7 5/8 Woodstock (WGE) the high count, 1 5/9 Sheffield Hts. (PFW), 1 5/10 E. Dorset (RuS), 1 5/11 Fair Haven (EPA), 1 5/12 Shoreham (ELW), 6 5/15 Fair Haven (EPA), on 5/17 1 TWD Res. 1 Cambridge (ATA), 1 Brighton (WGE), 1 Timmouth (PB), 1 5/24 SBWMA (JDM). Black-throated Blue Warbler: 1 5/4 E. Dorset (RuS), 1 5/5 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/6 Shoreham (ELW), on 5/7 1 Halifax (WHA), 1 Stockbridge (EH), 1 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 Shrewsbury (LPS), 8 5/9,10 Reading (FMH,GEH) a high count, 1 5/10 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), on 5/11 1 Woodstock (JMN), 1 Washington (ATA), 1 Shoreham (ELW), another high of 8 5/18 Lincoln (JRA). One netted at VINS. Yellow-rumped Warbler: 1 4/6 HC (WGE,NLM), 1 4/11 Fair Haven (EPA), 1 4/13 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1 4/17 Woodstock (JMN), 1 4/20 Halifax (WHA), 1 4/21 Washington (ATA), 2 4/21 Retreat Woods (JJC), 1 4/22 Topsham (EM,AM), 1 4/24 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 4/25 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 4/25 W. Glover (REG), on 4/26 1 Bartonville (TEJ), 1 Brownsville (BMH), 1 Winhall (WJN), 1 4/27 Springfield (MPH), 1 4/28 Colchester (JDM). High count: 24 5/8 Woodstock/Quechee (WGE). Three netted at VINS. Black-throated Green Warbler: 1 4/22 Topsham (EM,AM) early, 1 4/29 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 4/30 Reading (MWB), 1 5/4 Stockbridge (EH), 1 5/4 Springfield (WME), on 5/6 1 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 2 Shoreham (ELW), 7 Woodstock (JMN) the high count, 2 W. Brattleboro (JJC), on 5/7 2 Lincoln (JRA), 1 West Haven (SSW), 1 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 5/9 Sheffield (PFW). Blackburnian Warbler: 1 5/6 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 5/8 Woodstock (WGE), 1 5/8

Springfield (WME), 1 5/11 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/11 E. Dorset (RuS), 1 5/13 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 2 5/14 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 5/15 Washington (ATA). High count: 7 5/22 Reading (FMH,GEH). Pine Warbler: 1 3/31 Stockbridge (EH) came to feeder-early, 1 4/3 Sheffield Hts. (PFW,SAW) came to feeder-photograph submitted, 3 4/12 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1 4/13 Rockingham (WGE,NLM), 1 4/15 Wilous SP (WGE,DHC), 1 4/26,28,29 Burlington (WAM), 1 4/28 Charlotte (JID,MCD), 1 Lake Morey 2 Wilder 5/3 (WGE,NLM), 1 5/4 Quechee (WGE), 1 5/6 E. Dorset (RuS), 2 5/8 Quechee (WGE), 1 5/9 Woodstock (WGE), on 5/17 1 Newport (WGE,GFE,NLM,DHC), 1 Washington (ATA), 1 Brattleboro (JJC), 1 Fair Haven (SBL,BLR), 1 5/23 HC (WJN). Prairie Warbler: 1 4/30 L. Dunmore (SSW), 1 5/9 Woodstock (WGE,JRL), 1 5/11 E. Dorset (RuS), 9 5/17 Woodstock (JMN et al.) the high count, 1 5/17 W. Bridgewater (TEJ,DC,REG,JJC), 1 5/26 Woodstock (VINS), 1 5/28 Saxtons River (WJN). One netted at VINS-first for station. Palm Warbler: 1 4/10 Springfield (MPH), 1 4/17 Quechee (WGE), 1 4/29 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 3 5/6 Shoreham (ELW), 2 5/8 Retreat Woods (JJC). A poor spring for them, compared to last year--see RVB Spring 1985. Bay-breasted Warbler: 3 5/11 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1 5/11 Washington (ATA), on 5/17 1 Woodstock (JMN), 2 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 Timmouth (PB), 1 Ferdinand 1 SBWMA (WGE,GFE,NLM,DHC), on 5/18 1 Addison (JSA,KMA,WME), 2 Lincoln Gap (JRA), 2 Colchester (JDM), 1 5/20 Woodstock (VINS), 5 5/24 SBWMA (JDM) the high count. Not a very good spring for them either; missed by many. One netted at VINS. Blackpoll Warbler: on 5/17 1 Addison (JSA,KMA,WME), 1 Sherburne (REG,DC,TEJ,JJC), 1 Camels Hump (GM,KM), 1 5/19 Woodstock (VINS), 1 5/20 Duxbury (FAP), 2 5/20 2 5/22 Fair Haven (EPA), 1 5/23 Dorset (EFG), 3 5/24 Newport (WGE,NLM et al.), 10 5/24 SBWMA (JDM,CJF) the high count, 1 5/25 Rutland (CJF), 1 5/25 Brandon (SSW), 1 5/26 SBWMA (WAM), 1 5/27 Woodstock (VINS), 1 5/29 Winhall (WJN), 5 5/30 Jay Peak (REG). Two netted at VINS. Cerulean Warbler: 2 5/18 SBWMA (WAM,LJE,DCD,RUS), 5 5/24 SBWMA beginning to build nest (JDM,CJF), 4 5/26 SBWMA (WAM). Black-and-white Warbler: 1 4/20 Woodstock (JMN), on 4/29 1 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1 Shrewsbury (LPS), 2 Woodstock (WGE,NLM), 1 Barnard (EH), 1 4/30 Brandon (SSW), 1 5/4 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 1 5/4 E. Dorset (RuS), on 5/6 1 Winhall (WJN), 5 Shoreham (ELW), 1 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 Washington (ATA), 1 Essex Jct. (JDM), 2 Vershire (VRM). High count: 7 5/17 Woodstock/Quechee (WGE). One netted at VINS. American Redstart: on 5/6 1 Halifax (WHA), 1 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 Woodstock (WGE,NLM,JJC), 1 5/8 Woodstock (CRP), 1 5/8 E. Dorset (RuS), on 5/9 1 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 1 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 HC (WJN), 1 5/10 W. Glover (REG), 1 5/10 Barnard (JNF), 1 5/11 Brandon (SSW), 1 5/11 Washington (ATA), 1 5/12 Topsham (EM,AM), 1 5/16 Fair Haven (EPA). High count: 13 5/18 Colchester-Mud Creek (JDM). Twelve netted at VINS. Ovenbird: 1 4/21 W. Brattleboro (JJC) early, 1 4/29 Shrewsbury (LPS), on 5/6 1 E. Dorset (RuS), 1 Woodstock (WGE,NLM,JJC), 2 Winhall (WJN), 1 Reading (FMH,GEH), 6 Woodstock (JMN), 1 5/7 Barre (ATA), 3 5/9 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 12 5/9 Reading (FMH,GEH) the high count, on 5/10 3 Charlotte (WAM,DLC), 1 W. Glover (REG), 1 S. Strafford (HR), 2 5/11 Mt. Tabor (CJF), 1 5/11 Topsham (EM,AM). Another high was 12 5/17 Lincoln (JRA). One netted at VINS. Northern Waterthrush: 1 5/1 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 5/6 Woodstock (VINS), 1 5/8 Quechee (WGE), 1 5/9 Barton R. Rd. (PFW), 1 5/10 W. Glover (REG), 1 5/10 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 2 5/11 Sherburne (WGE,NLM), 1 5/13 Sheffield Hts. (PFW), 1 5/14 Calais (DL). High count: 10 5/17 "Birdathon" (TEJ,DC,REG,JJC). Four netted at VINS. Louisiana Waterthrush: 1 4/15 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 4/18 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 2 4/27 Dorset (EFG), 1 5/4 E. Dorset (RuS), 2 5/10 Norwich (WGE,GFE), on 5/17 1 Orwell (SH), 2 Dorset (EFG), 1 Westminster (TEJ,JJC,

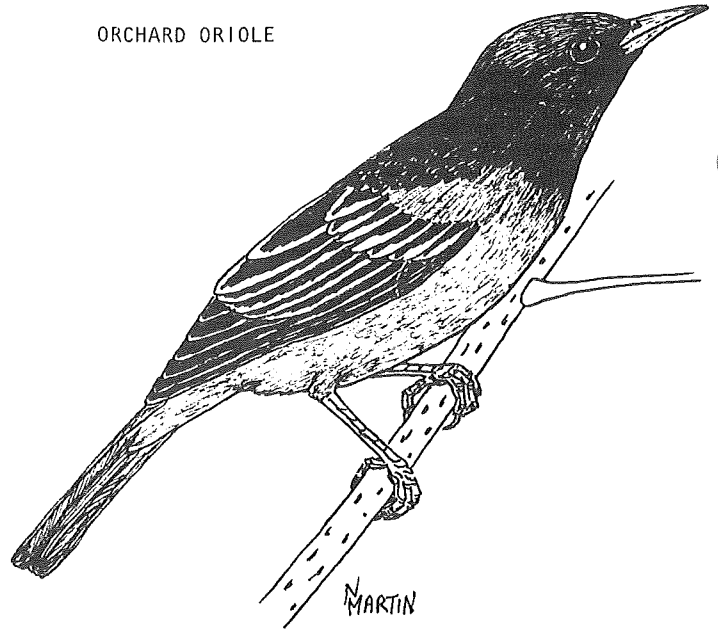
DC,REG), 1 5/18 Bartonsville (TEJ), 2 5/19 Reading (FMH,GEH). Mourning Warbler: 1 5/17 Shrewsbury (SBL,BLR), 1 5/19 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 5/20 Lincoln (JRA), 1 5/24 Middlebury (MBN), 1 5/31 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 2 5/31 Reading (FMH,GEH). Most arrived in June. Common Yellowthroat: on 5/6 1 Woodstock (VINS), 1 Halifax (WHA), 3 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 2 5/9 HC (WJN), 1 5/9 Dorset (EFG), on 5/10 1 Colchester (JDM), 1 W. Rutland (SSW), 1 S. Strafford (HR), 1 Orwell (ELW), 1 Fair Haven (EPA), 1 E. Dorset (RuS), on 5/11 1 W. Glover (REG), 1 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 Vershire (VRM), 1 Washington (ATA), 1 Woodstock (JMN). High counts: 25 5/18 Champlain Valley (JDM), 25 5/24 SBWMA (JDM). Twenty-five netted at VINS; 2 retraps, 1 banded 5/16/82 at least 5 years old. Wilson's Warbler: 1 5/9 Woodstock (VINS), 1 5/11 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1 5/11 Vershire (VRM), 1 5/17 Brighton (WGE,GFE,NLM,DHC), 1 5/17 Woodstock (JMN), 1 5/18 Addison (JSA,KMA,WME), 1 5/18 Colchester (JDM), 2 5/21 Shoreham (ELW), 1 5/22 Winhall (WJN), 5 5/24 SBWMA (JDM), 1 5/24 Newport (WGE,NLM et al.). One netted at VINS. Canada Warbler: 1 5/12 Snake Mtn.-Addison (SSW), 1 5/15 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), on 5/17 5 Grafton/Shrewsbury (JJC,TEJ,DC,REG) high count, 1 WRD (PRI), 2 Woodstock (JMN), 1 Ira (SBL,BLR), 1 Timmouth (PB), 2 Brunswick/Bloomfield (WGE,GFE,NLM,DHC), 1 5/18 Addison (JSA,KMA,WME), 3 5/18 Colchester (JDM), 1 5/19 Reading (FMH,GEH), 2 5/19 Woodstock (VINS). Another high count 5 5/31 Glover/Wolcott (ELW). Five netted at VINS. Yellow-breasted Chat: a bird reported as "heard" 5/17 S. Hero (DJH). This should be considered a possible, because of the possibility of mimicry, when dealing with a bird this rare in the state or with an out of season record.

#### TANAGERS THROUGH SNOW BUNTING

Scarlet Tanager: 1 5/6 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/6 Woodstock (NLM), 1 5/8 Retreat Woods (JJC), 1 5/10 Benson (CJF), 1 5/10 Charlotte (WAM,DLC), 1 5/11 Woodstock (JMN), 1 5/13 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 1 5/14 Fair Haven (EPA), 1 5/15 Topsham (EM,AM), 1 5/16 Westminster (REG). High count: 10 5/24 SBWMA (JDM). Northern Cardinal present throughout the period in most areas. Some high counts: 9 3/9 Shelburne (WAM), 10 3/16 Shelburne (WAM), 6 4/4 Springfield (WME), 8 4/15 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 8 4/26 Brandon (WGE,NLM et al.), 1 5/17 Newport (WGE,GFE,NLM,DHC) where scarcer. Two netted at VINS. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 1 5/1 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/1 Woodstock (JMN), 3 5/3 W. Brattleboro (JJC), on 5/6 2 Shrewsbury (LPS), 2 Lincoln (JRA), 1 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 2 S. Strafford (HR), 1 Reading (FMH,GEH), 2 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 1 Randolph (EWC,MCC), on 5/7 1 Washington (ATA), 1 Fair Haven (EPA), 1 Woodstock (WGE,NLM), 1 5/8 Dorset (EFG), 1 5/9 Springfield (MPH), on 5/10 1 Charlotte (WAM,DLC), 1 Benson (CJF), 1 E. Dorset (RuS). High count: 10 3/18 Champlain Valley (JDM). Three netted at VINS; 1 retrap banded 7/13/82 as second year male now 5 years old. Indigo Bunting: 1 5/6 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 5/13 Woodstock (JMN), 2 5/15 Brattleboro (JJC), on 5/17 1 Springfield (MPH), 1 W. Bridgewater (TEJ,DC,JJC,REG), 1 Ira Rest Stop (m. ob.), 1 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 1 Topsham (EM,AM). High counts: 3 5/26 Woodstock (JMN), 5 Topsham (EM,AM). Rufous-sided Towhee: 1 4/26 Sudbury (WGE,NLM), 1 4/26 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 1 4/27 Bartonsville (TEJ), 1 4/27 Brattleboro (JJC), 1 4/28 Springfield (MPH), 1 4/29 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 2 4/30 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/4 Springweather NA (WME), 1 5/8 Ira Rest Stop (LPS), 1 5/10 E. Dorset (RuS). High count: 4 5/17 Ira Rest Stop (m. ob.). Two netted at VINS. American Tree Sparrow wintered widely at lower elevations. Some late dates: 1 4/13 Fair Haven (EPA), 2 4/15 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 4/16 Shoreham (ELW), on 4/19 1 Sheffield Hts. (PEW), 1 Shelburne (WAM), 2 Weybridge (MBN), 1 4/21 Wilder (WGE), 1 4/22 Woodstock (JMN).

High count: 67 3/1 West Haven/Addison (WGE,NLM). Twenty-four banded at Plainfield. Chipping Sparrow: 2 3/30 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 1 4/1 Grand Isle (DJH), 3 4/3 Brandon (SSW), 1 4/7 Rutland (ELW), 1 4/15 Wilgus SP (WGE,DHC), 1 4/16 Dorset (EFG), 1 4/19 Weybridge (MBN), 1 4/19 Halifax (WHA). High counts: 50 5/7 Middlebury (JRA), 45 5/8 Woodstock/Quechee (WGE). Two netted at VINS. Field Sparrow: 1 3/28 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 1 3/29 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 3/31 Woodstock (JMN), on 4/8 1 Sheffield Hts. (PEW), 1 Barnard (JNF), 1 Washington (ATA), 1 4/12 Springfield (MPH), 1 4/13 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1 4/14 Woodstock (WGE,NLM), 1 4/16 Dorset (EFG). High count: 8 5/10 Orwell (ELW). Four netted at VINS. Vesper Sparrow: 1 4/20 Pittsford (WGE,NLM), 1 4/20 Salisbury (WGE,NLM et al.), 1 5/9 Grand Isle (DJH), 1 5/13 Shoreham (ELW), on 5/17 1 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 3 Brighton Airport (WGE,GFE,NLM,DHC), 1 DCWMA (m. ob.), 1 5/18 Grand Isle (DJH), 4 5/29 Shoreham (ELW) the high count. Savannah Sparrow: 2 4/5 Springfield (REG), 1 4/14 HC (WJN), 3 4/15 Shelburne (WAM), 1 4/15 Brandon (SSW), 1 4/15 Shoreham (ELW), 16 4/15 Weathersfield/Rockingham (WGE,DHC) the high count, 2 4/18 Brattleboro (JJC), 1 4/25 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 1 4/25 RM (WJN), 7 4/28 Shoreham (ELW), 2 4/30 Shelburne (WAM), 10 4/30 White River Jct. (WGE), seen widely 5/17 at DCWMA (m. ob.). One netted at VINS. Grasshopper Sparrow: 1 4/19 Grand Isle (DJH), 1 5/17 DCWMA-Panton (m. ob.). Fox Sparrow: 1 3/23 Grand Isle (DJH), 1 3/27 Plainfield (MFM), 1 3/28 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 3/29 HC (TEJ,WJN), 1 3/30 Stockbridge (EH), 2 4/1 Woodstock (WGE,NLM), 3 4/4 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 4/4 Sheffield Hts. (PEW,SAW), 1 4/5 Hartford (WGE,NLM). Late dates: 1 4/23 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 4/23 Shoreham (ELW), 1 4/26 Brandon (WGE,NLM), 1 4/26 Woodstock (VINS). High count: 4 4/6 Shrewsbury (LPS). One netted at VINS. Song Sparrow overwintered in some areas. First spring reports: 1 3/11 Orwell (WGE,NLM), 1 3/16 Brattleboro (REG), 1 3/17 Allen Bros. Marsh (TEJ), 2 3/18 HC (WJN), 1 3/19 Berlin (MFM), 1 3/19 Woodstock (CRP), 3 3/21 Rutland "one closely resembled 'maxima' race largest definitely grey-brown, not only in the cheeks" (CJF), on 3/22 1 Weybridge (MBN), 1 Halifax (WHA), 3 Colchester (JDM), 1 Lincoln (JRA), 1 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 1 3/23 E. Dorset (RuS). High count: 37 3/26 Rockingham (WGE,NLM). Two banded at Plainfield; 11 netted at VINS. Lincoln's Sparrow: 1 5/8 Quechee (WGE), 1 5/10 Peru (WJN), 1 5/11 Woodstock (VINS), on 5/17 1 "Champlain Edge" (ATA), 1 Mt. Holly beaver pond (WJN), 7 Island Pond 1 Hyde Pk. (WGE,GFE,NLM,DHC) the high count, 1 5/22,23,26 Sheffield Hts. (PEW). One netted at VINS. Swamp Sparrow: 4 3/19 Newport (REG), 1 3/29 White River Jct. (WGE,NLM), 1 4/6 Rockingham (WGE,NLM), 2 4/13 Vernon (JJC), 1 4/19 Weybridge (MBN), 2 4/19,20 Shelburne (WAM), 5 4/25 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 35 4/27 N.E. Kingdom (WAM,DLC,BLR) the high count, 3 4/29 WRM (WJN). Four netted at VINS. White-throated Sparrow overwintered in some areas, early March sightings refer to them. Migration dates: 1 4/3 Springfield (WME), 1 4/7 Vershire (VRM), 1 4/11 E. Dorset (RuS), 1 4/12 Halifax (WHA), 1 4/15 Brandon (SSW), 1 4/16 Rutland (CJF), 1 4/17 Winhall (WJN), 1 4/19 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 4/20 Dorset (EFG), 1 4/20 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), on 4/21 1 Washington (ATA), 1 Hartford (WGE,NLM), 1 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 Sheffield Hts. (PEW). High count: 90 5/8 Woodstock/Quechee (WGE). One banded at Plainfield; 54 netted at VINS. White-crowned Sparrow: 1 4/22 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 3 4/29 Shoreham (ELW), 1 4/30 Springfield (MPH), on 5/5 4 Rutland (CJF), 1 Sheffield Hts. (PEW), 12 Berlin (MFM), on 5/6 6 Barnard (EH), 1 Washington (ATA), 10 Lincoln 2 Middlebury (JRA), 5 Castleton (MT), 2 Fair Haven (EPA), 1 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1 Woodstock (CRP), 2 Brandon (SSW), 2 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD). They became widespread after that, everyone commented on higher than usual numbers. Late dates: 1 5/17 SBWMA

ORCHARD ORIOLE



SBL,BLR), 3 5/17 Bridgport (JSA,KMA,WME). Northern Oriole: 1 5/1 Saxtons River (REG), on 5/6 1 Halifax (WHA), 1 E. Dorset (RuS), 1 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 Topsham (EM,AM), 1 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 1 Woodstock (WGE,JJC,NLM,CCR), on 5/7 1 Weybridge (MBN), 1 W. Arlington (CJF), 1 Winhall (WJN), 1 Woodstock (JMN), 1 Fair Haven (EPA), 3 Brandon (SSW), 2 Dorset (EFG), 1 Vershire (VRM), "feeding on sliced oranges" 5/14 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 5/23 Dorset "orange coloring replaced by red" (EFG). High count: 26 5/17 HC/WRM (WJN). Ten netted at VINS, one retrap banded 5/15/81 at least 7 years old.

FRINGILLIDAE-HOUSE SPARROW

Pine Grosbeak: 2 through March Reading (MWB), 20 3/1 W. Rutland (WGE,NLM), 5 3/1 Burlington (JDM), 10 3/2 Washington (ATA), 2 3/12 Woodstock (WGE,NLM), 12 3/14 Barnard (JNF), 1 3/22 Winhall (WJN), 3 3/25 Shrewsbury (LPS), until 4/1 Topsham (EM,AM), 10 5/13 "in apple trees" 1 5/16 Sheffield Hts. (PFW). Purple Finch: "wintered at feeder" Grand Isle (DJH), 1 3/19 Woodstock (CRP), 1 3/20 Woodstock (JMN), 1 3/21 Vergennes (JRA), 1 3/27 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 3/29 Washington (ATA), 1 3/31 Winhall (WJN), 1 4/1 Hartland (ECM), 1 4/4 Vershire (VRM), 4 4/10 S. Strafford (HR), 2 4/17 Brandon (SSW). High count: 30 5/7 Washington (ATA). Two netted at VINS; 4 at Plainfield. Many observers commented "scarce and late". House Finch widespread now in much of the state. Some high counts: ca. 50 through period Fair Haven (EPA), 10 4/16 RM (WJN), 11 5/29 Lyndonville (PFW). Some places where scarce: 8 4/11 Lincoln (JRA), 1 5/16 Grand Isle (DJH), 2 5/17 Newport (WGE,GFE,NLM,DHC), 1 5/18 Washington (ATA) "first ever at house" there. Red Crossbill: "a few in the woods in March" Topsham (EM,AM). White-winged Crossbill: "a few in the woods in March" Topsham (EM,AM). Common Redpoll: fairly heavy movement, particularly in the north. Most everywhere in early March: 50 3/30 Sheffield Hts. (PFW), 3 Winhall (WJN), 20 Springfield (WME), 1 Randolph (EWC,MCC), on 3/31 50 Reading (JoJ), 6 Stockbridge (EH), 8 Washington (ATA), 10 4/1 Fair Haven (EPA), 4 4/1 Springfield (WME), 15 4/2 Barnard (JNF), 4 4/2 Lincoln (JRA), 1 4/3 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 1 Westmore 2 L. Willoughby 4/5 (WGE,NLM), 4 4/5 Sheffield Hts. (PFW), 1 4/11 Grand Isle (RBL), 5 4/11 S. Strafford (HR), 1 4/12 Weybridge (MBN), 20 4/14 Sheffield Hts. (PFW). High counts: 200 wintered Grand Isle (RBL), 125 3/27 Woodstock (JMN). Pine Siskin wintered at feeders in some areas; some places

(WGE,GFE,NLM,DHC), 1 5/17 Essex Jct. (TG), 1 5/31 Springfield (MPH). High counts: 36 5/8 Woodstock/Quechee (WGE), "hundreds"! 5/7 Grand Isle (DJH). Seven netted at VINS. Dark-eyed Junco wintered in many places particularly at lower elevations. First spring reports: 1 3/6 Weybridge (MBN), on 3/19 1 Bartonsville (TEJ), 1 Reading (FMH, GEH), 1 Winhall (WJN), 4 Woodstock (CRP), 1 3/21 Grand Isle (DJH), 1 3/22 Halifax (WHA), 4 3/24 Bartonsville (TEJ), on 3/26 "good numbers" Topsham (EM,AM), 6 Brownsville (BMH), 2 Springfield (MPH), 3 Woodstock (JMN), 1 3/27 Shrewsbury (LPS). High count: 200 +/- 3/30 Woodstock (JMN). One banded at VINS; 164 banded at Plainfield. Lapland Longspur: 2 3/22 Vernon (WGE). Snow Bunting: 4 3/1 Barnet (ATA), 60 Addison 1 Bridport 3/1 (WGE, NLM), 25 3/4 Plainfield (MFM), 24 3/5 Cambridge (RYG, JGG), 20 Bethel 1 Stockbridge 3/17 (EH), 2 3/17 Saxtons River (MPH), 1 3/18 Topsham (EM,AM), 20 3/20 Woodstock (EWC,MCC).

BLACKBIRDS

Bobolink: reported 4/15 MNWR (JBG) exceptionally early, 1 5/3 Addison (ELW), 6 5/6 Woodstock (WGE,NLM, JJC,CCR), 1 5/6 Dorset (EFG), 3 5/7 Woodstock (JMN), 2 5/7 L. Carmi (PJM), 1 5/8 RM (JJC), 1 5/9 Topsham (EM, AM), 1 5/9 Lincoln (JRA), on 5/10 5 W. Haven (SSW), 4 DCWMA (WAM), 2 Landgrove (WJN), 1 5/11 E. Dorset (RuS), 1 5/11 Brownsville (BMH). High count: 30 5/24 Newport area (WGE,NLM et al.). Red-winged Blackbird: first 1 3/3 Topsham (EM,AM), 1 3/10 Winhall (WJN), 1 3/10 Woodstock (WD), 1 3/11 Bartonsville (TEJ), on 3/12 3 Chester Depot (MPH), 3 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 Guilford (REG), 2 Woodstock (CRP), "flock" 3/13 Woodstock (BAH), 1 3/13 Brandon (SSW), on 3/14 2 Bartonsville (TEJ), 1 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 1 3/14 Sheffield Hts. (PFW), 500 3/15 Clarendon (CJF). High count: 1000+ 3/28 WRM (WGE,NLM). Three banded at Plainfield; 22 netted at VINS. Eastern Meadowlark: 1 3/18 (TEJ,JJC), 1 3/19 Duxbury (FAP), 12 3/22 Vernon (WGE,NLM), 18 3/22 Dummerston/Westminster (TEJ,DC,REG) the high count, 3 3/23 DCWMA (WAM), 1 3/25 Shrewsbury (LPS), 2 3/26 Woodstock (JMN), 3 3/28 Grand Isle (DJH), 1 3/29 Grand Isle (WAM), 8 3/29 White River Jct. (WGE,NLM), 1 3/30 Hinesberg (ATA), 1 3/31 DCWMA (PFW,SAW), 1 4/1 Brandon (SSW), 1 4/2 Plainfield (MFM), on 4/4 1 N. Hero (JDM), 1 Lincoln (JRA), 2 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 3 4/21 RM (JJC). Rusty Blackbird: 12 3/21 Rutland (CJF) the high count, 1 3/22 Vernon (DC,TEJ,REG), 2 3/28 Bartonsville (TEJ), 8 3/30 Barnard (WGE,NLM), 2 4/6 Rockingham (WGE,NLM), 2 Burlington Intervale 1 SBWMA 4/12 (WAM,DLC), 1 4/16 Sheffield Hts. (PFW), 2 4/16 Woodstock (WGE), 1 4/20 Brandon (WGE,NLM), 6 4/21 Weybridge (MBN), 3 4/26 Grand Isle (DJH), 5 4/26 Cornwall (WGE,NLM et al.), 1 5/6 S. Strafford (HR), 1 5/17 Essex Jct. (TG), 1 5/31 Glover (ELW), 1 5/31 S. Strafford (HR). Common Grackle: 1 3/1 Pittsford (EH), 1 3/12 Guilford (REG), on 3/16 20 Westminster (TEJ), 1 Grand Isle (DJH), 18 Burlington (WGE,NLM), 6 Brandon (SSW), 20 3/17 Bartonsville/Westminster (TEJ), 12 3/17 Ferrisburg (JRA), on 3/18 1 Washington (ATA), 3 Woodstock (CRP), 1 Rutland (CJF), 300 Westminster Station (TEJ,JJC), 12 3/19 Weybridge (MBN), 1 3/19 Shrewsbury (LPS), widespread after that. High count 1200 +/- 3/30 Salisbury/Leicester (WGE,NLM). Two netted at VINS; 22 banded at Plainfield. Brown-headed Cowbird overwintered in some areas. Other early reports: 1 3/12 Guilford (REG), 60+ 3/18 Westminster Station (JJC, TEJ), 1 3/18 Middlebury (JRA), 2 3/19 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 3/19 Sheffield Hts. (PFW), 2 3/20 Woodstock (CRP), 150 3/20 Weybridge (MBN) the high count, on 3/22 2 Lamaille R. (JDM), 1 Rutland (CJF), 1 Vernon (TEJ,REG), 1 3/23 Bartonsville (TEJ), 8 3/23 DCWMA (WAM). ORCHARD ORIOLE: 1 5/10 Castleton (HBS), 1 5/10 Addison (WAM), 2 5/17 Addison (TEG,DC,TEJ,JJC,

where did not winter it turned up heavily in May (especially S.E. Vermont). Two 3/16 Woodstock (JMN), 2 3/21 Plainfield (MFM), 1 3/22 Shelburne (JDM), "a few" 3/26 Topsham (EM,AM), 4 3/27 Brandon (SSW), "flock" 3/31 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 2 4/7 Woodstock (WGE), 1 4/8 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 5 4/22 Burlington (ELW), 10 5/5 Shoreham (ELW), 1 5/5 Sheffield Hts. (PEW), 1 5/6 Washington (ATA), 14 5/6 Lincoln (JRA), 9 5/7 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 5/7 Hartford (WGE,NLM), 3 5/8 Weybridge (MBN), 15 5/10,11 Hartford (WGE,NLM) the high count, 2 5/16 S. Strafford (HR). Late dates: present on 5/17 in the s. e. at Saxtons River, HC, Bartonville, RM (m. ob.), 1 5/31 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 5/31 Island Pond (ELW). American Goldfinch: scarce early, late arriving did not become abundant until the second half of May. Wintered in Fair Haven (EPA) and Shelburne (WAM), 3 3/2 Plainfield (MFM), 7 3/5 Lincoln (JRA), 30 3/5 Weybridge (MBN), 24 3/28 Grand Isle (DJH), 1 3/29 Fairlee (ATA), 1 3/30 Washington (ATA), 4 4/11 Shoreham (ELW), 1 4/15 Vershire (VRM), 1 4/20 Dorset (EFG), 30 5/2 Shoreham (ELW), 2 5/2 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1 5/9 Springweather NA (WJN), 3 5/9 Woodstock (JMN), 1 5/10 E. Dorset (RuS), 1 5/11 Woodstock (CRP), widespread after 5/11. High count 30 several times. Ten netted at VINS. Evening Grosbeak wintered widely although in lower numbers than usual. Some late dates: 60 5/10 Burlington/Colchester (JDM), 2 5/16 Winhall (WJN), on 5/17 5 Dorset (EFG), 1 Halifax (WHA), 20 Washington (ATA), 2 5/18 Lamoille R. (JDM), 2 5/19 S. Strafford (HR), 1 5/22 Sheffield Hts. (PEW), 1 5/30 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD). Male gathering nesting material 5/10 (FMH,GEH). High counts: 80 into early May Montpelier (DL), 50 5/6 Shoreham (ELW). Nine banded at VINS; 15 at Plainfield. House Sparrow numbers seem stable. Some high counts: 20 New Haven (ECM), 20 Brownsville (BMH), 30 S. Londonderry (WJN). Most people don't bother to count them. At Fair Haven Betty Allen notes that she hasn't had them since the House Finch arrived.

#### Abbreviations Used In Text

BRM	Barton River Marshes
DCWMA	Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area
HC	Herricks Cove (Rockingham)
MNWR	Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge
RM	Retreat Meadows (Brattleboro)
SBWMA	Sand Bar Waterfowl Management Area
TWD Res.	Thurman W. Dix Reservoir
WRM	West Rutland Marsh
WRD	Winooski River Delta
WHL	Winhall Hawk Lookout

ad.	adult	mdws.	meadows
Ck.	Creek	m. ob.	many observers
ctr.	center	NA	Nature Area
cty.	county	pr.	pair
f.	female	Pt.	Point
Hts.	Heights	Res.	Reservoir
imm.	immature	R.	River
Isl.	Island	sp.	species
Jct.	Junction	SP	State Park
m.	male	yg.	young



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