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## SPRING MIGRATION 1988

1 March-31 May

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3 hybrid r / local

This spring, following a trend set last year, was a little warmer than the average. This has been true for the last four years. The winter of 1987-88 was pretty much an undistinguished one, not one of those ferocious winters which seem never to end. The cold temperatures were not as cold as they frequently are, and the snowfall was not excessive. There were none of those murderous two to three foot snowstorms, the only really heavy one (over a foot) during the winter came over the Lincoln's birthday holiday (2/12). Probably the worst storm of the entire season was on that horrible day-October 4, 1987-which few of us living in southern Vermont will ever forget, when varying amounts (up to 1 1/2 ft.) of wet snow fell on the fully leaved trees. The damage done in Bennington County by that storm will be seen in the woodlands for many years.

March was generally dry, in fact the driest since 1981 in Vermont. With plenty of sunshine the state-wide monthly temperature averaged 1° F below normal. The early part of March was generally cold, with light amounts of snow, and temperatures dropping well below zero (as low as -18° F). It was generally cold in March right up to 3/20, 21 (official spring). By the 24th, a strong southerly flow spread through the region. Temperatures responded by rising into the 50's and 60's. After another frontal period, a warm spell during the last few days produced the warmest days of the month. At the Burlington Airport the highest temperature of the month was 69° F on 3/30. The lowest was 2° F there on 3/2 and 3/21.

April started out warm, with above average temperatures, particularly in the northern portions of the state, with a number of days above the norm for the date. Considerable precipitation occurred during the period, mostly as rain. After April 15th the weather turned quite cool, with several quick moving weather systems passing through with considerable rain, and substantial accumulations of snow in northern Vt. (14 in. at Canaan). The upshot of it was that April turned out near to the normal temperature for the whole month, the cold second half balancing out the warm first half. The highest temperature for the month (at Burlington Airport) was 66° F on 4/6 and the lowest was 26° F on 4/23.

May was a strange month in some ways, it was considered, officially, to be warm and for the most part dry. However it was anything but dry in the southern-southeastern area, where it seemed that it would never stop raining. Overall it was warmer than the average and the last five days of the month brought the warmest temperatures, some places getting up into the 90's. At Burlington Airport the highest temperature of the month was 86° F on 5/28, and the lowest was 33° F on 5/16.

How was the migration affected? Cold weather in early March kept most birds south of us, but the warming trend after March 20th with "ice out" brought a rush of waterfowl all over--arriving on March 25-26. Swarms of blackbirds and grackles moved into the valley areas, while as usual the still snowbound moun-

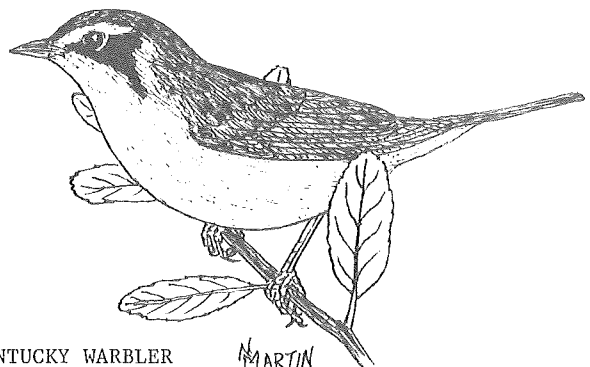
tains only got a trickle of these early movements. The warm weather of early April cleared out the last ice and the waterfowl moved right through and on to more northern areas rapidly. Not many waterfowl were left in the lower Connecticut River Valley after mid-April. The frigid weather in late April caused somewhat of a hiatus in the migration, and some species, particularly passerines which normally arrive April 15-30, were later than usual. After May 1 the warmer weather took hold, and the migrants began to stream through, and for most of the state May was more or less normal. By the Birdathon weekend (5/21, 22) most birds were in, in contrast to some recent years when it has been difficult to get Red-eyed Vireo and Scarlet Tanager on some Birdathons. 5/13-16 and 5/21, 22 seem to have been the peak movements.

As far as declines go, many observers complained of shortages of various groups (mostly passerines) the flycatchers, thrushes and warblers were mentioned most frequently. Some Emberizine finches were also mentioned. A number of active observers totally missed the White-crowned Sparrow. The consensus was that all the thrushes except the Hermit were down (note that all but the Hermit winter in the neo-tropics). The Gray-cheeked Thrush was missed by everyone.

With all the reports in hand from all over the state, it seems that, particularly with warblers, that the complaints and the missing birds were primarily in the southern third or so of the state and at the higher elevations. While the northern part, particularly the Champlain Valley and the Northeast had all the species and apparently in better numbers. The Eastern Wood-Pewee scarce now in the southern mountains, was well reported in the Champlain Valley. The southern part of the state of course had much more precipitation this spring than the north--was this a factor?

We should keep a close eye on these matters, and compare our findings with the other nearby states, and the coastal banding stations. Many problems may be involved--they should not be "swept under the rug" by pretending that the problem does not exist as has been done in some quarters. Acid rain or other pollutants, declines in Lepidoptera, gypsy moth and spruce budworm controls, neo-tropical deforestation, and uncontrolled pesticide use in the tropics all may play a part.

We did have quite a few exciting rarities this spring: GARGANEY, BARROW'S GOLDENEYE, GOLDEN EAGLE (several), GYRFALCON, ARCTIC TERN, NORTHERN HAWK-OWL, RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER, VARIED THRUSH, KENTUCKY WARBLER, and YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT. Others of interest



KENTUCKY WARBLER

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included Red-throated Loon, Great Egret, Glossy Ibis, Spruce Grouse, Iceland Gull, Glaucous Gull, Carolina Wren, "Brewster's" and "Lawrence's" Warblers, and Orchard Oriole.

As happens every year, a number of very early dates turned up, possibly birds that wintered north of their usual range, others pushed up on a warm southerly air flow--Pied-billed Grebe, Sora, Chimney Swift, Tree Swallow, Gray Catbird, Yellow-rumped Warbler, White-crowned Sparrow, and Northern Oriole.

The Birdathon was taken largely on 5/21,22. Participants located 178 species (1 hybrid, 1 exotic). The team of Walter Ellison, Nancy Martin and Dan Crook was as usual the winner with 140 species. Jeremy Coleman, Tait Johansson, and Andrew Knafel followed with 134, Sally Laughlin and Betty Rist had 131, Betty Rist and the Youngstroms had 126, Margaret Barker, Beth Ann Howard, and Jim Lafley had 118, Eleanor Ellis, and Hugh Putnam and Lloyd Bunten had 116 as did Don Clark and Ray Griffin. Four other groups equalled or topped 100.

Two hundred forty species, 3 hybrids and 1 exotic were reported to Records of Vermont Birds for spring 1988.

#### LOONS AND GREBES

Red-throated Loon: 1 Burlington (sw of Appletree Pt.) 5/29 (RBL). Common Loon: first 6 Herrick's Cove (hereafter HC) 4/9 (FMH,GEH) the high count, 1 Charlotte 4/12 (WAM), 1 Worcester 4/12 (WGS), 1 L. Willoughby 4/12 (CCR), 1 L. St. Catherine 4/13 (RWP), 1 Thurman W. Dix Reservoir (hereafter TWDR) 4/13 and 2 4/19 (ATA), 1 L. Ninevah 4/21 (MH), 1 HC 4/21 (ATA), widespread after that on nesting lakes. Peak of 2 at Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge (hereafter MNWR) (JBG). Pied-billed Grebe: 1 grounded Ludlow 3/7, early, retrieved by VINS--released at Wilder Dam, 1 Westminster 3/13 (AMD), 1 White River, Stockbridge 3/14 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 1 Charlotte & 1 Champlain Isl. 3/26 (BLR), 1 Weybridge 3/28 (MBN), 1 Brandon 3/28 (SSW), 1 HC 3/31 (AMD), 2 Dufresne Pond-Manchester 4/1 (RWS), 1 Retreat Meadows-Brattleboro (hereafter RM) 4/22 (JJC), 3 Barton R. Marshes (hereafter BRM)/S. Bay 4/26 (PEW) seen and heard in this area through the period (m.ob.). High count 20 MNWR (JBG). Horned Grebe: 2 Vernon 3/26 (JJC), 3 Dufresne Pond-Manchester 3/27 (RWS), 4 McNeil Cove 3/27 (ATA), 1 Champlain Isl. 3/27 (WAM), 1 Charlotte 4/12 (WAM), 15 Champlain Valley 4/17 (WAM) the high count, 5 Shoreham 4/29 (ELW), 9 L. Horton 4/30 (CJF), 4 TWDR 5/1 (ATA), 7 Shelburne 5/1 (WAM), 8 Shoreham 5/2-4 (ELW). Red-necked Grebe: 1 Grand Isle 4/2-4 (DJH), 1 Tinmouth Pond 4/22 (CJF), 12 Shoreham 4/29 (ELW) the high count, 3 Shelburne Pond 5/3 (JDM), 1 Chittenden Res. 5/4 (JMN,EFG), 1 Colchester Pond 5/4 (JDM).

#### CORMORANT THROUGH IBIS

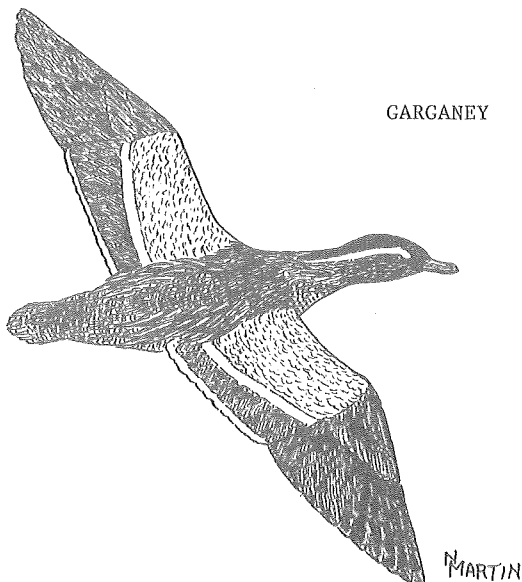
Double-crested Cormorant: 1 Burlington 3/31 (WAM), 1 Wilder Dam 4/4 (PEW,SAW), 1 Grand Isle 4/6 (DJH), 4 HC 4/9 (DC), 12 Shelburne 4/14 (WAM), 1 Dewey's Pond Quechee 4/25 (NLM), 2 Shoreham 4/29 (ELW), 320 Young Isl. 4/30 (RBL)--breeders. Widespread in the Champlain Valley after 5/1. Elsewhere--TWDR 1 5/1 and 2 5/11 (ATA), up to 8 through May S. Bay Newport (PEW,m.ob.), 244 nests 500+ ad. Young Isl. 5/24 (CCR,MSL) the high count, 10 Vernon 5/25 (JJC). Peak of 5 MNWR (JBG). American Bittern: 1 WRM 4/12 (WJN), 3 WRM 4/18-19 (NLM,SBL), 1 S. Bay Newport 5/6 (PEW,SAW), 1 Allen Bros. Marsh, Westminster 5/10 (AMD), 1 Winooski River Delta (hereafter WRD) 5/10 (JDM), on 5/21 also seen at Dead Creek Waterfowl Management Area (hereafter DCWMA) (m.ob.). Peak of 25 at MNWR (JBG). Least Bittern: 1 WRM 5/21 (WJN,LPS,MWB,BAH,JIL,SBL,BLR), 1 E. Bay, West Haven 5/31 (WGE), peak of 10 at MNWR (JBG). Great Blue Heron: 1 MNWR 3/10 (JBG), 1 Rockingham 3/17

(JJC), 1 DCWMA 3/19 (WAM), 1 Norwich 3/25 (CCR,MCo,CW), 1 Cabot 3/26 (WGS), 1 Grand Isle 3/26 (DJH), 1 Waterbury 1 Middlesex 3/27 (ATA), 1 Caledonia Airport 3/27 (TW), 2 Proctor 3/27 (RWP), 1 S. Strafford 3/29 (VN), 1 DCWMA 3/29 (MBN), 2 Springweather NA 3/30 (WJN), 5 Champlain Valley 3/31 (WAM). High count 10 Sandbar 5/4 (JDM). Eleven active nests at Benson 5/30 (RWP), colony of 5 nests at E. Montpelier landfill (BH,AK,DJ,BMP,MFM). Peak of 1,366 at MNWR colony (JBG). Great Egret: 1 DCWMA 4/17 (WAM), 1 RM 4/26 (DUW), 1 HC 4/30 (AMD) and 1 Bellows Falls 5/7 (ES) likely the same bird, 1 Sandbar Wildlife Management Area (hereafter SBWMA) 5/18 (CL). Snowy Egret: 1 Grand Isle 4/26 (DJH), 1 Young Isl. 5/1 (WAM), pair at Young Isl. nesting site "late May" (RBL). Cattle Egret: 1 Intervale 4/18 (JDM), 1 Grand Isle 4/23 (DJH), 12 Young Isl. 5/5 (RBL), 1 Vernon 5/5 (PM), 1 DCWMA Panton 5/22 (SBL,BLR), 7-8 nests 15 ad. Young Isl. 5/24 (CCR,MSL). Green-backed Heron: 1 HC 4/27 (WJN), 3 La Platte R.-Shelburne 4/29 (JJA), 1 RM 5/4 (AK), 1 Washington 5/6 (ATA), 1 near WRD 5/12 (JDM), 1 Dorset 5/15 (EFG), 1 Colchester Pt. 5/15 (WAM). High count 5 DCWMA 5/22 (WAM), 5 West Haven 5/28 (WGE,NLM). Nest with eggs West Haven 5/23 (NLM). Peak of 20 at MNWR (JBG). Black-crowned Night-Heron: 2 Bixby Isl. 4/20 (RBL), 1 HC 4/25 (DC,AMD), 1 WRD 4/27 (JDM), 1 S. Burlington 4/28 (WAM), 4 LaPlatte R.-Shelburne 4/29 (JJA), 45 Young Isl. 4/30 (RBL) the high count, 3 DCWMA 5/2 (JID,MCD), 4 MNWR 5/4 (JBG). Fifteen - 20 nests 25 ad. Young Isl. 5/24 (CCR,MSL). Peak of 30 MNWR (JBG). YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON: an intriguing report of one ad. Shelburne 4/23, unfortunately not enough supporting evidence to convince the Records Committee. Glossy Ibis: 10 Charlotte 4/9 (WAM), 10 Lewis Creek 4/12 (JID,MCD), 9 Ferrisburg 4/12 (MBN) (the last three reports probably refer to the same group), 1 DCWMA 5/1 (CB,NH), 2 DCWMA 5/22 (JRA).

#### WATERFOWL

Note: MNWR high counts are given separately from the others. Snow Goose: 9 Panton, 64 (incl. 1 "Blue" Goose) Button Bay S.P. 3/14 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 500 DCWMA 3/14 (WAM), 200 Woodstock-VINS 3/24 (NER), 50 MNWR 3/24 (RAZ,JBG), 100 Winooski R. 3/24 (LJE), 75 Woodstock 3/25 (JMN), 200 Shelburne 3/25 (WAM), 500 Champlain Valley 3/26 (WAM), 86 Proctor 3/27 (RWP), 1,500 Cornwall 3/30 (MBN) the high count, 30 Winhall 3/31 (WJN), 16 HC 4/4 (PEW,SAW,AMD), 20 Winhall 4/4 (WJN), 70 Middlebury 4/5 (JRA), 200 Bethel 4/5 (EH). Some late dates: 2 RM 5/11 (1 white, 1 "blue" changing into adult plumage) (WJN,JJC), 1 ad. Brattleboro 5/13 (JJC), 1 Ottauquechee R., Woodstock 5/25 (NLM). Peak of 50 MNWR (JBG). Brant: 40 Otter Creek-Brandon 5/25 (WGE). Canada Goose: 10-12 MNWR 3/11 (JBG), 2,140 Panton 3/14 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 1,000 DCWMA 3/19 (WAM), 24 Grand Isle 3/19 (DJH), 200 MNWR 3/24 (RAZ,JBG), 6 Norwich 3/25 (CCR,MCo,CW), 82 Rockingham 3/26 (WGE,NLM), 200 Waterbury 3/27 (ATA), 500 HC 3/27 (AMD), 35 Woodstock 3/28 (JMN), 3,500 Cornwall 3/30 (MBN) the high count, 50 Springfield 3/31 (WME). Peak of 710 at MNWR (JBG). Feral birds are beginning to fill in the gaps in their breeding areas statewide--possible breeders reported this year at E. Montpelier, Ferdinand, Brandon, WRM, Lincoln and Dorset. One seen at Rutland 4/17 (CJF) had a pink bill and other characters indicating a hybrid of some sort, probably with domestic Greylag. An Egyptian Goose (Alopochen aegyptiacus) was seen at Dorset and E. Dorset during May (EFG,RWS) likely an escape from some aviculturist. Wood Duck: 2 DCWMA 3/14 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 5 Shelburne 3/24 (WAM), 2 Springfield boat landing 3/24 (AMD), 8 Rutland 3/25 (CJF), 50 RM 3/26 (JJC) the high count, 30 Wallingford 3/26 (BLR), 6 Weybridge 3/30 (MBN), 3 HC 3/30 (WJN). Peak of 200 at MNWR (JBG) includes ducklings. Green-winged Teal: 6 DCWMA 3/25 (WGE,NLM), 10 Charlotte 3/25 (WAM), 5 Rockingham 3/26

(WGE,NLM), 50 DCWMA 3/27 (SSW), 4 Springfield 3/29 (AMD), 3 3/29 and 30 3/31 Weybridge (MBN), 57 Champlain Valley 3/31 (WAM) the high count, 22 HC 4/4 (AMD,PFW,SAW), 16 Leicester 4/9 (NLM et al.), 10 Sandbar 4/11 (JDM). Peak of 250 at MNWR (JBG). American Black Duck: first, some of which wintered, 150 DCWMA 3/9 (WAM), 188 Vernon 3/20 (JJC), 4 Rutland 3/23 (CJF), 2 MNWR 3/24 (JBG), 25 Shelburne 3/24 (WAM), 4 Westminster 3/24 (AMD), 81 Norwich to Barnet 3/25 (CCR,MCo,CW), 45 Champlain Valley 3/26 (WAM), 320 Rockingham 3/26 (WGE,NLM) the high count, 25 Clarendon 3/26 (CJF), 2 Berlin 3/28 (WGS), 100 HC 3/30 (WJN), 40 Weybridge 3/31 (MBN), 2 Plainfield, 8 E. Barre 3/31 (MFM), "brood of 7" Newport 5/28 (AMAS). MNWR peak, 550 (JBG). Mallard: overwintered in many places, 2 Westminster 3/7 (AMD), 17 New Haven 3/17 (JRA), 26 Vernon 3/20 (JJC), 5 MNWR 3/24 (JBG), 19 Norwich to Barnet 3/25 (CCR,MCo,CW), 2 Clarendon 3/26 (CJF), 2 Middlebury 3/26 (SSW), 80 RM 3/26 (JJC), 50 Rockingham 3/26 (WGE,NLM), 8 Middlesex 3/27 (ATA), 2 Weybridge 3/28 (MBN), 2 Ottauquechee R. 3/30 (JMN), 75 HC, Springweather N.A. 3/30 (WJN), 6 Plainfield 3/31 (MFM). High count-200 Champlain Isl. 4/10 (WAM), MNWR high count 300 (JBG). A hybrid Mallard X some other species was seen at DCWMA 4/10 (JRA). Northern Pintail: 2 Charlotte 3/19 (WAM), 2 Vernon 3/20 (JJC), 12 MNWR 3/24 (JBG), 9 Shelburne 3/24 (WAM), 3 Bridport 3/25 (WGE,NLM), 8 Rockingham 3/26 (WGE,NLM), 20 DCWMA 3/27 (SSW), 4 Weybridge 3/29 (MBN), 2 Leicester 3/30 (EJ), 4 DCWMA 3/30 (JID,MCD), 39 Weybridge 3/31 (MBN) the high count, 2 Grand Isle 4/3 (DJH), 2 DCWMA 4/17 (ATA), 1 Bixby Isl. 5/24 (CCR,MSL). MNWR high count 100 (JBG). Blue-winged Teal: a report of 4 Grand Isle 3/7 (DJH)-very early, 3 DCWMA 3/26 (WAM), 1 Weybridge 3/29 (MBN), 6 DCWMA 4/4 (MBN), 1 Leicester 4/9 (NLM et al.), 16 DCWMA 4/9 (WAM) the high count, 8 SBWMA 4/10 (WAM), 3 Allen Bros. Marsh 4/25 (AMD), 2 Barton R. Rd. 4/26 (PFW). Late dates away from breeding areas: 3 Danby 5/1 (CJF), 3 RM 5/1 (JJC), 1 Springfield/Rockingham town line 5/14 (WJN), 1 Westminster 5/15 (AMD), 1 Gale Meadows 5/21 (WJN). Peak of 30 at MNWR (JBG).



GARGANEY

GARGANEY: drake present at East Creek Orwell 5/25 through period (BLR,JDM,FO,CSP,WGE, et mult al.), this bird was apparently a naturally occurring vagrant, as the timing of his appearance fits well with the pattern established by Garganey records along the east coast. Northern Shoveler: 2 Middlebury 4/1 (MBN), 2 DCWMA 4/2 (ATA), present at DCWMA just about daily through April (m.ob.)-high count 12 4/25 (MBN). At other localities: 3 HC 4/4 (AMD,PFW,SAW), 3 SBWMA 4/10 (WAM), 4 SBWMA 4/11 (JDM), 2 DCWMA 5/2 (MBN), 1 MNWR 5/4 (JBG), 1 Intervale 5/19 (JDM). Peak of 10 at MNWR

(JBG). Gadwall: 2 DCCWMA 3/19 (WAM), 1 Weybridge and 4 DCWMA 3/29 (MBN), 4 Grand Isle 4/1 (DJH), 8 DCWMA 4/4 (MBN), 17 Young Isl. 4/30 (RBL) the high count, 2 Popasquash Isl. 5/3 (CCR), 1 MNWR 5/4 (JBG), 2 HC 5/21 (WJN,JJC,DC et al.), 2 Bixby Isl. 16 Young Isl. 5/24 (CCR,MSL). Peak of 10 at MNWR (JBG). American Wigeon: 3 DCWMA 3/14 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 6 Vernon 3/20 (JJC), 2 Charlotte 3/25 (WAM), 2 W. Bridport 3/25 (WGE,NLM), 6 RM 3/26 (JJC), 1 HC 3/27 (AMD), 2 Springfield-Rockingham Town Line 3/30 (WJN), 1 Roundy's Cove 3/31 (AMD), 10 Grand Isle 4/1 (DJH), 12 Charcoal Creek Swanton 4/2 (WAM) the high count, 2 Ompompanoosuc R. 4/9 (PFW,SAW), 1 Bixby Isl. 5/24 (CCR,MSL). Peak of 30 at MNWR (JBG). Ring-necked Duck: 7 Westminster 3/24 (AMD), 10 W. Bridport & 2 Chimney Pt. 3/25 (WGE,NLM), 2 Norwich to Barnet 3/25 (CCR,MCo,CW), 14 Shelburne 3/25 (WAM), 7 RM & 86 Vernon 3/26 (JJC), 4 DCWMA 3/27 (SSW), 14 Meach Cove 3/27 (ATA), 30 HC 3/31 (AMD), 1 Grand Isle 4/1 (DJH), 4 S. Hero 4/2 (ATA), 20 HC 4/2 (TEJ), 8 Wilder Dam & 17 HC 4/4 (PFW,SAW), 12 Leicester 4/5 (EJ). Late dates: 2 N. Hero 5/18,21 (CL), 2 TWDR 5/21 (ATA). High counts: 739 SBWMA & Charcoal Creek 4/10 (WAM), 1,250 MNWR (JBG). Canvas-back: 31 Shelburne 3/14 (WAM), 6 Vernon 3/20 (JJC), 150 Shelburne Beach 3/21-24 (WAM) the high count, 3 W. Bridport 3/25 (WGE,NLM), 32 Vernon 3/26 (JJC), 4 Champlain Valley 3/31 (WAM). Greater Scaup: 13 Shelburne 3/6 (WAM), 26 Meach Cove 3/27 (ATA), 2 Hardwick L. 4/9 (WGS), 18 WRD 4/11 (JDM), 2 L. Dunmore 4/12 (SSW), 12 4/27 & 18 4/30 Shoreham (ELW), 2 Roundy's Cove 4/29 (AMD), 8 Shoreham 5/3 (ELW). Peak of 25 at MNWR (JBG). Lesser Scaup: 1 Dufresne Pond, Manchester 3/27 (RWS), 2 HC 3/30 (WJN), 1 Shelburne Bay 4/12 (WAM), 2 Roundy's Cove 4/18 (AMD)-seems under reported. Scaup sp.: 200 Shelburne Bay 3/24 (WAM), 3 Grand Isle 4/1 (DJH), 3 Shelburne 4/25 (WAM), 3 Shelburne Pond 5/3 (JDM). Oldsquaw: 1 HC 3/26 (WGE,NLM), 1 Rockingham Overlook 4/27 (WJN), 4 Shoreham 4/30 (ELW), 1 Ottauquechee R. at W. Woodstock 5/1 (DEK), 1 Taftsville 5/2 (SBL). White-winged Scoter: 2 Dufresne Pond, Manchester 3/27 (RWS), 1 N. Hero 5/4 (CCR), 2 Kent Pond Sherburne 5/17 (WGE,DHC). BARROW'S GOLDENEYE: 1 m. W. Bridport 3/25 (WGE,NLM). Common Goldeneye: 3 Westminster 3/5 (AMD), 2 Rutland 3/12 (CJF), 6 Ferrisburg 3/14 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 35 Westminster 3/19 (AMD,TEJ), 1 MNWR 3/20 (RAZ), 8 Vernon 3/20 (JJC), 355 Shelburne-Charlotte 3/23 (WAM) the high count, 3 Norwich 3/25 (CCR,CW), 20 W. Bridport 3/25 (WGE,NLM), 1 Springfield 3/25 (DC), 2 Rockingham 3/26 (WGE,NLM), 145 Champlain Isl. 3/27 (WAM), 5 HC 3/30 (WJN), 2 Brandon 3/30 (SSW), 4 DCWMA 4/1 (JID,MCD), 1 HC 4/2 (AMD), 1 Leicester 4/9 (EJ), 25 WRD 5/1 (JDM), 7 Bixby Isl. 5/24 (CCR,MSL). Peak of 250 at MNWR (JBBG). Buffle-head: 2 Shelburne 3/5 (WAM), 1 Springfield 3/25 (DC), 1 Chimney Pt. 3/25 (WGE,NLM), 1 Rockingham 3/25 (AMD), 1 W. Hartford 3/25 (RHA), 2 Charlotte 3/27 (ATA), 20 Shelburne/Charlotte 3/29 (WAM), 2 SBWMA 3/30 (RBL), 32 Champlain Valley 3/31 (WAM), 6 Grand Isle 4/1 (DJH), 10 DCWMA 4/2 (ATA), 2 Leicester 4/3 (EJ), 3 HC 4/9 (FMH,GEH,DC), 2 HC 4/21 (AMD,ATA), 24 WRD 4/27 (JDM), 75 4/28 & 95 4/29 Shoreham (ELW) the high count, 3 Berlin 5/3 (ATA), 3 Shelburne 5/4 (WAM), 6 Shoreham 5/5 (ELW), 4 Moore Dam 5/6 (PFW), 2 Button Bay S.P. & 1 Ferrisburg 5/15 (WGE,NLM et al.). Peak of 20 MNWR (JBG). Very good showing in late April and early May. Hooded Merganser: 4 Westminster 3/7 (AMD), 1 Stockbridge 3/13 (EH), 4 Vernon 3/19 (AK), 1 Rutland 3/23 (CJF), 3 Orwell, 10 W. Bridport, 2 Chimney Pt. 3/25 (WGE,NLM), 14 Norwich 3/25 (CCR,MCo,CW), 5 Rutland 3/25 (CJF), 2 TWDR 3/26 (ATA), 22 Champlain Valley 3/26 (WAM) the high count, 10 Springfield boat landing 3/27 (AMD), 4 DCWMA 3/27 (SSW), 3 Dufresne Pond, Manchester 3/27 (RWS), 15 HC/Allen Bros. Marsh 3/30 (WJN), 5 DCWMA 3/30 (JID,MCD), 2 Craftsbury 4/2 (WGS), 8 RM 4/22 (JJC), 1 Leffert's Pond-Rutland 4/30 (RWP), 1 Orleans 5/6 (PFW,SAW), 3 Ferdinand 5/21 (WGE,NLM,

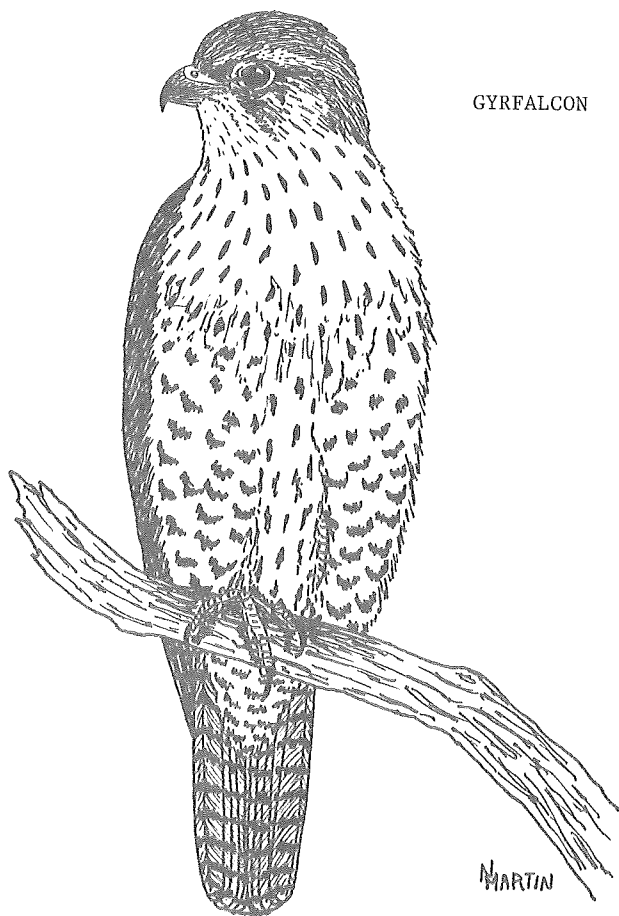
(DHC), f. with 9 young DCWMA 5/21 (SBL,BLR), 9 E. Creek, Orwell 5/29 (JID,MCD). Peak of 55 at MNWR includes ducklings (JBG). Common Merganser: overwintered on open rivers, 4 Proctor 3/5 (RWP), 3 Bel-lows Falls 3/5 (AMD), 1 MNWR 3/10 (JBG), 48 Ferrisburg 3/14 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 5 S. Randolph 3/18 (ATA), 10 Westminster 3/19 (TEJ), 1 Bartonville 3/23 (TEJ), 1 Ottauquechee R. 3/23 (JMN), 17 Norwich 3/25 (CCR,MCo,CW), 36 Chimney Pt. 3/25 (WGE,NLM), 18 Springfield boat landing 3/27 (AMD), 81 Champlain Isl. 3/27 (WAM), 20 Meach Cove 3/27 (ATA), 7 HC 3/30 (WJN), 8 Ottauquechee R. 3/30 (JMN). High count 300 Champlain Valley 3/31 (WAM). Female with 4 yg. E. Creek-Orwell 5/30 (MBN). Peak of 200 at MNWR (JBG). This species is increasing every year as a breeder in Vermont. Red-breasted Merganser: 2 Shelburne 3/24 (WAM), 2 HC 3/27 (AMD,FMH,GEH), 1 DCWMA 3/28 (MBN), 5 Charlotte 4/7 (WAM), 20 Charlotte-Shelburne 4/14 (WAM), 5 L. Champlain, Colchester 5/14 (JDM), 1 Caspian L. 4/26 (WGS), 1 Roundy's Cove 4/30 (AMD), 2 S. Bay-Newport 5/1 (PFW), 21 WRD 5/1 (JDM) the high count, 1 Berlin Pond 5/3 (CB), 1 Gramma's Isl., L. Champlain 5/3 (CCR), 2 prs. & 1 imm. m. WRD 5/9 (JDM), 2 Shelburne 5/17 (WAM), 1 Addison 5/21 (PR), 1 Monkton 5/21 (RV). "My best year yet for Red-breasted Mergansers" (JDM). Ruddy Duck: 1 DCWMA 5/28 (TB).

#### DIURNAL RAPTORS

Hawkwatchers counted 585 migrating hawks in the spring of 1988. Turkey Vulture: 17 seen by hawk-watchers. One Norwich 3/5 (DHC), 4 Brattleboro 3/6 (JJC), 1 Lewis Creek 3/9 (JID,MCD), 1 Brandon 3/10 (SSW), 18 Brattleboro 3/11 (DCT), 1 Bolton Valley 3/11 (WAM), 9 Castleton 3/12 (EH), 2 Woodstock 3/18 (TEJ), 1 Middlebury 3/18 (JRA), 1 Weathersfield 3/19 (FMH,GEH), 1 Wells 3/19 (RWP), 16 Vernon 3/20 (JJC), 1 Tind-mouth 3/22 (PMB), 8 Rockingham 3/21 (AMD), 1 Richmond 3/24 (LJE), 7 West Haven 3/25 (WGE,NLM). High count 29 New Haven 5/19 (JID,MCD). Peak of 4 at MNWR (JBG). Osprey: 55 were seen by hawkwatchers. One reported Wallingford 3/7 (MS)-very early, 1 Brandon 3/31 (SSW), 1 HC 4/5 (fide AMD), 1 S. Londonderry 4/9 (WJN), 1 DCWMA 4/9 (WAM), 5 HC 4/9 (FMH,GEH,DC)-present at HC through the end of April (m.ob.), 1 SBWMA 4/10 (WAM), 1 Berlin 4/16 (ATA), 1 Dorset 4/16 (EFG), 1 Lincoln Hill 4/16 (WAM), 2 Hardwick L. 4/19 (WGS), 1 Colches-ter 4/21 (WDB), 1 Lewis Creek 4/21 (JID,MCD), 2 S. Slang, Ferrisburg 4/22 (JID,MCD) nesting birds, 1 Norwich 4/22 (NRE), 1 St. Johnsbury 4/23 (CCR,SBL) widespread after that. High counts 6 RM 4/22 (JJC), 6 HC/Springweather N.A. 4/27 (WJN). Nesting again in the Champlain Valley. Peak of 2 at MNWR (JBG). Bald Eagle: 1 seen by hawkwatchers. Two Charlotte 3/5 imm. & ad. (CM), 1 ad. Sharon 3/6 (SO), 1 Weathersfield 3/14 (PS,EE), 1 4th yr. McIndoe Falls 3/17 (WGE,NLM) & 3/25 (CCR,MCo,CW), 1 ad. Charlotte 3/19 (JID,MCD), 1 ad. Shoreham 3/25 (WGE,NLM), 1 2nd yr. Vernon 3/26 (JJC), 1 imm. Somerset Res. 5/6 (DEK), 1 Grafton 5/9 (DC), 1 imm. Hartland 5/19, 21 (RP,WLC,JB) had a yellow wing tag with red triangle on right wing indicating it was hacked in N.Y. State in 1987, 1 imm. HC 5/27 (WJN), 1 imm. DCWMA 5/31 (TB). Good showing. Northern Harrier: 15 seen by hawkwatchers. Two Addison 3/8 (MBN), 5 Pantan/Addison 3/14 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 4 Grand Isle 3/19 (DJH), 1 Shelburne 3/21 (WAM), 1 New Haven 3/23 (JRA), 1 MNWR 3/25 (JBG,RAZ), 1 Vernon 3/26 "largely albino" (JJC), 2 Rockingham 3/26 (WGE,NLM), 6 Orwell 3/27 (LPS) the high count, 3 DCWMA 3/28 (MBN), 1 Leicester Jct. 3/30 (SSW), 2 Washington 3/30 (ATA), 1 Cabot 4/4 (WGS), 2 New Haven 4/6 (JRA), 1 Woodstock 4/6 (NLM), 1 Williston 4/8 (LJE), 1 Winhall 4/11 (WJN), 1 Center Rutland 4/11 (RWP), 1 Sheffield 4/14 (PFW), 1 Dorset 4/17 (EFG), 1 Intervale, Burlington 4/20 (JDM), 1 White Rocks 4/23 (CJF), 2 Shoreham 4/29 ELW), 1 Dorset 5/14 (EFG), 1 Allen Bros. Marsh 5/13 (AMD), 1 Woodstock 5/13-14 (WGE et al.), 1 Cabot 5/14

(WGS), 1 Ira 5/15 (ELW), 1 West Haven 5/24 (WGE,NLM), 1 WRD, 1 Pine Island Colchester 5/24 (JDM). Peak of 4 at MNWR (JBG). Sharp-shinned Hawk: 80 were seen by hawkwatchers. One Lyndonville 3/2 (PFW,SAW), 1 Lin-coln 3/5 chasing redpolls (JRA), 1 Middlebury 3/7 (JRA), 1 Newport Ctr. 5/10, 14 (EOH,RJM) caught Pine Siskin 5/14, 1 Brandon 3/16 (SSW), 1 Thetford 3/17 (WGE,NLM), 1 Ferrisburg 3/31 (JID,MCD), 1 Washington 4/3 (ATA), 1 Winhall 4/6 (WJN), 2 Castleton 4/9 (CJF), 1 Dorset 4/16 (EFG), 3 RM 4/22 (JJC) the non-hawkwatch high count. Peak of 3 MNWR (JBG). Cooper's Hawk: 6 seen by hawkwatchers. One Norwich 3/25 (CCR,MCo,CW), 1 S. Pomfret 3/28 (CRP), 1 Quechee 4/8 (NLM), 1 Lin-coln 4/10 (JRA), 1 WRM 4/18 (NLM), 1 HC 4/21 (ATA), 1 Brandon 4/29 (SSW), 1 Dorset 5/1 (EFG), 1 Middlebury 5/3 (JRA), 1 Woodstock 5/14 (JMN), 2 Grand Isle 5/15 (DJH), 1 Milton 5/21 (WGE,NLM,DHC). Northern Goshawk: 4 seen by hawkwatchers. One Proctor 3/4 attempting to flush Rock Doves out of barn (RWP), 1 Sheffield 3/8 (PFW), 1 Woodstock 3/4, 11 (JMN), 1 Huntington 3/6 (DLC), 1 N. Troy 3/12 (ATA), 1 DCWMA 3/13 (TAR), 1 Sheffield 3/15, 16 (PFW), 1 Pond Mt.-Wells 4/2 (RWP), 1 Barnet 4/3 (NER), 1 Corinth 4/5 (NRE), 1 Reading 4/8 (FMH,GEH), nesting pair Washington 4/16-5/16 (ATA), adults defending nest S. Pomfret 4/18 (PG), 1 Ferris-burg 4/20 (JID,MCD), 1 W. Brattleboro 4/22 (JJC), 1 Burlington 5/7 (JJA), 1 E. Calais 5/18 (WGS), 1 Moose Bog 5/21 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 1 Londonderry 5/21 (WSA,JA). Red-shouldered Hawk: 8 were seen by hawkwatchers. One Hartford 3/12 (JPL), 1 Ira 3/14 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 2 Win-ooski 3/25 (JS), 1 Washington 3/26 (ATA), 1 Jericho 3/30 (LJE), 1 Ferrisburg 3/31 (JID,MCD), 1 Castleton 4/17 (CJF), 2 Benson 5/1 (CJF) territorial pair, 1 Colchester 5/9, 1 L. Bomoseen 5/21 (JJC). Broad-winged Hawk: 195 were seen by hawkwatchers. One New Haven 3/28 (JRA), 1 Pond Mt. Wells 3/29 (RWP), 1 Woodstock 4/21 (JMN), 32 RM 4/22 (JJC) the high count, 1 Salisbury 4/25 (SSW), 2 Granby Bog 4/26 (CCR), 1 Craftsburg 4/26 (WGS), 1 Shrewsbury 4/26 (LPS), 1 Westminster West 4/30 (AMD), 1 Washington 4/30 (ATA). Red-tailed Hawk winters in the Champlain Valley and in smaller numbers elsewhere. Many migrants begin to return in late February. 105 were seen by hawk-watchers. Three Proctor 3/9 (RWP), 2 DCWMA 3/13 (TAR) nest building, high count 21 Addison-Panton 3/14 (WGE,NLM,DHC). Numerous reports of nesting activity. A very pale individual seen at Addison 5/21 (MBN) may have been a leucistic pale western race krideri. An albino hawk seen at Dorset 3/1 (JR)-described as white with a red eye and some "butter-scotch" tail feathers sounds like an albino Red-tail. Peak of 5 at MNWR (JBG). Rough-legged Hawk: 1 seen by hawkwatchers. One Weybridge 3/4 (MBN), 9 (2 dark, 7 light) Addison/Waltham/Panton 3/14 (WGE,NLM,DHC) the high count, 1 E. Montpelier 3/19 (MFM), 5 DCWMA 3/25 (MBN), 1 New Haven 3/28 (JRA), 1 "dark" DCWMA 3/30 (MBN), 3 Champlain Valley 3/31 (WAM), 1 Mt. Holly Hawk Watch 5/4-dark morph (WJN) late. Peak of 2 at MNWR (JBG). Golden Eagle: One seen 4/19 Fairlee Cliffs (SS). A report of one near Pawlet 3/20 was also seen in Jan & Feb, pos-sible sighting of 2 (no details) Montpelier 4/29 (JK), 1 possible imm. reported Marlboro 5/4 (JMa), and 2 possible Newport Town 5/29 (FW). American Kestrel: 27 reported by hawkwatchers. One Weybridge 3/8 (MBN), 1 N. Troy 3/12 (ATA), 2 Benson 3/13 (SSW), 1 Rockingham 3/14 (JJC), 1 Windsor 3/15 (SBL), 2 Ferrisburg 3/19 (JID,MCD), 1 Grand Isle 3/19 (DJH), 1 MNWR 3/22 (RAZ, JBG), 1 Bartonville 3/23 (TEJ), 20 West Haven to Addison 3/25 (WGE,NLM) the high count, 1 Chester 3/25 (AMD), 1 Cabot 3/26 (WGS), 2 Pittsford 3/27 (RWP), 2 Charlotte 3/27 (ATA), 3 DCWMA 3/27 (LPS), 1 Clarendon 3/27 (CJF), 1 Brownsville 3/27 (BMH), 5 Bridport 3/30 (MBN). Peak of 10 at MNWR (JBG). Merlin: 2 on hawk-watches. One RM 4/22 (JJC), 1 DCWMA 4/25 (MBN), 1 at MNWR (JBG). Poor showing for them. Peregrine Falcon: None were seen by hawkwatchers. One Pond Mt. Wells

3/1, pair there 3/11 (RWP), 1 Deer Leap-Bristol 3/17 (RCD), pair Mt. Pisgah 3/18 (CCR,GPL), 1 Mt. Horrid, Goshen 3/27 (NER,HT), pair there 5/4 (SSW), 1 MNWR 4/11 (fide JBG), 1 W. Dummerston 4/22 (ASW), 1 RM 5/1,4 (DUW), 1 DCWMA 5/7 (MBN,DLC), 1 White Rocks, Wallingford 5/14,15 (CH,BLR), 1 Nichols Pt.-Grand Isle 5/15 (DJH), 1 S. Slang Ferrisburg 5/21 (JID,MCD), 1 Milton 5/28 (RBL). Five pairs of Peregrines nested in Vermont this year (Carl Veilleux, VINS). Gyrfalcon: 1 gray morph S. Hero 3/6 (CL,MLU).



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#### GALLINACEOUS BIRDS THROUGH RAILS

Spruce Grouse: 17 Yellow Bog-Lewis 5/4,5 (VFWD), 1 Yellow Bog 5/8 (DLC,BLR). VFWD Spruce Grouse survey resulted in an estimate of about 105 adults in the Yellow Bog area (CEA et al.). Ruffed Grouse reported widely-some high counts: up to 3 through May Winhall (WJN), 3 Bird Mt. 4/10 (RWP), 3 Washington 4/30 (ATA), 3 Plymouth 5/17 (WGE,NLM), 3 Shelburne 5/22 (WAM), 7 Reading 5/22 (FMH,GEH). Peak of 25 at MNWR (JBG). Nest with 13 eggs HC 5/17, 12 eggs hatched in June (AMD). Northern Bobwhite: 1 E. Corinth 3/2 (CDS) bird coming to feeder since Nov. 1987, 1 Washington 4/27,30 (ATA) male coming to feeder-giving "bob white" call. Gray Partridge: peak of 15 at MNWR (JBG). "Declining around Grand Isle" (DJH). Ring-necked Pheasant: 1 Weybridge 3/7 (MBN) present since Jan., 1 Felchville 3/24 (MB), 1 Monkton 5/21 (RV). Wild Turkey widely reported: 2 Sharon 3/9 (SN), 13 Pomfret 3/15 (LM), 8-11 Chelsea 3/18-21 (ATA) feeding with deer, 7 Grand Isle 4/3 (DJH), 6 Brandon 4/3 (SSW), 2 Middlebury 4/5 (JRA), 4 Dorset 4/12 (EFG), 1 Shelburne 5/4 (WAM), 2 W. Brattleboro 5/6 (JJC), 1 Reading 5/9-15 (FMH,GEH), 1 Quechee 5/14-15 (EJR), 3 New Haven 5/19 (JID,MCD), 1 Andover 5/21 (AMD), several DCWMA 5/21 (m.ob), 1 Clarendon 5/26 (LPS), 1 Dorset 5/26 (EFG) nest found. Virginia Rail: 1 WRM 4/22 (RWP), 1 S. Bay 5/6 (PFW,SAW), several Milton 5/10 (TAR), 1 WRD 5/12 (JDM), 1 Allen Bros. Marsh 5/13 (AMD), 2 Colchester Bog 5/18

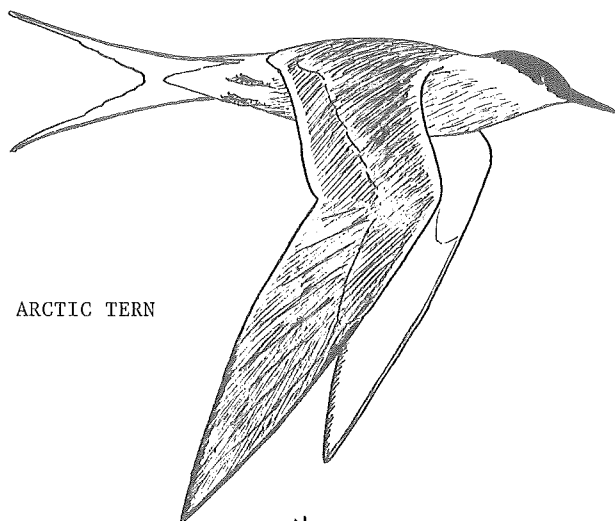
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(WGE,LB), 1 Weybridge 5/20-21 (MBN), 1 Sandbar 5/19 (FAP), up to 4 BRM-S. Bay 5/21-22 (m.ob.), 12+ S. Hero 5/21 (DJH) the high count, 2 Arlington 5/21 (RSK,RWS, et al.), 1 Mud Creek 5/22 (LJE), 3 Burlington Intervale 5/25 with chicks (CL), 3 West Haven 5/31 (WGE). Peak of 40 at MNWR (JBG). Sora: a report of one at DCWMA 3/17 (CO) very early if correct. It must be remembered that both this and the previous species attempt to winter fairly often in coastal areas to our south. Since 1987-88 was a relatively mild winter, some of these may have survived. One WRM 4/18 (NLM), 1 Dorset 4/14-21 (EFG), 1 S. Bay-Newport 5/8 (DLC, BLR), 2 Burlington Intervale 5/15 (WAM), 1 S. Bay-Newport 5/14 (PFW et al.), 1 WRD 5/18 (WGE,LB), 1-2 DCWMA 5/21 (m.ob.), 6 S. Hero 5/21 (DJH) the high count, 2 Arlington 5/21 (RSK,ERK,BCD,RWS et al.), 3 Burlington Intervale 5/25 (CL). Peak of 75 at MNWR (JBG). Common Moorhen: 7 Burlington Intervale 5/1 (WAM) the high count, 1 S. Bay-Newport 5/8 (BLR,DLC), 1 Allen Bros. Marsh 5/12 (AMD), 2 Colchester, 1 WRD 5/12 (JDM), 1 Westminster 5/15 (AMD), 3 WRD 5/18 (WGE,LB), 2 DCWMA 5/18 (MBN), 1 SBWMA 5/19 (FAP), up to 4 BRM-S. Bay 5/21-22 (m.ob.), 1 WRM 5/21 (WJN,SBL, BLR), 2 Ferrisburg 5/21 (JID,MCD), 1 Berlin Pond 5/21 (FK,PP,NSa), "lots" Burlington Intervale, 1 with 2 chicks 5/21 (CL,JS), 1 Allen Bros. Marsh 5/27 (WJN), 2 West Haven 5/30 and 5/31 (WGE). Peak of 50 at MNWR (JBG). American Coot: 1 Champlain Valley 3/31 (WAM), 1 Westminster 5/15 (AMD) & 5/21 (DC,REG,JJC,TEJ), 1 DCWMA 5/21 (SBL,BLR), 1 Allen Bros. Marsh 5/27 (WJN).

#### SHOREBIRDS

Black-bellied Plover: 1 WRD 5/24 (JDM), 14 Vernon 5/25 (JJC), 1 Savage Isl. 5/27 (RBL). Lesser Golden Plover: 3 Vernon 5/25 (JJC). Semipalmated Plover: 1 Colchester 5/21 (RW), 2 RM 1 Vernon 5/25 (JJC), 4 Vernon 5/26 (JJC), 1 Savage Isl. 5/27 (RBL). Killdeer: 1 Timmouth 3/5 (PMB), 1 Brattleboro 3/8 (DUW), 1 Westminster 3/7 & 9 3/13 (AMD), 1 S. Burlington 3/9 (WAM), 1 N. Ferrisburg 3/16 (JRA), 1 E. Barnard 3/19 (JRL), 2 RM 3/20 (JJC), 1 Chester 3/23 (TEJ), 1 Grand Isle 3/24 (DJH), 2 W. Woodstock 3/24 (JMN), on 3/25 6 Grand Isle (DJH), 2 Plymouth (FMH), 5 Newbury (CCR,MCo,CW), 5 West Haven, 6 Orwell, 3 Shoreham (WGE,NLM), 1 Jericho (LJE), 6 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 6 Orleans (PFW,SAW), widespread after that. High count-15 Caledonia Airport 4/19 (PFW). Peak of 35 at MNWR (JBG). Greater Yellowlegs: 3 Salisbury 4/9 (NLM et al.), 1 N. Hero 5/4 (CCR), 1 RM 5/4 (JJC), 1 Gale Meadows 5/5 (WJN), 4 BRM 5/6 (PFW,SAW), 1 DCWMA 5/7 (MBN), 2 Vergennes 5/8 (SBL,DLC), 1 Allen Bros. Marsh 5/9 (WJN), 1 WRD 5/10 (JDM), 1 Joe's Pond 5/12 (PFW,SAW), 1 Orleans 5/14 (PFW et al.), 1 Sheffield 5/16 (PFW,SAW), 1 Grand Isle 5/28 (RBL). Peak of 5 MNWR (JBG)-few reports. Lesser Yellowlegs: 1 RM 5/4 (JJC), 1 Vergennes 5/8 (SBL,DLC), 1 Essex Jct. 5/13 (RBL), 1 Ferrisburg 5/21 (JID,MCD), 1 RM 5/24 (JJC), 1 Springweather NA 5/27 (WJN). Peak of 5 MNWR (JBG). Yellowlegs sp.: 1 W. Salisbury 4/1 (MBN), 1 DCWMA 5/8 (DLC,BLR). Solitary Sandpiper: 1 RM 4/29 (JJC), 1 BRM 5/6 (PFW,SAW), 2 Brandon 5/12 (SSW), 3 Weybridge 5/13 (MBN), 1 BNP Woodstock 5/13 (CCR), 1 Joe's Pond, 1 Orleans, 1 BRM 5/12 (PFW et al.), 1 Springfield Meadows, 1 Springweather NA 5/14 (WJN), 11 Westminster 5/15 (AMD) a high count, 1 Grand Isle 5/18 (RBL), 2 Milton 5/18 (WGE,LB), 1 Lincoln 5/19 (JRA). On 5/21 11 Middlebury (MBN) a high count, 2 BRM (PFW,SAW), 2 Florence (SSW), 2 Arlington-Shaftsburg (CSC), 1 Addison (SH). Spotted Sandpiper: 1 Springfield boat landing 4/27 (WJN), 20 LaPlatte R., Shelburne 4/29 (JJA) the high count, 1 MNWR 5/3 (JBG), 2 Shelburne Beach 5/4 (WAM), 2 RM 5/4 (JJC), 4 Chittenden Res./Leffert's Pond 5/4 (JMN,EFG), 1 Leicester 5/6 (SSW), 4 W. Arlington 5/7 (CJF), 1 Shoreham 5/7 (ELW), 1 Westminster 5/10 (AMD), 1 Dorset 5/10 (EFG), 1 WRD 5/10 (JDM). Peak of 40 MNWR (JBG). Upland Sandpiper: 1 RM 5/1 (JJC), 1 5/2 & 2 5/3 Shoreham





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(ELW), 2 Newport 5/6 (PFW,SAW), 4 Ferrisburg 5/21 (JID,MCD), 1 Benson 5/21 (BLR,SBL), 1-2 DCWMA 5/21 (m.ob.), 3 Orwell 5/25 (WGE), 1 W. Glover 5/28 (AMAS). Ruddy Turnstone: 1 Rock Isl.-L. Champlain 5/24 (CCR,MSL), 2 Vernon 5/25-26 (JJC). Semipalmated Sandpiper: 3 Essex Jct. 5/14 (RBL), 2 East Creek-Orwell 5/29 (JID,MCD), 2 Nichols Pt. Grand Isle & 10 Savage Isl. 5/29 (RBL). Least Sandpiper: 3 Colchester Pt. 5/15 (WAM), 3 Essex Jct. 5/17 (JDM), on 5/21-10 Springweather NA (WJN), 2 Westminster & 1 Ferrisburg (JJC), 1 Colchester (RW), 3 Vernon 5/26 (JJC), 20 Savage Isl. 5/28 (RBL) the high count, 8 WRD 5/29 (RBL), 60 Calidris sp.-Vernon 5/25 (JJC) likely Leasts. Pectoral Sandpiper: 2 Salisbury 4/9 (NLM et al.), 1 Essex Jct. 5/17 (JDM). Dunlin: 28 5/25 & 4 5/26 Vernon (JJC), 1 East Creek-Orwell 5/26 (WGE,NLM). Short-billed Dowitcher: 20+ SBWMA 5/18 (WGE,LB), 1 WRD 5/24 (JDM), 1 SBWMA 5/28 (TB), 19 WRD 5/29 (RBL), 11 off Appletree Point, Burlington 5/29 (RBL). Common Snipe: 1 Clarendon 3/13 (CJF) overwintered, 2 Cabot 3/31 (WGS), 6 Pittsford 4/1 (RWP), 2 Mud Creek 3/2 (WAM), 1 Warren 4/3 (FAP), 1 Florence 4/4 (LPS), 1 Woodstock 4/10 (CRP), 1 Weybridge 4/15 (MBN), 1 Grand Isle 4/17 (DJH), 3 WRM 4/18 (NLM), 1 TWDR 4/19 (ATA), 9 Lyndonville 4/19 (PFW,SAW) the high count, 3 Moose Bog 4/20 (CCR). Peak of 160 at MNWR (JBG). American Woodcock: 1 Winhall 3/24 (WJN), 3 E. Middlebury 3/25 (WGE,NLM), 1 Lincoln 3/25 (JRA), 11 HC 3/26 (WGE,NLM) the high count, 1 Washington 3/26 (ATA), 1 RM 3/26 (JJC), 1 Huntington 3/26 (DLC), 2 Washington 3/29 (ATA), 1 Reading 3/30 (FMH,GEH), 2 Shrewsbury 3/31 (LPS), 1 Rutland 3/31 (CJF). Other good counts: 9 displaying N. Hero 5/28 (TB,CL), 10 Brighton/Ferdinand 5/21 (WGE,NLM,DHC). Peak of 50 MNWR (JBG).

#### GULLS AND TERNS

Bonaparte's Gull: 1 HC 4/30 (AMD), 1 Colchester Pt. 5/15 (WAM), 1 Alburt Bay 5/24 (CCR), 1 Hen Isl., L. Champlain 5/25 (CCR,MSL). Ring-billed Gull: 3 Wells River 3/6 (ATA), 6 Clarendon 3/13 (CJF), 3 Brandon 3/13 (SSW), 3 DCWMA 3/14 (MBN), 150 Addison/Ferrisburg 3/14 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 1 Bellows Falls 3/19 (TEJ), 150 Bristol 3/24 (JRA), 73 Springfield boat landing 3/24 (AMD), 2 Bridgewater Ctr. 3/25 (WGE,NLM), 400 Bristol 3/25 (JRA), 75 Clarendon 3/26 (CJF), 1000+ Champlain Isl. 3/27 (WAM) the high count, 4 Springweather NA 3/30 (WJN), 200 Weybridge 3/31 (MBN). 11,500 pairs nesting at Young Isl.-survey (DEC). Peak of 200 at MNWR (JBG). Herring Gull: 15 Connecticut R. 3/3 (CRP), 41 Wells R. 3/6 (ATA), 105 Vernon 3/20 (JJC), 70 Chimney Pt. 3/25 (WGE,NLM), 200 Rockingham 3/26 (WGE,NLM) the high count, 5 Grand Isle 3/31 (DJH), 20

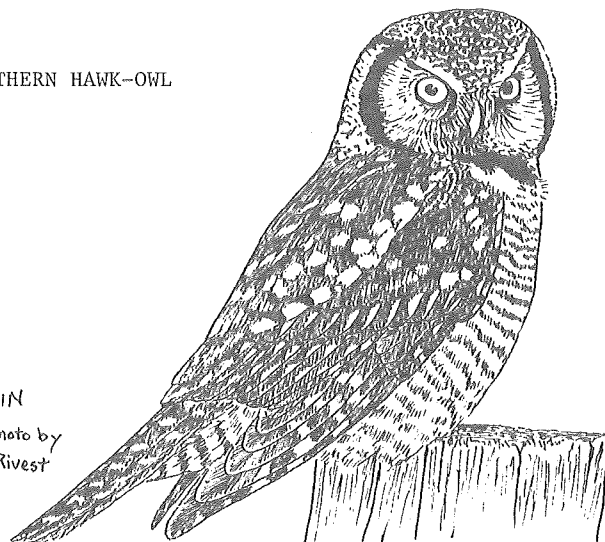
-16- HC 4/2 (TEJ). Two nests with 3 eggs Bixby Isl. 5/24 first there (CCR,MSL), 150 nests at Young Isl.-survey (DEC). Iceland Gull: 3 Brattleboro Dump 3/19 (JJC), 1 RM 3/26 (AK), 1 Burlington 3/26,27 (DLC,BLR). Glaucous Gull: 1 RM 3/26 (JJC), 1 Burlington Waterfront 3/26,27 (DLC,BLR), 1 RM 4/1 (WJN). Great Black-backed Gull: 10 Wells R. 3/6 (ATA), 2 Ferrisburg 3/14 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 132 Vernon 3/20 (JJC) the high count, 7 Orwell to W. Bridport 3/25 (WGE,NLM), 100 Rockingham 3/26 (WGE,NLM), 42 HC 3/31 (AMD) present at HC through 5/21 (m.ob.), 2 S. Bay/Newport 4/25 (PFW) present S. Bay through 5/28 (PFW,m.ob.), 1 Island Pond 5/8 (BLR,DLC). Two nests at Young Isl.-survey (DEC). Peak of 6 at MNWR (JBG). Common Tern: 8 Rock Isl. St. Albans 4/30 (RBL), 25 Popasquash/Rock Isl. 5/3 (CCR), 35 at nesting islands 5/5 (CCR), 2 WRD 5/21 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 1 Newport 5/28 (AMAS). ARCTIC TERN: an adult seen well for 1 1/2 hrs. under rainy conditions RM 5/11 (WJN), full details on file. Black Tern: 1 WRD 4/27 (JDM), 1 S. Bay Newport 5/6 (PFW,SAW), 2 DCWMA 5/7 (MBN), 7 DCWMA-Panton 5/8 (SBL,DLC), 4 MNWR 5/12 (JBG), 8 Swanton 5/14 (RBL), 5 WRD 5/15 (WAM) & 7 WRD 5/18,21 (WGE, LB et al.), up to 8 BRM/S. Bay 5/21,22 (m.ob.), up to 18 DCWMA 5/21,22 (m.ob.) the high count. Peak of 60 MNWR (JBG).

#### DOVES THROUGH KINGFISHER

Rock Dove populations concentrated around towns and farms as usual. Mourning Dove has become a resident about everywhere now, although in some places in the higher Green Mountains they don't winter, the first to reappear in Lincoln was on 3/14 (JRA). Some high counts: 50 Addison 3/8 (MBN), 68 Weybridge to Ferrisburg 3/14 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 29 W. Windsor 5/1, 29 Reading 5/22 (FMH,GEH). Nesting Rutland 3/10 (RWP) very early, "carrying nesting material" Woodstock 3/27 (CJF), young brought to feeder-Londonderry 5/17 (WSA). Black-billed Cuckoo: calling-Randolph 5/4 (EWC,MCC), 1 HC 5/14 (WJN), on 5/21 1 Rockingham, 1 Springfield (JJC,TEJ), 1 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 HC (WJN), 1 Bennington (RSK,ERK,BCD,PD), 1 Brandon 5/22-23 (SSW), 1 W. Windsor 5/24,29 (FMH,GEH), 1 West Haven 5/27 (WGE), 1 Winhall 5/28 (WJN), 1 Ira 5/28 (RWP), 1 Woodstock 5/29 (JMN), 6 West Haven 5/30 (WGE,NLM) the high count, 1 Dorset 5/30-31 (EFG). Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 1 Arlington 5/21 (CSC), 1 West Haven 5/28, copulating pair there 5/31 (WGE,NLM). COMMON BARN-OWL: a report of a possible bird Springfield 4/13 "seen in car headlights", unfortunately no details were submitted. Eastern Screech-Owl: 1 gray morph Milton 3/7 (TAR) looking out of box, 1 Grand Isle 3/30,4/6 (RBL), 1 Shoreham 5/6 (ELW). Peak of 10 at MNWR (JBG). NORTH-ERN HAWK-OWL: bird from the winter, N. Troy 3/8 (MP),

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3/12 (ATA). Great Horned Owl: 1 S. Hero 3/26 (RBL), 1 Charcoal Creek 4/2 (WAM), 2 WRM 4/18 (NLM), 1 Spring-weather NA 4/27 (WJN), 2 LaPlatte R.-Shelburne 4/29 (JJA), "baby sitting in tree" E. Dorset 4/30 (RWS), 1 Ripton 5/8 (MBN), 1 Winhall 5/9 (WJN), 2 Dorset 5/11, 23 (EFG), 1 Danby 5/14 (CJF), on 5/21 1 DCWMA (ATA), 1 Timmouth (PMB,VM), 1 Monkton (RV), 1 on cormorant nest Young Isl. 5/24 (CCR,MSL), nesting pair at Milton (TAR). Peak of 6 at MNWR (JBG). Snowy Owl: 1 Morris-town 3/6 (CPK) reported to have "lived in a silo for as long as a week", 1 Morrisville 3/22 (LP) present since Jan. Barred Owl: most widely reported of the owls, high counts: 3 Shrewsbury 4/30 (LPS), 4 W. Brattleboro 5/22 (JJC), several reports of birds seen around feeders in various parts of the state may indicate food stress, particularly in March, when the snow is still deep. 1 nest-2 yg. banded Milton (TAR,PAT). Peak of 4 at MNWR (JBG). Long-eared Owl: 1 St. Albans 3/16, injured bird brought to vet (SBM) treated at VINS, 1 Craftsbury mid-May, holding dead half-grown snowshoe hare, possible food for young? (FO), 1 S. Londonderry 5/21 (WJN) "flew up into car headlights before dawn". Short-eared Owl: 9 DCWMA 3/13 (TAR) the high count, 1 Thetford 3/17 (JPL), 1 Addison 3/24,26, 28 (DLC,BLR,WAM,MBN), 1 Grand Isle 4/24,5/8,5/14 (DJH). Peak of 2 at MNWR (JBG). Northern Saw-whet Owl: 1 Sheffield 3/5,19,25 (PFW) "around feeder area", 1 Brookfield "perched on manure pile-calling" 3/19 (JJ), 1 Milton 3/10-30 heard calling on several occasions (TAR), 1 Grand Isle 3/21 (TAR) "hit by car, subsequently died", 1 Cabot 4/7 (WGS), 1 Winhall 4/7, 5/21 (WJN), 1 Rutland City 4/17 (JL) "killed by cat". Common Nighthawk: 1 Bellows Falls 5/21 (JJC,TEJ), 1 Windsor 5/21 (BMH), 1 Timmouth 5/21 (PMB,VM), 1 Bristol 5/22 (LJE), 3 Springfield 5/23 (WME), 2 Rutland 5/26 (WGE,NLM), 1 West Haven 5/27 (WGE), 6 St. Johnsbury 5/27 (AMAS) the high count. Whip-poor-will: 1 Ferrisburg 5/19 (MBO fide JID), on 5/21 1 Rockingham, 1 Brattleboro (JJC,TEJ), 2 Brighton Airport (WGE,NLM,DHC), 1 Ira (CHE), 1 DCWMA (m.ob.), 1 Milton (GBR), 1 Cambridge 5/22 (JGG,RYG), 1 Woodstock 5/28 (CMW), 1 W. Rutland 5/29 (CJF), 1 road-killed f. W. Haven 5/30 (WGE). Chimney Swift: 4 Essex Jct. 4/11 (JDM) two weeks early, 1 New Haven 4/26 (NLM), 15 Rutland 4/27 (CJF), 1 Windsor 4/27 (SBL), 8 Springfield 4/29 (WME), 3 Brandon 4/29 (SSW), 3 Shoreham 5/4 (ELW), 1 Randolph 5/4 (EWC,MCC), 1 Mt. Holly Hawkwatch 5/4 (WJN), 3 Woodstock 5/5 (CRP,CCR), 10 Middlebury 5/5 (JRA). High count 400 Rutland 5/23 (WGE,NLM) going to roost in chimney. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 1 Shoreham 5/8 (ELW), 1 Shrewsbury 5/11 (LPS), 3 Londonderry 5/12 (WSA), 1 Ferrisburg 5/12 (JID,MCD), on 5/13 1 Woodstock (JMN), 1 Barnard (JNF), 1 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 Sheffield 5/14 (PFW), on 5/15 1 Brandon (SSW), 1 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 1 Brownsville, 2 Hartland (BMH), 4 Ferrisburg 5/17 (JID,MCD). High count 6 Corinth 5/31 (NRE). Belted Kingfisher: 1 Westminster 3/12 (AMD), 1 Woodstock 3/22 (CRP), 2 Springfield boat landing 3/24 (AMD), 2 Norwich to Barnet 3/25 (CCR,MCo,CW), 1 S. Londonderry 3/27 (WJN), 1 Brandon 3/30 (SSW), on 4/2 1 Craftsbury (WGS), 1 HC (TEJ), 1 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 1 Grand Isle 4/3 (DJH), 2 Middlesex 4/3 (FAP), 1 TWDR 4/5 (ATA), 2 MNWR 4/7 (JBG). High count 6 HC to WRM 5/21 (WJN). Peak of 12 at MNWR (JBG). Several observers were of the opinion that this species was in low numbers.

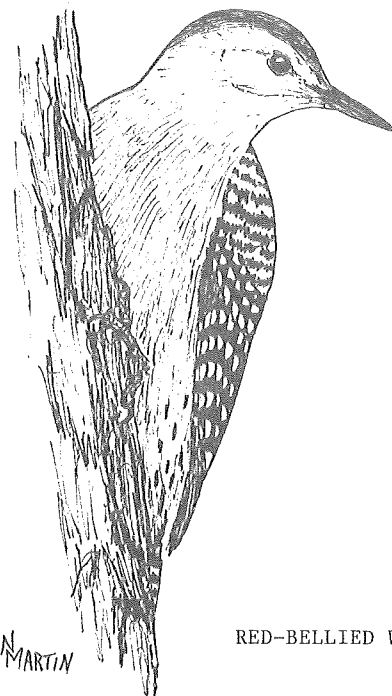
(JMN), 1 W. Brattleboro 4/12 (JJC), 2 Washington 4/13 (ATA), 4 Deer Leap-Bristol 4/14 (CCR,PW,LD), 1 Red Rocks Park-S. Burlington 4/16 (WAM), 4 Haystack Mtn., Pawlet 4/19 (RWP), high count 14 Reading 5/10 (FMH,GEH), one very intoxicated bird on apple tree in Winhall 4/26 (WJN). Downy Woodpecker widely reported through the period-some high counts: 7 Milton/Westford 5/18 (WGE,LB), 7 SBWMA 5/14 (WAM). One new banded at BNP (VINS). Hairy Woodpecker widely reported through the period-some high counts: 6 Milton/Westford 5/18 (WGE,LB), 4 Reading 5/22 (FMH,GEH). Black-backed Woodpecker: 1 f. Winhall 4/29 (WJN), pair Beaver Pond, Holland 5/17 (DEK). Northern Flicker: 1 Woodstock 3/16 (JMN), 1 MNWR 3/24 (JBG), 1 Barre 3/24 (ATA), 1 Woodstock 3/25 (CRP), 1 Charlotte 3/27 (ATA), 1 Springweather NA 3/30 (WJN), 1 Shrewsbury 3/31 (LPS), 2 Grand Isle 4/1 (DJH), 1 Rutland 4/3 (CJF), 1 Jericho 4/4 (LJE), 3 S. Burlington 4/7 (WDB), high count 8 W. Windsor 4/20,5/1 (FMH,GEH). One new banded at BNP (VINS) on 5/19-an intergrade with some pink feathers in wing & tail. Pileated Woodpecker reported through-out the state. High counts: 4 Grand Isle through period (DJH), 3 Shelburne through period (WAM), 3 HC 4/5 (WJN), 3 W. Windsor 5/1 (FMH,GEH). Peak of 5 at MNWR (JBG).

#### FLYCATCHERS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1 Barton 5/14 (PFW et al.), 1 Lower Waterford 5/17 (PFW,SAW et al.), 1 S. Duxbury 5/19 (FAP), 1 Sheffield 5/20,25 (PFW), 1 Ripton 5/21,27 (MBN), 1 Peru 5/21 (WJN), 1 Coventry 5/21 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 1 Shrewsbury 5/21 (SBL,BLR), 1 Londonderry 5/21 (WSA,JA), 1 Washington 5/24,31 (ATA), 1 Bristol Notch 5/29 (JRA). Eastern Wood-Pewee: 1 Quechee 5/14 (EJn), 2 Reading 5/17 (FMH,GEH), 2 Shoreham 5/18 (ELW), 1 Brandon 5/19 (SSW), 1 White R. Jct. 5/19 (WGE), on 5/21 4 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 Dorset (EFG), 1 HC (JJC,TEJ), 1 E. Middlebury (MBN), 1 SBWMA (WGE,NLM,DHC), 1 Barton (PFW,SAW), 1 Timmouth (PMB,VM), on 5/22 1 Rutland (RJ), 3 Reading (FMH,GEH), 3 Woodstock (JMN), 5 SBWMA (LJE) the high count. Many observers commented on the scarcity of this species. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 1 Westford 5/18 (WGE,LB), 3 Ferdinand 5/21 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 1 Milton 5/21 (GBR), 1 Shrewsbury 5/21 (SBL,BLR), 1 BNP 5/23 (VINS), 1 Win-

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RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER: 1 Grafton 5/9 (DC,AMD,VB). Red-headed Woodpecker: 1 imm. N. Danville to 3/23 (AMA) had stayed at feeder all winter, 1 W. Arlington 5/12 (Mrs. B. fide NS), 1 ad. W. Windsor 5/15 (FMH,GEH), 1 Shoreham 5/21 (SH), 1 Addison 5/21 (JRA,SB,WMB,MWB,BAH,JiL), 1 Waterbury Ctr. 5/29 (EK). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 2 Reading 4/6 (FMH,GEH), 1 Washington 4/9 (ATA), 1 Winhall 4/10 (WJN), 1 Woodstock 4/10



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hall 5/26 (WJN), 1 West Haven 5/27,31 (WGE). One new netted at BNP (VINS). Alder Flycatcher: 1 Dorset 5/19 (EFG), on 5/21 5 Brighton/Ferdinand (WGE,NLM,DHC), 1 Springweather NA (WJN), 1 BRM (PFW,SAW m.ob.), 1 DCWMA (m.ob.), 1 Timmouth (PMB,VM), 5 DCWMA 5/22 (JRA), 1 N. Springfield 5/24 (AMD), 1 Sheffield 5/25 (PFW), 3 West Haven 5/27 (WGE), 2 Winhall 5/28 (WJN, AS et al.), 1 S. Duxbury 5/29 (FAP). High count 6 Sheffield Hts. 5/30 (PFW). Willow Flycatcher: 1 Brattleboro 5/14 (JJC), 1 Shelburne 5/20 (WAM), on 5/21 1 Panton (WGE, NLM,DHC), 1 S. Londonderry (WJN), 1 Timmouth (PMB,VM), 1 Sheffield (PFW), 1 Allen Bros. Marsh 5/22 (AMD), 1 Reading 5/23 (FMH,GEH), 1 Weybridge 5/24 (MBN), 3 W. Windsor 5/29 (FMH,GEH). High count 7 West Haven 5/30 (WGE). Three new "Traill's" type netted at BNP (VINS). Least Flycatcher: 1 Ripton 5/6 (SSW), on 5/8 1 Dorset (EFG), 2 Shoreham (ELW), 1 WRM (SBL,DLC), 6 Muddy Pond Rutland (RWP), 1 HC 5/9 (WJN), 1 WRD 5/10 (JDM), 3 Woodstock 5/11 (JMN), 1 Reading 5/12 (FMH, GEH), 8 Washington 5/12 (ATA), 7 Waterbury 5/12 (WDB), 1 RM 5/12 (JJC), 2 Allen Bros. Marsh 5/13 (AMD), 3 Salisbury 5/14 (MBN), 2 SBWMA 5/14 (WAM), 1 Cabot 5/14 (WGS), high count 20 Reading 5/22 (FMH,GEH). Twelve new netted at BNP (VINS). Eastern Phoebe: 3 RM 3/20 (JJC), 1 Westminster 3/24 (AMD), on 3/25 1 Shelburne (WAM), 2 Benson (WGE,NLM), 1 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), on 3/26 1 Brownsville (BMH), 2 Rockingham, 1 Springfield (WGE,NLM), 1 Jericho (LJE), 1 Barre, 1 Washington (ATA), 1 Weybridge (MBN), 1 Bartonville 3/27 (TEJ), 2 Woodstock 3/27 (CRP). High counts: 12 Shoreham 4/27 (ELW), 15 Reading 5/22 (FMH,GEH). Four new netted at BNP (VINS). Fledglings out at W. Haven 5/31 (WGE). At Lyford Pond Walden JAM reports that a pair constructed five nests before laying eggs in a sixth. Great Crested Flycatcher: 1 W. Brattleboro 5/6 (JJC), 1 DCWMA 5/7 (WAM), 4 SBWMA 5/8 (WAM), 1 Muddy Pond Rutland 5/8 (RWP), 2 Shoreham 5/8 (ELW), 1 Woodstock 5/9 (JMN), 1 Randolph 5/9 (EWC,MCC), 1 Colchester 5/9 (JDM), 4 MNWR 5/10 (JBG), 1 Brandon 5/11 (SSW), 1 Huntington Falls-Otter Creek 5/12 (JRA), 1 Ferrisburg 5/12 (JID,MCD), on 5/14 1 Dorset (EFG), 1 Lower Waterford (PFW et al.), 5 SBWMA (WAM), 1 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 Benson 5/15 (CJF), 1 Grand Isle 5/15 (DJH). High count 8 SBWMA 5/18 (WGE,LB). Eastern Kingbird: 1 Mt. Horrid 5/4 (SSW), 1 Winhall 5/5 (WJN), 1 BNP-Woodstock 5/5 (CCR), 1 Washington 5/5 (ATA), 2 Dorset 5/5 (EFG), on 5/7 1 DCWMA (WAM,MBN), 1 W. Arlington (CJF), 1 Colchester (JDM), on 5/8 2 Reading (FMH,GEH), 2 Brownsville (BMH), 1 Ira (SBL,DLC), 1 Shoreham (ELW), 1 Allen Bros. Marsh 5/9 (AMD), 1 Lincoln 5/10 (JRA), 1 Corinth 5/12 (NRE), 1 Lyndonville 5/12 (PFW), 1 Springfield 5/13 (WME). High count 28 W. Windsor 5/29 (FMH,GEH).

#### LARKS THROUGH SWALLOWS

Horned Lark: 3 Addison 3/8 (MBN), 2 "Prairie race" N. Troy 3/12,17 (ATA,WGE,NLM), 65 Addison 3/14 (WGE, NLM,DHC), 70 DCWMA 4/2 (ATA) the high count, 2 Shoreham 4/26 to 5/19 (ELW), 1 Newport, 4 DCWMA 5/21 (WGE, NLM,DHC), 1 near Popasquash Isl. 5/22 (LJE). Purple Martin: 1 Grand Isle 4/25 (DJH), 3 DCWMA 4/25 (MBN), 2 m. WRD 4/27 (JDM), 2-9 Grand Isle 4/29-period (DJH), 18 Champlain Bridge (Rt. 125) 5/13 (SSW), 1 5/17 & 6 5/21 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 2 Springweather NA, 1 Cuttingsville 5/21 (WJN), 12-15 DCWMA 5/21 (m.ob.), 8+ Derby 5/21 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 1 Young Isl. 5/22 (LJE). Tree Swallow: 1 RM 3/13 (DUW) two weeks early, 50 Vernon 3/26 (JJC), 6 SBWMA 3/27 (WAM), 2 Bartonville 3/29 (TEJ), 1 S. Duxbury 3/30 (FAP), 1 DCWMA 3/30 (JID,MCD), 14 Bomoseen Marshes 3/31 (CCR), 1 Weybridge 3/31 (MBN), 15 RM 4/1 (WJN), 1 Chittenden Dam 4/1 (RWP), 1 Grand Isle 4/1 (DJH), 2 Washington 4/2 (ATA), 1 Barnard 4/2 (JNF), 5 Brandon 4/3 (SSW), 10 Middlebury 4/4 (JRA), 1 Woodstock 4/5 (JMN), 50 WRM 4/5 (RWP). High counts: 500 HC 4/9 (FMH,GEH), "thousands" L. Bomoseen 4/30 (CJF). Eight new netted at BNP

(VINS). Several observers feel that this species was in low numbers, particularly at breeding sites. Northern Rough-winged Swallow: 2 Grand Isle 4/24 (DJH), 1 HC 4/25 (NLM), 1 Dewey's Pond 4/25 (NLM), 1 Woodstock 4/26 (SBL), 2 Vernon 4/29 (JJC), 2 Berlin 5/1 (ATA), 6 Shoreham 5/2 (ELW), 3 Hen Isl. L. Champlain 5/3 (CCR), 2 Shelburne 5/4 (WAM), 2 Comerford Dam 5/8 (PFW), 1 RM 5/11 (WJN), 1 S. Londonderry 5/12 (WJN), 1 Colchester 5/15 (JDM), 8 Arnold Bay-Panton 5/15 (WGE,NLM,DHC) the high count-colony in limestone cliff, 4 Sherburne 5/17 (WGE,DHC), 2 nests in cutbank W. Haven 5/27 (WGE). Bank Swallow: 1 Winhall 4/16 (WJN), 6 Grand Isle 4/24 (DJH), 2 WRD 4/27 (JDM), 35 Brandon 5/8 (SSW), "several" Allen Bros. Marsh 5/13 (AMD), 100+ HC - Springfield-Rockingham town line 5/14 (WJN) the high count, 14 Vernon 5/14 (JJC), 1 Ferrisburg 5/17 (JID,MCD), "some nesting in sand pit on Red Village Rd., but earth mover was working above them" (PFW). Cliff Swallow: 1 WRD 4/27 (JDM), 1 Mt. Holly 5/4 (WJN), 1 Grand Isle 5/7 (DJH), 2 Reading 5/8 (FMH, GEH), 3 Waitsfield 5/10 (FAP), 7 Dorset 5/12 (EFG), 1 Addison 5/15 (WGE,NLM et al.), on 5/21 3 Newport (PFW, SAW et al.), 10 Morgan (WGE,NLM,DHC), 1 HC (JJC,TEJ), 2 Brandon (SSW), 2 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 Winhall (WJN), 1 Jericho 5/22 (LJE). High count 100 W. Windsor 5/29 (FMH,GEH). Barn Swallow: 1 WRM 4/18 (NLM), 4 WRM 4/19 (SBL), 5 Grand Isle 4/24 (DJH), on 4/25 1 RM (JJC), 6 Berlin (ATA), 1 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 Woodstock 4/26 (NLM), 2 Weybridge 4/27 (MBN), 1 Dewey's Rd., 1 HC 4/28 (NLM), 2 Westminster 4/29 (AMD), 1 Shoreham 4/29 (ELW), 5 Rutland 4/30 (CJF), 3 Dorset 4/30 (EFG), 3 Barton R. Rd. 5/1 (PFW), 14 Champlain Islands 5/1 (WAM), 10 Woodstock 5/4 (JMN). High count 55 HC to WRM 5/21 (WJN).

#### CORVIDS THROUGH CREEPER

Gray Jay: 2 Ferdinand 4/20 (PH), 2 Moose Bog 5/21 (WGE,NLM,DHC,MFM). Blue Jay present through the period, numbers generally considered to be normal but WGE considered them possibly low. Some high counts: 35 Sheffield 3/21 (PFW), 32 Reading 5/22 (FMH,GEH). Still migrating overhead-West Haven 5/30 (WGE). One new netted at BNP (VINS). American Crow overwintered in all but the higher mountain areas. Some high counts: 271 Addison 3/7 (MBN), 300 Ferrisburg 3/7 (JID,MCD), 200 Addison 3/8 (MBN), 195 S. Burlington 3/9 (JRA), 431 Addison/Ferrisburg 3/14 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 500 Ferrisburg 3/19 (JID,MCD), 200 Ferrisburg 3/22 (JID,MCD), 207 Orwell 3/25 (WGE,NLM). Several nesting reports-4 young fledged at Woodstock 5/11 (JMN)-migrating by

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mid-Feb. at MNWR (JBG). Common Raven occurs throughout the state, now breeding in most areas. Most observer's high counts were only 3-4, 6 including fledglings Ferdinand 5/21 (WGE,NLM,DHC), pair with 2 yg. in nest Pownall Cliffs 4/27 (NER), yg. out of nest Winhall 5/9 (WJN), apparently breeding at both Pond Mtn. (Wells) and Haystack Mtn. (Pawlet) (RWP). Black-capped Chickadee present everywhere through the period. Some high counts: 36 Corinth 3/1 (NRE), 54 Weybridge/Ferrisburg 3/14 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 50 Reading 3/21 (FMH,GEH), 41 Benson 3/25 (WGE,NLM). Nineteen new netted at BNP (VINS). Numerous reports of nesting in April-May. Boreal Chickadee: 2 Moose Bog 3/6 (ATA), 1 Moose Bog 4/20 (CCR), 1-2 Sheffield 4/19 to 5/21 (PFW), 9 Moose Bog 5/21 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 1 Granby Bog 4/26 (CCR). Tufted Titmouse: 1-2 Westminster W. 3/4,20 (AMD), 1 Brownsville 3/10 (BMH), 1 Weybridge 3/14 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 1 Ferrisburg 3/19 (JID,MCD), 1 Rockingham 3/26 (WGE,NLM), 1 HC 3/30 to 5/21 (WJN), 1 Colchester 3/27 (WDB), 1 Leicester 4/5 (SSW), 1 Woodstock 4/7 (CRP), 1 Washington 4/7-9 (ATA), 1 Dorset 4/13 (EFG), 3 5/11,15 Colchester (JDM), 1 5/21 Arlington (CSC). Red-breasted Nuthatch resident at higher elevations. Some high counts: 5 Reading 3/12 (FMH,GEH), 6 N. Troy 3/17 (WGE,NLM), up to 10 Winhall (WJN). White-breasted Nuthatch reported widely everywhere, some high counts: 17 Weybridge/Addison/Panton 3/14 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 5 Dorset 5/14 (EFG), 4-5 Winhall (WJN). One new netted at BNP (VINS). Brown Creeper was widespread, 2 Washington 3/12 (ATA) at peanut butter feeder, high counts: 4 Reading 5/4 (FMH,GEH), 4 Washington 4/13 (ATA), 9 West Haven 5/27 ad. feeding fledglings (WGE), 7 West Haven 5/28 different fledglings, nest w/ yg. W. Haven 5/30 (WGE,NLM).

#### WRENS

Carolina Wren: 1 Ferrisburg 4/29 to 5/21 (JID,MCD), 1 m. Panton 5/15 (m.ob.) present since Dec., 1 present in Chittenden (VDC). House Wren: 1 Springfield 4/13 (WME), 1 Clarendon 4/16 (CJF), 1 Poultney 4/17 (CJF), 2 Westminster W. 4/26 (AMD), 1 Dorset 4/29 (EFG), 1 W. Windsor 5/1 (FMH,GEH), 1 Ferrisburg 5/2 (JID,MCD), on 5/4 1 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1 Colchester (WDB), 1 Rutland (JBM,JPM), 1 Shelburne (WAM), 1 Shoreham 5/5 (ELW), 1 Winhall 5/7 (WJN), 1 Randolph 5/9 (EWC,MCC), 1 MNWR 5/10 (JBG), 1 Grand Isle 5/11 (DJH), 1 Colchester 5/12 (JDM). High counts: 6 Shoreham 5/20 (ELW), 5 W. Windsor 5/15 (FMH,GEH), 5 West Haven 5/27 (WGE). One new netted at BNP (VINS). Winter Wren: 1 Birdseye Mt., 1 Mt. Horrid 3/31 (CCR), 1 Reading 4/1 (FMH,GEH), 1 Clarendon 4/3 (CJF), 1 Chittenden 4/4 (LPS), 1 Middlesex 4/4 (MFM), 1 Cabot 4/5 (WGS), 1 Brandon 4/9 (NLM et al.), 2 Castleton 4/10 (RWP), 1 W. Brattleboro 4/12 (JJC), 1 Winhall 4/18 (WJN), 1 Washington 4/18 (ATA), 5 Moose Bog 4/20 (CCR), 4 Salisbury 4/22 (SSW), 1 Dorset 4/26 (EFG). High counts: 10 Reading 5/14 (FMH,GEH), 11 Moose Bog 4/26 (CCR), 12 Ferdinand/Brunswick 5/21 (WGE,NLM,DHC). Marsh Wren: 1 WRM 4/18 (NLM), 1 5/6 & 4 5/14 S. Bay Newport 5/6 (PFW,SAW et al.), 1 Allen Bros. Marsh 5/14 (AMD), 1 WRD 5/16 (JDM), on 5/21 6+ DCWMA (m.ob.), 8 BRM (WGE,NLM,DHC et al.), 3 Allen Bros. Marsh (JJC,TEJ,WJN,DC et al.), 4+ WRM (m.ob.), 3 Mud Creek 5/22 (LJE). High count: 12 West Haven 5/28 (WGE,NLM).

#### MUSCICAPIDAE

Golden-crowned Kinglet winters among conifers in most areas, high counts 10-15 TWDR 4/5 (ATA), 40 Granby Bog 4/26 (CCR), 21 Ferdinand/Brunswick 5/21 (WGE,NLM,DHC). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 3 Red Rocks-S. Burlington 4/16 (WAM), on 4/17 1 Rutland (CJF), 2 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 2 Woodstock (JMN), 1 Dorset 4/18 (EFG), 1 W. Brattleboro 4/18 (JJC), 1 TWDR 4/19 (ATA), 1 Monkton 4/23 (JRA), 1 Reading 4/23 (FMH,GEH), 1 Sheffield 4/24 (PFW), on 4/25 4 Berlin (ATA), 1 Wilgus

SP (NLM), 2 Cabot (WGS), 1 Granby Bog 4/26 (CCR), 6 Dorset 4/26 (EFG), on 4/27 1 WRD (JDM), 2 Washington (ATA), 1 Winhall (WJN), 1 Brandon 4/28 (SSW). High count: 20+ Chittenden Res. area 5/4 (JMN,EFG). Late dates in areas where they do not breed: 1 SBWMA 5/18 (WGE,LB), 1 Shoreham 5/20 (ELW), 1 Woodstock 5/27 (VINS), 1 S. Duxbury 5/29 (FAP). Seven new netted at BNP (VINS). Many observers considered both kinglets late and in poor numbers. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 2 Vernon 4/26 (JJC), 4 West Haven 4/27 (PCR), 1 Winhall 4/30 (WJN), 1 Shoreham 5/1 (ELW), 1 5/6, 4 5/9 Muddy Pond Rutland (RWP), 3 SBWMA 5/8 (WAM), 1 WRD 5/10 (JDM), 1 HC 5/15 (AMD), 2 Ferrisburg 5/15 (WGE,NLM et al.), on 5/21 2 Lewis Creek (JID,MCD), 1 West Rutland (SBL,BLR). High counts at West Haven by WGE - 19 on 5/27, fifteen pairs had been located there by 5/31, with 10 nests, 5 being built and 5 being incubated, earliest date for incubation was 5/23 (WGE). Eastern Bluebird: 1 Dorset 3/14 (EFG), pair Brownsville 3/23 (FC), 1 W. Windsor 3/23 (BMH), 2 W. Haven, 2 Fair Haven, 1 Benson 3/25 (WGE,NLM), 1 Barnet 3/25 (CCR,MCo,CW), on 3/26 1 DCWMA (WAM), 1 Brandon (SSW), 2 Lyndon (DHM), 1 Huntington (DLC), 1 S. Londonderry 3/29 (WJN), 1 Woodstock 3/29 (JMN), 4 Ferrisburg 3/30 (JID,MCD), widespread after March. High count: 6 Ferrisburg 5/21 (JID,MCD). Many reports of nesting birds using boxes, competing with Tree Swallows-one report of young killed by blowflies (PFW). Veery: 1 Winhall 5/10 (WJN), 1 Reading 5/10 (FMH,GEH), 1 Red Rocks Park S. Burlington 5/11 (WAM), 5 Colchester 5/11 (JDM), 2 Washington 5/12 (ATA), 4 Brattleboro 5/13 (JJC), 1 Dorset 5/13,15 (EFG), 1 S. Wallingford 5/14 (CJF), 2 Ferrisburg 5/15 (WGE,NLM et al.). High counts: 45 HC to WRM 5/21 (WJN), 25 Reading 5/22 (FMH,GEH) survey with stops every 0.2 mile. One new netted BNP (VINS). Swainson's Thrush: 1 Colchester 5/11 (JDM), 1 Dorset 5/12 (EFG), 1 Lincoln 5/16 (JRA), 1 Winhall 5/16 (WJN), 1 Norwich 5/17 (CCR), 3 Plymouth, 1 Shrewsbury 5/17 (WGE,DHC), 1 Duxbury 5/19 (FAP,EBP), on 5/21 2 Shrewsbury (SBL,BLR, LPS), 1 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 1 Arlington (DHD), 2 Ferdinand/Brunswick (WGE,NLM,DHC), 6 Stratton (JJC,TEJ) the high count, 1 Winhall (WJN). One new netted BNP (VINS). Hermit Thrush: 1 Reading 4/5 (FMH,GEH), 1 Mt. Philo 4/6 (JID,MCD), 1 Woodstock 4/6 (PHH), 1 Winhall 4/7 (WJN), 1 Stockbridge 4/7 (EH), 1 Marshfield 4/9 (MFM), 1 4/12 & 3 4/18 Washington 4/12 (ATA), 1 W. Brattleboro 4/18 (JJC), 1 Haystack Mt. Pawlet 4/19 (RWP), 1 Moose Bog 4/20 (CCR), 1 Colchester 4/22 (JDM), 2 Lincoln 4/25 (JRA), 3 Shrewsbury 4/25 (LPS), 3 Winhall 4/26 (WJN), 1 Granby Bog 4/26 (CCR). High count: 15 Ferdinand/Brunswick 5/21 (WGE,NLM,DHC). Two new netted BNP (VINS). Wood Thrush: 1 Benson 5/1 (CJF), 1 Winhall 5/4 (WJN), 1 Salisbury 5/4 (MBN), 1 Randolph 5/5 (EWC,MCC), 1 Strafford 5/5 (HR), 4 W. Brattleboro 5/6 (JJC), 2 Washington 5/7 (ATA), 2 Brandon 5/8 (SSW), 1 Jericho 5/9 (LJE), 1 Dorset 5/9 (EFG), 3 Red Rocks Park S. Burlington 5/11 (WAM), 1 Colchester 5/11 (JDM), on 5/12 1 Shrewsbury (LPS), 1 Shoreham (ELW), 1 Waterbury (WDB), 3 Woodstock (JMN), 2 Ripton 5/14 (JRA), 1 Sheffield, 1 Barton 5/14 (PFW et al.). High count: 29 Reading 5/22 (FMH,GEH) survey with stops every 0.2 mile. One new netted at BNP (VINS). American Robin: 2 Berlin 3/9 (MFM), 1 N. Troy 3/12 (ATA), on 3/14 3 Weybridge (WGE,NLM,DHC), 2 Bartonville (TEJ), 7 Putney (AMD), 1 Weybridge (MBN), 1 Woodstock (FAM), 1 Colchester 3/15 (JDM), 2 Brownsville 3/16 (BMH), on 3/17 1 Rutland (CJF), 2 Jericho (LJE), 5 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 Grand Isle 3/18 (DJH), on 3/19 5 Proctor (RWP), 1 Brandon (SSW), 1 Norwich (CCR), 1 Tinmouth (PMB). High count: 242 W. Windsor 4/10 (FMH,GEH) survey with stops every 0.2 mile. Two new netted BNP (VINS). A leucistic individual seen at Barnet (NER). VARIED THRUSH: 1 until 3/21, bird present from the winter, Stowe (DBP).

MIMIDS

Gray Catbird: 1 S. Burlington 4/6 (JID,MCD) very early, may have wintered somewhere in the north, 1 Dorset 5/5 (EFG), 2 W. Brattleboro 5/7 (JJC), on 5/8 2 Brandon (SSW), 1 Reading (FMH,GEH), 2 Shoreham (ELW), 3 HC 5/9 (WJN,AMD), on 5/10 1 MNWR (JBG), 1 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 1 Springfield (WME), 1 WRD (JDM), 1 Woodstock 5/11 (JMN), 4 SBWMA 5/12 (WAM), 1 Clarendon 5/12 (CJF), 4 Grand Isle 5/12 (DJH), 4 Allen Bros. Marsh 5/13 (AMD), 1 Barnard 5/14 (JNF), 1 Underhill 5/14 (LJE). High count: 35 HC to WRM 5/21 (WJN). Twelve new banded at BNP (VINS). Northern Mockingbird: increasingly frequent in the Connecticut River Valley and Champlain Valley. Outside of these areas 1 Clarendon 3/1,18 (LPS), 1 Strafford 4/18 (HR), 1 Rutland 4/29 (CJF), 1 Corinth 5/7 (NRE), 1 Dorset 5/15 (EFG). Brown Thrasher: 1 BNP 4/21 (CCR), 1 WRD 4/27 (JDM), 1 Winhall 4/29 (WJN), 1 Dorset 4/29 (EFG), 1 Brandon 5/1 (SSW), 1 Shoreham 5/2 (ELW), 1 Shelburne 5/4 (WAM), 1 Randolph 5/5 (EWC,MCC), 2 Brownsville 5/7 (BMH), 4 Reading 5/8 (FMH,GEH) the high count, 2 SBWMA 5/12,14 (WAM), 1 Leicester 5/13 (ELW), 1 Lincoln 5/15 (JRA).

WATER PIPITSPIPIT THROUGH STARLING

Water Pipit: 2 RM 5/4 (AK), 1 Middlebury 5/15 (WGE,NLM et al.). Bohemian Waxwing: 150 Shelburne 3/6 (WAM), 274 Ferrisburg 3/14 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 45-70 Barre 3/22-26 (ATA), 18 Middlebury 3/26 (SSW), 17 Shelburne 3/27 (ATA). Cedar Waxwing: 3 Weybridge 4/1 (MBN), 12 Ferrisburg 4/29 (JID,MCD), heard Shelburne 5/3 (JDM), 5 Brandon 5/10 (SSW), 12 Washington 5/16 (ATA), 1 5/19 & 5 5/24 Dorset (EFG), 1 S. Londonderry 5/20 (WJN), 6 Stratton 5/21 (JJC), 4 Woodstock 5/21 (CRP), 2 Reading 5/22 (FMH,GEH), 15 Colchester 5/23 (WDB), 6 Jericho 5/23 (LJE), 3 Washington 5/23 (ATA), 4 Weybridge 5/24 (MBN), 4 Springweather NA 5/24 (AMD), widespread after that. High count: 30 Brandon 5/31 (SSW). Twelve new netted BNP (VINS). Northern Shrike: 1 E. Barnard 3/6 (JRL) singing, 1 Rockingham 3/7 (JJC), 1 Moretown mid-March (CG) eating a Pine Siskin, 1 Norwich, 1 Newport 3/17 (WGE,NLM), 1 Morrisville 3/19 (LP) ate a siskin, 1 Bridgewater 3/19 (KM), 1 Norwich 3/20 (CCR,LLR) netted, 1 Brownsville 3/20 (GWJ), 1 Washington 3/22,23 (ATA), 1 Newport Ctr. 3/23 (EOM,RJM) 1 Quechee 3/25 (KRT), 1 Barre Town 3/26 (ATA). European Starling status unchanged-returns in March to higher elevations where it does not winter. Some high counts: 1010 Addison/Ferrisburg 3/14 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 1000+ Ferrisburg 3/22 (JID,MCD), 500 West Haven 3/25 (WGE,NLM), 900 New Haven 3/28 (JRA). Seen "carrying nesting material" Rutland 3/12 (CJF), "nest with young" West Haven 3/27 (WGE). Six new netted BNP (VINS).

VIREOS

Solitary Vireo: 1 "week of 4/11" Grafton (DC), 2 Brattleboro 4/22 (JJC), 5 Reading 4/23 (FMH,GEH), 1 Winhall 4/26 (WJN), 1 Dorset 4/27 (EFG), 3 Royalton 4/27 (CCR), 1 Woodstock 4/29 (JMN), 1 Washington 4/30 (ATA), 1 Colchester 5/3 (JDM), 15 Duxbury 5/3 (FAP), 2 Rutland 5/3 (RWP), 4 Chittenden Res. 5/4 (JMN,EFG). High count 17 Plymouth 5/17 (WGE,DHC). Yellow-throated Vireo: 1 Huntington 5/7 (LJE), 1 Woodstock 5/11 (JMN), 2 Salisbury 5/14 (SSW,MBN), 1 Westminster 5/15 (AMD), 1 Winhall 5/15 (WJN)-rare at higher elevations, 1 Plymouth-at 2000 ft. 5/17 (WGE,DHC), 4 Milton 5/18 (WGE, LB), 4 Reading 5/18 (FMH,GEH), 1 Colchester 5/19 (JDM), on 5/21 1 Allen Bros. Marsh (JJC), 4 Middlebury (MBN), 1 Lewis Creek (JID,MCD), 1 Arlington (CSC), on 5/22 1 Burlington (CBH), 1 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 1

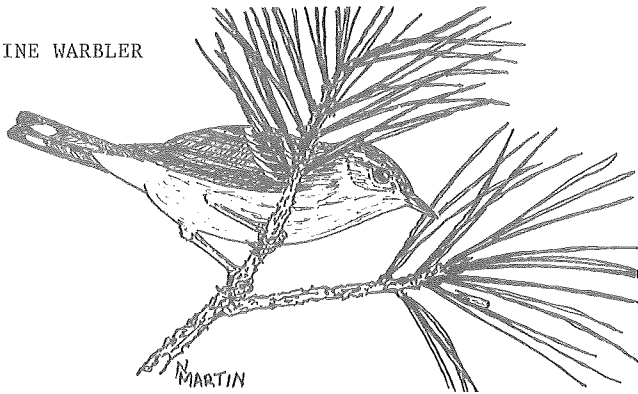
Goshen 5/23 (SSW). High count 5 West Haven 5/28 (WGE, NLM). Warbling Vireo: 1 Woodstock 5/7 (JMN), 1 RM 5/7 (JJC), 1 Shoreham 5/8 (ELW), 4 HC/Springfield-Rockingham Town Line 5/9 (WJN), 1 Dorset 5/9 (EFG), 2 Warren 5/10 (FAP), 2 Brandon 5/12 (SSW), 2 Lyndonville 5/12 (PFW), 2 Shelburne 5/13 (WAM), 1 Salisbury 5/14 (MBN), 1 Barton 5/14 (PFW). High count: 10 WRD 5/10 (JDM), 10 Milton 5/18 (WGE, LB), 10 W. Haven 5/30 (WGE,NLM). Three new netted BNP (VINS). Philadelphia Vireo: 1 SBWMA 5/18 (WGE, LB), 1 Shrewsbury 5/21 (SBL,BLR), 1 "Birdathon" 5/21 (MFM). Red-eyed Vireo: 1 Reading 5/8 (FMH,GEH), 1 Brattleboro 5/11 (JJC), 1 Lincoln 5/12 (JRA), 1 Waterbury 5/12 (WPB), 1 Winhall 5/13 (WJN), 1 Salisbury 5/14 (MBN), 1 SBWMA 5/14 (WAM), 2 Woodstock 5/15 (JMN), 2 Ferrisburg 5/17 (JID,MCD), 5 Essex Jct. 5/17 (JDM), 14 Plymouth 5/17 (WGE,DHC), 1 Shoreham 5/18 (ELW). High count: 29 Reading 5/22 (FMH,GEH) survey with stops every 0.2 mile. One netted BNP (VINS).

WOOD WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler: 1 W. Brattleboro 5/8 (JJC), 2 Ira Rest Stop 5/14 (RWP), 1 Dorset 5/18 (EFG), 1 Saxtons River 5/21 (DC,REG), 1 Manchester Area 5/21,22 (DHD,RWS), 1 Woodstock 5/26 (NER). Golden-winged Warbler: 1 Sudbury 5/10 (SSW), 1 Ira Rest Stop 5/14 (RWP), 3 Milton, 2 Westford 5/18 (WGE, LB), on 5/21 1 Arlington (DHD), 1 Londonderry (WSA,JA), 2 Monkton 5/22 (CBH), 1 Charlotte 5/23 (LJE), 3 Ira Rest Stop 5/28 (RWP), 1 West Haven 5/30 (WGE,NLM). "Brewster's" Warbler: 1 Brandon 5/15,21 (SSW), 1 Ira Rest Stop 5/21,22 (m.ob.), 2 New Haven 5/22 (WME). "Lawrence's" Warbler: f. Ira Rest Stop mated to m. Golden-wing 5/28 (TB). Tennessee Warbler: 1 W. Brattleboro 5/6 (JJC), 1 Dorset 5/11 (EFG), 1 Ferrisburg 5/11 (JID,MCD), 4 Springfield 5/12 (WME), 3 Dorset 5/13 (EFG), 10 BNP 5/14 (WGE,NLM et al.) the high count, 1 Colchester 5/15 (JDM), 1 Washington 5/16 (ATA), 1 Brandon 5/16 (SSW), 2 Plymouth 5/17 (WGE,DHC), 3 Reading 5/17 (FMH, GEH), 1 Ferrisburg 5/17 (JID,MCD), on 5/18 2 Milton, 1 Westford (WGE, LB), 1 Hubbard Park, Montpelier (FAP), 1 Shoreham (ELW), on 5/20 1 Shelburne (WAM), 1 Shoreham (ELW), 1 Brandon (SSW), on 5/21 3 Ferdinand (WGE,NLM, DHC), 1 Dorset (EFG), 1 Topsham (EM,AM), 1 SBWMA 5/22 (LJE). Nashville Warbler: 1 Reading 4/26 (FMH,GEH), 1 Woodstock 5/6 (CCR), 2 Brattleboro 5/6 (JJC), 2 Colchester 5/9 (JDM), 1 Shelburne 5/9 (WAM), 1 Washington 5/10 (ATA), 8 Reading 5/13 (FMH,GEH), 1 Sheffield 5/14 (PFW), 1 Lincoln 5/17 (JRA), 1 Lake Dunmore 5/17 (JID, MCD), 4 Milton, 2 Westford 5/18 (WGE, LB), 1 Sheffield 5/19 (PFW). High count: 14 Ferdinand/Brunswick 5/21 (WGE,NLM,DHC). Northern Parula: 1 Montpelier 5/8 (BMP), 1 Dorset 5/9 (EFG), 1 Reading 5/14 (FMH,GEH), 1 Ripton 5/14 (JRA), on 5/17 1 Essex Jct. (JDM), 1 Dorset (EFG), 1 Eden (DAB), 1 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 SBWMA 5/18 (WGE, LB), 5 Ferdinand 5/21 (WGE,NLM,DHC) the high count, 1 Arlington 5/21 (CSC). Yellow Warbler: 1 Vernon 4/29 (JJC), 1 Shoreham 5/2 (ELW), 1 Dorset 5/4 (EFG), 1 Weybridge 5/6 (MBN), 1 W. Arlington 5/7 (CJF), 6 WRM 5/8 (SBL,DLC), on 5/9 1 HC (AMD), 1 Brandon (SSW), 1 Springfield-Rockingham Town Line (WJN), 1 Grand Isle (DJH), 1 MNWR 5/10 (JBG), 5 WRD 5/10 (JDM), 1 Rutland 5/10 (LPS), 1 Woodstock 5/11 (JMN). High count: 41 Champlain Valley 5/22 (WAM). Nest nearly completed West Haven 5/30 (WGE,NLM). Nine new netted BNP (VINS). Chestnut-sided Warbler: 1 W. Brattleboro 5/6 (JJC), 2 Woodstock 5/7 (JMN), 1 Dorset 5/9 (EFG), 7 Reading 5/9 (FMH,GEH), 1 HC 5/9 (AMD, WJN), 1 Washington 5/10 (ATA), 1 Colchester 5/11 (JDM), 1 Lincoln 5/11 (JRA), 1 Brandon 5/12 (SSW), 2 Waterbury 5/12 (WDB), 2 Shelburne 5/13 (WAM), 1 Underhill 5/14 (LJE), 1 Salisbury 5/14 (MBN). High count: 44 Reading 5/29 (FMH,GEH). Seven new netted at BNP (VINS). Magnolia Warbler: Norwich 5/1 (AAB), 1 Montpelier 5/5 (BMP), 2 Colchester 5/11 (JDM), 1 Brattleboro 5/13 (JJC), 1 Sheffield 5/13 (PFW), 1 Reading

5/13 (FMH,GEH), 1 Grafton SF 5/14 (AMD), 1 Cabot 5/14 (WGS), 1 Winhall 5/15 (WJN), 1 Washington 5/16 (ATA), 1 Woodstock 5/16 (VINS), on 5/17 1 Lincoln (JRA), 1 Ferrisburg (JID, MCD), 5 Plymouth (WGE,NLM,DHC) the high count, 1 Brandon (SSW). Three new netted at BNP (VINS). Cape May Warbler: 1 Shelburne 5/9 (WAM), 1 Grand Isle 5/13 (DJH), 1 Vernon 5/13 (AK), 1 Sheffield 5/14 (PFW), 1 Colchester 5/15 (JDM), 1 Brandon 5/15 (SSW), 1 Sheffield 5/16 (PFW), 1 Burlington 5/18 (CBH), 3 Lake Dunmore 5/19 (JID,MCD), 1 Shoreham 5/20 (ELW), 7 Ferdinand 5/21 (WGE,NLM,DHC) the high count, 1 SBWMA 5/22 (LJE), 1 Sheffield 5/26 (PFW). Black-throated Blue Warbler: 1 Goshen 5/6 (SSW), 1 Reading 5/6 (FMH,GEH), 1 Winhall 5/8 (WJN), 1 Washington 5/9 (ATA), 1 Essex Jct. 5/9 (JDM), 1 Dorset 5/10 (EFG), 1 Red Rocks Park S. Burlington 5/11 (WAM), 1 Shoreham 5/11 (ELW), 1 Waterbury 5/12 (WDB), 1 Brattleboro 5/13 (JJC), 1 SBWMA 5/13 (WAM), 11 Natural Turnpike 5/14 (JRA), 1 Shrewsbury 5/14 (LPS), 1 Salisbury 5/14 (MBN), 1 Barre 5/17 (ATA), 17 Plymouth, 5 Shrewsbury 5/17 (WGE,NLM,DHC). High count: 36 Reading 5/14 (FMH, GEH). Yellow-rumped Warbler: 1 Shelburne 3/6 (SRA) very early, possibly wintered nearby, 2 Berlin 3/31 (ATA), 1 HC 4/2 (TEJ,AMD), 1 W. Brattleboro 4/18 (JJC), 1 Reading 4/18 (FMH,GEH), 1 Woodstock, 4/21 (JMN,CCR), 2 Proctor 4/22 (RWP), 5 Salisbury 4/22 (SSW), 1 Peacham 4/23 (WGS), 8 Tinmouth 4/24 (CJF). High counts: 64 Vernon 4/29 (JJC), 100 Berlin Pond 5/2 (BMP). Ten new netted at BNP (VINS). Black-throated Green Warbler: 1 Royalton 4/27 (CCR), 1 Washington 5/5 (ATA), 1 Winhall 5/5 (WJN), on 5/6 1 Jamaica (JJC), 2 Goshen (SSW), 3 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 Huntington 5/7 (LJE), 2 Dorset 5/8 (EFG), on 5/9 1 Shelburne (WAM), 1 Springfield (WME), 2 Colchester (JDM), 1 Joe's Pond 5/12 (PFW et al.), 11 Reading 5/13 (FMH,GEH), on 5/14 5 Woodstock (JMN), 7 Natural Turnpike (JRA), 5 SBWMA (WAM), 2 L. Willoughby (PFW et al.). High count: 14 Plymouth, 7 Shrewsbury 5/17 (WGE,NLM,DHC). Blackburnian Warbler: on 5/9 2 Colchester (JDM), 1 Shelburne (WAM), 1 Washington (ATA), 1 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 Sheffield 5/13 (PFW), 1 Brattleboro 5/14 (JJC), 1 Springfield 5/14 (WME), 2 Dorset 5/14 (EFG), 1 Lincoln 5/15 (JRA), 1 S. Burlington 5/15 (WAM), 27 Plymouth 5/17 (WGE,DHC) the high count, 2 Westford, 3 Milton 5/18 (WGE,LB), 4 Shelburne 5/18 (WAM), 1 Sheffield

PINE WARBLER



5/19 (PFW). Pine Warbler: heard Colchester 4/16 (JDM), 2 Retreat Woods Brattleboro 4/22 (JJC), 4 Malletts Bay 5/4 (JDM), 1 Shoreham 5/6 (ELW), 5 Colchester 5/11 (JDM) the high count, 3 Brattleboro 5/13 (JJC), 1 SBWMA 5/14 (WAM), 1 Ferrisburg 5/16 (JID, MCD), 2 Quechee 5/19 (WGE), 1 Ripton 5/19 (MBN), on 5/21 1 Island Pond (WGE,NLM,DHC), 1 Isle La Motte (CL), 1 Arlington (CSC). Prairie Warbler: 1 W. Brattleboro 4/26 (JJC), 1 Vernon 4/29 (JJC), 1 BNP Woodstock 5/14 (m.ob.), 1 Springweather NA 5/14 (WJN), 1 S. Hero 5/19 (CL), on 5/21 2 singing m. Woodstock Rifle Range (m.ob.), 1 Arlington (CSC), 3 BNP 5/22 (BLR,SBL), 1 Lowell 5/30 (CL,TB). Palm Warbler: 2 Dorset 4/15 (EFG), 1 Clarendon 4/16 (CJF), 1 Vernon 4/29 (JJC) "Yellow" race, 1 Dorset 4/30 (EFG), 1

Montpelier 5/5 (BMP), 1 WRD 5/10 (JDM). Scarce this spring. Bay-breasted Warbler: 4 Woodstock 5/14 (WGE,NLM et al.), 1 Colchester 5/14 (JDM), 2 Dorset 5/14,15 (EFG), 1 Shelburne 5/18 (WAM), 1 Shoreham 5/18 (ELW), 1 SBWMA 5/18 (WGE,LB), 11 Ferdinand 5/21 (WGE, NLM,DHC) the high count, 1 Brandon 5/22 (SSW), 1 West Haven 5/23 (WGE,NLM). WGE comments that this species was more numerous than usual, but nearly all were seen in northern Vermont. All the observers in the southeastern part missed it totally. Blackpoll Warbler: 1 Vernon 5/13 (AK), 1 Rutland 5/16 (CJF), 1 Plymouth 5/17 (WGE,DHC), 2 Newport 5/21 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 1 Shrewsbury 5/22 (SBL,BLR), 1 West Haven 5/23 (WGE, NLM), 1 Dorset 5/24,27 (EFG), 1 BNP 5/24 (VINS), 3 5/27 & 1 5/30 West Haven (WGE,NLM). One new netted at BNP (VINS). Cerulean Warbler: 2 SBWMA 5/14 (WAM), 3 m. SBWMA 5/18,21 (WGE,NLM,DHC,LB,m.ob.), 1 S. Slang Fishing Access 5/22 (JLC,BB). Black-and-white Warbler: 1 Royalton 4/27 (CCR), 1 Barre 4/27 (MFM), on 5/6 2 BNP (CCR), 1 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1 Goshen (SSW), 1 Reading 5/8 (FMH,GEH), 1 Dorset 5/8 (EFG), 3 Colchester 5/9 (JDM), 1 Shrewsbury 5/9 (LPS), 1 Rockingham 5/9 (AMD), 1 Shelburne 5/10 (WAM), 1 MNWR 5/10 (JBG), 1 Shoreham 5/11 (ELW), 6 Waterbury 5/12 (WDB), 1 Winhall 5/12 (WJN), on 5/14 1 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 1 L. Willoughby area (PFW et al.), 1 Quechee (EJn), 2 Winhall 5/15 (WJN). High count: 12 Reading 5/22 (FMH,GEH) survey with stops every 0.2 mile. American Redstart: 1 Springfield-Rockingham Town Line 5/9 (WJN), 3 Reading 5/10 (FMH,GEH), on 5/12 1 Woodstock (CRP), 1 HC (AMD), 4 Waterbury (WDB), 3 SBWMA (WAM), 1 Brandon (SSW), 1 Dorset (EFG), 1 Shelburne 5/13 (WAM), 1 Brattleboro 5/13 (JJC), 1 Springweather NA 5/14 (WME), 1 L. Willoughby 5/14 (PFW et al.), 4 Grand Isle 5/14 (DJH), 1 Sheffield 5/15 (PFW), 1 Ferrisburg 5/16 (JID,MCD), 5 Shoreham 5/16 (ELW). High count: 23 Plymouth-Shrewsbury 5/17 (WGE,DHC). Two netted BNP (VINS). Ovenbird: 1 Shrewsbury 5/4 (LPS), on 5/6 1 Rutland (RWP), 1 Brattleboro (JJC), 1 Winhall (WJN), 3 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 Woodstock 5/7 (JMN), 2 Dorset 5/8 (EFG), 1 Brandon 5/8 (SSW), 1 Jericho 5/9 (LJE), 1 Colchester 5/9 (JDM), 1 Washington 5/9 (ATA), On 5/12 1 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 Washington (ATA), 1 Waterbury (WDB), 3 SBWMA (WAM). High count: 66 Reading 5/22 (FMH,GEH) survey with stops every 0.2 mile. Northern Waterthrush: 1 West Haven 4/27 (PCR), 1 Reading 4/30 (FMH,GEH), 1 Brandon 5/1 (SSW), 1 Berlin Pond 5/3 (BMP), 1 Peru 5/6 (WJN), 2 Barton 5/6 (PFW, SAW), 1 Winhall 5/7 (WJN), 2 Colchester 5/7 (JDM), 2 Reading 5/8 (FMH,GEH), 6 SBWMA 5/8 (WAM), 1 Joe's Pond 5/12 (PFW et al.), 1 Wallingford 5/14 (RWP), 1 Sheffield 5/14 (PFW,SAW). High count: 8 Ferdinand 5/21 (WGE,NLM,DHC). Louisiana Waterthrush: 1 W. Brattleboro 4/18 (JJC), 1 Haystack Mt. Pawlet 4/19 (RWP), 1 Norwich 4/23 (CCR), 1 Allen Bros. Marsh 5/1 (AMD), 2 Reading 5/8 (FMH,GEH), 1 Woodstock 5/14 (JMN), 1 Hancock 5/15 (WGE,NLM), 1 S. Woodstock 5/17 (NLM), 1 Hartland 5/20 (WGE,NLM). Daily at West Haven-max. 2 on 5/23,27 (WGE,NLM). KENTUCKY WARBLER: 1 singing m. W. Brattleboro 5/24 into June (JJC, also WDN,DUW,JMA). Mourning Warbler: 2 Reading 5/16 (FMH,GEH), 1 Woodstock 5/17 (WGE,DHC), 1 S. Duxbury 5/19 (FAP), 1 Brunswick, 1 Morgan 5/21 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 4 Reading 5/22 (FMH,GEH) the high count, 1 BNP 5/23 (VINS), 1 Colchester 5/23 (WDB), 1 Winooski 5/23 (CL,JS), 2 Essex Jct. 5/25 (JDM), 3 West Haven 5/27 (WGE), 1 Dorset 5/27 (EFG), 1 Winhall 5/28 (WJN,AS et al.), 1 Island Pond 5/28 (AMAS), 1 Bristol Notch 5/29 (JRA), 3 Winooski 5/29 (CL,JS). One netted BNP (VINS). Common Yellowthroat: 4 W. Brattleboro 5/6 (JJC), 2 Shoreham 5/8 (ELW), 1 HC 5/9 (AMD), 1 Essex Jct. 5/9 (JDM), on 5/10 1 Winhall (WJN), 1 Sheffield (PFW), 1 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 Dorset 5/11 (EFG), 1 Lincoln 5/12 (JRA), 3 Woodstock 5/12 (JMN), 1 Brandon 5/12 (SSW), 1 Joe's Pond 5/12 (PFW, SAW et al.), 2 Shelburne 5/13 (WAM), 8 SBWMA 5/14 (WAM). High count: 40 HC to WRM 5/21

(WJN). Seventeen new netted at BNP (VINS). Wilson's Warbler: 4 Brattleboro 5/13 (JJC) the high count, 1 Shelburne 5/13 (WAM), 1 Lincoln 5/17 (JRA), 2 Brandon 5/19 (SSW), 1 Shoreham 5/20 (ELW), 1 WRD 5/21 (WGE, NLM, DHC), 1 Ferrisburg 5/21 (LBI), 1 Brandon 5/22 (SSW), 1 SBWMA 5/22 (LJE), 1 new netted at BNP 5/23 (VINS). Canada Warbler: 1 Vernon 5/13 (AK), 1 Lincoln 5/14 (JRA), 2 Reading 5/15 (FMH, GEH), 1 Shrewsbury 5/17 (WGE, DHC), on 5/18 1 Westford (WGE, LB), 1 Woodstock (SSW), 1 Norwich (CCR), 1 Shelburne (WAM), 1 Colchester 5/19 (JDM), 1 Shoreham 5/20 (ELW), 2 Ferrisburg 5/21 (JID, MCD), 14 Ferdinand/Burnswick 5/21 (WGE, NLM, DHC) the high count, 1 SBWMA 5/22 (LJE), 9 Reading 5/22 (FMH, GEH), 2 DAR SP 5/22 (WAM), 1 Rochester 5/23 (SSW), 1 Lincoln 5/26 (JRA), 1 West Haven 5/28 (WGE, NLM), 1 W. Glover 5/28 (AMAS). YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: singing m. Panton 5/4 (MM) seen well.

#### TANAGER THROUGH SNOW BUNTING

Scarlet Tanager: 1 Dorset 5/9 (EFG), 1 Winhall 5/10 (WJN), 4 Brattleboro 5/13 (JJC), 3 Reading 5/13 (FMH, GEH), on 5/14 1 Colchester (JDM), 1 Woodstock (JMN), 2 SBWMA (WAM), 1 Ira (RWP), 3 Lincoln Gap 5/15 (JRA), 1 Westminster 5/15 (AMD), 1 Dorset 5/16 (EFG), 7 Plymouth 5/17 (WGE, DHC), 1 Jericho 5/18 (LJE), 2 E. Middlebury 5/18 (MBN), 2 Shoreham 5/20 (ELW). High count: 11 Reading 5/22 (FMH, GEH) survey with stops every 0.2 mile. Northern Cardinal present through the period in most areas. Some high counts: 6 Weybridge 3/14 (WGE, NLM, DHC), 5 Brandon-period (SSW), 4 HC 4/5 (WJN), 5 Shoreham 5/4 (ELW), 5 Shelburne 3/27 (ATA). One new netted at BNP (VINS). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 1 Cornwall 5/2 (ELW), 1 Dorset 5/5 (EFG), 1 Corinth 5/5 (NRE), 2 Reading 5/9 (FMH, GEH), 1 Stratford 5/9 (HR), 1 Shrewsbury 5/9 (LPS), 6 HC to Winhall 5/9 (WJN), 1 MNWR 5/10 (JBG), 1 Ferrisburg 5/10 (JID, MCD), 1 Red Rocks Park S. Burlington 5/11 (WAM), 10 Colchester 5/11 (JDM), 2 Waterbury 5/12 (WDB), 2 Springfield 5/12 (WME), on 5/13 1 Grand Isle (DJH), 2 Shelburne (WAM), 1 Sheffield (PFW), on 5/14 1 Lincoln (JRA), 1 S. Wallingford (CJF), 3 SBWMA (WAM), 2 Woodstock (JMN), 4 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 2 Westminster 5/15 (AMD). High count: 27 Reading 5/22 (FMH, GEH) survey with stops every 0.2 mile. One new netted at BNP (VINS). Indigo Bunting: 1 W. Brattleboro 5/1 (JJC), 1 Dorset 5/10 (EFG), 1 Woodstock 5/14 (JMN), 1 Benson 5/15 (CJF), 2 Ferrisburg 5/16 (JID, MCD), 1 Lower Waterford 5/17 (PFW, SAW et al.), 1 Woodstock 5/17 (WGE, NLM), 1 Westford 5/18 (WGE, LB), 1 Waitsfield 5/19 (FAP), on 5/21 1 Ira (m.ob.), 3 Weybridge (MBN), 2 DCWMA (m.ob.) 1 Rutland (JC). High count: 5 Ira Rest Area 5/28 (RWP). Rufous-sided Towhee: 1 W. Brattleboro 4/18 (JJC), 1 BNP 4/19 (MCo), 1 Dorset 4/27 (EFG), 2 Brownsville 4/29 (BMH), 1 Winhall 4/29 (WJN), 1 Brandon 4/24 (SSW), 1 Lincoln 4/29 (JRA), 1 S. Hero 4/30 (DJH), widespread after that. High count: 3 Westford 5/18 (WGE, LB). American Tree Sparrow wintered widely, mostly at lower elevations—some late dates: 6 WRD 4/22 (JDM), 1 Grand Isle 4/29 (DJH), 1 Colchester Pond 5/4 (JDM) late. High count: 30 RM 3/26 (JJC). The decline of this species continues, commented on by most observers, the reasons remain obscure. Chipping Sparrow: 1 St. Johnsbury 4/1 (PFW), 2 Corinth 4/3 (NRE), 2 Ferrisburg 4/11 (JID, MCD), heard Colchester 4/11 (JDM), 1 Winhall 4/18 (WJN), 2 Brandon 4/18 (SSW), 1 Pittsford 4/18 (LPS), 2 Sheffield 4/19 (PFW), 1 W. Windsor 4/20 (FMH, GEH), on 4/22 1 Middlebury (MBN), 4 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1 Barnard (JNF), 1 Randolph 4/24 (EWC, MCC), 2 Washington 4/25 (ATA), 1 Dorset 4/26 (EFG). High count: 20 HC 5/9 (WJN). Three new netted at BNP (VINS). Field Sparrow: 3 Benson Landing 3/25 (WGE, NLM, DHC), 1 RM 3/26 (JJC), 1 Lincoln 3/27 (JRA), 1 Brandon 4/3 (SSW), 1 Washington 4/16 (ATA), 1 Dorset 4/18 (EFG), 1 BNP 4/19 (JMN), 1 W. Windsor 4/20 (FMH, GEH), 1 Washington 4/20 (ATA), 1 HC 4/27 (WJN), 1 Winhall 4/29 (WJN).

High count: 4 West Haven 5/30 (WGE, NLM). One new netted at BNP (VINS). Vesper Sparrow: 4 DCWMA 4/17 (ATA) the high count, 1 Weybridge 5/2 (MBN), 1 Grand Isle 5/4 (DJH), 1 Ferrisburg 5/16 (JID, MCD), 1 Brighton Airport 5/21 (WGE, NLM, DHC), 1 Island Pond 5/29 (AMAS). Reports seem few. Savannah Sparrow: 1 DCWMA 4/14 (CCR, PW, LD), 1 Grand Isle 4/17 (DJH), 3 Ferrisburg 4/17 (JID, MCD), 12 RM 4/25 (JJC) the high count, 2 Shoreham 4/26 (ELW), 3 WRD 4/27 (JDM), 2 HC 4/27 (WJN), 4 Rutland 4/30 (RWP), 1 Weybridge 5/2 (MBN), 5 Shoreham 5/3 (ELW), 1 Shrewsbury 5/4 (LPS), 5 DCWMA 5/7 (WAM). Grasshopper Sparrow: 2 Panton 5/21, 22 (m.ob.), 1 Island Pond Airport 5/29 (AMAS). Fox Sparrow: 1 Winhall 3/26 (WJN), 1 RM 3/26 (JJC), 2 Woodstock 3/27 (JMN), 1 S. Pomfret 3/28 (CRP), 1 Grand Isle 3/30 (DJH), 3 Ferrisburg 3/31 (JID, MCD), 1 Plainfield 4/2 (MFM), 1 Corinth 4/4 (NRE), 1 Chittenden 4/4 (LPS). Some late dates: 1 Cabot 4/23 (WGS), 1 Randolph 4/24 (EWC, MCC), 1 Winhall 4/24 (WJN), 2 Corinth 4/27 (NRE), 1 WRD 4/27 (JDM), 1 Sheffield 4/28 (PFW), 1 WRD 5/1 (JDM). High count only 3 by several observers. Three new netted at BNP (VINS). Song Sparrow: 1 Brandon 3/6 (SSW), 1 Springfield 3/11 (AMD), 1 Tinmouth 3/13 (FMB), 2 Addison 3/14 (WGE, NLM, DHC), 1 Bel-lows Falls 3/19 (TEJ), 2 DCWMA 3/19 (WAM), 3 Clarendon 3/20 (CJF), 1 Randolph 3/20 (EWC, MCC), 1 Lyndonville 3/25 (PPEW), 18 West Haven to Addison 3/25 (WGE, NLM), 2 Woodstock 3/25 (CRP), 14 Norwich to Barnet 3/25 (CCR, MCo, CW), arrived en masse on 3/26 (m.ob.). High count: 80 RM 3/26 (JJC). Nine new netted at BNP (VINS). Nest with 5 eggs West Haven 5/23 (WGE), well developed juvenile hit window 5/15 at Woodstock (JMN). Lincoln's Sparrow: 1 Brandon 5/14 (SSW), 1 Sheffield 5/14 (PFW), 1 singing Winhall 5/16-21 (WJN), 1 Orwell 5/21 (SH), 3 Stratton 5/21 (JJC, TEJ), 8 Brighton/Ferdinand 5/21 (WGE, NLM, DHC) the high count. Swamp Sparrow: 3 DCWMA 4/17 (WAM), 7 WRM 4/18 (NLM), 2 Vernon 4/19 (JJC), 1 Moose Bog 4/20 (CCR), 1 BNP 4/21 (VINS), 1 Grand Isle 4/26 (DJH), 2 Dorset 4/27 (EFG), 1 HC 4/27 (WJN), 4 Brandon 5/1 (SSW), 1 Berlin 5/5 (ATA), 1 Shoreham 5/7 (ELW), 5 Colchester 5/7 (JDM). High counts: 8 West Haven 5/28 (WGE), 8 Brighton/Ferdinand 5/21 (WGE, NLM, DHC). Five new netted at BNP (VINS). White-throated Sparrow: 2 Brandon 3/6 (SSW) early for migrant—possibly wintered nearby, 1 Corinth 4/1 (NRE), 1 Worcester 4/13 (MR), 6 W. Brattleboro 4/14 (JJC), 1 Shrewsbury 4/16 (LPS), 1 Winhall 4/17 (WJN), on 4/18 1 Reading (FMH, GEH), 1 Grand Isle (DJH), 1 Lyndonville (PFW), 1 Washington (ATA), on 4/19 1 Barnard (JNF), 1 Rutland (CJF), 1 Sheffield (PFW), 6 Ferrisburg (JID, MCD), 1 Moose Bog 4/20 (CCR), 1 Woodstock 4/20 (JMN), on 4/21 1 Allen Bros. Marsh (AMD), 1 Stratford (HR), 1 Middlebury (MBN). High counts: 50 Bayside Park Colchester 5/11 (JDM), 40 Ferdinand/Burnswick 5/21 (WGE, NLM, DHC). Seventeen new netted at BNP (VINS). White-crowned Sparrow: 1 S. Hero through March (fide CL) wintered?, 3 SBWMA 5/8 (WAM), 2 Shoreham 5/8 (ELW), on 5/9 1 Reading (FMH, GEH), 1 S. Duxbury (FAP), 3 Shoreham (ELW), 5 Woodstock (CRP) the high count, 2 WRD 5/10 (JDM), 2 Lincoln 5/11 (JRA), 1 Grand Isle 5/12 (DJH), 1 Washington 5/12 (ATA), 1 Brandon 5/14 (SSW), 1 W. Windsor 5/15 (FMH, GEH), 1 Corinth 5/18 (NRE), 1 Washington 5/18 (ATA), 1 S. Hero 5/19 (CL), 1 Sheffield 5/19, 20 (PFW), 1 Duxbury 5/19 (FAP), 1 Ferrisburg 5/21 (LBI), 1 Wil-liston 5/21 (CCY). Two netted at BNP (VINS). Poor spring for them, many observers missed them or commented on their scarcity. Dark-eyed Junco: 2 Woodstock 3/1 (JMN), 5 Randolph 3/3 (EWC, MCC), 2 Westminster W. 3/4 (AMD), 1 Brandon 3/4 (SSW), 7 Colchester 3/7 (WDB), all previous probably wintering birds, 1 Winhall 3/18 (WJN), 1 Shrewsbury 3/19 (LPS), 1 Woodstock 3/20 (CRP), 1 Bartonville 3/23 (TEJ), 1 Corinth 3/23 (NRE), 1 Barnard 3/24 (JNF), massive movement on 3/26 (m.ob.). Some high counts: 45 Shrewsbury 3/27 (LPS), 50 Reading 4/15, 23 (FMH, GEH), 40 Ferrisburg

4/24 (JID,MCD). Twenty-nine new netted at BNP (VINS). A partially leucistic or albinistic bird seen at Randolph 4/24 (EWC,MCC); a strange looking bird seen at Pittsfield 4/16 (HDB) may have been a hybrid of some sort, it had more Junco-like characteristics. Lapland Longspur: 64 Addison/Waltham 3/14 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 6-8 DCWMA 4/2 (ATA) "breeding plumage". Snow Bunting: 25 Caledonia Airport 3/2 (PFW), 75 Clarendon 3/2 (CJF), 200 Grand Isle 3/6 (DJH), 8 Barre 3/8 (ATA), 50 Caledonia Airport 3/9 (PFW), 310 Addison/Waltham 3/14 (WGE,NLM,DHC) the high count, 32 Lyndonville 3/16 (PFW), 15 S. Reading 3/19 (FMH,GEH), 2 Benson 3/25 (WGE,NLM), 1 E. Ryegate 3/25 (CCR,MCo,CW), 50-60 Washington 3/30 (ATA).

#### BLACKBIRDS

Bobolink: 1 Mt. Holly 5/4 (WJN), 2 Dorset 5/5 (EFG), 3 DCWMA 5/7 (MBN), 1 Brownsville 5/8 (BMH), 2 Brandon 5/8 (SSW), 1 MNWR 5/10 (JBG), 3 Ferrisburg 5/10 (JID,MCD), 1 Waitsfield 5/10 (FAP), 1 Shoreham 5/11 (ELW), 1 Lincoln 5/11 (JRA), 2 RM 5/11 (WJN), 2 Springfield 5/12 (WME), 1 Woodstock 5/12 (CRP), 10 Shelburne 5/13 (WAM). High count: 40 W. Windsor 5/29 (FMH,GEH) survey with stops every 0.2 mile. Red-winged Blackbird: 3 Arlington 3/1 (NS), 1 Barnard 3/2 (JNF), 2 White R. Jct. 3/2 (WED,HGD), 1 Shrewsbury 3/4 (LPS), 1 Brownsville 3/4 (WA), 3 Westminster 3/5 (AMD), 10 E. Barnard 3/7 (MW), 13 Woodstock 3/7 (CRP), 1 Weybridge 3/8 (MBN), 4 Sheffield 3/9 (PFW), 2 St. George 3/9 (PW), 1 Shelburne 3/9 (WAM), 1 Springfield 3/10 (WME), 1 New Haven 3/10 (JRA), 1 Brownsville 3/10 (BMH), 6 Washington 3/11 (ATA), 1 Brandon 3/11 (SSW), on 3/12 1 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 3 Albany (ATA), 50 E. Barre (ATA). High counts: 3700 Ferrisburg/Addison 3/14 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 1200 RM 3/24 (JJC), 1600 West Haven 3/25 (WGE,NLM). Seven new netted at BNP (VINS). Eastern Meadowlark: 3 RM 3/20 (JJC), 1 Grafton 3/23 (DC), 1 Chester 3/23 (DC), 2 Shelburne 3/24 (WAM), 3 West Haven, 1 W. Bridport 3/25 (WGE,NLM), 3 Chester 3/25 (AMD), 3 DCWMA 3/26 (WAM), 1 Pittsford 3/27 (RWP), 1 Brandon 3/28 (SSW), 1 Winhall 3/29 (WJN), 1 Lyndon 3/29 (DHM), 1 Grand Isle 3/30 (DJH), 8 DCWMA 4/2 the high count (ATA). Rusty Blackbird: 1 S. Woodstock 3/1 (LHR,NLM) m. at feeder-came regularly with grackles during Jan. and Feb., 1 HC 3/26 (WGE), 2 SBWMA 3/27 (WAM), 1 Weybridge 3/28 (MBN), 1 Colchester 3/30 (WDB), 1 Berlin 3/31 (ATA), 2 Granby Bog, 1 Moose Bog 4/20 (CCR), 2 Weybridge 4/25 (MBN), 1 Dorset 5/2 (EFG), 1 Winhall 5/5 (WJN), 3 Moose Bog 5/21 (WGE,NLM,DHC et al.), 1 Berlin 5/21 (FK,NSa,PP), 1 Island Pond 5/28 (AMAS). This species continues to decline. Common Grackle: 2 Weybridge 3/4 (MBN), 2 Rutland 3/8 (JPM), 1 Woodstock 3/9 (CRP), 2 Springfield 3/10 (WME), 1 Barre 3/10 (JAM), 1 Bethel 3/11 (NLM), 1 Brandon 3/11 (SSW), 9 Rutland, 19 Clarendon 3/13 (CJF), 10 Westminster 3/13 (AMD), 1 Colchester 3/13 (WDB), 1700+ Ferrisburg/Addison 3/14 (WGE,NLM,DHC) the high count-1550 in one flock. Numerous reports of nests and fledged young by end of period. Brown-headed Cowbird: 1 Woodstock 3/3 (CRP), 10 Randolph 3/6 (EWC,MCC), 10 Brandon 3/7 (SSW), 2 Weybridge 3/8 (MBN), 12 Ferrisburg 3/14 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 1 N. Troy 3/17 (WGE,NLM), 2 Westminster W. 3/17 (AMD). High count: 100 Weybridge 3/27 (MBN). ORCHARD ORIOLE: a veritable explosion of this bird in 1988 including 1 imm. m. Winhall Hollow 5/20-21 (WJN), 1 imm. m. Allen Bros. Marsh 5/20-21 (AMD et al.) subsequently bred there, 1 HC 5/21 (DC,REG,TEJ,JJC), pair DAR SP-Addison 5/21 (JID,MCD,m.ob.), 2 Bridport 5/21 (JRA,WME,SB), 1 Arlington 5/21 (CSC), Lake St. Addison 5/22 (m.ob.). Northern Oriole: 2 Ferrisburg 4/10 (JID,MCD) three weeks ahead of schedule, wintered nearby?, 1 Woodstock 5/5 (JMN,CCR), 1 Shoreham 5/5 (ELW), 1 Springfield 5/8 (WME), on 5/9 2 Barnard (JNF), 1 Dorset (EFG), 1 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 1 Brandon (SSW), 4 HC (WJN,AMD), on 5/11 1 Rutland (CJF), 1 Colchester (JDM), 1 S. Duxbury

(FAP), on 5/12 1 Jericho (LJE), 1 Lincoln, 1 Middlebury (JRA), 1 Washington (ATA), on 5/13 1 Shelburne (WAM), 1 Weybridge (MBN), 1 Reading (FMH,GEH), 2 Grand Isle (DJH), 5 W. Brattleboro 5/14 (JJC), 1 Barton, 1 S. Bay 5/14 (PFW,SAW et al.), 1 Quechee 5/14 (EJn). High count: 27 HC to WRM 5/21 (WJN). Five new netted at BNP (VINS).

#### FINCHES AND HOUSE SPARROW

Pine Grosbeak: 1 Woodstock 3/1 (JMN), 10-12 S. Washington 3/5 (ATA), 1 Winhall 3/11 (WJN), up to 4 St. George 4/1-23 (EMB,SGB), 1 Mt. Holly 4/23 (WJN). Purple Finch: 15 Ferrisburg 3/4 (JID,MCD), 1 Brandon 3/13 (SSW), 2 Brownsville 3/11 (BMH), 1 Lyndonville 3/15 (PFW), 1 Shrewsbury 3/16 (LPS), 1 Washington 3/18 (ATA), 1 MNWR 3/22 (JBG), 3 West Haven 3/25 (WGE,NLM), 1 Washington 3/26 (ATA), 2 Winhall 3/27 (WJN), 1 Reading 3/29 (FMH,GEH), 2 Cabot 3/28 (WGS), 2 Sheffield 3/30 (PFW,SAW), 1 Westminster W. 3/31 (AMD), 3 Woodstock 4/1 (CRP), 14 HC 4/2 (TEJ). High count: 40 Washington 4/20 (ATA). An albino f. Fair Haven 5/3 (BB). House Finch widespread now in most parts of the state-some high counts: 25 Norwich to Barnet 3/25 (CCR,MCo,CW), 12 Weybridge 3/27 (MBN), 6 Lyndonville 3/31 (PFW), 10 Ferrisburg 5/16 (JID,MCD). Two new netted at BNP (VINS). Red Crossbill: 5 Shelburne 3/7 (SRA), 1 Mt. Holly 4/23 (WJN) subsequently bred there, 13 L. Morey 4/26 (JMN). White-winged Crossbill: 1 f. Bristol 5/28 (MBN). Common Redpoll: an invasion of this species again, probably not as heavy all over as last year. Most birds in the north, nearly absent in the southeast, present through March in most places. Some late dates: 6 Weybridge 3/26 (MBN), 20 Middlebury 3/26 (SSW), 20 Ferrisburg 3/27 (JID,MCD), 3 Barnard 3/29 (JNF), 3 Washington 3/30 (ATA), 1 Shrewsbury 3/31 (LPS), several West Haven 4/9 (SCK) including one partial albino. Some high counts: 250 New Haven 3/2 (JRA), 1150 Weybridge/Addison 3/14 (ca. 1000 in one flock Panton) (WGE,NLM,DHC). Pine Siskin: this was "the year of the siskin", a massive invasion, with birds present most everywhere right to the end of the period, with much evidence of breeding of this opportunistic species. As everyone doubtless knows, there was an epidemic of a Salmonella viral infection among birds at feeders and Pine Siskins were the chief victims. Reports totalling hundreds of dead or obviously sick birds were received at VINS, but no long-term effects on populations are expected. PFW at Sheffield reports finding 20 to 30 dead siskins around his feeder. Some high counts: 100 Lyndon through period (DHM), 100+ Randolph through March (EWC,MCC), 104 Westminster W. 3/13 (AMD), 247 Weybridge/Ferrisburg/Addison 3/14 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 160 Norwich/Barnet 3/25 (CCR,MCo,CW), 300 Weybridge 3/31 (MBN), 100 Colchester 5/3 (JDM). Six new netted at BNP (VINS). American Goldfinch present in most areas, particularly at lower elevations throughout the period. At areas where it did not winter, the breeders do not show up until May. Some dates on migrants: 1 HC 5/10 (WJN), 2 Woodstock 5/12 (JMN), 2 Barnard 5/17 (JNF). High counts: 40 Vernon 3/20 (JJC), 60 W. Brattleboro 5/1 (JJC). Twenty-two new netted at BNP (VINS). Evening Grosbeak were present through the period in most places, including many where they do not normally breed. I suspect that the summer report will turn up some new breeding sites, particularly in the southern half of the state. Though they were present all winter and in most places through May, the numbers were not very large compared to other years. Highest counts: 80 Norwich to Barnet 3/25 (CCR,MCo,CW), 50 Sheffield 4/1 (PFW), 75 Winhall 4/8 (WJN,AS), 70 Corinth 4/10 (NRE), 60 Dorset 4/17 (EFG), 153 W. Windsor 4/20 (FMH,GEH), 50 Washington 4/27 (ATA), 125 W. Brattleboro 5/1 (JJC). Courtship behavior reported widely. Six new netted at BNP (VINS). A male bird that was found injured and died later (hit a window or hit by a car) was banded



2/10/79 near Guelph, Ontario, Canada - found 4/25  
Calais (DMU, JMU) - ten years old. House Sparrow:  
numbers seem stable. High count: 240 Addison/Ferris-  
burg 3/14 (WGE, NLM, DHC).

# Abbreviations Used in Text

ad.	adults	m.	male
Bros.	Brothers	NA	Nature Area
Ctr.	Center	Pt.	Point
f.	female	Res.	Reservoir
imm.	immature	R.	River
Isl.	Island	SP	State Park
Jct.	Junction	yg.	young
L.	Lake		
BRM	Barton River Marsh (Newport)		
BNP	Bragdon Nature Preserve (VINS Woodstock)		
DCWMA	Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area (Addison, Pantan)		
HC	Herrick's Cove (Rockingham)		
MNWR	Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge (Swanton)		
RM	Retreat Meadows (Brattleboro)		
SBWMA	Sandbar Wildlife Management Area (Milton)		
TWDR	Thurman W. Dix Reservoir (Orange)		
WRD	Winooski River Delta (Colchester)		
WRM	West Rutland Marsh		

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