The Vermont Bird Records Committee met 18 November 1989 for its yearly meeting to review rare bird reports. The Committee's function is to establish guidelines for the reporting of rarities and to review and verify records of rarities for inclusion in the state bird list. The Committee's recommendations are followed in the publication of records in Records of Vermont Birds. The Bird Records Committee is a standing committee of the Vermont Audubon Council and consists of the managing editor of the Records of Vermont Birds, the seasonal editors of the Records of Vermont Birds, and the regional editors for Vermont for American Birds.

Charlie Duncan, one of the editors for the New England region, represented American Birds.

The Committee and the editors of the Records of Vermont Birds express their appreciation to the many Vermont birders who report to the Records of Vermont Birds and to the birders who have taken the time and trouble to fill out detailed reports on rare species. These reports add greatly to Vermont's data base on birds. Careful recording of the details of plumage and identification are necessary.

SPECIES FOR WHICH DETAILED REPORTS ARE REQUIRED. Write to the Vermont Institute of Natural Science for Rare Species Documentation forms (RSDs) or for Rare Species Nesting Report forms (RNRs).

1) A documentation report is required for any species not included on the Vermont Daily Field Card (reproduced elsewhere in this issue) and for any species significantly outside the usual dates of occurrence in Vermont.

2) In addition, RSDs are required in all seasons for: Golden Eagle Black-backed Woodpecker (outside the Northeast Kingdom)
   Common Barn-Owl Orange-crowned Warbler
   Long-eared Owl Yellow-breasted Chat
   Three-toed Woodpecker

3) RNRs are requested on the following species (which are rare nesters in Vermont) if the species is observed in the proper breeding habitat during the breeding season (exceptions or special cases follow each species name in parentheses):

   Pied-billed Grebe Northern Harrier (outside the Champlain Valley)
   Least Bittern Cooper's Hawk (if nesting evidence is observed)
   Red-tailed Hawk Peregrine Falcon
   Great Egret Spruce Grouse
   (outside the Northeast Kingdom)
   Sora (except the Barton River Marshes, West Rutland Marsh, Dead Creek & Missisquoi Marshes)
   Belted Kingfisher Upland Sandpiper
   American Wigeon Short-eared Owl
   Ring-necked Duck Red-headed Woodpecker (if probable or confirmed)
   Lesser Scaup

   Gray Jay (outside the Northeast Kingdom) Pine Grosbeak
   Sedge Wren Red Crossbill
   Loggerhead Shrike (if confirmed breeding) Grasshopper Sparrow
   White-winged Crossbill Orchard Oriole (if nesting evidence observed)


FIRST STATE RECORD


NOTABLE STATE RECORDS

LEACH'S STORM PETREL (Oceanodroma leucorhoa) - one, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., VT, 1/2 mile s.e. of Ladd Point, 21 September 1989. Richard and Dorothy Lavallee. Photographed. Fifth state record.


LITTLE BLUE HERON (Egretta caerulea) - one immature, Springweather Nature Area, Weathersfield, Windham Cty., VT, 13 September 1989. William Norse. Seventh to RVB.


HUDSONIAN GODWIT (L. haemastica) - one, Shelburne Bay, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., VT, 10 and 11 November 1988. William Meador. Ninth report to RVB.

HUDSONIAN GODWIT (L. haemastica) - three, Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison, Addison Cty., VT, 10 November 1989. Wayne Scott. Tenth report to RVB.


SABINE'S GULL (Xema sabini) - one immature, 1/2 mile e. of Ladd Pk., Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., VT, 16 September 1989. Richard and Dorothy Lavallee. Photographed. Third state record.

RED-BELLED WOODPECKER (Melanerpes carolinus) - one male, East Main Street, Poultney, Rutland Cty., VT, 11 December, 1988 and twice between 28 December and 4 January 1989. Ruth Roberts and Howell Roberts. Ninth state record.


WESTERN KINGBIRD (Tyrannus verticalis) - one immature, south of Barnard village on Route 12, Windsor Cty., VT, 22 September 1989. Nancy Martin. Third state record.


WORM-EATING WARBLER (Helmichromus virens) - one, off Tottinham Road, Shoreham, Addison Cty., VT, 15 May 1989. Jason Cross. Fourth report to RUB.


CLAY-COLORED SPARROW (Spizella pallida) - one immature, Pine Meadow Drive, Colchester, Chittenden Cty., VT, 8 October 1989. Betty Rist and Dwight Cargill. Fourth state record.

RARE NESTING SPECIES

PIED-BILLED GREBE (Podilymbus podiceps) - one calling male, Dorset Mill Pond, Dorset, Bennington Cty., VT, 14 and 15 May and 3, 4, 5 June 1989. Betty Gilbert, Gail and David Bumgardner. Possible breeding.


TURKEY VULTURE (Cathartes aura) - two adults, three immatures, Highgate State Park, Highgate, Franklin Cty., VT, 14 August 1988. Chris Fichtel and Kate Barnhart. No nesting status - three immatures indicates more than one family.

UPLAND SANDPIPER (Bartramia longicauda) - two, West Glover, Orleans Cty., VT, 8 May 1989. Frank Oatman. Possible breeding.


SEDGE WREN (Cistothorus platensis) - one singing, Winhall, Bennington Cty, VT, 9 July 1989. William Norse.


TUNDRA SWAN (Cygnus columbianus) - four adults and three immatures, Lake Carmi, Franklin, Franklin Cty., VT, 25, 26, and 27 November 1988. Phebe Jane Mullen, her husband and two sons.


BARRON'S GOLDENEYE (Bucephala islandica) - one adult female, Lake Bomoseen, Bennington Cty., VT, 12 November 1988. Roy Pilcher.

BARRON'S GOLDENEYE (B. islandica) - one adult male, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., VT, 18 December 1988. Richard Lavallee. Champlain Islands CBC.

BARRON'S GOLDENEYE (B. islandica) - one adult male, Shelburne Beach, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty. VT, 2 January 1989. Craig Provost.

BARRON'S GOLDENEYE (B. islandica) - two females, Kings Island Bay State Park, Ferrisburg, Addison Cty., VT, 12 February 1989. James Dingley and Kelly
VERMONT DAILY FIELD CARD

DATE: 10A-1D
LOCALITY: Windham Cty., VT

OBSERVERS: Sally Laughlin, Dwight Cargill, Betty Rist.

TOTAL SPECIES: 27

NOTE: Median arrival and departure dates, or dates of occurrence, are indicated by numbers for the weeks of each month. By A, B, C, D, for the weeks of each month.

EXAMPLE: Goose, Snow 3D-5C 10A-12C means that Snow Geese are present from the last week in March (3D) until the third week in May (5C) and again in the autumn from the first week in October (10A) through the third week in December (12C).

* = occasionally present in limited numbers other than in stated periods.
† = rare breeder, please submit nesting reports to VINS. Note: * species include all those on Vermont's Endangered, Threatened, and Species of Special Concern Lists.
§ = local breeder.
bold face = breeding bird.

P.R. = permanent resident; predictably present throughout the year.

GAVINIFORMES

Lion, Red-throated 10D-12C
Common 4B-10 A

PICOPODIIFORMES

Grave, Red-throated 3D-11D
Horned 3A-10 A

PELICANIFORMES

Cormorant, Double-crested 4A-11A §

GALLIFORMES

Bittern, American 4G-10D

GAVIORIFORMES

Snipe 4A-5A 7B-9B

CICONIIFORMES

Duck, Wood 3C-12C

ANIDROSAURIFORMES

Duck, Ring-necked 4B-12C

FERINAURIFORMES

Duck, Lesser 3D-10D

CASSIDICUSIFORMES

Goldeneye, Common 5C-5D 8C-11A

COLUMBIFORMES

Turkey, Wild 4A-10D

COLUMBIDAE

Woodpecker, Black 4B-10B

SANDARLIDAE

Woodpecker, Blue 4B-10B

STRIGIFORMES

Owl, Great Horned 4A-10B

AQUATIC ARNISE

Phalarope, Wilson's 4D-9B

Buteo, Broad-winged 3C-1C

RED PHALAROPE (Phalaropus fulicaria) - one female alternate plumage, Blodgett's Beach, Burlington, Chittenden Cty., VT, 24 and 25 August 1988. Frank Oomans and Jean Borgella.

RED PHALAROPE (Phalaropus fulicaria) - one basic plumage, Blodgett's Beach, Burlington, Chittenden Cty., VT, 16 September 1989. Frank Oomans.

CONNECTICUT WARBLER (Dendroica occidentalis) - one, Good-enough Road, W. Topsham, Orange Cty., VT, 20 May 1989. Elisabeth Macdonald.

YELLOW-HEADED CHAT (Icteria virens) - one adult, Topsham, Orange Cty., VT, 20 May 1989. Anne Aversa and Barb DeAngelis.


O'Connell.

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE (B. islandica) - one male, off Blodgett's, Burlington Waterfront, Chittenden Cty., VT, 24 October 1989. John Marsh.


GOLDEN EAGLE (A. chrysaetos) - one immature, Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, near Vergennes, Addison Cty., VT, 2 November 1989. Frank Oomans and Jon Wood.

GYRFALCON (Falco rusticolus) - one adult gray morph, White Bay, Fanton, Addison Cty., VT, 17 December 1988. Deborah Davis, Dwight Cargill, Marion Manning, Penny Goodkind. Ferrisburg CBC.

GYRFALCON (F. rusticolus) - one adult gray morph, Burlington, Chittenden Cty., VT, 4 February 1989. Sally Laughlin, Dwight Cargill, Betty Rist.

WHIMBREL (Numenius phaeopus) - one basic plumage, Blodgett's Beach, Burlington, Chittenden Cty., VT, 24 and 25 August 1988. Craig Provost.


WILSON'S PHALAROPE (Phalaropus tricolor) - one basic plumage, Blodgett's Beach, Burlington, Chittenden Cty., VT, 14 October 1989. Frank Oomans, Jon Wood and Eleanor Inouye.


YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT (Icteria virens) - one adult, Topsham, Orange Cty., VT, 20 May 1989. Elisabeth Macdonald.


OUT OF SEASON REPORTS

RED-HOODED LOON (Gavia stellata) - one immature, Thurman W. Dix Reservoir, Orange, Orange Cty., VT, 20 May 1989. Anne Aversa and Barb DeAngeles.

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK (Buteo lagopus) - one, Rockingham Overlook, Rockingham, Windham Cty., VT, 30 May 1989. William Norse.

COMMON SNipe (Gallinago gallinago) - one, Woodward Reservoir, Plymouth, Windsor Cty., VT, 28 December 1988. William Nacel. Woodstock CBC.


NORTHERN FLICKER (Colaptes auratus) - one, Clarendon, Rutland Cty., VT, 1 January 1989. C. J. Frankiewicz. Rutland CBC.

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET (Regulus calendula) - one male, Brook Road, Springfield, Windsor Cty., VT, 31 December 1988. Olympia Lebeau, Eleanor Ellis, Ruth Goodwin, m.o.b. Springfield CBC, visiting feeder since October.


CHIPPING SPARROW (Spizella passerina) - one, Painter Hills Road, Middlebury, Addison Cty., VT, 13 December 1988. Marge Nelson and Judith Peterson.

RUSTY BLACKBIRD (Euphagus carolinus) - two, Clarendon, Rutland Cty., VT, 1 January 1989. C. J. Frankiewicz. Rutland CBC.


REPORTS NOT IDENTIFIED TO SPECIES


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