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This spring was, on the whole, pretty much average, with March and April being colder than the normal and May quite a bit warmer. The winter of 1988-89 was exceptional for its dearth of snow, following the trend of last year. At the end of January, even at some higher elevations, the ground was essentially bare, and what snow came in February was not very heavy. Temperatures were cold, but considerably less so than in many years.

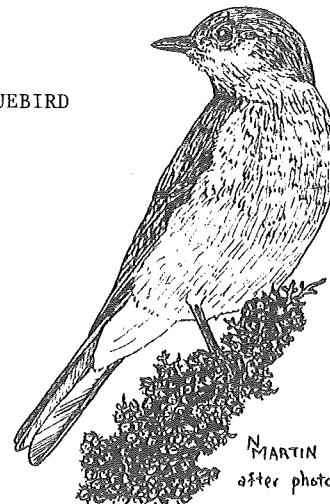
March was generally colder than normal, particularly in northern sections. Precipitation was a little below normal continuing the trend of the winter. The weather changed markedly the last week or so of the month, as warm weather came in with some really summer-like temperatures. The coldest period of the month was in the first week (3/6-8) with a record breaking -14° F at Burlington on 3/7. The warm period in late March peaked on 3/28 with a record-setting high of 71° F at Burlington.

April continued the pattern set in March, it was the coolest April in Vermont since 1978. Precipitation was quite close to normal this month throughout northern New England. Snow was mostly concentrated in northern sections. Dreary weather persisted through April as an endless series of frontal systems crossed the state. The coldest period was around 4/11-13. The low for the state was 21° F on 4/11 and 12 at Burlington. Temperatures rose dramatically in the last few days with a high of 76° F at Burlington on 4/30.

The word of the month for May in New England was "rain." The total May rainfall for northern New England was the most since record-keeping began in 1895. This rainfall was sufficient to restore annual precipitation accumulations to near or above normal levels across most of the region. May was also warmer than normal, the warmest since 1960. The warmest period of the month was around 5/18-21 (Birdathon time) when the highest temperatures for the month occurred - 91° F at Burlington on 5/19. The coldest day of the month was early - 5/4 and only 40° F at Burlington - colder of course elsewhere. The month was 4° above normal.

What did all this mean for the migration? With the milder winter and less heavy ice cover, the "ice out" was earlier in most places. This caused an early migration of waterfowl, both in the Connecticut River Valley and the Champlain Valley. They were moving early in March and moved in good numbers all month, the migration winding down in April earlier than normal. The movement of land birds in April was, on the whole, later due to the colder than average month, with some notable exceptions as will be discussed later. May was warmer on the average and the migration caught up rapidly, being normal or slightly earlier than normal in most places. By Birdathon weekend (5/20-21) everything was in, including the late May migrants, and this no doubt contributed to the record setting list. It was spotty however in May and some contributors felt that the migration was, on

MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD



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after photos by R. Lavellee

the whole, late!

The picture on the neotropical wintering migrants was mixed. The Northeast Kingdom, especially the Moose Bog-Wenlock area came up with good numbers of warblers. This was not the case all over, and most people in the southern half of the state commented on the scarcity of warblers: Bay-breasted and Cape May were missed by all contributors from the southern half.

We had a number of reports of fantastically early arrival dates, some a month early, from several different contributors, but all were sent in with no details or comments. Observers should be aware that spring arrival dates are much more consistent and concentrated than are fall departure dates. The identity of any bird seen or heard more than two weeks before its expected arrival date listed on the Vermont Daily Field Card should be double-checked. Some details of the sighting need to be submitted with the report to become a part of the permanent records.

As usual we had some exciting rarities--LITTLE BLUE HERON, BARROW'S GOLDENEYE, GOLDEN EAGLE, WHIMBREL, possible CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW (distant call), RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER, MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD, PROTHONOTARY WARBLER, YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT. Others of interest include a Red-throated Loon, Great Egret (several), Spruce Grouse (several), Glaucous Gull, Carolina Wren (several including a breeding record) "Brewster's" Warbler (several) and Orchard Oriole (several).

The Birdathon was held on 5/20-21 and the participants located 192 species and 1 hybrid. A new champion was crowned this year, and a new state record set - 152 species by the team of Don Clark, Chris Kibbe, Doug Kibbe, Sally Laughlin, and Betty Rist. The dethroned champions - Walter Ellison, Nancy Martin, Dan Crook and Jean Sangdahl got 149, Jeremy Coleman, Tait Johansson and Ben Kaghan found 126, Betty Rist, Connie and Mark Youngstrom got 124, and the team of Eleanor Ellis, Hugh Putnam and Lloyd Bunten located 117 species. Five other groups equalled or topped 100.

A total of 231 species, 1 hybrid and 1 exotic were reported to the Records of Vermont Birds for Spring 1989.

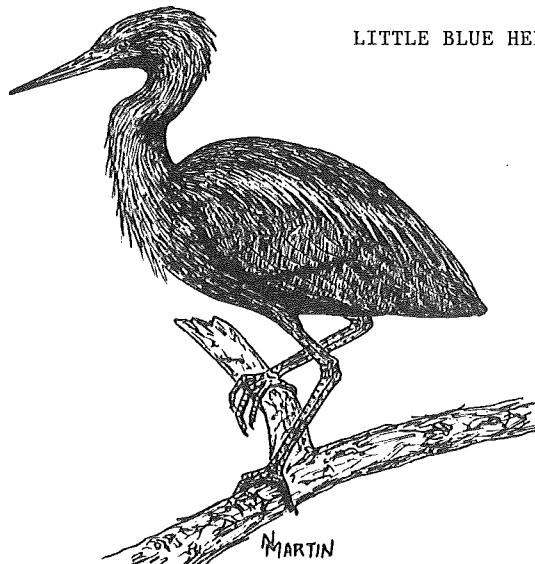
LOONS AND GREBES

Red-throated Loon: 1 Berlin Pond 5/13 (MFM), 1 Thurman W. Dix Reservoir Orange (hereafter TWDR) 5/20 (ATA,BD). Common Loon: first 1 Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area (hereafter DCWMA) 3/20 (MWA,PAB), 1 Montpelier 4/1 (JDL1), 1 Shelburne 4/8 (WGE,NLM,LRB), 2 Shelburne 4/9 (WAM), 2 Grand Isle 4/15 (CSP), 1 Connecticut River Hinsdale Setback (hereafter CRH) 4/17 (JJJC), 1 Glen L. Castleton 4/21 (RWP), 1 Mill Pond Weston (CA), 1 Colchester 4/21 (KMB), 1 Newbury 4/25 (MQ), 1 L. Carmi 4/27 (PJM), 1 L. Durmore 4/28 (SSW), 2 Waterbury Res. 4/29 (JDL1), 1 Springfield/Rockingham Town Line (hereafter SRTL) 4/28 (WJN), 2 Winhall Hawk Lookout 4/29 (WJN), 1 TWDR 6/30 (ATA). Sighted widely in May, both at breeding lakes and elsewhere. High count only 3 - by several. Pied-billed Grebe: 1 Westminster 3/23 (REG), 1 Addison 3/26 (JRA), 1 DCWMA 3/26 (DLC), 1 E. Dorset 3/27 (RWS), 4 Addison 3/28 (JMN,EFG), 1 Herrick's Cove Rockingham (hereafter HC) 3/29 (REG), 4 Champlain Valley 4/1 (WAM), 2 Champlain Isl 4/2 (WAM), 1 Springweather N.A. 4/2 (WJN), 3 DCWMA 4/3 (MWA,PAB), 2 Middlesex 4/7 (TSA), 5 DCWMA 4/8 (WGE,NLM,LRB), 1 Morrisville 4/8 (FO,JW), 3 Tinmouth 4/9 (CJF), 1 CRH 4/10 & 4 4/15 (JJJC), 1 Rutland 4/15 (CJF), 1 Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge (hereafter MNWR) 4/15 (CSP), 3 Tinmouth Pond 4/16 (CJF), 2 S. Bay Newport 4/17 (PFW,SAW), seen in this area through the period (m.ob.), 1 HC 4/20 (WJN), 1 Conn. R. Lemington 4/22 (DEK), 2 L. Morey 4/25 (ATA), high count 12 S. Bay 4/29 (BKB et al.), 1 Dorset 5/14,15 (EFG), 1 Johnson Pond 5/21 (BLR,CY,MY). Peak of 20 at MNWR (JBG). Horned Grebe: 1 Champlain Bridge 3/17 (MBN), 1 W. Bridport 3/17 (WGE,NLM), 1 Charlotte 4/4 (NLM,DHC,MSA), 1 E. Dorset 4/7 (RWS), 2 Champlain Valley 4/9 (WAM), 1 Rockingham 4/9 (WGE,NLM,LRB), 2 Charlotte 4/15 (WAM), 2 L. Bomoseen 4/16 (BLR,RHH), 4 Red Rocks Park, S. Burlington (hereafter RRP) 4/16 (DLC), 6 Shelburne 4/16 (WAM,DLC), 2 Everett Pond Windsor 4/18 (LP), 3 L. Bomoseen 4/23 (CO), 16 Shelburne Bay 4/30 (MWA,PAB) the high count, 1 S. Bay Newport 4/30 (PFW,SAW). Red-necked Grebe: 31 Shelburne Bay 4/16 (WAM,DLC) the high count, 3 Everett Pond Windsor 4/18 (LP), 8 Barnard 4/19-21 (MLW), 4 Champlain Valley 4/22 (WAM), 1 HC 4/24 (REG,AMD) & 4/30 (DC), 3 TWDR, 8 Berlin Pond 4/30 (ATA), 4 CRH & Retreat Meadows Brattleboro (hereafter RM) 4/30 (DUW), 1 Conn. R. Hartford 5/1 (DHC), 1 Rockingham 5/9 (DC). Good spring for them.

CORMORANT THROUGH IBIS

Double-crested Cormorant: on 4/8 4 Shelburne (WAM), 3 DCWMA (DLC), 8 Grand Isle (TGC,ECC), 46 Young Isl. (WGE,NLM,LRB), 1 Tri-Town Water Plant Addison 4/14 (SSW), 2 CRH 4/15 (JJJC), 3 Grand Isle 4/21 (DJH), 2 Rockingham & 1 Vernon 4/22 (REG), 3 Shelburne Bay 4/23 (CSP), 15 Shelburne 4/24 (WAM), 3 Newport 4/26 (FO,JW), 2 SRTL 4/28 (WJN), 1 HC 4/29 (WME), 152 Young Isl. 4/29 (DLC) the high count, 2 Burlington Harbor 4/30 (MWA,PAB). Widespread on L. Champlain after 5/1 - away from there, 1 Rockingham 5/4 (DC), 1 Gale Meadows Winhall 5/7-10 (WJN), 31 CRH 5/6 (DUW), 14 CRH 5/12 (JJJC), 2 L. Carmi 5/20 (PJM), 1 Berlin 5/20 (ATA). There were 305 nests at Young Isl. 5/13 (DEC). Peak of only 5 at MNWR (JBG). American Bittern: 1 Tinmouth Channel 4/2 (CJF) early, 1 Wilcox Flats E. Dorset 4/5 (RWS), 2 Ferrisburg 4/9 (WAM), 1 Waterbury 4/20 (NLM,CCR), 1 S. Bay Newport 4/23 (DLC), 1 Shelburne 4/25 (CSP), 5 West Rutland Marsh (hereafter WRM) 4/25 (CJF), 1 S. Bay Newport 4/26 (FO,JW), 1 CRH 4/26 (JJJC), 6 S. Bay Newport 4/29 (BKB, et al.), 1 Colchester 4/30 (MWA,PAB). High count of 25 at MNWR (JBG). Least Bittern: 2 S. Bay Newport 5/9 (FO,JW), 2 WRM 5/20,21 (m.ob.), 1 DCWMA 5/20 (SBL, BLR, DC, DPK, CDK), 1 WRM 5/24 (CSP), 1 Allen Brothers Marsh Westminster (hereafter ABM) 5/25 (WJN), 2 WRM 5/28

(WGE,NLM). Peak of 6 at MNWR (JBG). Great Blue Heron: 2 Grand Isle 3/15 1 S. Hero 3/16 (DJH), 2 DCWMA, 1 Rutland 3/18 (CJF), 1 DCWMA 3/19 (DLC), 1 Panton 3/20 (MBN), 2 CRH 3/23 (JJJC), 5 Winooski 3/23 (TSA), 1 MNWR 3/24 (JBG,RAZ), 2 Sandbar WMA Milton (hereafter SBWMA) 3/25 (ECC,TCC), 2 Timmouth 3/25 (PMB), 1 Grand Isle 3/26 (DJH), 3 Charlotte 3/26 (ATA), on 3/27 1 S. Burlington (CSP), 1 Springweather NA (WJN), 1 TWDR (ATA), 1 Grand Isle (EMH), 1 HC 3/28 (REG), 1 Craftsbury 3/28 (FO,JW). High count 18 at SBWMA 5/13 (WGE,NLM,et al.). Breeding sites: Chittenden (DMM), State fishing access area near Rutland (JMD), E. Montpelier 5/11 (TSA,NLM), colony of 4 nests Weathersfield May-June (WHW). Peak of 1100 at the MNWR heronry (JBG). Great Egret: 1 Wilcox Flats E. Dorset 4/6 (RWS), 1 E. Middlebury 4/9 (MBN), 1 L. Carmi 4/14 (PJM), 1 DCWMA 5/6 (JDL1), 1 Ferrisburg 5/7 (CT), 2 DCWMA 5/8 (MBN). Snowy Egret: 1 Grand Isle 5/6 & 20 (DJH,MSL), 1 Young Isl. 5/7-14 (RBL), 1 Young Isl. 5/29 (DLC). LITTLE BLUE HERON: adult reported Winooski River Delta (hereafter WRD) 4/30 (TEK).



LITTLE BLUE HERON

Cattle Egret: 1 Grand Isle 4/16 (DPA), 1 Berlin 4/30 (BMP), 1 Grand Isle 4/30 (DJH), 2 Charlotte 5/1 (PB), 9 Grand Isle 5/6 (DJH,DLC), 18 Young Isl. 5/7-14 (RBL,DLC,DJH) the high count, 1 Athens 5/12 (DC,AMD,REG), 5 Simms Road Grand Isle 5/17 (JDL1), 1 "Birdathon" 5/20 (LJE,DCD). Six nests at Young Isl. 5/13 (DEC). Green-backed Heron: 1 Westminster 4/22 (DC,REG), 1 Barton R. Rd. 4/27 (PFW,SAW), 1 L. Carmi 5/2 (PJM), 1 HC 5/3 (REG), 1 Brandon 5/3 (SSW), 1 HC 5/4 (WJN), 1 DCWMA 5/6 (WAM), 1 Randolph 5/7 (JDS), 1 CRH 5/12 (JJJC), on 5/13 1 DCWMA (DLC), 3 ABM (AMD), 1 WRM (JDL1), 2 Georgia (WGE,NLM), 1 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD). Peak of 20 at MNWR (JBG). Black-crowned Night-Heron: 1 DCWMA 4/16 (JRA), 1 Shelburne 4/16 (DLC), 1 Shelburne 4/25 (WAM), 2 DCWMA 4/26 (JRA), 4 Shelburne 5/8 (WAM), 3 DCWMA 5/10 (SSW), 2 Burlington 5/11 (DLC), 4 5/12 6 5/13 Grand Isle (DJH), 1 DCWMA 5/13 (JDL1), 2 Ferrisburg 5/13 (JID,MCD). Six nests at Young Isl. 5/13 (DEC). Peak of 35 at MNWR (JBG). Glossy Ibis: 1 Salisbury 4/27-30 (MBN,JAP), 1 Gale Meadows 5/7 (WJN), 2 Winooski R. at Montpelier 5/16 (TSA).

WATERFOWL

MNWR high counts are given separately from the others. Snow Goose: 1 "Blue" Weybridge 3/13 (MBN) with Canadas, 50 Clarendon 3/18 (CJF), 100 Strafford 3/18 (BLH), 476 Vernon 3/19 (JJJC), 393 Champlain Valley 3/19 (WAM,DLC), 240 3/20 500 3/22 Champlain Bridge (MBN), 300 CRH 3/23 (JJJC), 4 "Blues" in flock - Champlain Valley 3/24 (RWS), 2 Grand Isle 3/25

(ECC,TGC), 100 Panton 3/25 (JMD), 600+ Champlain Valley 3/26 (ATA), 2988 DCWMA 3/26 (DLC) the high count, on 3/27 200 Craftsbury (JW), "thousands" MNWR (JBG), 60 Washington (ATA), 60 Winhall 3/28 (WJN), 60 Bragdon Nature Preserve (hereafter BNP) 3/28 (WGE,NLM,MW), 1000 Woodstock 3/29 (CMW,MWB,GAR). From then on through most of April many reports from all over, of birds passing over and stopping in flooded fields. A good part of the eastern Snow Goose population must have passed through Vermont this spring. A number of "Blues" were reported, mostly in the Champlain Valley. Some late dates: 150 DCWMA 5/6 (WAM), 100 Addison 5/7 (MBN), 40 DCWMA 5/7 (JDLL), "flock" Grand Isle 5/11 (DJH), 18 Bloomfield 5/25 (DLC). An imm. bird seen walking along Winhall Hollow Rd. Winhall, 3/31 was approached to within about 8 feet, when we got out of the car, it flew off, not appearing injured in any way (WJN,AS). Two birds at the RM last spring behaved in a similar fashion and were believed to be ones that had wintered in a New York City park. Canada Goose: wintered in Addison County, 250 Button Bay 3/1 (SSW), 200 Weybridge 3/10 (MBN), 2 Tinmouth 3/12 (PMB), 2600 Weybridge 3/13 (MBN), 3 MNWR 3/15 (JBG), 700+ L. Bomoseen to Bridport 3/17 (WGE,NLM), 40 Winhall 3/17 (WJN), on 3/18 43 Hartland (DHC), 31 Dorset (EFG), 400 DCWMA (CJF), on 3/19 1 Richmond (TSA), 725 Vernon (JJC,WGE,NLM), 100 Conn. R. at Westminster (AMD), 95 Westminster 3/20 (REG), 1 Grand Isle 3/20 (MWA,PAB). Widespread from then on in good numbers. Some other high counts: 3000 Middlebury 4/9 (FO,JW,WS), 1000 Champlain Valley 4/23 (WAM), a pair at Tinmouth Pond on 5/29 with 7 goslings (CJF). A "Richardson's" Goose (Branta canadensis hutchinsii) at Grand Isle with domestic Mallards 3/15,27, 4/4 (WGE,NLM,DHC,MSA,EMH et al.), origin of this bird questionable. Peak of 400 at MNWR (JBG). Wood Duck: 1 Quechee 3/13 (KRT), on 3/19 25 RM (WGE,NLM), 1 DCWMA (DLC), "several" Conn. R. Westminster (AMD), 7 Champlain Valley (WAM), 32 Hartford/Hartland 3/20 (DHC), 7 Westminster 3/20 (REG), 4 DCWMA 3/22 (MBN), 1 E. Dorset 3/23 (RWS), Champlain Valley 3/24 (RWS), 64 Hartford/Hartland 3/25 (DHC), 4 Dorset 3/26 (EFG), 1 Addison 3/26 (JRA), 1 Springweather NA 3/27 (WJN), 1 Waterbury Center 3/29 (EK), 4 Middlesex 3/30 (TSA). High count 69 SBWMA 4/2 (DLC). Peak of 280 at MNWR (JBG). Mandarin (Aix galericulata): a drake paired with a probable female Wood Duck (identity of the f. not determined), ABM 5/25 (WJN). This bird was very wary and spooky and did not behave like a tame bird. This species is kept by aviculturists in this state, but it could have escaped or been released most anywhere in the eastern U.S. or Canada and could have been free for some time. The nearest feral populations are in Great Britain. Exotic status notwithstanding, this bird, the most beautiful of waterfowl, was well worth seeing. What would a Mandarin X Wood hybrid look like? Green-winged Teal: 3 W. Bridport 3/17 (WGE,NLM), 1 DCWMA 3/18 (CJF), 1 Hartford 3/20 (DHC), 8 Westminster 3/20 (REG), 60 CRH 3/24 (JJC), 6 DCWMA 3/27 (MBN), on 3/28 6 Middlesex (TSA), 9 Craftsbury (FO,JW), 6 Orwell (JMN,EFG), 2 RM 3/29 (WJN). High count 175 DCWMA 4/29 (DLC). Some late dates: 1 Moose Bog Ferdinand (hereafter MB) 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 5 Coventry 5/27 (PFW,SAW), 2 Buxton Pond Ferdinand 5/31 (ECC). Peak of 440 at MNWR (JBG). American Black Duck: overwintered in many areas. Seven White River Jct. 3/15 (JMN), 20 MNWR 3/15 (JBG), 5 Bridport 3/17 (MBN), 54 Orwell 3/17 (WGE,NLM), 6 Little Otter Creek 3/18 (CJF), on 3/19 200 Winooski R. (CSP), 100 Westminster (AMD), 100 Muddy Brook Essex (TSA), 124 DCWMA (DLC), on 3/20 160 Hartford (DHC), 2 Grand Isle (MWA,PAB), 126 Westminster (REG), Champlain Valley 3/24 (RWS), 120 CRH 3/24 (JJC), 4 SBWMA 3/25 (ECC,TGC), 7 Addison 3/26 (JRA), 2 TWDR 3/27 (ATA), 10 HC to Springweather NA 3/27 (WJN), 4 Craftsbury 3/28 (FO,JW), 8 Bridport

-11- 3/28 (SSW). High count 1316 SBWMA 4/2 (DLC). Hen with 7 yg. BNP 5/30 (WGE,NLM). Peak of 1200 at MNWR (JBG). Mallard: also overwintered. Six L. Cami 3/1 (PJM), 400 Winooski 3/7 (TSA), on 3/15 20 MNWR (JBG), 3 White River Junction (JMN), 7 Alburg (WGE,NLM), 2 Dorset 3/16 (EFG), 19 L. Bomoseen 3/17 (WGE,NLM), 25 DCWMA/Little Otter 3/18 (CJF), on 3/19 200 Winooski R. (CSP), 100 Westminster (AMD), 70 CRH (JJC), 65 DCWMA 3/19 (DLC), on 3/20 114 Westminster (REG), 77 Hartford (DHC), 10 Panton (MBN), 16 WRD (MWA,PAB), 400 Cornwall 3/23 (MBN), 36 Kingsland Bay 3/24 (JID,MCD), Champlain Valley 3/24 (RWS), 854 SBWMA 4/2 (DLC) the high count. A hybrid Mallard X Black with a hen Mallard Grand Isle 5/15-28 (DJH). Peak of 700 at MNWR (JBG). Northern Pintail: 13 Grand Isle 3/15 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 15 Orwell, 2 Shoreham 3/17 (WGE,NLM), 4 Champlain Bridge 3/17 (MBN), 5 DCWMA, 1 Vergennes, 1 Little Otter Creek 3/18 (CJF), 25 Champlain Valley 3/19 (WAM,DLC), 1 CRH 3/19 (JJC), 9 Westminster 3/20 (REG), 2 Hartford 3/20 (DHC), Champlain Valley 3/24 (RWS), 2 Addison 3/26 (JRA), 19 Champlain Isl. 3/26 (WAM), 1 Springweather NA 3/27 (WJN), 3 Craftsbury 3/28 (FO,JW), 2 Middlesex 3/28 (TSA), 83 SBWMA 4/2 (DLC) the high count, 37 Champlain Isl. 4/2 (WAM), 2 HC 4/2 (WJN), 4 MNWR 4/5 (JBG), 3 Leicester 4/8 (WGE,NLM,LRB), 2 DCWMA 4/8 (MBN), 1 DCWMA 4/9 (TGC,ECC), 5 Leicester 4/12 (SSW), 6 DCWMA 4/12 (JLD,MCD). Peak of 130 at MNWR (JBG). Blue-winged Teal: 3 Orwell 3/17 (WGE,NLM), 1 DCWMA 3/19 (WAM,DLC), 1 DCWMA 3/27 (MBN), 3 Orwell 3/28 (JMN,EFG), 4 WRD 4/3 (JDLL), 1 Wilcox Flats E. Dorset 4/5 (RWS), 2 HC 4/5 (REG), 3 Grand Isle 4/6 (JID,MCD), 2 Leicester Jct. 4/6, 20 4/7 (SSW), on 4/8 12 Champlain Valley (WAM), 3 Clarendon (CJF), 2 Craftsbury (FO,JW), 2 DCWMA (WGE,NLM,LRB,MBN), 6 DCWMA 4/9 (ECC,TGC), 10 DCWMA 4/16 (JRA,CSP,TGC,ECC). High count 39 Champlain Valley 4/22 (WAM). Nest with 11 eggs Barton R. Marshes (hereafter BRM) 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), nest with 5 eggs destroyed by mowing Grand Isle late May (DJH). Peak of 60 at MNWR (JBG). Northern Shoveler: 2 W. Bridport 3/17 (WGE,NLM), 2 Middlesex 3/28 (TSA), 2 Shelburne Bay 3/31 (WAM), up to 14 present at DCWMA and nearby through April with at least 1 staying through most of May (m.ob.), 1 Irasburg 4/2 (FO,JW) rare in Northeast Kingdom, 3 Mud Creek 4/22 (ECC), 9 Mud Creek 4/23,29 (WAM,DLC), 6 Mud Creek 5/3 (JDLL), 1 DCWMA 5/20 (MBN,CHB), 1 DCWMA 5/28 (WAM). Peak of 15 at MNWR (JBG). Gadwall: 5 Orwell, 4 W. Bridport 3/17 (WGE,NLM), 2 Champlain Bridge 3/17 (MBN), 1 DCWMA 3/18 (CJF), 4 DCWMA 3/19 (WAM,DLC), 2 Champlain Valley 3/25 (WAM), 2 CRH 3/26 (JJC), 1 RM 3/29 (WJN), 4 Montpelier 4/1 (JDLL), 4 Grand Isle 4/2 (DJH), 1 HC 4/2 (WJN), 1 Ft. Cassin 4/5 (JID,MCD), 1 Wilcox Flats E. Dorset 4/5 (RWS), 9 Mud Creek 4/8 (DLC), present through April at DCWMA and Champlain Islands (m.ob.). Elsewhere: 4 Cornwall 4/9 (FO,JW,WS), 2 LaPlatte R. 4/12 (CSP), 2 CRH 4/13 (JJC), 1 Springweather NA 4/20, 2 5/4 (WJN), 2 ABM 4/26-28 (WJN,REG,AMD), 2 Grand Isle 5/13-15 (DJH), nest Young Isl. 5/13 (DEC), "Birdathon" 5/20 (LJE,DCD). Peak of 30 MNWR (JBG). Good spring for them - look for them to breed in the Lower Connecticut Valley in the near future. American Wigeon: 2 Orwell, 2 W. Bridport 3/17 (WGE,NLM), 4 Champlain Bridge 3/17 (MBN), 2 DCWMA 3/18 (CJF), 40 CRH 3/19 (JJC) the high count, 4 Vernon 3/19 (WGE,NLM), 1 DCWMA 3/19 (DLC), 2 Hartford 3/20 (DHC), 4 Westminster 3/20 (REG), 22 Vernon 3/23 (REG), 34 CRH 3/24 (JJC), 3 Addison 3/26 (JRA), 4 Bridport 3/28 (SSW,JMN,EFG), 2 Middlesex 3/28 (TSA), present at DCWMA and Champlain Islands until Birdathon (m.ob.). Elsewhere 2-3 Clarendon 4/1-9 (CJF), 6 Springweather NA 4/2 (WJN), 11 SBWMA 4/2 (DLC), 1 Wilcox Flats E. Dorset 4/5 (RWS), 20 MNWR 4/6 (JBG), 3 Leicester 4/12 (SSW), 1 Proctor 4/14 (RWP), 2 HC 4/14 (WJN,REG), 2 Mud Creek 4/22 (ECC), 2 ABM 4/30 (DC), 6 Mud Creek 5/3 (JDLL), 3 Coventry 5/4 (PFW,SAW), 1 Grand Isle 5/6, 14 (DJH), 2

(JBG). Barrow's Goldeneye: 1 drake Muddy Brook Winooski 3/7 (TSA). Bufflehead: 1 Orwell 3/17 (WGE,NLM), 1 DCWMA 3/19 (DLC), 4 WRD 3/20 (MWA,PAB), 2 Vernon 3/23 (REG), 2 CRH 3/23 (JJJC), 5 Charlotte 3/26 (ATA), 1 Barnard 3/27 (BSG), 4 Chimney Pt. 3/28 (JMN,EFG), 4 Charlotte-Bridport 3/28 (SSW), 2 Middlesex 3/29 (FAP,TSA), 31 Champlain Valley 4/1 (WAM) the high count, 22 Champlain Isl. 4/2 (WAM), 14 WRD 4/2 (CSP), 8 WRD 4/3 (JDLL), 8 SBWMA 4/4 (NLM,DHC,MSC), 8 Grand Isle 4/8 (ATA), 8 Charlotte 4/8 (WGE,NLM,LRB), 21 Champlain Valley 4/9 (WAM), 6 WRD 4/8 (TSA), 1 L. Bomoseen 4/11 (CJF), 4 Grand Isle 4/14, 5 4/16 (DJH), 2 HC 2 Rockingham Overlook 4/14 (WJN), 27 Shelburne 4/15 (WAM), 1 Tinmouth Pond, 2 Danby Pond, 5 Lake St. Catherine 4/16 (CJF), 18 Kingsland Bay 4/17 (JID,MCD), 5 L. Bomoseen 4/21 (RWP), 6 Shelburne 4/30 (MWA,PAB), 2 Tinmouth Pond, 4 Danby Pond 4/23 (CJF), 21 S. Bay Newport 4/30 (DLC,PFW,SAW), 7 Shelburne 5/2 (WAM), 1 Montpelier 5/2 (TSA), 1 TWDR 5/7 (ATA), 3 Grand Isle 5/14 (DJH), 3 N. Hero 5/18 (FAP,CP), 1 Brookfield 5/20 (FK et al.). Peak of 20 at MNWR (JBG). Hooded Merganser: 1 Essex Jct. 3/14 (TSA), 52 L. Hortonia-Bridport 3/17 (WGE,NLM), 9 Addison 3/17 (MBN), 20 Hartford 3/18 (DHC), 6 DCWMA, 2 Rutland 3/18 (CJF), on 3/19 "a few" Westminster (AMD), 100 CRH (JJJC), 53 DCWMA (WAM,DLC), 9 RM (WGE,NLM), 7 Westminster 3/20 (REG), 31 Panton-Addison 3/20 (MBN), 18 Hartland 3/20 (DHC), 58 Westminster-Vernon 3/23 (REG), 14 Newbury 3/24 (CCR), "several" Champlain Valley 3/24 (RWS), 246 CRH 3/24 (JJJC) the high count, 27 Champlain Valley 3/25 (WAM), 2 Rutland 3/25 (CJF), 2 Meach Cove 3/26 (ATA), 1 Wilcox Flats E. Dorset 3/26 (RWS), 1 Ottaquechee R. 3/26 (JMN), 1 Springfield Boat Landing 3/27 (WJN), 2 Dorset 3/28 (EFG), 34 E. Creek to McCuen Slang 3/28 (JMN,EFG), also 1 Waterbury Res. 5/10 (JDLL), on 5/20 1 Ferrisburg (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), Bennington Cty (RSK,ERK), 1 Gale Mdw. (WJN), f. with yg. E. Creek 5/21 (BLR,CY,MY), 1 Sheffield 5/26 (PFW,SAW). Peak of 60 at MNWR on 4/14 (JBG). All observers commented on the abundance of this species. Common Merganser: many overwintered, earliest ones probably from this group. Seven Bellows Falls 3/4 (REG), 22 Rutland 3/4 (CJF), 23 WRJct. 3/15 (JMN), 60 Grand Isle 3/15 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 1 Middlesex 3/16 (TSA), 11 Otter Creek Proctor 3/17 (RWP), 60 W. Bridport 3/17 (WGE,NLM), 8 McCuen Slang 3/17 (MBN), 83 DCWMA 3/19 (DLC), 7 Westminster 3/19 (AMD), 7 Panton/Addison 3/20 (MBN), 16 Hartford 3/20 (DHC), 2 Grand Isle 3/20 (MWA,PAB), 32 Westminster-Vernon 3/23 (REG), Champlain Valley 3/24 (RWS), 8 Grand Isle 3/25 (TGC,ECC). High count 300 Tri-Town Water Plant Addison 4/8 (WGE,NLM,LRB), also 2 Coventry 5/21 (RVC), 8 Chittenden 5/23 (JMN), 1 S. Londonderry 5/31 (WJN) where it breeds, 1 Brownsville late May (BMH) nesting in an old tree on the ground. Peak of 150 MNWR on 4/10 (JBG). Red-breasted Merganser: 1 Muddy Brook Winooski 3/7 (TSA), 1 DCWMA 3/19 (DLC,WAM), 4 Champlain Valley 4/1 (WAM), 1 HC 4/2 (WJN et al.), 12 Champlain Isl. 4/2 (WAM) high count, 2 Shelburne Bay 4/3 (JDLL), 1 Wilcox Flats Dorset 4/6 (RWS), 1 SBWMA 4/4 (NLM,DHC,MSC), 5 Champlain Valley 4/9,22 (WAM), 1 CRH 4/12 (JJJC), 1 Westminster 4/15 (REG), 1 Grand Isle 4/16 (DJH), 1 Barnard 4/20,21 (MLW), 4 Long Point 4/30 (JID,MCD) displaying males, 4 L. Bomoseen 4/21 (RWP), 1 WRD 4/30 (CSP), 3 Mallett's Bay 4/30 (MWA,PAB), 2 Button Bay 5/7 (JDLL), 6 Gull Rock L. Champlain 5/15 (CCR), 12 Addison 5/19 (WGE,DHC) high count, 1 HC 5/30 (WJN).

DIURNAL RAPTORS

Hawkwatchers counted 313 raptors, a poor spring. The weather did not cooperate on the official weekends. Turkey Vulture: 11 were seen by hawkwatchers. One Bellows Falls 3/11 (JJJC), 1 Guilford 3/16 (AMD), 4 Benson 3/17 (WGE,NLM), on 3/19 2 RM 1 Vernon (WGE,NLM), 3 Hartford (DHC), 1

DCWMA 5/20 (SBL,BLR,DC,DPK,CDK), "Birdathon" 5/20 (LJE,DCD). Peak of 50 MNWR 3/31 (JBG). Canvasback: 20 W. Bridport 3/17 (WGE,NLM), 20 Champlain Br. 3/17 (MBN), 23 DCWMA 3/19 (DLC), 1 Hartford 3/20 (DHC), 2 Vernon 3/23 (REG), 3-4 CRH 3/23,24 (REG,JJC), Champlain Valley 3/24 (RWS), 4 Champlain Isl. 3/26 (WAM,MWA,PAB), 1 Addison 3/26 (JRA), 20 Bridport 3/28 (JMN,EFG), 1 RM 3/29 (WJN), 65 Champlain Isl. 4/1 (WAM), 150 Addison 4/2 (JRA) the high count, 2 HC 4/8 (WJN), 2 Morristown 4/16 (BP), 1 Kingsland Bay 4/17 (JID,MCD), 1 Mud Creek 4/23 (WAM). Redhead: 1 Grand Isle 3/26 (WAM), 1 SRTL 4/2 (WJN). Ring-necked Duck: 5 White River Jct. (hereafter WRJct.) 3/15 (JMN), 1 Tinmouth 3/16 (PMB), 1 L. Bomoseen, 40 Orwell, 30 W. Bridport 3/17 (WGE,NLM), 50 Champlain Br. 3/17 (MBN), 5 Hartford 3/18 (DHC), on 3/19 3 Grand Isle (DJH), 1 Tinmouth Pond (CJF), 1 Westminster (AMD), 68 Vernon (WGE,NLM), 379 DCWMA (DLC,WAM) the high count, 150 CRH (JJJC), 2 Montpelier (TSA), 4 Hartford 3/20 (DHC), 7 Vernon, 11 Westminster 3/23 (REG), 126 CRH 3/24 (JJJC), 6 Newbury 3/24 (CCR). Widespread almost everywhere during April. Some late dates: 5 Berlin Pond 5/1 (BMP), 2 Berlin 5/4 (ATA), 4 DCWMA 5/6 (WAM), 2 S. Bay Newport 5/9 (FO,JW), 4 Mud Creek 5/18 (FAP,CP), 1 SBWMA 5/20 (JJJC), 1-5 DCWMA 5/20 (m.ob.). Peak of 1080 MNWR on 4/17 (JBG). Good spring for them. Greater Scaup: 1 DCWMA 3/4 (WAM), 20 Champlain Br. 3/17 (MBN), 14 Bridport 3/17 (WGE,NLM), 5 DCWMA 3/19 (DLC), 2 Burlington 3/19 (CSP), 6 Vernon 3/23 (REG), 2 Middlesex 3/29 (TSA), on 4/2 49 Champlain Isl. (WAM) the high count, 2 SRTL (WJN), 30 WRD (TSA,CSP), "several" WRD 4/3 (JDLL), 8 Leicester Jct. 4/6,12 (SSW), 20 S. Bay Newport 4/8 (PFW,SAW), 6 Cornwall 4/9 (FO,JW,WS), 2 Berlin 4/9 (ATA), 2 S. Slang 4/11 (MBN), 2 CRH 4/12 (JJJC), 4 Danby 4/16 (CJF), 10 Roundy's Cove 4/17 (AMD), 1 S. Bay 4/22 (DLC), 15 S. Bay 4/30 (PFW,SAW), 10 Waterbury 5/1 (JDLL), 1 HC 5/4 (DC) & 5/9 (WJN), 1 S. Bay, 1 SBWMA 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). Lesser Scaup: 1 Grand Isle 3/15 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 4 W. Bridport 3/17 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 1 Champlain Valley 3/19 (DLC,WAM), 1 Burlington 3/19 (CSP), 6 CRH 3/24 (JJJC), 9 Vernon 4/1 (REG), 2 WRD 4/2 (CSP), 10 WRD 4/2 (TSA), 50 Addison 4/2 (JRA) the high count, several WRD 4/3 (JDLL), 10 Button Bay 4/3 (MWA,PAB), 12 CRH 4/5 (JJJC), on 4/8 25 Colchester (FAP), 9 Leicester (WGE,NLM,LRB), 16 HC to Springweather NA (WJN), 4 CRH 4/12 (JJJC), 3-12 HC 4/12, 28 (WJN,AMD)), 2 Kingsland Bay 4/17 (JID,MCD), 1 Plymouth Notch 4/17 (LGG), 5 HC to Springweather 5/4 (WJN,DC), 3 Rockingham Overlook 5/20 (WJN). Great spring for both scaup. Scaup sp.: many reports of undetermined scaups (m.ob.). Oldsquaw: 1 Wilcox Flats E. Dorset 4/5 (RWS), 3 WRD 4/27 (DLC), 2 TWDR 5/7 (ATA). Black Scoter: 2 S. Bay Newport 4/23 (DLC), 1 CRH 5/12 (JJJC), 3 Rockingham Overlook 5/20 (WJN). White-winged Scoter: 1 Somerset Res. 5/17 (JLM), 66 Island Pond 5/19 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), on 5/20 8 S. Hero, 17 Brighton (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS,MFM), 24 Long Pond Eden (RYG,JGG), 3 Essex Jct. (CBH), 1 L. Bomoseen (MB,PF,BT), 1 L. Rescue (SBL,BLR,DC,DPK,CDK), 1 f. Marshfield (MFM), 2 TWDR 5/21,22 (ATA), 6 Chittenden Res. 5/23 (JMN). Good spring for them! Common Goldeneye: overwintered on L. Champlain and larger rivers. Twenty Button Bay 3/1 (SSW), 100 Muddy Brook Winooski 3/7 (TSA), 57 Grand Isle 3/15 (WGE,NLM,DHC,DJH), 16 Grand Isle 3/16 (DJH), 80 W. Bridport 3/18 (WGE,NLM), 174 DCWMA 3/19 (DLC), on 3/20 27 Hartford (DHC), 3 Panton (MBN), 7 Westminster (REG), 57 Grand Isle (MWA,PAB), 4 Champlain Br. 3/22 (MBN), 8 CRH 3/24 (JJJC), "several" Champlain Valley 3/24 (RWS), 2 SBWMA 3/25 (ECC,TGC), on 3/26 155 Addison (JRA), 625 Grand Isle (MWA,PAB) the high count, 100+ Charlotte (ATA,SSW), 2 HC 3/27 (WJN), 190 Bridport-Chimney Pt. 3/28 (JMN,EFG), 15 Craftsbury 4/8 (FO,JW), 2 Tinmouth Pond 4/9 (CJF), also 50 Grand Isle 5/12 (DJH), 1 Springweather NA 5/20-25 (WJN et al.). Peak of 170 at MNWR on 4/17

Rockingham (JH), 1 DCWMA (DLC), 3 Weybridge 3/20 (MBN), 2 Brattleboro 3/23 (WAM), 1 Bristol 3/26 (JRA), 2 Little River near I89 3/26 (ATA), 1 HC 3/27 (WJN), 6 Brattleboro 3/27 (REG), 1 E. Rupert 3/28 (EFG), 1 Wallingford 2 West Haven 3/28 (CCR,MSL), high count 15 Bristol 4/13 (JRA). One seen Lemington 5/16 (DK), first there in the observer's 20 years of record keeping. Peak of 4 at MNWR (JBG). Osprey: 17 were seen by hawkwatchers. One Lincoln Hill Hinesburg 3/26 (PAT et al.), 1 La Platte R. Shelburne 4/2 (ECC,TGC), on 4/5 1 Salisbury (SSW), 1 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 HC (REG), 1-2 present HC through April (m.ob.), 2 DCWMA 4/9 (WAM), 2 RM 4/14 (LN), 1 SBWMA 4/15 (DLC), 2 Ferrisburg 4/16 (ECC,TGC) nesting pair, 1 E. Dorset 4/17 (RWS), 1 Lyndonville 4/19 (PFW,SAW), 2 Quechee 4/25 (DJL), pair examining new nest platform - MNWR 4/26 (DP), 1 CRH 4/26 (JJC), 5 Berlin 5/4 (ATA), the high count, present at Waterbury Res. and reported to have nested but no details received (JDLL). Late dates away from nesting sites: 1 Rutland 5/20 (NER,JRL,JLM), 1 West Haven 5/28 (WGE,NLM), 1 HC 5/30 (WJN). Bald Eagle: 1 seen by hawkwatchers. One Basin Harbor 3/1 (SSW), 1 ad. near Lyndonville 3/1 (JHW), 1 Hartford 3/5 - the bird that winters at Wilder - (DHC,AE), 1 WRJct. 3/6 (MGe), 4 W. Bridport 3/17 (WGE,NLM), 1 Conn. R. Hartland 3/18 (DHC), 1 CRH 3/19 (JJC), 1 Tunbridge 3/20 (JG), 1 Vernon 3/23 (REG), 1 McIndoe Falls 3/24 (CCR), 1 Mad R. Waitsfield 3/24 (TR), 1 Burlington Intervale 3/28 (RLC,AHC), 1 Conn. R. Charlestown, NH 3/29 (EVV), 1 imm. 1 ad. Vernon 4/8 (JJC). 1 ad. Rattlesnake Cliff L. Dunmore 4/15 (RWP), 1 S. Bay Newport 4/17 (PFW,SAW), 1 L. St. Catherine 4/26 (CJF), 1 near ad. at HC from 4/25 through at least 5/25 (DC,WJN,AMD,REG, m.ob.), 1 S. Hero 5/3 (CBH), imm. DCWMA 5/13 (BAB), 1 Dorset 5/15 (SSG), on 5/20 1 DCWMA (JMC,WME,JSA et al.), 1 Birdathon Windham Cty. (WSA,JA), 1 McCuen Slang 5/21 (SMH), 1 Sharon 5/21-27 (APB), 1 DCWMA 5/28 (WAM et al.). Great showing though no doubt there was considerable duplication in the above. Now that a pair of Bald Eagles have been found nesting in New Hampshire, nesting evidence should be looked for here. JJC reports being told that an adult had been seen carrying sticks in the Brattleboro-Vernon area during April! A pair did build a nest just down the river in Turner's Falls, MA in 1989. Northern Harrier: 7 seen by hawkwatchers. Earliest ones in the Champlain Valley probably overwintered, 1 Grand Isle 3/1,2 (DJH), 1 N. Hero 3/15 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 1 Dorset 3/18 (EFG), 1 Grand Isle 3/18 (EMH), 1 3/18 2 3/19 Clarendon (CJF), also on 3/19 3 DCWMA (DLC), 1 HC (WGE,NLM), 2 Champlain Valley (WAM), on 3/20 2 DCWMA (CJN), 1 Panton (MBN), 1 Westminster (REG), 1 Brandon 3/21 (SSW), 1 Tinmouth 3/21 (PMB), 1 Rockingham 3/23 (REG), 1 Ferrisburg 3/23 (JID,MCD), 2 Champlain Valley 3/24 (RWS), and 3/25 (WAM), 1 Rockingham 3/26 (JH), 1 Chester 3/28 (CEAd), 1 Caledonia Airport 3/29, 4/6 (PFW,SAW), widespread after that in the Champlain Valley. Elsewhere: present 4/1 to end of period Lemington prob. breeding (DK), 1 Woodstock 4/4 (NLM,DHC,MSE), 1 Duxbury 4/9 (ATA), 6 Cornwall 4/9 (FO,JW,WS) the high count, 1 Dorset 4/10 (EFG), 1 L. Carmi 4/15 (PJM), 1 HC 4/14, 5/4 (WJN), 1 Danby 4/23 (CJF), 2 Island Pond 5/8 (MWA,PAB), 1 Westminster 5/9 (AMD). Peak of 5 at MNWR (JBG). Sharp-shinned Hawk: 59 seen by hawkwatchers. One Dummerston 3/4 (NLM), 1 Rutland 3/4 (CJF), 1 Brandon 3/15 (SSW), 1 Weybridge 3/22 (MBN), 1 Champlain Valley 3/25 (WAM), 1 Lincoln Hill 3/26 (PAT), 1 Shelburne 3/26 (ATA), 1 Shelburne 4/3 (MWA,PAB), 1 Starksboro 4/5 (JRA), 1 Craftsbury 4/5 (FO,JW), 4 Rockingham 4/9 (WGE,NLM,LRB) the high count, 1 Sheffield 4/8,16,24 (PFW,SAW), 1 Ferrisburg 4/15 (JID,MCD), 1 Winhall Hawk Lookout (hereafter WHL) 4/17 (WJN), 1 Chester 4/21 (CEAd), 1 Lincoln 4/21 (JRA), 1 Washington 4/26 (ATA), 1 Stowe 5/7 (JDLL), 1 W. Brattleboro 5/8 (JJC), 1 S. Duxbury 5/10 (FAP), 1

Winhall 5/11 (WJN), on 5/20 1 Cambridge (RYC,JGG), 1 Brandon (SSW), 1 "Birdathon" (SBL,BLR,DC,DK,CDK). Peak of 3 at MNWR (JBG). Cooper's Hawk: 5 were seen by hawkwatchers. One WHL 3/15 (WJN), 1 Grand Isle 3/16 (EMH), on 3/23 1 Middlesex (JRA), 1 Montpelier (ATA), 1 Pittsford (CCR,TEJ,MSL), 1 Lincoln 3/31 (JRA), 1 Ferrisburg 4/8 (JID,MCD), 1 Moretown 4/2 (FAP), 1 Rockingham 4/9 (WGE,NLM,LRB), 1 Cornwall 4/9 (FO,JW,WS), 1 Stowe 4/14 (EK), 1 Morgan 4/26 (REG), 1 VINS Woodstock 4/27 (NBR), 1 WHL 4/27 (WJN), 1 Brandon 5/4 (SSW), 1 Weybridge 5/13 (MBN), 1 Stowe 5/13 (DLL), 1 Westford 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 1 "Birdathon" 5/20 (DCD,LJE), present through May Craftsbury (CCE). Good showing for them. Northern Goshawk: 3 seen by hawkwatchers. One Cambridge 3/3, 4/1 (RYC,JGG), 1 Stowe 3/7 (EK), 1 McCuen Slang 3/19 (DLC,WAM), 1 Reading 3/23 (FMH,GEH), 1 E. Dorset 3/27 (RWS), 1 Albion 4/15 (CSP), on 4/17 1 White Rocks Wallingford (RWP), 1 S. Londonderry (WJN), 1 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 Island Pond 4/29 (BKB et al.), 1 Mt. Holly Hawk Watch 5/1 (WJN), 1 W. Brattleboro 5/5 (JJC), 1 Thetford through May nesting pair (SM), pair Washington 5/9,10,20 nest found (ATA), 1 Westford 5/13 (WGE,NLM,WAM), 1 Brattleboro 5/16 (AMD), 1 Barnard 5/18 (JKW) nesting bird, 1 Somerset 5/20 (JJC), 1 W. Brattleboro 5/20 (JJC,TEJ,BK), 1 Springfield 5/20 (SBL,BLR,DC,DPK,CDK), pair Mt. Peg Woodstock 5/29 (APB) defending nest, 1 Lincoln Gap 5/31 (JRA). Red-shouldered Hawk: 14 seen by hawkwatchers--a good number. Two Rockingham 3/19 (JH), 1 Williston 3/25 (CSP), 1 N. Wolcott 3/26 (BP), 1 WHL 3/26 (WJN), 1 SBWMA 4/15 (DLC), 2 SBWMA 4/16 (WAM), 1 Timmouthe 4/17 ad. at nest, nestlings hatched in June (RWP,DPO,PMB), 1 Craftsbury 4/27 (FO,VS), 2 WHL 4/28 (WJN), 1 Bristol Pd. 4/29 (MBN), 1 Westford 5/13 (NLM,WGE,WAM), 1 DCWMA 5/20 (JSA,KMA,SSB,WME), 1 Grand Isle 5/23 (EMH), 1 Winhall 5/23 (WJN), 1 W. Haven 5/29 (CJF). Broad-winged Hawk: 39 seen by hawkwatchers, main flight missed. Three Lincoln Hill 3/26 (PAT) early, 1 Shelburne 4/1 (ECC,TGC), 1 Timmouthe Channel 4/2 (CJF), 1 Woodstock 4/11 (NHM), 1 Vernon 4/15 (JJC), 3 Fuller Mtn. Ferrisburg 4/20 (JID,MCD), 1 BNP 4/22 (NLM), 1 Norwich 4/23 (CCR,LLR), 1 WHL 4/25 (JRA), 1 Woodstock 4/26 (JMN), 1 Washington 4/26 (ATA), 1 Reading 4/27 (FMH,GEH), on 4/29 1 Montpelier (TSA), 2 Sheffield (PFW,SAW), 1 Stowe (JDLL), 2 Island Pond (BKB), on 4/30 2 Brandon (SSW), 1 Dummerston (AMD), 7 WHL (WJN), 7 Mt. Holly Hawk Lookout 5/1 (WJN) the high counts, carrying nesting material Washington 5/5 (ATA). Red-tailed Hawk: 74 seen by hawkwatchers, overwintered in many areas. Six Leicester, 3 DCWMA 3/1 (SSW), 1 Panton 3/2 (MBN), 2 Ferrisburg 3/2 (JID,MCD) courting at nest site, 1 Washington 3/3 (ATA), 1 Woodstock 3/4 (MG), 1 Westminster 3/4 (REG), 16 Conn. R. WRJct. to Vernon 3/5 (DHC,AE), 2 Clarendon 3/5 (CJF), 2 Dummerston 3/9 (AMD), 1 New Haven 3/9 (JRA), 6 Rockingham 3/11 (JH), on 3/18 1 Shelburne (ECC), 1 Clarendon (CJF), on 3/19 1 Woodstock (CRP), 1 Chester (CEAd), 3 Champlain Valley (WAM), 3 Clarendon, 1 Timmouthe (CJF), 2 Burlington (ATA), 1 WRD 3/20 (MWA,PAB), 1 Craftsbury 3/22 (FO,JW), 26 Bridport to Button Bay 3/24 (RWS) the high count, 1 nest discovered Thetford 4/9 (SWS), 1 Bradford 4/17 seen to pick up a snake from the road (FGW), 1 WRM 5/6 flying over the marsh carrying a Virginia Rail (SBL,BLR et al.). Peak of 5 at MNWR (JBG). Rough-legged Hawk: wintered widely in the Champlain Valley. Two Brandon, 1 DCWMA 3/1 (SSW), 1 Panton 3/2 (MBN), 1 Shelburne 3/3 (ATA), 1 Brandon 3/8 (SSW), 1 Vergennes 3/11 (TSA), 1 New Haven 3/11 (CJF), 1 Benson 3/17 (WGE,NLM), on 3/19 2 Grand Isle (DJH), 3 DCWMA (DLC), 1 Weathersfield (WGE,NLM), 2 Grand Isle 3/20 (MWA,PAB), 1 DCWMA, 1 Bridport 3/22 (MBN), 1 New Haven 3/22 (JRA) dark morph, 1 Burlington 3/26 (ATA), 1 Champlain Isl. 3/26 (WAM), 1 DCWMA 3/28 (JMN,EFG), 1 DCWMA 4/1 (DLC), 1 Grand Isle 4/2 (DJH), 1 Milton 4/2 (RYG,JGG), 1 SBWMA

-14- (SSW), Bennington area (ERK, RSK), 1 Weybridge 5/23 (MBN). Peak of 30 at MNWR (JBG). Sora: 1 DCWMA 4/29 (DLC), 1 S. Bay Newport 4/30 (BKB et al.), 1 S. Bay Newport 5/6 (BKB et al.), 1 SBWMA 5/7 (WAM), 3 DCWMA 5/10 (SSW), 1 Berlin Pond 5/19 (CSP), on 5/20 1 WRM (m.ob.), 1 ABM (WJN, JJC, SBL, BLR, DC, DPK, CDK), 1 S. Bay Newport (RYG, JGG, WGE, NLM, DHC, SJS), Bennington area (ERK, RSK). Peak of 75 at MNWR (JBG). Common Moorhen: at DCWMA 1 4/27 (MBN), 2 4/30 (WAM), 1 5/6 (WAM), 1 S. Bay Newport 5/9 (FO), "several" DCWMA 5/13 (JDL1), 2 S. Slang Ferrisburg 5/18 (WGE, DHC), 1 DCWMA 5/18 (FAP, WGE, DHC), 1 WRM 5/20 (WJN), up to 4 S. Bay BRM 5/20 (m.ob.), 1 DCWMA 5/20 (m.ob.), Bennington area 5/20 (RSK, ERK). Peak of 35 at MNWR (JBG). American Coot: 3 McCuen Slang 4/1 (DLC, WAM), 1 DCWMA 4/1, 7 (SSW), 3 L. Champlain Addison 4/2 (JRA), 1 Champlain Isl. 4/2 (WAM), 1 DCWMA 4/9 (ECC, TGC), 1 McCuen Slang 4/16 (CSP), 1 Westminster Flats 4/28 (WJN), "several" DCWMA 5/13 (JDL1), 2 S. Slang Ferrisburg 5/18 (WGE, DHC), 1 DCWMA 5/20 (SBL, BLR, DC, DPK, CDK). Peak of 25 at MNWR (JBG).

SHOREBIRDS

Semipalmented Plover: 1 Westminster Flats (JJJC), SBL, BLR, DC, DPK, CDK, 1 WRD 5/24 (CSP). Killdeer: 2 RM 2 Vernon 3/14 (WGE, NLM), 1 Brownsville 3/15 (BMH), 1 Tinmouth 3/16 (PMB), on 3/17 3 Shoreham (WGE, NLM), 1 Winhall (WJN), 3 Chester (CEAd), 2 Ferrisburg, 1 Clarendon 3/18 (CJF), 2 Tinmouth 3/19 (CJF), 1 Woodstock 3/23 (CRP), 1 CRH 3/24 (JJJC), 5 S. Burlington 3/24 (WAM), 1 Grand Isle 3/25 (EMH), widespread after that. Two very high counts: 73 HC 4/1 (REG), 82 Rutland town 4/8 (RWP). Ad. reported with 3 yg. Manchester 5/27 (fide NS). Peak of 30 at MNWR (JBG). Greater Yellowlegs: 1 HC 3/19 (REG) early, 1 McCuen Slang 4/1 (WAM), 1 Coventry 4/17 (PFW, SAW), 2 Addison 4/20 (REG), 4 Clarendon 4/24, 25 (CJF, DLC), 4 Ottaquechee R. Woodstock 4/28, 29 (SBL, NLM), 7 Coventry 4/27 (PFW, SAW), 4 Orleans 4/30 (PFW, SAW), 1 Albany 5/1 (TSA), 3 HC 5/5 (AMD), 6 Clarendon 5/6 (CJF), 10 Westminster 5/7 (AMD) high count, 1 HC 5/9 (WJN), 1 St. Alban's Bay 5/15 (CCR, MSL), 2 Sunderland 5/25 (WGE, NLM), 1 Springfield Mdw. 5/25 (WJN). Peak of 2 at MNWR (JBG). Lesser Yellowlegs: 1 Craftsbury 5/5 (FO, JW, DM), 3 TWDR 5/16 (ATA), 1 Westminster Flats 5/20 (SBL, BLR, DC, DPK, CDK). 1 "Birdathon" 5/20 (MFM). Poor spring for them.

Solitary Sandpiper: 1 Addison 4/22 (REG), 2 Westminster 5/3 (REG), 3 Middlebury 5/3 (MBN), 1 Craftsbury 5/5 (FO, JW, DM), 1 ABM 5/5 (AMD), 1 Chester 5/6 (CEAd), 2 Waterbury Res. 5/6 (JDL1), 1 5/6 3 5/7 Grand Isle (DJH), 2 Glover 5/7 (DLC), 1 MB 5/7 (BKB et al.), 3 TWDR 5/9 (ATA), 1 Springfield Mdw. 5/9 (WJN), 1 Brandon 5/10 (SSW), on 5/13 1 DCWMA (JID, MCD), 1 Westford (WGE, NLM, WAM), 3 Middlebury (MBN), 2 Lincoln 5/16 (JRA), 1 Ferrisburg 5/18 (WGE, DHC), 1 Gale Mdw. 5/18 (WJN), on 5/20 1 L. Memphremagog (RYG, JGG), 1 Mt. Holly Beaver Pond (WJN), 1 Barton R. (CAj), 1 Westminster Flats (SBL, BLR, DC, DPK, CDK), high count only 3 several times. Spotted Sandpiper: 1 E. Dorset 4/12 (RWS) early, 1 S. Bay Newport 4/30 (PFW, SAW), 1 L. Dunmore 4/30 (CJF), 2 Middlebury 5/3 (MBN), 2 Shelburne 5/4 (WAM), 1 Guilford 5/4 (AMD), 3 Salisbury 5/4 (SSW), 1 Bristol Pond 5/6 (JRA), 2 Woodstock 5/6 (JMN), 1 Grand Isle 5/7 (DJH), 4 Glover 5/7 (DLC), 5 Shelburne 5/7 (WAM), 1 Quechee 5/9 (NLM), 1 Middlebury 5/13 (MBN), 1 Gale Mdw. 5/13 (WJN), 1 Townshend 5/13 (REG), 20+ Grand Isle 5/13 (DJH) the high count, 2 DCWMA 5/13 (JID, MCD), nest on bank of the Winooski R. at Montpelier 5/30 (TSA). Peak of 35 at MNWR (JBG).

Upland Sandpiper: 1 Grafton 4/25 (DC), 8 Newport Airport Coventry 4/30 (DLC, BKB et al.) high count, 1 Winhall 4/30 (WJN), 4 5/4 7 5/6 Newport Airport (PFW, SAW; BKB et al.), 4 W. Glover 5/9 (RVC), 2 Ferrisburg 5/18, 20 (WGE, NLM, DHC, SJS), 1 Shoreham 5/20 (SBL, BLR, DC, DPK, CDK), 2 Weybridge 5/25 (MBN), 1

4/4 (NLM, DHC, MSC), 1 Leicester 4/8 (WGE, NLM, LRB), 1 Rockingham 4/9 (WGE, NLM, LRB), 1 Hinesburg 4/19 (JRA), 1 Richmond 5/7 (JDL1), 1 Pittsford 5/12 (MEM), 1 Barnard 5/17 (JNF), 1 Rockingham Overlook 5/30 (WJN), dark morph. This species used to be quite rare in May but every year there are more reports. Peak of 2 at MNWR (JBG). Golden Eagle: 2 reported Colchester 4/18 but no details received (ASH). American Kestrel: 14 were seen by hawkwatchers. One E. Dorset 3/14 (RWS), 4 N. Hero 3/15 (WGE, NLM, DHC), 1 Essex 3/16 (RYG, JGG), 1 Rutland 3/17 (CJF), 1 Bridport 3/17 (MBN), 1 Dorset 3/18 (EFG), on 3/19 1 Springfield (WGE, NLM), 1 E. Montpelier (ATA), 1 Clarendon (CJF), 1 Braintree (AFK), 1 SBWMA 3/20 (MWA, PAB), 1 Rutland Town 3/20 (SSW), on 3/23 1 N. Wolcott (BP), 2 I91 (PFW, SAW), 1 Lyndon (PFW, SAW), 1 Grand Isle (EMH), on 3/24 1 Shelburne (ECC), 1 Thetford (CCR), 1 Brownsville (BMH), 7 Bridport to Button Bay (RWS), 1 S. Burlington 3/25 (CSP), on 3/26 1 Burlington (ATA), 2 Richmond (ATA), 1 W. Brattleboro (JJJC), on 3/27 2 Fair Haven (JMD), 1 Chester (CEAd), 1 MNWR (JBG), high count 24 Champlain Valley 4/8 (WGE, NLM, LRB). One banded W. Brattleboro 4/2 (JJJC). Peak of 10 at MNWR (JBG). Merlin: 1 Chester 3/18 took a starling (CEAd), 1 Colchester 4/28 (DLC), 1 Winhall 5/12 (WJN), 5 seen at MNWR in April (JBG). Peregrine Falcon: 5 pairs from 1988 had returned to their territories by mid-April, at least 4 were incubating clutches. Breeding: Mt. Pisgah (CNV, CD), Smugglers Notch (CNV), Bone Mtn. (RNS et al.), and Deer Leap Bristol (RCD, EAD). Pairs at Mt. Horrid and Pond Mtn. did not attempt to nest or failed. Two Brandon Gap 3/27 (MBN), seen to take robins Wallingford 4/2, 9 (BLR, BT), pair at cliff Birdseye Mt. Ira 4/19 (RWP), 1 Rutland 4/29 (CJF), 1 E. Dorset 5/7 (RWS), 1 IRA 5/20 (SBL, BLR, DC, DPK, CDK), 1 Dorset 5/29 (EFG). Egg dates for captive raptors at the Vt. Raptor Center: American Kestrel 5/1, Red-shouldered Hawk 4/26.

GALLINACEOUS BIRDS THROUGH RAILS

Gray Partridge: 2 Swanton 3/18 (DLC). Peak of 20 at MNWR (JBG). Ring-necked Pheasant: 1 f. Washington 3/4, 11 (ATA), 1 m. Weybridge 3/14 (JMC), 1 m. Shoreham 3/28 (JMC), 1 Shoreham 4/1 (fide JID) probably same bird. No doubt releases. Spruce Grouse: up to 3 Island Pond area including MB 4/30 (DLC, BKB et al.), 1 Island Pond area 5/7 (BKB et al.), 1 "Three-toed Road" Bloomfield/Lewis 5/8, 14 (DLC), 2 MB 5/14 (DLC), displaying m. MB 5/20 (WGE, NLM, DHC, SJS), 1 m. Brunswick 5/25 (DLC). Good showing. Ruffed Grouse: reported widely. Some high counts: 9 Barre-E. Montpelier 3/26 (TSA), 8 Reading 4/19 (FMH, GEH), 3 Ripton 4/28 (MBN), 6 Natural Turnpike 5/13 (JRA). Nest found in Chester 5/9 with 6 eggs, later 10 eggs hatched in June (CEAd). Peak of 25 at MNWR (JBG). Wild Turkey: reported widely from the following areas: Killington, Mt. Tom Woodstock, Brattleboro, Rockingham, N. Clarendon, Salisbury, Dorset, Bristol, Wallingford, Reading, Chester, Putney, Grand Isle, S. Strafford, Pomfret, West Haven, Braintree. Some high counts: 31 Killington 3/1 (LS), 18 Mt. Tom 3/8 (LS), 18 Pomfret 3/8 (NLM, MCL), 35 Brattleboro area 3/23 (REG), 15 Grand Isle 4/1 (DJH). Peak of 2 MNWR (JBG). Northern Bobwhite: 1 Wolcott 3/1 at feeder through winter (SY), 1 Springfield 5/12 (WME) heard calling, 1 Middlebury 5/29 (JAP) "hanging around yard." Virginia Rail: 4 WRM 4/25 (CJF, DLC), 1 Newport area 4/30 (BKB et al.), 1 Burlington Intervale 5/3 (JDL1), 1 WRM 5/6 (SBL, BLR et al., see Red-tailed Hawk), 1 S. Bay Newport 5/9 (FO, JW), 1 CRH 5/12 (JJJC) there may be a new breeding site here because of higher water, 2-6 SBWMA 5/13 (RYG, JGG, WGE, NLM, WAM), 1 ABM 5/13 (AMD, REG), 2 DCWMA 5/13 (MBN), 1 Brandon 5/14 (SSW), 1 DCWMA 5/18 (FAP, WGE, NLM), 2 Shelburne Pond 5/19 (CSP), 24 heard Grand Isle 5/19 (DJH) the high count, on 5/20 at ABM SBWMA, WRM, DCWMA, BRM (m.ob.), also 2 Brandon

Orleans 5/25 (PFW,SAW). Whimbrel*: 2 So. Bay 4/30 (DLC). Semipalmated Sandpiper: 1 Middlebury 5/13 (JDL1), 2 Westminster 5/14 (REG), Craftsbury "late May" (CCE), 1 Chittenden Res. 5/23 (JMN). Least Sandpiper: 6 Westminster 5/14 (REG), 6 Shelburne Pond 5/14 (DLC), on 5/20 2 Newport (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 11 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 7 Westminster (JJC,SBL,BLR,DC,DPK,CDK), "Birdathon" (EE,HSP,LRB), 1 WRD 5/21 (SH,CNV,CD). Pectoral Sandpiper: 2 Waterbury Res. 5/11 (JDL1), 1 Grand Isle 5/13 (DJH), 1 Middlebury 5/19 (SSW). American Woodcock: 1 Clarendon 3/18 (CJF), 1 E. Dorset 3/25 (RWS), 1 S. Londonderry 3/27,29 (WJN), 1 Washington 3/27 (ATA), 1 Rutland 3/28,29 (CJF), 1 HC 3/28 (REG), 1 Lincoln 3/28 (JRA), 1 Reading 3/29 (FMB,GEH), 1 Cambridge 3/31 (RYG,JGG), 7 Rutland-Clarendon 4/1 (CJF) high count, 1 Colchester 4/2 (DLC), 4 Shelburne 4/2 (ECC,TGC), 5 Dorset 4/3 (EFG), 1 W. Brattleboro 4/5 (JJC), 1 Woodstock 4/5 (JMN), 1 Sheffield 4/6 (PFW,SAW), 2 Rutland Town 4/8 (WGE,NLM,LRB). Three m. displaying Johnson (VRS), 3 in an E. Dover yard 1 taken by a hawk - date? (MWA). Peak of 50 at MNWR (JBG). Common Snipe: 1 Clarendon 3/5,8 (CJF), overwintered, 1 S. Pomfret 3/17 (CF), 1 Woodstock 3/27 (CS), 1 Craftsbury 3/27 (FO), 1 Poultney 3/28 (CCR,MSL), 2 E. Creek Orwell 3/28 (JMN,EFG), on 4/1 1 Champlain Valley (WAM), 1 DCWMA (DLC), 5 Clarendon (CJF), 1 Ferrisburg 4/2 (JID,MCD), 1 W. Brattleboro 4/5 (JJC), 2 Weybridge 4/5 (MBN), 2 Leicester 4/7 (SSW), 1 Dorset 4/9 (EFG), 1 Waitsfield 4/9 (JDL1), 3 Shelburne 4/12 (CSP), 1 Sheffield 4/14 (PFW,SAW), 2 Westminster 4/14 (REG), 1 Grand Isle 4/16 (DJH). High count 30 S. Bay Newport 4/30 (DLC,BKB, et al.). Peak of 160 at MNWR (JBG).

GULLS AND TERNS

Bonaparte's Gull: 1 LaPlatte R. Shelburne 4/2 (CSP), 1 Taftsville 4/4 (NLM,DHC,MSL), 1 WRD 4/27 (DLC), 1 Waterbury Res. 5/10 (JDL1), 2 Ferrisburg 5/18 (WGE,DHC), 1 Morgan 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 1 Champlain Br. 5/20 (SBL,BLR,DC,DPK,CDK). Ring-billed Gull: overwintered where there was enough open water-150 Moretown 3/1 (TSA), 6 WRJct. 3/15 (JMN), 1-2 Grand Isle 3/15 (EMH), 675 migrating north Benson-Bridport 3/17 (WGE,NLM), 1 Brandon 3/17 (SSW), 100 Porter Bay 3/18 (CJF), 1 Rutland 3/19 (CJF), 350 DCWMA 3/20 (MWA,PAB), 150 Panton 3/20 (MBN), 55 Vernon 3/23 (REG), 250 Moretown 3/23 (TSA), 55 Bristol 3/24 (JRA). "Several" Champlain Valley 3/24 (RWS). High count 1500+ N. Lake Champlain 4/8 (WGE,NLM,LRB). The gull survey by (DEC) found 12,995 pairs breeding Young Isl. 5/19. Peak of 200 MNWR (JBG). Herring Gull: overwintered wherever there was sufficient open water-200 WRJct. 3/15 (JMN) the high count, 6 Woodstock 3/16 (CRP), 10 Moretown 3/19 (TSA), "several" Champlain Valley 3/24 (RWS), 4 L. Champlain 3/26 (JRA), 50 HC Rockingham Overlook 3/27 (WJN), 23 HC 3/28 (REG), 1 Brandon 4/4 (SSW), 20 MNWR 4/5 (JBG), 50+ N. L. Champlain 4/8 (WGE,NLM,LRB), 10 Burlington Harbor 4/9 (MWA,PAB), 50 HC 4/20 (WJN), 5 Newport 5/6 (BKB et al.), 1 Shelburne 5/9 (ECC,TGC), "several" SBWMA 5/13 (RYG,JGG), 1 Brandon 5/14 (SSW), 2 L. Bomoseen 5/20 (WJN). Gull survey (DEC) found 220 pairs nesting Young Isl. 5/19. Peak of 10 at MNWR (JBG). Glaucous Gull: 1 McCuen Slang 4/1 (DLC). Great Black-backed Gull: 150 Bellows Falls 3/1 (REG) high count, 12 WRJct. 3/15 (JMN), 2 Moretown 3/19 (TSA), "several" Champlain Valley 3/24 (RWS), 2 L. Champlain 3/26 (JRA), 1 Springfield Boat Landing 3/27 (WJN), 3 Bridport 3/28 (SSW), up to 50 HC 4/2-20 (WGE,NLM,LRB,WJN et al.), 20 MNWR 4/5 (JBG), 20 Grand Isle 4/6 (JID,MCD), 2 Burlington water front 4/9 (MWA,PAB), "several" MNWR 5/3 (JDL1), 1 Newport 5/6 (BKB et al.), 1 CRH 5/12 (JJC), 1 SBWMA 5/13 (RYG,JGG). A pair nesting at Young Isl. (gull survey

-15- DEC). Common Tern: 6 L. Champlain 4/26 (CCR,MSL), 2 Popasquash I. L. Champlain 4/29 (DLC), 2 St. Albans Pt. 5/1 (MWA,PAB), 3 St. Albans Bay 5/7 (WAM), 3-4 pr. Rock Isl. 5/17 (JDL1), 2 Ferrisburg 5/18 (WGE,DHC), on 5/20 1 L. Bomoseen (MWB,BAH,JiL,RL), 1 SBWMA (CL,NL), 1 Champlain Br. (SBL,BLR,DC,DPK,CDK), Popasquash area (m.ob.), "Birdathon" (CBH,BW), 8 Popasquash area 5/21 (CSP) high count. Black Tern: 1 WRD 4/27 (DLC), "several" MNWR 5/3 (JDL1), 2 Panton 5/4 (MBN), 5 DCWMA 5/6 (WAM), 2 S. Bay Newport 5/9 (FO), 4 DCWMA 5/10 (SSW), 37 WRD 5/11 (DAR) high count, 9 WRD 5/13 (CSP), 3 WRD 5/13 (TSA), 2 DCWMA 5/13 (JID,MCD), 4 Colchester 5/14 (WAM), 1 Hen Isl. 5/16 (CCR,MSL), up to 10-15 at DCWMA, WRD, S. Bay Newport 5/20 (m.ob.). Nest with 3 eggs DCWMA 5/29 (RWP). Peak of 75 at MNWR (JBG).

DOVES THROUGH KINGFISHER

Rock Dove: present around farms and towns as usual, the highest count was 50 Montpelier 4/2 (TSA). Mourning Dove: winters just about everywhere now, even in the Green Mtns. in such places as Lincoln and Winhall. Some high counts: up to 50 through the period - Randolph (EWC,MCC), 40 HC to WRM 5/20 (WJN), 31 Washington 3/4 (ATA). Nest with 2 eggs Craftsbury 5/20 (FO). Peak of 50 at MNWR (JBG). One banded at BNP (VINS). Black-billed Cuckoo: On 5/20 1 Middlebury (MBN), 1 HC (JJC), 1 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1 "Birdathon" (NER,JRL,JLM), 1 Ira (SBL,BLR,DC,DPK,CDK), 1 Bennington area (ERK,RSK), 1 WRM 5/21 (BLR,CY,MY), 1 Norwich 5/21 (GFE), 1 Shelburne 5/23 (CSP), 1 ABM 5/25 (WJN), 1 Braintree 5/26 (AFK), 1 Dorset 5/28 (EFG), 1 Brattleboro 5/28 (JJC), 1 Ira 5/28 (WGE,NLM), 1 Randolph 5/29 (EWC,MCC), 1 Springfield/Rockingham Town Line 5/30 (WJN), 2 Brattleboro 5/30 (JJC), 1 E. Creek 5/31 (ET), 6 reported for late May in Dummerston (AGK). Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 1 Middlebury 5/26 (MBN), 1 West Haven 5/27 (DLC), 1 Springweather NA 5/30 (WJN). Eastern Screech-Owl: 1 calling Lincoln 3/31, 4/7 (JRA) first time there, 1 Bridport 5/20 (JSA,KMA,WME,SSB). Peak of 10 at MNWR (JBG). Great Horned Owl: on nest Alburg 3/1 (CCR), 1 WRD 4/2 (CSP,TSA), 1 Weybridge 4/25 (MBN) injured bird taken to VINS, 1 Grand Isle 5/1 (DJH), 1 Woodstock 5/3 (JDL), 1 Dorset 5/9 (EFG), 1 Shelburne Pt. 5/10-15 (BPR,DR), on 5/20 2 DCWMA (m.ob.), 1 Saxtons R. (SBL,BLR,DC,DPK,CDK); 1 Shelburne (CL,NL). Peak of 6 at MNWR (JBG). Snowy Owl: 1 Brattleboro 4/14,15 (DJ,LR). Barred Owl: Still the most frequently reported owl, reported through the period but much less frequently than formerly. This observer did not hear it in Winhall until May, where in past years it was heard daily from Feb. on. High count 4 West Brattleboro 5/6 (JJC). Nest with 3 eggs found Norwich 4/9 (BR). Peak of 3 at MNWR (JBG). Short-eared Owl: 1 DCWMA 3/26 (DLC), 1 at MNWR in April (JBG), 1 DCWMA 5/20 (SBL,BLR,DC,DPK,CDK). Northern Saw-whet Owl: 1 calling Craftsbury 4/13,14 (FO,JW), 1 Winhall 5/13 (WJN), 1 Smugglers Notch 5/20 (RYG,JGG), 1 Saxtons R. 5/20 (SBL,BLR,DC,DPK,CDK). Poor spring for them. Some egg dates for captive owls at VINS Raptor Center: Great Horned Owl 4/6, Barred Owl 4/5, Northern Hawk Owl 5/1. Common Nighthawk: arrived in many places for Birdathon 5/20 (m.ob.), 1 Winooski 5/21 (MWA,PAB), 2 Winooski 5/24 (CSP), 1 Springfield 5/25 (WME), 2 5/29 Springfield (WME), 7 Montpelier 5/29 (TSA), 1 Burlington 5/29 (DLC), 1 Woodstock 5/31 (JMN). Chuck-will's widow: A report of one heard across the water from Isle La Motte 5/15 (DD) too distant to record and not heard subsequently. Observers should be on the lookout (or "listenout") for this species as its range moves closer to Vermont, and keep a tape recorder handy for documentation. Whip-poor-will: on 5/20 3 Salisbury (WME), 1 Bloomfield (DK), 1 Brattleboro (JJC), 1 Montpelier (DW), 1 Milton (GB), 1 Saxtons R. (SBL,BLR,DC,DPK,CDK), 1 "Birdathon" Rutland Cty.

(MB,RT,PF), 2 WRM 5/29 (CJF). Poor showing for them. Chimney Swift: 4 Lincoln Hill 4/9 (WRB) seen while hawkwatching very early, 10 Springfield 4/29 (WME), 1 E. Dorset 4/29 (RWS), 22 Rutland 4/29 (CJF), 1 Rutland 5/3 (BLR), 1 5/4 5 5/5 Woodstock (SBL,NLM), 6 Montpelier 5/4 (TSA), on 5/6 5 Saxtons R. (REG), 6 Chester (CEAd), 4 Brandon (SSW), 8 Rutland 5/8 (RWP), 2 Shelburne 5/9 (CSP), 25 the high count Woodstock 5/31 (JMN). Despite an early arrival, many people felt that this species was scarce. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 1 Craftsbury 5/6 (FO), 1 Woodstock 5/7 (JDL), 1 Saxtons R. 5/7 (REG), 1 Randolph 5/9 (EWC,MCC), 1 Springfield 5/9 (WME), on 5/13 1 Woodstock (JMN), 1 Brandon (SSW), 1 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), on 5/14 1 Mt. Peg Woodstock (MCL), 1 Barnard (JNF), 1 Chester (CEAd), 1 Washington 5/15 (ATA), 2 Braintree 5/15 (AFK), 1 Woodstock 5/16 (CRP), 1 Shefffield 5/17 (PFW,SAW), on 5/18 1 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 1 S. Strafford (HR), 1 Lincoln (JRA), 1 BNP (VINS), 1 Island Pond 5/19,20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). High counts 4 Winhall 5/29 (WJN), 4 "late May" Braintree (AFK). Two netted at BNP tail clipped only (VINS). Belted Kingfisher: wintered along open rivers, 1 Ctr. Rutland 3/4 (CJF), 1 Quechee 3/13 (KRT), 1 Woodstock 3/14 (CRP), 1 Westminster 3/14 (REG), 1 WRJct. 3/15 (JMN), 1 Essex Jct. 3/22 (TSA), 1 E. Dorset 3/23 (RWS), 1 Westminster 2 Vernon 3/23 (REG), 1 Underhill 3/25 (RYG,JGG), 1 Randolph 3/25 (EWC,MCC), 1 Tinmouth 3/31 (PMB), 1 Shelburne Bay 3/31 (WAM), widespread by April. The high counts 7 DCWMA 4/8 (WGE,NLM,LRB), 7 Newport area 5/16 (BKB et al.), pair at West R. S. Londonderry 4/26 excavating nest burrow (WJN), peak of 12 at MNWR (JBG).

WOODPECKERS

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER: 1 reported Bridport 3/7 (AC) also seen in February. Pair in Poultney 5/14 (RMR) eating sunflower seeds and suet, 1 SBWMA 5/20 (BW). Red-headed Woodpecker: 1 W. Addison 5/18 (WGE,DHC), 1 DCWMA 5/20 (WME), 1 Orwell/Shoreham 5/21 (SMH). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: heard drumming Addison 3/26 (JRA), 1 Reading 4/9 (FMH,GEH), 1 Springfield 4/10 (WME), 1 Dorset 4/11 (CCR,MSL), 1 Westminster 4/12 (AMD), 1 W. Brattleboro 4/14 (JJC), on 4/15 1 Winhall (WJN), 1 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 1 BNP (NLM), 1 Chester 4/18 (CEAd), on 4/21 1 Braintree (AFK), 1 Mt. Philo (JID,MCD), 1 Burlington (MWA,PAB), 4-6 MNWR 4/22 (ECC,TGC), 1 Shrewsbury 4/22 (CJF), 2 Shelburne 4/25 (WAM). High count 15 Reading 4/29 (FMH,GEH). Parent feeding young in cavity Tinmouth 5/29 (CJF). Downy Woodpecker: widely reported through the period. Some high counts: 5 Westminster and Poultney 3/4 (REG), 4 Grand Isle 3/4 (EMH), 12 Benson 3/17 (WGE,NLM), 12 Brandon 4/5 (SSW), 4 Hancock 4/23 (MBN), 5 Dorset 4/30 (EFG), 20+ Milton to Westford 5/13 (WGE,NLM,WAM, et al.). Female hit window Woodstock 4/8 (JMN) survived had been banded at VINS 7/12/88. Hairy Woodpecker: widely reported through the period. Some high counts: 4 Winhall - period (WJN), 4 Lake Carmi 3/1 (PJM), 4 Westminster-Putney 3/4 (REG), 6 Benson 3/17 (WGE,NLM). Black-backed Woodpecker: 1 f. Cambridge 5/5 (RYG,JGG), pr. MB 5/6-7 (BKB et al.), 1 m. Ferdinand 5/19 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). Northern Flicker: 1 Vernon 3/19 (WGE,NLM), 1 LaPlatte R. Shelburne 3/24 (ECC), 1 Woodstock 3/27 (CMW), 1 Springfield/Rockingham Town Line 3/27 (WJN), 1 Braintree 3/28 (AFK), 1 E. Dorset 3/28 (RWS), 1 Rockingham 3/29 (REG), 1 Weybridge 4/2 (MBN), 1 La Platte R. Shelburne 4/2 (CSP), 1 Button Bay 4/3 (MWA,PAB), 3 Chester 4/4 (CEAd), 2 Woodstock 4/4 (JMN), 1 Lyndonville 4/5 (PFW,SAW), 1 Brandon 4/6 (SSW), 1 Dorset 4/9 (EFG), 3 Rockingham 4/9 (WGE,NLM,LRB), 1 HC 4/9 (AMD), 6 W. Brattleboro 4/10 (JJC). High counts: 8 Reading 4/30 (FMH,GEH), 12 HC to WRM 5/20 (WJN). Two banded at BNP (VINS). Pileated Woodpecker: Reported throughout the state. Some high

-16- counts: 3 Winhall through period (WJN), 3 Brandon through May (SSW) nesting, 11 Ferdinand to DCWMA 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 3 W. Brattleboro 5/30 (JJC). Active nest at SBWMA 5/19,20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). Peak of 6 at MNWR (JBG).

FLYCATCHERS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: 2 DAR SP Addison 5/13 (JDLI), 1 Ripton 5/15 (MBN), 1 S. Duxbury 5/19 (FAP), on 5/20 1 Grafton (SBL,BLR,DC,DPK,CDK), 1 Salisbury (MDB,BB), 1 Londonderry (WSA,JA), 1 Passumpsic (CAj), "Birdathon" (EE,HSP,LRB), 1 Tinmouth (PMB), 1 Berlin Pond 5/21 (BMP), 1 Braintree 5/22 (RAM), 1 Reading 5/25 (FMH,GGH), 1 Washington 5/26 (ATA), 1 Sheffield 5/27,28 (PFW,SAW), 1 Ira 5/28 (WGE,NLM), 1 Tinmouth 5/27 (RWP), 3 Victory 5/30 (TGC,ECC) the high count.

Eastern Wood-Pewee: one Winhall 5/5 (WJN) early, 1 HC 5/17 (WJN), on 5/20 1 Island Pond (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 1 Dorset (EFG), 1 DCWMA (CHB), 1 W. Brattleboro 5/21 (JJC), 3 Milton 5/21 (WAM), 1 Reading 5/22 (FMH,GGH), 1 Winhall 5/23 (WJN), 1 Marlboro 5/23 (DLC), on 5/24 1 Brandon (SSW), 2 Woodstock (SBL et al.,JMN), 1 Cambridge 5/25 (RYG,JGG), 1 Woodstock 5/25 (CRP).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 1 Red Rocks Park S. Burlington (hereafter RRP) 5/15 (MWA,PAB), on 5/20 1 Brunswick (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 1 Shrewsbury (SBL,BLR,DC,DPK,CDK), 1 "Birdathon" (EE,HSP,LRB), 1 Norton 5/21 (BKB et al.), 1 HC 5/25 (WJN), 1 Ira 5/28 (WGE,NLM). Three banded at BNP (5/30,31) (VINS).

Alder Flycatcher: 1 Dorset 5/19 (EFG), on 5/20 1 Bennington area (ERK,RSK), 4 Brighton (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 1 WRM (JJC), 1 Sheffield 5/20,27 (PFW,SAW), 5 Berlin Pond 5/21 (BMP) the high count, 1 Leicester 5/23 (JRA), 1 Winhall 5/23 (WJN), 1 BNP 5/24 (SBL et al.), 2 Barton Swamp 5/25 (PFW,SAW), 1 Springweather NA 5/25 (WJN), 1 Craftsbury 5/27 (FO,CSP), 3 Bristol Notch 5/27 (JRA), 4 WRM 5/28 (WGE,NLM). Willow Flycatcher: 1 S. Bay Newport 5/9 (FO), 1 Rochester 5/9 (TSA), both early. 1 Ferrisburg 5/13 (JID,MCD), 1 Cottonbrook Waterbury 5/14 (JDLI), 1 HC 5/17 (WJN), 1 HC 5/19 (AMD), on 5/20 1 Weybridge (MBN), 1 HC (JJC), 1 Cambridgeport (SBL,BLR,DC,DPK,CDK), 1 Berlin Pond 5/21 (BMP), on 5/25 1 ABM (WJN), 1 Brandon (SSW), 6 DCWMA (MBN) the high count, 1 DCWMA 5/27 (WAM), 1 St. Albans 5/28 (SSW). One retrap at BNP--banded Aug. 1986 (VINS).

"Traill's" type: 5 banded at BNP over 3 dates (VINS). Least Flycatcher: 1 Braintree 5/2 (AFK), 1 HC 5/3 (REG), 1 BNP 5/4 (VINS), on 5/5 1 Washington (ATA), 1 ABM (AMD), 1 Middlebury (MBN), 1 WRM 5/6 (SBL et al.), 1 Dorset 5/7 (EFG), 3 Middlesex 5/7 (TSA), on 5/13 2 L. Dunmore (WME), 1 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 12 L. Dunmore 5/14 (TSA) the high count, "several" Cottonbrook 5/14 (JDLI), 4 Brandon 5/14 (SSW), 3 E. Monkton 5/14 (CSP), 1 Winhall 5/15 (WJN), 2 Lincoln 5/17 (JRA), 1 Craftsbury 5/19 (FO). Nine banded over 7 dates at BNP (VINS). Flycatcher sp.: a bird photographed at Grand Isle 4/2 (DJH) and thought to be an Empidonax led to much discussion among members of the Vermont Bird Records Committee but no conclusion as to its identity. Eastern Phoebe: 1 Chester 3/17 (CEAd), 4 CRH 3/19 (JJC), 4 Ferrisburg 3/24 (JID,MCD), on 3/27 1 Brandon (SSW), 1 BNP (SS), 1 HC (REG), 1 E. Dorset (RWS), on 3/28 1 Springfield (WME), 1 Hartland (WGE,NLM), 1 Reading (FMH,GEH), 2 W. Bridport (JMN,EFG), 1 Grand Isle (EMH), 1 Tinmouth (PMB), 1 Winhall (WJN), 1 Dorset 3/29 (EFG), 2 RRP 3/29 (MWA,PAB), 1 Woodstock 3/29 (CRP). High counts 12 Tinmouth 4/9 (CJF), 12 Grand Isle 4/14 (DJH). VINS banded 18 at BNP over 12 dates, also 5 retraps. Numerous reports of nesting. Great Crested Flycatcher: 2 RRP 5/4 (WAM), 1 Randolph 5/5 (EWC,MCC), 1 Dorset 5/6 (EFG), 1 Cambridge 5/9 (RYG,JGG), 1 Weybridge 5/11 (MBN), on 5/13 1 DCWMA (JDLI), 2 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 6 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD) the high count, 3 SBWMA (WGE,NLM et al.), 1 RRP (CSP),

2 Grand Isle 5/14 (DJH), 2 Brandon 5/15 (SSW), 1 Woodstock 5/16 (JMN), 1 Braintree 5/16 (AFK), 1 Montpelier 5/17 (TSA), 2 HC 5/17 (WJN), 3 Grand Isle 5/19 (DJH). Eastern Kingbird: 1 reported Braintree 4/18 (AFK) very early record, 1 HC 4/28 (DC,WJN), 1 Rockingham 5/1 (REG), 5 Colchester Pt. 5/2 (MWA,PAB), 1 Brandon 5/3 (SSW), 1 Dorset 5/5 (EFG), 1 Woodstock 5/5 (SBL et al.), on 5/6 2 Grand Isle (DJH,EMH), 1 ABM (AMD), 1 Bristol Pond (JRA), 1 WRM (SBL et al.), 4 DCWMA (WAM), 3 Rutland 5/7 (CJF), 1 Woodstock 5/8 (NLM), on 5/9 1 E. Dorset (RWS), 2 Shelburne Pond (CSP), 2 Shelburne (TGC,ECC), 2 Newport (FO,JW), 1 Washington 5/10 (ATA), 1 Weybridge 5/11 (MBN), 1 Woodstock 5/12 (JMN), on 5/13 1 Chester (CEAd), 1 Milton (RYG,JGG), 4 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 5 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 3 L. Carmi 5/15 (PJM). High count 13 HC to WRM 5/20 (WJN).

LARKS THROUGH SWALLOWS

Horned Lark: 7 3/1 60 3/8 D WMA (SSW), 5 Panton 3/2 (MBN), 10 Craftsbury 3/12 (JW,FO), 25 Champlain Valley 3/14 (WAM), 1 Alburg 3/15 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 15 Addison 3/18 (CJF), 25 Champlain Valley 3/19 (WAM), "flock" Grand Isle 3/19 (DJH), 40 Addison/Bristol 3/20 (MBN), 50+ Craftsbury 3/20 (FO,JW), 3 DCWMA 3/20 (REG), 4 Ferrisburg 3/24 (JID,MCD), "several" Champlain Valley 3/24 (RWS), 2 Charlotte 3/26 (ATA), 2 Button Bay SP 4/3 (MWA,PAB), 1 DCWMA 4/7 (SSW), 36 DCWMA 4/8 (WGE,NLM,LRB), 1 Panton 4/11 (MBN), 5 DCWMA 5/7 (JDL1), 2-4 DCWMA 5/20 (ATA,JJC et al.). Purple Martin: 1 Ferrisburg 4/5 early (JID,MCD), 1 Grand Isle 4/25 (EMH), 2 N. Hero 4/27 (CCR), 1 Grand Isle 4/30 (DJH), 2 St. Albans 5/6 (DLC), 6 Addison 5/6 (WAM), 6 DCWMA 5/8 (MBN), 10 Panton 5/8 (CSP), 1 McCuen Slang 5/11 (SSW), 6 Ferrisburg 5/13 (JID,MCD), 20+ Addison 5/18 (WGE,DHC,MCL), 20+ Addison-DCWMA 5/20 (m.ob.), 1 Berlin 5/20 (ATA), 16 Monkton 5/22 (JRA).

Tree Swallow: 1 Hartland 3/21 (DHC), 1 Tintmouth 3/23 (PMB), on 3/27 4 Brandon (SSW), 2 WRD (CSP), 2 BNP (NLM), on 3/28 1 New Haven (JRA), 27 HC (REG), 2 Moretown (FAP), 2 E. Creek 4 DCWMA (JMN,EFG), 4 RM 3/29 (WJN), 3 Button Bay 4/1 (DLC), 4 McCuen Slang 4/1 (WAM), 3 Tintmouth Channel 4/2 (CJF), several WRD 4/3 (JDL1), 1 Charlotte 4/4 (MBN), several E. Dorset 4/4 (RWS), 6 Grand Isle 4/5 (EMH), 1 Woodstock 4/5 (CRP), 1 MNWR 4/6 (JBG), 30 Ferrisburg 4/6 (JID,MCD), 3 Barnard 4/7 (JNF), 2 Lyndonville 4/7 (PFW). High count 500+ HC 4/28 (WJN). Two banded and 4 retraps BNP (VINS). Northern Rough-winged Swallow: 1 The Gut Grand Isle 4/8 (TSA,FAP), 2 HC 4/20 (WJN), 1 Rockingham 4/22 (REG), 1 HC 4/22 (DC), 1 Shelburne Pond 4/25 (CSP), 3 N. Hero 4/26 (CCR,MSL), 1 DCWMA 4/29 (DLC), 1 E. Dorset 4/29 (RWS), 2 Salisbury 5/4 (SSW), 2 Grand Isle 5/4 (DJH), 2 Berlin 5/4 (ATA), 1 ABM 5/5 (AMD), 1 WRM 5/6 (SBL et al.), 1 Taftsville 5/8 (NLM), 2 Berlin 5/11 (ATA), 8-10 Grand Isle 5/13 (DJH), 14 Arnold Bay Rd. 5/18 (WGE,DHC) the high count, 2 Meach Cove 5/20 (ATA), 6 Springfield Boat Landing 5/20 (WJN), 2 W. Haven 5/25 (SSW). Bank Swallow: 6 CRH 4/26 (JJC), 10 HC and ABM 4/28 (WJN), 1 E. Dorset 4/29 (RWS), 8 S. Bay Newport 4/30 (DLC), 3 Berlin 5/4 (ATA), 1 ABM 5/5 (AMD), 1 WRM 5/6 (SBL et al.), 6 Chester 5/7 (CEAd), 5 DCWMA 5/8 (MBN), 6 Shelburne Pt. 5/10 (BPR,DR), 6 Berlin 5/11 (ATA), 2 Quechee 5/14 (WGE,NLM), high count 100+ HC-SRTL 5/25 (WJN). Cliff Swallow: 1 HC 1 ABM 4/28 (WJN), 4 S. Bay 4/30 (DLC,BKB et al.), 1 Berlin 4/30 (BMP), on 5/6 2 S. Bay (BKB et al.), 1 Bristol Pond (JRA), 1 WRM (SBL et al.), 1 DCWMA 5/8 (MBN), 3 Shelburne Pt. 5/10 (BPR,DR), 2 Westford 5/13 (WGE,NLM), 3 Winhall 5/14 (WJN), on 5/20 S. Bay (RYG,JGG), 2 Chester 5/22 (CEAd), nesting L. Bomoseen 5/26 (RWP), 1 Craftsbury 5/27 (CSP). High count 12 Chester 5/31 (CEAd). Colony on a business building in downtown Manchester (AS). Barn Swallow: 1 Alburg 4/15 (DLC), 6 Braintree

-17- 4/20 (AFK), 1 Champlain Valley 4/22 (WAM), on 4/25 4 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 Chester (CEA), 2 WRM (CJF), 20 HC (WJN), on 4/26 5 Coventry (FO,JW), 2 Addison (JRA), 1 Weybridge (MBN), 14 Shelburne Pond (CSP), 6 CRH (JJC), 3 Shelburne (CCR,MSL), 8 Grand Isle 4/27 (DJH), 1 Panton 4/27 (REG), 2 L. Carmi 4/27 (PJM), 20 HC 4/28 (WJN), 2 W. Arlington 4/28 (CJF), 1 Springfield 4/28 (WME), 1 E. Dorset 4/29 (RWS), 20 Bristol Pond 4/29 (MBN), on 4/30 11 Brandon (SSW), 2 Dorset (EFG), 15 Burlington (MWA<PAB), 1 TWDR (ATA), 3 S. Bay Newport (BKB,DLC et al.). High count 70 HC 5/20 (WJN).

CORVIDS THROUGH CREEPER

Gray Jay: 1 Ferdinand 4/9 (DLC), 3 4/29, 3 4/30, 5 5/6, 2 5/7 all MB (BKB, DLC et al.), 1 Island Pond 5/8 (MWA,PAB), 4 MB 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS,JDL1 et al.), 6 incl. yg. 5/31 MB (ECC). All reports are from the same general area. Blue Jay: some high counts: up to 75 per day March and April Winhall (WJN), 23 Washington 3/11 (ATA), 32 Sheffield 3/10 (PFW,SAW), 20 March Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 44 Benson 3/17 (WGE,NLM). AT BNP - 2 banded and 4 retrapped (VINS). American Crow: overwintered in all but the higher mountain areas. Some high counts: 850 migrants Benson-Orwell 3/17 (WGE,NLM), 200 Ferrisburg 3/10 (JID,MCD), 45 Lincoln 3/25 (JRA), 100+ HC 3/27 (WJN), 40 Craftsbury 3/28 (FO,JW), 150 S. Bay Newport 4/8 (PFW,SAW), 30 "still migrating high overhead" Mt. Holly 5/1 (WJN). "Carrying nesting material" New Haven 3/11 (CJF), "nest with audible young" Woodstock 5/8 (LLB). Peak of 45 at MNWR (JBG). Common Raven: occurs throughout the state, breeding in most areas including sites in the Champlain Valley. Some of the higher counts: 3 Mt. Philo 3/24 (JID,MCD), 3 Brandon Gap 3/27 (MBN), 3 Rockingham 3/28 (REG), 4 Lincoln Hill 4/9 (WRB), 4 MB 4/30, 5/6,7 (BKB,DLC et al.). Two with nestlings Smugglers Notch 5/20 (RYG,JGG). At feeders!, 1 eating cracked corn Winhall 3/19 (WJN), 2 came into yard for bread Washington 3/11 (ATA). Black-capped Chickadee: some high counts: 34 Westminster-Putney 3/4 (REG), 50 Reading 3/10 (FMH,GEH), 80 Benson 3/17 (WGE,NLM), 40 daily through March Winhall (WJN). One with white tail Grand Isle 4/7 (DJH). Numerous nesting reports: "pair in nesting box--evicted by Tree Swallows" Brownsville (BMH), "nest in bluebird box 3 eggs" Brandon 5/29 (SSW), "excavating nest cavity in 5' broken tree" Washington (ATA). At BNP 27 banded over 15 dates and 26 retrapped (17 from previous years - 1 from 1982) (VINS). Boreal Chickadee: present at feeders Sheffield 3/5-5/4 (PFW,SAW), 1 Wolcott 3/7 (CCR,GPL,DS), 2 Ferdinand 4/9 (DLC), resident population Craftsbury-Greensboro (FO), 1 4/29, 10 4/30, 11 5/6, 4 5/7 MB (DLC,BKB et al.), 14 Ferdinand 5/8 (DLC), 1 Isl. Pond area 5/5 (MWA,PAB), 6 Ferdinand 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS,JDL1,m.ob.), 1 Brownington 5/20 (GSH). These reports are mostly from the same general area, no doubt some duplication. Tufted Titmouse: now widespread in the Connecticut and Champlain Valleys. High counts and sightings elsewhere: 3 Westminster 3/6 (AMD), 1 Warren 3/8-17 (MG), 4 Ferrisburg 3/13 (JID,MCD), 5 L. Bomoseen 3/17 (WGE,NLM), 1 South Londonderry 4/19 (WJN), 1 Randolph 4/28 (EWC,MCC) - rare there. Family 2 ad. 3 yg. 1st confirmed breeding record Woodstock 5/30 (JMN). Red-breasted Nuthatch: resident at higher elevations. Some high counts: "up to 6 per day through period" Winhall (WJN), 7 L. Horton 3/17 (WGE,NLM), 4 Reading 3/27 (FMH,GEH), 4 RRP 3/29 (MWA,PAB), 10 MB 5/6 (BKB et al.), 4 Ferdinand 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), "Birds observed excavating hole in dead white pine" L. Bomoseen 4/21 (RWP), "pair nesting in maple stub" Lincoln 5/16 (JRA) first nesting there in 20 years for this observer. White-breasted Nuthatch: some high counts: 11 Westminster-Putney 3/4 (REG), 14 Benson 3/17 (WGE,NLM), 6 Brandon thru period (SSW), 6 Reading 4/17 (FMH,GEH). "Pair 5/31 displaying and guarding

nest hole in maple tree, red squirrels fended off" Brandon (SSW), "nested in a hole in a silver maple 10 ft. up" Dorset (EFG). Brown Creeper: widespread, some counts: 1-2 at feeders Winhall March (AS), 1 at peanut butter feeder Washington 4/8 (ATA), 4 Lincoln 4/27,28 (JRA), 12 MB 5/6 (BKB et al.), 6 SBWMA 5/13 (WGE,NLM,WAM et al.), "one nest building behind loose bark in a dead tree about 4m high" Tinmouth 5/27 (RWP). One banded at BNP (VINS).

WRENS

Carolina Wren: 1 Brandon 3/2,15 (SSW), 1 Charlotte 3/28 (JID,MCD), 1 HC 4/14 (WJN), 1 Ferrisburg 4/19 (JID,MCD), 3 Shelburne 5/4-15 (BPR,DR) "nesting in small free-swinging bird house - second year there", 1 CRH 5/12 (JJJC) first there, 1 Springfield/Rockingham town line 5/20 (WJN), 1 Burlington 5/29 (Har) "deserted nest in shed after equipment was moved". Good spring for them - thank the mild winters. House Wren: 1 Craftsbury 4/26 (REG), 1 Brandon 5/4 (SSW), on 5/5 1 CRH (JJJC), 2 Dorset (EFG,RWS), on 5/6 1 SBWMA (DLC), 1 Springfield (WME), 1 WRM (SBL et al.), 2 DAR SP Addison (WAM), 1 Randolph 5/9 (EWC,MCC), 1 Shelburne 5/9 (ECC), 2 Converse Bay 5/12 (TSA), 1 Grand Isle 5/12 (DJH), on 5/13 3 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 Winhall (WJN), 2 Milton (WGE,NLM, et al.), 1 Rutland (CJF). High count 5 Brandon 5/29 (SSW). Many observers in N. Vt. considered them to be in poor numbers. Winter Wren: 1 Island Pond 3/6 (JBW) "wintered at feeder-survived" 1 Norwich 3/9 (CCR) also a wintering bird. 1 E. Dorset 3/23 (RWS), 1 Clarendon 3/25 (CJF), 3 Reading 3/29 (FMH,GEH), 1 W. Brattleboro 4/4 (JJJC), 1 Middletown Springs 4/8 (CJF), 3 Brunswick 4/9 (DLC), 3 W. Brattleboro 4/13 (JJJC), 3 Huntington 4/15 (CSP), 3 L. Dunmore 4/15 (RWP), 1 Ferrisburg 4/17 (JID,MCD), 1 Shelburne 4/20 (WAM), 1 Rockingham 4/22 (REG), 1 Sheffield 4/27 (PFW,SAW), 1 Hartland 4/28 (NLM). High count 10 MB 4/29 (BKB et al.). Marsh Wren: 1 Mud Creek 4/27 (REG), 1 DCWMA 4/29 (DLC), 1 WRM 5/6 (SBL et al.), 3 CRH 5/6 (JJJC), 6 WRM 5/13 (MBN,JDL1), 1 Ferrisburg 5/13 (JID,MCD), 3 DCWMA 5/16 (SSW), 10 DCWMA 5/18 (WGE,NLM), 1 Berlin Pond 5/19 (TSA), 4 Shelburne Pd. 5/19 (CSP), 3 HC 5/20 (WJN). Widespread DCWMA, WRM, SBWMA, BRM 5/20 (m.ob.). High count 12 WRM 5/28 (WGE,NLM).

MUSCICAPIDAE

Golden-crowned Kinglet: winters in conifers in most areas. Some high counts: 8 W. Brattleboro 4/8 (JJJC), 12 Ferrisburg 4/18 (JID,MCD), 20+ MB 4/29, 5/6-7 (BKB,DLC et al.), 18+ Ferdinand 5/20 (WEG,NLM,DHC,SJS), "nest high in spruce" Washington 5/5 (ATA). Seven banded over 3 dates at BNP (VINS). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 1 W. Brattleboro 4/5 (JJJC), 2 RRP 4/8 (WAM), 2 Ferdinand 4/9 (DLC), 1 BNP 4/10 (CCR,MSL), on 4/15 1 Montpelier (TSA), 2 Middletown Spgs. (CJF), 1 HC (REG,AMD), 1 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 BNP 4/17 (JMN), 8 Ferrisburg 4/18 (JID,MCD), 1 E. Dorset 4/19 (RWS), 2 HC 4/20 (WJN), 1 RRP 4/23 (CSP), 5 Wallingford 4/23 (CJF), 1 Ripton 4/28 (MBN), 1 Grand Isle 4/28 (DJH), on 4/29 1 Dorset (EFG), 4 Reading (FMH,GGH), "several" Lincoln (JRA), 5 Braintree (RAM), 1 Craftsbury (FO), 1 Sheffield (PFW,SAW), 6 Bristol Pond (MBN), on 4/30 2 Washington (ATA), 2 Brandon (SSW), 3 Woodstock (JMN). High counts: 10 Winhall 4/30 (WJN), 10 Berlin Pond 5/1 (BMP), 10-12 Craftsbury 5/2 (FO,VS), 20 MB 4/29, 5/6 (BKB et al.), 24 banded over 10 dates and 1 retrap BNP (VINS). Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 1 Vernon 4/26 (JJJC), 1 E. Dorset 5/2 (RWS), 3 HC 5/3 (DC,REG), 1 WRM 5/6 (SBL et al.), 2 Sharon 5/11 (LG), 3 SBWMA 5/13 (WGE,NLM,RYG,JGG, et al.), 1 Lewis Creek 5/13 (JID,MCD), 2 DCWMA 5/15 (JID,MCD), 2 HC 5/15 (AMD) building nest, 2 Ferrisburg 5/18 (WGE,DHC), on 5/20 1 Rockingham (WJN), 1 Putney

(JJC), 1 DCWMA (CSP,SSW), present at SBWMA and West Haven from 5/2 on (m.ob.). High count 5 West Haven 5/28 (WGE,NLM). MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD: one of the co-stars of the spring. A male first discovered by (JA) photographed by (RBL) present at Grand Isle 4/2-8 (JA,RBL,DJH,WGE m.ob.). Eastern Bluebird: 1 Dorset 3/15 (EFG), 1 Westminster 3/17 (AMD), 1 L. Hortonia 3/17 (WGE,NLM), 2 RM 3/18 (JJJC), 3 Winhall 3/20 (WJN), on 3/23 1 BNP (CS), 3 Chester (CEAD), 2 Vernon (REG), 2 Brownsville 3/25,26 (BMH,MBP), on 3/27 2 Washington (ATA), 2 Braintree (AFK), 1 Tinmouth (PMB), 1 N. Bridgewater (MH), 1 Brandon (SSW), 7 Chester (CEAD), 2 Ferrisburg 3/29 (JID,MCD). High count 12 Chelsea 3/30 (SHT). One ad. banded (4 nestlings 5/25) and 2 retraps BNP (VINS). Many reports of successful nesting--seems like a good year for them in most places. Veery: 2 MNWR 5/1 (ECC), 2 Woodstock 5/5 (CRP,SBL et al.), 1 E. Dorset 5/7 (RWS), 1 Brighton 5/7 (DLC), 1 Woodstock 5/9 (JMN), 2 HC 5/9 (WJN), on 5/13 1 Lincoln (JRA), 6 W. Brattleboro (JJJC), 1 SBWMA (WGE et al.), on 5/14 1 Brandon (SSW), 1 Huntington (CSP), 1 Dorset (EFG), 1 Rockingham 5/16 (REG), 2 Washington 5/18 (ATA), 1 Sheffield 5/18 (PFW,SAW), on 5/19 1 Berlin (TSA), 1 S. Strafford (HR), 1 HC (AMD). High count 30 HC to WRM 5/20 (WJN). Gray-cheeked Thrush: 1 Winhall 5/13-16 (WJN). This individual stayed for 4 days feeding around a large pile of logs cut during the winter, 1 Brunswick 5/25 (DLC). Swainson's Thrush: 1 Dorset 5/14 (EFG), 1 L. Dunmore 5/14 (TSA), 1 W. Brattleboro 5/16 (JJJC), 1 S. Duxbury 5/18 (FAP), on 5/20 1 Ferdinand, 1 Brunswick (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 1 Smugglers Notch (RYG,JGG), 1 Ripton (WME et al.), 1 Winhall (WJN), 1 "Birdathon" (EE,HSP,LRB), 1 Putney (DME), 1 W. Brattleboro (JJJC), 1 Shelburne (CL,NL), 1 Shrewsbury (SBL,BLR,DC,DPK,CDK), 1 Smugglers Notch 5/21 (CNV,SH,CD), 1 HC 5/25 (WJN), 1 Smugglers Notch 5/27 (JDL1), 1 Dorset 5/28 (EFG). Hermit Thrush: 1 Duxbury 4/5 (EBP), 1 Chester 4/8 (CEAD), 1 Reading 4/9 (FMH,GEH), 1 W. Brattleboro 4/10 (JJJC), 1 S. Duxbury 4/10 (FAP), 1 E. Dorset 4/11 (RWS), 1 Ferrisburg 4/12 (JID,MCD), on 4/15 1 RRP (WAM), 2 Middletown Spgs. (CJF), 1 Woodstock (JMN), 2 RRP 4/16 (DLC), 1 Shelburne 4/17 (TGC,ECC), 1 BNP 4/17 (VINS), 1 Winhall 4/18 (WJN), 1 Westminster 4/18 (AMD), 4 Braintree 4/20 (RAM), 1 Rockingham 4/22 (REG), 2 Shrewsbury 4/22 (CJF), 9 RRP 4/23 (CSP), 1 Hancock 4/23 (MBN), 3 BNP 4/24 (VINS), 2 Lincoln 4/25 (JRA). High count 28 Ferdinand/Brunswick 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). Five banded on 3 dates and 2 retrapped at BNP (VINS). Wood Thrush: 2 reported MNWR 4/22 (TGC,ECC), 1 Putney 4/24 (JJJC) both early, 2 Brandon 5/4 (SSW), 1 Norwich 5/5 (CCR), 1 DAR SP Addison 5/6 (WAM), on 5/7 1 Woodstock (JMN), 1 Morgan (DLC), 1 Dorset (EFG), 1 Randolph 5/8 (EWC,MCC), 2 Winhall 5/8 (WJN), on 5/9 1 Hartland (NLM), 1 W. Glover (RVC), 1 Springfield (WME), 1 Weybridge 5/11 (MBN), on 5/12 1 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 S. Strafford (HR), on 5/13 1 Montpelier (TSA), 2 Craftsbury (FO,JW), 1 Rutland (CJF), 3 Middlebury (MBN), 1 E. Charlotte (CSP), 1 Lincoln (JRA), High count 45 HC to WRM 5/20 (WJN). One banded at BNP (VINS). American Robin: overwintered in small numbers. One Westminster 3/1 (REG), 1 Shelburne 3/3 (ECC), on 3/15 15 Chester (CEAD), 1 S. Burlington (WAM), 1 Colchester, 1 Burlington (WGE,NLM,DHC), on 3/16 1 E. Dorset (RWS), 1 S. Pomfret (CRP), 1 Woodstock (JMN), 2 Dorset (EFG), on 3/17 1 Grand Isle (DJH), 4 Norwich (GFE), 1 Woodstock (CRP), 2 W. Brattleboro (JJJC), 48 Benson (WGE,NLM), 1 Weybridge (MBN), 2 Winhall (WJN), on 3/18 25 W. Windsor (FMH,GEH), 6 Brownsville (BMH), 40 Springfield (WME), 1 Rutland (CJF), on 3/19 1 Grand Isle (EMH), 28 Brandon (SSW), 40 Westminster (AMD). High count 400 Rochester to Woodstock 4/4 (NLM,DHC,MS). Fifteen banded on 10 dates and 6 retrapped BNP (VINS). Numerous nesting reports.

MIMIDS

Gray Catbird: 1 Shelburne 4/21 (ECC) early, 1 St. Albans 5/1 (MWA,PAB), 1 W. Brattleboro 5/1 (JJJC), 2 HC 5/4 (WJN), on 5/5 1 HC (AMD), 2 Dorset (RWS,EFG), on 5/6 1 WRM (SBL et al.), 6 HC (REG), 2 WRJct. (CLD) 5 DAR SP (WAM), 1 Brandon 5/7 (SSW), 2 Springfield 5/8 (WME), 3 BNP 5/9 (NLM), 1 HC 5/10 (PFW,SAW), 1 Craftsbury 5/11 (FO), 1 S. Strafford 5/12 (HR), on 5/13 2 Ira (DLC), 1 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 Lincoln (JRA), 1 Woodstock (JMN), 1 W. Arlington (CJF), on 5/14 1 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 2 Barnard (JNF), 1 Grand Isle (DJH). High count 40 HC to WRM 5/20 (WJN). Eight banded and 7 retrapped BNP (VINS). Northern Mockingbird: increasingly frequent in the Connecticut and Champlain Valleys--elsewhere 1 Woodstock 4/17 (SBL), 1 Lemington 4/29 (DK), 1 Danville 4/30 (FO,JW), 1 Woodstock 5/2 (JDL), 1 S. Londonderry 5/18,20 (WJN), 1 Braintree 5/20 (AFK). Brown Thrasher: 1 Wallingford 4/23 (CJF), 1 CRH 4/26 (JJJC), 1 Addison 4/30 (WAM), 1 BNP 5/2 (NLM), 1 Glover 5/4 (PFW,SAW), on 5/5 1 Woodstock (SBL et al.), 1 W. Brattleboro (JJJC), 1 Springfield (WME), 2 Craftsbury (FO,JW,DM), on 5/6 1 Dorset (EFG), 4 DAR SP (WAM) the high count, 1-2 Island Pond (BKB et al.), on 5/7 1 Brandon (SSW), 2 Brighton (DLC), 2 Braintree (AFK), 1 Goshen 5/8 (MBN), 1 Cornwall 5/10 (MBN), 1 HC 5/11 (AMD), 1 Woodstock 5/15 (JMN), 1 Chester 5/16 (CEAd), 1 Dorset 5/17 (EFG). One banded at BNP (VINS); 1 banded at West Brattleboro (JJJC).

PIPET THROUGH STARLING

Water Pipit: 1 WRD 4/2 (CSP), 9 Milton 5/13 (WGE,NLM,WAM), 2 Woodstock 5/13 (WGE,NLM), 6 Athens 5/20 (SBL,BLR,DC,DPK,CDK), 1 Bridgewater 5/25 (WGE). Cedar Waxwing: wintered at the lower elevations, particularly in the Connecticut and Champlain valleys. Breeding populations arrived en masse about 5/20 everywhere. High counts: 40 Springfield 3/14 (WME), 40 Westminster 3/19 (AMD), 41 Dorset 3/29 (EFG), 150 Weybridge 4/15 (MBN), 70 Woodstock 4/18 (JDL et al.), VINS banded 43 over 3 dates at BNP. Northern Shrike: 1 Cambridge 3/14 (RYG,JGG), 1 ad. Shoreham 3/17 (WGE,NLM), 1 RM 3/19 (JJJC), poor showing. Shrike Sp.: 1 WHL 4/26 (WJN) species not determined. European Starling: status unchanged, returns in March to higher elevations where it does not winter. High counts: 800 Orwell 3/17 (WGE,NLM), "hundreds" Westminster 3/19 (AMD), 150 Rutland 3/20 (SSW), 500 Middlebury 3/22 (JRA), 250 Westminster 3/23 (REG), 1000+ S. Burlington 3/25 (MWA,PAB), 200 Montpelier 4/1 (TSA). Three banded and 2 retrapped BNP (VINS).

VIREOS

Solitary Vireo: 1 W. Brattleboro 4/12 (JJJC), 1 BNP 4/17 (VINS), 1 Woodstock 4/18 (JMN), 1 E. Dorset 4/22 (RWS), 1 Middlebury 4/28 (MBN), 1 Braintree 4/29 (RAM), 3 MB 4/29,30 (BKB,DLC et al.), 1 Lincoln 4/29 (JRA), 1 Reading 4/30 (FMH,GEH), 1 RRP 4/30 (CSP), 1 Leicester 5/1 (SBL), 1 Putney 5/3 (REG), on 5/5 1 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 1 Washington (ATA), 1 Winhall (WJN). High counts 6 Reading 5/25 (FMH,GEH), 6 Natural Turnpike 5/13 (JRA). Nest at Castleton with 1 vireo and 2 cowbird eggs 5/26 (RWP). Yellow-throated Vireo: 2 SBWMA 5/13 (WGE,NLM,RYG,JGG et al.), on 5/14 1 Rockingham (REG), 1 Dorset (EFG), 2 Woodstock (CRP,JMN), 1 Brandon (SSW), 1 Huntington (CSP), 1 SBWMA 5/16 (DLC), 1 HC 5/17 (WJN), 2 Rockingham 5/19 (JJJC), 1 Dorset 5/19 (EFG), 1 S. Strafford 5/20 (HR), 4 HC to WRM 5/20 (WJN), 6 "Birdathon" 5/20 (JJJC,TEJ et al.). Warbling Vireo: 1 Woodstock 5/5 (SBL,JRL), on 5/6 1 WRM (SBL et al.), 1 DAR SP (WAM), 1 Burlington (DLC), 1 Woodstock 5/7 (JMN), 1 BNP 5/8 (NLM), 1 Springfield/Rockingham town line 5/9 (WJN), 1 Brandon 5/10 (SSW), 1 HC 5/11 (REG), 4 CRH 5/12 (JJJC), 1 Montpelier 5/12 (TSA), on 5/13 1 Milton (RYG,JGG), 1

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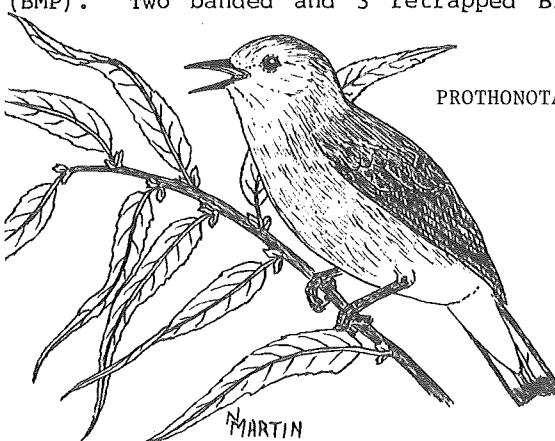
WRD (CSP), 1 HC (AMD), 6 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 Dorset 5/14 (EFG), 1 S. Londonderry 5/14 (WJN). High count 10 Poultny-Fair Haven 5/28 (WGE,NLM). Five banded and 2 retrapped BNP (VINS). Philadelphia Vireo: 2 Cottonbrook 5/15 (JDL1), on 5/20 1 Brunswick (DLC), 1 DCWMA, 1 Brandon (SSW), 1 Brighton, 1 W. Addison (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 1 SBWMA (CL,NL), 1 S. Newbury (ETH), 2 Camel's Hump 5/29 (ECC,TGC), 1 Montpelier 5/30 (TSA). Good showing for them because of the apparent fallout on Birdathon day. Red-eyed Vireo: 1 E. Dorset 4/29 (RWS) very early, 1 Middlebury 5/13 (MBN), on 5/14 1 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 2 Woodstock (JMN), 1 Burlington (DLC), 1 SSP 5/15 (MWA,PAB), 1 Woodstock 5/15 (NLM), on 5/17 1 Westminster (AMD), 2 Leicester (SSW), 1 Lincoln (JRA), 1 Winhall 5/18 (WJN), 1 Dorset 5/19 (EFG). High count 8 Reading 5/27 (FMH,GEH). Generally late arriving but widespread by 5/20 (m.ob.). Two new banded and 2 retraps at BNP (VINS).

WOOD WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler: 1 Dorset 5/7 (EFG), 2 Ira Rest Stop 5/13 (DLC,JDL1) on 5/20 1 Westford (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 2 Ira Rest Stop (m.ob.), 1 Putney (DMe), 2 Saxtons R., 1 Westminster (SBL,BLR,DC,DPK,CDK), 1 West Rutland 5/21 (BLR,CY,MY), 1 Sudbury 5/24 (SSW), 1 Dorset 5/27 (RWS), 1 Poultny 5/28 (WGE,NLM). Golden-winged Warbler: 1 CRH 5/6 (JJJC), 2 Ira Rest Stop 5/13 (DLC,JDL1), 1 Brandon 5/17 (SSW), 1 W. Brattleboro 5/18 (JJG), 1 Middlebury 5/17,20 (MBN), on 5/20 1 Westford, 1 Milton (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 1 New Haven (WME,JSA,SSB,KMA), 2 Monkton (CBH), 1 Essex 5/21 (CNV,CD,SH), 1 W. Rutland 5/21 (BLR,CY,MY), 3 Ira Rest Stop 1 Fair Haven, 2 W. Haven 5/28 (WGE,NLM), 6 Ira Rest Stop 5/29 (CSP). "Brewster's" Warbler: 1 Westford 5/13 (WGE,NLM,WAM), 3 Ira Rest Stop 5/20 (m.ob.), 1 Dorset 5/27 (RWS), 2 Ira Rest Stop 5/29 (CSP). Tennessee Warbler: 1 DAR SP 5/6 (WAM), 1 Ferrisburg 5/13 (JID,MCD), 1 Dorset 5/19 (EFG), 1 Woodstock 5/19 (WGE), on 5/20 1 Weybridge (MBN), 1 HC (WJN), 5 Ferdinand (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 1 Washington (ATA), 1 Brunswick (DLC), 1 "Birdathon" (MFM), 1 Shrewsbury (NER,JRL,JLM), 1 Middletown Spgs. 5/21 (CJF), 1 Dorset 5/22 (EFG), 1 Huntington 5/22 (ECC), 7 W. Haven 5/25 (SSW) high count, 1 Middlebury 5/26 (MBN), 1 Craftsbury 5/27,28 (FO,CSP), 1 Rutland 5/28 (WGE,NLM), 1 W. Haven 5/29 (CJF). Nashville Warbler: 1 W. Brattleboro 5/1 (JJJC), 2 Woodstock 5/4 (JMN), 10 Woodstock 5/5 (SBL,JRL et al.), 3 Guilford 5/5 (JJJC), on 5/7 2 Milton (WAM), 1 Winhall (WJN), 1 Bloomfield (DLC), 5 Lincoln (JRA), 1 BNP 5/10 (NLM), on 5/13 2 Ira Rest Stop (JDL1), 1 Milton (RYG,JGG), 1 Winhall (WJN), 1 Craftsbury 5/14 (FO), 3 BNP 5/19 (VINS), 1 Dorset 5/19,20 (EFG), 1 Sheffield 5/17,18 (PFW,SAW), on 5/20 20 Ferdinand/Brunswick (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS) high count, 1 Washington (ATA), 1 HC (WJN). Three banded at BNP (VINS); 1 banded W. Brattleboro (JJJC). Northern Parula: 4 Montpelier 4/30 (TSA), 1 Guilford 5/5 (JJJC), 3 CRH 5/6 (JJJC), on 5/7 1 L. Fairlee (MWB), 1 MB (BKB,DLC et al.), 2 Milton (WAM), 1 Milton 5/13 (RYG,JGG,WGE,NLM et al.), 1 Middlebury 5/14 (DLC), 1 E. Dorset 5/15 (EFG), 4 Cottonbrook 5/15 (JDL1), on 5/20 5 Ferdinand/Brunswick (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS) high count, 1 Grout Pd. (JJJC), 1 "Birdathon" (MFM), 1 Barton (CAj), 1 Lincoln Gap (KM), 1 Reading 5/23,29 (FMH,GEH). Yellow Warbler: 1 CRH 4/26 (JJJC), 1 E. Dorset 5/2 (RWS), 1 Dorset 5/1 (EFG), 1 Weybridge 5/3 (MBN), 1 Guilford 5/4 (AMD), on 5/5 2 Brandon (SSW), 2 Woodstock (SBL,JRL,CRP), 1 Barnard (JNF), 1 Woodstock (CRP), 2 Randolph (EWC,MCC), on 5/6 1 S. Londonderry (WJN), 4 Bristol Pond (JRA), 1 WRM (SBL et al.), 2 Grand Isle (DJH), 1 Burlington (DLC), 2 Newport Area (BKB et al.), 6 Champlain Valley (WAM), on 5/7 1 MB 5/7 (BKB,DLC et al.), Woodstock (JMN), 1 Danby (CJF), 4 Dorset (EFG), on 5/9 2 BNP (NLM), 1 Shelburne (ECC),

5 HC (WJN), 1 Newport (FO), 1 Chester (CEAd), 7 Shelburne (CSP), 1 S. Duxbury (FAP). High count 10 Colchester Pt. 5/21 (MWA,PAB). Nesting Tinmouth 5/20 (PMB,VM,AU), nest building Winhall 5/27 (WJN). Twelve banded and 8 retrapped, return of 1986 banded bird on 5/10, BNP (VINS). Chestnut-sided Warbler: 1 Dorset 5/6 (EFG), on 5/7 1 Brandon (SSW), 1 Winhall (WJN), 1 E. Dorset (RWS), 1 Springfield 5/9 (REG), 1 Cornwall 5/10 (MBN), on 5/13 3 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 HC (AMD), 3 Ira (DLC), 9 Natural Turnpike (JRA), 8 Westford (WGE,NLM), on 5/14 1 L. Durmore (WME), 1 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 1 Huntington (TGC,ECC,CSP), 1 Barre 5/16 (ATA), 1 BNP 5/16 (VINS), 1 Washington 5/17 (ATA), 1 Craftsbury 5/18 (FO), 2 Berlin Pond 5/19 (TSA). High count 18 Bristol Notch 5/28 (JRA). Two banded and 2 retrapped BNP (VINS). Magnolia Warbler: 2 MB 5/7 (BKB,DLC et al.), 1 Brandon 5/7 (SSW), 1 Winhall 5/10,12,15,16 (WJN), this individual joined a band of chickadees in the absence of other warblers in the area and was apparently accepted, 1 HC 5/12 (REG), 1 Ira 5/13 (DLC), 1 Milton 5/14 (WAM), 1 Washington 5/16 (ATA), on 5/17 1 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 1 Montpelier (TSA), 9 Woodstock (JMN,WGE), 2 Lincoln 5/18 (JRA). High count 36+ Ferdinand/Brunswick 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). Cape May Warbler: 1 Buxton's Cabin area-Ferdinand 5/6 (BKB et al.), 1 E. Monkton 5/14 (CSP), on 5/20 1 MB (JDL1), 4 Ferdinand, 1 W. Addison (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 1 Monkton (CBH), 1 "Birdathon" (MFM), 1 TWDR 5/21 (ATA), 1 Sheffield 5/28 (PFW,SAW). Below average spring for them. Black-throated Blue Warbler: 1 HC 5/3 (DC), 1 Woodstock 5/5 (SBL,JRL et al.), 1 Winhall 5/5 (WJN), this individual was hovering by my kitchen window on a frosty morning examining the potted geraniums on the window sill, on 5/6 1 E. Dorset (RWS), 2 CRH (JJC), 1 Grand Isle (DJH), 1 Cambridge 5/8 (RYG,JGG), on 5/9 1 Ripton (JRA), 1 Rochester (TSA), 3 Goshen (SSW), 1 Milton 5/7,14 (WAM), on 5/13 1 Middlebury (MBN), 1 Winhall (WJN), 3 RRP (CSP), on 5/14 "several" Cottonbrook JDL1, 1 Quechee (WGE), 6 Dorset (EFG), 3 Middlebury, 2 Burlington (DLC), 3 L. Durmore (WME). High count 18 Lincoln Gap 5/21 (JRA). Yellow-rumped Warbler: 1 HC 4/9 (AMD,WGE,NLM,LRB), 1 HC 4/14 (REG), 2 W. Brattleboro 4/14 (JJC), on 4/19 12 CRH (JJC), 1 E. Dorset (RWS), 1 Woodstock (NLM), 1 Braintree 4/20 (RAM), 1 Tinmouth 4/23 (CJE), 1 W. Arlington 4/25 (CJF), on 4/26 3 Chester (CEAd), 1 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 BNP (VINS), on 4/27 1 Lincoln (JRA), 1 Woodstock (FHM), 3 Winhall (WJN), 1 RRP (CSP), 6 BNP 4/27 (VINS), on 4/28 1 Goshen (MBN), 1 Springweather NA (WME), on 4/29 1 Craftsbury (FO), 1 SBWMA (WAM), 20 Mud Creek (DLC), 6 Bristol Pond (MBN), 2 Sheffield (PFW,SAAW). High counts 100+ Winhall 5/13 (WJN), 100+ MB 5/6,7 (BKB et al.). VINS banded 13 on 5 dates at BNP. Black-throated Green Warbler: 1 W. Brattleboro 5/1 (JJC), 1 E. Dorset 5/2 (RWS), 1 Woodstock 5/5 (SBL,JRL et al.), on 5/6 1 Dorset (EFG), 1 Grand Isle (DJH), 2 DAR SP (WAM), 2 SBWMA (DLC), on 5/7 1 MB (BKB et al.), 1 Lincoln (JRA), 2 Middlesex (TSA), 1 Cambridge 5/8 (RYG,JGG), 1 Springfield 5/10 (WME), on 5/13 1 Middlebury (MBN), 1 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 Craftsbury (FO), 1 Winhall 5/16 (WJN), 8 Lincoln 5/18 (SSW). High count 12 Lincoln Gap 5/21 (JRA). Blackburnian Warbler: 1 Woodstock 5/5 (SBL,JRL et al.), on 5/6 1 CRH (JJC), 3 DAR SP (WAM), 1 Dorset (EFG), 1 Ferrisburg 5/13 (JID,MCD), 1 Middlebury, 2 Burlington 5/14 (DLC), 2 L. Durmore 5/14 (TSA), 2 Grand Isle 5/17 (DJH), 1 Leicester 5/18 (SSW), 5 Brunswick/Ferdinand 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS) high count, 1 Washington 5/20 (ATA), 1 TWDR 5/21 (ATA), 1 Braintree 5/22 (RAM), 1 Reading 5/22 (FMH,GEH), 1 Eden 5/23 (RYG,JGG). Pine Warbler: 1 RRP (WAM), 1 RM 4/16 (JJC), 1 RRP 5/6 (DLC), 1 Dorset 5/8 (EFG), 1 Quechee 5/9 (NLM), 6 TWDR 5/9 (ATA) high count, 1 Milton 5/13 (RYG,JGG), 2 SBWMA, 1 Fairfax 5/13 (WGE,NLM et al.), 3 Quechee 5/14 (WGE,NLM), 1

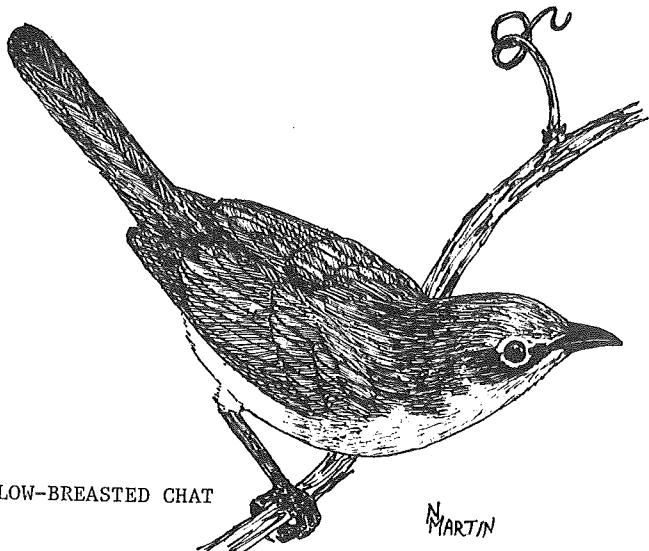
Panton 5/18 (WGE,DHC), 4 Brighton, 1 Ferrisburg 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 1 Berlin Pond 5/21 (BMP), 1 Brandon 5/24 (SSW), 2 Middlebury 5/26 (MBN), 6 Retreat Woods Brattleboro 5/28 (JJJC) high count. Prairie Warbler: 1 W. Brattleboro 5/13 (JJJC), 2 Ira Rest Stop 5/13 (JDL1), 1 BNP 5/16 (WGE,NLM) returning m., 1 BNP 5/18 (VINS), 1 Springfield 5/20 (JJJC), 1 Saxtons R. 5/20 (SBL,BLR,DC,DPK,CBK), 2 Woodstock 5/20 (m.ob.). One netted BNP (VINS). Palm Warbler: 4 Vernon 4/16 (JJJC), 1 N. Clarendon 4/23 (DLC,CJE), 6 CRH 4/26 (JJJC), 1 Bristol Pond 4/29 (MBN), "several" HC 4/29 (DC), 1 E. Dorset 4/29 (RWS), 1 4/30, 2 5/1 Grand Isle (DJH), 1 HC 5/3,6 (REG), 1 Dorset 5/6,13 (EFG), 1 CRH 5/12 (JJJC), 2 Stowe 5/12 (JDL1). Good spring for them. Bay-breasted Warbler: on 5/20 1 Chester (VF), 1 "Birdathon" (DDC,LJE), 1 "Birdathon" (MFM), 12 Ferdinand 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS,DLC), 1 Brandon (AL,SL,LL), 5 Norton 5/21 (RYG,JGG), 2 MB 5/31 (TGC,ECC). Poor migration for them, most of the records in the same general area where they have bred in recent years. Blackpoll Warbler: 1 Springfield 5/19 (JJJC), on 5/20 3 Morgan (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 1 Smugglers Notch (RYG,JGG), 1 Lincoln Gap (KM), 4 Buells Gore 5/26 (DLC), 2 Dorset 5/26-28 (EFG,RWS), 1 Ira Rest Stop 5/29 (CSP), 3 Camels Hump 5/29 (TGC,ECC). One banded at BNP 5/30 (VINS). Poor showing. Cerulean Warbler: 3 m. 5/13 (WGE,NLM,RYG,JGG et al.), 1 5/16 (DLC), 5 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS,m.ob.) all SBWMA, 2 singing m. Ira 5/28 (WGE,NLM). Black-and-white Warbler: on 4/30 1 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 Dorset (EFG), 1 Springweather NA (WME), 1 Montpelier (TSA), 2 HC 5/1 (REG), 1 E. Dorset 5/2 (RWS), 1 Woodstock 5/4 (JMN), on 5/5 1 Woodstock (NLM), 1 W. Brattleboro (JJJC), 1 Middlebury (MBN), 1 Washington (ATA), 1 WRM 5/6 (SBL et al.), 1 St. George 5/6 (CSP), 1 Barton 5/7 (DLC), 2 Shelburne 5/8 (WAM), 1 Island Pond 5/8 (ECC), 1 Cambridge 5/9 (RYG,JGG), 1 Goshen 5/9 (SSW), 1 Craftsbury 5/11 (FO), 1 Winhall 5/12 (WJN), 6 Natural Turnpike 5/13 (JRA) the high count, 1 Ferrisburg 5/13 (JID,MCD). Two banded at BNP (VINS). American Redstart: 1 HC 5/5 (AMD) 1 5/6 (REG), 1 WRM 5/6 (SBL et al.), 1 SBWMA 5/6 (DLC), 1 St. George 5/7 (CSP), 2 Milton 5/7 (WAM), 1 HC 5/9 (WJN), 2 Dorset 5/12 (EFG), 1 BNP 5/12 (VINS), 1 CRH 5/12 (JJJC), 3 Milton 5/13 (WGE,NLM,RYG,JGG et al.), 1 Ferrisburg 5/13 (JID,MCD), 2 Springfield 5/14 (WME), 1 Brandon 5/14 (SSW), 5 RRP 5/15 (ECC), 2 Woodstock 5/15 (CRP), 1 Craftsbury 5/16 (FO), 10 Leicester Hollow Trail 5/18 (SSW) the high count, 2 Berlin Pond 5/19 (BMP). Two banded and 3 retrapped BNP (VINS).



PROTHONOTARY WARBLER

MARTIN

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER: the other co-star of the spring. Singing m. present at W. Haven from 5/20 through the period--last seen 6/27, he was observed examining nesting cavities, but alas no female showed up (AP,DG;WGE,NLM;RWP;DLC,m.ob.). WORM-EATING WARBLER: 1 well-described bird seen twice on same morning, forest edge of small field off Tottingham Rd. Shoreham 5/15 (JMC). Ovenbird: 1 SBWMA 4/29 (WAM), 1 W. Brattleboro 5/5 (JJJC), 1 Woodstock 5/5 (SBL,JRL), 1



YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT

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Lincoln 5/6 (JRA), 1 E. Dorset 5/6 (RWS), on 5/7 2 Winhall (WJN), 2 Dorset (EFG), 1 Springweather NA (WME), 1 Woodstock (JMN), 1 Washington (ATA), 2-3 Cambridge 5/8 (RYG,JGG), 1 Woodstock 5/9 (NLM), 2 Goshen 5/9 (SSW), on 5/13 4 Middlebury (MBN), 2 Ira (DLC), 2 RRP (CSP), 8 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 3 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 Craftsbury (FO,JW), 2 Huntington 5/14 (TGC,ECC), 3 Chester 5/14 (CEAd). High count 22 Lincoln Gap 5/14 (JRA). One netted at BNP (VINS). Northern Waterthrush: 1 (WAM) 4/19 early 1 4/29 SBWMA (DLC), 3 Brandon 4/30 (SSW), 5 Berlin 5/1 (BMP), 1 ABM 5/4 (AMD), 1 Norwich 5/4 (CCR), 1 Springfield 5/6 (WME), 1 Island Pond area 5/6,7 (BKB et al.), 1 Saxtons R. 5/9 (REG), 1 Peru 5/10 (WJN), 1 Berlin 5/11 (ATA), on 5/13 4 SBWMA (WGE,NLM et al.), 4 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1 DCWMA (JID,MCD), 1 Dorset 5/14 (EFG), 1 Huntington 5/14 (CSP), 2 BNP 5/16 (VINS), 2 Bristol Pond 5/17 (JRA). High count 5 Brighton/Ferdinand 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). Three banded and 1 retrapped BNP (VINS); 1 banded W. Brattleboro (JJC). Louisiana Waterthrush: 1 Norwich 4/19 (CCR), 1 Reading 4/30 (FMH,GEH), 2 W. Brattleboro 5/1 (JJC), 4 Woodstock 5/4 (SBL), 1 Lincoln 5/9 (JRA), 2 Waterbury Res. 5/10 (JDL1), 1 Winhall 5/11 (WJN), 1 Hartland 5/11 (NLM), 1 Dorset 5/14,27 (EFG), 1 Shrewsbury 5/20 (SBL,NER,JRL,JLM,BLR et al.), 1 W. Haven 5/23,25 (WGE,NLM,SSW et al.), 3 Windsor 5/26 (FMH,GEH). Mourning Warbler: 1 Dorset 5/14 (EFG), 1 Craftsbury 5/20 (FO), 1 Norton 5/21 (BKB et al.), 1 Johnson Pond 5/21 (BLR,CY,MY), 1 Braintree 5/22 (RAM), 2 Reading 5/22 (FMH,GEH), on 5/25 several Stowe (JDL1), 1 Cambridge (JGG,RYG), 1 Bloomfield (DLC), 1 Middlebury 5/26 (MBN), 2 Brattleboro 5/26 (JJC), on 5/27 4 Reading (FMH,GEH) high count, 1 E. Dorset (RWS), 4 Tinmouth (RWP) high count, 1 BNP (VINS), 1 Vernon 5/29 (JJC), 1 Dorset 5/29 (EFG). One banded BNP (VINS); 1 banded W. Brattleboro (JJC). Common Yellowthroat: on 5/5 1 Woodstock (SBL,JRL), 1 Dorset (EFG), 2 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 1 Springfield 5/6 (WME), 2 BNP 5/9 (NLM), 1 HC 5/10 (REG), 2 Berlin 5/11 (ATA), 1 Rutland 5/11 (CJF), on 5/13 1 Ripton (JRA), 3 Winhall (WJN), 1 HC (AMD), 10 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 3 Ira (DLC), on 5/14 1 Woodstock (JMN), 1 L. Dunmore (TSA), 6 E. Monkton (CSP), 1 Shelburne (TGC,ECC), 1 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 4 Brandon (SSW), 2 Middlebury 5/17 (MBN), 1 Craftsbury 5/18 (FO). High count 20 HC to WRM 5/20 (WJN). One killed Winhall 5/17 hitting picture window (AS). Thirteen banded over 7 dates and 8 retrapped BNP (VINS). Wilson's Warbler: 1 Winhall 5/15 (WJN), 1 Sheffield 5/18 (PFW,SAW), on 5/19 3 Rockingham (JJC), 1 Lincoln (JRA), 2 BNP (VINS), on 5/20 1 Winhall (WJN), 1 Tinmouth (PMB,AU,VM), 1 Brunswick (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS,DLC), 1 Panton (CSP), 1 Addison (SSW), 1 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), 1 BNP 5/22

-21- (WGE,NLM,EFG), 1 Craftsbury 5/23 (FO). Three banded at BNP (VINS). Canada Warbler: 1 BNP 5/16 (WGE,NLM), 1 Cambridge 5/17 (RYG,JGG), 4 Berlin Pd. 5/19 (TSA), 1 Rockingham 5/19 (JJG), on 5/20 1 Washington (ATA), 1 Dorset (EFG), several Smugglers Notch (JDL1), 1 RRP (CSP), 4 Brunswick (DLC), 1 Ferdinand (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 1 Halifax (WHA,BA), 1 Addison Cty. (CHB), several other "Birdathons" (m.ob.), 1 Berlin Pond 5/21 (BMP), 1 Braintree 5/24 (RAM), 5 Reading 5/25,27 (FMH,GEH) the high count, 1 Grafton 5/27 (AMD), 1 Sheffield 5/28 (PFW,SAW), 1 Pittsford 5/28 (WGE,NLM), 1 Washington 5/29 (ATA). Four banded at BNP (VINS). YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: 1 seen in old apple orchard Topsham 5/20 (EM).

TANAGER THROUGH SNOW BUNTING

Scarlet Tanager: 1 W. Brattleboro 5/13 (JJC), on 5/14 1 Sharon (MBW), 1 Huntington (CSP), 1 Burlington (DLC), 1 Brandon (SSW), 1 BNP 5/16 (WGE,NLM), 1 Clarendon 5/17 (CJF), 1 Woodstock 5/17 (JMN), on 5/18 1 Winhall (WJN), 2 Brandon (SSW), 1 Springfield (WME), 1 Cambridge (RYG,JGG), on 5/20 3 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 Middlebury (MBN), 1 Dorset (EFG), 1 DCWMA (ATA), 2 Craftsbury (FO,VS), 8 HC to WRM (WJN) the high count, 1 Lincoln 5/21 (JRA). Northern Cardinal: present through the year in most areas. Some high counts: 22 Ferrisburg 3/6 (JID,MCD), 8 Brandon 3/8 (SSW), 12 Benson 3/17 (WGE,NLM). Singing m. Lincoln 5/20 (JRA) "breeding never confirmed here," "fledgling on ground" Rutland 5/17 (CJF), nest and 4 eggs Ira 5/28 (WGE,NLM).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 1 m. 2 weeks early Grand Isle 4/20 (EMH), 1 S. Strafford 4/27 (HR), 1 Westminster 5/1 (AMD), 1 W. Brattleboro 5/3 (JJC), 1 Saxtons R. 5/4 (REG), on 5/5 1 St. Johnsbury (PFW,SAW), 1 Dorset (EFG), 1 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 1 Chester (CEAd), 2-3 Chester 5/6-10 (CEAd), on 5/7 1 Woodstock (JMN), 1 Brunswick (DLC,BKB et al.), 3 Milton (WAM), 1 E. Dorset (RWS), 5 Westminster 5/8 (AMD), 2 BNP 5/8 (VINS), 1 Washington 5/9 (ATA), on 5/10 1 Winhall (WJN), 1 S. Duxbury (FAP), 1 Lincoln (JRA). High count 20 HC to WRM 5/20 (WJN). Five banded at BNP (VINS). At Cambridge 5/11 f. ate sunflower seeds from hand--recognized by deformed foot as the same individual from previous years (RYG,JGG).

Indigo Bunting: 1 Brownsville 5/7 (ARK,MK), 1 Chester 5/11 (CEAd), on 5/13 1 W. Brattleboro (JJC), 2 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 S. Strafford (HR), 1 Bennington (BRF), 1 Randolph 5/15 (EWC,MCC), on 5/18 1 Bristol (JRA), 1 Winhall (WJN), 1 Lincoln (FAP), 1 BNP, 1 Wilder 5/19 (WGE,NLM,JLM), widespread from 5/20 on. One Tinmouth carrying nesting material 5/27 (RWP). Two banded BNP (VINS). Rufous-sided Towhee:

1 E. Dorset 4/10 (SF fide NS), 1 Brandon 4/16 (SSW), 1 W. Brattleboro, 4/26 (JJC), 1 Winhall 4/30 (WJN), 2 Chester 5/1,2 (CEAd), 1 Woodstock 5/4 (PHH), 1 Woodstock 5/5 (SBL et al.), 1 E. Dorset 5/5 (RWS), on 5/6 1 Braintree (AFK), 3 Dorset (EFG), 1 WRJct. (CLD), on 5/7 1 Lincoln (JRA), 1 Bennington (BRF), 1 MB (BKB et al.), 1 HC 5/9 (REG), 1 BNP 5/9 (NLM), 1 Ferrisburg 5/13 (JID,MCD), 1 Ira 5/13 (DLC), 2 Wells 5/14 (CJF). High count only 3 several times. One banded at BNP (VINS). American Tree Sparrow: some late dates: 1 Brandon 4/26 (SSW), 2 BNP 4/26 (VINS), 2 DCWMA 4/27 (MBN), 5 Mud Creek 4/29 (DLC), 1 MB 4/29,30 (BKB et al.), 1 Dorset 4/30 (EFG), 1 Shelburne Pond 4/30 (CSP), 4 Stowe 5/1 (JDL1), 1 Sheffield 5/8 (PFW,SAW). High count 24 Benson 3/17 (WGE,NLM). Ten banded and 9 retrapped BNP (VINS). Chipping Sparrow: 1 Grand Isle 3/28 (DJH), 1 Montpelier 3/31 (TSA) both early, 1 DCWMA 4/9 (MWA,PAB), 1 Randolph 4/12 (EWC,MCC), 1 Grand Isle 4/16 (DJH), 2 Woodstock 4/16 (JMN), 1 Westminster 4/17 (AMD), 1 BNP 4/18 (VINS), 1 E. Dorset 4/19 (RWS), 1 Saxtons R. 4/23 (REG), 15 Brandon 4/24,25 (SSW), also 4/25 2 Washington (ATA), 1 Weybridge (MBN), 2 Woodstock (CRP), 2 Winhall 4/26 (WJN), 1 Reading 4/26 (FMN,GEH). High count 20 Island

-22- White-throated Sparrow: 1 RRP 3/29 (MWA,PAB), 2 Waterbury 3/30 (TSA), 1 Morgan 4/9 (DLC), 1 Reading 4/13 (FMH,GEH), 1 Washington 4/13 (ATA), 1 Lincoln 4/14 (JRA), 1 Rutland 4/14 (CJF), 1 E. Dorset 4/15 (RWS), on 4/16 1 RRP (WAM), 2 Winhall (WJN), 1 Lyndonville (PFW,SAW), on 4/17 1 BNP (VINS), 2 E. Barnard (JRL), 3 Braintree (AFK), 1 Ferrisburg 4/18 (JID,MCD), 1 Woodstock 4/19 (JMN), 2-5 Springfield 4/20,22 (WME), 1 Westminster 4/22 (REG), 5 Shrewsbury 4/22 (CJF), 4 Chester 4/23 (CEAd), 3 Woodstock 4/23 (CRP), on 4/24 1 W. Windsor (GDJ), 1 Stowe (JDLL), 1 Brandon (SSW). High counts: 50 Berlin Pond 5/1 (BMP), 50 Island Pond area 5/6 (BKB et al.). VINS banded 27 over 12 dates and retrapped 6 BNP.
White-crowned Sparrow: 1 Grand Isle 4/27 (EMH), 1 Grand Isle 5/1 (DJH), 1 Brandon 5/3 (SSW), 2 Marshfield 5/4 (MFM), 1 Braintree 5/5 (AFK), 1 Craftsbury 5/5 (FO,JW,DM), 4 DAR SP 5/6 (WAM), 3 Woodstock 5/6 (CRP), 1 Shelburne 5/8 (ECC,TGC), 1 Weybridge 5/8 (MBN), 1 HC 5/9 (WJN), 1 Bread Loaf 5/9 (JRA), 4 Brandon 5/11 (SSW), 1 S. Duxbury 5/11 (FAP), 1 Ferrisburg 5/12 (JID,MCD), 1 Grand Isle 5/13 (DJH), 1 Guilford 5/13 (JJC), on 5/14 2 Cottonbrook (JDLL), 1 Wells (CJF), 1 E. Monkton (CSP), 2 L. Carmi 5/15 (PJM), 7 Chester 5/19 (CEAd) high count. Late dates: on 5/20 2 HC (WJN), 1 Chester (VF), 1 Brookfield (FK et al.), 1 Brandon (AL,SL,LL), 1 Saxtons R. (SBL,BLR,DC,DPK,CDK), 1 Topsham (EM), 1 Putney (DMe), Tinnmouth (PMB et al.), 1 Shrewsbury 5/21 (BLR,CY,MY). One banded at BNP (VINS).
Dark-eyed Junco: wintered widely in the winter of 1988-89. Some migration high counts: 32 Benson 3/17 (WGE,NLM), 50-60 Randolph 3/30 (EWC,MCC), 75 Woodstock 3/30 (JMN), 53 Chester 3/31 (CEAd), 50 Winhall 4/3 (WJN), 32 Dorset 4/10 (EFG), 150 Reading 4/15 (FMH,GEH), 40 Barnard 4/19 (JNF), 120 Sheffield 4/22 (PFW,SAW), 30 Hancock 4/23 (MBN). A completely albino bird Randolph 4/3 and another with an all white tail (MEH). Ten banded and 1 retrapped BNP (VINS).
Lapland Longspur: 4 DCWMA 3/19 (DLC).
Snow Bunting: 100 Dummerston 3/4 (WGE,NLM), 2 Island Pond 3/6 (JRW), 20 Braintree 3/10 (AFK), 12 Cambridge 3/11 (RYG,JGG), 200 Grand Isle 3/12 (DJH), 3 Ferrisburg 3/13 (JID,MCD), 1 Orwell 3/17 (WGE,NLM), 12 Bolton Flats I89 3/18 (TSA), 120 Addison/Panton 3/18 (CJF), 25 Caledonia Airport 3/19 (PFW,SAW), 11 DCWMA 3/19 (DLC), 35 Craftsbury 3/20 (FO,JW), 1000 Champlain Valley 3/19 (WAM) high count, 25 W. Windsor 3/21 (BMH), 1 E. Dorset 3/22 (RWS), 30 Charlotte 3/26 (ATA), 1 Champlain Isl. 3/26 (WAM), at Grand Isle until 3/28 (EMH), 1 Craftsbury 3/28 (FO,JW),

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Bobolink: 1 Grand Isle 5/5 (EMH), 7 Chester 5/5 (CEAd), on 5/6 5 DCWMA (WAM), 1 Braintree (AFK), 5 Swanton (DLC), 1 Panton 5/7 (MBN), 1 BNP 5/8 (NLM), 1 Ferrisburg 5/9 (JID,MCD), 2 Shelburne 5/9 (ECC), on 5/10 5 Springfield (WMG), 1 Westminster (REG), 2 Brandon (SSW), 2 Winhall (WJN), 1 Craftsbury 5/11 (FO), 2 Dorset 5/12 (EFG), on 5/13 2 S. Lincoln (JRA), 12 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 6 W. Glover (RVC), on 5/14 2 Brownsville (BMH), 7 MNWR (JBG), 9 S. Hinesburg (CSP), 2 Grand Isle (DJH), 4 Barre 5/16 (ATA), 2 Wallingford 5/19 (CJF). High counts: 20 daily Chester (CEAd), 20 daily Grand Isle (EMH).
Red-winged Blackbird: first returned in late February, 6 Brandon 3/1 (SSW), 1 Hartford 3/5 (DHC), 1 L. Carmi 3/9 (PJM), on 3/12 3 Weybridge (MBN), "flock" Randolph (EWC,MCC), 1 S. Burlington (WAM), 1 Chester (CEAd), 1 Barnard 3/13 (JNF), on 3/14 1 E. Dorset (RWS), 2 Westminster (AMD,REG), 1 BNP (WGE,NLM), on 3/15 1 WRJct. (WED), 20 Brownsville (BMH), 2-3 (EMH), "flock" (DJH) Grand Isle, 8 Woodstock 3/16 (MGe), 1 S. Pomfret 3/16 (CRP). High counts: 600 Montpelier 4/1 (TSA), 700 Shelburne 3/20 (CSP). VINS banded 29 and 9 were retrapped including a m. banded spring 1982 BNP (VINS). Numerous reports of nests and eggs during May.

Pond 5/6 (BKB et al.). Nest building at Craftsbury by 5/16 (FO). Two banded at BNP (VINS). Field Sparrow: 1 Ferrisburg 3/28 (JID,MCD), 1 Winhall 4/5 (WJN), 1 Washington 4/13 (ATA), 1 Rutland 4/14 (CJF), 1 W. Brattleboro 4/14 (JJC), 1 RRP 4/15 (DLC), 1 BNP 4/17 (JMN), 1 BNP 4/19 (NLM), 1 Braintree 4/19 (AFK), 1 BNP 4/21 (VINS), 1 E. Dorset 4/22 (RWS), 1 Chester 4/24,25 (CEAd), 3 BNP 4/27 (VINS), 1 WRD 4/30 (CSP), 1 Dorset 4/30 (EFG). Five banded at BNP (VINS). Vesper Sparrow: DCWMA 4/20 (REG) present here through the period (m.ob.), 1 Danby 4/23 (CJF), 3 4/30, 2 5/1 Chester (CEAd), 1 BNP 5/3 (NLM), 1 Craftsbury 5/5 (DM), 1 Grand Isle 5/6 (DJH), 1 Island Pond 5/6,7 (BKB et al.), 1 Milton 5/13 (WGE,NLM,WAM), 1 Bridport 5/20 (WME,KMA,JSA,SSB), 4 Brighton Airport 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS) high count. Savannah Sparrow: 1 Washington 4/2 (ATA), 2 WRD 4/2 (TSA), 2 Winhall 4/5 (WJN), 6 DCWMA 4/6 (TGC,ECC), 1 Brandon 4/13 (SSW), 2 SBWMA 4/15 (DLC), 5 DCWMA 4/16 (CSP), 2 Grand Isle 4/18 (EMH), 4 RM 4/18 (JJC), 1 BNP 4/21 (VINS), 4 Rutland 4/21 (CJF), 6 DCWMA 4/26 (JRA) present here from then through period (m.ob.), 1 Braintree 4/30 (AFK), 1 W. Glover 5/2 (RVC), 1 HC 5/4 (WJN), 4 Craftsbury 5/5 (FO,JW,DM). High count 24 Addison-Panton 5/18 (WGE,DHC). Two banded at BNP (VINS). Grasshopper Sparrow: 1 DCWMA 5/1 (MBN), 1 W. Addison, 1 Panton 5/18 (WGE,DHC), up to 4 Panton 5/20 (m.ob.), 1 Bridport 5/20 (WME,SSB,KMA,JSA), 1 DCWMA 5/26 (DLC), 5/28 (WAM). Fox Sparrow: 1 W. Brattleboro 3/17 (JJC), 1 Saxtons R. 3/18 (REG), 1 Norwich 3/19 (GFE), 2 Woodstock 3/19 (CRP), 1 E. Dorset 3/20 (RWS), 2 Vernon 3/21 (DHC), 1 Vernon 3/23 (REG), 1 HC 3/27 (WJN), 1 Randolph 3/30 (EWC,MCC), 1-2 Norwich 3/30-31 (CCR), also 3/31 2 Barnard (JNF), 3 Woodstock (JMN), 9 W. Brattleboro (JJC) the high count, 2 Washington (ATA), on 4/1 1 Craftsbury (FO), 1 Lincoln (JRA), 1 Woodstock (CRP), 1 Tyson (CEAd), 1 Springfield (WME), 1 Reading 4/1,2 (FMH,GEH), 7 Randolph 4/2 (EWC,MCC), on 4/3 1 Lyndonville (PFW,SAW), 3 Winhall (WJN), 1 Middlebury (MBN), 2 Brownsville (BMH). Some late dates: 1 BNP 4/27 (VINS), 1 Winhall 4/27 (WJN), 1 Cambridge 4/28 (RYG,JGG), 1 Craftsbury 4/29 (FO), 2 Sheffield 4/30 (PFW,SAW), 2 Woodstock 4/30 (JMN), 1 Berlin 5/1 (BMP), 3 Norwich 5/4 (GFE), 2 Cottonbrook 5/5 (JDL), an excellent movement this spring. One banded at BNP (VINS); 8 banded at W. Brattleboro (JJC). Song Sparrow: winters at some feeders. One Brandon 3/1 (SSW), on 3/15 1 Burlington (WGE,NLM,DHC), 1 Springfield (WME), 2 Weybridge (MBN), 4 Montpelier 3/16 (TSA), on 3/17 1 Tinnmouth (PMB), 1 Norwich (GFE), 6 Benson (WGE,NLM), on 3/18 1 Westminster (AMD), 2 DCWMA, 20 Clarendon (CJF), 1 Saxtons R. (REG), 1 Dorset (EFG), on 3/19 1 E. Dorset (RWS), 2 Champlain Valley (WAM), 46 CRH (JJC), on 3/20 1 Grand Isle (DJH), 100 Vernon (DHC) the high count, 10 Winhall (WJN), 1 Lyndonville (PFW,SAW), 1 Woodstock 3/21 (MSL), 1 Chester 3/21 (CEAd). Widespread after that. VINS banded 21 over 11 dates and retrapped 10 BNP. Lincoln's Sparrow: 1 BNP 4/27 (VINS), 1 Craftsbury 5/11 (FO), 1 Mt. Horrid 5/14 (TSA), 1 Waterbury Ctr. 5/14 (EK), 2 Sheffield 5/17,18 (PFW,SAW), on 5/20 1 Ira Rest Stop (WJN), 1 Craftsbury (FO), 1 Somerset (JJC,TEJ,BK), 7 Brighton-Ferdinand 1 WRD (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS) the high count, 3 Ferdinand 5/25 (DLC), 1 BNP 5/26 (VINS), 1 MB 5/31 (ECC). Three banded at BNP (VINS). Swamp Sparrow: 6 WRD 4/2 (TSA), 1 DCWMA 4/6 (JMC), 2 Shelburne Pond 4/12 (CSP), 5 SBWMA 4/15 (DLC), 2 DCWMA 4/16 (JRA), 1 Ferrisburg 4/17 (JID,MCD), 1 Shelburne 4/18 (WAM), on 4/22 1 Rockingham (REG), 1 BNP (VINS), 2 WRM 4/25 (CJF), 3 CRH 4/26 (JJC), 2-3 Weybridge 4/27,29 (MBN), 1 HC, 1 ABM 4/28 (WJN), 1 E. Dorset 4/29 (RWS), 1 Grand Isle 4/29 (DJH), 1 S. Bay Newport 4/30 (PFW), 5 Brandon 4/30 (SSW). High count 12 Newport area 4/30 (BKB et al.). Six banded and 1 retrapped BNP (VINS).

Eastern Meadowlark: 1 Panton 3/20 (MBN), 7 Woodstock 3/21 (MCL, AO) high count, 1 Craftsbury 3/24 (RSP), 1 E. Dorset 3/25 (RWS), on 3/26 6 Champlain Valley (DLC) high count, 2 Charlotte (ATA), 5 Champlain Isl. (WAM), on 3/28 2 Poultney (CCR, ASL), 1 Shoreham (SSW), 6 E. Creek Addison (JMN, EFG), 1 S. Duxbury 3/29 (CP), 1 Lincoln 3/29 (JRA), on 4/2 1 Tinmouth (PMB), 2 Washington (ATA), 2 Shelburne (TGC, ECC), 1 S. Burlington (CSP), 1 Grand Isle 4/4 (NLM, DHC, MSC), 2 Ferrisburg 4/5 (JID, MCD), 2 Grand Isle 4/5 (DJH), 1 Grand Isle 4/6 (EMH), 1 Coventry 4/7 (PFW, SAW), another high count 6 Addison 4/16 (JRA). Rusty Blackbird: 12 Craftsbury 3/28 (FO, JW), 4 HC 3/30 (JJC), 11 Tinmouth Channel 4/2 (CJF), 18 Berlin 4/5 (ATA), 1 Winhall 4/5 (WJN), 1 HC 4/9 (WGE, NLM, LRB, AMD), 1 Weybridge 4/13 (MBN), 23 SBWMA 4/15 (DLC), 3 SBWMA 4/16 (WAM), 20 Ft. Cassin 4/17 (JID, MCD), 15 Lewis Creek 4/17 (JID, MCD), 1 MNWR 4/22 (TGC, ECC), 6 CRH 4/26 (JJC), 2 N. Hero 4/27 (REG), on 5/3 2 BNP (NLM), "several" Mud Creek (JDL), 1 Weybridge (MBN), 2 MB 5/6 (BKB et al.), 1 Winhall 5/7 (WJN), 1 SBWMA 5/13 (WGE, NLM, RYG, JGG), 1 Brookfield 5/20 (FK et al.), "breeding" Craftsbury 5/22 (FO), 1 Wenlock area 5/31 (ECC). High count 50-100 Mud Creek date? (WAM). Common Grackle: 4 Randolph 3/4 (EWC, MCC), 6 Rutland 3/11 (SSW), 2 Saxtons R. 3/11 (REG), 60 Brandon 3/12 (SSW), 3 Shelburne 3/14 (CSP), on 3/15 1 Woodstock (CNP), 30 Saxtons R. (REG), 2 the Gut N. Hero (WGE, NLM, DHC), 1 Weybridge (MBN), on 3/16 2 Grand Isle (DJH), 30 Dorset (EFG), 22 Craftsbury (FO, JW), 1 S. Burlington (WAM), 12 Grand Isle 3/17 (EMH), 150 Orwell 3/17 (WGE, NLM), on 3/18 11 Chester (CEAd), 1 Sheffield (PFW, SAW), 2 Braintree (AFK), 250 Clarendon-Vergennes (CJF), 65 Springfield (WME), on 3/19 1 E. Dorset (RWS), 2 Tunbridge (ATA), 100 Westminster (AMD). High count 400 Addison 4/3 (MWA, PAB). One banded and 1 retrapped BNP (VINS). Many reports of nesting activity in May. Brown-headed Cowbird: 10 Randolph 3/12 (EWC, MCC), 10 Brandon 3/15 (SSW), 1 Woodstock 3/15 (CRP), 1 E. Dorset 3/16 (RWS), 57 L. Horton 3/17 (WGE, NLM), 1 Saxtons R. 3/17 (REG), on 3/18 25 Weybridge (MBN), 4 Braintree (AFK), 15 Chester (CEAd), 2 L. Carmi (PJM), 5 Washington 3/20 (ATA), 5 Shelburne 3/22 (ECC), 4 3/23 30 3/25 Grand Isle (EMH), 100 Ferrisburg 3/24 (JID, MCD) the high count, 3 Dorset 3/24 (EFG), 100 Middlebury 4/10 (MBN) another high count. One banded BNP (VINS). ORCHARD ORIOLE: 1 m. Lake St. W. Addison 5/18, 20 (WGE, NLM, DHC, SJS, m. ob.), on 5/20 1 DCWMA (JSA et al.), 1 Plainfield (JJ), 2 DAR SP (JID, MCD, MBN, m. ob.), 1 Westminster (SBL, BLR, DC, DPK, CDK), 1 DAR SP 5/27 (WAM), 1 ABM 5/30 (WJN). Northern Oriole: 1 Randolph 5/1 m. on suet feeder (EWC, MCC), 1 Colchester Pt. 5/2 (MWA, PAB), 1 Brandon 5/4 (SSW), 1 W. Brattleboro 5/4 (JJC), 1 Weybridge 5/6 (MBN), 1 E. Dorset 5/6 (RWS), on 5/7 1 Woodstock (JMN), 1 Dorset (EFG), 1 Saxtons R. (REG), 1 Milton (WAM), 3 Ferrisburg feeding on orange slices (JID, MCD), on 5/9 1 Grand Isle (EMH), 2 Shelburne (TGC, ECC), 3 Brandon (SSW), 1 Springfield (WME), 3 BNP (NLM), 1 HC (WJN), 1 BNP 5/10 (VINS), 1 HC 5/11 (AMD), 1 Grand Isle 5/12 (DJH), on 5/13 2 L. Durmore (TSA), 1 Milton (RYG, JGG), 1 Ira (DLC), on 5/14 2 Rutland (CJF), 1 Chester (CEAd), 1 Lincoln (JRA), 1 Barnard (JNF), 1 Craftsbury (FO, JW), 1 E. Monkton (CSP), on 5/15 2 Brownsville (BMH), 4 L. Carmi (PJM), 1 Washington (ATA), "nest almost completed" Woodstock (JMN), high count 28 HC to WRM 5/20 (WJN), "gathering nesting material" Castleton 5/26 (RWP). Five banded and 5 retrapped including m. banded spring 1981--9 years old BNP (VINS).

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Purple Finch: wintered at scattered locations; 16 Lyndonville 3/1 (PFW, SAW), 1 Grand Isle 3/1 (EMH), 1 Sheffield 3/3 (PFW, SAW), 1 Brandon 3/5 (SSW), 1 Randolph 3/8 (EWC, MCC), 5 Barton 3/9 (REG), "daily"

Chester (CEAd), 29 Benson 3/17 (WGE, NLM) high count, on 3/20 2 Winhall (WJN), 4 Washington (ATA), 1 Bristol (MBN), on 3/25 1 Barnard (JNF), 1 Dorset (EFG), 2 Stowe (JDL), 25 Grand Isle 3/26 (EMH), 1 Reading 3/26 (EMH, GGH), 1 Cambridge 3/27 (RYG, JGG), 1 Ferrisburg 4/5 (JID, MCD), 9 W. Brattleboro 4/8 (JJC), 2 Lincoln 4/8 (JRA). House Finch: widespread in most parts of the state; some high counts: 23 Shelburne 3/3 (ECC), 40 Benson 3/17 (WGE, NLM), 20 Burlington 3/26 (ATA), 20 Bradford 5/20 (ATA). Reported breeding widely. A pair at Randolph (JDS), "nest built at the end of March--4 eggs laid by 4/8". Three banded BNP (VINS). Red Crossbill: 1 MB area 4/30 (BKB, JL, IG). White-winged Crossbill: 4 MB 5/6 (BKB et al.), 10 MB 5/20 (WGE, NLM, DHC, SJS, JDL), 2 MB 5/25 (DLC), all reports for the same area. Common Redpoll: 1 Stowe 4/13 (JDL). Pine Siskin: many less than last year; 1 Brandon 3/1 (SSW), 1 L. Carmi 3/2 (PJV), 1 Wilder 3/6 (DHC), 2 Hardwick 3/7 (CCR, GPL), 2 S. Duxbury 3/19 (FAP), 8 Ferrisburg 3/23 (JID, MCD), 7 E. Ryegate 3/24 (CCR), 1 Randolph 3/25 (EWC, MCC), 3 Craftsbury 3/28 (FO, JW), 2 Stowe 3/31 (JDL), 2 SBWMA 4/2 (DLC), 2 Charlotte 4/8 (WGE, NLM, LRB), 3 Brandon 4/9, 30 (SSW), 1 Washington 4/10 (ATA), 4 Sheffield 4/13, 28, 29 (PFW, SAW), 1 Grand Isle 4/21 (EMH), 2 Stowe 5/6 (JDL), 3 Shelburne 5/10 (BPR, DR), on 5/20 2 Island Pond (WGE, NLM, DHC, SJS), 1 S. Reading (ETH), 1 Bethel 1 E. Topsham (CAL), 2 Island Pond 5/21 (BKB et al.), 1 Winhall 5/22 (WJN), 1 Washington 5/29 (ATA). American Goldfinch: In areas where it does not winter the breeders do not show up until May. Woodstock 3/6 (JMN) first of year there. High counts: 50 Ferrisburg 3/3 (JID, MCD), 26 L. Horton 3/17 (WGE, NLM), 20 Brandon 4/8 (SSW), 25 Westminster W. 5/6 (AMD). Eight banded BNP (VINS). Evening Grosbeak: a poor winter for them, numbers were generally low, they stayed right through the period at most sites into June and apparently were breeding widely in places where it had been only a sporadic breeder, mostly in southern Vermont. Some high counts: 25 Chester--period (CEAd), 35 Woodstock 3/1 (JMN), 25 Clarendon 3/15 (CJF), 70 L. Horton 3/17 (WGE, NLM), 25 Reading 3/18 (FMH, GEH), 28 Grand Isle 3/20 (MWA, PAB), 45 Sheffield 4/4 (PFW, SAW), 40 Montpelier 4/15 (TSA). Two reports of albinistic individuals: one at Killington 3/29 (COI), 1 April and May Bridgewater Corners (LMB). Three banded at BNP (VINS). House Sparrow: numbers seen stable. High counts: 25 Brownville - period (BMH), 70 Benson 3/17 (WGE, NLM).

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BRM	Barton River Marshes, Newport & Coventry		
BNP	Bragdon Nature Preserve, VINS, Woodstock		
CRH	Connecticut River - Hinsdale Setback		
DCWMA	Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison		
HC	Herrick's Cove, Rockingham		
MB	Moose Bog, Ferdinand		
MNWR	Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge, Swanton		
RM	Retreat Meadows, Brattleboro		
RRP	Red Rocks Park, S. Burlington		
SBWMA	Sandbar Wildlife Management Area, Milton		
SRTL	Springfield/Rockingham Town Line		
TWDR	Thurman W. Dix Reservoir, Orange		
WRM	West Rutland Marsh		
WRJct.	White River Junction		
WHL	Winhall Hawk Lookout		
WRD	Winooski River Delta, Colchester		
Br.	Bridge	Mdw.	Meadows
Bros.	Brothers	Mt.	Mount
Conn.	Connecticut	Mtn.	Mountain
Ctr.	Center	NA	Nature Area
f.	female	Pk	Park
ft.	feet	Pt	Point
Ft.	Fort	pr.	pair
imm.	immature	Res.	Reservoir
Isl.	Island	R.	River
L.	Lake	Spgs.	Springs
m.	male	SP	State Park
		yg.	young

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