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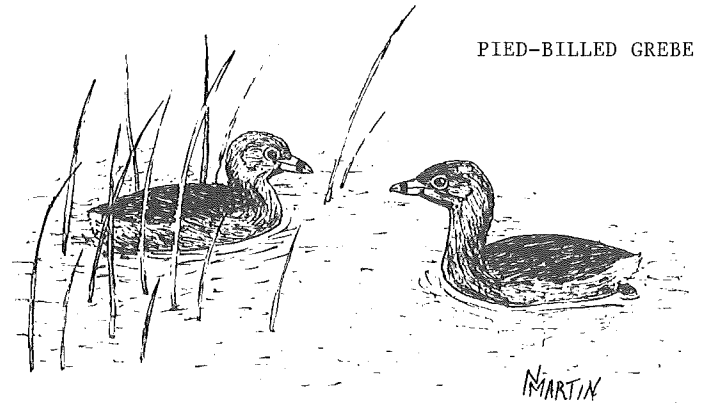
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The summer season of 1989 recorded 195 species of birds, plus one escape. Many of the sightings were of Vermont's regular breeding species, but some exciting observations were made. Probably the most notable bird of the season was of a male PROTHONOTARY WARBLER, first observed in May by Alan Pistorius et al. and subsequently seen by many birders until 6/27, in West Haven on The Nature Conservancy's newly acquired Galick-Bald Mt. Preserve. This is only the fourth state record for this species, which is found most often in swamp and bottomland in the southeast. It was exciting to see its golden colors and hear its loud, ringing song. Also exciting was a female, alternate-plumage RED PHALAROPE photographed n.e. of Sloop Island off Wings Pt. in Charlotte on 6/12 by Jeffrey Allen. Rare nesting species included possible breeding of a Pied-Billed Grebe seen in Dorset in May and June by Betty Gilbert and Gail and David Bumgardner, Red-Breasted Mergansers in the Grand Isle area in July photographed by David Hoag, and two adult and two juvenile Gray Jays at Moose Bog that were photographed by Roy Pilcher on 6/17. There were two reports of Sedge Wrens, one probable nesting, a male on territory was seen in W. Rutland during June and July by Betty Rist and Terry Hall, and one singing bird was heard in Winhall on 7/9 by William Norse. Orchard Orioles had two confirmed nesting reports. One was a female feeding two young in a nest in Addison on 7/29 found by Walter Ellison and Nancy Martin, and the other was a pair with two young in a hawthorne tree at the DAR State Park in Addison, seen by Malcolm Archard on 6/19. A possible BROWN PELICAN* seen on L. Champlain in the vicinity of the Diamond Islands 6/18 by Bryce Towsley and Bob Baupré, and two FULVOUS WHISTLING DUCKS* seen in Concord on 6/12 by James, Phyllis and Jay Wood, and again on 6/13 in Lunenburg by Robert Baird, would be first state records.

This season saw the initiation of the Forest Bird Monitoring Program in which 13 mature forest habitats will be censused every summer to determine long term trends in breeding bird populations.

The weather story for June was a continuation of a wet pattern established in May. On the average, there was more than an inch of rain more than usual for the month and twice the amount reported for June 1988. The combined precipitation of May and June made it the fourth wettest two-month total on record, with 168% of the normal precipitation. The temperature was also a bit warmer than normal, primarily due to the warm overnight temperatures. July was a more nearly normal month, with precipitation lighter than usual in northern Vermont, but greater than normal in the southern part of the state. Temperatures were close to normal throughout the region.

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PIED-BILLED GREBE

LOONS THROUGH HERONS. Nesting was much more successful for the Common Loon in 1989 than it was any year since records have been kept. There were 14 nesting prs. statewide, which is an increase of 2 prs. over the year before. Nineteen chicks were hatched, of which 17 survived to fledging. This compares to 9 in 1988, 11 in 1987 and 13 in 1986. The annual Loon Survey was conducted on 7/15 with 94 observers sighting 72 loons on 25 lakes. There was one Breeding Bird Survey (hereafter BBS) report from Greensboro and 12 other reports from around the state, including a high of 4 (2 ad. and 2 second yr. imm.) at Grand Isle on 6/5 (RBL). Sightings of Pied-billed Grebes, a Species of Special Concern in Vermont, were much more numerous in 1989 than in previous years. Most notably, there was a calling male, possibly breeding in Dorset, heard several days in early June (EFG,GB,DB). There were 11 other sightings from around the state, including 4 breeding pr. that produced 10 yg. at the Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge (hereafter MNWR), along with an estimated peak population (hereafter EPP) of 20. Other notable sightings include 3 individuals responding to a tape at South Bay, Lake Memphremagog (hereafter L. Mem.) on 7/8 (NER) and 1 possibly injured, ad. in breeding plumage off Grand Isle on L. Champlain on 7/16 (RBL). An intriguing report of what the observers were convinced was a Pelican* sp. seen flying 15-20 ft. above L. Champlain in the vicinity of Diamond Islands 6/18. The description would indicate the bird was a Brown Pelican, although the species is more marine and less likely to appear inland than a White Pelican (BMT,BB). Double-crested Cormorants continue to expand their population on Young I., L. Champlain. This year there were 369 active nests, up from 244 last year. They are beginning to encroach on the Black-crowned Night-Heron and Cattle Egret rookeries (CCR,DJH). In addition, they nested for the first time in Spaulding Bay, Pantou, with 2 nests on Mud I. (DLC,BLR) and 35 birds on the island on 6/5 (SSW), 13 other reports included 15 seen at Charlotte on 6/12 (JJA) and 11 sighted at Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area (hereafter DCWMA) on 7/29 (WGE,NLM). There were 13 reports of American Bitterns with an EPP of 25 at MNWR and with a suspected, but unconfirmed breeding population of 10. Also sighted were a f. with 1 yg. at East Creek on 7/23 (DPK) and 2 ad. and 1-2 younger birds seen feeding on a freshly mown lawn in Center Rutland on 7/25 (VINS). There were

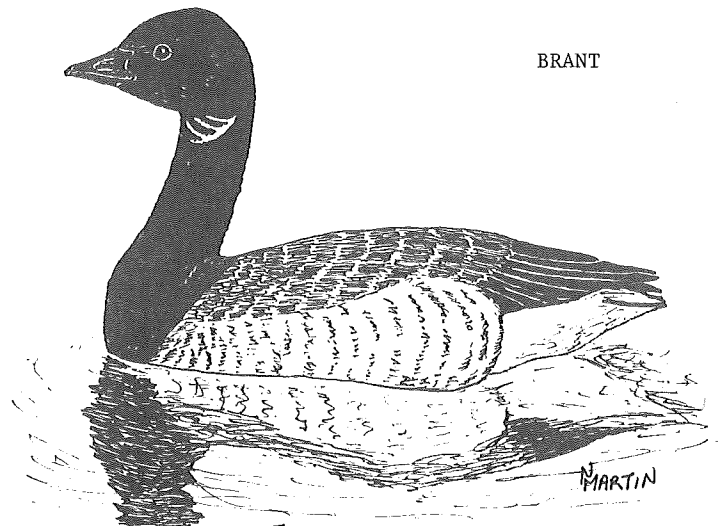
also 2 BBS reports of single individuals. The Least Bittern, a Vt. Species of Special Concern, was reported only 4 times in 1989, including 2 suspected, but unconfirmed breeders and an EPP of 6 at MNWR. Six were seen at East Creek on 7/23 (DPK,DC,CDK,AC,et al.), 1 was seen at Colchester Pt. on 7/15 (WAM) and 1 was sighted at South Bay, L. Mem. on 6/4 (NER). Although nesting numbers have been dropping at MNWR for the Great Blue Heron, with 663 yg. produced in 1989 compared to 890 in 1988 and 993 in 1987, there were reports of nesting at 6 different sites this yr. as opposed to only 4 sites in 1988. Besides MNWR, these included 3 active nests with 2 yg. produced in each nest in Essex Center (BM), 3 active nests at Dragon Brook, Middlebury (JAP), 15 juvs. in 4 nests in Weathersfield (WHW), 6 nests observed with at least 4 nestlings at Lefferts Pond in Chittenden in on 7/15,7/17 and 7/23 (RWP,DMM) and 7 probable nests still containing 3 yg. and 1 ad. just over the New York border from So. Poultney on 7/24 (JBM,JPM). There were a healthy number of other sightings also, the highest numbers being 33 at DCWMA on 7/29 (WGE,NLM), 8 birds at Colchester Pt. on 6/4(WAM), 8 seen, 1 a fledgling, at DCWMA on 7/16(JRA), 8 at Lewis Creek on 6/27(MCD,JID) and 7 at The Gut, L. Champlain on 7/13 (WGE,NLM,RBL). There was a sighting of one Great Egret in Dorset on 7/19(EFG), on a small pond. There was no apparent nesting on Young I. in 1989 of Snowy Egrets, although a single bird was seen there in May (CCR,MSL). The only other reports of this species were from Grand Isle on 2 occasions, 7/21 and 7/31 (DJH) The 5 reports of Cattle Egrets were all from the Grand Isle area of L. Champlain. There were at least 7 active nests on Young I. with several yg. in the nest. (CCR,WGE,NLM,RBL). There were 28-30 of all ages observed at Grand Isle on 7/31 (DJH). There were 29 reports, plus 4 BBS reports of Green-backed Herons in 1989, quite an increase over 1988. At MNWR there was an EPP of 20, with 8 suspected, but unconfirmed, breeders. A single bird was observed nesting on a small island in a cattail marsh in Proctor on 7/29 (RWP). High numbers seen include 8 at Colchester Pt. on 7/23 (WAM), 7 from Colchester to Burlington on 7/30 (WAM), 4 on Grand Isle on 7/21 (DJH), and 4 at DCWMA on 7/29 (WGE,NLM). Nine reports of Black-crowned Night-Herons were submitted, including 35 nests counted on foot by a UVM student on Young I. in June. This is down from 42 nests in 1984 (CCR). At MNWR there was a peak population of 35, with a suspected breeding pop. of 10. The other notable sighting was of 10 seen at Shelburne Pd. on 7/7 (MCD,JID).

WATERFOWL

Fulvous Whistling Duck*, a "pair" of goose-like waterfowl feeding in cornfields in Concord 6/12 and Lunenburg 6/13 were later identified as the above (JHW,RKB). The two reports of Snow Geese were 2 sighted in Colchester on 7/30 (ECC) that may have been tame and one in a flock of 62 Brant off of Woods I., L. Champlain on 6/3 (SBL). These Brant were the only report of the species. One brood of Canada Geese was seen at Gale Meadows in Winhall (hereafter GM) on 6/1 (HBG). There were 2 BBS reports and 16 other reports from various places around the state. Twenty-five landed on Silver L. in Barnard on 6/14 (MLW), 28 were seen in Dorset on 6/5 (EFG), 53 on L. Pinneo in Quechee on 6/4 (WGE,NLM), 75 in Middlebury on 6/17 (MBN), 30 near the Springfield/Rockingham line on 6/18 (REG), 19 in a cornfield in Sheffield Center on 6/21 (PFW,SAW) and 12 each were seen in Brandon on 7/25 (SSW) and DCWMA on 7/21 (MBN). Up to 45 were also seen at MNWR on 6/5. There were 3 reports of breeding Wood Ducks besides the MNWR estimated production (hereafter est. prod.) of 713

yg. Of significance were the 17 birds reported from Lefferts Pond in Chittenden on 7/7, which included a f. with 7 yg., a f. with 4 yg., and a m. and f. with 3 yg., all about 1/3 to 1/4 size (RWP). A f. with 4 yg. was seen in Allen Brothers Marsh, Westminster (hereafter ABM) on 6/10 (AMD) and 5 plus a brood were sighted in Quechee on 6/4 (WGE,NLM). Thirteen other sightings from around the state included a high of 30 seen in the Dead Creek area on 7/29 (WGE,NLM). There were two reports of Green-winged Teals, one was from MNWR with a pop. of 57 prs. but an est. prod. of zero. It is believed that this species is nesting farther north or is subject to heavy predation. Most of the Green-wings had left the Refuge by early May. Generally, the high waters during late April and May hurt the ground nesters (JBG). The other was a report of 2 seen at South Slang at DCWMA on 7/29 (WGE,NLM). Eighteen reports of American Black Ducks were sent in, also one BBS sighting. At MNWR there was a breeding pop. of 84 prs. with an est. prod. of 18 ducklings. There were 4 other confirmations of breeding, including a f. with 11 tiny ducklings out of a pond on grass in Woodstock on 6/1 (JMN), 1 ad. with 5 yg. 1/4 grown in Woodstock on 6/17 (JMN), a hen with 8 yg. at GM on 7/15 (WJN) and an ad. with 6 yg. in Joe's Pond on 7/26 (PFW,SAW). There were 4 BBS reports of 7 Mallards, and 20 other reports of the species. MNWR had a breeding pop. of 79 prs. with an estimated prod. of 177 ducklings. Other breeding confirmations include a f. with 6 yg. at HC on 6/18 (AMD), an indeterminate number of yg. on Bixby I., L. Champlain on 6/21 (CCR) and 4 f., 4 m. and 1 imm. in a beaver pond in Lincoln (JRA). There was also a report of a pr. visiting a pond in Woodstock for one week, chasing a black duck, but no Mallard yg. were seen. The single report of Northern Pintail came from MNWR, where one m. was seen on 6/14. At MNWR there was a breeding pop. of 18 Blue-winged Teal, with an est. prod. of 27 yg. Other breeding reports include 2 nests on Grand Isle, one of which hatched eggs on 6/13 and the other shortly thereafter (DJH) and 7 fully grown yg. on Grand Isle on 7/29 (DJH). There were 3 other sightings, and one BBS report of the species. A m. and f. Northern Shoveler were seen on a small pond in Ferrisburg on 6/11 (MCD,JID). The only other report of the species was from MNWR with an av. pop. of 2 and a peak pop. of 5. A confirmed nesting report of 2 f. Gadwall with 3 downy yg. photographed on the west shore of Grand Isle on 7/8 was a nice find (DJH). These same birds were seen 2 other times in the following weeks, also 1 f. with 8 yg. were seen on the north side of Young I. on 7/16 (DJH,KA). Further nesting evidence was discovered at Young I. when a f. was flushed from a nest 3 ft. from observers on 5/13 (DEC,VFWD). As of 7/23, 14 young, 1 drake and probably

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7 or 8 f. Gadwall were sighted on the east side of Young I. (DJH). Four birds and 4 downies were seen on Young and Bixby I., 1 at The Gut and 2 at Blodgett's Beach on 7/13 (WGE,NLM,RBL). There is a photographed sighting of a hen and 9 American Wigeon ducklings seen at Simm's Pt. off Grand Is. on 8/6 (DJH), and 1 m. was seen on Bixby I. (CCR). The only report of Ring-necked Ducks was from MNWR with an av. pop. 5 and a EPP of 10 (JBG). There was one Scaup species report from Moose Bog on 6/12 (REG), and one report of a White-winged Scoter hen on a pond in Chester on 6/3 (BZ). Common Goldeneyes were seen by one BBS reporter in Grand Isle, and 8 other times, all from the northern L. Champlain area or MNWR, where the breeding pop. was 27 prs. with an est. prod. of 208 yg. Other breeding reports from MNWR included 1 f. with 4 chicks on 6/1, 1 f. with 3 yg. on 6/24 and 1 f. with 5 yg. on 7/5. Eighteen birds, plus 10 downy yg. were seen at The Gut on L. Champlain on 7/13 (WGE,NLM,RBL) and a hen with 13 yg. at The Gut on 7/14 (DJH). There were 2 reports of Hooded Mergansers. MNWR had a breeding pop. of 10 with an est. prod. of 28, and 4 were seen at Lewis Creek on 6/27 (MCD,JID). Seven breeding reports of Common Mergansers were all from the L. Champlain area, except two reports of a hen with 8 yg. from Riverside Farms, So. Londonderry on 6/3 and 7/13 (WJN). Several broods were seen around the L. Champlain islands (CCR), including 3 hens with 30 yg. off Grand Isle on 6/25 (DJH), 1 with 6 juvs. at St. Albans Bay on 7/13 (WGE,NLM,RBL), 1 f. accompanying 30 juvs. at The Gut on 7/13 (WGE,NLM,RBL). A high count of 40 was seen at Button Bay on L. Champlain on 7/13 (WGE,NLM,RBL). One drake Red-breasted Merganser was photographed on Young I. on 7/8 (DJH) and one f. was photographed on Bixby I. on 7/23 (DJH). The f. was also seen near Bixby and Young I. on 7/13 (WGE,NLM,RBL).

VULTURES, HAWKS AND FALCONS

Although 29 reports of Turkey Vultures were submitted for summer 1989, there were no nesting reports for the season. Among the higher numbered sightings were 6 and 8 seen in Brattleboro on 6/18 and 6/21 respectively (AMD), 6 seen in Bristol on 7/4 (JRA), 10 DCWMA on 7/29 (WGE,NLM) and 8 in Ferrisburg on 7/31 (MCD,JID). In 1989, 3 prs. of Osprey nested, however only 1 pr. was successful. This compares to 2 nesting prs. in 1988, with both of those nests successfully fledging yg. A nest on a platform at MNWR was abandoned in June; cause unknown. Egg shell and owl pellets were found on the platform. A nest in a cottonwood tree on the Lamoille R. failed at the egg stage. Luckily a platform nest in Ferrisburg was successful, with 2 yg. produced. A territorial m. in a Fairfield swamp, that first built a nest two yrs. ago, was unsuccessful in attracting a mate. A platform will be built there this spring, along with several other new platforms in Shelburne, Bristol and Milton (VFWD). There were 14 other Osprey sightings in summer 1989, which is an increase over the previous few years. Most of the 16 reports of the Bald Eagle were of imm. birds from various locations around the state. These included 1 ad. and 1 imm. at HC on 6/18 (AMD) and 2 imm., one with a yellow tag on its right wing at Mt. Independence in Orwell on 6/27 (SMH). The only other mature bird spotted was a single bird flying over the Connecticut R. in Bloomfield on 7/14 (SW). Northern Harriers were represented by 12 reports, plus a peak pop. of 4 with a suspected breeding pop. of 2 at MNWR. Other notable sightings were 3 ad. in 2 locations in Alburg on 6/11 (RBL) and 3 seen at DCWMA on 7/29 (WGE,NLM). One seen at the Caledonia County airport on 7/23 seems to stay in this same area each summer (PFW,SAW). Besides the 2 Sharp-shinned Hawks seen during the season at MNWR, there was only one other sighting, that of an imm. migrant seen at Mt. Ascutney on 6/4 (WGE,NLM). Cooper's Hawks were represented by

1 seen at Moose Bog on 6/12 (REG) and 2 seen on BBS routes in Gaysville on 6/30, and Shaftsbury on 6/23. There were 4 sightings of Northern Goshawks, including 1 bird, diving vigorously at observers, to defend its nest in Woodstock on 6/2 (APB), another sighting in Woodstock was of a bird on an eye-level chase of a Blue Jay across a front lawn on 6/26 (JMN), one seen in Chittenden on 6/11 (CJF) and one seen at Woodford/Somerset Reservoir on 6/25 (VBC). Red-shouldered Hawks continue to be lightly reported, although there was one confirmed, photographed, nesting with 2 fledglings and parents observed in Pete's Notch on the Clarendon-Tinmouth line throughout spring and summer (RWP,DP). Other single bird reports came from West Bolton (MC) and Ferrisburg on 6/27 (MCD,JID), and an imm. in Westford 7/22 (JJA). There was one other report of this species being seen several times during the season in the Essex-Jericho area. These were known nesters in this area, but habitat destruction may rule this out in the future, if it hasn't already (LJE). Broad-winged Hawks were well represented with 21 reports, plus 2 BBS reports, including a nesting pr. with at least 1 imm. seen in Woodstock on 7/21 (JMN). Although there were 16 reports of the Red-tailed Hawk, plus 2 BBS sightings, no nests were reported. High count sightings include 6 in the Burlington area on 6/5 (SSW), 3 on I-91 from Lyndonville to White River Jct. on 6/30 (PFW,SAW), 2 in Dorset on 6/30 (EFG) and 2 at DCWMA on 6/5 (SSW). American Kestrels were well-represented with 24 reports, and 7 BBS reports from around the state. One pr. in So. Londonderry raised 2-3 yg. in a maple tree (WJN) and there were 2 nests on Pearl St. in Brandon, one in a barn and another under the eave of a house! (SSW). There also was a pr. around Bible Hill in Brownsville for the entire season (BMH). Since the return to Vt. in 1984 of the first pr. of Peregrine Falcons, there has been a steady rebound of the population since the decimation due to the effects of the pesticide DDT. This year, there were 7 territorial prs. in the state, 6 of which nested. Three of these breeding prs. fledged a total of 6 yg. Although the causes of nesting failure in the other prs. is not positively determined, human disturbance may have been the cause at one site. The single non-breeding territorial pr. consisted of a subadult (yearling) female and an adult tiercel (male). The annual spring statewide cliff survey located 2 additional Peregrine Falcons, neither of which appeared site tenacious.



BALD EAGLE

MARTIN

Sightings other than at known nesting sites include an imm. seen at DCWMA on 7/29 (WGE,NLM) and an ad. seen at Blodgett's Beach in Burlington on 7/30 (WAM).

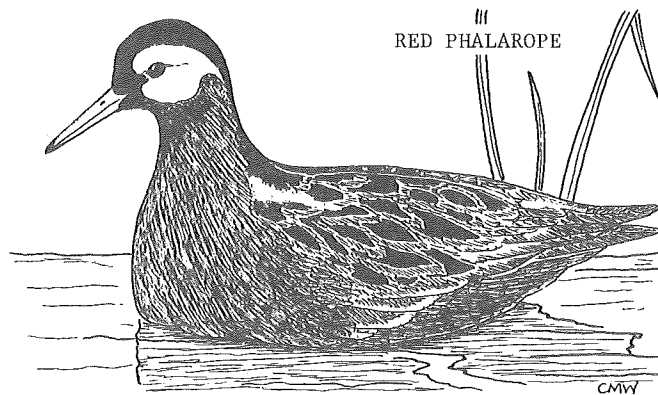
GROUSE THROUGH COOT

There were 2 reports of Gray Partridges, both from the northwestern part of the state. A single bird was seen near Mud Creek on 6/1 (ECC) and 2 birds were sighted in a plowed field in St. Albans (CCR). Ring-necked Pheasants were represented by a single report of a bird in Salisbury on 6/13 (SSW). There were no reports of Spruce Grouse. Besides the 3 BBS records for Ruffed Grouse, there were 24 other sightings, including 6 nesting reports from around the state. These include a hen and 7-8 three day old chicks in Concord Woods Natural Area (hereafter CWNA) on 6/7 (CCR), a hen with 8-9 yg. in Norwich on 6/9 (AAB), a brood in Winhall on 6/12, plus several other broods in the area during the summer (WJN), an ad. with 5 half grown yg. in Woodstock on 7/5 (JMN), a hen with yg. in Chester on 7/16 (CEAd) and a f. with yg. in Lincoln Gap on 7/20 (JRA). Reports of Wild Turkeys were more numerous this year than in previous years with 11 sightings, including 5 confirmed breeding reports. An ad. with 18 yg. was seen in Reading on 6/12 (FMH,GEH), a mother with 4 yg. was seen in Dummerston on 7/28 (AMD), an ad. with 6-8 yg. was seen in Chester on 7/8 and 2 ad. were seen with 8 yg. in Chester on 7/18 (CEAd) and a hen with 7 yg. were sighted in Winhall on 7/18 (WJN). Somewhat surprisingly, there were 2 reports this year of Northern Bobwhite. A m. bird whistled all day from various locations in Weybridge on 6/2 (MBN) and a single bird was at VINS in Woodstock on 6/4 (MBN). The only report of breeding for Virginia Rails is from MNWR, which had a peak pop. of 30 and produced 18 yg. Other sightings include 3 in Benson on 6/9 (WGE), 1 in Ferrisburg on 6/23 (MCD,JID), 1 at East Creek on 6/23 (DPK), 1 in Shaftsbury on 6/25 (VBC), 1 at DCWMA on 7/29 (WGE,NLM) and 1 on Colchester Pt. on 7/30 (WAM). At MNWR, there was an EPP of 75 Sora and a breeding pop. of 30 producing an estimated 50 yg. Other reports include 1 seen at East Creek on 6/23 (DPK), 1 at DCWMA on 7/13 (MCD,JID), 1 at Molly's Pond on 7/26 (PFW,SAW) and 1 at the Capen Farm in Proctor on 7/29 (RWP). Besides the report from MNWR of Common Moorhen, where there was a peak pop. of 35 and a breeding pop. of 20 but no confirmed yg., there were only 4 other reports. The one confirmed breeding report was of an ad. with 3 yg. at South Bay on L. Mem. (PFW,SAW). Other reports were 12 from East Creek on 6/23 (DPK,DC,AC,CDK), 3 on Lewis Creek on 6/23 (MCD,JID) and 6 at South Slang on 7/31 (MCD,JID). The only report of American Coot was of one at East Creek on 6/23 (DPK et al).

SHOREBIRDS

There were 2 reports of Semipalmated Plovers in the 1989 summer season, both from the Burlington area. One was seen at Blodgett's Beach on 7/30 (WAM) and 2 were sighted at Shelburne Bay on 7/31 (WAM). The Killdeer, with its distinctive call and high profile behavior was reported 31 times. The BBS surveys found a total of 67 individuals on 16 routes. Confirmed breeding was reported from MNWR where 6 breeding pr. produced 15 yg., 2 ad. and 3 yg. were seen in Woodstock on 6/7 (JMN), 1 ad. with 4 yg. in Dorset on 7/21 (EFG). At least 16 birds were seen at Simm's Pt. on Grand Isle on 7/21 (DJH). There were 2 reports of Greater Yellowlegs, both from the western side of the state. One was seen at DCWMA on 7/29 (WGE,NLM) and 1 was reported from Blodgett's Beach in Burlington on 7/30 (WAM). Three reports of Lesser Yellowlegs include 3 seen in the Dead Creek area (2 at Farrell access and 1 at South Slang) on 7/29 (WGE,NLM), 1 on the shore of Shelburne Bay on 7/15 (CCR) and 1 seen at Simm's Pt. on Grand Isle on 6/30 (DJH). There was only one report of a Solitary Sandpiper, a single bird seen at the Rt. 17

bridge at DCWMA on 7/29 (WGE,NLM). Besides 5 birds seen on 3 BBS routes, there were 23 other reports of Spotted Sandpipers including a breeding pop. of 6 prs. producing 12 yg. at MNWR. Although there were no other breeding reports, some high numbers were seen. These include 18 seen on the Burlington breakwater on 7/13 (WGE,NLM,RBL), 12 sighted at Simm's Pt. on Grand Is. on 7/21 (DJH) and 8 at Shelburne Bay on 7/29 (ECC). In order to ascertain information about the status of the Upland Sandpiper in Vt., a roadside survey of 33 Vt. towns was conducted between 3-11 June. Seventy-seven ad. and 2 juv. birds were located at 43 sites. The highest densities were found in Addison and Chittenden counties with 29 and 13 birds respectively. All but 2 of the sightings occurred in agricultural settings, primarily hayfields and pastures. Although the final estimate of the number of breeding prs. was 35-40, this estimate is believed low. Hopefully, a scaled-down, but more thorough, annual survey of 4-6 towns will be carried out in order to formulate specific management guidelines. There were 13 other reports, all from the western side of the state, mostly from Addison Co., including 7 seen in St. Albans on 6/5 (MJM), 4 in West Haven on 6/9 (WGE), 5 in St. Albans on 6/27 (MJM) and 5 in Addison on 7/29 (WAM). Semipalmated Sandpipers were represented by 3 reports. A single bird was seen in Burlington on 7/13 (WGE,NLM,RBL), one was seen at Shelburne Bay on 7/29 (ECC) and 9 were seen from St. Albans to Burlington on 7/30 (WAM). The 3 reports of Least Sandpipers include 2 at St. Albans Bay on 7/13 (WGE,NLM,RBL), 4 at Colchester Pt. on 7/15 (WAM), and 8 at Blodgett's Beach in Burlington on 7/30 (WAM). A single Dowitcher species was observed at Colchester Pt. on 7/23 (WAM). The Common Snipe totaled 33 individuals on 12 BBS routes. Ten other reports included an EPP of 160 and breeding pop. of 80 at MNWR, and an ad. with 3 chicks in charcoal gray, puffy feathers in Johnson on 7/5 (VRS). There were 6 reports of American Woodcock from around the state and 2 seen on BBS routes. At MNWR there was an EPP of 50 with a breeding pop. of 30. The first summer sighting for RVB of a RED PHALAROPE was a f. in alternate plumage photographed n.e. of Sloop I. off Wings Pt. in Charlotte on 6/12 (JJA). A rare sighting of this pelagic visitor.



RED PHALAROPE

GULLS AND TERNS

There were 7 reports of Bonaparte's Gulls from the L. Champlain area and 2 gulls seen on L. Pinneo in Quechee on 6/4 (WGE,NLM). The L. Champlain sightings were: 5 seen at Colchester Pt. on 7/15 (WAM), 1 in the same location on 7/23 (WAM), 105 molting ad. and subad. on Hen I. on 6/21 (CCR), 2 at Colchester Pt. on 7/13 (WGE,NLM,RBL), 1 at Grand Isle on 7/30 (DJH), 2 at Blodgett's Beach on 7/30 (WAM) and 1 at Shelburne Bay on 7/29 (ECC). To at least one observer, numbers seemed conspicuously lower than usual during July (CCR). Ring-billed Gulls continue to increase on L. Champlain with 13,000 nests on Young I. (DEC) and 189 nests on Popasquash I. (CCR). Other notable sightings were 35 in

a kettle in Rutland on 6/12 (CJF), 125 in Monkton on 6/20 (JRA), 85 at Moore Dam, Waterford on 7/7 (PFW,SAW), 200 at South Bay on L. Mem. on 7/7 (PFW,SAW), 95 on L. Dunmore on 7/15 (SSW) and 17 in Dorset on 7/20 where one observer had had only one previous sighting of a gull in this area (EFG). Amazingly, there were only 3 dated reports of Herring Gulls: 7 birds were seen on L. Champlain in Charlotte on 7/4 (JRA), 1 was seen on Potash Bay on 7/21 (MBN) and 2 at Shelburne Bay on 7/29 (ECC). The numbers of Great Black-backed Gulls appeared to be higher on L. Champlain in 1989 than in 1988, especially around tern and Ring-billed Gull colonies, with some chick predation observed (CCR). Other reports include 1 to 3 seen on L. Mem. in Derby between 6/26-7/8 (STH), 10 seen at Moore Dam on 7/7 and 3 at the same location on 7/24 (PFW,SAW), 2 at Shelburne Bay on 7/29 (ECC) and 40 observed in Burlington harbor on 7/13 (WGE,NLM,RBL). Owl, night-heron and ant predation is still a major cause of egg and chick losses for the state-endangered Common Tern. In 1989 there were about 50 prs. of nesting terns producing 19 fl., compared with 50-55 prs. in 1988, producing 15 fl. Other reports include 2 seen at Chimney Pt., 20 on Rock I. and 50 on Popasquash I., all on 7/13 (WGE,NLM,RBL) and 5 at Colchester Pt. on 7/15 and 1 at the same location on 7/23 (WAM). At MNWR 40 prs. of breeding Black Terns produced 70 chicks. Several observers commented on the fact that they thought this was a very good year for breeding for this species. Breeding reports included a nest with 6 eggs at So. Bay, L. Mem. on 6/4 (NER), 8 ad. and 14 yg. at South Slang on 6/11 (MCD,JID), 4 ad. and 2 yg. seen at Lewis Creek on 6/27 (MCD,JID), 20 ad. and 8 yg., just ready to fly, at the Pantion bridge at DCWMA on 6/30 (MCD,JID), 2 ad. and 7 yg. at Farrell Access at DCWMA on 7/13 (MCD,JID) and 5 imm. at South Bay, L. Mem. on 7/31 (PFW,SAW).

DOVES THROUGH NIGHTJARS

As usual, Rock Doves were abundant, with high counts of 22 in Woodstock on 7/3 (JMN), 25 in Brownsville (BMH), 25 in Rutland on 7/31 (SSW) and 20 at DCWMA on 6/4 (SSW). Mourning Doves were reported frequently with 28 reports, and 233 counted on 19 BBS routes. Of interest is an escaped Ringed Turtle-Dove, origin unknown, who spent 2 weeks in July eating cracked corn at a feeder in Wallingford (BLR). Black-billed Cuckoos continue to be well-reported by 31 observers in addition to 12 on 8 BBS routes. In spite of this extensive coverage, there were no confirmed breeding reports of the species. Besides the 1 Yellow-billed Cuckoo seen on a BBS route, the other reports include 1 in West Haven on 6/3 (REG), 4 in Benson on 6/9 (WGE), 4 in West Haven on 6/11 (WGE), 1 at Bristol Pond on 6/26 and 7/8 (MCD,JID) and 1 in Bristol on 7/11 (JRA). The single report of an Eastern Screech-Owl is of one bird seen in Ferrisburg on 6/22 (MCD,JID). Although there was evidence of nocturnal predation by Great Horned Owls at all 3 tern colonies in June and July, it was less frequent than in previous years. Among the 6 other reports of this species were 2 yg. produced in Ferrisburg and seen on 6/22 (MCD,JID) and one chick fledged on Hill Rd. in Sunderland on 6/1 (KK). Included in the 12 reports of Barred Owls were 1 seen through June and July in Winhall (WJN), a pr. all season in Woodstock, being particularly vocal from 6/15-6/22 (JMN) and one reported on a BBS route in So. Reading. Common Nighthawk numbers were down considerably. The only sightings were 1 in White River Jct. in June (WGE,NLM) and one in Saxtons River on 6/3 (REG). Observers searched for this species in Rutland in vain (CJF,NLM); has it disappeared from most of its former nesting sites? The Whip-poor-will did not fare any better with only two reports, a bird calling in the evening in Westford on 6/17 (MJM) and a bird in Saxtons River on 6/22 (REG).

SWIFTS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

Chimney Swift populations seem to be quite healthy with 22 reports to VINS, and 66 individuals seen on 12 BBS routes. Those reports that numbered higher than 10 birds include 30 seen all season over Woodstock village (JMN), 13 in Dorset on 7/14 (EFG) and 11 in Brandon on 7/23 (SSW). Besides the 6 individual Ruby-throated Hummingbirds seen on 4 BBS routes, there were 31 reports, including 2 m. and 2 f. at a feeder in Ferrisburg all June (MCD,JID), 2 m. and 2 f. at a feeder in Proctor throughout the season (WWP) and 2 or 3 seen daily at a honeysuckle bush in Woodstock with 1 yg. noted 7/31 (JMN). Belted Kingfishers were also very well represented with 10 individuals on 7 BBS routes, and 36 other reports including a nest in a bank in Brandon (SSW), a nest in a sandpit in Chester on 6/2 (CEAd), 4 breeding prs. with 5 yg. produced at MNWR, and 4 juvs. seen in Taftsville on 7/9 (WGE,NLM). We had a single report of an ad. Red-headed Woodpecker, a Vt. Species of Special Concern, from the nature center at Groton State Park on 7/20 (DAY). There were 46 Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers seen on 13 BBS routes, plus 23 other reports. Notable sightings were 10 seen in Reading on 7/1 (FMH,GEH), a m. and f. seen with 1 yg. in Woodstock (JMN), a pr. breeding near Lincoln Gap (JRA), 2-4 seen almost daily in Chester (CEAd), 5 juvs. in Dorset on 7/20 (EFG) and 5 birds banded on 4 dates at VINS. Downy Woodpeckers were well reported also by 32 observers, plus 41 seen on 14 BBS routes. Ten birds were banded on 8 dates at VINS. A pr. were feeding yg. in Woodstock on 6/8 (JMN), a family group with the parents feeding yg. in Brandon on 7/28 (SSW) and 5 seen in Woodstock on 7/29 (CRP). There were somewhat less sightings of Hairy Woodpeckers, with 29 individuals on 13 BBS routes and 21 other reports submitted. A pr. was seen feeding yg. on a suet feeder in Sheffield from 6/17-7/8. On 7/28, an imm. drove off a mature m., perhaps his father, from the feeder (PFW,SAW). A pr. was seen feeding yg. at the nest in Warren on 6/12 (JRA), a pr. in Woodstock was seen feeding yg. on 6/22 (JMN), and a pr. nested and was seen feeding yg. in Rutland on 7/1 (CJF). A single m. Black-backed Woodpecker was seen on dead tree in a swamp in Sheffield on 7/31 (PFW,SAW). Northern Flickers were well reported with 47 birds on 17 BBS routes and 37 other sightings. Notable reports include a pr. nesting in a dead poplar 3-4 m. off the ground, with 4 yg. ready to fledge, at West Rutland Marsh on 7/2 (RWP), 6 seen on Colchester Pt. on 7/8 (WAM), 2 families with 8 individuals at Lewis Creek on 7/19 (MCD,JID) and 5, of which 4 appeared to be yg., in Sheffield on 7/31 (PFW,SAW). Finally, a flicker showing "red" feather shafts was seen in Newport on 7/5 (NER). Twenty-one Pileated Woodpeckers were seen on 9 BBS routes. There were 15 other reports, including a pr. observed at a nest site in Brandon on 6/9 (SSW) and a suspected breeding pop. of 4 prs. at MNWR.

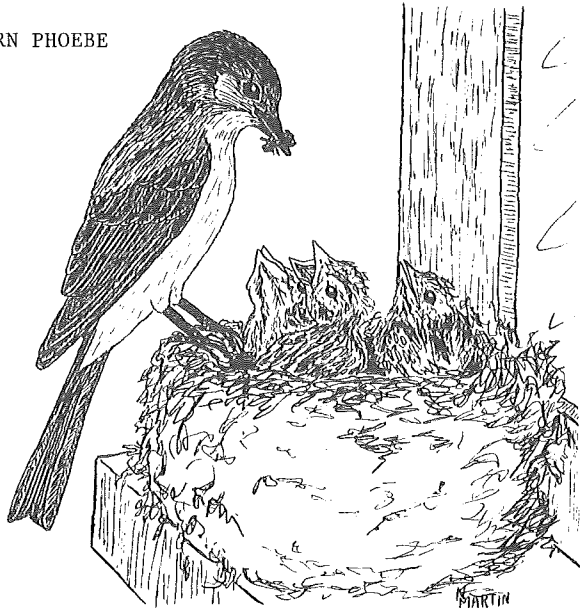
FLYCATCHERS THROUGH SWALLOWS

Eleven Olive-sided Flycatchers were seen on 3 BBS routes, and there were 9 other reports. Those with more than one bird seen were 2 in Bristol Notch on 7/11 (JRA), 2 in Barton Swamp on 7/31 (PFW,SAW) and 2 through the season in Reading (FMH). Eastern Wood-Pewees were reported 18 times, plus 41 individuals seen on 14 BBS routes. The highest numbers recorded were 5 seen in Reading on both 6/24 and 7/15 (FMH), 3 singing m. in Concord Woods on 6/12 (CCR) and 5 in Ferrisburg on 7/31 (MCD,JID). Two Yellow-bellied Flycatchers were seen on BBS routes, along with 6 other reports, including 2 seen on Roy Mt., Barnet on 6/7 (CCR) and an early migrant one seen at Grand Isle on 7/5 (DJH). Alder Flycatchers were detected 59 times on 13 BBS routes. They were also reported 21 other times, including a high of 6 seen at Joe's Pond, Danville on 6/3 (PFW,SAW). There were 9 Willow Flycatchers found on 5 BBS routes. There were

also 20 other reports of this species, with a high of 5 seen in the Dead Creek area on 7/29 (WGE,NLM). Seven "Trill's" Flycatchers were banded at VINS over six dates. At least 2 observers noted that the numbers of Least Flycatchers were down in 1989 (CCR,JMN), but there were nevertheless 158 individuals counted on 19 BBS routes and 24 other reports sent in. These included 2-4 observed daily in Chester, with nest-building seen on 6/25 (CEAd) and 7 singing m. on Roy Mt. on 6/7 (CCR). At the VINS bird banding station 7 birds were netted over 6 dates. Because they are so closely associated with human habitation, Eastern Phoebes were well reported (41 times) and often observed nesting. These reports included a pr. that had their first nest taken over by House Finches but rebuilt and fledged 4 yg. in Woodstock on 6/10 and then fledged 4 more on 7/20 (CRP),

on 19 BBS routes, and 34 banded (32 of them nestlings) at VINS. Included in the 37 other reports were 2 families (number of yg. unknown) in birdhouses in Turkey Hollow, Barnard on 6/1 (JNF), one nesting in a bluebird box in West Bolton (MC), one nesting in a bird house in a wildflower garden in Wallingford (SJD), an ad. feeding 4 yg. in E. Braintree (RAM) and 2 prs. observed nesting in Sheffield on 6/16 (PFW,SAW). An estimated 1300 were seen at DCWMA on 7/29 (WGE,NLM). Bluebirds Across Vermont (hereafter BAV) results indicate that Tree Swallows nested in 314 (or 38%) of the 822 bluebirds project nest boxes and fledged nearly 1300 Tree Swallows. A total of 5 Northern Rough-winged Swallows on 3 BBS routes were observed, plus 14 other reports, with adults feeding half-grown nestlings on Grand Isle on 7/8 (DJH) and a high of 36 seen on the Lamaille R. at Sandbar WMA on 7/13 (WGE,NLM,RBL). A high of 100 Bank Swallows were seen at HC on 7/18 (WJN), along with 13 other reports, including nesting in a sandpit in Brandon observed on 7/2 (SSW), and 81 counted on 10 BBS routes. Twenty-six Cliff Swallows were seen on 8 BBS routes. Nine other reports included 8 nests under barn eaves in Chester (CEAd), ad. gathering mud at a rain puddle at L. Bomoseen in Castleton 6/8 (RWP), and 2 juvs. seen in Taftsville on 7/9 (WGE,NLM). A total of 342 Barn Swallows were observed on 19 BBS routes. There were 35 other reports, including a high of 1100 estimated at DCWMA on 7/29 (WGE,NLM). Four nesting reports were submitted with ad. and 5 yg. seen in Sheffield (PFW,SAW), 8 at one house and 14 at another in Brownsville (BMH), 7 nests in a barn in Chester (CEAd) and a bird observed nest building and gathering vegetative matter and mud at a puddle at L. Bomoseen on 6/8 (RWP).

EASTERN PHOEBE

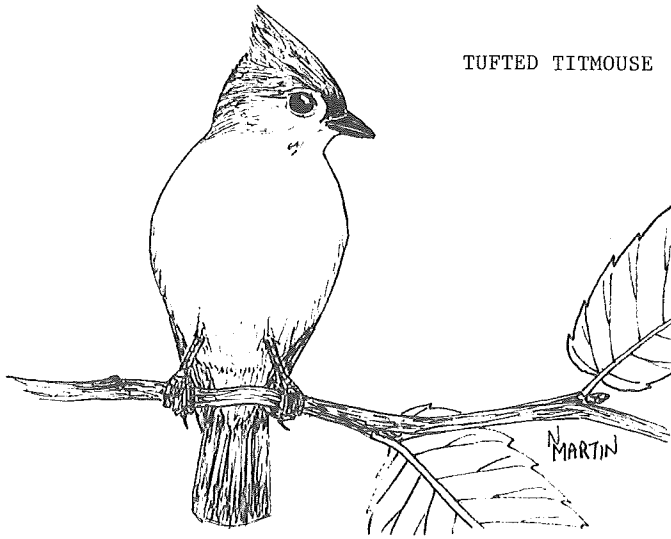


a nest, but no fl. seen in Lincoln (JRA), a nest with 2 yg. in West Bolton (MC), 3 yg. fledged in E. Braintree on 6/13 (RAM), a nest in an open shed in Randolph (EWC), one under a garage roof in Turkey Hollow, Barnard on 6/14 (JNF) and a nest that fell to the ground, but was stapled back up and eventually fledged 3 yg. in Westminster West (AMD). At the banding station at VINS, 29 birds were netted on 10 dates, and 159 were found on 19 BBS routes. Great-Crested Flycatchers were reported 30 times. Nesting reports included 2 broods raised from one nest at Grand Isle (RBL) and a pr. feeding yg. in Woodstock on 7/3 (JMN). High numbers were 5 calling in Franklin Bog on 6/26 (CCR) and 8 seen in Ferrisburg on 7/7 (MCD,JID). Thirty-three were detected on 12 BBS routes. Eastern Kingbirds were also well represented with 148 seen on 18 BBS routes, 4 birds banded at VINS and 26 other reports from observers around the state. There was a nesting pr. in an abandoned apple orchard adjacent to VINS headquarters in Woodstock (CCR) and a nest with 2 nestlings on the top of a telephone pole in E. Barnard on 7/9 (WGE,NLM). High counts of 10 at Ferrisburg on 7/13 (MCD,JID), 8 at DCWMA on 7/18 (JRA) and 75 in the DCWMA vicinity on 7/29 (WGE,NLM). The only 2 reports of Horned Larks were 2 seen in Whiting on 6/4 (SSW) and 1 seen daily for 2 weeks in late June and early July near Rt. 4 on the Bridgewater-Woodstock line (MOS). All 9 reports of the Purple Martin came from the Champlain Valley except for 1 bird seen in Newport on 7/31 (PFW,SAW). A survey of colonies in South Hero and Grand Isle in June resulted in an estimate of 100+ ad. and many empty houses (DJH). A high of 25 birds was seen at DCWMA on 7/29 (WGE,NLM), and 2 individuals were seen on the Hinesburg BBS route. Tree Swallows were frequently reported with 205 individuals

JAYS THROUGH WRENS

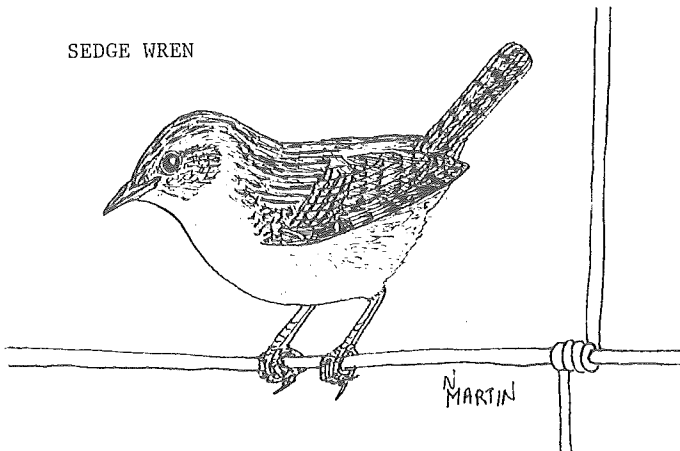
There was a nesting report of the threatened Gray Jay with 2 ad. and 2 juvs. photographed at Moose Bog on 6/17 (RWP,PHO). Blue Jays were reported 26 times with 2-3 nestlings being fed by ad. in Randolph (EWC), successful nesting in Lincoln (JRA) and 5 prs. observed nesting in the Wallingford area (SJD). A high number of 20-25 was seen daily in Winhall (WJN). One bird was banded at VINS and 265 individuals were seen on 19 BBS routes. Although the American Crow is one of the most visible and common bird species, there was only one nesting report in 1989 of a nest in Woodstock with 4 begging yg. on 7/22 (JMN). The 30 other reports included high counts of 32 at HC on 7/18 (WJN), 30 at MNWR, and 50 in Orleans on 7/30 (PFW,SAW). There was a total of 460 seen on 19 BBS routes also. Common Ravens were reported 10 times with 5, probably a family group, seen on Mt. Mansfield on 6/18 (CCR) and 8, possibly 2 ad. and 6 yg. seen in Brandon on 7/16 (SSW). The much-loved Black-capped Chickadee was seen or heard a total of 341 times on 19 BBS routes and 11 birds were netted on 7 dates at VINS. Among the other 29 reports were: up to 20 seen daily in Winhall (WJN), fl. seen in early July in Randolph (EWC), an ad. bringing food to another ad. in a nest box in E. Braintree on 6/3 and bringing food to at least 3 yg. on 6/24 (RAM), 4-5 prs. with yg. queueing up for a bird bath in Woodstock, the last week in July (JMN), and 2 prs. nesting in Wallingford (SJD). There was one Boreal Chickadee seen on the East Haven BBS, plus several other reports. One bird was seen in Moose Bog on 6/3 (MCD,JID), 2 were seen in Moose Bog on 6/12 and again on 7/9 (REG), and in Sheffield 1 was seen in an observer's front yard on 6/9, 2 in their trees on 6/16 and heard in the trees 4 other times in June and July (PFW,SAW). One of a flock of 3-4 Tufted Titmouses was banded at the VINS banding station, the first at the Bragdon Preserve. A pr. with 3 yg. was also observed in Woodstock through June and July (JMN). Among the other 8 reports was a family group of 7 seen in Hartland on 7/14 (NLM). Eight

TUFTED TITMOUSE



individuals were counted on 2 BBS routes in Marlboro (6) and Shaftsbury (2). Among the 17 reports of the Red-breasted Nuthatch were observations of an ad. carrying food to yg. in Lincoln on 6/16 (JRA) and a pr. nesting for the first time in years in a Woodstock location where they were observed feeding yg. on 7/17 (JMN). One bird was banded at VINS on 7/21 and 49 were seen on 13 BBS routes. White-breasted Nuthatches were observed at 25 locations, including photographed ad. feeding yg. in a natural nest cavity in an apple tree in Sugar Hollow, Pittsford on 6/16 (RWP), and an ad. feeding a fl. in So. Lincoln on 7/4 (JRA). There were also 46 individuals seen on 15 BBS routes. Brown Creepers were reported by only 11 observers including a high of 2 singing m. in Cornwall Swamp on 6/8 (CCR). Thirteen were seen on 6 BBS routes also. There was a single report of a Carolina Wren seen in Bartonsville on 7/31 (TEJ). A total of 52 House Wrens were reported on 14 BBS routes. Twenty-one other reports include an ad. with 4 fl. in Bristol Notch on 6/26 (JRA), a pr. nesting in the Brownsville area (BMH) and a pr. that built a nest in a box in Woodstock on 6/21, fledging 6 yg. on 8/1 (JMN). There were 87 Winter Wrens seen on 16 BBS routes, plus 22 other reports, including high counts of 7 singing m. at Roy Mt. on 6/20 (CCR), 8 singing m. on Mt. Mansfield on 7/3 (CCR) and 10 at Island Pond on 6/9 (WAM). The SEDGE WREN, a Vt. Threatened Species, was reported twice in summer 1989. A m. on territory was observed at West Rutland Marsh (hereafter WRM) in June and July (BLR) and 1 singing m. was heard in Winhall on 7/9 (WJN). There were 23 reports of Marsh Wrens, including high counts of 15 at Bristol Pond on 6/26 (MCD,JID), 27 at DCWMA on 7/13 (MCD,JID), 23 at South Slang on 7/21 (MCD,JID), and 30 from DCWMA on 7/29

SEDGE WREN



KINGLETS THROUGH THRUSHES

There were 11 reports of Golden-crowned Kinglets, mostly of one or two birds, but no breeding confirmations. On BBS routes, 32 individuals were recorded on 9 routes. At least one observer felt that numbers of the species appear substantially up in suitable habitat (CCR). Six observers reported Ruby-crowned Kinglets, with a high of 3 birds in Sheffield on 6/16 (PFW,SAW), but there were no sightings of this species on BBS routes. The 3 sightings of Blue-gray Gnatcatchers were: 10 birds seen, including 2 nests and one family with fledglings, in West Haven on 6/11 (WGE,NLM), 2 seen in West Haven on 6/3 (REG) and one bird in the Dead Creek area on 7/29 (WGE,NLM). Although there were only 10 Eastern Bluebirds seen on 9 BBS routes, other observers sent in 42 reports of the species, with 17 separate breeding confirmation reports. One bird was banded at VINS. Some of the more successful reports sent to RVE include 3 prs. nesting successfully in South Pomfret (MS), 2 prs. nesting in Wallingford (SJD) 5 fledged in June in Brownsville, with a second brood in July (BMH), a pr. raising 2 successful broods at VINS headquarters in Woodstock (CCR) and 13 in residence in Dorset (EFG). The nest box survey results from BAV indicated that "232 out of 822 boxes, or 28%, were used by bluebirds. Over 1100 eggs were laid and the estimated number of bluebirds fledged was over 900, based on an average of 4.0 fledglings per box" (JD). The favorite habitats of bluebirds, indicated by the breeding survey results, were orchards (50% of boxes in this habitat occupied), lawns (47%) and meadow/pasture (20%). Veerys were extensively reported with 284 on 19 BBS routes and 31 other reports plus 15 birds netted on 10 days at the VINS banding station. Breeding reports include a nest with 4 eggs in Chester on 6/4 (CEAD), a pr. feeding yg. in Woodstock on 7/3 (JMN), fl. seen in So. Lincoln on 7/14 (JRA) and a bird feeding yg. at L. Hosmer in Craftsbury on 7/11 (RWP). Some high counts were 10 in Winhall on 6/4 (WJN), 12 in Reading on 6/24 (FMH,GEH), and 10 ad. in Lincoln on 7/9 (JRA). Reports of the Gray-cheeked Thrush include a single bird seen at Haystack Mt. in Wilmington on 6/25 (VBC), 9 singing m. from the visitor's center to the chin on Mt. Mansfield on 7/3 (CCR), 3 (1 singing, 2 calling) on Camels Hump on 7/11 (CCR), 1 in So. Lincoln on 7/14 (JRA) and 1 within 20 feet of a Swainson's Thrush on Mt. Mansfield on 7/3 (DJH). Ten Swainson's Thrushes were counted on 2 BBS routes (9 in Stratton, 1 in Landgrove), and 1 early migrant was banded at VINS on 7/18. A nest containing 4 eggs was found in Shrewsbury on 6/20 (WGE). The 10 other reports were all of single birds except, 2 singing m. at CWNA on 6/20 (CCR) and 4 seen in Rochester on 7/8 (SSW). There were 89 Hermit Thrushes found on 16 BBS routes and 6 birds were banded on 6 dates at VINS. Thirty other reports included a bird feeding yg. at Sugar Hollow on 6/26 (RWP), an empty nest on 6/3 that contained 4 eggs in May, 50 ft. from a nest that failed similarly last yr. in E. Braintree (RAM), a nest with 4 eggs and a first fl. in Concord on 6/12 (CCR); and 5 singing m. in CWNA on 6/7 (CCR), 11 in Reading on 7/15 (FMH,GEH) and 7 in Lincoln on 7/26, where the observer felt that although the numbers were not high, she was hearing the species in many different places (JRA). Although there were 27 reports of the Wood Thrush, no confirmed breeding reports were sent in. Sightings with 5 or more birds were: 8 seen in Winhall on 7/4 (WJN), 5 in Reading on 7/15 (FMH,GEH), 6 in Dorset on 7/21 (EFG) and 5 in Lincoln on 7/26 (JRA). VINS banded 6 birds on 5 different dates and there were 213 birds reported from 19 BBS routes. American Robins, not surprisingly, were extensively reported on BBS routes, with a total of 1012 tallied on the 19 routes. The high of 109 birds was on the Colchester route.

WOOD WARBLERS

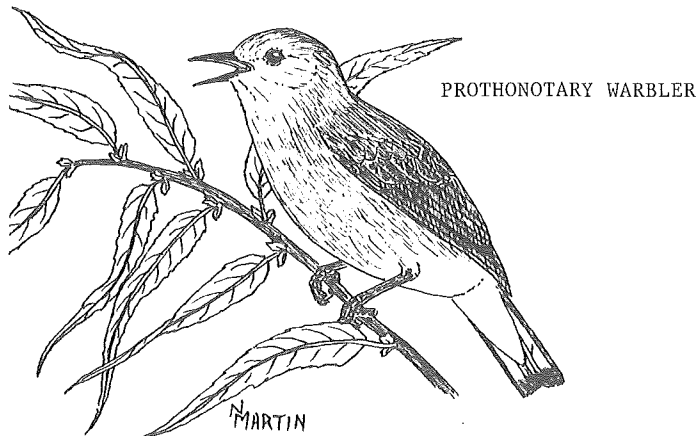
The 4 reports of Blue-winged Warblers include a single bird seen in W. Haven on 6/1 (REG), 2 birds seen on Town Farm Hill in Quechee on 6/4 (WGE,NLM), 1 seen in Brandon on 6/21 (SSW) and 1 bird seen in N. Bennington on 6/25 (VBC). One Golden-winged Warbler was seen on the West Rutland BBS route, plus 3 other reports: a singing m. at the base of Snake Mt. on 6/2 (ECC), one in Chester on 6/12 and 6/14 (CEAd) and one singing m. in Westford on 6/2-4 (MJM). A probably northbound Tennessee Warbler was found in Winhall on 6/2 (WJN). The 7 other reports were apparently early southward migrants, the first in Stratton on 7/1 (DT). All were singles except 2 singing m. on Camels Hump on 7/11 (CCR). The 3 banded at VINS were all molting ad. (CCR). There were 39 Nashville Warblers found on 9 BBS routes with 9 each on the Greensboro and E. Haven routes. Of the 14 other reports, those that recorded more than a single bird included 2 on Town Farm Hill in Quechee on 6/4 (WGE,NLM), 3 singing m. in Concord on 6/7 (CCR), 4 singing m. in Carmi Bog, and 3 singing m. at Franklin Bog on 6/26 (CCR), 3 in Moose Bog on 7/9 (REG), and 6 in Lincoln on 7/22 (JRA). All 4 Northern Parulas on BBS routes were from the Northeast Kingdom except one seen on the Middlesex route. The other 3 reports were of a single bird heard on Church Hill Rd. in Woodstock on 6/4 (WGE,NLM), one singing m. in Concord on 6/7 (CCR) and 1 out-of-place in Ferrisburg on 6/22 (MCD,JID). Yellow Warblers were encountered 253 times on all 19 BBS routes. There were 56 other reports including 2 nesting prs. (1 nest found with 4 eggs hatched 6/7, fledged 6/17) at VINS in Woodstock (CCR), 1 pr. nesting near a pond, with no surviving yg., in Barnard (JNF), 1 nest with 3 chicks and 2 eggs on Knight I. on 6/15 (CCR), ad. feeding yg. in Winhall on 6/18 and 6/21 (WJN) and an ad. m. feeding a yg. cowbird at LaPlatte Marsh in Shelburne on 7/1 (ECC). A total on 239 Chestnut-sided Warblers were reported on 18 BBS routes. There were 26 other reports including 3-4 nesting prs. at VINS headquarters (CCR) and 13 birds banded on 6 dates there. Some high counts included 11 in Reading on 6/24 (FMH,GEH) and 10 at Bristol Notch on 6/26 (JRA). The 21 reports of the Magnolia Warbler included a report of a pr. copulating in Lincoln on 7/15 (JRA), one singing m. below the stunted conifer zone on Mt. Mansfield on 6/18 (CCR) and a pr. with food for yg. at Leffert's Pond in Chittenden on 7/17 (RWP). One bird was banded at VINS and there were 64 individuals on 11 BBS routes. The 22 reports of Black-throated Blue Warblers included a photographed nest with 4 yg. 1.5 m. off the ground in a maple sapling in Sugar Hollow, Pittsford on 6/21 (RWP), 11 singing m. in CWNA on 6/12 (CCR), 10 in Rochester on 7/9 (SSW), 8 in Lincoln on 7/9 (JRA) and 9 singing m. on the Burrow's Trail on Camels Hump on 7/11 (CCR). There were 28 located on 13 BBS routes. Yellow-rumped Warblers were reported 17 times including a pr. in a white pine in Woodstock with 4 newly fledged yg. on 6/30 (JMN), a family group of 5 seen in Winhall on 7/19 (WJN), a nest with eggs on 6/22-24 and ad. feeding yg. on 7/3 on Mt. Mansfield (DJH), a pr. breeding in Lincoln (JRA), 12 singing m. on Mt. Mansfield on 7/3 (CCR) and 8 singing m. on Camels Hump on 7/11 (CCR). There were 136 birds found on 16 BBS routes. There was no nesting evidence in the 18 reports of the Black-throated Green Warbler, but some high counts include 8 singing m. at CWNA on 6/7 (CCR) and 5 singing m. on the Burrows Trail on Camels Hump on 7/11 (CCR). There were 68 individuals on 12 BBS routes. Of the 12 reports of the Blackburnian Warbler, those with multiple sightings include: 5 in Reading on 6/3 and 6/24 (FMH,GEH), 6 singing m. at the CWNA 6/7 (CCR), 2 in Ripton on 6/29 (MBN), 2 singing m. on the Burrows Trail on Camels Hump on 7/11 (CCR) and 3 in W. Haven on 6/11 (WGE). Eleven BBS routes tallied 30 birds. There were 4 Pine Warblers, 2 each on the Post Mills and Colchester routes. The other 2 reports were of 3 in Quechee on 6/4 (WGE,NLM) and 1 on Pleasant St. in

Otherwise, there were 32 reports of this species with nesting of at least 4 pr. noted in Woodstock on 6/20 (JMN), 2 pr. nesting in Wallingford on 6/15 (SJD) and nest-building at L. Bomoseen on 6/8 (RWP). High numbers seen include 200 at HC on 7/18 (WJN), 20 in Chester on 6/1 (CEAd), and 55 in Lincoln on 6/21 (JRA). VINS banded 16 birds on 11 different dates.

MIMIDS THROUGH VIREOS

Gray Catbirds were recorded 153 times on 19 BBS routes and 39 were banded at VINS on 23 dates. Otherwise, there were 41 reports of the species including a pr. nesting near a pond at Turkey Hollow in Barnard on 6/1 (JNF), wing-quivering courtship on 6/11 and 6/12 and nest building (the birds were trying to include a large "baggy" in the nest) on 7/3 in Shelburne (ECC,TGC). Also observed was a nest with 3 yg. in WRM on 7/6 (RWP). High numbers include 10 at HC on 7/18 (WJN) and 20 in Winhall on 7/31 (WJN). Eight Northern Mockingbirds were recorded on 5 BBS routes, along with 24 other reports from around the state. This included one breeding report of 2 ad. feeding one fl. in Montpelier on 6/6 (ECC) and a noteworthy 1 in Essex Co. at Miles Pd., Concord on 6/7 (CCR). All other sightings were singles except for 4 seen in the Dead Creek area on 7/29 (WGE,NLM). Only 4 Brown Thrashers were found on 4 BBS routes and 2 birds were banded on 2 dates at the VINS banding station. Otherwise, there were 18 reports including: a f. incubating 1 egg in a nest at VINS 6/1 that was empty and obviously predated on 6/9 (CCR), one bird feeding yg. in Chester on 6/11 (CEAd) and 2 prs. seen in Brownsville (BMH). Many observers commented on the abundance of Cedar Waxwings in 1989, and the fact that 417 individuals were counted on the 19 BBS routes seems to bear this out when compared to 295 last year. There were also 50 birds banded on 17 dates at VINS and 39 other reports sent in, with numerous nesting reports. These included a nest being built at ABM in Westminster on 6/18 (AMD), a pr. nesting successfully in a pine tree in Barnard on 6/8 (JNF), a bird carrying nesting material in Chester on 6/17 (CEAd), a nest about 3 m. up in an alder with 3 blind and featherless yg. in WRM on 7/6 (RWP), a pr. with 3 yg. at a pond in Woodstock on 7/10 (JMN), a nest in Ripton on 7/30 (MBN) and an ad. on a nest on 7/8, with a yg. hatched by 7/23 in E. Braintree (RAM). An interesting observation was sent in about 2 birds standing over a still warm, road-killed waxwing in Lincoln, who didn't move from the mid-line even as cars passed by (JRA). As might be expected, European Starlings were sighted frequently with 1100 individuals on 19 BBS routes. There were 28 other observations plus 3 birds banded on 3 dates at VINS. The only nesting report was of 5 prs. in Wallingford (SJD). An oddity was one pure white albino starling, around all season in Bethel (JHa). The 16 reports of Solitary Vireos included one nest with yg. in Chester seen on 7/18 (CEAd). Fifty-seven individuals were tallied on 15 BBS routes. There were 12 reports of Yellow-throated Vireos, all single birds except for 2 in Quechee on 6/4 (WGE,NLM) and 2 at Lewis Creek on 6/23 (MCD,JID). VINS banded 3 birds on 2 dates and 26 were found on 6 BBS routes. Warbling Vireos were recorded 69 times on 15 BBS routes, banded 6 times on 6 dates at VINS and reported 20 other times, including a nesting pr. at VINS (CCR). Red-eyed Vireos were frequently encountered on BBS routes with 725 individuals seen on 17 routes. Besides the 12 birds banded on 9 dates at VINS, there were 34 other sightings, including a pr. feeding yg. in Woodstock on 7/3 (JMN), a pr. feeding a cowbird fl. at Kent Pond in Sherburne on 7/31 (RWP), a nest torn and some eggs destroyed by high winds in early July that contained a Brown-headed Cowbird nestling on 7/22 in E. Braintree (RAM). High numbers recorded were 15 singing m. at CWNA on 6/7 (CCR), 14 in Lincoln on 7/11 (JRA) and 11 singing m. on the Burrows Trail on Camels Hump on 7/11 (CCR).

Woodstock on 6/4 (WGE,NLM). Besides the one Prairie Warbler encountered on the Shaftsbury BBS route, the 4 other reports were: a nesting pr. at VINS (CCR) and 3 other reports of the same birds in June and July (SSW,MBN,WGE). A Palm Warbler* was seen "acting like a breeding bird" in suitable habitat 3 miles N. of Rt. 105 on the Lewis Pd. Rd., on 7/9 (RWH,BC). There is a confirmed nesting record of Bay-breasted Warbler, a m. and f. were seen carrying food in Moose Bog, where a nest was found last year, on 7/9 (REG). There was one BBS report of a Blackpoll Warbler from the Landgrove route and 6 other reports: 18 singing m. on Mt. Mansfield on 6/18 (CCR), a single bird at Branch Pond on 6/25 (VBC), 1 bird at the Woodford-Somerset Reservoir on 6/25 (DPK), 1 bird at Haystack Mt. in Wilmington on 6/25 (JJC), 8 singing m. on the Burrows Trail on Camels Hump on 7/11 (CCR) and a bird sitting on eggs on 6/22 and 6/24 on Mt. Mansfield and feeding very small nestlings on 7/3 (DJH). Two migrants were netted on 6/2 and 6/5 at the VINS banding station. The 2 reports of Cerulean Warblers were both from the Sandbar WMA, on the Lamoille R. One singing m. was heard on 6/15 (CCR) and 4 birds were found near the mouth of the river on 7/13 (WGE,NLM,RBL). A total of 88 Black-and-white Warblers were located on 15 BBS routes and VINS netted 21 birds on 11 dates. There were 18 other reports, although no reports of confirmed nesting. At least one observer felt that he encountered fewer singing m. than normal in June, in spite of the record number of molting ad. banded at VINS (CCR). Although 16 birds were netted on 11 dates at VINS, again some observers felt that American Redstarts were perhaps fewer in numbers this year (CCR). There was no breeding confirmation for the species, but high counts among the 17 reports were 6 birds in Reading on 6/23 (FMH,GEH), 4 in Ferrisburg on 6/27 (MCD,JID) and 4 (2 territorial prs.) in Woodstock (JMN). There were 189 individuals found on the BBS routes, with 21 on the Shaftsbury, 16 on the W. Rutland, and 15 on the Hardwick



PROTHONOTARY WARBLER

routes. There were repeated observations of the m. PROTHONOTARY WARBLER, the fourth state record for this species, in West Haven from 5/20 to 6/27 (AP,DG,WGE,NLM, et al.). The bird sang constantly in a flooded silver maple woodland along East Bay, at the edge of The Nature Conservancy's new Galick-Bald Mt. Preserve. The wet bottomlands are strongly reminiscent of the Prothonotary's southern breeding swamps and the bird was seen investigating potential nesting cavities, but no female ever appeared. There were 292 Ovenbirds on the 19 BBS routes, including 36 on the Marlboro and 27 on the Northfield Falls route. The 27 other reports included 2 or 3 nesting prs. in Woodstock (JMN), an ad. on a nest until 6/16 and 4 yg. in the nest on 6/24 in E. Braintree (RAM) and a nest with 3 nestlings on 7/17 and 2 yg. fledged on 7/23 (RWP). A f. bird was killed hitting a window in Woodstock on 6/12 and was found to have a well-developed brood patch and an egg in her oviduct (JMN). Up to 23 singing m. were seen at CWNA on 6/7 (CCR) and 10 birds were netted on 9 dates at the

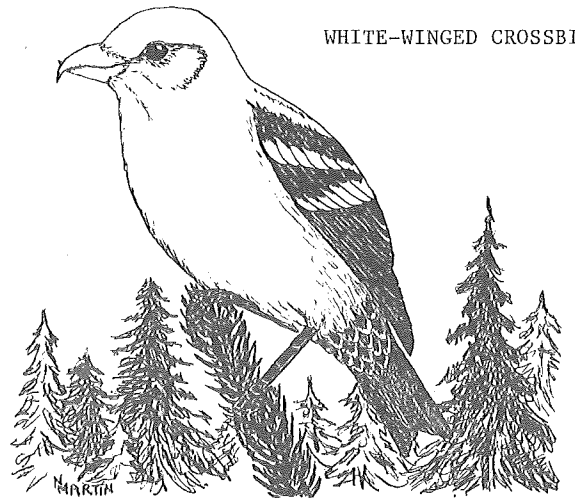
VINS banding station. Although there were only 9 BBS reports of the Northern Waterthrush on 4 routes (4 were seen on the Hardwick route), there were 19 other reports including 6 singing m. seen at Roy Mt. WMA on 6/7, a nesting pr. at Bloody Brook in Norwich and a high of 7 singing m. seen at Cornwall Swamp on 6/8 (CCR). Four Louisiana Waterthrushes were counted on the Marlboro BBS route. The 9 other reports were all single sightings except 2 singing m. presumed nesting, at Bloody Brook in Norwich during June and July (CCR), 3 birds seen on Fletcher Hill in Woodstock on 6/4 (WGE,NLM), 2 birds in Reading on 7/29 (FMH,GEH) and 2 birds often seen in Winhall during June and July (WJN). One imm. bird was banded at VINS on 7/24 (CCR). There were 9 reports of Mourning Warblers, including 4 in Reading on 6/24 (FMH,GEH) and a pr. feeding fl. in So. Lincoln on 7/14 (JRA). Six were found on 4 BBS routes. In contrast, 500 Common Yellowthroats were tallied on the 19 BBS routes along with 34 other reports of the species. These included at least 3 prs. nesting in Woodstock, seen feeding yg. on 7/3 and 7/26 (JMN), a f. feeding yg. at ABM on 7/8, 2 families feeding yg. in Lincoln on 7/15 (JRA), and highs of 12 in Ferrisburg on 6/26 (MCD,JID), 12 in Dorset on 6/2 (EFG), and 17 in Lincoln 7/15 (JRA). There were 21 birds netted on 10 dates at VINS. There was a total of 13 Canada Warblers on 7 BBS routes, and 17 other reports. One bird was banded at VINS on 7/31. There was one report of an ad. feeding yg. in Lincoln on 7/15 (JRA). High count sightings were of 3 singing m. on Roy Mt. WMA on 6/7 (CCR), 6 seen in Reading on 6/22 (FMH,GEH) and 3 in Rochester on 7/8 (SSW).

TANAGERS THROUGH SPARROWS

Scarlet Tanagers were reported 24 times including a family of 5 in Woodstock seen on 7/25 (JMN), and high counts of 4 in Reading on 7/1 (FMH,GEH) and 4 in Chester on 7/9 (CEAd). Two were banded at VINS and 76 were found on 17 BBS routes with 9 on the Landgrove and 8 on the Northfield Falls route. One Northern Cardinal was banded at VINS, and 45 birds were encountered on 8 BBS routes, including 10 on the W. Rutland route. There were 24 other reports, with a pr. with yg. in Woodstock on 6/20 (JMN) and a pr. bringing fl. to a feeder in Wallingford on 7/6-10 (SJD). Up to 5 were seen in Brandon on 7/27 (SSW). There were 23 reports of Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, including a bird in Cambridge with a crooked middle toe that returned for a third yr. to eat sunflower seeds out of the observer's hand (on the first day back too!) (JGG). Breeding confirmations included ad. feeding yg. in Woodstock on 7/10 (JMN), a f. and 2 yg. coming to a feeder in Ferrisburg all summer (MCD,JID), a fl. seen with an ad. in No. Pomfret on 7/9 (WGE,NLM) and an ad. with fl. in Lincoln on 7/15 (JRA). There were 65 individuals counted on 17 BBS routes and 9 birds banded at VINS on 6 dates. There were 33 reports of Indigo Buntings, with breeding confirmed by 2 nesting pr., 1 pr. seen with yg. on 7/8 (CCR,JMN), also in Woodstock 2 pr., each feeding at least one fl., on 7/11 (JMN) and 7/25 (PK). Seven birds were banded on 3 dates at VINS and 103 were found on 15 BBS routes. Rufous-sided Towhees were observed 8 times on 5 BBS routes and were reported 16 other times, including a breeding pr. at VINS (CCR) where 4 birds were netted on 3 dates. Four Chipping Sparrows were reported banded on 3 dates at VINS, as well as 30 other reports, including 2 or 3 pr. in Woodstock, where one pr. was feeding yg. on 6/24 and another pr. was mating and building a nest 15 ft. up on the tip of a horizontal branch of a large sugar maple on 6/25 (JMN). Also 2 pr. with yg. in Westminster West on 7/14 (AMD), an ad. with a juv. in Weybridge on 6/19 (MBN) and 2 flying into a spruce, where a nest was seen, in Shelburne on 7/29 (ECC). There were 247 individuals counted on all 19 BBS routes also. Four nests of Field Sparrows were monitored very carefully at VINS this summer. One pr. nested successfully twice, fledging 4 yg. on 6/11 and

2-3 yg. on 7/14, another pr. nesting successfully twice, fledged 4 yg. on 6/8 and 3 yg. on 7/15. A third pr. fledged 4 yg. on 6/7, it was not documented, but they are also suspected of having renested. The fourth pr. also was known to nest only once, fledging 4 yg. on 6/27, though suspected of renesting, with the male still singing through mid-Aug. (CCR). There were 16 birds banded on 9 dates at VINS and 17 other reports also. There were 23 individuals encountered on 7 BBS routes. The 5 reports of Vesper Sparrows were: 4 seen in Chester on 6/1 (CEAd), 2 in Bridport on 6/11 (WAM,GEHo), 4 in Ferrisburg on 6/22 (MCD,JID), one in Goshen on 7/6 (SSW) and 4 at DCWMA on 7/29 (WGE,NLM). There were 14 reports of Savannah Sparrows, with ad. carrying food for yg. seen at DCWMA on 6/4 (SSW) and a high of 84 (1) found in the Dead Creek area on 7/29 (WGE,NLM). A total of 107 individuals were observed on 13 BBS routes, including 25 on the Greensboro route. The 4 reports of Grasshopper Sparrows were of one bird seen at DCWMA on 6/4, one at Bridport on 6/11 (WAM), an ad. and juv. at DCWMA on 6/25 (MBN), and 2 at Stone Dam at DCWMA on 7/29 (WGE,NLM). There were 737 Song Sparrows counted on the 19 BBS routes, plus 29 other reports. These included a nest with 5 yg. in an Astilbe plant (CRP), 4 nesting pr. at VINS (CCR), 3 breeding pr. near a house where one banded m., had 2 predated nests (chipmunks suspected) and one successful nest and was feeding yg. 7/28 (JMN). All from Woodstock. Thirty birds were found at HC on 7/18 (WJN), and 69 were banded on 20 dates at VINS. The 5 reports of Lincoln's Sparrow were: 2 seen at Moose Bog on 6/12 (REG), one at Sheffield on 6/18 and 7/31 (PFW,SAW), one at another location in Sheffield on 6/23 (PFW,SAW), one at Branch Pond on 6/25 (SBL) and one at Woodford/Somerset Reservoir on 6/25 (DPK). There were also 11 individuals encountered on 2 BBS routes including 8 on the Greensboro route. Swamp Sparrows were reported 30 times from around the state, including a nest under a tuft of dead grass with 3 yg. almost ready to fledge at WRM, with 2 other pr. observed nearby on 6/10 (RWP), and a pr. with yg. at ABM on 7/6 (AMD). The high counts were 19 at DCWMA on 7/29 (WGE,NLM) and 13 at DCWMA on 7/16 (JRA). There were 58 tallied on 9 BBS routes also. White-throated Sparrows were counted 283 times on 19 BBS routes, with a high of 40 birds on the Greensboro route. Eleven birds were banded on 9 dates at VINS and there were 30 other reports, including a pr. though June that may have nested in Woodstock (JMN), 11 singing m. on Mt. Mansfield on 7/3 (CCR), 15 in Reading on 7/15 (FMH,GEH), 10 in Lincoln on 7/22 (JRA), and 10 in Winhall on 7/25 (WJN). The 24 reports of Dark-eyed Juncos included 2 families with fl. in Lincoln Gap on 7/9. The parents of one of the sets of fl. walked down the road in front of the observer, almost "hand-in-hand", away from the fl., possibly as a distraction (JRA). Also observed were 4 birds, including 1 fl. on the Amity Pond Trail in No. Pomfret on 7/9 (WGE,NLM), 2 ad. near a nest with one egg and 3 yg. in E. Braintree on 6/24 (RAM). Two birds were banded on 7/10 at VINS and 55 individuals were found on 11 BBS routes. There were 24 reports of Bobolinks including a high of 195, many gathering in pre-migratory flocks, at DCWMA on 7/29 (WGE,NLM), in addition to 264 individuals observed on 18 BBS routes with a high of 66 seen on the Northfield Falls route. There were 26 reports of Red-winged Blackbirds with 2 nesting prs. at VINS, one nest with 5 eggs found on 6/22 hatched on 6/25 (CCR), and a fl. being fed on a lawn in Randolph in late July (EWC). As many as 50 birds were seen at HC and ABM on 7/18 (WJN) and 50 imms. were seen at DCWMA on 7/21 (MBN). VINS banded 41 birds on 13 dates and 866 individuals were counted on the 19 BBS routes. The Eastern Meadowlark was reported 17 times, with a high count of 19 at DCWMA on 7/29 (WGE,NLM) and 30 individuals on 11 BBS routes. The 2 Rusty Blackbird sightings, a Vt. Species of Special Concern, were both

from VBC trips in the southern Green Mts.; one bird at Branch Pond and one at Woodford/Somerset Reservoir, both on 6/25. There were 28 reports of the Common Grackle. Nesting observations included an ad. feeding 4 juvs. in Brandon on 7/24 (SSW), an ad. feeding yg. in Sheffield from 6/15 -7/8 (PFW,SAW) and an ad. feeding a juv. in Weybridge on 6/19 (MBN). High counts included 225 birds seen in Dorset on 7/29 (EFG), 100 seen at HC on 7/18 (WJN) and 20 seen in the woods in Lincoln on 7/13 (JRA). Three birds were banded on 3 dates at VINS and 393 individuals were tallied on the 19 BBS routes. There were 24 reports of the Brown-headed Cowbird, including one copulating pr. in Bristol Notch on 6/11 (JRA), plus 175 individuals on 18 BBS routes. There were 2 confirmed nestings of Orchard Oriole, with a pr. with 2 yg., possibly more, in a hawthorne at the DAR State Park in Addison on 6/19 (MWA) and a f. seen feeding 2 yg. in a nest in Addison on 7/29 (WGE,NLM). Other sightings were of 1 bird at the DAR State Park on 6/3 (WAM), and 1 singing second-year m. at the Quechee Country Club on 6/4 (WGE,NLM). Northern Orioles were fairly abundant with 32 reports, including 3-4 nesting pr. at VINS, 1 fl. seen on 7/11 (CCR,WGE,NLM), 2 nests in Woodstock 1 pr. feeding 3 yg. on 6/22 (JMN) and a high count of 10 seen at the DAR State Park on 6/4 (JMD). There were 79 encountered on 16 BBS routes and 4 birds banded on 4 dates at VINS. The 18 reports of Purple Finches included 2 nesting pr. bringing fl. to a feeder in Wallingford on 6/15 (SJD) and a high count of 14 birds seen in Sheffield on 6/16 (PFW,SAW). There were 46 counted on 12 BBS routes with a high of 10 on the Landgrove route and 4 banded at VINS. Since the first state record of nesting House Finches in 1976, they have grown to 25 reports from around the state, including attempted nesting in Woodstock (CRP), another family at a feeder in Woodstock (JMN) and another pr. nesting in Jericho (LJE). One observer in Woodstock tried to discourage breeding of the species by replacing eggs in a nest with 4 stones. The f. continued to incubate the stones for a month (CRP). High counts of 25 were made in Shelburne on 7/29 (ECC) and in Chester all season (CEAd). There were 99 tallied on 10 BBS routes with highs of 32 on the Shaftsbury and 20 on the W. Rutland route. Twelve were banded on 7 dates at VINS. There



WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL

were 7 reports of the White-winged Crossbill, with 2-7 birds seen in Sheffield from 7/28-7/31 (PFW,SAW), 2 or more were feeding on green cones in pines in Westminster on 7/27 (JHH), a pr. eating gravel in a driveway in Reading on 7/26 & 31 (FMH,GEH), 8 feeding on fir cones in Hinesburg on 7/11, with an influx of up to 20 in the area the rest of July (CCR,PW,BDF) and 11 on Mt. Mansfield on 7/26 (CCR). The four reports of Pine Siskins were of between 1-3 birds at a feeder in Sheffield during June and July (PFW,SAW), one seen on

Haystack Mt. in Wilmington on 6/25 (VBC), 2 in Wallingford on 7/2 (SJD) and 2 together, possibly a pr., on Mt. Mansfield on 7/3 (CCR). There was one nesting report out of 35 reports of the American Goldfinch, that being one nest found with a f. incubating 3 eggs at VINS on 7/15 (CCR). There were high counts of 20 seen in Ferrisburg on 6/22 (MCD,JID) and 17 in Lincoln and Weybridge on 6/21 (JRA). Eight birds were banded on 4 dates at VINS and there were 214 found on 19 BBS routes. Evening Grosbeaks were extensively reported by 37 observers, including an ad. feeding yg. at a feeder in Sheffield on 6/2 (PFW,SAW), one juv. on Skunk Hollow Rd. in Hartland on 7/14 (WGE,NLM), a f. hulling sunflower seeds for a well-fledged juv. at VINS on 7/18 (NLM), and a pr. with 2 yg. in Randolph in July (EWC). One observer in Randolph Ctr. said it was the first time she had seen them in that area in summer (MEH). There were 32 encountered on 9 BBS routes. Although they are most certainly numerous, with 299 individuals reported on 15 BBS routes, there were only 21 other reports of the House Sparrow. High counts included 30 in Burlington on 6/13 (ECC) and 25 in Brownsville on 6/15 (BMH).

Correction to Spring 1989 Records:

Wilcox Flats is not in E. Dorset but is south of Manchester Village.

Abbreviations Used in the Text

ABM	Allen Brothers Marsh, Westminster
BAV	Bluebirds Across Vermont Survey, Vt. Audubon Council
BBS	Breeding Bird Survey
CWNA	Concord Woods Natural Area, Concord
DCWMA	Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison
GM	Gale Meadows, Winhall
HC	Herrick's Cove, Rockingham
L. Mem.	Lake Memphremagog, Newport
MNWR	Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge, Swanton
VBC	Vermont Bird Conference Field Trip, Bennington County
VFWD	Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department
WRM	West Rutland Marsh

ad.	adult(s)		
av.	average		
EPP	estimated peak population		
est. prod.	estimated production		
f.	female	m.	male
fl.	fledgling(s)	pr.	pair(s)
imm.	immature(s)	Pt.	Point
I.	Island	Pd.	Pond
juv.	juvenile(s)	pop.	population
L.	Lake	yg.	young
Mt.	Mountain/Mount	Vt.	Vermont

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East Haven (TEJ) 7/7	Newbury (FAP) 6/21
Fletcher (LPR) 6/25	Northfield Falls (WHB) 6/27
Gaysville (NLM) 6/30	Post Mills (WGE) 6/13
Grand Isle (LPR) 7/3	Reading (TEJ) 7/1
Greensboro (TEJ) 7/6	Shaftsbury (CCR) 6/23
Hardwick (TEJ) 7/5	Stowe (EJM) 6/24
Hinesburg (CSP) 6/3	Stratton (FMH) 6/14
Landgrove (WGE) 6/19	W. Rutland (NLM) 6/20
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