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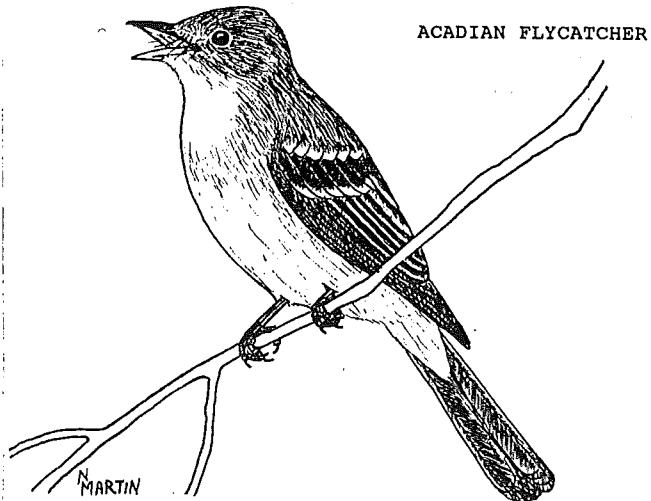
This spring was another mild one, following a series of similar ones. It followed another mild winter, with above average temperatures and below average snowfall. Again this year the waters of the state did not freeze up completely, a significant factor in the waterfowl movement. This spring saw three consecutive warm months, not like 1990 when March and April were above average, but May was cold and wet.

March averaged from 1 to 6 degrees above normal. The region-wide average was the warmest since 1983. Precipitation for the month was above normal, the wettest March since 1983. The first few days of the month were very warm, a recording of 58°F at Burlington on 3/3 set a record for that date there and tied for the warmest day of the month. After the initial warm spell the temperatures dropped off as successive frontal systems passed through - the final warm period in March was 3/26-28 with a maximum of 50°F on 3/28. Snowfall was light for the most part - in the 2-4 in. range at higher elevations. The storm of 3/13-14 dumped considerably more in the southeast corner. The lowest temperature of the month was 13°F on 3/9 at Burlington ('somewhat lower elsewhere').

April marked the sixth of the last seven months with the temperature above normal. The precipitation was close to normal. Record warm temperatures were recorded from 4/7 to 4/9 - on 4/7 the temperature at Burlington reached 83°F a record for that date. A couple of periods of heavy rain with thunder passed through during the month, with road flooding and wind damage. Temperatures remained relatively warm, above average for most of the rest of the month, with another warm period from 4/20-29. The lowest temperature of the month at Burlington was 26°F on 4/14.

May, unlike last year, was a warm, above normal month. This month averaged about 4 degrees above normal and was the fourth warmest May for the region as a whole - precipitation overall was close to normal. The period October 1990 through May 1991 averaged about 3 degrees above normal, making it the warmest such eight-month period in the 96 years of record keeping - the mercury topped 80°F at Burlington seven times in May, the highest being 88°F on 5/24, a record for the date. The lowest temperature of the month was 33°F on 5/19 (considerably less than normal outside of Burlington). As waves of low pressure swept across the state, there were many violent thunderstorms with some flooding. The wettest part of the state in May was the Northeast Kingdom with 25% above the normal. The month and period closed with 80° temperatures and southerly winds.

How did this affect the migration? First, the early ice-out here and north of here permitted the waterfowl to move en masse in March, and be mostly through by mid-April. The large buildups of ducks and geese awaiting melting farther north were not necessary, so numbers seemed generally low. The April and May landbird migrants came in early, pushed ahead by warm weather in early March, and many arrival dates were fantastically early, and would have been early 200 miles



ACADIAN FLYCATCHER

south of here. There was less movement in June than usual; most transients were through here by late May. Species like the Olive-sided Flycatcher and Mourning Warbler, which usually come in in late May, and move largely in early June, frequently are difficult to get on the Birdathon, but not this year; they were reported widely.

As for declines - we again got many reports from all sections noting scarcities in a wide variety of species. However, it was this editor's opinion that the warblers, at least, did somewhat better than was the case in the past few years, both in numbers reported, and in the number of locations. This impression was further reinforced in fall 1991, but that's another story. Many species are in decline; birds such as the Brown Thrasher, Rufous-sided Towhee and House Wren, and their plight cannot be blamed on tropical deforestation. For anyone wishing to get a better perspective on this whole question, I would recommend Pete Myers' article in American Birds Fall 1991.

We seem to have had less than the usual number of rarities. Out of Barrow's Goldeneye, Golden Eagle, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Acadian Flycatcher, and White-eyed Vireo only the last two should really be considered rarities in this state, the first three are being reported more and more frequently, and will soon be out of the rarity class. Other interesting, but a little less rare, species seen were: Great Egret, Glossy Ibis, Tundra Swan, Spruce Grouse, Three-toed Woodpecker, Glaucous Gull, "Brewster's" and "Lawrence's" Warblers.

The Birdathon was conducted between May 15 and 22, mostly on May 18, which was not too nice a day. The team of Walter Ellison, Nancy Martin, Dan Crook and Jean Sangdahl led with 140 species (on 5/20). The runner-up with 135 species was the team of Don Clark, Jim Lafley, Margaret Barker, and Tait Johansson. Tied for third at 120 species was the team of Neil Harrington and Ros Renfrew and the team of Sally Laughlin, Betty Rist Jillson and Terry Hall. Fifth with 116 were Eleanor Ellis, Lloyd Bunten, Hugh and Bunni Putnam. Seven other groups topped 100 species. 186 species and two hybrid forms were seen on the Birdathon.

227 species, 4 hybrid forms and 1 exotic were reported to the Records of Vermont Birds for Spring 1991.

CORMORANT THROUGH IBIS

Double-crested Cormorant: 1 Colchester 3/24 (PCR), 2-8 Grand Isle 4/6 (DJH,DLC), 89 Grand Isle 4/14 (DLC), 1 Shelburne Bay 4/16 (SSW), 1 Potash Bay 4/19 (JAP), 2 Wilder 4/22 (WGE), 1 Berlin Pond 4/28 (BMP), 16 Rockingham 4/28 (WGE). Widespread on L. Champlain after 5/1. Records elsewhere in May: 4 Norwich 5/11 (WGE,NLM et al.), 10 Somerset Res. 5/14 (CCR,RBR), 13 BRM 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 1 Sharon 5/26 (KRT).

Nesting birds at Young Isl. L. Champlain, at least 5 birds present (the high ct.) most occupying tree nests, 300 occupied nests counted 5/2 (CCR,MSL).

American Bittern: 1 Riverside Farms S. Londonderry 4/5 (WJM), 2 Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area (hereafter DCWMA) 4/6 (WGE,NLM,MPS), 2 West Rutland Marsh (hereafter WRM) 4/27 (WGE,NLM), 1 Colchester 4/27 (DLC), 1 Eden 4/28 (MR), 1 Arlington 5/5 (WGE,NLM), 3 Island Pond area, 3 BRM 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS).

Least Bittern: 1 S. Hero 5/3 (DJH), missed on Birdathon at WRM! Great Blue Heron: First Sandbar 3/1 (RBL), 1 Montpelier 3/14 (TSA), 1 Williston 3/19 (PCR), 1 Manchester 3/21 (BWP), 1 Quechee 3/25 (JMN), 1 Isle La Motte 3/26 (DLC), 3 Brandon 3/26 (JAP), 2 Adamant 3/27 (CSS), 1 Grand Isle 3/27 (DJH), 8 Champlain Valley 3/29 (JDM), 1 Shelburne 3/30 (TGM), 1 DCWMA 3/30 (CJF), 1 HC 3/31 (AMD).

High counts: 18 Champlain Valley 5/18 (JDM), 75 in March Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge (hereafter MNWR) (JBG). Herony at Perch Pond Benson, birds sitting on nests as if incubating 4/6 (RWP). Great Egret: 1 N. Ferrisburgh 5/7 (JAA), 1 Allen Brothers Marsh Westminster (hereafter ABM) 5/14,15 (MWB,AMD). Snowy Egret: 1 Grand Isle 5/16 (DJH). Cattle Egret: 1 N. Hartland 4/10-12 (RS), 1 4/17, 2 4/20, 4 4/26, 8 5/4, all Grand Isle (DJH), 1 Shaftsbury 4/23 (RSK), 3 Grand Isle 4/27 (DLC), 7 Young Isl. 5/2 (CCR,MSL), 1-2 Grand Isle S. Hero 5/18 (m.ob.), up to 12 Grand Isle 5/27 (DJH) high ct.

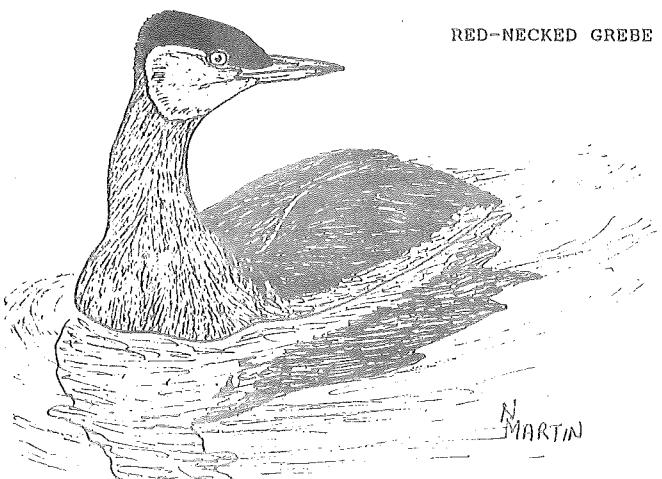
Green-backed Heron: 1 Brandon 4/22 (SSW), 1 Colchester 4/26 (JDM), 2 Eden 4/28 (MR), 2 ABM 5/2 (DC,MWB), 1 HC 5/4 (WGE,NLM), 1 Rutland 5/4 (CJF), 3 Howell's Pd. Arlington 5/5 (WGE,NLM), 2 Shelburne 5/9 (BCG,MAPE), 1 Riverside Farms S. Londonderry 5/11 (WJM), 1 Dorset 5/11 (EFG), 1 Leicester 5/11 (CMO), 1 Grand Isle 5/12 (DJH), 1 Winooski 5/15 (PCR). High ct. 5 Champlain Valley 5/18 (JDM). Black-crowned Night-Heron: 1 Grand Isle 4/14 (DLC), 1 Weybridge 4/19 (MBN), 2 Grand Isle 4/26 (DJH), 1 N. Ferrisburgh 4/28 (JJA), 40 in nesting trees, 5 appeared to be incubating Young Isl. 5/2 (CCR,MSL) the high ct., 1 Ferrisburgh 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 2 Shelburne 5/20 (JM), 2 Grand Isle 5/25 (DJH). Glossy Ibis: 1 Orwell 4/15 (ET), 1 Charcoal Creek MNWR 5/15 (LJE,DCD).

WATERFOWL

MNWR counts are separate from the others. Mute Swan: reported along the Winooski R. Essex Jct. and Richmond 5/1 and 5/10 (HK fide PCR) origin uncertain.

TUNDRA SWAN: 1 Retreat Meadows Brattleboro 3/30-4/8 (WDN,JJC,CCR). Snow Goose: moved in numbers very early: 26 Grand Isle 3/2 (RBL), 30 Weybridge 3/5 (MBN,JAP), 6 MNWR 3/6 (JBG), 400 Grand Isle Ferry 3/6 (PCR), 12 Reading 3/6 (FMH,GEH), 45 Addison 3/9 (DLC), 950 Grand Isle 3/14 (RBL), 50+ Windsor 3/17 (fide BMH), 2500 Addison 3/19 (JAP), 3000 DCWMA 3/20 (SSW) a high ct. Quite widespread the rest of March and April. Some other high counts: up to 3000/day several days in late March and April Grand Isle (RBL), 3000 Colchester 3/26 (JDM). Some late dates: 1 Ferrisburgh 4/27 (DLC), 1 Dummerston 4/28 (MLC), 1 Addison 5/7 (JAP), 8 Winooski R. Delta (hereafter WRD) 5/18 (JDM). Peak of 100 at MNWR (JBG) and 4000 at DCWMA (WJC). Brant: 4 Colchester 4/27 (DLC), flock S. Hero 4/27 (fide DJH), 1 Addison 5/19 (JAP). Canada Goose: moved early: 3/1, 800 3/5 and the high ct. 2300 3/6 all Weybridge (JAP,MBN), 15 Grand Isle 3/2 (DJH), 19 Shoreham 3/3 (EK), 30 MNWR 3/6 (JBG), 14 Pittsford 3/9 (CJF), 10 Williston 3/16 (PCR), "flock" Waterbury Ctr. 3/17, 19

RED-NECKED GREBE



(EK), 2 Westminster 3/17 (AMD), 1 Colchester 3/18 (JDM), 300 DCWMA 3/20 (SSW). Widespread after that with another high ct. 1400 Burlington 3/26 (JJA). Peak of 1525 at MNWR (JBG) and 2000 at DCWMA (WJC). There were many reports of breeding by the local population through the period, with many nests and broods of goslings all over the state. Wood Duck: 4 DCWMA 3/6, 8 Weybridge 3/18 (JAP), 8 Rutland 3/23 (CJF), 6 ABM 3/23 (AMD), 5 LOC 3/23 (BCG,MAPe), 2 Brandon 3/24 (SSW), 10 MNWR 3/25 (JBG), 20 Springfield Mdws. 3/25 (WGE,NLM), 2 Grand Isle 3/29 (DJH), 9 Waterbury 3/29 (MR), 7 SWMA 3/29 (JDM), 5 Vernon 3/30 (JJC,TM), 2 Ferrisburgh 3/30 (TGM), 2 W. Bolton 3/30 (MC), 14 Brattleboro 3/31 (DLC) high ct. Peak of 210 at MNWR (JBG). Numerous reports of broods by period's end. Green-winged Teal: 2 DCWMA 3/6 (JAP), 2 MNWR 3/20 (JBG), 4 LOC 3/22 (BCG,MAPe), 2 HC and 2 Springfield Mdws. 3/25 (WGE,NLM), 2 Weybridge 3/26 (MBN), 50 Salisbury 3/29 (JAP), 12 Lamoille R. 3/29 (JDM), on 3/30 2 Ferrisburgh (TGM,RWS), 2 L. Horton (RWP), 8 Clarendon (CJF) 2 Grand Isle (DJH), 6 3/30, 9 3/31 Leicester (CJF;SSW), 2 Westminster 3/31 (AMD), 4 Quechee 3/31 (KRT). High cts.: 61 W. Salisbury 4/3 (WGE,DHC), 50 Springfield Mdws. 4/7 (WGE,NLM), 50 Weybridge 4/11 (JAP). Peak of 225 at MNWR (JBG). American Black Duck: 50 Weybridge 3/1 (JAP), 3 Rutland 3/3 (CJF), 22 Essex Jct. 3/5 (TSA), 300 Weybridge 3/12 (JAP) the high ct., 80 Addison 3/15 (JRA), 4 HC 3/17 (AMD), 2 Guilford 3/19 (HL), 20 DCWMA 3/20 (SSW), 50 LOC 3/22 (BCG,MAPe), 2 Grand Isle 3/24 (DJH), 2 Woodstock 3/24 (JMN), 7 L. Horton 3/30 (RWP). Peak of 550 at MNWR (JBG). First brood of young Quechee 5/26 (JMN), brood at MNWR 5/30 (JBG). Mallard: reported at MNWR in February. In March: 20 Weybridge 3/1 (JAP), 2 Grand Isle 3/1 (DJH), 4 Rutland/Clarendon 3/3 (CJF), 14 Essex Jct. 3/5 (TSA), 75 Grand Isle Ferry 3/6 (PCR), 200 Weybridge 3/6 (JAP) high ct., 4 Dorset 3/9 (EFG), 10 Leicester Jct. 3/10 (SSW), 6 HC 3/17 (AMD), 160 Ferrisburgh 3/22 (JID,MCD), 16 LOC 3/22 (BCG,MAPe), 2 W. Bolton 3/26 (MC), 36 Weybridge 3/26 (MBN). High ct. of 100 at MNWR (JBG). Numerous reports of nesting. A number of reports of Mallard/Black hybrids. Northern Pintail: 2 Weybridge 3/5 (JAP), 2 Burlington 3/9 (DLC), 1 DCWMA 3/10 (CJF), 120 Salisbury 3/19 (JAP) high ct., 26 DCWMA 3/20 (SSW), 6 Ferrisburgh 3/22 (JID,MCD), 6 LOC 3/22 (BCG,MAPe), 2 HC 3/25 (WGE,NLM), 55 Alburg/MNWR 3/29 (JDM), 2 Westminster 3/31 (AMD), 15 Leicester, 54 Salisbury 4/3 (DHC,WGE), 2 4/6 1 4/8 Springweather NA (WME;WJN), 2 Colchester 4/6 (PCR), 2 Brandon 4/12 (SSW), 1 Middlesex 4/17 (TSA), 2 Grand Isle 4/12 and 5/4 (DJH), 1 DCWMA 5/16,18 (WGE;m.ob.), 1 Grand Isle 5/31 (DJH). Peak of 100 at MNWR (JBG). Blue-winged Teal: 6 Stowe 3/15 (EK), 2 LOC 3/22 (BCG,MAPe), 2 New Haven 3/24 (JRA), 1 Brandon 3/27 (SSW), 2 Salisbury 3/29 (JAP), 2 Vernon 3/30 (JJC,TM), 1 Ferrisburgh 4/4 (DLC), 4 Colchester 4/6 (PCR), on 4/7 6 Grand Isle (DJH), 2 Addison (MBN), 1 Tinmouth Channel (CJF), 1 Rockingham 4/8 (WJN), 20 E. Creek Orwell 4/10 (ET) high ct., 1 Coventry 4/14 (PFW,SAW), 5 W. Swanton 4/26 (BCG,MAPe), 1 Springfield Mdws. 4/26 (WJN), 9 Burlington 4/27 (JJA), 2 Berlin Pd. 4/28 (BMP). Peak of 100 at MNWR (JBG). Unusual number of March dates, but some observers felt they were scarce overall. Northern Shoveler: 1 Weybridge 3/18, 2 Addison 3/19 (JAP), 5 Ferrisburgh 3/22 (JID,MCD), 1 3/23 8 3/26,29 LOC (BCG,MAPe), 5 Ferrisburgh 3/30 (RWS,TGM), 1 South Hero 4/1-4 (WDB), 10 Ferrisburgh 4/4 (DLC) high ct., 2 4/7-10 1 5/3 Grand Isle (DJH), 1 Addison 5/7 (JAP), 1 MNWR 5/18 (BCG,MAPe). Peak of 15 at MNWR (JBG), all reports from the Champlain Valley - missed in the Connecticut valley. Gadwall: 3 Grand Isle 3/24 (DJH), 5 Champlain Br. 3/27 (JAP), 1 Addison 3/30 (RWS), 28 Grand Isle 3/30-4/7 (DJH), 2 L. Bomoseen 3/31 (CJF), 1 Salisbury 4/3 (WGE,DHC), 2 Ferrisburgh 4/4 (DLC), 1 Addison 4/11 (JAP), 1 Springfield Mdws. 4/26 (WJN), 2 pr. Grand Isle all May (DJH), 1 Mud Creek 5/5 (BCG,MAPe), 2 Ferrisburgh 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). Peak of 30 at MNWR (JBG). Apparent hybrid of Gadwall and Am.

-13- Wigeon Grand Isle 3/24 (DJH). American Wigeon: 10 Weybridge 3/6 (JAP), 1 Ferrisburgh 3/9 (DLC), 4 Grand Isle 3/24 (DJH), 1 SWMA 3/24 (JDM), 1 LOC 3/29 (BCG,MAPe), 5 3/30, 4/2 Leicester (CJF,SSW), 8 Vernon 3/30 (JJC,TM), 1 Springfield Meadows 4/3 (JMN,EFG), 2 SWMA 4/4 (WDB), 4 L. Bomoseen 4/6 (CJF), 12 Grand Isle 4/7 (DJH) high ct., 2 Springfield Meadows 4/7,8 (WGE,NLM;WJN), 1 Springweather NA 4/8,26 (WJN), 6 Orwell 4/10 (ET), 1 Weybridge 4/14 (MBN), 2 Coventry 4/14 (PFW,SAW), 1 Mud Creek 4/14 (BCG,MAPe), 1 Berlin Pd. 4/22 (BMP), 3 pr. through May Grand Isle (DJH), 2 Ferrisburgh 5/16 (WGE), 1 DCWMA 5/18 (m.ob.). Peak of 25 at MNWR (JBG). Redhead: 1 drake Orwell 4/10 (ET). Canvasback: 3 Champlain Br. Addison 3/20,27 (JAP), 1 Vernon 3/29,30 (TM,JJC), 2 S. Hero 5/13 (fide DJH). Peak of 5 at MNWR (JBG). Poor spring for them. Ring-necked Duck: 4 Weybridge 3/7 (JAP), 7 Addison 3/9 (GEHa,DLC), 1 Shelburne Bay 3/10 (CJF), 1 Champlain Br. 3/20 (SSW), 14 LOC 3/23 (BCG,MAPe), 10 Danby Pd. 3/23 (CJF), 6 Grand Isle 3/24 (CJF), 27 Roundy's Cove Rockingham 3/24 (WGE,NLM), 103 L. Bomoseen/Bridport 3/25 (WGE,NLM,JPM,JBM), 40 Champlain Br. 3/27 (JAP), 41 Grand Isle 3/29 (DJH), 42 L. Champlain 3/29 (JDM), 2 DCWMA 3/30 (RWS,TGM), 76 Vernon 34/30 (TM,JJC), 93 L. Bomoseen/L. Horton 3/30 (RWP), 30 Roundy's Cove 3/31 (AMD). Widespread in April - high ct. 150 Mud Creek 4/14 (BCG,MAPe). Peak of 700 at MNWR (JBG). Late dates: 2 Quechee 5/2 (WGE,NLM), 2 MNWR 5/5 (BCG,MAPe), 1 DCWMA 5/18,20,22 (m.ob.). Greater Scaup: 25 Addison 3/24 (JRA), 2 Grand Isle 3/24 (DJH), 9 Grand Isle 3/26 (DJH), 3 MNWR 3/28 (BCG,MAPe), 17 W. Bridport 3/28 (WGE,NLM,JPM,JBM), 2 L. Bomoseen 3/30, 4 4/6 (CJF,RWP), 2 Roundy's Cove 3/31 (AMD), 1 Kent Pond 4/11 (CJF), 18 Champlain Br. 4/19 (JAP), 1 Grand Isle through 4/21 (DJH), 3 Prouty Beach Newport 4/26 (PFW,SAW), 1 DCWMA 5/22 (NH,RBR). Lesser Scaup: 7 Bellows Falls 3/25 (WGE,NLM), 6 Addison 3/27 (JAP), 4 W. Bridport 3/28 (WGE,NLM,JPM,JBM), 2 Shelburne 3/29 (JDM), 5 Grand Isle 3/29 (DJH), 2 Shelburne Bay 4/16 (SSW), 2 4/20, 4 4/26 Quechee (WGE,NLM), 4 HC 4/26 (WJN), 1 Springweather NA 5/16 (WJN), 1 DCWMA 5/22 (NH,RBR). Scaup sp.: 2 SWMA, 30 E. Alburg/W. Swanton 3/29 (JDM), 4 Springweather NA 4/6 (WME), 1 Button Bay 5/18 (KMA,JSA,SB,WME). Oldsquaw: 1 Lemington 4/11 (BK,DK), 1 N. Hero 4/14 (DLC). White-winged Scoter: 2 Somerset Res. 5/14 (CCR,RBR), 2 Grand Isle 5/27 (DJH). Common Goldeneye: 5 Weybridge 3/1 (JAP), 7 Grand Isle 3/1 (DJH), 4 Charlotte 3/5 (PCR), 1 Panton 3/5 (JRA), 3 Newbury 3/10 (TSA), 30 Shelburne 3/10 (CJF), 4 Rockingham 3/12 (AMD), 200 Grand Isle 3/24 (DJH) high ct., 20 MNWR 3/25 (JBG), 20 Bellows Falls 3/25 (WGE,NLM), 15 Addison 3/27 (JAP), 6 South Hero 3/28 (BCG,MAPe), 80 Champlain Valley 3/29 (JDM). Downy young at Grand Isle by 5/31 (DJH). Peak of 200 at MNWR (JBG). Barrow's Goldeneye: 1 Burlington 3/9 (GEHa,DLC), 1 Vernon 3/29,30 (TM,JJC), a possible f. at SWMA 4/20 (BCG,MAPe). Bufflehead: 4 Charlotte Ferry 3/5 (PCR), 6 Burlington 3/10,13 (CJF;LNM), 21 Charlotte Ferry 3/17 (SSW), 3 Champlain Br. 3/20 (JAP), 4 Bellows Falls 3/25 (WGE,NLM), 3 Mud Creek 3/28 (BCG,MAPe), 1 W. Bridport 3/28 (WGE,NLM,JBM,PJM), 4 Grand Isle 3/29 (DJH), 2 L. Bomoseen 3/30 (CJF), 2 Addison 3/30 (RWS,TGM), 6 Long Pt. L. Champlain 4/3 (JID,MCD), 8 SBWMA 4/4 (WDB), 1 Manchester 4/4 (RWS), 12 L. Bomoseen 4/6 (CJF,RWP), 4 Danby Pd. 4/7 (CJF), 13 Charlotte Ferry 4/13 (SSW), 10 4/14, 3 4/26 Mud Creek (BCG,MAPe), 5 Addison 4/19 (JAP), 19 Grand Isle 4/26 (DJH) high ct.. Peak of 25 at MNWR (JBG). One Rockingham 5/18 (DC,JIL,MWB,TEJ). Hooded Merganser: 6 Colchester 3/16 (TSA), 3 Putney 3/16 (AMD), 2 Addison 3/19 (JAP), 1 MNWR 3/20 (JBG), 2 DCWMA 3/20 (SSW), 11 HC 3/25 (BCG,MAPe), 13 Westminster/HC 3/25 (WGE,NLM), 2 Tinmouth 3/26 (PMB), 10-12 E. Creek 3/26-28 (JAP;WGE,NLM,JPB,JBM), 1 Bristol Pond 3/29 (JAP), 2 Eden 3/29 (MR), 1 LOC 3/29 (BCG,MAPe), 2 Addison 3/30 (TGM), 2 Lye Brook 5/18 (WME), 1 SWMA 5/29 (PCR), f. with 12 downy yg. Ferrisburgh 5/16 (WGE), 1 MNWR 5/27 (SSW), peak of 25 at MNWR (JBG). Pair at

nesting box on newly constructed pond in Winhall present from 4/25 on, yg. left box on 6/1 (JRS,AS,WJN). Common Merganser: overwintered in several areas. One Weybridge 3/1 (JAP), 2 Moretown 3/2 (EK), 2 Rutland 3/2 (CJF), 1 Manchester 3/3 (RWS), 2 Charlotte Ferry 3/8 (PCR), 12 Middlebury 3/7 (TSA), 1 Rockingham 3/12 (AMD), 2 3/12, 30 3/13 Burlington (BCG,MAPe;LNM), 20 Grand Isle 3/17 (DJH), 1 Weybridge 3/18 (MBN), 30 3/20, 100 3/27 Champlain Br. (SSW,JAP), 5 MNWR 3/20 (JBG), 8 South Hero 3/23 (BCG,MAPe), 6 Addison 3/24 (JAP), 233 Orwell 3/28 (WGE,NLM,JPM,JBM) high ct., 4 Taftsville 3/29 (JMN). Peak of 50 at MNWR (JBG). Pair reported at nest site Brownsville 4/6; nest in hollow apple tree (SEB,fide BMH), seems unusually early. Brood at Shelburne 5/18 (NL). Red-breasted Merganser: 1 Addison 3/9 (GEHa, DLC), 5 Ferrisburgh 4/27 (DLC), 1 Button Bay Birdathon 5/18-19,22 (m.ob.), 1 Windham Cty. 5/18 (JJC,CCR), poor showing.

#### DIURNAL RAPTORS

A total of 1221 hawks was seen by hawkwatchers. Turkey Vulture: 56 were seen by hawkwatchers. One Bristol 3/6 (JRA,JAP), 5 Brattleboro 3/6 (TSA), 1 Hinesburg 3/9 (PRW), 1 Rutland 3/14 (CJF), 2 Brattleboro 3/15 (AMD), 1 Guilford 3/21 (HL), 1 Brownell Mtn. 3/21 (PCR), 3 Colchester 3/26 (DLC), 14 Bristol 3/26 (JRA), 1 Woodstock 3/28 (KRT), 4 L. Bomoseen 1 Shoreham 3/28 (WGE,NLM,JPB,JBM), 1 SWMA 3/28 (BCG,MAPe), on 3/29 1 White R. Jct. (hereafter WRJct) (KRT), 3 Mettowee Valley (BWP), 3 Charlotte (BCG,MAPe), 1 Lamoille R. (JDM), 1 Hubbardton 3/30 (CJF), 1 Tinmouth 3/30 (PMB), 3 New Haven 3/31 (JJA). High cts: 36 3/28, 40 4/1 Bristol (JRA). Osprey: 60 were seen by hawkwatchers. One Woodstock 4/11 (KRT), 2 Ferrisburgh 4/13 (DLC), 1 Quechee 4/13 (WGE,NLM), 2 Winhall Hawk Lookout (hereafter WHL) 4/17 (WJN), 2 MNWR 4/17 (JBG), 1 Brownell Mtn. 4/19 (PCR), 1 Woodstock 4/19 (SBL), 1 Johnson 4/20 (CSS), 2 WHL 4/20 (WJN), 1 Mud Creek 4/23 (BCG,MAPe), 1 Marlboro 4/23 (JPN), 1 Salisbury 4/24 (SSW), 1 Berlin Pond 4/24,28 (BMP), on 4/26 1 E. Creek (JAP), 1 Hartford (TEK), 5 S. Bay Newport (PFW,SAW), 4 Quechee (WGE), 2 Panton (JID,MCD), 2 Ferrisburgh 4/28 (JID,MCD). High ct. 15 Brownell Mt. Hawkwatch 5/1 (PCR). Breeding information - 5 pairs occupying nests in the Champlain Valley. Bald Eagle: 4 were seen by hawkwatchers. One imm. Shelburne Pt. 3/1 (GEHa), 1 Wilder 3/1 (DJ), 1 Rt. 91 Ryegate 3/8 (CET), 1 ad. Panton 3 imm. 1 ad. Ferrisburgh 3/9 (GEHa,DLC), 1 Bellows Falls 3/10,17 (PP), 1 imm. Brattleboro 3/13 (MW,JW), 1 ad. Benson 3/16 (PH), 2 ad. Bellows Falls 3/18 (BL), 1 ad. Norwich 3/19 (MBZ), 1 imm. 3/22,23, 3 ad. 1 imm. 3/29, 1 ad. 3/31 all LOC (BCG,MAPe), 2 ad. HC 3/25 (WGE,NLM), 1 ad. L. Bomoseen, 1 imm. Orwell 3/28 (WGE,NLM,JBM,JPM), 1 L. Dunmore 3/28 (AP), 1 Brownell Mtn. 3/29 (PCR), 1 imm. Thetford 4/15 (DR), 1 ad. Waterbury Res. 4/20 (JL), 2 Brownell Mtn. 5/1 (PCR), 1 imm. MNWR 5/2 (JBG), 1 ad. Bethel 5/17 (DR), 1 ad. Brownell Mtn. 5/7 (PCR), 1 ad. Norwich 5/15 (TL), 1 imm. Ripton 5/18 (TFG), 1 ad. 5/18 (m.ob.) 5/24 (WJN) HC, 1 ad. Gale Mdws. Winhall 5/21 (RBR). Fantastic spring for them - some duplication. Northern Harrier: 61 were seen by hawkwatchers. One Ferrisburgh 3/3 (BCG,MAPe), 3 Charlotte 3/5 (PCR), 1 Weybridge 3/5 (MBN), 1 Addison 3/6 (JAP), 1 S. Dorset 3/10 (SAC), 1 New Haven 3/13 (JRA), 1 Guilford 3/20 (HL), 1 DCWMA 3/20 (SSW), 2 Ferrisburgh 3/22 (JID,MCD), 1 Grand Isle 3/25 (DJH), 1 Salisbury 3/28 (WGE,NLM,JBM,JPM), 1 Eden 3/28 (MR), on 3/29 1 Shelburne (JDM), 1 Waterbury (JJA), 1 Caledonia Airport, 1 Lyndonville (PFW,SAW), 1 Bridport 1 Leicester 3/30 (CJF), 1 LOC 3/31 (BCG,MAPe), 1 South Hero 1 Colchester 4/1 (WDB), 1 Grand Isle 4/7,14 (DJH), 2 Middlebury 4/9 (MBN), 1 Sheffield 4/2 (PFW,SAW), 1 Dorset 4/13 (EFG). High ct. 11 Brownell Mtn. 3/29 PCR). Peak of 5 at MNWR (JBG). Sharp-shinned Hawk: 139 were seen by hawkwatchers. One Stockbridge 3/5 (APe), 1 Charlotte 3/5 (PCR), 1 Manchester 3/8 (SAC), 1 Rutland 3/13 (CJF), 1 Weybridge 3/19 (MBN), 1 Bragdon Nature

Preserve (hereafter BNP), Woodstock 3/27 (CCR), 1 Dorset 3/29 (EFG), 1 Middlebury 3/31 (JJA), 1 Colchester 4/1 (DLC), 1 Woodstock 4/1 (JMN,BMP), 2 Wallingford 4/3 (SJD), 1 Bristol 4/6 (JRA), 1 Middlebury 4/6,18,28 (JAP; JRA), 1 Stowe 4/13 (EK), 1 Sheffield 4/13,26 (PFW,SAW), 2 Ferrisburgh 4/14 (JID,MCD), 1 Richmond 4/10 (TSA), 2 WHL 4/20 (WJN), 1 SWMA 4/23 (BCG,MAPe), 1 Berlin Pond 4/28 (BMP), 1 Sheffield 4/28 - took Purple Finch from feeder (PFW,SAW). High ct. 25 Brownell Mtn. 5/1 (PCR). Pair nest building Grand Isle 4/8 still there 5/1 (RBL). Cooper's Hawk: 15 were seen by hawkwatchers. One S. Hero 3/19 (DJH), 1 Williston 3/16 (PCR), 1 Brattleboro 3/22 (AMD), 1 Castleton 3/28 (WGE,NLM,JPM,JBM), 1 4/1, 2 4/4 (JAP), 1 4/6 (JRA) all Bristol, 1 Rockingham 4/7 (WGE,NLM), 1 New Haven 4/13 (SSW), 1 Stowe 4/13 (EK), 1 Woodstock 4/18 (CRP), 1 Springfield 4/20 (WGE,NLM), 1 Ferrisburgh 4/24 (JID, MCD), 1 WHL 4/24 (WJN), 1 W. Rutland 1 Proctor 4/27 (WGE,NLM), 1 Quechee 5/8 (JMN), 1 Taftsville 5/10 (WGE), 1 Dorset 5/11 (EFG), 1 Rochester 5/12 (TSA), 1 Windham Cty. 5/18 (CCR,JJC), 1 Bennington Cty. 5/19 (ERK,RSK,BCD,NF,KH). Nest found Chester 5/20 (CEAd). High ct. 2 several times. Good showing. Northern Goshawk: 6 were seen by hawkwatchers. One Waterbury Ctr. 3/6 (EK), 1 Sherburne 3/16 (CJF), 1 3/19, 1 5/1, 2 5/7 Brownell Mtn. (PCR), 1 S. Burlington 4/13 (DLC), 1 Quechee 4/14 (WGE,NLM), 1 Adamant 4/16 (CSS), 1 Williston 4/20 (JJA), 1 Manchester 5/4 (RWS), 1 Salisbury 5/11 (JJA), 1 Charlotte 5/18 (BDE,SO), 1 Craftsbury 5/19 (JJA), 1 Winhall Hollow 5/21 (WJN). Adult on nest Ripton 5/18 (WME). Red-shouldered Hawk: 24 were seen by hawkwatchers. Two Brownell Mtn. 3/21 (PCR), 2 Adamant 3/23 (CSS), 1 Castleton 3/28 (WGE, NLM,JBM,JPM), 1 Charlotte 3/31 (JJA), 1 W. Bolton 4/6 (MC), 1 Waterbury Ctr. 4/6 (EK), 1 Waterbury 4/10 (TSA), 1 WHL 4/17, 2 4/20,24 (WJN), 1 Mt. Holly 4/28 (WJN), 1 Colchester 5/3 (JDM), 1 Dummerston 5/9 (JPN), 1 Essex 5/10 (DLC), 1 Winhall 5/13 (WJN), 1 W. Bolton 5/19 (MC). High cts.: 4 Brownell Mtn. 4/19 (PCR), 4 Colchester 5/18 (JDM). Broad-winged Hawk: 287 were seen by hawkwatchers. One Lincoln Hill 3/2 (PAT) very early, Lincoln 2 Waltham 3/29 (JRA), 1 Brandon 4/4 (SSW), Brownell Mtn. 4/8 (PCR), 1 Sheffield 4/12 (PFW,SAW), 1 Quechee 4/14 (WGE), 1 WHL 4/20 (WJN), 1 Castleton 4/20 (CJF), 1 Rockingham 4/20 (WGE,NLM), 1 Sheffield 4/23 (PFW,SAW), 1 Woodstock 4/26 (JMN), 1 Waterbury Ctr. 4/26 (EK), 2 Marlboro 4/27 (JAP), 10 WHL 4/27 (WJN), on 4/28 3 Berlin Pd. (BMP), 10 Salisbury (JJA), 2 Greensboro 1 Craftsbury (DLC), 10 Mt. Holly (WJN). High count 118 Brownell Mtn. 5/1 (PCR). One carrying a snake Mt. Holly 5/4 (RWP). Red-tailed Hawk: 352 were seen by hawkwatchers. Wintered in both Connecticut and Champlain valleys. One Weybridge 3/1,2 (JAP,MBN), 1 Pawlet, 1 Vergennes 3/3 (EK), 1 LOC 3/3 (BCG,MAPe), 1 ABM 3/2 (AMD), 1 Woodstock 3/4 (CRP), 1 Charlotte 3/5 (PCR), 1 Manchester 3/5,9 (BWP), 1 Chester 3/6 (CEAd), 2 Randolph 3/6 (TSA), 1 Clarendon 3/9 (CJF), 1 Williston 3/10 (JJA), 1 Bennington Cty. 3/13 (MR), 1 Reading 3/14 (FMH), 1 Brownsville 3/15 (BMH), 6 Benson/Burlington 3/17 (SSW), 1 3/17, 2 3/20 Grand Isle (PCR), 4 Ferrisburgh 3/22 (JID,MCD). High ct. 61 Brownell Mtn. 4/10 (PCR). Peak of 5 at MNWR (JBG). Two nests found - 1 in Taftsville, 1 Quechee 5/2 (WGE,NLM). Rough-legged Hawk: 11 were seen by hawkwatchers. On 3/5, 5 LOC (BCG,MAPe) a high ct., 3 Charlotte (PCR), 1 Weybridge (MBN), 2 Addison (JRA), 5 DCWMA 3/9 (WJN) another high ct., 2 Charlotte 3/10 (CJF), 1 Sudbury, 2 Orwell 3/10 (SSW), 1 Burlington 3/13 (JDM), 3 Addison 3/13 (JAP), 1 Brownell Mtn. 3/16 (PCR), 2 Bridport/Addison 3/28 (WGE,NLM,JPB,JBM), 1 Salisbury 4/3 (WGE,DHC), 1 Ferrisburgh 4/13 (DLC), 2 Addison 4/13 (MBN), 1 Mud Creek 4/14 (BCG,MAPe), 1 Williston 4/16 (TSA), 1 Salisbury 4/26 (JAP), 1 Shelburne 5/4 (CJN), and 2 Brownell Mtn. 2 5/1, 4 5/7, 1 5/8 (PCR). Peak of 3 at MNWR (JBG). In recent years there have been more and more May occurrences of this species, capped by this year's records from Brownell Mtn. Golden Eagle: one

imm. Brownell Mtn. 4/11 (PCR). American Kestrel: 77 were seen by hawkwatchers. One 3/3, 1 3/5 Charlotte (BCG,MAPe,PCR), 1 3/5, 1 3/17 Middlebury (JAP,SSW), 1 New Haven 3/24 (JRA), 1 Middlesex 3/25 (TSA), 4 Weybridge 3/26 (MBN), 1 Riverside Farms South Londonderry (hereafter RFSL) 3/27 (WJN), 1 Chester 3/27 (CEAd), 16 Benson/Shoreham 3/28 (WGE,NLM,JPB,JBM), on 3/29 1 BNP (CCR), 1 Champlain Valley (JDM), 2 Guilford (HL), 1 Westminster (AMD), 1 Lyndonville (PFW,SAW), on 3/30 3 Charlotte (JJA), 1 Dorset (EFG), 1 DCWMA, 2 Whiting (CJF), on 3/31 2 LOC (BCG,MAPe), 6 Addison (JRA), 5 Charlotte, 2 Ferrisburgh, 2 New Haven (JJA). High cts. 18 Sudbury/Whiting 4/12 (SSW), 18 Brownell Mtn. 5/1 (PCR). Peak of 5 at MNWR (JBG). Merlin: 6 were seen by hawkwatchers. One Shelburne Pd. 4/1 (PCR), 1 Brandon 4/8 (SSW), 1 Brownell Mtn. 4/11 (PCR), 1 S. Burlington 4/20 (JJA), 1 Sheffield 4/24 (PFW,SAW), 1 Panton 4/27 (DLC), 1 WHL 4/27 (WJN), 1 Brownell Mtn. 5/1 (PCR), 1 Berlin Pd. 5/4 (CSS), 1 catching dragonflies Arlington 5/5 (WGE,NLM), 1 WRM 5/7 (WGE,NLM), 1 Rutland 5/18 (FAP,EBP). Peregrine Falcon: 3 were seen by hawkwatchers. One Mt. Pisgah 3/10 (NER at al.), 1 Brownell Mtn. 3/22 (PCR), 1 Westford 3/23 (WD,BJH), 1 Bristol 3/28 (JAP), 1 Mt. Horrid 4/3 (SSW), 1 Tunbridge 4/4 (JA), 2 Bolton 4/14 (JJA), 1 4/17, 1 4/27 Bridport (JAP,DLC), 1 Brownell Mtn. 4/28 (PCR), 1 Rutland 5/6 (CJF). Nesting update: 7 pairs nesting, young confirmed at one site (as of 5/20). Special recognition should be given to Peter Riley for his excellent hawk watches at Brownell Mtn. this spring.

#### GALLINACEOUS BIRDS THROUGH RAILS

Gray Partridge: peak of 10 at MNWR (JBG). Chukar: one seen Woodstock 4/18 (ABS) a release from somewhere. Ring-necked Pheasant: 1 (game farm escape) Clarendon 5/3 (CJF), 1 Jericho 5/21-24 (GR), 1 Pittsfield 5/29 (PH), 1 reported at Manchester during March (fide NS). Spruce Grouse: Non-game and Natural Heritage Program results at Yellow Bogs-Lewis on 5/1 20 birds, on 5/8 25 birds (CCF et al.). Ruffed Grouse: widely reported: some high cts. 4 Dorset 4/8 (EFG), 4 Springweather NA 4/8 (WJN), 10 Reading 4/8 (FMH,GEH), 1 killed hitting window Woodstock 4/2 (JMN). Peak of 35 at MNWR (JBG). Wild Turkey: widely reported from the following towns: Putney, Shelburne, Woodstock, Marlboro, Rockingham, Grand Isle, Middlebury, Addison, Brandon, West Haven, Brownsville, Chester, Athens, Orwell, Granville, Goshen, Dorset, Reading. High cts.: 19 Brandon 3/17 (SSW), 12 Woodstock 4/6 (WGE,NLM,MPS). Broken egg shells found Reading 5/8 (FMH) - raccoon predation? One seen being attacked by coyote Brownsville (BMH) - bird escaped. Nest found with 16 eggs Rockingham 5/7 (SFN). Virginia Rail: 1 4/5,12 WRM (GEHa,BRJ), 2 Rockingham 4/20 (WGE, NLM), 4 WRM 4/27 (WGE,NLM) high ct., 1 Albion 4/27 (DLC), 1 Weathersfield Bow 4/28 (WGE,NLM), 1 Dorset 5/2 (EFG), 1 Grand Isle 5/5 (DJH), on 5/10 1 E. Creek (EFG, JMN), 1 Colchester (PCR), 3 Grand Isle (DJH), on 5/18 several Mud Creek (JDM), 1 Arlington (BWP), 1 S. Bay Newport (PFW,SAW), 2 Brandon (SSW), 1 Bennington Cty. 5/19 (RSK,ERK,BCD,KH,HF), several WRM, DCWMA 5/18-19 (m.ob.), 1 MNWR 5/22 (JBG). Sora: 1 4/12 (BRJ), 2 4/27 (WGE,NLM), 1 5/10 (JMN,EFG), 3 5/12 (DLC), 1-2 5/18-19 (m.ob.) all WRM, 1 Bennington Cty. 5/19 (RSK,ERK,BCD,KH, HF), 2 MNWR 5/21 (JBG), 2 5/4 1 5/25 Grand Isle (DJH). Common Moorhen: 1 W. Haven 4/27 (WGE,NLM), 1 Ferrisburgh 4/27 (DLC), 1 MNWR 4/29 (JBG), 5 Ferrisburgh 5/16 (WGE) high ct., 1-2 at DCWMA,WRM,BRM 5/18-20 (m.ob.), 1 LOC 5/19 (BCG,MAPe), 3 MNWR 5/25 (SSW). American Coot: 1 Manchester 4/14 (RWS). Peak of 10 at MNWR (JBG).

#### SHOREBIRDS

Semipalmated Plover: 3 WRD 5/18 (JDM), 1 Westminster Flats 5/18,19 (RDY,EE,HSP et al.), 2 Island Pond 5/18,20,25 (DRu;WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS et al.), 2 Grand Isle 5/27 (DJH). Killdeer: 1 Weybridge 3/7 (JAP), 6 Ferrisburgh 3/9 (DLC), 1 Waterbury 3/15 (TSA), 2 Westminster

3/16 (AMD), 2 Rutland 3/20 (CJF), 1 Eden 3/24 (MR), 2 Williston 3/26 (PCR), 3 WRJct. 3/26 (JMN), on 3/27 5 Montpelier (CSS), 1 Dorset (EFG), 1 Waterbury Ctr. (EK), 3 Grand Isle (DJH), 1 Taftsville (KRT), on 3/28 16 DCWMA (WGE,NLM,JBM,JPM) a high ct., 2 Colchester (JDM), 2 Chester (CEAd), 5 Quechee (JMN), 2 Woodstock (CRP), 2 New Haven (JRA), on 3/29 3 Guilford (HL), 1 LOC (BCG, MAPE), 2 RFSL (WJN), 16 Quechee 3/31 (JMN) another high ct., peak of 15 at MNWR (JBG). The warm spring weather must have caused early nesting, as there were reports all over the state of yg. by mid-May, quite early. Greater Yellowlegs: 5 Barton R. Rd. 4/26 (PFW,SAW), 7 Salisbury 4/27 (GEHa,DLC), 3 Grand Isle 5/1,4 (DJH), 1 Addison 5/2 (JAP), 1 Westminster Flats 5/2 (DC,MWB), 1 Taftsville 5/3 (WGE,NLM), on 5/5 1 Royalton (JS), 2 Arlington (WGE,NLM), 2 W. Swanton (BCG,MAPe), 14 Barton R. Rd. high ct., 4 Coventry (PFW,SAW), 3 Springfield/Rockingham Town Line (hereafter SRTL), 1 Westminster Flats, 1 Springfield Mdw. 5/10 (WJN), 2 Colchester 5/10 (PCR), 1 Grand Isle 5/11 (DJH), 1 Addison 5/16 (WGE, JAP), on 5/18 1 Tinmouth (PMB et al.), 1 S. Bay Newport (PFW,SAW), 1 DCWMA (m.ob.). Lesser Yellowlegs: 2 5/3 1 5/18 New Haven (JAP), 1 SRTL 5/16 (WJN). Solitary Sandpiper: 1 Proctor 4/27 (WGE,NLM), 1 Winhall 5/1 (WJN), 4 Middlebury 5/2 (JAP), 1 ABM 5/2 (DC,MWB), 10 Westminster Flats 5/4 (DC), on 5/5 1 Royalton (JS), 1 Quechee (JMN), 4 Shaftsbury (WGE,NLM), 1 ABM 5/8 (AMD), 2 Middlebury 5/9 (MBN), 1 Coventry 5/9 (PFW,SAW), 5 ABM 5/10 (WJN), on 5/11 2 Otter Creek (JRA), 20 Grand Isle (DJH) high ct., 1 RFSL (WJN), 1 Colchester 5/12 (DLC). Late dates: 1 New Haven 5/23 (JAP), 8 Grand Isle 5/27 (DJH). Spotted Sandpiper: 1 Waterbury Ctr. 4/20 (EK), 1 Essex Ctr. 4/20 (WDB), 1 Manchester 4/25 (BWP), 1 HC 4/26 (WJN), 1 Taftsville 4/27 (JMN), 2 Cambridge 4/28 (SBL,PAK), 4 Woodstock 4/29 (JMN), on 5/2 1 Quechee (WGE,NLM), 1 ABM (DC,MWB), 1 Middlebury (JAP), on 5/5 1 Poultney, 1 Pawlet (CJF), 1 Manchester (RWS), 3 Taftsville 5/6 (WGE), 1 Dorset 5/8 (EFG), 2 S. Burlington 5/9 (BCG,MAPe), 1 Grand Isle 5/10 (DJH), 2 Colchester 5/10 (PCR), on 5/11 1 Ferrisburgh (SSW), 3 Berlin (TSA), 21 Otter Creek Middlebury/Salisbury (JRA) the high ct., 1 Addison 5/12 (DLC). Upland Sandpiper: 1 Weybridge 4/24 (JAP), 2 Coventry 5/5,9 (PFW,SAW), 7 Salisbury 5/6 (JAP) high ct., 5 W. Salisbury 5/8 (MBN), 1 Coventry 5/11 (DLC), 1 Benson 5/18 (BRJ,SBL,GEHa), 1 Weybridge 5/18 (m.ob.), 1 Ferrisburgh 5/20 (WGE,NLM,SJS,DHC), 1 Georgia 5/22 (JDL) 2 Berlin Airport 5/26 (TSA), 2 S. Burlington 5/29 (JAP). Semipalmated Sandpiper: Windham Cty. 5/18 (JJJC,CCR), 1 Grand Isle 5/23 (DJH). Least Sandpiper: 6 5/14, 12 5/16 Addison (JAP,WGE), 1 ABM 5/16 (WJN), 9 New Haven 5/17 (JAP), 9 Grand Isle 5/17 (DJH), on 5/18 5 DCWMA (m.ob.), 1 Island Pond (PRW), 1 S. Hero (ATA), 4 ABM (AMD), 1 WRD (JDM), 32 Derby/Newport, 27 others various places 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS) the high ct., 1 Shelburne 5/20 (JN), 1 Addison 5/21 (DLC), 1 Island Pond 5/25 (WGE,NLM, et al.), 1 New Haven 5/28 (JAP). Dunlin: 2 Howell's Pond Arlington 5/18 (BWP,RWS), Windham Cty. 5/18 (JJJC,CCR). Short-billed Dowitcher: 15 Springweather NA 5/16 (WJN), Windham Cty. 5/18 (JJJC,CCR). American Woodcock: 1 Stowe 3/2 (EK) early, 1 W. Woodstock 3/15 (RB), 2 Peru 3/23 (ACB), on 3/26 1 Barnard (BG), 1 Lincoln (JRA), 1 Fairfax (DLC), 2 3/26 1 3/28,30 Dorset (EFG;BWP), 1 3/27, 3 3/29 Middlebury (JAP), 1 BNP 3/27 (CCR), 1 Rutland 3/30 (CJF), 2 Chester 3/31 (CEAd). High ct. 10 Island Pond area 5/20 (WGE,NLM,SJS,DHC). Nest with 4 eggs Braintree 4/6, 3 yg. 5/26 (RAM). Common Snipe: 1 Plymouth 3/8 (LM) overwintered, 1 Brandon 3/26 (JAP), 2 Williston 3/26 (PCR), 1 Woodstock 4/1 (WGE, NLM), several Grand Isle 4/2 (DJH), 1 Weybridge 4/7 (WGE,NLM), 1 Tinmouth Channel 4/7 (CJF), 4 Middlebury 4/9 (MBN), 1 Eden 4/13 (MR), 1 Charlotte 4/13 (DLC), 1 4/16 2 4/28 Berlin Pd. (BMP), 1 Waterbury Ctr. 4/16 (EK), 2 Lincoln 4/17 (JRA), 1 Dorset 4/20 (EFG), 1 Winhall Hollow 4/24 (WJN), 1 Woodstock 4/24 (CRP), 4 Manchester 4/27,28 (BWP,RWS). High ct. 11 Champlain Valley 5/18 (JDM).

#### GULLS AND TERNS

Bonaparte's Gull: 6 Williston 3/11 (LNM), 6 Quechee 4/15 (DHC), 1 HC 4/19 (SJS), 1 Berlin Pd. 4/28 (BMP), 1 Quechee 5/3 (WGE,NLM), 1 Colchester 5/14 (PCR), 3 5/16, 12 5/18 Champlain Bridge (JAP;SBL,BRJ,GEHa). Ring-billed Gull: overwintered in small numbers: 300 S. Burlington 3/1 (PCR), 150 Middlebury 3/2 (TSA), 5 Grand Isle 3/2 (DJH), 3 Rutland 3/3 (CJF), 8 Addison 3/6 (JAP), 1 Weybridge 3/7 (MBN), 30 Rutland 3/7 (CJF), 32 Brandon 3/15 (SSW), 20 DCWMA 3/26 (MBN), 75 Quechee 3/28 (JMN), 320 Orwell 3/28 (WGE,NLM,JPM,JBM), 1500 Addison 3/30 (CJF) the high ct.. Away from the Champlain Valley area: 1 Manchester 3/3,27 (RWS), 4 Dorset 3/27 (EFG), 10 Winhall 4/9 (WJN), 40 Barton R. Rd. 4/14 (PFW,SAW), 13 Rockingham 4/25 (WGE,NLM). Peak of 100 at MNWR (JBG). Herring Gull: overwintered in the Champlain and Connecticut valleys: 100 S. Burlington 3/1 (PCR), 70 Grand Isle 3/1 (DJH), 20 Middlesex 3/2 (TSA), 100 WRJct. 3/4 (DHC), 1 Woodstock 3/14 (CRP), 6 Champlain Br. 3/20 (JAP), 1 Brandon 3/26 (SSW), 40 3/28, 120 4/5 Quechee (JMN;WGE,NLM) high ct., 3 Addison 5/18 (JAP), 2 MNWR 5/27 (SSW). Peak of 15 at MNWR (JBG). Glaucous Gull: 1 WRJct. 3/4 (DHC). Great Black-backed Gull: 50 S. Burlington 3/1 (PCR), 20 Grand Isle 3/1 (DJH), 10 Middlesex 3/2 (TSA), 75 WRJct. 3/4 (DHC), 128 Burlington 3/12 (BCG,MAPe) high ct., 10 HC 3/17 (AMD), 4 Champlain Br. 3/20 (JAP), 2 L. Bomoseen 3/28 (WGE,NLM,JPM,JBM), 35 3/28, 30 4/5 Quechee (JMN;WGE,NLM), 2 HC 10 SRTL 4/8 (WJN), 10 E. Creek 5/10 (JMN,EFG), 2 Addison 5/18 (JAP). Peak of 10 at MNWR (JBG). Common Tern: 1 St. Albans 4/27 (DLC), 30 4/29 40 5/2 Champlain Islands (CCR,MSL), 1 WRD 5/3 (JDM), 2 MNWR 5/5 (JBG), 100 Champlain Islands 5/8 (CCR,MSL), 1 Champlain Br. 5/16 (JAP), 2 MNWR 5/21 (JBG). Black Tern: 5 Panton 4/28 (DLC), 5 MNWR 4/29 (JBG), 5 5/3, 1 5/4 WRD (JDM;CJN), 3 S. Bay Newport 5/9 (PFW,SAW), 2 E. Creek Orwell 5/10 (JMN,EFG), 6 WRD 5/10 (PCR), 2 DCWMA 5/11 (CMO), 1 W. Swanton 5/13 (DJH), 2 Addison 5/1 (JAP), 8 Ferrisburgh 2 DCWMA 5/16 (WGE), widespread at DCWMA, WRD, S. Bay, 5/18-19 (m.ob.). High ct. 15 MNWR 5/18 (BCG,MAPe).

#### DOVES THROUGH KINGFISHER

Rock Dove: present around towns and farms as usual. Highest count submitted 200 Burlington (TSA). Mourning Dove: present throughout the year now just about everywhere. Some high counts: 20 Middlebury 3/1 (JAP), 12 Brandon 3/2 (SSW), 14 HC 3/2 (AMD), 30 Addison 3/5 (JRA), 14 Marlboro 3/12 (JPN), 12 Wallingford 3/23 (SJD), 20 HC, ABM 4/8 (WJN), 13 Sheffield 4/11 (PFW, SAW). Peak of 35 at MNWR (JBG). Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 1 Champlain Valley 5/18 (DCD,LJE). Black-billed Cuckoo: West Haven 5/19 (MHB), 1 Brandon 5/22,24 (SSW), 1 Dorset 5/25 (EFG), 1 Weybridge 5/31 (MBN). Very poor year for both cuckoos. Eastern Screech-Owl: calling Hyde Park 4/18 (PF), West Haven 5/19 (MHB), 2 DCWMA 5/20 (WGE,NLM, DHC,SJS). Peak of 8 at MNWR (JBG). Great Horned Owl: 1 Charlotte 3/5,27 (PCR), 1 Grand Isle 3/7-5/11 (9 dates) (DJH), 1 Manchester 4/2 (BWP), 1 Woodstock 4/9 (NLM), 1 Quechee 4/26 (WGE), 1 Dorset 5/18 (EFG), West Haven 5/19 (MHB), 1 Panton 5/18 (SBL,BRJ,GEHa), 1 Brighton, 1 DCWMA 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 1 MNWR 5/25 (SSW), 2 Dorset 5/31 (EFG). Peak of 5 at MNWR (JBG). Snowy Owl: 1 Charlotte 3/23 (PCR). Barred Owl: The most frequently reported owl, reported through the period, High cts.: 2 Brandon 3/18 (SSW), 3 Hubbardton 5/5 (CJF), 2 Lye Brook 5/18 (WME), 2 Woodstock 5/24 (JMN). Peak of 2 at MNWR (JBG). Long-eared Owl: 1 reported Colchester 3/2 (CJN), call reported Thetford Ctr. 4/9 (DR), 1 found dead near I-91 exit Springfield 4/16, specimen at VINS (WH,JD), 1 calling Hinesburg during May (KA fide JAP). Short-eared Owl: 1 Grand Isle 3/1 (DJH), 3 Charlotte 3/5 (PCR), up to 12 S. Burlington 3/23 (ECC), 2 Grand Isle 3/25-30 (EMH), 7 Orwell 3/28 (PG), 6 S. Burlington 4/7 (ECC), 1 Charlotte 5/18 (BDe,SO), 1 Panton 5/18 (SBL,BRJ,GEHa). Peak of 2 at MNWR (JBG). Northern Saw-whet Owl: 1 Marlboro 3/7

(JPN), 1 E. Barnard 3/13 (JRL), 1 Eden 5/9 (MR), poor showing. Common Nighthawk: 2 Brattleboro 5/13 (HL), 1 Burlington 5/17 (DLC), on 5/18 Bellows Falls (EE,HSP, LB,REP), 1 Mud Creek (JDM), 5 Montpelier (TSA), 1 Windham Cty. (JJC,CCR), 2 5/18, 3 5/19 Winooski (PCR), 1 WRJct. 5/21 (WGE,NLM), 1 Quechee 5/24 (KRT), 1 5/27 2 5/31 Burlington (BCG,MAPe). Declining. Whip-poor-will: 1 Norwich 5/9 (TL), 3 Brattleboro 5/13 (HL), 1 Essex 5/14 (GHS), 1 W. Salisbury 5/18 (KMA,JSA,SB,WMG), 1 Tunbridge 5/18 (ATA), 1 Windham Cty. 5/18 (JJC,CCR), West Haven 5/19 (MHB), 1 WRM 5/25 (CJF), 1 Thetford 5/28 (CEAd). Chimney Swift: 2 Shelburne 4/19 (WDB) very early, 1 Rutland 4/27 (WGE,NLM), 3 Vergennes 4/28 (DLC), 5 Chester 4/29 (CEAd), 1 Dorset 5/2 (EFG), 1 Manchester 5/4 (RWS), 1 Berlin Pd. 5/5 (TSA), 1 Burlington 5/6 (JDM), 3 Bristol 5/6 (JAP), 25 Montpelier 5/7 (CSS), 24 WRM 5/7 (WGE,NLM), on 5/8 1 Williston (PCR), 2 Pittsford (SSW), 15 Brattleboro (HL), 4 Springfield 5/9 (WME), 1 ABM 5/10 (WJN), 50 St. Albans 5/10 (JDM) a high ct., 4 Essex 5/12 (JRA), 12 Woodstock 5/12 (JMN), 50 Island Pond 5/19 (WGE,NLM) another high ct.. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 1 Marlboro 5/3 (JPN), 1 Guilford 5/5 (HL), 1 W. Arlington 5/6 (fide NS), 1-2 Woodstock 5/6,8 (LL, CRP,DMC), on 5/7 1 Smith Haven South Londonderry (hereafter SHSL) (WJN), 1 BNP (WGE,NLM), 1 Brownsville (BMH), 1 Huntington 5/8 (CBB), on 5/9 1 Barnard (BG), 1 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 Springfield (WME), 1 Winhall (WJN,AS), on 5/10 2 Barnard (JNF), 1 Huntington (DLC), 1 Sheffield (PFW,SAW), on 5/11 1 Hubbardton (CJF), 2 Adamant (CSS), 1 Wallingford (SJD), 1 Ferrisburgh (SSW), 1 Cambridge 5/12 (PAK), 1 Weybridge 5/12 (MBN). High cts.: 5 Woodstock 5/28 (WGE,NLM), 5 Sheffield 5/28 (PFW,SAW). Ten netted at BNP during May (VINS). Belted Kingfisher: 1 Woodstock 3/2 (CMW,JFW), 1 Middlebury 3/19 (JAP), 1 HC 3/25 (BCG,MAPe), 1 Williston 3/26 (PCR), on 3/28 1 Brandon (SSW), 1 Eden (MR), 1 Hubbardton (WGE,NLM,JBM,JPM), 1 Sherburne Flats 3/29 (BRJ), 1 ABM 3/31 (AMD), 1 Shelburne 3/31 (DLC), 1 Burlington 4/1 (WDB), 1 RFSL 4/1 (WJN), 1 Dorset 4/2 (EFG), 1 HC 4/3 (JMN), 1 Woodstock 4/4 (CRP), 1 Grand Isle 4/6 (DJH), 1 Tinmouth Channel 4/7 (CJF), 3 HC 4/8 (WJN), 1 E. Dorset 4/9 (BWP), 1 Middlesex 4/9 (TSA), 1 Lyndonville 4/10 (PFW,SAW), 1 Chester 4/10 (CEAd). High ct. 5 Brandon 4/24 (SSW).

#### WOODPECKERS

Red-bellied Woodpecker: 1 Middlebury 3/15 - this was one of a pair that spent the winter in Middlebury frequenting a suet feeder (JAP), 1 heard West Haven 5/10 (EFG,JMN). Red-headed Woodpecker: 1 WRM 4/27 (JEO), 1 at feeder in Hardwick during May (BHJ), 1 during May Manchester (fide NS). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: on 4/7 2 Worcester (CCR), 1 Chester (CEAd), 1 S. Lincoln (JRA), 1 4/7, 12 4/8 Reading (FMH,GEH) high ct., 1 Bristol 4/9 (JAP), 1 Dorset 4/11 (EFG), 1-2 Winhall 4/14,17 (WJN), on 4/14 4 Colchester (DLC), 1 Quechee (WGE,NLM), 2 Moretown (BMP), 2 Bolton (JJA), 5 Brandon 4/16 (SSW), 1 Marlboro 4/17 (JPN), 1 S. Burlington 4/17 (TGM), 2 Hancock 4/18 (MBN), 2 Waterbury Ctr. 4/19 (EK), 1 Springfield 4/20 (WMB), 1 Manchester 4/20 (RWS). Downy Woodpecker: widely reported through the period. Some high counts: 4 Middlebury 3/15 (JAP), 6 Brandon 3/22 (SSW), 4 daily Woodstock (JMN), 4 daily Chester (CEAd), 4 HC 5/4 (WGE,NLM), 6 Milton 5/17 (WGE). Two banded at BNP (VINS). Hairy Woodpecker: widely reported through the period, some high counts: 3 W. Bolton (MC), up to 4 Chester (CEAd), 3 Brandon (SSW), 3 Sheffield 3/18 (PFW,SAW). Three-toed Woodpecker: one reported L. Carmi 5/14 (TGM). Black-backed Woodpecker: 1 Ferdinand 5/12 (DLC), 2 Wenlock WMA 5/20 (WGE,NLM,SJS,DHC), 1 Island Pond 5/20 (JDM), 2 Yellow Bogs Lewis 5/25 (WGE, NLM, et al.). Northern Flicker: 1 BNP 3/11 (CCR) a bird that overwintered, 1 Brandon 3/18 (SSW), 1 Weybridge 3/24 (MBN), 1 Marlboro 4/4 (JPN), on 4/5 1 Quechee (WGE), 3 Chester (CEAd), 1 Waterbury Ctr. (EK), 1 Dorset (EFG), 1 E. Creek (JAP), 1 Winhall Hollow

DHC,SJS). Colony of at least 4 pairs at Winhall Hollow (WJN). This species seems to have declined sharply as most observers missed it altogether. See remarks at end of swallows. Barn Swallow: 3 Chester 4/17 (CEAd), 1 Middlesex 4/18 (TSA), 2 ABM 4/20 (WGE,NLM), 1 Fairfax 4/20 (BCG,MAPe), 1 Eden 4/22 (MR), 2 Weybridge 4/23 (SSW), 1 RFSL 4/23 (WJN), 1 Berlin Pd. 4/24 (BMP), 1 Woodstock 4/25 (JMN), 1 New Haven 4/26 (JAP), on 4/27 3 Colchester (DLC), 8 Brownell Mtn. (PCR), 1 Wells (CJF), on 4/28, 1 Sheffield (PFW,SAW), 4 Grand Isle (DJH), flock L. Morey (EK), 3 Cambridge (SBL,PAK), 25 Salisbury 4/29 (JAP), 6 Ferrisburgh 4/29 (JID,MCD), 2 Berlin Pd. 5/1 (BMP), 1 Manchester 5/1 (RWS), 10 Winhall Hollow 5/2 (WJN), 1 Colchester 5/4 (JDN), 1 Brownsville 5/5 (BMH), 6 Dorset 5/8 (EFG), 1 Marlboro 5/8 (JPN). High ct. 30 ABM/HC 5/10 (WJN). Swallows seem to be generally scarce, possibly due to cold May 1990. Chimney Swift, Common Nighthawk, Whip-poor-will possibly also affected.

#### JAYS THROUGH CREEPER

Gray Jay: 2 Lewis 5/19 (DLC), 1 Ferdinand 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 1 Wenlock WMA 5/25 (WGE,NLM, et al.). Studies in the Northeast Kingdom by Dr. William Barnard of Norwich University confirmed breeding at Moose Bog and Victory Bog, suspected at Ferdinand Bog, and birds present at Yellow Bog & Paul Stream (Maidstone). Eleven birds were color banded during Spring 1991. Blue Jay: some high counts: 10-12 Woodstock 3/10-11 (CRP), 32 Sheffield 3/11 (PFW,SAW), 10 Winhall (WJN,AS), 10 Marlboro 5/9 (JPN), up to 10 Chester (CEAd). One banded at BNP (VINS). Not many observers submit information on this species. It is, of course, not sedentary and there is considerable fluctuation in the population during the season. Evidence would seem to indicate that their numbers were below average this year. American Crow: overwinters in all but the higher mountain areas. Some high counts: 430 Weybridge 3/5 (MBN), 1200 Williston 3/16 (PCR) migrating, 150 New Haven 4/15 (JAP). Peak of 50 at MNWR (JBG). Common Raven: occurs throughout the state. Some high counts and breeding reports: 15 Leicester 4/2 (SSW), 13 Salisbury 4/3 (WGE, DHC), 20 Addison 4/7 (JAP), 22 Taftsville 5/18 (WGE,NLM, GFE), 6 Island Pond 5/20 (JDM). Four nestlings Adamant 4/13 (CSS), young in nest on wall of old copper mine Strafford 5/16 (BD), nest on rock ledge with 4 young W. Windsor 5/4 (KHA). Black-capped Chickadee: some high counts: 20 Winhall 3/1 (WJN), 12 Woodstock 3/1 (JMN), up to 20 Barnard 3/1 (JNF), 25+ Reading 3/24 (FMH,GEH), 12 Middlebury 3/31 (MBN), 20 Chester (CEAd), 15 W. Bolton (MC). Banders at BNP handled 19 birds (VINS). Numerous nesting reports. Boreal Chickadee: 1 3/7, 1 4/24, 29 Sheffield (PFW,SAW), 1 Ferdinand 4/28 (DLC), 4 Wenlock WMA 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). Tufted Titmouse: widespread in the Connecticut and Champlain valleys. High counts and sightings elsewhere: 4 Middlebury 3/15 (JAP), 2 Lincoln 3/31 (JRA) a new location, pr. at feeder Randolph 4/11-12 (EWC,MCC) another new location, 4 Rockingham 4/25 (WGE,DHC), 2 Ladd Pt. Grand Isle 4/30 (RBL), 4 Colchester 5/3 (JDM), 8 Vernon/Guilford 5/4 (WGE,NLM), 4 Dorset 5/11 (EFG). Numerous nesting reports. Red-breasted Nuthatch: scarce this year, most wintered farther south. Some high counts: 3 Guilford 3/1 (JPN), 4 Weathersfield 4/25 (WGE,DHC), 3 Reading 5/18 (FMH,GEH), 7 Island Pond 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHL,SJS). White-breasted Nuthatch: some high counts: 4 Chester (CEAd), 4 Middlebury 3/20 (JAP), 5 Dorset 3/27 (EFG), 5 Pittsford 4/16 (WGE,NLM et al.), 5 Brandon 5/15 (SSW). One banded at BNP (VINS). Pair building nest in nesting box, entering with strips of red cedar bark - Proctor 4/25 (RWP). Brown Creeper: wintered widely but a major movement apparently on 3/27 (m.ob.). Some high counts: 5 Grand Isle 3/10 (DJH), 3 Reading 4/7,8 - 5/9 (FMH, GEH), 3 Weathersfield 4/25 (WGE,DHC), 4 Berlin Pd. 5/1 (BMP), 4 Colchester 5/16 (JDM). One banded at BNP (VINS).

Carolina Wren: 1 3/6, 2 3/24 Brandon (SSW), 1 Bennington through March (fide NS), 1 through period Norwich (GFE,MLo), 1 Ferrisburgh 4/7 (JID,MCD), 1 West Haven 5/19 (MHB), 1 Brandon 5/30 (SSW). House Wren: 2 Wallingford 4/26 (SJD), 1 4/27,28 Manchester (BWP; RWS), 1 Windsor 4/28 (WGE,NLM), 1 Ferrisburgh 5/1 (JID, MCD), 1 5/1, 3 5/2 Springfield (WME), 1 Dorset 5/2 (EFG), on 5/5 1 Proctor (RWP), 1 Grand Isle (DJH), 2 Mud Creek (BCG,MAPe), 1 Barnard 5/8 (JNF), on 5/11 1 W. Bolton (MC), 1 Chester (CEAd), 2 Ferrisburgh (SSW), on 5/12 3 Dorset (EFG), 1 Weybridge (MBN), 2 Woodstock (CRP). High ct. only 3 several times. This species has recovered little from its crash last year, some observers missed it altogether. Winter Wren: 1 Reading 3/30 (FMH,GEH), 1 BNP 4/4 (KRT,MSL), 1 Hartland 4/5 (WGE, NLM), 1 Moretown 4/6 (BMP), 1 S. Burlington 4/6 (DLC), 1 Stowe 4/7 (EK), 1 Eden 4/7 building dummy nest in root of upturned tree (PE), another 1 Eden 4/7 (MR), 2 S. Lincoln 4/7 (JRA), 1 Middlebury 4/8,10 (JAP), 1 Dorset 4/10 (EFG), 6 Bolton 4/14 (JJA), 1 Essex Ctr. 4/20 (WDB), 1 Stratton Mtn. 4/28 (WME). High ct. 9 singing males Mt. Mansfield 5/23 (CCR). Marsh Wren: 3 WRM 4/27 (WGE,NLM), 1 DCWMA 5/11 (MBN), 1 Ferrisburgh 5/11 (SSW), 1 S. Bay Newport 5/9, 3 Addison 5/16,18 (JAP), 2 5/18 (PFW,SAW), heard Mud Creek Colchester 5/18 (JDM), 4 Coventry, 6+ DCWMA 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), the high ct..

#### MUSCICAPIDAE

Golden-crowned Kinglet: winters in conifers in many areas. Some high cts.: 50+ Adamant 3/15 (CSS), 12 Reading 4/5 (FMH,GEH), 14 Quechee/Woodstock 4/5 (WGE,NLM), 20 Middlebury 4/10 (JAP), 25 Island Pond 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). One banded at BNP (VINS). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 1 Colchester 3/24 (PCR) very early, 1 Dorset 4/7 (EFG), on 4/10 2 Ferrisburgh (JID,MCD), 1 Woodstock (JMN), 1 Lincoln (JRA), 2 4/12, 1 4/13 Manchester (BWP), 1 BNP 4/12 (CCR), 2 Guilford 4/12 (HL), 3 Quechee 1 Norwich 4/13 (WGE,NLM,GFE), 1 Moretown 4/14 (BMP), 1 Brandon 4/20 (SSW), 3 Manchester 4/20 (RWS, BWP), 1 Reading 4/22 (FMH,GEH), 1 Middlebury 4/23 (JAP), 2 S. Burlington 4/24,25 (BCG,MAPe), 10 Quechee 4/26 (WGE), major movement 4/27 (m.ob.). High ct. 12 Berlin Pd. 4/28 (BMP). Seventeen banded at BNP (VINS). Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 1 S. Burlington 4/12 (TGM) very early, 1 HC 2 Rockingham 4/20 (WGE,NLM), 2 West Haven 4/21 (JAP), 1 4/21, 1 4/27 Ferrisburgh (TGM,DLC,GEHa), 9 West Haven plus 2 nests, 1 started and 1 nearly complete 4/27, pr. Rockingham working on nearly finished nest 4/28, 1 Weathersfield Bow 4/28 (all WGE,NLM), 1 Brandon 5/7 (SSW), 10 Vergennes 5/11 (SSW) high ct., 4 Ferrisburgh 5/16 (WGE), several at SWMA, West Haven, DCWMA on 5/18-19 (m.ob.), 1 Island Pond 5/20 (JDM) out of range, 1 Essex Jct. 5/27 (MP). Eastern Bluebird: 6 W. Pawlet 3/3 (EK), 1 New Haven 3/7 (JAP), 1 Manchester 3/8 (RWS), 1 Dorset 3/11 (EFG), 2 Putney 3/11 (IG), 2 Brownsville 3/13 (BMH), 1 Springfield 3/20 (WME), 1 Marlboro 3/20 ((JPN), 7 E. Dorset 3/23 (RWS) high ct., 1 Waterbury Ctr. 3/27 (EK), on 3/28 2 Chester (CEAd), 1 Eden (MR), 7 New Haven (JRA), on 3/31 2 Jericho (MC), 2 Williston (CN), 1 SHSL (WJN), 1 Woodstock (CRP). One banded at BNP (VINS). Numerous nesting reports, many fledglings by season's end. Veery: great care should be taken to differentiate between this species and Hermit Thrush, which regularly arrives in April: 1 Colchester 4/26 (WDB) very early; 1 Brandon 5/7 (SSW), 1 BNP 5/7 (WGE,NLM), 2 Clarendon 5/8 (CJF), 1 Woodstock 5/11 (JMN), 1 Reading 5/12 (FMH, GEH), on 5/13 1 Middlebury (JAP), 3 Dorset (EFG), 1 MNWR (JBG), 1 SBWNA (PCR), 2 Winhall 5/15 (WJN), 1 Randolph 5/15 (EWC,MCC). High ct. 24 Guilford/Vernon 5/27 (WGE, NLM). Four banded at BNP (VINS). Gray-cheeked Thrush: 1 singing m. Peru-Landgrove Rd. 5/18 (WJN), 1 Stratton Mtn. 5/18 (JJ,CRR), 8 singing m. Mt. Mansfield 5/23 (CCR). Swainson's Thrush: 1 Ferrisburgh 5/16 (WGE), 1 Colchester 5/16 (JDM), 1 Winhall 5/17 (WJN), on 5/18

(WJN), 1 Rutland 4/6 (CJF), 1 Grand Isle 4/6 (DJH), 1 S. Lincoln 4/7 (JRA), 2 HC 4/8 (WJN), 1-2 Reading 4/8, 10 (FMH, GEH), 4 Manchester 4/9 (BWP), 1 Colchester 4/9 (WDB), 3 Brownell Mtn. 4/10 (PCR). High ct. 8 Berlin Pd. 4/28 (BMP). One banded at BNP (VINS). Nest discovered 20 feet up in trunk of a dead elm Dorset (EFG). Several observers considered their numbers down. Pileated Woodpecker: reported throughout the state, some high counts: 5 Grand Isle (DJH), 3 Reading 4/8 (FMH, GEH), 3 HC 4/26 (WJN), 3 Island Pond area 5/20 (WGE, NLM, DHC, SJS), peak of 6 at MNWR (JBG). Female excavating a hole 30 ft. up in an aspen snag Manchester 5/5 (WGE, NLM).

FLYCATCHERS

Olive-sided Flycatcher:

1 Goshen 5/10 (SSW), 1 Reading 5/15 (FMH, GEH), on 5/18 3 Goshen (SSW) high ct., 1 Barton Swamp (PFW, SAW), 1 Duxbury (FAP, EBP), 1 Island Pond (DRW), 1 Tinmouth (PMB et al.), 1 West Haven 5/19 (MHB), 1 Island Pond 5/20, 25 (JDM; WGE, NLM et al.), 1 Sheffield 5/21, 24, 30 (PFW, SAW), 1 BNP 5/22 (WGE, NLM, MPS), 1 Braintree 5/26 (RAM), 1 Eden 5/26 (MR).

Eastern Wood-Pewee:

1 Reading 5/12 (FMH, GEH), 1 Springweather NA 5/16 (WJN), 4 Ferrisburgh 5/16 (WGE), 2 5/16, 1 5/17 Colchester (JDM; DLC), on 5/18 1 Addison (MBN), 1 Manchester (BWP), 1 MNWR (BCG, MAPE), 3 Middlebury (JAP), 5 Champlain Valley (JDM), several West Haven 5/19 (BRJ, GEHa, CY), 1 Brandon 5/20 (SSW), 1 Brighton 1 Newport 5/20 (WGE, NLM, SJS, DHC), 3 SWMA 5/20 (PCR), 1 Lincoln 5/23 (JRA). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:

1 banded 5/17 BNP (VINS), 1 Shelburne 5/20 (JM), 7 Island Pond area 5/20 (WGE, NLM, SJS, DHC), 1 Milton 5/28 (GB). One other banded at BNP (VINS). Alder Flycatcher:

1 Dorset 5/12 (EFG), 1 Westford 5/17 (WGE), on 5/18 1 West Haven (DLC), 2 Brandon 5/19 (SSW), 1 Bennington Cty. 5/19 (ERK, RSK, BCD et al.), 2 Ferdinand-Brighton 5/20 (WGE, NLM, SJS, DHC), 5 Lincoln 5/21 (JRA) high ct., 1 Winhall Hollow 5/21, 22 (WJN), 1 Sheffield 5/21, 24 (PFW, SAW), 3 Dorset 5/22 (EFG), 2 Brandon 5/23 (JAP), 1 Lyndonville 5/27 (PFW, SAW), 1 RFSL 5/28 (WJN). Willow Flycatcher:

1 Weybridge 5/16, 18 (MNB), 1 Bristol 5/19 (KM), 2 DCWMA

1 Ferrisburgh 5/20 (WGE, NLM, DHC, SJS), 1 RFSL 5/21 (WJN),

2 Middlebury 5/22, 31 (JAP), 1 Sudbury 5/23 (SSW), 1 HC

5/24 (WJN), 1 ABM 5/26 (AMD), 1 Reading 5/27 (FMH, GEH),

1 Retreat Mdws. 5/27 (WGE), 1 Waterbury 5/30 (PCR).

Nine "Traill's" sp. banded at BNP (VINS). Least

Flycatcher:

1 Colchester 4/26 (WDB), 1 Berlin Pd. 4/29,

3 5/5 (SH, BMP; TSA), 1 Middlebury 5/1 (JAP), 2 Brandon

5/1 (SSW), 1 ABM 5/2 (DC), 1 Dorset 5/2 (EFG), 5 Guil-

ford 5/4 (WGE, NLM), 1 Norwich 5/4 (CCR), 2 Mud Creek

5/5 (BCG, MAPE), 1 Huntington 5/5 (MBN), 1 Reading 5/9

(FMH, GEH), 1 West Haven 5/10 (JMN, EFG), on 5/11 1 Man-

chester (BWP), 1 Brighton (DLC), 2 W. Bolton (MC), 1

Winhall (WJN), 2 Woodstock 5/12 (CRP). Banders at BNP

handled 20 (VINS). High ct. 17 Guilford 5/27 (WGE, NLM).

ACADIAN FLYCATCHER:

2 singing males Guilford 5/27 (WGE, NLM) - tape-recorded.

Eastern Phoebe:

1 Woodstock 3/27

(NHM), on 3/28 1 Manchester (RWS), 1 Marlboro (JPN), 1

Middlebury (JAP), 1 Dorset (EFG), 1 L. Bomoseen (WGE,

NLM, JBM, JPM), on 3/29 1 Chester (CEAd), 1 Grand Isle

(DJH), 2 ABM (AMD), 7 Vernon 3/30 (TM), on 3/31 1 Rut-

land (CJF), 2 Brandon (SSW), 10 Brattleboro/Rockingham

(DLC), high ct. 15 Quechee 4/14 (WGE, NLM). Widespread

after April 1. Seven banded at BNP (VINS). Numerous

reports of nesting. Great Crested Flycatcher:

1 Middlebury 5/2 (JAP), 1 Benson 5/4 (CJF), 1 Chester 5/6

(CEAd), 1 Brandon 5/9 (SSW), 1 Norwich 5/11 (WGE, NLM et

al.), on 5/12 4 Colchester (DLC), 1 Woodstock (JMN), 2

Grand Isle (DJ), 6 SWMA 5/13 (PCR), 1 Reading 5/14

(FMH, GEH), on 5/16 1 HC (WJN), 2 S. Burlington (BCG,

MAPE), 1 WRM (CMO), 1 Westminster West (AMD), 8 Ferris-

burgh (WGE). High cts. 10 Champlain Valley 5/18 (JDM),

10 MNWR 5/18 (BCG, MAPE). One banded at BNP (VINS).

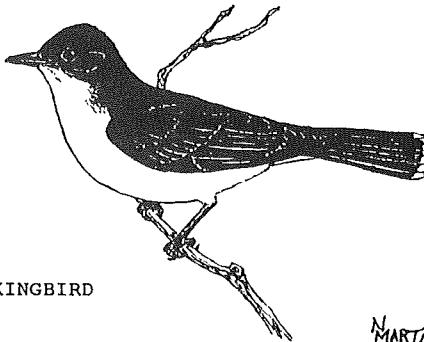
Eastern Kingbird:

1 Colchester 4/19 (WDB) unbelievably

early, 1 Barton R. Rd. 4/26 (PFW, SAW) also early, on 5/2

1 ABM (DC, MWB), 1 Tinmouth (PMB), 1 Addison (JAP), 1

Vernon 1 Guilford 5/4 (WGE, NLM), 1 Mud Creek 5/5 (BCG, MAPE), 7 Quechee 5/7 (JMN), 1 Eden 5/7 (MR), on 5/8 1 Manchester (RWS), 3 Dorset (EFG), 1 Salisbury (MBN), 1 SWMA (JDM), 2 ABM (AMD), 1 Brattleboro (HL), 5 Calais (CSS), 3 Brandon (SSW), on 5/10 1 Chester (CEAd), 1 ABM (WJN), several Grand Isle (DJH), on 5/11 2 Berlin Pd. (TSA), 1 Derby 3 Morgan (DLC), 1 Rutland (CJF), 1 Middlebury 5/13 (JRA), 1 Colchester 5/14 (PCR). High ct. 30 Champlain Valley 5/18 (JDM). Two banded at BNP (VINS). Pair building nest 4 feet up in young maple Dorset 5/31 (EFG).



EASTERN KINGBIRD

N MARTIN

LARKS THROUGH SWALLOWS

Horned Lark: 50 Ferrisburgh 3/3 (BCG, MAPE), 150 Weybridge 3/5 (JAP, MBN) high ct., 1 Charlotte 3/13 (PCR), 2 DCWMA 3/30 (CJF), 1 Whiting 4/6 (WGE), 2 Addison 4/7 (MBN), 1 Coventry 5/5 (PFW, SAW), 6 Addison/Ferrisburgh 5/16 (WGE, NLM), on 5/18 5 Burlington (BCG, MAPE), 1 Addison (KMA, JS, SB, WME), several DCWMA (m.o.b.), 4 Panton (JAP). Purple Martin:

1 4/26, 5 4/8 Grand Isle (DJH), 6 Isle La Motte 4/27 (DLC), 1 SWMA 5/8 (JDM), 1 MNWR 5/9 (JBG), 11 Ferrisburgh 5/11 (SSW) high ct., 3 Addison 5/11 (MBN), 2 Newport 5/18 (PFW, SAW), 5 Derby Ctr. 5/20 (WGE, NLM, DHC, SJS). Seems to have declined alarmingly - the cold wet May of 1990 may have been a factor. Tree Swallow:

1 Montpelier 3/26 (TSA) on 3/28 35 Vernon (ELG), 1 Peru (ACB), 12 Bridport/DCWMA (WGE, NLM, JBM, JPM), on 3/29 20 LOC (BCG, MAPE), 24 Vernon (TM), 2 Williston (PCR), 1 Springfield (WME), on 3/31 1 Westminster (DLC), 1 ABM (AMD), 2 Manchester (BWP), 1 Ripton 4/3 (WBK), 1 Ferrisburgh 4/3 (JID, MCD), on 4/4 1 Middlebury (JAP), 2 Weybridge (MBN), 3 BNP (KRT, MSL et al.), 1 SWMA (WDB), on 4/5 1 Morrisville (EK), 2 Dorset (EFG), 50 Benson (JAP), 8 Brandon/Salisbury (SSW), 1 New Haven (JRA), on 4/6 1 Randolph (BO), 5 Braintree (RAM), 25 L. Bomoseen (CJF), 1 Eden (MR), 2 Barnard (JNF). High cts. 200 Mud Creek 4/21 (BCG, MAPE), 200 HC 5/10 (WJN). Two banded at BNP (VINS). Widespread reports of nesting at end of period. Northern Rough-winged Swallow:

2 Quechee 2 Westminster 4/20 (WGE, NLM), 2 Montpelier 4/25 (BMP), 1 ABM 4/26 (WJN), 1 Bridport 4/26 (JAP), 1 Colchester 4/27 (DLC), 4 Berlin Pd. 4/28 (BMP), 1 Manchester 5/4 (RWS), 2 Quechee 5/5 (JMN), 1 Dorset 5/8 (EFG), 1 Champlain Valley 5/8 (JDM), 4 Montpelier 5/11 (TSA), 1 Ferrisburgh 5/11 (SSW). High ct. 20 Champlain Valley 5/18 (JDM) found breeding 5/19 Prouty Beach Newport new location (WGE). Bank Swallow:

1 ABM 4/26 (WJN), 6 Brownell Mtn. 4/27 (PCR), 1 Springfield Mdws. 2 HC 4/28 (WGE, NLM), 1 Berlin Pd. 4/28 (BMP), 2 Middlebury 5/2, 20 5/9 (JAP), 30 HC 5/4 (WGE, NLM), 5 Chester 5/7 (CEAd), 5 Otter Creek 5/9 (CMO), 1 RFSL 5/9 (WJN), 75 HC 5/10 (WJN), on 5/11 4 Berlin Pd. (BMP), 5 Ferrisburgh (SSW), 100+ Middlebury (JRA), 200 S. Burlington 5/17 (BCG, MAPE) high ct.. Colonies reported at Middlebury, Newport, S. Burlington, Lyndonville, SRTL, RFSL. At nest MNWR 5/12 (JJA). Cliff Swallow:

1 Tinmouth 4/27 (PMB), 1 Berlin Pd. 4/28 (BMP), 1 RFSL 4/29 (WJN), 2 Quechee 4/30 (WGE, NLM), 1 Ferrisburgh 5/8 (JAP), 1 5/9, 10 5/17 Winhall Hollow (WJN) high ct. building nests, 1 Monkton 5/17 (DLC), on 5/18 1 Arlington (BWP), 1 Duxbury (FAP, EBP), Tinmouth (PMB et al.), 1 5/18, 8 5/20 Island Pond (DRu, WGE, NLM,

2 Champlain Valley (JDM), 1 Shrewsbury (SBL, GEHa, BRJ), 1 Dorset (EFG), 6 DCWMA (JSA, KMA, WME, SB), 1 Brunswick 5/20 (WGE, NLM, DHC, SJS), 1 Lincoln 5/23 (JRA). Hermit Thrush: 2 Reading 4/8 (FMH, GEH), 1 Marlboro 4/10 (JPN), 1 Lincoln 4/10 (JRA), 1 Clarendon 4/12 (CJF), 3 Colchester 4/14 (DLC), 1 Grafton 4/17 (MWB), 1 Eden 4/18 (MR), 1 Salisbury 4/19 (SSW), 1 Manchester 4/20 (RWS), 3 Rockingham 4/20 (WGE, NLM), 2 Middlebury 4/23 (JAP), 1 Moretown 4/23 (BMP), 1 Springfield 4/25 (WME), 1 Woodstock 4/26 (JMN), 1 Springweather NA 4/26 (WJN), 1 Chester 4/27 (CJF), 4 Berlin Pd. 4/28 (BMP), 1 Ferrisburgh 4/28 (JID, MCD), 1 Winhall 4/29 (WJN), 2 Chester 4/29 (CEAd). High ct. 18 Island Pond 5/20 (WGE, NLM, SJS, DHC). Three banded at BNP (VINS). Wood Thrush: 1 Dorset 5/2 (EFG), 1 Tinmouth 5/2 (CJF), 2 Springfield 5/6 (WME), 1 Taftsville 5/6 (WGE), on 5/7 1 W. Bolton (MC), 1 Middlebury (JAP), 1 Manchester (RWS), 2 Manchester 5/8 (BWP), 1 Winhall 5/8 (WJN), 1 Woodstock 5/9 (JMN), on 5/10 1 Rochester (TSA), 3 Goshen/Brandon (SSW), 1 Marlboro (JPN), on 5/11 1 E. Middlebury (MBN), 1 Leicester (CMD), 2 S. Lincoln 5/12 (JRA), 1 SWMA 5/13 (PCR), 1 Chester 5/14 (CEAd), 2 Colchester 5/16 (JDM). High ct. 12 Guilford/Vernon 5/27 (WGE, NLM). Six banded at BNP (VINS). American Robin: 5 Chester 3/2 (CEAd), on 3/3 1 Woodstock (JMN), 2 Middlebury (JAP), 2 SHSL (WJN), 1 Marlboro (JPN), 2 Guilford 3/5 (HL), 1 Brandon 3/8 (SSW), 1 Malletts Bay 3/11 (JDM), 1 Weybridge 3/18 (MBN), 1 S. Burlington 3/19 (BCG, MAPE), 1 Wallingford 3/20 (SJD), 1 Stowe 3/20 (EK), 3 Grand Isle 3/23 (DJH), 17 HC 3/25 (BCG, MAPE), 1 Waterbury 3/25 (TSA), on 3/26 1 Sheffield (PFW, SAW), 1 Randolph (EWC, MCC), 1 Dorset (EFG), 4 W. Bolton (MC), 2 Springfield (WME), several Lincoln (JRA). High ct. 400 Vernon 3/30 (TM). Banders at BNP handled 12 (VINS). Many reports of nesting and fledglings by period's end. Most observers commented on the poor numbers of all species of thrushes, some even included the robin.

#### MIMIDS

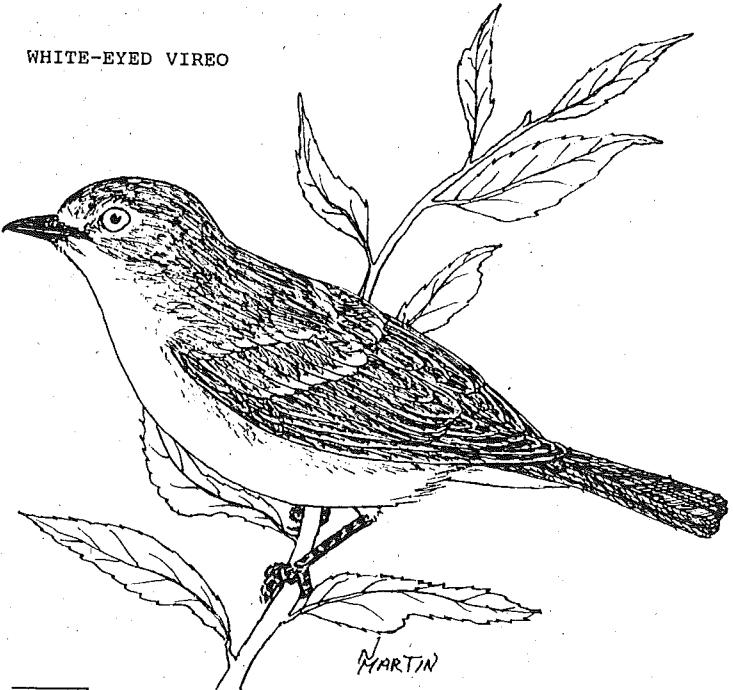
Gray Catbird: 4 Colchester 4/26 (WDB) very early, on 5/2 1 Dorset (EFG), 1 Manchester (RWS), 1 Westminster (DC, MWB), 1 HC, 1 ABM 5/4 (WGE, NLM), 1 Poultney 5/5 (CJF), on 5/7 1 Winhall Hollow (WJN), 1 Springfield (WME), 1 Brandon (SSW), 1 Middlebury (JAP), 1 Woodstock (JMN), 5 Brattleboro 5/8 (JL), 1 Reading 5/9 (FMH, GEH), on 5/10 1 Huntington (DLC), 5 HC (WJN), 1 Berlin Pd. (TSA), 1 W. Bolton (MC), 4 Addison 5/11 (JRA), 1 MNWR 5/13 (JBG), 1 Weybridge 5/14 (MBN), 1 Grand Isle 5/14 (DJH). High cts.: 10 Mud Creek/Missisquoi 5/18 (BCG, MAPE), 10 S. Reading 5/29 (FMH, GEH). Banders at BNP handled 18 (VINS). Northern Mockingbird: established in the Champlain and Connecticut valleys. 1 Grand Isle 4/14 (DJH), 1 Dorset 5/12 (EFG), 1 Woodstock 5/3 (KRT), 1 Randolph 5/21 (MR), 1 Island Pond 5/20 (WGE, NLM, DHC, SJS) out of usual range, pr. SHSL 5/22-31 (WJN). This pair bred, raised 3 yg. in this new location. High ct. only 2 several times. Brown Thrasher: 1 Sharon 4/23 (MWB), 1 Springweather NA 4/25 (WGE, DHC), 1 Rutland Town 4/29 (SJP), 1 Ferrisburgh 5/2 (JID, MCD), 1 Quechee 5/3 (JMN), 1 Manchester 5/4 (BWP), on 5/8 1 S. Burlington (BCG, MAPE), 1 Salisbury (JAP), 1 Springfield (WME), 1 HC 5/10 (WJN), 2 Grand Isle 5/10 (DJH), 1 Winhall Hollow 5/11 (WJN), 1 E. St. Albans 5/12 (JJA), 1 Dorset 5/15 (EFG), 1 Reading 5/15 (FMH, GEH). High ct. 4 Grand Isle (DJH). One banded at BNP (VINS). Most observers agree that this species is declining.

#### PIPET THROUGH STARLING

American Pipit: 1 Grand Isle 4/27 (DLC), 1 BNP 5/8 (WGE, NLM). Bohemian Waxwing: big incursion in northern Vt.: 42 Woodstock 3/3 (KRT), 32 Middlebury 3/3 (JAP), 200 Shelburne 3/8 (GEHa), 125 Shelburne 3/9 (DLC), 12 Sudbury 3/10 (SSW), 75 Weybridge 3/10 (MBN), 64 Grand Isle 3/10 (RBL), 79 Quechee 3/12 (KRT), 75 Colchester 3/11 (RBL), 25 BNP 3/11 (MWB, NLM et al.), 48 Brownell Mtn. 3/21 (PCR), 135 Brandon 3/24 (SSW), 30

-19- Shelburne 3/25 (ECC), 200 Weybridge 3/29 (MBN), 60 S. Burlington 4/2 (BCG, MAPE), 34 Lincoln 4/3 (JRA), 18 Middlebury 4/3 (JAP), 35 Fairfax 38 Charlotte 111 St. Albans 4/4 (DLC), 220 Burlington 4/5 (JSA), 2 Wallingford 4/11 (SJD), 13 Lemington 4/11 (BK, DK), 40 Woodstock 4/13 (JMN), 1 Grand Isle 4/14, 27 (DJH), 75 Montpelier 4/14 (PCR), 1 Waterbury 4/15 (TSA), 1 S. Burlington 4/16 (JT). Cedar Waxwing: breeding populations appear in late May in areas where it does not winter. High cts. of wintering populations: 22 Middlebury 3/2 (JAP), 45 Guilford 3/18 (HL), 23 Manchester 3/21 (BWD), 50 Brandon 3/24 (SSW), 120 Grand Isle 4/27 (DJH). Some arriving nesters: 2 Winhall Hollow 5/23 (WJN), 2 DCWMA 5/23 (BCG, MAPE), 5 WRM 5/24 (CMD), 1 Woodstock 5/24 (CRP), 10 HC 5/24 (WJN), on 5/25 50 Brighton (WGE, NLM), 3 W. Bolton (MC), 6 Montpelier (TSA) and Lincoln (JRA). Nine banded at BNP (VINS). Northern Shrike: 1 Sheffield 3/8 (PFW, SAW), 1 Shelburne Pt. 3/9 (DLC, GEHa), 1 Ferrisburgh 3/22 (JID, MCD), 1 Button Bay 3/25 (JID, MCD), 1 SRTL 3/25 (WGE, NLM), on 3/26 1 Williston (DJH), 1 Brattleboro (ELG), 1 Brandon (JAP), 1 S. Strafford 3/27 (VN), 1 Woodstock 3/27 (DJB), 1 Cornwall 3/29 (JAP), 1 ABM 3/31 (AMD), 1 3/31, 1 4/3 Brandon (SSW; WGE, DHC), 1 Waterbury 4/14 (EK), 1 Plainfield 4/17 (CSS). European Starling: returns in March to areas where it does not winter. Some high cts.: 400 S. Burlington 3/1 (PCR), 110 Weybridge 3/14 (MBN), 300 New Haven 4/12 (JAP), 150 LOC 4/16 (BCG, MAPE). Seven banded at BNP (VINS).

#### WHITE-EYED VIREO



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#### VIREOS

WHITE-EYED VIREO: 1 WRM 5/7 (MHB) seen again the same afternoon (WGE, NLM). Solitary Vireo: 1 4/18 Essex Ctr. (WDB), 1 Brandon 4/23 (SSW), 1 Marlboro 4/23 (JPN), 3 Reading 4/24 (FMH, GEH), 1 Montpelier 4/26 (BMP), 1 Woodstock 4/26 (JMN), 1 Winhall 4/27 (WJN), 2 Sheffield 4/27 (PFW, SAW), on 4/28 2 Weathersfield (WGE, DHC), 1 Brighton (DLC), 1 Berlin Pd. (BMP), 1 Manchester (RWS), 1 Adamant (CSS), 1 Middlebury (JAP), 1 Stowe 4/29 (EK). High Ct. 10 Vernon 5/4 (WGE, NLM). Yellow-throated Vireo: 1 retrapped BNP 5/7 (WGE, NLM, EFG, CMW), 1 5/9 3 5/18 Middlebury MBN (JAP), 1 Brandon 5/9 (SSW), 1 West Haven 5/10 (JMN, EFG), 1 HC 1 SRTL 5/10 (WJN), 3 Otter Creek 5/11 (JRA), 1 Huntington 5/12 (PRW), 1 Woodstock 5/12 (CRP), 1 Manchester 5/18 (BWP), 1 Dorset 5/18 (EFG), 1 Bennington Cty. 5/19 (ERK, RSK, BCD et al.), 2 Ferrisburgh 5/20 (WGE, NLM, DHC, SJS), 4 SWMA 5/20 (PCR) high ct., 1 Montpelier 5/23 (TSA). Warbling Vireo: 1 Colchester 4/26 (WDB), 1 Windsor 4/28 (WGE, NLM), 1 BNP 4/29 (CCR), 1 Salisbury 4/29 (JAP) all early, 1 Taftsville 5/2 (WGE), 10 Vernon/Guilford 5/4 (WGE, NLM), on

5/5 1 Manchester (RWS), 3 Mud Creek (BCG,MAPe), 1 Huntington (JAP), 2 Berlin Pd. (TSA), 1 Woodstock 5/7 (JMN), 1 Dorset 5/8 (EFG), on 5/10 1 Benson (SSW), 1 Lyndonville (PFW,SAW), 4 Colchester (PCR), 1 Burlington 5/11 (DLC), 1 HC 5/16 (WJN), 14 Ferrisburgh 5/16 (WGE). High ct. 25 Champlain Valley 5/18 (JDM). One banded at BNP (VINS). Philadelphia Vireo: missed this spring. Red-eyed Vireo: caution is advised in identifying this species by voice alone before the second week of May. One Stratton Mtn. 4/28 (WME), 1 Reading 4/29 (FMH,GEH) both very early, 1 Benson 5/4 (CJF), 1 Lyndonville 5/6 (PFW,SAW), 1 Brandon 5/10 (SSW), 1 Montpelier 5/10 (TSA), 1 Manchester 5/11 (BWP), on 5/12 2 Huntington (CCR,PRW,LD), 2 Ira (DLC), 2 Taftsville (WGE,NLM), 2 Dorset (EFG), on 5/13 2 Marlboro (JPN), 2 Middlebury (JAP), 2 Winhall (WJN), 1 SWMA (PCR), on 5/16 1 Lincoln (JRA), 2 Colchester (JDM), 3 S. Burlington (BCG,MAPe). High ct. 33 Lincoln/Ripton 5/23 (JRA). One banded at BNP (VINS).

#### WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler: 1 Manchester 5/8 (RWS), 1 Norwich 5/12 (NER), 1 Westford 5/17 (WGE), 1-2 Ira 5/18 (m.ob.), 1 E. Dorset 5/18 (RWS,BWP), 1 Monkton 5/18 (CH), Windham Cty. 5/18 (CCR,JJC). Golden-winged Warbler: 1 Charlotte 5/10 (DLC), 1 Westford 5/17,20 (WGE,NLM,SJS,DHC), 1 Middlebury 5/18 (JAP), 1 E. Dorset 5/18 (BWP,RWS), 2 Ira 5/18 (m.ob.), 1 Monkton 5/18 (CH), 1 Lincoln 5/19 (JRA), 2 Brandon 5/24 (SSW), heard Benson late May (EAB). "Brewster's" Warbler: 1 Shrewsbury 5/19 (BRJ et al.). "Lawrence's" Warbler: m. Brandon 5/22,23 (SSW,JAP). Tennessee Warbler: 1 Goshen 5/8 (SSW), 1 Brattleboro 5/8 (HL), 1 Middlebury 5/9,18 (MBN), 1 Westminster 5/11 (MWB,DC), 1 Huntington 5/12 (CCR,PRW,LD), 1 BNP 5/14 (WGE,NLM), 1 Lincoln 5/15 (JAP), 2 Colchester 5/16 (JDM), 1 Reading 5/17,19 (FMH,GEH), on 5/18 2 MNWR (JBG,BCG,MAPe), 10 Champlain Valley (JDM), 1 Dorset (EFG), on 5/19 1 Brunswick (DLC), 5 Newport (WGE,NLM,SJS,DHC), 1 West Haven (BRJ et al.), 7 Island Pond, 4 Newport, 2 SWMA 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). Two banded at BNP (VINS). Nashville Warbler: 1 Reading 4/24 (FMH,GEH) early, 2 L. Dunmore 4/27 (RWP), 2 BNP 5/1 (WGE,NLM), 1 5/5, 3 5/7 Lincoln (JRA), 1 Sheffield 5/7 (PFW,SAW), 2 Bristol 5/9 (JAP) on 5/11 1 Manchester (BWP), 1 Winhall (WJN), 1 Brunswick (DLC), 1 Dorset (EFG), 2 Sheffield 5/14-18 (PFW,SAW), 1 Winhall 5/15 (WJN). High ct. 19 Island Pond area 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). Four banded at BNP (VINS). Northern Parula: 1 Goshen 5/10 (SSW), on 5/11 1 Eden (MR), 1 Ferdinand (DLC), 1 Dorset (EFG), 1 Norwich (CCR), 1 Thetford 5/12 (WGE,NLM), 1 SWMA 5/13,18 (PCR,FAP,EBP), 4 Brunswick 5/20 (WGE,NLM,SJS,DHC) high ct., 1 BNP 5/28 (WGE,CCR et al.). Yellow Warbler: 1 Rockingham 4/28 (WGE,NLM), 2 Leicester 4/29 (JAP), 1 Westminster 5/2 (DC,MWB), 1 Dorset 5/2 (EFG), 1 Weybridge 5/3 (MBN), 1 Manchester 5/4 (RWS), 4 Grand Isle 5/5,6 (DJH), on 5/5 1 Woodstock (CRP), 2 Mud Creek (BCG,MAPe), 1 Eden (MR), 1 W. Bolton 5/6 (MC), 3 Quechee 5/7 (JMN), 1 Waterbury Ctr. 5/7 (EK), 1 Brattleboro 5/8 (HL), on 5/9 1 Williston (PCR), 1 Lyndonville (PFW,SAW), 1 Winhall Hollow (WJN), 1 Brandon (SSW), 1 Pittsford (CMD), 3 ABM/HC 5/10 (WJN), on 5/11 15 Addison Cty. (JRA), 2 Pawlet (CJF), 12 Berlin Pd. (TSA), 1 Brighton (DLC). High ct. 50 Champlain Valley 5/18 (JDM). Banders at BNP handled 12 (VINS). Numerous nesting reports. Chestnut-sided Warbler: 1 Lincoln 5/3 (JRA), 1 Guilford 5/4 (WGE,NLM), 2 Reading 5/8 (FMH,GEH), 1 Manchester 5/8 (RWS), 1 E. Middlebury 5/9 (MBN), 1 Bristol 5/9 (JAP), 1 Springfield 5/10 (WME), 2 Goshen 5/10 (SSW), on 5/11 2 Ferdinand (DLC), 1 Woodstock (JMN), 1 Winhall (WJN), 1 Berlin Pd. (TSA), 2 5/12, 4 5/13 W. Bolton (PCR), 8 Dorset 5/15 (EFG), 1 Sheffield 5/16 (PFW,SAW), 1 Colchester 5/16 (JDM). High ct. 35 Guilford 5/27 (WGE,NLM). Eleven banded at BNP (VINS). Magnolia Warbler: 1 Quechee 5/1 (JMN), 1 Sheffield 5/7 (PFW,SAW), 1 Reading 5/8 (FMH,GEH), 2 Rochester 5/11 (TSA), 1 Westminster 5/11 (DC,MWB), 1

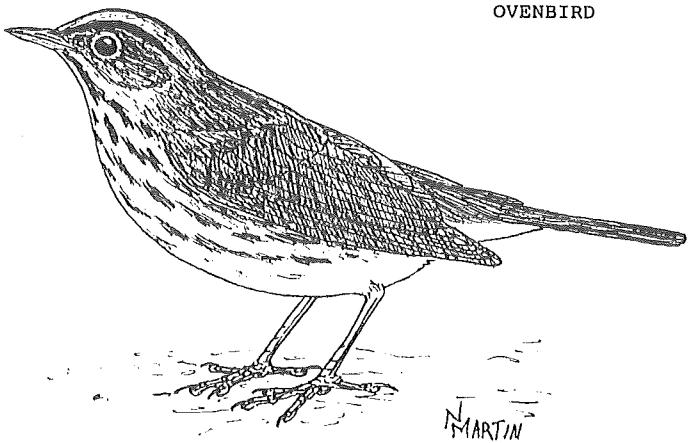
-20- Huntington 5/12 (CCR), 1 Winhall 5/13 (WJN), 1 Addison 5/14 (JAP), on 5/16 2 Ferrisburgh (WGE), 1 Sheffield (PFW,SAW), 1 Colchester (JDM), 1 E. Middlebury 5/18 (MBN,JAP), 2 Lye Brook 5/19 (WME). High ct. 40 Brighton/Ferdinand 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). Two banded at BNP (VINS). Cape May Warbler: 1 Woodstock 5/6 (WGE), 2 Norwich 5/11 (WGE,NLM, et al.), 1 Huntington 5/12 (CCR), 1 Rutland 5/15 (CJF), 1 Lewis 5/19 (DLC), 1 Guildhall 5/23 (BCW). Black-throated Blue Warbler: 1 Brandon 4/29 (SSW), 1 Hartland 5/2 (WGE), 1 BNP 5/ (CCR), 1 Rochester 5/4 (TSA), 1 Huntington 5/5 (MBN), on 5/9 5 Reading (FMH,GEH), 3 Bristol (JAP), 1 Dorset (EFG), on 5/11 1 Ferdinand (DLC), 3 Otter Creek (JRA), 8 Reading (FMH,GEH), 2 Winhall (WJN), 1 Eden (MR), on 5/16 1 Colchester (JDM), 1 S. Burlington (BCG,MAPe), 2 Sheffield (PFW,SAW), 3 Lye Brook 5/18 (WME). High cts.: 12 Vernon 5/27 (WGE,NLM), 12 Lincoln 7 Ripton 5/23 (JRA). Three banded at BNP (VINS). Yellow-rumped Warbler: 1 Norwich 4/7 (WGE,NLM,GFE), 1 Grand Isle 4/12 (DJH), 1 Guilford 4/12 (HL), 2 Woodstock 4/18 (JAP), 1 Manchester 4/20 (RWS), 1 Adamant 4/23 (CSS), 1 Reading 4/23 (FMH,GEH), on 4/24 1 Brownsville (BMH), 1 Chester (CEAd), 1 Berlin Pd. (BMP) 1 Winhall (WJN), 1 Sheffield (PFW,SAW), on 4/26 1 Waterbury Ctr. (EK), 7 Quechee (JMN), 10 HC (WJN), on 4/27 1 Tinmouth (PMB), 5 Colchester (DLC), 1 Sheffield (PFW,SAW), on 4/28 1 Stratton Mtn. (WME), 7 Berlin Pd. (BMP), 7 Bristol Pd. (MBN), 1 Nichols Pd. (PCR). High cts.: 80 HC 5/4 (WGE,NLM), 13 singing males Mt. Mansfield 5/23 (CCR). Banders at BNP handled 70 (VINS). Black-throated Green Warbler: 1 Sharon 4/28 (DC,MWB), on 5/1 1 Stowe (EK), 1 Quechee (JMN), 3 Berlin Pd. (BMP), 3 Hartland 5/2 (WGE), on 5/3 1 Dorset (EFG), 1 Colchester (JDM), 1 Leicester (JRA), on 5/4 4 Little Rock Pd. Wallingford (WME), 1 Manchester (RWS), 3 Braintree (RAM), 1 Winhall 5/8 (WJN), 2 Reading 5/9 (FMH,GEH), 1 E. Middlebury 5/9 (MBN), 3 Goshen 5/10 (SSW), 4 Montpelier 5/11 (TSA), 1 Ferdinand 5/11 (DLC), 1 Eden 5/12 (MR), on 5/13 3 Dorset (EFG), 1 MNWR (JBG), 1 Middlebury (JAP), 3 SBWNA (PCR), 1 Brandon 5/14 (SSW), 1 S. Burlington 5/16 (BCG,MAPe). High ct. 13 Ferdinand/Brunswick 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). Blackburnian Warbler: 1 BNP 5/1 (WGE,MPS), 1 Woodstock 5/5 (SBL), 1 Bristol 5/4 (JAP), on 5/11 1 Chester (CEAd), 3 Goshen (MCD), 1 Reading (FMH,GEH), 2 E. Middlebury (MBN), 1 Ferdinand (DLC), 3 Warren 5/12 (TSA), 2 S. Burlington 5/16 (BCG,MAPe), 2 Colchester 5/16 (JDM), 4 Middlebury 5/18 (JAP), widespread on 5/18 (m.ob.), 1 Lye Brook 5/19 (WME), 1 Bennington Cty. 5/19 (ERK,RSK,BCD et al.). High ct. 32 Ferdinand/Brunswick 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). Pine Warbler: 2 Middlebury 4/8 (JAP), 1 4/13, 2 4/14; 3 4/25 Quechee (NLM,WGE;JMN), 1 S. Burlington 4/13 (DLC), 1 Grand Isle 4/14 (DJH), 6 Wilgus SP 4/25 (WGE,DHC), 1 Waterbury Ctr. 4/26 (EK), 1 Montpelier 4/26 (BMP), 7 high ct. 4/27; 1 5/3 Colchester (DLC;JDM), 2 Adamant 5/4 (CSS), 1 W. Bolton 5/7 (MC), 1 Springweather NA 5/18 (VF). Prairie Warbler: 1 banded BNP 5/8 (WGE,NLM,MPS), Saxtons River 5/19 (DC,MWB), 1 Woodstock 5/18 (SBL,BRJ,GEHa, m.ob.). Palm Warbler: 1 Manchester 4/14 (RWS), 4 "Yellow" Quechee 1 "Yellow" WRJct. 4/14 (WGE,NLM), 7 Dorset 4/20 (EFG), 2 ABM, 1 Springweather NA 4/25 (WGE,NLM), 1 "Yellow" Rockingham 4/26 (WJN), 1 "Yellow" Shaftsbury Lake SP 5/5 (WGE,NLM), 1 Brighton 5/11 (DLC). Two banded at BNP (VINS). Bay-breasted Warbler: 1 Hartland 5/12 (WGE,NLM), 1 Colchester 5/16 (JDM), 1 S. Burlington 5/16 (BCG,MAPe), on 5/18 1 MNWR (JBG), 1 Colchester (JDM), 1 S. Duxbury (FAP,EBP), 2 Lye Brook (WME), 1 Brookfield (FK et al.), 1 Williamstown (ATA), 2 Brunswick 5/19 (DLC), 6 Ferdinand/Brunswick 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS) the high ct.. Poor showing. Blackpoll Warbler: on 5/14 2 ABM (DC), 1 Somerset Res. (CCR,RBR), 1 BNP (WGE,NLM), 6 Ferrisburgh 5/16 (WGE), 1 S. Burlington 5/16 (BCG,MAPe), on 5/18 2 WRD (JDM), 5 Mud Cre (BCG,MAPe), 2 Dorset (EFG), 1 Brandon (SSW), 1 Addie (KMA,JSA,SB,WME), 1 Windham Cty. (CCR,JJC), 1 SWMA (FAP,EMP), 4 Manchester (BWP), 1 Appalachian Gap (TSA), 1 Lincoln 5/19 (RM), 2 Belvidere Mtn. Summit 5/19 (EK),

-21- 5/13 (JBG), 1 Dorset 5/18,25 (EFG), on 5/18 1 New Haven (JAP), Windham Cty. (JJG,CCR), 5 Ottauquechee/Taftsville (SBL,BRJ,GEHa), 1 Bennington Cty. 5/19 (ERK,RSK,BCD, et al.), 1 S. Lincoln 5/23 (JRA), 1 Huntington 5/23 (GL), 1 W. Ripton 5/25 (GSL), 7 Guilford/Vernon 5/27 (WGE, NLM). Mourning Warbler: 1 5/17 2 5/18 Reading (FMH, GEH), 1 5/18, 2 5/21 Dorset (EFG), on 5/18 1 E. Dorset (BWP), 1 Middlebury (JAP), 1 S. Duxbury (FAP,EBP), 2 Bloomfield 5/19 (DLC), 1 Brighton 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHC, SJS), 2 Woodstock 5/23 (WGE,NLM), 1 Lewis 5/26 (WGE, NLM), 1 Eden 5/26 (MR), 2 Lincoln 5/27 (JRA), 1 Little River SP 5/30 (PCR). Two banded at BNP (VINS). Common Yellowthroat: 1 Vernon, 1 Guilford 5/4 (WGE,NLM), 1 Dorset 5/5 (EFG), 1 Middlebury 5/7 (JAP), 1 Brandon 5/7 (SSW), on 5/8 1 Clarendon (CJF), 1 Manchester (RWS), 1 ABM (AMD), 2 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 Woodstock (JMN), 1 Weybridge 5/9 (MBN), on 5/10 1 Grand Isle (DJH), 10 Berlin Pd. (TSA), 1 Springfield (WME), 1 Sheffield (PFW, SAW), 1 Eden (MR), 1 Colchester (PCR), 3 5/11 Otter Creek (JRA), 12 SWMA 5/13 (PCR), 1 Marlboro 5/15 (JPN), 7 HC 5/16 (WJN). High ct. 28 Brighton/Ferdinand 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). Banders at BNP handled 17 (VINS). Wilson's Warbler: 1 Middlebury 5/11 (JAP), 1 Peru 5/13 (ES,AL), 1 BNP 5/14 (WGE,NLM), 1 Westford, 1 Milton 5/17 (WGE), on 5/18 1 West Haven (DLC), 1 Colchester (JDM), 1 Tinmouth (PMB et al.), 1 DCWMA (RMA,JSA,WME,SB), 2 Colchester 5/20 (PCR), 1 Middlebury 5/22 (JAP). Two banded at BNP (VINS). Canada Warbler: 1 Reading 5/11 (FMH,GEH), 1 S. Lincoln 5/12 (JRA), 1 Hartland 5/12 (WGE,NLM), on 5/18 1 E. Middlebury (JAP), 1 MNWR (BCG, MAPE), 4 Reading (FMH,GEH), 2 Dorset (EFG), 1 Berlin Pd. (TSA), 1 Middlebury (JAP), 1 Barton (PFW,SAW), 1 Tinmouth (PMB et al.), 1 S. Duxbury (FAP,EBP), on 5/19 7 Brandon (SSW), 2 Lincoln (JRA), 3 Belvidere Mt. (EK), 2 Bloomfield (DLC). High cts.: 8 Ferdinand/Brunswick 5/20 (WGE,NLM,SJS,DHC), 8 Vernon 5/27 (WGE,NLM). Eight banded at BNP (VINS).

#### TANAGER THROUGH SNOW BUNTING

Scarlet Tanager: 1 Knight Isl. 5/5 (CCR,MSL), 1 E. Middlebury 5/9 (MBN), 1 Grand Isle 5/10 (DJH), 1 West Haven 5/10 (JMN,EFG), on 5/11 3 L. Dunmore (RWP), 2 Westminster (AMD), 1 Norwich (WGE,NLM), 1 Salisbury (JRA), on 5/12 3 Hartland (WGE,NLM), 1 Chester (CEAd), 2 Marlboro (JPN), 3 Colchester (DLC), 1 Reading (FMH, GEH), on 5/13 1 SWMA (PCR), 1 Middlebury (JAP), 1 Dorset (EFG), 3 Reading 5/17 (FMH,GEH), 1 Winhall 5/17 (WJN), on 5/18 2 Brandon (SSW), 2 S. Wallingford (CJF), 1 Calais (TSA). High ct. 6 Colchester 5/18 (JDM). One banded at BNP (VINS). Northern Cardinal: present throughout the year in most areas. Some high counts: 18 Ferrisburgh 3/2 (JID,MCD), 8 Brandon 3/4 (SSW), 12 Middlebury 3/15 (JAP), 5 Dorset 4/6, 5/13 (EFG), 6 Addison Cty. 5/11 (JRA). One banded at BNP (VINS). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 1 SWMA 4/27 (DLC,GEHa) early, 2 Rutland 5/1 (SJP), on 5/2 1 Manchester (RWS), 1 Hartland (WGE,NLM), 1 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 1 BNP 5/3 (CCR), 1 Winhall 5/4 (JRS), 1 Woodstock 5/5 (SBL), 1 Dorset 5/5 (EFG), 1 Chester 5/7 (CEAd), 1 Middlebury 5/7 (JAP), on 5/8 1 Reading (FMH,GEH), 3 Marlboro (JPN), 1 Waterbury Ctr. (EK), 1 Sheffield (PFW,SAW), on 5/9 2 E. Middlebury (MBN), 1 Springfield (WME), 2 Bristol (JAP), on 5/10 2 HC (WJN), 1 West Haven (JMN,EFG), 3 Goshen (SSW), on 5/11 12 Otter Creek (JRA) high ct., 1 Montpelier (TSA), 2 Pawlet (CJF), 2 Goshen (CMO), 1 Westminster 5/12 (AMD). Four banded at BNP (VINS). Indigo Bunting: 1 SHSL 5/13 (WJN), 1 Woodstock 5/14 (CRP), 1 Dorset 5/15 (EFG), 1 Manchester 5/16 (RWS), 2 Monkton 5/17 (DLC), 1 Lincoln 5/17 (JRA), on 5/18 2 Middlebury (JAP), 1 Tinmouth (PMB et al.), 2 Ira (m.ob.), 1 Brandon 5/19 (SSW), 1 Bristol 5/19 (KM), 1 Cornwall 5/21 (MBN), 1 BNP 5/21 (WGE,NLM), 1 Marlboro 5/25 (JPN), 1 Hancock 5/26 (MBN), 1 Colchester 5/26 (WDB), 1 Waterbury 5/28 (MR). High ct. 3 New Haven 5/30 (JAP). Seven banded at BNP (VINS). Rufous-sided Towhee: 1 Dorset 4/20 (EFG), 1 Sharon 4/23 (MWB), 1 Manchester 4/28 (RWS), 1 Winhall

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Middlebury 5/7 (JAP), 1 Reading 5/8 (FMH,GEH), 6 E. Middlebury 5/9 (MBN), 10 Goshen 5/10 (SSW), 1 Chester 5/11 (CEAd), on 5/12 4 Marlboro (JPN), 1 Eden (MR), 1 Dorset (EFG), 2 SWMA 5/13 (PCR), 1 MNWR 5/13 (JBG), 10 Colchester 5/16 (JDM), 4 S. Burlington 5/16 (BCG,MAPE). High ct. 42 Vernon/Guilford 5/27 (WGE,NLM). Two banded at BNP (VINS). Nest found Dorset elev. about 2000 ft. on floor of maple forest (EFG). Northern Waterthrush: 1 Brandon 4/26 (SSW), 2 Manchester 4/27 (BWP), 1 Sherburne 4/27 (WGE,NLM), 3 Berlin Pd. 4/28, 11 there 5/1 (BMP) high ct., 1 Peru-Landgrove Rd. 5/2 (WJN), 1 Dorset 5/2 (EFG), 3 Brandon 5/2 (SSW), 1 Manchester 5/4 (RWS), 1 Eden 5/5 (MR), 4 Berlin Pd. 5/5 (TSA), 1 Sheffield 5/6,7 (PFW,SAW), 1 Reading 5/9 (FMH,GEH), 1 West Haven 5/10 (JMN,EFG), 10 SWMA 5/13 (PCR), 1 MNWR 5/13 (JBG), 7 Ferrisburgh 5/16 (WGE), 5 Colchester 5/16 (JDM), 1 Tinmouth 5/18 (PMB et al.), 1 Bennington Cty. 5/19 (ERK,RSK,BCD et al.). Six banded at BNP (VINS). Louisiana Waterthrush: 1 W. Brattleboro 4/8 (WDN), 1 Woodstock 4/19 (SBL), 1 Brandon 4/23 (SSW), 1 N. Westminster 4/25 (WGE,DHC), 3 Woodstock/Taftsville 4/26 (SBL), 1 Manchester 4/28 (RWS), 1 Reading 4/29 (FMH, GEH), 2 Brandon 5/1 (SSW), 2 Benson 5/4 (CJF), 1 MNWR

5/1 (WJN), 1 BNP 5/1 (WGE,NLM,MPS), 1 5/5, 3 5/10 Middlebury (JAP), 1 Lincoln 5/7 (JRA), 1 RFSL 5/11 (WJN), 1 Ira 5/12 (DLC), 1 Goshen 5/13 (SSW), 6 Dorset 5/15 (EFG) high ct., 1-2 Ira 5/18-19 (m.ob.). Two banded at BNP (VINS). This species declining seriously, missed by many. American Tree Sparrow: some late dates: 5 Adamant 4/20 (CSS), 1 Weybridge 4/20 (MB), 1 Sheffield 4/24 (PFW,SAW), 1 BNP 4/24 (WGE,NLM,CCR), 1 Middlebury 4/25 (JAP). High ct. 20 Brandon 4/5 (SSW). Three banded at BNP (VINS). Very poor showing. Chipping Sparrow: 1 Champlain Valley 3/30 (RWS), 1 Westminster 3/31 (DLC), 1 Brandon 4/7 (SSW), 1 Sheffield 4/10 (PFW,SAW), 1 Reading 4/11 (FMH,GEH), 1 Springfield 4/11 (WME), 1 Middlebury 4/13 (JAP), 1 Manchester 4/13,14 (BWP), 1 Tinmouth 4/16 (PMB), on 4/18 1 Eden (MR), 1 Colchester (JDM), 8 Essex Ctr. (WDB), 1 Dorset 4/19 (EFG), on 4/20 1 SHSL (WJN), 1 Moretown (BMP), 2 Guilford (HL), 1 Hartland (WGE,NLM), 1 Middlebury (PCR), on 4/23 1 SWMA (BCG,MAPe), 5 Chester (CEAd), 1 Marlboro (JPN), 2 4/24,25 Weybridge (MBN). High ct. 12 Middlebury 4/28 (MBN). Nine banded at BNP (VINS). Field Sparrow: 1 Dorset 3/31 (EFG), 1 Tinmouth 4/2 (PMB), 1 Ferrisburgh 4/3 (JID,MCD), 1 Brandon 4/5 (SSW), 2 Shelburne 4/6 (DLC), 1 S. Lincoln 4/7 (JRA), 1 Manchester 4/9 (BWP), 1 Middlebury 4/10 (JAP), 1 BNP 4/12 (CCR), 1 WRJct. 4/14 (WGE,NLM), 1 Grand Isle 4/26 (DJH), 1 RFSL 4/27 (WJN). High ct. 5 Manchester 5/4 (BWP). Five banded at BNP (VINS). Vesper Sparrow: 1 Winhall Hollow 4/5 (WJN), 2 Bridport 4/19 (JAP), 5 Bristol 4/22 (JAP) high ct., 3 4/27;5/18 Panton (DLC;JAP), 1 Winhall Hollow 5/12 (WJN), 1 Ferrisburgh 5/16 (WGE), 1-2 DCWMA 5/18-19 (m.ob.), 2 Brighton Airport 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). Savannah Sparrow: 1 DCWMA 4/7 (MBN), 1 Tinmouth 4/10 (PMB), 1 Clarendon 4/12 (CJF), 1 Manchester 4/12 (BWP), 1 WRJct. 4/14 (WGE,NLM), 1 Weybridge 4/14 (JAP), 1 Stowe 4/15 (EK), 1 Grand Isle 4/19 (DJH), 1 Colchester 4/24 (PCR), 3 Winhall Hollow 4/24 (WJN), 1 Eden 4/29 (MR). High ct. 6 Addison 5/2 (JAP). Two banded at BNP (VINS). Grasshopper Sparrow: 1 Panton 5/20 (WGE,NLM,SJS,DHC), 1 Manchester 5/27 (BWP), 1 New Haven 5/28 (JAP). Fox Sparrow: 1 Marlboro 3/24 (JPN), 1 Norwich 3/28,29 (GFE), 1 Randolph 3/29 (EWC,MCC), 1 BNP 4/1 (KRT), 2 Rutland 4/4 (SJP), 1-3 Woodstock 4/4-10 (JMN), 2 Manchester 4/2-6 (BWP), 1 Ferrisburgh 4/5 (JID,MCD), 1 Westminster 4/7 (AMD), 1 Bridport 4/8 (JAP), 6 Stowe 4/13 (EK) high ct., 1 Sheffield 4/13,14 (PFW,SAW), 1 Swanton 4/14 (DLC), 1 Marlboro 4/14,19 (JPN), 1 Hartland, 1 Weathersfield Bow 4/28 (WGE,NLM). One banded at BNP (VINS). Song Sparrow: overwintered in some areas. One Brandon 3/1 (SSW) likely a winter bird, 2 Montpelier 3/17 (TSA), 1 Westminster 3/17 (AMD), 2 BNP 3/18 (JMN), 1 Guilford 3/18 (HL), 1 Randolph 3/22 (EWC, MCC), 2 Ferrisburgh 3/26 (JID,MCD), 2 Bristol 3/26 (JAP), on 3/27 1 Lincoln (JRA), 3 Dorset (EFG), 1 Rutland (CJF), 1 Waterbury Ctr. (EK), on 3/28 1 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 Grand Isle (DJH), 1 Manchester (RWS), 1 SHSL (WJN), 1 Marlboro (JPN). Widespread after that. High ct. 50 HC 4/8 (WJN). Banders at BNP handled 14 (VINS). Migrants seemed to arrive later than normal - mostly 3/27-29. Lincoln's Sparrow: 1 BNP 5/8 (WGE, NLM,MPS), 1 Sheffield 5/10 (PFW,SAW), 2 Brunswick 5/11 (DLC), 1 Winhall Hollow 5/13 (WJN), 1 Windham Cty. 5/18 (JJC,CCR), 1-2 Sheffield 5/18,24,30 (PFW,SAW), 3 Brighton/Ferdinand 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). One banded at BNP (VINS). Poor showing. Swamp Sparrow: 1 Champlain Valley 3/30 (RWS), 1 Marlboro 4/2 (JPN), 2 4/7, 7 4/20 Dorset (EFG), 1 Brandon 4/7 (SSW), on 4/14 3 Colchester, 1 Alburg (DLC), 1 Quechee (WGE,NLM), 3 Brandon (SSW), 1 Williston 4/16 (PCR), 3 Berlin Pd. 4/16 (BMP), 1 Weybridge 4/19 (MBN), on 4/26 4 S. Bay Newport (PFW,SAW), 4 New Haven (JAP), 1 Rockingham (WJN), 1 Manchester 4/28 (RWS), 1 Grand Isle 5/1 (DJH). High ct. 20 Brighton/Ferdinand 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). Three banded at BNP (VINS). White-throated Sparrow: a few overwintered: 3 Shelburne 3/19 (DLC) likely wintered, 1 Randolph 3/28 (EWC,MCC), 1 Lincoln 4/7 (JRA), 1 HC 4/8

(WJN), on 4/9 1 Waterbury Ctr. (EK), 1 Weybridge (MBN), 1 Dorset (EFG), on 4/10 1 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 Manchester (RWS), 4 Marlboro (JPN), on 4/11 1 Middlebury (JAP), 1 Woodstock (JMN), 1 Bridgewater (FO'R), 1 Ferrisburgh (JID,MCD), 1 Hartland (WGE,NLM), 2 BNP 4/12 (CCR), 2 Sheffield 4/12 (PFW,SAW), 1 W. Bolton 4/14 (MC), 4 Middlebury 4/20 (JAP), 2 Montpelier 4/20 (TSA), 1 Springfield 4/21 (WME), 1 Tinmouth 4/22 (PMB), 1 Grand Isle 4/24 (DJH), 3 Sheffield 4/25 (PFW,SAW), 1 S. Hero 4/25 (PCR). High cts.: 12 Berlin Pd. 5/1 (BMP), 3 Brighton/Ferdinand 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 12 singing m. Mt. Mansfield 5/23 (CCR). Banders at BNP handled 24 (VINS). Many observers commented on low numbers of this bird, generally one of the commonest of migrants and a common breeder at the higher elevations. White-crowned Sparrow: 2 Rutland 4/23 (CJF), 1 BNP 5/1 (WGE,NLM), 2 Brandon 5/2 (SSW), 3 Manchester 5/2-4 (BWP), 1 Tinmouth 5/2 (PMB), 3 New Haven 5/3 (JAP), 1 Stowe 5/5 (EK), on 5/6 1 Weybridge (MBN), 1 Sheffield (PFW,SAW), 4 Brandon (SSW), 1-3 Norwich 5/7,10 (GFE), 1 Brattleboro 5/8 (HL), 1 Dorset 5/9 (EFG), 3 Weybridge 5/10 (MBN), 2 Norwich 5/11 (WGE,NLM et al.), on 5/12 3 Colchester (DLC), 3 Winhall Hollow (WJN), several Burlington (fide FCH), 1 Addison 5/14 (JAP), 1 Reading 5/11,15,16 (FMH,GEH), widespread on Birdathon 5/18,19 (m.ob.). Late dates: 1 Essex Jct. 5/27 (MP), 1 Milton 5/28 (AB), 1 BNP 5/29 (CCR). Four banded at BNP (VINS). Dark-eyed Junco: overwintered in some areas. One Chester 3/2 (CEAd), 1 Wallingford 3/2 (SJD), 10 Colchester 3/5 (WDB), 1 W. Bolton 3/5 (MC), 5 Brandon 3/12 (SSW), 1 Marlboro 3/13 (JRA), 1 Rutland 3/13 (CJF), 1 Woodstock 3/16 (JMN), 3 SHSL 3/18 (WJN), 1 Sheffield 3/18 (PFW,SAW), 3 Westminster West 3/18 (AMD), 1 Brownsville 3/20 (BMH), 1-3 Manchester 3/21-24 (BMP), 2 Randolph 3/22 (EWC,MCC), 3 Norwich 3/24 (GFE), 1 Appalachian Gap 3/25 (PCR), on 3/27 3 Dorset (EFG), 1 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 Middlebury (JAP). Widespread after that. High cts.: 90 Sheffield 4/13 (PFW,SAW), 80 SHSL/Winhall 4/4 (WJN), 100 Eden 4/11 (MR), 100 Adamant 4/10 (CSS), 12 singing m. Mt. Mansfield 5/23 (CCR). Leucistic bird with white patch on nape March and April Pownal (MK). Banders at B. handled 21 (VINS). Lapland Longspur: 13 Panton 3/9 (DLC). Snow Bunting: 30 Weybridge 3/1 (JAP), 100 Weybridge 3/5 (JAP,MBN), 81 Panton 3/9 (DLC).

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Bobolink: 1 BNP 5/1 (WGE,NLM,CCR), 3 Addison 5/2 (JAP), 1 Dorset 5/2 (EFG), 5 Chester 5/5 (CEAd), 1 Springfield 5/7 (WME), 3 Brownsville 5/7 (BMH), 11 Winhall Hollow 5/8 (WJN), 4 W. Salisbury 5/8 (MBN), 1 Eden 5/9 (MR), on 5/10 1 S. Bay Newport (PFW,SAW), several Grand Isle (DJH), 2 Brandon (SSW), 2 West Haven (JMN,EFG), 1 Salisbury 5/11 (JRA), on 5/15 5 Brandon (SSW), 20 Burlington (PCR), 2 Morgan (DLC), 1 Reading (FMH,GEH). High cts.: 60 Ferrisburgh 5/16 (WGE), 50 Addison 5/18 (JAP). Red-winged Blackbird: on the move in February. One MNWR 3/1 (TGM), 1 New Haven 3/1 (JAP), 100 3/2, 300 3/3 Clarendon (CJF), on 3/2 flock Westminster (AMD), 20 Randolph (EWC,MCC), flocks Grand Isle (DJH), on 3/3 1 Woodstock (CRP), 1 Manchester (RWS), 3 Colchester (JDM), 7 W. Bolton (MC), 130 Wilder 3/4 (DHC), 5 Marlboro 3/5 (JPN), on 3/6 3 BNP (KRT,CCR,JMN), 25 Brandon (SSW), 300 Williston (PCR), 1000 Ferrisburgh (JID,MCD), 1 Guilford (HL), 275 Weybridge (MBN), 30 New Haven/Bristol (JRA), 2 S. Burlington 3/7 (BCG,MAPe), 2 Sheffield 3/7 (PFW,SAW), a few Dorset 3/9 (EFG), 1500-2000 Charlotte 3/10 (CJF) the high ct., 6 Williston 3/10 (TSA), on 3/13 1 Waterbury Ctr. (EK), 3 Chester (CEAd), 1 SHSL (WJN), 1 Eden 4/14 (MR), several Grand Isle 3/15 (DJH). Banders at BNP handled 18 (VINS). Eastern Meadowlark: 1 Waterbury Ctr. 3/2 (EK), 1 Addison 3/27 (JAP), 1 RFSL 3/29 (WJN), 1 Champlain Valley 3/30 (RWS) 1 New Haven 4/2 (JRA), on 4/6 1 Whiting, 1 Salisbu (WGE,NLM et al.), 1 Brandon, 2 Addison (SSW), 2 Grand Isle (DJH), 1 Tinmouth 4/7 (PMB), 2 Chester 4/12 (CEAd), 4 Colchester 4/13 (WDB) a high ct., 1 Dorset 4/14 (EFG),

2 LOC 4/16 (BCG,MAPe), 1 Ferrisburgh 4/22 (JID,MCD), 1 Cornwall 4/24 (MBN), 1 Springfield 4/26 (WME). Other high cts.: 4 Bristol 4/22 (JAP), 4 Dorset 5/25 (EFG). Rusty Blackbird: 1 ABM 3/29 (AMD), 1 Weybridge 3/29 (MBN), 1 Rutland 3/30 (CJF), 3 Westminster Flats 3/31 (AMD,DLC), 2 Leicester Jct. 4/3 (WGE,DHC), 7 Quechee 4/6 (WGE,NLM), 2 Grand Isle 4/6 (DJH), 200 Grand Isle 4/7 (DJH) high ct., 14 Dorset 4/11 (EFG), 1 WInhall 4/25 (WJN), 3 Perkinsville 4/25 (WGE,DHC), 1 Berlin Pd. 5/1 (BMP), 1 Weybridge 5/9 (MBN), 25 S.Hero 5/3 (DJH), 2 Montpelier 5/11 (TSA), 2 Lye Brook 5/12 (WME), 1 Mud Creek 5/18 (BCG,MAPe). Common Grackle: on the move in February. On 3/2 1 Pittsford (SSW), 1 Westminster (AMD), 15 Clarendon (CJF), 3 Grand Isle (DJH), 30 S. Burlington (BCG,MAPe), on 3/3 150 Weybridge (JAP), 20 Addison (EK), 1 Marlboro (JPN), 1 Manchester (RWS), 18 Clarendon (CJF), 11 Springfield (WME), 300 S. Burlington 3/4 (BCG,MAPe), 25 Woodstock 3/4 (CCR), 100 Ferrisburgh 3/6 (JID,MCD), 4 Wallingford 3/8 (SJD), 100 Weybridge 3/8 (MBN), 11 Randolph 3/9 (EWC,MOC), 80 Rutland 3/9 (CJF), 25 Colchester 3/12 (WDB), 20 Charlotte 3/13 (PCR), 1 Stowe 3/13 (EK), 3 Montpelier 3/14 (TSA), 1 Sheffield 3/17 (PFW,SAW), on 3/18 2 Barnard (BG), 1 SHSL (WJN), 1 Morrisville (NR). High ct. 400 Champlain Valley 3/29 (JDM). Three banded at BNP (VINS). Brown-headed Cowbird: 300 Grand Isle 3/1 (RBL) high ct., 30 Clarendon 3/2 (CJF), 20 Weybridge 3/3 (JAP), 3 Woodstock 3/4 (CRP), 50 Ferrisburgh 3/6 (JID,MCD), 12 Wallingford 3/8 (SJD), 10 Brandon 3/18 (SSW), 2 Randolph 3/18 (EWC, MCC), 6 Chester 3/23 (CEAd), 7 Woodstock 3/23 (JMN), 30 Basin Harbor 3/26 (BCG,MAPe), 10 SHSL 3/27 (WJN), 1 Sheffield 3/28 (PFW,SAW), 50 Quechee 3/28 (JMN), 2 Waterbury Ctr. 3/29 (EK), 200 Champlain Valley 3/29 (JDM), on 3/31 1 ABM (AMD), 2 Springfield (WME), 1 W. Bolton (MC). One banded at BNP (VINS). Orchard Oriole: 1 DAR SP 5/11,18 (MBN), 1 Addison 5/16 (JAP), 1 DAR SP 5/22 (NH,RBR), 1 ABM 5/24 (WJN). Northern Oriole: 1 Randolph 5/3 (EWC,MCC), on 5/6 1 BNP (WGE,NLM), 1 Bristol (JAP), 2 Springfield (WME), on 5/7 1 Adamant (CSS), Weybridge (MBN), 1 Brandon (SSW), 1 Manchester 5/8 (BWP), 1 Waterbury Ctr. 5/8 (EK), 1 Woodstock 5/9 (CRP), 1 Dorset 5/9 (EFG), on 5/10 2 West Haven (EFG,JMN), 2 Grand Isle (DJH), 2 Barnard (JNF), 7 HC/ABM (WJN), on 5/14 1 W. Bolton (MC), 1 Chester (CEAd), 1 Hubbardton, 1 Rutland, 1 Pawlet (CJF), 2 Montpelier (TSA), 7 Addison (JRA), 2 Brownsville (BMH), 2 Weybridge 5/12 (MBN), 8 Colchester 5/12 (DLC), 2 Wallingford 5/13 (SJD), 1 MNWR 5/13 (JBG), 10 SWMA 5/13 (PCR), 2 Marlboro 5/14 (JPN), on 5/15 3 Reading (FMH,GEH), 3 Lincoln (JAP), 4 Salisbury (CMO), 11 S. Burlington (BCG,MAPe). High cts.: 12-15 BNP 5/13 (CCR), 13 Ferrisburgh 5/16 (WGE). Banders at BNP handled 12 (VINS).

#### FINCHES AND HOUSE SPARROWS

Pine Grosbeak: a report of a "pair" in Eden on the late date of 5/11 (JGH,JAW), no further details received. Purple Finch: most wintered outside Vermont. One Plainfield 3/13 (LN), 1 Manchester 3/23,24 (BWP), 1 Wallingford 3/24 (SJD), 1 W. Bolton 3/25 (MC), 2 Manchester 4/5 (BWP), 1 Reading 4/5 (FMH,GEH), 2 Barnard 4/6 (JNF), 1 WInhall 4/9 (WJN), 1 Brownsville 4/10 (BMH), 1 Dorset 4/10 (EFG), 6 Wallingford 4/13 (SJD), 6 Marlboro 4/13 (JPN), 1 Brandon 4/15 (SSW), 1 Sheffield 4/19 (PFW,SAW), 3 Huntington 4/23 (DLC), 2 WInhall 4/24 (WJN), 1 Weybridge 4/25 (MBN), 6 Ferrisburgh 4/26 (JID, MCD), 2 Sherburne 4/27 (WGE,NLM), 4 Reading 4/28 (FMH, GEH). High ct. 13 Sheffield 4/30 (PFW,SAW). Generally scarce. House Finch: occurs everywhere now, even in the N.E. Kingdom and higher Green Mtns. Some high cts.: 20 Weybridge 3/2 (MBN), 35 Addison 3/5 (JRA), 20 Middlebury 3/17 (JAP), 25 HC 4/8 (WJN). Red Crossbill: Bennington Cty. 5/19 (RSK,ERK,BCD,KH,NF). White-winged Crossbill and Common Redpoll: not reported. Pine Siskin: 20 Marlboro 3/4 (JPN), 1-2 Sheffield 3/8,9,24 (PFW,SAW), 2 Brandon 3/10,17 (SSW), 5 3/25; 8 4/14 Grand Isle (RBL;DJH), 3 Dorset 5/9 (EFG), 2 Thetford 5/12

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(WGE,NLM). Scarce this winter/spring. American Goldfinch: were present through the winter in all but the higher elevations. Some high cts.: 33 Benson 3/28 (WGE,NLM,JPM,JBM), 10 Dorset 4/13 (EFG). Banders at BNP handled 15 (VINS). Evening Grosbeak: another poor winter for them with relatively low numbers, but many stayed through the period with considerable nesting evidence. Some high cts.: 25-30 W. Bolton 3/1 (MC), 56 Lincoln 3/1 (JRA), 52 Manchester 3/4 (BWP), 32 Sheffield 3/4 (PFW,SAW), 30 Westminster W. 3/18 (AMD), 20 Brownsville 4/2 (BMH), 30 Wallingford 4/21 (SJD), 25 BNP 5/1 (WGE,NLM,MPS), 20 Ferrisburgh 5/5 (JID,MCD), 25 Reading 5/17 (FMH,GEH). Seven banded at BNP (VINS). House Sparrow: numbers stable in usual areas around towns and farm buildings. Some high cts.: 30 Brownsville (BMH), 30 SHSL (WJN), 60 New Haven 4/21 (JAP).

#### Abbreviations Used in the Text

ABM	Allen Brothers Marsh, Westminster
BRM	Barton River Marshes, Newport & Coventry
BNP	Bragdon Nature Preserve, VINS, Woodstock
DCWMA	Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison & Panton
HC	Herricks Cove, Rockingham
LOC	Little Otter Creek, Ferrisburgh
MNWR	Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge, Swanton
RFSL	Riverside Farm, South Londonderry
SWMA	Sandbar Wildlife Management Area, Milton
SHSL	Smith Haven, South Londonderry
SRTL	Springfield/Rockingham Town Line
WRM	West Rutland Marsh, West Rutland
WRJct.	White River Junction
WHL	Winhall Hawk Lookout
WRD	Winooski River Delta, Colchester

ad.	adult(s)	Mt.	Mount
Br.	Bridge	Mtn.	Mountain
Ctr.	Center	NA	Nature Area
Cty.	County	Pd.	Pond
f.	female(s)	pr.	pair(s)
high ct.	high count(s)	Pt.	Point
imm.	immature(s)	Res.	Reservoir
Isl.	Island	R.	River
Jct.	Junction	sp.	species
L.	Lake	SP	State Park
m.	male(s)	WMA	Wildlife
Mdws.	Meadows		Management Area
		yg.	young

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JULIE NICHOLSON has decided to retire from Records of Vermont Birds after 20 years of being a "guiding force" for these records! At a special party in her honor held 6 May, she was honored for "maintaining the Records of Vermont Birds as a quality publication for today's birders and for future generations of birders and researchers." Julie said she would especially miss "all the nice people who have contributed to the Records and corresponded with her through the years." Julie plans a trip to her native England soon and promises to stop in at VINS from time to time. THANKS, JULIE!!

JUDY PETERSON of Middlebury will take over as Editor beginning with the Summer '91 Records. She brings years of experience birding and we welcome her.

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