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Following a winter of above average temperatures and minimal snowfall, the spring of 1992 was colder than normal and much colder than 1991.

March, with its cold final two weeks turned out to be the region's first below normal month in temperature since last September, the coldest March since 1989. An intense storm that passed through on 3/10-12 produced damaging flooding in Montpelier and the Connecticut Valley and preceded a big drop in temperature. Alternating storm systems passed across the state for the remainder of the month and temperatures did not rebound to near normal until the last few days.

Similarly, April was the coldest since 1989 with temperatures averaging 2 degrees below normal and 5 degrees cooler than April of 1991. Precipitation was also below normal making this April the driest since 1986. A major storm system moved across the state during the period 4/10-12, with substantial amounts of snow collecting at higher northern elevations. The month featured a consistent series of storm systems, and mostly cold temperatures, interspersed with brief warm periods; i.e. on 4/21 the temperature at Burlington reached 79F. The month ended with some record setting low temperatures.

May was more than 3 degrees colder than May of 1991 with precipitation well below normal. This was New England's driest May since 1959, and the fifth driest in 98 years of record keeping. Cold frosty mornings were frequent, especially at higher elevations. The last frost and low temperature was 30F on 5/25 (at Burlington). Two days before (5/23) the temperature soared to 91F for the month's high. As for rain, only on 5/31 did the rainfall at Burlington total more than 1 inch.

How did all this affect the migration? By late February and early March, migrants of all types were ahead of schedule, as was the case last year. Returning waterfowl took advantage of partly open waters to join those that had overwintered. The cold then brought about a considerable hiatus - nothing much came in for a while. For example, there were a few Phoebes around in March, but the great bulk of them did not come in until the middle of April. For the most part, from mid-March to mid-May migrants were late in arriving or in poor numbers. After about the middle of May, as it became warmer, things began to catch up, and considerable migration continued until the middle of June, which did not happen last year. Despite the general migration slowdown, there were a few very early sightings, some quite unusual. Could they possibly be stray individuals that wintered far north of their usual winter range and just by chance happened to be detected? Waterfowl appeared early because of the mild winter and open water, but the frigid late March and April kept Canadian

Boreal Owl



lakes and ponds pretty well closed, and caused considerable "staging" in favorite areas like Lake Champlain and Herrick's Cove, which also did not happen last year.

The decline in both neotropical migrants and short distance migrants continues. Counts of some species seem better this year than for the last two years, possibly due to weather-induced "fall-outs." Of all the groups that various observers complained were down in numbers, most agreed on the thrushes (*Catharus*, *Hylocichla*). Problems with these species have been ongoing for a number of years.

We had an impressive number of rarities this year. How does this list sound? GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE, EURASIAN WIGEON (3), COMMON EIDER, SANDHILL CRANE, NORTHERN HAWK-OWL (leftover winter birds), BOREAL OWL, RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER, FISH CROW, WHITE-EYED VIREO, "OREGON" JUNCO, and possible BREWER'S BLACKBIRD. Other interesting but somewhat less rare species include Great Egret (several), Glossy Ibis, Tundra Swan, Ruddy Duck (2), Golden Eagle, Gyrfalcon, Iceland Gull, Glaucous Gull, Snowy Owl, "Brewster's" Warbler. Four exotic Muscovy Ducks were seen at Dead Creek in late May (m.ob.).

Birdathons took place between 5/16 and 5/26, mostly on 5/23. The team of Brian Pfeiffer, Dwight Cargill, Hugh McGuinness led with

145 species, just nosing out Walter Ellison, Nancy Martin, Dan Crook and Jean Sangdahl who had 144. Both covered essentially the same area.

Third place at 131 went to the team of Don Clark, Beth Ann Howard, Tait Johannsson, and Margaret Barker. The team of Eleanor Ellis, Lloyd Bunten, Hugh and Bunnii Putnam finished 4th with 122, and fifth place with 120 went to Sally Laughlin, Betty Rist Jillson and Terry Hall. Several other groups equalled or topped 100 species. 188 species and 1 exotic were seen on Birdathons; 244 species, 3 hybrid forms, and 1 exotic were reported to the Records of Vermont Birds for spring 1992.

LOONS AND GREBES

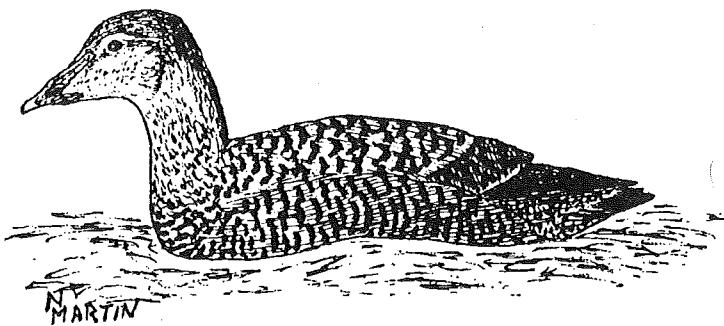
Red-throated Loon: 1 Fairlee 5/2 (WGE,NLM). Common Loon: 1 Herrick's Cove, Rockingham (hereafter HC) 4/10 (AMD), 1 Addison 4/13 (JAP), 1 HC 4/14,15 (AMD,WGE,NLM), 1 Grand Isle 4/23,24 (DJH), 1 Manchester 4/24-26 (BWP), 20 L. Bomoseen 4/25 (CJF), 1 Taftsville 4/25-27 (JH,WGE,NLM, et al.), 2 Grand Isle 4/28 (DJH), 1 Tinmouth 4/26 (CJF), 2 Ferrisburgh 4/28 (JID,MCD), 2 Barre 4/30 (RA), widespread after 5/1 both at breeding lakes and elsewhere. High ct. 33 L. Fairlee-L. Morey 5/31 (WGE,NLM). Pied-billed Grebe: 1 HC 4/1 (DC), 1 Addison 4/5 (WGE,NLM,SSW, et al.), 1 South Hero 4/5 (CJF,DLC), 1 Addison 4/7 (JAP), 1 Manchester 4/9-25 (BWP,RWS), 1 Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area (hereafter DCWMA) 4/12 (JRA), 2 E. Alburg 4/12 (EK), 2 North Hero 4/13 (EMA,RDB), 1 HC 4/14 (REG), 2 Ferrisburgh 4/19 (WGE,NLM), 1 Tinmouth 4/26 (CJF), 1 Ferrisburgh 5/1 (JAP), 1 Winhall 5/2 (WJN), 1 Berlin 5/2 (TSA), 1 Salisbury 5/5 (JAP), 5 Barton R. Marshes, Coventry (hereafter BRM) 5/23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS, m.ob.) the high ct. Horned Grebe: 8 HC 4/12 (REG,RWS), 7 Wilder Dam 4/20 (JMN), 17 Rockingham 4/20 (DC) the high ct., 1 Quechee 4/27 (WGE,NLM), 3 Grand Isle 4/30 (RBL), 2 Manchester 5/2 (RWS,BWP), 3 Berlin 5/2 (TSA), 6 Wilder Dam, 1 Quechee, 4 Fairlee 5/2 (WGE,NLM), 4 Addison 5/4 (JAP), 1 Champlain Valley 5/10 (RWS). Red-necked Grebe: 5 Rockingham 4/10 (REG), 9 Quechee 4/20 (WGE,NLM,JMN), 9 Rockingham 4/20 (DC), 1 Grand Isle 4/21 (RBL), 1 Wilder Dam 4/22 (WGE,NLM), 27 Grand Isle 5/1 (RBL) the high ct. On 5/2 16 Wilder Dam, 3 Quechee, 5 Fairlee (WGE,NLM, et al.), 2 Rockingham (DLC), 2 Berlin (TSA).

CORMORANT THROUGH IBIS

Double-crested Cormorant: 3 Addison 3/27 (JAP), 2 Burlington 4/5 (CJF,DLC), 1 Alburg 4/11 (WGE,NLM), 1 Grand Isle 4/12 (DJH), 14 Burlington 4/13 (EMA,RDB), 2 White River Jct. (hereafter WRJ) 4/15 (KRT,MSL), 320 HC and adjacent areas 4/25 (DC,REG) tremendous count for the Connecticut Valley, 3 Springfield 4/25 (WME), 3 Poultney, 6 Castleton 4/25 (CJF), 15 Hubbardton 4/26 (WGE,NLM), several hundred Young Isl. nesting colony 4/27 (EMD,RMB), widespread after 5/1, still nest building at Young Isl. 5/22 (DJH). American Bittern: 1 Leicester 4/6 (JAP), 1 Sharon 4/23 (fide KW) "hit window and flew away after being photographed," 1 HC 4/26 (REG,DC), 1 West Rutland Marsh (hereafter WRM) 4/26 (WGE,NLM), also at WRM 1 on 4/28 (SBL), 2 on 4/29 (RWP), high counts 4 WRM 5/10 (BRJ), 4 West Haven 5/1 (WGE,NLM et al.) 4 Ferdinand 5/23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). Least Bittern: no reports - incredible! Does the washout at WRM and subsequent road construction have anything to do with this? Great Blue Heron: 1 HC 3/10 (REG), 1 Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge

(hereafter MNWR) 3/10, 1 DCWMA 3/21 (CJF), 1 Hartland 3/25 (KRT), 2 Grand Isle 3/26 (DJH), 2 Allen Brothers Marsh, Westminster (hereafter ABM) 3/27 (DC), high ct. 60 MNWR 4/21, 9 Grand Isle during May (DJH). Great Egret: 1 DCWMA Brilyea Access 4/24 (REG), 1 Addison 4/25 (DLC,GEHa), 1 Manchester 4/26 (BWP), 1 Middlebury 4/29 (JAP), 1 DCWMA 5/1 (BAB,JC), 2 Shelburne 5/7 (TGM), 1 Benson 5/7 (JCC,DaC), good showing. Snowy Egret: 1 Weybridge 4/28 (JAP et al.), Weybridge 5/2 (MBN). Cattle Egret: at Grand Isle 1 on 4/19, 4 on 5/1, 8 on 5/7-11 (all DJH), 1 Shelburne 5/4 (REG), 1 Young Isl. 5/21 (LJE,DCD), 5 Grand Isle 5/25 (EMA,RDB), "Birdathon" 5/26 (m.ob.). Green-backed Heron: 1 Rutland Town 4/25 (CJF), 1 Quechee 4/27 (WGE,NLM), 1 HC 4/27 (REG), 1 Essex Jct. 4/30 (SWM), 1 Dorset 5/6 (EFG), 1 Shelburne 5/7 (TGM), 1 Brandon 5/7 (SSW), 1 Leicester 5/13 (JAP), on 5/16 2 Manchester (BWP), 2 West Haven 1 Weybridge (MBN), 2 Salisbury 1 Orwell (JAP), 1 Berlin (TSA). Black-crowned Night-Heron: 1 HC 4/14 (REG,AMD), rare in the Conn. Valley, 6 DCWMA 4/24 (REG), 8 Addison 4/25 (DLC,GEHa) high ct., 2 Grand Isle 4/28 (DJH), 5 DCWMA 5/7 (MBN), 6 Grand Isle 5/22 (DJH), 1 Burlington 5/22 (SWM). Glossy Ibis: 1 Black R., Orleans 5/2 (REG), 1 Lewis Creek, N. Ferrisburgh 5/6 (TGM,JDA).

Common Eider-female



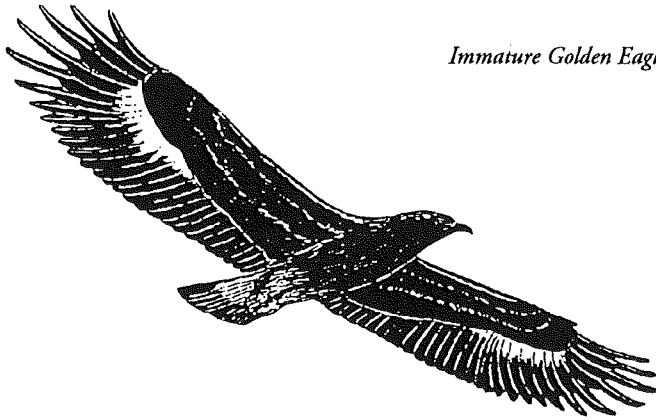
WATERFOWL

Mute Swan: 2 Milton 5/12-25 (EMA,RDB,MZ). Tundra Swan: 1 ABM 4/10-12 (DC,REG,RWS,AMD et al.), same bird HC 4/15 (WGE,NLM). Greater White Fronted Goose: 1 Grand Isle 4/16 (ADD), pending further details. Snow Goose: moved early and in numbers. First 1 Westminster 3/9 (REG), 20 Brownsville 3/12,15, 1 blue morph (BMH), 7 Bridgewater 3/12-16 (CA), 500 Addison 3/13 (MBN), 40 DCWMA 3/14 (JRA), 100 Windsor 3/15 (fide RD), 3300 MNWR 3/20, 150 Waterbury 3/21 (EK), 2000 Weybridge 3/21 (CJF), 100 N. Ferrisburgh 3/21 (JRA), 140 Woodstock 3/25 (KRT), 11,000+ Addison/Panton/Shoreham 3/25 (WGE,NLM,JPM,JBM), 2000 Panton 3/27 (JRA), widespread the rest of March and April. Some high counts 8-10,000 Grand Isle 3/31 (RBL), 5000 Addison 4/2 (MBN), 2500 Alburg 4/13 (EMA,RDB), 3000 Addison 4/29 (MBN), 2 Orwell 5/23-24 (m.ob.), numerous reports of blue morph birds with counts of up to 15 in the DCWMA area. Several reports of birds with neck bands. Brant: 95 Addison 5/17 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 17 Waterbury 5/18 (EK), 2 Young Isl. 5/22 (DJH), 30 Brighton 5/23 (DLC,BMP,HMc). Canada Goose: 6 Putney 3/3 (WGE,NLM), 500 Vernon 3/4 (REG), 1 E. Dorset 3/10

(RWS), 3 MNWR 3/10, 1 Dorset 3/11 (EFG), flock Lincoln 3/12 (JRA), 1 Brattleboro 3/14 (JPN), 2 Brandon 3/19 (SSW), 254 Westminster 3/20 (DC), 250 N. Ferrisburgh 3/21 (JRA), widespread after that. Some high cts. 5000 Addison 3/25 (MBN), 3-4000 DCWMA/Weybridge 3/29 (CJF), 1000 Weybridge 3/30 (JAP), 3500 Grand Isle 4/14 (RBL), several reported with neck bands. Numerous reports of goslings by period's end all over the state. Wood Duck: 4 Vernon 3/4 (REG), 22 Hartland 3/7 (KRT), 40 Westminster 3/20 (DC), 1 Addison 3/23 (JAP), 2 DCWMA 3/28 (SWM), 14 Rutland/Clarendon 3/28 (CJF), 1 ABM 3/28 (AMD), 1 Weybridge, 2 Addison 3/29 (MBN), 49 Swanton/Panton 4/18 (DLC), many broods reported by period's end. Green-winged Teal: 2 Westminster 3/25 (REG), 1 Weybridge 3/26 (JAP), 1 Brandon 3/26 (SSW), 2 Wells River 3/29 (TSA), 4 Panton 4/2 (MBN), 7 Newfane 4/9 (FO,JW), 2 Wilder 4/9 (WGE,NLM), 5 Weybridge 4/10 (MBN), 7 Manchester 4/12 (BWP,RWS), some high cts. 90 Leicester 4/17 (JAP), 126 Swanton to Addison 4/18 (DLC), 31 Ferrisburgh 4/19 (WGE,NLM), 60 MNWR 4/21, late dates 1-2 DCWMA 5/22-24 (m.ob.), 1 Orange 5/23 (ATA,ChA,MME), 1 Newport 5/27 (PFW,SAW). American Black Duck: overwintered in several places, 3 Clarendon 3/1 (CJF), 10 Vernon 3/3 (REG), 100 Weybridge 3/4 (JAP), 6 Dorset 3/17 (EFG), 150 New Haven 3/19 (JRA), 64 Westminster 3/20 (DC), 1 Tinmouth 3/22 (PMB), 2 ABM 3/29 (AMD), 75 Wells River 3/29 (TSA), high counts 185 Swanton to Milton 4/18 (DLC), 200 MNWR 4/21, numerous broods by period's end. Mallard: 2 Dorset 3/2 (EFG), 6 New Haven 3/2 (JAP), 1 Westminster 3/4 (REG), 60 Brandon 3/4 (SSW), 42 Weybridge 3/8 (WGE,NLM), 6 ABM 3/28 (AMD), 100 Wells River 3/29 (TSA), 238 Swanton to Panton 4/18 (DLC), 300 MNWR 4/21, nest with 9 eggs Middletown Springs 5/9 (CJF), many broods by period's end. Several reports of hybrid Mallard and Black. Northern Pintail: 2 Weybridge 3/8 (WGE,NLM), 52 Weybridge 3/9 (JAP), 13 Westminster 3/20 (DC), 160 DCWMA 3/25 (WGE,NLM,JPM,JBM) high ct., 2 Brandon 3/26 (SSW), on 3/29 24 HC (DC,AMD), 30 DCWMA/Weybridge (CJF), 6 Wells River (TSA); 1 WRM 4/8 (RWP), 6 DCWMA 4/8 (SSW), 1 HC 4/12 (RWS), 2 East Dorset 4/12,15 (BWP,RWS), 2 Grand Isle 4/13, 9 on 4/18 (DJH), 1 Orange 5/18 (TSA). Blue-winged Teal: 8 Weybridge 3/26 (JAP), 2 DCWMA 3/28 (SWM), 2 DCWMA 4/7 (SSW), 3 HC 4/9 (REG), 3 Proctor 4/12 (RWP), 2 Sandbar Wildlife Management Area (hereafter SBWMA) 4/12 (EMA,RDB), 2 HC 4/12 (RWS), 2 Lincoln 4/15 (JRA), 3 Rutland 4/17 (CJF), 4 Panton 4/18 (DLC), 1 Manchester 4/16-18 (BWP), 1 Grand Isle 4/19 (DJH), 10 DCWMA 4/21 (RWP), 3 Clarendon 4/26 (CJF), 11 Orwell 4/26 (MBN) high ct., 2 Hubbardton 4/26 (WGE,NLM), 1 Rockingham 4/29 (WGE,NLM). Northern Shoveler: 2 Westminster 3/28 (DC), 1 Bridport 4/5 (WGE,NLM,JSA,KMA), 1 Addison 4/5 (SSW), 2 DCWMA 4/7 (JAP), 2 Middlesex 4/10 (TSA), at Grand Isle 2 on 4/16, 4 on 4/17, 2 on 4/18 (DJH), 8 Benson 4/18 (REG), 1 Alburg, 2 Panton 4/18 (DLC), 2 Orwell 4/19 (BRJ), 2 Panton 5/5 (JAP), 2 Addison 5/17 (WGE,NLM,DHC). Gadwall: 1 Rutland 3/28 (CJF), 2 Addison 3/30 (JAP), 5 Addison 4/4 (DLC), 2 Bridport 4/5 (WGE,NLM,JSA,KMA), 8 Grand Isle 4/10 (DJH), 2 HC 4/11,12 (REG,RWS), 2 MNWR 4/12 (EK), 36 Grand Isle 4/18 (DJH) the high count, at least 5 pr. present through May (DJH), 1 Clarendon 4/19 (CJF), 1 Brandon 5/5 (SSW), 1 Young Isl. 5/21 (DCD,LJE), 2 DCWMA 5/25,26 (SSW,SBL,BRJ,GEHa). American Wigeon: 2 Vernon 3/13 (REG), 2 Westminster 3/20 (DC), 3 Addison 3/24 (JAP), 6 Addison 3/29 (MBN), 1 DCWMA 3/29 (CJF), 3 Ferrisburgh 4/8 (JID,MCD), 2 Alburg 4/11 (WGE,NLM), 2 ABM 4/12 (AMD), 2 MNWR 4/12 (EK), 2 HC 4/12 (RWS), 2 South Hero 4/13 (EMA,RDB), 25 Alburg to Burlington 4/18 (DLC), 60 Grand Isle 4/18 (DJH) high ct., 11 Orwell,

3 Panton, 6 Salisbury 4/19 (WGE,NLM), 2 Clarendon 4/19 (CJF), 2 Wilder Dam 4/22 (WGE,NLM), 1 Brandon 5/5 (SSW), 2 pr. Grand Isle 5/22 stayed to nest (DJH). Eurasian Wigeon: 1 on 4/11,12; 2 on 4/18 Grand Isle (DJH) photo, 1 Lewis Creek, N. Ferrisburgh (TGM,JDA) all drakes. Canvasback: 3 Vernon 3/14 (REG), 3 North Hero 4/5 (CJF,DLC), 1 Bridport 4/5 (WGE,NLM,JSA,KMA), 4 on 4/7, 2 on 4/13 Addison (JAP), poor showing as the species continues to decline. Redhead: not reported. Ring-necked Duck: 3 Vernon 3/4 (REG), 7 Charlotte 3/8 (WGE,NLM) overwintered there, 1 Tinmouth 3/12 (PMB), 20 HC 3/29 (DC), "flock" Alburg 3/31 (DJH), 1 DCWMA 4/2 (SSW), 6 Leicester 4/4 (CJF), 7 DCWMA 4/9 (JRA), 13 Addison 4/5 (WGE,NLM), 1 HC 4/5 (AMD), 103 Swanton-Alburg-Grand Isle 4/5 (DLC,CJF), 9 Newport 4/9 (FO,JW), 300 Alburg 4/11 (WGE,NLM, et al.) a high ct., 10 South Hero 4/12 (EMA,RDB), 4 Manchester 4/12 (BWP,RWS), 222 Alburg 4/12 (DLC), 70 Addison 4/13 (JAP), 50 Grand Isle 4/13 (EMA,RDB), 50 MNWR 4/13 (EK), 1 Marlboro 4/14 (JPN), 48 HC 4/15 (WGE,NLM,AMD), widespread from then on. Some more high cts. 200+ Grand Isle 4/24 (DJA), 300 MNWR 5/1. One Birdathon 5/23 (DLC,BMP,HMC), late. Greater Scaup: 1 Addison 3/30, 50 on 4/13 (JAP), 1 South Hero 4/5 (CJF), 10 Rockingham 4/11 (REG), 62 Alburg 4/2 (DJH), 40 Addison 4/12 (JRA), 3 Wilder Dam 4/17,22 (WGE,NLM), "hundreds" Grand Isle 4/18 (DJH), 2 Wilder Dam 5/2 (WGE,NLM), 3 Addison 5/4 (JAP). Lesser Scaup: 4 Addison 3/29 (MBN;WGE,NLM), 10 Lake Champlain (hereafter LC) 4/5 (SSW), 4 Alburg 4/11 (WGE,NLM), 10 Grand Isle 4/12 (EMA,RDB), "hundreds" Grand Isle 4/18 (DJH), 14 Addison 4/19 (WGE,NLM), 2 Charleston 4/23 (REG), 10 on 5/4, 6 on 5/7 Addison (JAP). Common Eider: female at HC 4/28-5/2 (REG,DC,WGE,NLM,DLC,JW, et al.). Oldsquaw: 12 L. Pinneo, Quechee 4/20 (JMN,WGE), 1 Quechee 4/23 (WGE), 2 Rockingham Overlook 4/25 (DC,REG), 3 Wilder Dam, 2 L. Morey 5/2 (WGE,NLM, et al.), 1 Grand Isle 5/9 (fide DJH). White-winged Scoter: 1 Addison 3/29 (WGE,NLM, et al.), 2 Manchester 4/12 (BWP,RWS), 1 DAR State Park, Addison (hereafter DARSP) 5/12 (JAP), 1 Glover 5/16 (REG), 1 Bridport 5/17 (WGE,NLM), 46 Waterbury 5/18 (EK), 4 Derby 5/24 (REG). Common Goldeneye: overwintered in several areas. 2 Weybridge 3/2 (JAP), 15 Vernon 3/3 (REG), 2 Weybridge, 6 Addison 3/25 (MBN), 47 Orwell 3/25 (WGE,NLM,JPM,JBM), 6 Addison 4/4 (CJF), 37 Addison 4/5 (WGE,NLM, et al.), 95 Swanton to Burlington 4/8 (DLC,CJF), 9 Charlotte 4/9 (JID,MCD), 38 Alburg 4/11 (WGE,NLM, et al.), 20 E. Alburg 4/12 (EK), 200 South Hero 4/12 (EMA,RDB) the high ct., 30 Ferrisburgh 4/19 (MBN), present through May in breeding areas around LC, 3 nesting pr. found at Grand Isle 5/22 (DJH). Bufflehead: 2 Charlotte 3/3 (JAP), 2 Westminster 3/29 (DC), 1 on 3/31 (MBN), 1 on 4/2 (SSW), 4 on 4/4 (CJF), 3 (SWM) 14 (WGE,NLM); 25 on 4/5 (SSW) a high ct., all Addison; 6 Burlington 4/5 (CJF), 15 Charlotte 4/9 (JID,MCD), 6 Alburg 4/11 (WGE,NLM, et al.); on 4/12 4 Manchester (BWP,RWS), 11 E. Alburg (EK), "many" Grand Isle (DJH); 20 Grand Isle 4/13 (EMD,RDB), 1 Vernon 4/14 (REG), 2 MNWR 4/16, 4 Wilder 4/17 (WGE,NLM), 25 Ferrisburgh (WGE,NLM) a high ct., 2 Salisbury 4/25 (RWP,CJF), 20 Addison 4/25 (JRA), 1 Quechee through 5/31 (WGE,NLM). Hooded Merganser: overwintered on LC and Connecticut River (hereafter CR), 1 Weybridge 3/2 (JAP), 3 Vernon 3/3 (REG), 1 E. Dorset 3/10 (RWS), 2 Sudbury 3/19 (SSW), 2 Addison 3/22 (DLC,CSP), 1 Addison 3/25 (MBN), 12 Tinmouth 4/4 (CJF), 20 Orwell 4/6 (JAP), 15 DCWMA 4/7 (SSW), 5 Essex 4/8 (MRP), 7 Newport 4/9 (FO,JW), 3 Grand Isle 4/10 (DJH), 6 Brandon 4/10 (SSW), 19 Alburg 4/11 (WGE,NLM), 2 SBWMA 4/12 (EMA,RDB), 4 Marlboro 4/13 (JPN) et

al.), 10 South Hero 4/13 (EMA,RDB), 2 Woodstock 4/20 (JMN), 2-3 pr. Grand Isle through May (DJH), likely breeder. Common Merganser: overwintered in several areas, 3 Weybridge 3/2 (JAP), 9 Bellows Falls 3/2 (REG), 5 Proctor 3/2 (RWP), 7 Brandon 3/12 (SSW), 2 Brattleboro 3/13 (CJF), 3 Ascutney 3/15 (WME), 5 Middlesex 3/16 (TSA), 6 Addison 3/25 (MBN), 70 Shoreham, 35 Addison 3/25 (WGE,NLM,JPM,JBM), 3 Montpelier 3/30 (EK), 250 Addison 3/30,31 (JAP,MBN), high ct. 3000 +/- Grand Isle 4/18 (DJH), widespread in April, many reports through the end of May; no doubt represent breeders as this species continues to increase as a breeder. Red-breasted Merganser: 14 Manchester 4/12 (BWP,RWS) high ct., 1 DCWMA 4/12 (JRA), 3 Grand Isle 4/12 (DJH), 1 HC 4/14 (REG), 3 Addison 4/18 (DLC), pr. Grand Isle 4/20-5/9 (DJH), 5 Castleton 4/27 (CJF), 9 Bridport 5/4, 12 Addison 5/7 (JAP), 1 Ferrisburgh 5/21 (SSW), 1 "Birdathon" 5/20 (ChA), 1 Shelburne 5/23 (NLa). Ruddy Duck: 1 Simms Pt. Grand Isle 4/14-18 (DJH) photo, 1 Bridport 5/21 (SSW), 5/23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS).



Immature Golden Eagle

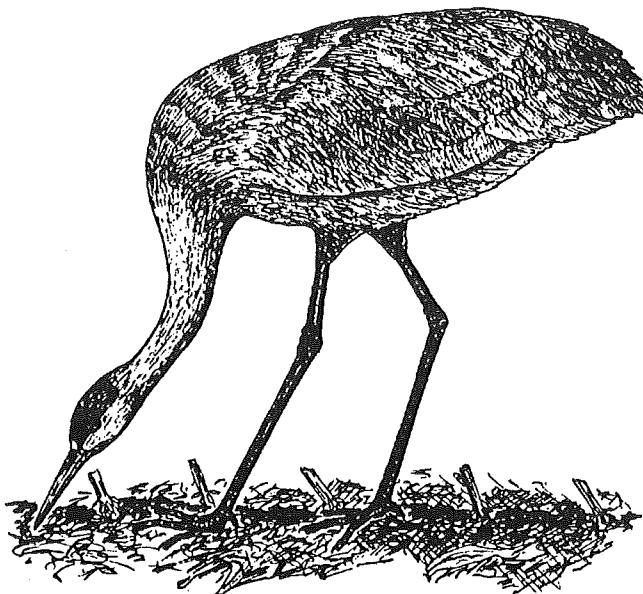
DIURNAL RAPTORS

Turkey Vulture: 58 on hawkwatches, 1 Milton 3/3 (EMA,RDB), 1 Westminster, 1 Vernon 3/4 (REG), 1 Putney 3/4 (AMD), 2 Chester 3/12 (CEA), 1 Bethel 3/18 (ChD), 1 Brattleboro 3/17 (JPN), 1 Marlboro 3/25 (JPN), 4 Hubbardton, 2 Bradford 3/29 (TSA), 1 Manchester 3/29 (BWP), 1 Ferrisburgh 4/1 (JID,MCD), 1 Westminster 4/1 (DC), 1 Woodstock 4/1 (SBL), 2 S. Starksboro 4/2 (MRP), high ct. 25 Bristol 4/7 (JRA). Albino reported Snake Mt. 5/30 (TGM,SWM). Osprey: 51 on hawkwatches, 1 Ferrisburgh 4/4 (BPG,MM) at nest platform, 1 Bolton 4/8 (TSA), 1 Norwich 4/9 (NLM), 1 HC 4/10 (REG), 1 MNWR 4/12 (EK), 2 Quechee 4/14 (KRT), 1 Dummerston 4/15 (AMD), 1 Manchester 4/16 (BWP), 2 Ferrisburgh 4/19 (JID,MCD), 1 Orwell 4/19 (BRJ,EE), 1 MNWR 4/21, 1 Marlboro 4/23 (JPN), 1 Manchester 4/24,25,27,28 (BWP), 6 HC 2 ABM 4/25 (DC) high ct., 1 Poultney 4/25 (CJF), 3 Salisbury 4/25 (RWP), 1 Weathersfield 4/25 (WME), 2 Orwell 4/26 (MBN), 1 Dorset 4/26 (EFG), 1 Chittenden 4/26 (DM), 1 Brandon 4/27 (SSW), 1 Shrewsbury 4/29 (DSc), 1 Salisbury 4/30 (TD), breeding birds back in Ferrisburgh and MNWR. Bald Eagle: 3 at hawkwatches, 1 MNWR 3/6, 1 Putney 3/9 (RB), 2 Shoreham 3/11 (CED), 1 Wilder Dam 3/12 (DHC) last date for this wintering bird, 1 West Haven 3/13 (MPP), 1 Cabot 3/18 (StG), 1 Addison 3/21 (SE fide RWP), 1 Panton 3/22 (DLC,CSP), 1 Vernon 3/28 (KD,RS), 1 ad. HC 3/29 (DC), 1 DCWMA 3/29 (WGE,NLM, et al.), 1 imm. HC 4/1 (DC), 7 Kellogg Bay, Ferrisburgh 4/4 (BPG,MM) high ct., 2 Long Pt. Ferrisburgh 4/5 (WGE,NLM, et al.), 1 Ft. Cassin, Ferrisburgh 4/8 (JID,MCD), 1

Charlotte 4/9 (JID,MCD), 1 Lewis Creek, Ferrisburgh 4/9 (SSW), 1 Mt. Philo, Charlotte 4/12 (SWM), 1 Addison 4/15 (JAP), 1 Ft. Cassin, Ferrisburgh 4/19 (WGE,NLM), 2 MNWR 4/21, 1 Bedford 5/7 (BT), 1 Bethel/Randolph 5/28 (NMM), good showing, probably much duplication. Eagle sp.: 1 Hartland 3/25 (KRT), 1 Dorset 4/29 (EW). Northern Harrier: 19 at hawkwatches, 1 Addison 3/2 (JAP), 1 Sudbury 3/6 (SSW), 1 Weybridge, 1 Grand Isle 3/13 (DJH), 5 Addison 3/15 (REG), 2 Dorset 3/25 (BWP), 1 MNWR 4/1, 12 at DCWMA 4/4 (JRA,SWM), 7 Addison, 7 Bridport, 3 Panton, 3 New Haven 4/5 (WGE,NLM, et al.), widespread in the Champlain Valley (hereafter ChV) after that. Elsewhere, 1 Dorset 4/6 (EFG), 1 Chester 4/14,27 (CEA), 1 Manchester 4/14,28 (BWP), 2 West Rutland 5/16 (NLM,WGE), 1 N. Norton 5/16 (AK), 1 BRM 5/23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), one seen eating a Wood Duck DCWMA 4/27 (SSW). Sharp-shinned Hawk: 117 at hawkwatches, 1 Middlebury 3/1 (JAP), 1 Wallingford 3/8 (CJF), 1 Brandon 3/12 (SSW), 1 Dorset 3/12 (EFG), 1 on 3/13, 1 on 3/20 caught junco Marlboro (JPN), 1 Westminster 4/4 (REG), 1 Middlesex 4/4 (TSA), 1 Vershire 4/7 (KRH), 3 Addison 4/10 (JAP) the high ct., 1 Colchester 4/13 (EMA,RDB), 1 Winhall Hawk Lookout (hereafter WHL) 4/16, 20, 23 (WJN), 1 Brownsville 4/16,19 (BMH) caught goldfinch, 1 Braintree 4/18 (AK), 3 Middlebury 4/19 (WGE,NLM), 1 Chester 4/23 (CEA), nesting pr. at Ladd Pt. Grand Isle feeding yg. in May seen to 6/11 (RBL), numerous Birdathon reports in ChV (m.ob.). Cooper's Hawk: 6 at hawkwatches, 1 Brandon 3/1 (SSW), 1 Westminster 3/9 (REG), 1 Grand Isle 3/11 (DJH), 1 Westminster 4/1 (DC), 1 Georgia 4/6 (EMA,RDB), 1 Ferrisburgh 4/7 (JID,MCD), 1 Mt. Philo, Charlotte 4/12 (SWM), 1 Craftsbury 4/12 (FO), 1 Middlebury 4/15,29 (JRA), 1 Hartford 4/16, 1 Wilder 4/17 (WGE,NLM), 1 Winhall 4/23 (WJN), 1 Chester 4/26 (CEA), 1 WRM 4/26 (WGE,NLM), 1 Woodstock 4/30 (JMN) chased robin, robin hit window, hawk walked onto terrace and flew off with prey; likely the same bird seen again 5/5 (JMN), 2 Craftsbury 5/10 (FO), 1 Chester 5/22 (CEA), 1 Birdathon 5/24 (DC,BAH,TEJ,MWB), 1 DCWMA 5/25 (SSW), 1 Grand Isle 5/30 (DJH), good showing. Northern Goshawk: 1 hawkwatch report, 1 Marlboro 3/1,22 (JPN), 1 New Haven 3/2 (JAP), 1 Woodstock 3/10 (KRT), 1 Marlboro 3/12 (MRM), 1 Smith Haven grounds, South Londonderry (hereafter SHSL) 3/31 (WJN), 1 Grand Isle 4/2 (RBL), 2 Tinmouth 4/4 (CJF) high ct., 1 Bristol 4/16 (JRA), 1 Manchester 4/26,5/23 (BWP), 1 Tunbridge 5/23 (ATA,ChA,MMC). Red-shouldered Hawk: 4 at hawkwatches, 2 Essex/Colchester 3/19, 3 there 3/21 (DLC), 1 Westminster 3/31 (DC), 1 Rutland 4/3, 1 Tinmouth 4/4 (CJF), 2 Norwich 4/4 (AAB), 1 South Burlington 4/5 (CJF), 1 Windsor 4/8 (SJS), 1 WHL 4/14, 1 Winhall 4/21 (WJN), 1 Castleton 4/26 (WGE,NLM), 1 Fairlee 5/2 (WGE,NLM), 1 West Haven 5/9 (WGE,NLM, et al.), 1 Essex Jct. 5/11 (TSA), 1 DARSP 5/30 (REG), 1 Dummerston 5/30 (AMD). Broad-winged Hawk: 196 at hawkwatches, 6 Dorset 3/30 (EFG) early, 1 Woodstock 4/6 (JMN), 1 Brandon 4/6 (SSW), 1 Lincoln 4/12 (JRA), 1 Reading 4/23 (FMH,GEH), 11 WHL 4/23 (WJN), 2 West Haven, 3 Fair Haven 4/25 (DLC,GEHa), 2 S. Starksboro 4/25 (MRP), 1 Manchester 4/26 (BWP), 3 Stowe 1 Johnson 4/26 (EK), 13 Dorset 4/26 (EFG), 1 Chester 4/26 (CEA), 1 Tinmouth 1 Danby 1 Wallingford 4/26 (CJF), 2 Smugglers' Notch 4/27 (EMA,RDB), 4 Bragdon Nature Preserve, Woodstock (hereafter BNP) 4/28 (WGE,NLM), 2 Richmond 4/28 (TSA), 1 melanistic individual WHL 5/12 (WJN). Red-tailed Hawk: 227 at hawkwatches, 4 Colchester 3/1 (EMA,RDB), 4 Addison 3/2 (JAP), 1 Brandon 3/4 (SSW), 1 Brownsville 3/8 (BMH), 1 Addison, 2 Weybridge 3/13 (MBN), 1 Brattleboro 3/13 (CJF), 1 Middlesex 3/14 (TSA), 1 Marlboro 3/14 (MRM), 2 Clarendon 3/14 (CJF), 1 Grafton 3/21 (AMD), 4 Weybridge 3/25 (MBN), 1 Dorset

3/27 (EFG), 14 Addison 3/29 (CJF), 25 Snake Mt. 4/10 (JAP), several nesting reports: Westminster 4/1 (DC), Quechee 5/1 (WGE,NLM), albinistic bird (seen in area for several years) on nest Tunbridge 5/19 (BF). A bird reported at Waltham 4/16 (JRA), was likely an albino. Rough-legged Hawk: 8 at hawkwatches, 1 Brandon 3/1, 2 on 3/19 (SSW), 1 Grand Isle 3/1-4/4 (DJH), 1 Bridport, 1 Middlebury 3/7 (KRT), 6 Ferrisburgh to Panton 3/8 (WGE,NLM), 1 Brandon 3/13 (EMA,RDB), 6 Brandon to Addison 3/15 (REG), at MNWR 1 on 3/19, 1 on 3/25, 1 Ferrisburgh 4/3 (JID,MCD), 2 Panton 4/5 (WGE,NLM), 1 DCWMA 4/5 (WME), 1 North Hero 4/12 (EK), 1 Charlotte 4/12 (SWM), 1 Berlin 5/2 (TSA), 1 Addison 5/23 (ATA,ChA,MMC), 1 Richmond 5/23 (CCY). Golden Eagle: 1 imm. DCWMA 3/29 (WGE,NLM, et al.). American Kestrel: 49 at hawkwatches, 1 Bridport 3/2 (JAP), 1 Vernon 3/4 (REG), 1 Middlebury 3/7 (KRT), 1 Brandon 3/9 (SSW), 1 Bethel 3/15 (EK), 2 DCWMA 3/15 (MBN), 1 N. Dorset 3/18 (EFG), 2 Chester 3/26 (CEA), on 3/29 1 Manchester (BWP,RWS), 4 Westminster (AMD), 1 Newbury (TSA), 11 Ferrisburgh-Addison-Panton (WGE,NLM); 2 Craftsbury 3/31 (FO), high cts. in ChV 33 on 4/18 (DLC), 35 on 4/19 (BRJ,EEJ), 34 Middlebury-Orwell-Ferrisburgh 4/19 (WGE,NLM), one with jesses at Grand Isle 4/22 (DJH). Merlin: 5 at hawkwatches, 1 DCWMA 3/29 (WGE,NLM, et al.), 1 Quechee 4/23 (WGE,NLM), 1 Panton 5/17 (TSA). Peregrine Falcon: 10 at hawkwatches, 3 Addison 3/16 on the ice, 1 there 3/18 (JAP), 1 Fairlee Palisades 3/20 (SWS) nested and fledged yg. there (CCR), 1 Panton 3/22 (DLC,CSP), 1 Wells near Pond Mt. 3/2 (SAC), pr. Smugglers' Notch 3/31 (SGP) bred there (CCR), 2 Mt. Horrid 4/8, 5/22 (SSW), 1 White Rocks 4/26 (CJF), 1 Cambridge 4/28 (SBL), 1 Fairlee 5/1 (REG), 1 Wilder 5/2 (WGE,NLM), 1 Deer Leap, Bristol 5/17 (TSA), on 5/23 1 Grand Isle (DLC), pr. Job Mt. Westmore (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS); 2 Averill 5/24 (BM), pr. with yg. Smugglers' Notch 5/30 (EK). Gyrfalcon: 1 Weybridge 3/21 (CJF,JPe), 1 DCWMA 3/24 (WGE,NLM, et al.). Probably the same gray morph bird.

Sandhill Crane



GALLINACEOUS BIRDS THROUGH RAILS

Ring-necked Pheasant: 1 Stockbridge 5/7 (TSA), 1 Vergennes 5/20 (JID,MCD), 1 Grand Isle period (DJH). Ruffed Grouse: widely reported, some high cts. 4 S. Starksboro 3/1 (MRP), 6 Ripton 4/29 (MBN), 4 Dorset 4/19, 5/10 (EFG), 4 Brighton-Ferdinand 5/23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), nest at Hubbardton 5/9 (CJF). Wild Turkey: widely reported, now getting into the higher elevations of the Green Mtns. Some high cts. 13 E. Dorset 3/2 (EFG), 30 Sudbury 3/6 (SSW), 32 Pomfret 3/8 (WGE,NLM), 24 Chester 3/12 (CEA), 28 Proctor 3/12 (RWP), 35 Clarendon 3/14 (CJF), 29 Brattleboro 4/13 (REG), nest with 14 eggs found Chester 5/10 (CEA). Northern Bob-White: 1 f. Wallingford 4/8 (SJD). SANDHILL CRANE: 1 Rockingham 4/24-25 (DC,REG,WA). Virginia Rail: 4 WRM 4/26 (WGE,NLM), 2 WRM 4/29 (RWP), 2 Newport 5/1 (REG), 1 on 5/3, 4 on 5/9 Grand Isle (DJH), 5 WRM 5/9 (RWP), 1 Dorset 5/12 (EFG), 3 Orwell 5/16 (JAP), 1 Manchester 5/16 (RWS), 1 Ferrisburgh 5/19 (JID,MCD), 2 Brandon 5/21 (SSW), 5 DCWMA, 4 BRM 5/23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS) high ct.; on Birdathon widespread at DCWMA, BRM, ABM (m.ob.). Sora: 2 WRM 5/7,8,9 (RWP), 1 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK et al.), 1 Dorset 5/10,25 (EFG), 1 WRM 5/16 (WGE,NLM), 1 Orwell 5/16 (JAP), 1 Brandon 5/19 (SSW); on Birdathon recorded at WRM, DCWMA, ABM, BRM (m.ob.), 1 Orwell 5/26 (SBL,BRJ,GEHa), 1 ABM 5/27 (REG). Common Moorhen: 1 Ferrisburgh 3/1 (JAP), 2 Albion 5/10 (DLC,BMP), 1 Ferrisburgh 5/17 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 1 Panton 5/21 (SSW,MLW,HSB,EBB), 2 BRM 5/23 (WGE,NLM,DHC). American Coot: 1 Vernon 4/3 (DC,REG), 1 Barton 4/7 (BeM) in with domestic ducks, 1 Grand Isle 4/7-20 (DJH), 1 Wilder Dam 4/9-17 (WGE,NLM), 1 MNWR 4/12 (EK), 1 HC 4/14 (AMD), 1 Maidstone 4/26 (DK).

SHOREBIRDS

Black-bellied Plover: 1 DCWMA 5/23 (KGM), 1 Swanton 5/23 (DLC,BMD,HMc). Semipalmented Plover: 1 reported Middlesex 4/12 (TSA), 2 Essex Jct. 5/18 (WGE,NLM), 20 DCWMA 5/23 (KGM), 12 Weathersfield 5/24 (DC,BAH,MWB,TEJ), 4 Derby, 1 Westmore 5/24 (REG), 4 Grand Isle 5/25 (EMA,RDB). Killdeer: 1 Westminster 3/2 (REG), 1 Tinmouth 3/6 (PMB), 8 Clarendon 3/11 (CJF), 2 Wilder Dam 3/14 (EG), 1 Chester 3/18 (CEA), 1 Dorset 3/27 (EFG), 2 DCWMA 3/28 (SWM), 4 ABM 3/29 (AMD), 1 Manchester 3/29 (BWP), 1 E. Dorset 3/28 (RWS), high ct. 27 Albion, 14 Swanton 4/11 (WGE,NLM, et al.), numerous reports of nests, eggs and fledglings by period's end. Greater Yellowlegs: 1 Orwell 4/7 (SSW), 1 Cornwall 4/19 (WGE,NLM), 2 Clarendon 4/22 (CJF), 1 Panton 4/24 (REG), 2 Leicester 4/25 (DLC,GEHa), 3 Springfield 4/29 (WGE,NLM), 1 Woodstock 5/1,3 (KRT), 1 Manchester 5/2 (BWP,RWS), 4 Grand Isle 5/9 (DJH), 1 Brandon 5/10 (SSW), 18 Salisbury 5/14 (JAP) high ct., 2 Orange 5/18 (TSA), 1 Weathersfield 5/23 (EE,LB,HSP,REP). Lesser Yellowlegs: 3 Grand Isle 4/12 (EMA,RDB), 1 Underhill 4/25 (DLC), 5 Middlebury, 4 Shoreham 4/27 (JAP) the high ct., 1 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK, et al.), 1 ABM 5/13 (REG), 4 Salisbury 5/14 (JAP), 1 Colchester 5/22 (PCR,PS), 1 Norwich 5/24 (WGE,NLM). Solitary Sandpiper: 1 Middlebury 4/30 (JAP), 2 on 5/1, 1 on 5/2 (BWP,RWS), 3 on 5/5 Manchester (BWP), 1 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK, et al.), 3 Ferrisburgh 5/10 (DLC,BMP), 5 Middlebury 5/13 (JAP) high ct., 1 E. Dorset 5/16 (RWS), 2 Middlebury 5/17 (MBN), 1 Dorset 5/19-20 (EFG), 1 Ferrisburgh 5/20 (JID,MCD). Widespread on Birdathons 5/23. Spotted Sandpiper: 1 Quechee 4/23 (KRT), 1 Manchester 4/24 (BWP), 3

MNWR 5/1, at S. Londonderry 1 on 5/2, 2 on 5/11, 1 on 5/16 (WJN), 3 DCWMA 5/7 (MBN), 2 Shoreham 5/8 (SSW), 1 on 5/8, 2 on 5/11 Montpelier (TSA), 1 on 5/6, many 5/8, 2 on 5/9, 4 on 5/10 Grand Isle (DJH), 1 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSR), 1 Middletown Springs 5/9 (CJF), 1 Marlboro 5/15 (JPN), high ct. 7 DCWMA 5/21 (SSW), several nesting reports by period's end. Upland Sandpiper: 1 Ferrisburgh 4/19 (JID,MCD) early, 5 Newport 4/22 (REG), 2 Williston 4/27 (RBL), 3 Weybridge 4/28 (JAP), 2 Berlin Airport 5/2 (TSA), 4 Cornwall 5/5 (JAP), 2 Ferrisburgh 5/7 (JID,MCD), 9 Newport 5/7 high ct. (PFW,SAW), 2 Coventry 5/14 (DLC,TMu), 2 Newport 5/15 (PFW,SAW), 1 Addison 5/17 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 1 Weybridge, 2 Cornwall 5/20 (JAP), 1 Williston 5/21 (PCR), on 5/23 1 Swanton (DLC), 2 Newport (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 1 Ferrisburgh (JID,MCD), 1 DCWMA (KGM), 2 Berlin 5/24 (TSA). Semipalmated Sandpiper: 2 Westminster 5/20 (REG), 1 DCWMA 5/23 (m.ob.), 30 Grand Isle 5/25 (EMA,RDB). Least Sandpiper: 100 Salisbury 5/14 (JAP) high ct., 1 Salisbury 5/16 (JAP), 1 Island Pond 5/16 (REG), 1 Brighton 5/16 (DLC,TMu), 10 Grand Isle 5/22 (DJH), several on Birdathon ChV, Island Pond, HC 5/23 (m.ob.), 8 Swanton 5/28 (DLC). Pectoral Sandpiper: 2 Orange 5/18 (TSA). Dunlin: 1 Birdathon ChV (LJE,DCD), 1 Swanton 5/23 (DLC). Short-billed Dowitcher: flock Colchester 5/22 (PCR,PS), 28 Westminster 48 HC 52 Weatherfield total 128 5/24 (DC,TEJ,MWB,BAH) truly a tremendous number for southern Vermont. Weather conditions in May must have pushed many normally coastal migrants inland, 5 Swanton 5/28 (DLC). Long-billed Dowitcher: 3 Swanton 5/28 (DLC), no details on this. American Woodcock: 1 Post Mills 3/6 (TL), 1 Stratton 3/8 (RWS), 1 Reading 3/10 (FMH,GEH), 1 Windsor 3/13 (DSW) brought in to VINS, 1 Colchester 3/15 (JCr) brought into VINS for rehab; these two birds presumably caught by temperature drop and ensuing frozen ground, 1 on 3/18, 1 on 3/23 BNP (CCR,WGE), 1 Grand Isle 3/27 (DJH), 2 Middlebury 4/4 (JAP), 1 Middlesex 4/6 (PMA), 9 Manchester 4/8 (BWP), 2 Weatherfield 4/8 (WGE,NLM), 1 Lincoln 4/9 (JRA), 1 Craftsbury 4/9 (FO), 1 Brandon 4/12 (SSW), 1 Rockingham 4/12 (REG), 1 S. Starksboro 4/15 (MRP), 2 Waterbury Ctr. 4/15 (EK), 12 Brighton to Ferdinand, 3 Panton 5/23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). This species presumably suffered heavily from the unseasonably cold March and April. Common Snipe: 1 Clarendon 3/14 (CJF), 1 Westminster 4/3,4 (DC,REG), 1 Tinmouth 4/4 (CJF), 1 Quechee 4/5 (KRT), 1 Craftsbury 4/8 (FO), up to 7 Manchester 4/9-23 (BWP), 7 East Dorset 4/10 (RWS), 1 Alburg 4/11 (WGE,NLM, et al.), 2 Winhall 4/20 (WJN), 18 Shoreham 4/27 (JAP) high ct., 1 Weybridge 4/28 (MBN).

GULLS AND TERNS

Bonaparte's Gull: 7 SBWMA 4/20 (RBL), 1 HC 4/20 (REG), 4 Wilder Dam 4/20 (JMN), 3 Grand Isle 4/21 (RBL), 1 Wilder Dam 4/24 (WGE), 2 Fairlee 5/2 (WGE,NLM), 12 Addison 5/4 (JAP) the high ct., 1 Shoreham 5/9 (DG), 8 SBWMA 5/18 (WGE,NLM), 1 Colchester 5/22 (PCR,PS), 1 Birdathon 5/21 (DCD,LJE), 2 South Hero 5/23 (m.ob.). Ring-billed Gull: 1 Bellows Falls 3/2 (REG), 240 Addison 3/8 (WGE,NLM), 30 Addison 3/9 (JAP), 11 Bristol 3/10 (JRA), 45 Moretown 3/10 (TSA), 60 Wilmington 3/12-13 put down by storm, stayed at feeder 2 days (fide BPr), 550 Bristol 3/13 (JRA) high ct., 50 Addison 3/24 (MBN), widespread after March. More high cts. 400 Bristol 4/20 (JAP), "several hundred" Young Isl. 4/27 (EMA,RDB). Herring Gull: 1 Bellows Falls 3/2 (REG), 100 Hartford 3/7 (WGE,NLM), 250 Addison 3/8 (WGE,NLM) high ct., 15 Addison 3/9 (JAP), 3 Rutland 3/10 (CJF), 160

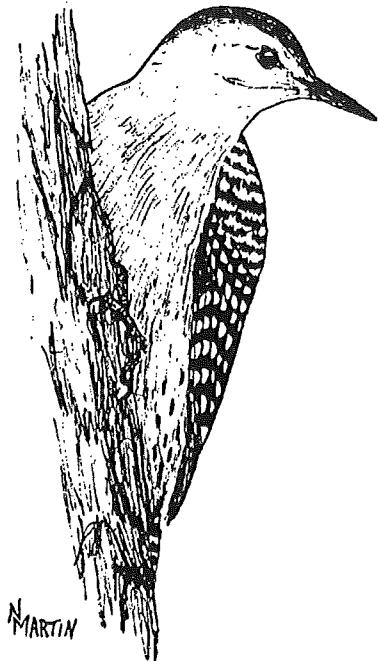
Clarendon 3/11 (CJF), 125 Brattleboro 3/13 (CJF), 4 Burlington 3/28 (SSW), 3 on 3/29 Addison (MBN), 18 on 3/30 (JAP), present on LC through May (m.ob.), 1 HC 4/12 (RWS), 2 Dorset 4/19 (EFG). Iceland Gull: 2 Hartford 3/7 (WGE), 1 Addison 3/8 (WGE,NLM). Glaucous Gull: 1 imm. Hartford 3/7 (WGE), 1 Addison 3/9 (JAP), 1 imm. Wilder Dam 3/12 (DHC). Great Black-backed Gull: 6 Bellows Falls 3/2 (REG), 80 Hartford 3/7 (WGE,NLM) high ct., 38 on 3/29 (MBN), 7 on 4/5 (SWM) Addison, 3 Panton 4/9 (MBN), 1 Bristol 4/14 (JRA), 3 Quechee 4/20 (JMN), 6 Young Isl. 5/22 (DJH), reported on birdathons 5/23 LC, Northeast Kingdom, Newport (m.ob.), 3 L. Champlain 5/27 (JAP). Common Tern: 3 St. Albans Bay 5/4 (REG), on 5/23 reported on all northern L. Champlain Birdathons (m.ob.). Black Tern: 3 DCWMA 4/21 (RWP) early, up to 7 MNWR 5/4-5/10, 3 Panton 5/9 (DLC), present at DCWMA from 5/10 on, max. 6 (m.ob.), 2 SBWMA 5/18 (WGE,NLM), 1 Ferrisburgh 5/19 (JID,MCD), 5 BRM 5/23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS).

DOVES THROUGH KINGFISHERS

Rock Dove: present around towns and farms, highest count submitted 194 Bennington area 5/9 (BCD,RSK et al.). Mourning Dove: present throughout the year in most areas. Some high cts. 30 Middlebury 3/1 (JAP), 18 Brandon 3/2 (SSW), 20 Dorset 3/3 (EFG), 18 Weybridge 3/8 (MBN), 14 Wallingford 3/12 (SJD), 48 Bennington area 5/9 (BCD,RSK et al.). Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 1 Birdathon 5/25 (JGG,RYG), 1 S. Londonderry 5/30 (WJN). Black-billed Cuckoo: 1 Ferrisburgh 5/15 (JID,MCD), 1 Grand Isle 5/19 (DJH), 1 Weybridge 5/21 (MBN), 1 Dorset 5/23,28 (EFG), 1 Coventry 5/23 (REG), 1 Manchester 5/23 (BWP,RWS), 1 Brandon 5/30 (SSW). Eastern Screech Owl: 2 DCWMA Briley Access 5/23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). Great Horned Owl: 1 Dorset 3/5 (BWP), 1 MNWR 3/19, 1 S. Burlington 3/21 (SWM), 1 Manchester 4/20 (BWP), 1 Dorset 4/27, 5/13 (EFG), 2 Georgia 5/5 (EMA,RDB), 1 SHSL 5/7 (WJN), nest with young MNWR 5/13, 1 Woodstock 5/26 (SBL), 1 Saxtons River 5/28 (REG). Snowy Owl: 1 Burlington Waterfront 3/10 (TS), 1 on Rt. 17 DCWMA 3/2 to 5/9 (m.ob.). NORTHERN HAWK-OWL: winter birds stayed into period, one at Westford stayed until 3/3 (DH), bird at Craftsbury present until 3/14 (FO,JW), Irasburg bird present until 3/6 (LK). Barred Owl: most frequently reported owl, some high cts.: 2 Tinmouth 3/15 (CJF), 2 Ferdinand 3/29 (REG), 2 Reading 5/2 (FMH,GEH), 5 Waterbury 5/10 (EK), 6 Ferdinand 5/23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS) high ct. Long-eared Owl: 1 Long Pt. Ferrisburgh 4/5 (WGE,NLM et al.). Short-eared Owl: 1 Addison 3/31 (JSA,KMA), 1 S. Burlington 3/31 (BH), 1 Westminster 4/4 (DC,REG), 1 Shelburne 4/4 (BH). BOREAL OWL: 1 Enosburg Falls 3/5 photo (HD). Northern Saw-whet Owl: 1 WRJ 3/4 (BR), 1 S. Royalton 3/16 (BLa) heard daily after 3/16, 1 Birdathon 5/24 (DC,TEJ,MWB,BH), 1 Brighton 5/23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). Common Nighthawk: 1 Middlebury 4/28 (MBN) very early heard only, 2 Montpelier 5/21 (TSA), 2 Winooski 5/23 (PCR,PS), 1 Burlington 5/23 (DRu), Bellows Falls 5/23 (EE,REP,LB,HSP), West Haven 5/23 (MHB,RT,ET), 2 Bellows Falls 5/28 (REG), declining. Whip-poor-will: 1 Fairfax 5/12 (PAT), 1 Saxtons River 5/13 (REG), 1 Grand Isle about 5/20 (fide DJH), 2 Clarendon Airport during May (MAS), 4 N. Hartland calling after mid-May (MaC), 1 Weathersfield 5/27 (EE,LB,HSP,REP), 1 West Haven 5/23 (MHG,RT,ET) declining. Chimney Swift: 2 Rutland 4/28 (CJF), 2 Brandon 4/28 (SSW), 1 Woodstock 4/28 (WGE,DB), 1 E. Dorset 5/4 (RWS), 1 Dorset 5/5 (EFG), 4 Chester 5/6 (CEA), 5 Middlebury 5/7 (JAP), 1 Underhill 5/8 (DLC), 5 Saxtons R. 5/8 (REG),

1 S. Londonderry 5/9 (WJN), 13 Bennington 5/9 (BCD, RSK et al.), 2 Stockbridge 5/12 (TSA), high ct. 45 Essex Jct. 5/23 (SWM). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 1 Saxtons River 5/2 (REG), 1 Woodstock 5/10 (JMN), 1 Randolph 5/12 (EWC, MCC), 1 Barnard 5/12 (JNF), 1 Georgia 5/13 (EMA, RDB), on 5/14 5 Vershire (KRH) a high ct., 1 Springfield (WME), on 5/15 1 E. Dorset (RWS), 1 Wolcott (FO), 1 Westminster W. (AMD), 1 Ferrisburgh (JID, MCD), 1 Hartland (WGE, NLM), 1 Brandon (SSW), on 5/16 2 W. Bolton (MC), 1 Pawlet (CJF), 1 Lowell (DLC, TMU), 2 Manchester (BWP); on 5/17 4 Hartland (WGE, NLM), 1 Reading (FMH, GEH), 1 DCWMA (TSA); 1 Georgia 5/19 (EMA, RDB), 2 Brownsville 5/19 (BMH), more high cts. 5 Brighton 5/23 (WGE, NLM, DHC, SJS), 5 SHSL 5/26 (WJN). Belted Kingfisher: 1 Vernon 3/4 (REG), 1 Dorset 3/5 (EFG), 1 East Dorset 3/21 (RWS), 1 Manchester 4/16 (BWP), 2 DCWMA 4/7 (SSW), 10 Arlington 4/11 (BWP) the high ct., 4 Marlboro 4/13 (JPN), 5 Quechee 4/20 (JMN, WGE), 1 Manchester 4/20 (BWP), 1 Winhall 4/21 (WJN), 1 Montpelier 4/24 (TSA), 1 Vershire 4/26 (KRH), 1 Middlebury 4/30 (MBN). Arrived late and numbers were generally poor with only three March reports.

Red-bellied Woodpecker



WOODPECKERS

Red-bellied Woodpecker: 1 Pittsford 3/3 (SSW, EBB, JGB, EJ, MLW). Red-headed Woodpecker: 1 Weybridge 5/6 (BAB), 3 Bridport 5/23 (WME), 1 Ferrisburgh 5/23 (JID, MCD), 2 Shoreham 5/23 (SM), 1 Lower Lamoille R. Access late May (DMA fide CCF). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 1 Fairfax 4/9 (PAT), 1 Springfield 4/15 (WME), 1 Woodstock 4/17 (SBL), 1 Winhall 4/18 (WJN), 2 Dorset 4/19 (EFG), 3 Underhill 4/19 (DLC), 2 Ferrisburgh 4/27 (JID, MCD), 1 Randolph 4/28, 29 (EWC, MCC), high ct. 15 Reading 5/13 (FMN, GEH), 2 f. with black crowns reported: 1 BNP 5/26 (CCR) banded, 1 Hartland 5/30 (WGE). Downy Woodpecker: widely reported through the period, some high cts. 4 Dorset 3/5, 4/1, 4 (EFG), 5 Wilder 5/2 (WGE, NLM), 4 Brandon 5/5 (SSW), 12 Bennington 5/9 (BCD, RSK et al.), 4 Reading 5/11

(FMN, GEH), 7 Milton 5/18 (WGE, NLM). Hairy Woodpecker: widely reported through the period, some high cts. 3 SHSL 4/1 (WJN), 3 Reading 4/16 (FMH, GEH), 4 Lincoln 3/28 (JRA), 3 Hartland 4/30 (WGE). Black-backed Woodpecker: 1 Lewis 5/16 (DLC, TMU), 1 Wenlock WMA, Ferdinand 5/23 (WGE, NLM, DHC, SJS), 2 Yellow Bog, Lewis 5/27 (RJS). Northern Flicker: 1 Addison 3/2 (JAP), 2 Putney 3/4 (REG), 1 BNP 3/20 (CCR), 1 Newport 4/6 (FO, JW), 1 Waterbury Center 4/7 (EK), 4 on 4/12, 6 on 4/27 Reading (FMH, GEH), 1 Stockbridge 4/17 (EdH), 2 Chester 4/20 (CEA), 1 Randolph 4/23 (EWC, MCC), 1 Barnard 4/24 (JNF), 4 Rutland 4/25 (CJF), 1 SBWMA 4/27 (EMA, RDB), 5 Woodstock 4/28 (WGE, NLM, DB), high ct. 12 Bennington area 5/9 (BCD, RSK et al.), an inter-grade showing Red-shafted characteristics in wing linings banded BNP (CCR et al.). Pileated Woodpecker: present throughout the state, some high cts. 3 Lincoln 3/28 (JRA), 4 Bennington 5/9 (BCD, RSK, et al.), one banded at BNP, retrap from 6 years ago (CCR).

FLYCATCHERS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1 Goshen 5/13, 17 (SSW), 1 on 5/16, 2 on 5/18, 19, 20, 23 Reading (FMH, GEH), 1 Lewis 5/23 (DLC, BMP, HMc), 1 Birdathon 5/24 (DC, BAH, TEJ, MWB), 1 Barton 5/25 (REG), 1 S. Starksboro 5/30 (MRP), 1 Chester 5/30 (CEA). Eastern Wood-Pewee: 1 Bennington 5/9 (KH, JHe), 1 Ferrisburgh 5/15 (JID, MCD), 1 Manchester 5/16 (BWP), 1 Reading 5/16 (FMH, GEH), 1 E. Middlebury 5/17 (MBN), 3 Sharon 5/21 (MWB), 2 Lye Brook 5/21 (ADL, EHS), 1 Dorset 5/24 (EFG), 3 Salisbury 5/25 (RWP), 1 Burlington 5/25 (SWM), high ct. 5 Addison 5/30 (SWM). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 7 Ferdinand 5/23 (WGE, NLM, DHC, SJS), 1 Shrewsbury 5/26 (SBL, BRJ, GEHa), 1 Ferdinand 5/31 (REG), most arrived after 6/1. Alder Flycatcher: 1 Bennington 5/9 (BCD, RSK, et al.) early, 1 Dorset 5/14 (EFG), 1 Westford 5/18 (WGE, NLM), 1 S. Londonderry 5/20 (WJN), 1 on 5/20, 3 on 5/27 Essex Jct. (SWM), 1 Brandon 5/21 (SSW), 3 on 5/21, 4 on 5/29 Lincoln (JRA), 1 Middlebury 5/22, 27 (JAP), 9 Brighton-Ferdinand, 6 Newport, 2 Westford 5/23 (WGE, NLM, DHC, SJS) the high ct., on many birdathons 5/23-24 (m.ob.), 1 Winhall, 1 S. Londonderry 5/27 (WJN), 2 Brandon 5/28 (SSW), 1 Westminster 5/29 (REG). Willow Flycatcher: 1 Addison 5/16 (JAP), 1 on 5/21 (SSW), 1 Williston 5/23 (CAR), on many birdathon lists 5/23, 24 (m.ob.), 1 Springfield 5/28 (REG), 1 L. Fairlee 5/31 (WGE), many arrived after 6/1. Empidonax sp.: 1 Reading 5/20 (FMH, GEH). Least Flycatcher: 1 ABM 4/24 (DC), 1 WRM 4/26 (WGE, NLM), 1 Manchester 5/2 (BWP, RWS), 1 Enosburg Falls 5/6 (DF), on 5/9 24 Bennington (BCD, RSK et al.), 1 E. Middlebury (MBN), 2 Middlesex (EK), 1 Middletown Springs (CJF), 3 WRM (RWP), on 5/10 4 Lincoln (JRA), 1 ABM (AMD), 1 Ferrisburgh 5/11 (JID, MCD), 8 Hartland 5/12 (WGE, NLM), 1 Chester 5/12 (CEA), 1 Brandon 3 Goshen 5/12 (SSW), high ct. 30+ Lewis 5/16 (DLC, TMU). Eastern Phoebe: 1 Marlboro 3/27 (JPN), 1 Monkton 3/30 (CHS), 1 Chester 3/31 (CEA), 1 Norwich 4/7 (GFE), on 4/8 2 Brownsville (BMH), 1 SHSL (WJN), 1 Reading (FMH, GEH), 1 Ferrisburgh (JID, MCD), 1 Grafton (WGE, NLM, DC), 2 Essex (MRP); 2 Grand Isle 4/10 (DJH), 2 Vershire 4/11 (KRH), 6 Arlington 4/11 (BWP), on 4/12 1 Cornwall (MBN), 1 Charlotte (SWM), 3 ABM (AMD), 1 SBWMA (EMA, RDB); high ct. 19 Bennington 5/9 (BCD, RSK et al.), many reports of nests, eggs and fledglings by late May. Great Crested Flycatcher: 1 Randolph 4/22 (EWC, MCC) early, 1 Manchester 5/2 (BWP), 3 West Haven 5/9 (WGE, NLM), 1 Chester 5/10 (CEA), 1 Ira 5/10 (REG), 1

Rutland 5/10 (CJF), 1 Fairfax 5/11 (PAT), 1 East Dorset 5/16 (RWS), 1 DCWMA 5/16 (ADL,EHS), 3 Chester 5/17 (CEA), 6 Milton, 3 Westford 5/18 (WGE,NLM) high ct., 1 Marlboro 5/18 (JPN), 1 Winhall 5/18 (WJN), 1 Reading 5/19 (FMH,GEH). Eastern Kingbird: 1 Dorset 4/27 (EFG), 1 Shoreham 4/27 (JAP), on 5/2 1 Coventry (REG), 1 Manchester (BWP), 1 Winhall (WJN), on 5/3 1 Bristol (JRA), 2 ABM (AMD), 2 Chester (CEA); 1 Grand Isle 5/4 (DJH), on 5/9 4 Ferrisburgh (JID,MCD), 1 Middlebury (MBN), 1 E. Dorset (RWS), 1 Fair Haven (WGE,NLM et al.), 1 Shoreham (SSW), 1 Middletown Springs (CJF), 6 Bennington (BCD,RSK et al.) the high ct., 1 WRJ 5/12 (KRH), 4 Manchester 5/16 (BWP), 2 W. Bolton 5/16 (MC), 4 S. Starksboro 5/16 (MRP), 6 DCWMA 5/17 (TSA) a high ct., 2 Springfield 5/19 (WMG), 1 Milton 5/9 (EMA,RDB).

LARKS THROUGH SWALLOWS

Horned Lark: 50 Clarendon 3/1 (CJF), "flock" Grand Isle 3/4 (DJH), 45 Weybridge, 50 Addison, 10 Rochester 3/8 (WGE,NLM), 10 Addison 3/16 (JAP;REG), 70 (CJF), 125 (WGE,NLM) DCWMA 3/29, 1 Newport 4/9 (FO,JW), 130 Swanton 4/11 (WGE,NLM, et al.) the high ct., 70 Ferrisburgh 4/19 (WGE,NLM) all "northerns", 1 St. Albans 4/19 (EMA,RDB), 7 Addison 5/23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS) nester, "Prairie" race. Purple Martin: 1 North Hero Bridge 4/14 (DJH), 57 on 4/24 (REG) high ct., 3 on 4/25 (JRA), 5 on 4/28 (JAP), 9 on 5/8 (BWP), 3 on 5/17 (MBN), up to 26 on 5/17 (TSA,WGE,NLM,DHC), 9 on 5/21 (SSW) all Addison, widespread in the ChV 5/23 (m.ob.) 2 Derby Center 5/22,23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 1 Winhall 5/23 (EP,DP), 2 Ferrisburgh 5/25 (RWP). Tree Swallow: 2 Westminster 3/15 (DC), 4 Brandon 3/29 (SSW), 3 Westminster 4/4 (REG), 1 Marlboro 4/6 (JPN), 1 Dorset 4/6 (EFG), 2 BNP, 3 N. Hartland 4/7 (KRT), 3 Waterbury Center 4/7 (EK), on 4/8 2 Chester (CEA), 3 Barnard (JNF), 20 Ferrisburgh (JID,MCD), on 4/9 1 Vershire (KRH), 1 North Hero (DJH), 1 Manchester (RWS,BWP), 1 Weybridge (MBN), 4 Barton R. (FO,JW), high ct. 1,000 L. Bomoseen, Castleton 4/25 (CJF), numerous nesting reports by late May. Northern Rough-winged Swallow: 3 Manchester 4/22 (BWP), 2 Quechee 4/24 (WGE), 4 WRM 4/26 (WGE,NLM), 3 HC 4/27 (REG), 4 Wilder 2 Fairlee 5/2 (WGE,NLM et al.), 5 Manchester 5/2 (BWP,RWS), flock ABM 5/3 (AMD), 4 Addison 5/7 (JAP), 3 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK et al.), 4 Quechee 5/10 (WGE,NLM), 10 Addison 5/27 (JAP). Bank Swallow: 1 HC 4/9 (REG) early, 1 New Haven 4/20 (JAP), 5 Chester 4/25 (CEA), 1 WRM 4/26 (WGE,NLM), 6 Manchester 5/2 (BWP,RWS), 20 Quechee 5/3 (WGE,NLM), 60 Salisbury 5/5 (JAP), 6 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK et al.) 1 S. Londonderry 5/13 (WJN), 10 Salisbury 5/17 (MBN), 10 Waterbury 5/17 (TSA), high ct. 250 Winooski 5/26 (SWM). Cliff Swallow: 1 WRM 4/26 (WGE,NLM), 2 Danville 4/28 (SBL), 3 Landgrove 5/7 (WJN), 27 HC 5/9 (REG) the high ct., 2 Chester 5/9 (CEA), 6 Middlebury 5/9 (MBN), 1 Orwell, 1 Panton 5/16 (JAP), 16 Waterbury 5/17 (TSA), 4 Middlebury 5/17 (MBN), 5 Westford 5/18 (WGE,NLM), 1 Winhall 5/19 (WJN), reported breeding by late May at Chester, Winhall, Landgrove. Barn Swallow: 1 HC 4/9 (REG), early, 1 Addison 4/19 (MBN), 3 Middlebury, 2 Colchester 4/22 (EMA,RDB), 3 Chester 4/22 (CEA), 2 DCWMA 4/25 (JRA), 3 WRM 4/28 (SBL), 6 Winhall 4/29 (WJN), 5 Fairlee 5/2 (EK), 1 Walden 5/4 (JW), 6 Brownsville 5/8 (BMH), 1 Dorset 5/8 (EFG), 35 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK et al.), 40 Brighton-Ferdinand 5/23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), much breeding in evidence by period's end.

JAYS THROUGH CREEPER

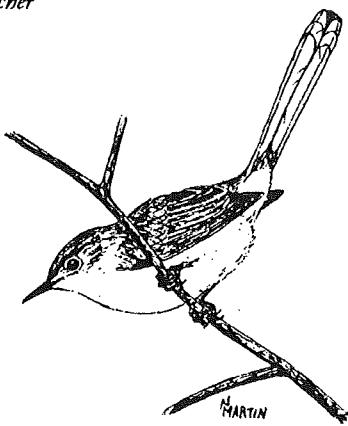
Gray Jay: 3 on 3/19 (REG), 1 on 3/21 (BWP), 5 on 5/16 (DLC,TMu), 5 on 5/23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 2 on 5/27 (RJS) all Ferdinand, 2 Lewis 5/23 (DLC,BMP,HMc), Blue Jay: some high cts. 16 Manchester 3/1 (BWP), 10 Bolton 3/1 (MC), 35 Hubbardton-Benson 3/25 (WGE,NLM,JPM,JBM), 30 period SHSL (WJN), 12 Dorset 3/22, 4/2 (EFG), 13 Brandon 4/15 (SSW), 63 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK et al.), 18 Reading 5/13 (FMH,GEH), feeding yg. at Grand Isle by 5/25 (DJH), a strange morph with gray rather than blue feathers Grand Isle (DJH). American Crow: overwinters in all but the higher mountain areas. Some high cts. 160 Lincoln, 50 Burlington 3/3 (JRA), 70 Putney 3/3 (WGE,NLM), 140 on 3/8 (WGE,NLM), 100 on 3/16 Weybridge (MBN), 50 New Haven 3/31 (JAP), 87 Orwell 3/25 (WGE,NLM,JPM,JBM), 44 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK et al.) carrying nesting material Rutland 3/27,28 (CJF). FISH CROW: one reported Brattleboro 4/8,9 (TMa,JD), Common Raven: occurs throughout the state, some high cts. and breeding reports, 3 Ferdinand 3/19 (REG), 3 New Haven 3/27 (JAP), 3 Addison 4/10 (JAP), 4 Charlotte 4/12 (SWM), 1 WHL 4/26 (WJN), 3 Stowe 4/27 (EMA,RDB), 3 Reading 5/14,17 (FMH,GEH), 7 Brighton-Ferdinand 5/23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 50 Taftsville 5/26 (SBL,BRJ,GEHa), pr. nested in pine lot behind house Chester, feeding yg. by 5/6 (CEA). Black-capped Chickadee: some high cts. 33 Dorset 3/1 (EFG), 35 Rockingham 3/3 (WGE,NLM), 24 W. Bolton 3/5 (MC), 44 Benson 3/25 (WGE,NLM,JPM,JBM), 25 period SHSL (WJN), 104 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK, et al.), 20 Goshen/Brandon 5/21 (SSW), bird at Plymouth mostly white with some gray on back and some black on crown and bib accepted by the other chickadees 3/28 (BW), one at SHSL through winter until April, with an all white tail (WJN) (note this bird returned November 92), one pr. ejected from nesting box by Tree Swallows Brownsville (BMH). Boreal Chickadee: In Ferdinand 2 on 4/23 (REG), 2 on 3/21 (BWP), 2 Norton 4 Lewis 5/16 (DLC,TMu), 7 Ferdinand 5/23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), Birdathon 5/23 (PFW,SAW). Tufted Titmouse: widespread in the CR/ChV, high cts. and sightings elsewhere: 3 Essex Jct. period (SWM), 5 Wilder 3/9, 5/2 (WGE,NLM et al.), 1 Enosburg Falls 5/6 (DF), first there in 15 years of observation, m.ob. reported counts of two. Red-breasted Nuthatch: resident at the higher altitudes, some high cts. 14 Ferdinand 3/19 (REG), 6 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK et al.), 5 Reading 5/11 (FMH,GEH), 9 Ferdinand/Brighton 5/23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 4 Marlboro 5/31 (JPN). White-breasted Nuthatch: resident just about everywhere, some high cts. 5 Putney 3/2 (REG), 4 Vershire 4/2 (KRH), 5 Dorset 4/3 (EFG), 5 Hartland 9/30 (WGE), 4 Manchester 5/1 (BWP), 7 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK et al.), nesting in hole in black cherry 25 feet up, Dorset (EFG), ad. feeding yg. in nesting cavity, Proctor 5/17 (RWP). Brown Creeper: wintered widely, some high cts. 3 Dorset 3/1,16 (EFG), 3 Middlebury 3/4 (JAP), 4 MNWR 3/25, 5 Hartland 4/30 (WGE), 4 Fairlee 5/2 (WGE,NLM), 5 West Haven 5/9 (WGE,NLM et al.), 3 Burlington 5/25 (SWM), 1 at WGE's feeder in early March fed on sunflower seeds on the ground.

WRENS

Carolina Wren: 1 Brandon 3/1 (SSW), 1 Rockingham 3/3 (WGE,NLM), 1 Woodstock 3/8 (JMN), 1 Montpelier 3/24 (TSA), 1 Westminster 3/28 (DC), 1 Norwich 4/18 (GFE) present since fall 1990, 1 Dorset 4/26,27 (EFG), 1 Grand Isle 4/27 (DJH), 1 Craftsbury 5/5 (FO),

3 Lewis 5/16 (DLC,TMu) amazing for this boreal area, 1 Colchester 5/23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 1 Brandon 5/26 (SSW), tremendous showing for this expanding southern species, now even in the Northeast Kingdom. What happens though with the next cold winter? House Wren: 1 Marlboro 4/24 (JPN), 1 Dorset 5/1 (EFG), 1 Manchester 5/2 (BWP), 1 Fairlee 5/2 (WGE,NLM), 1 Brandon 5/4 (SSW), 1 Saxtons River 5/5 (REG), 2 Grand Isle 5/9 (DJH), 1 Addison 5/10 (DLC,BMP), 1 Ferrisburgh 5/11 (JID,MCD), 2 Springfield 5/12 (WME), high ct. 14 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK et al.), slowly recovering from crash of a few seasons ago, still largely absent at some higher elevations. Winter Wren: 1 Brandon 3/10,4/12 (SSW), 1 Reading 4/7 (FMH,GEH), 1 Stowe 4/11 (EK), 1 Norwich 4/14 (CCR), 1 Wallingford 4/16,18 (RWP), 1 Alburg 4/18 (DLC), 1 S. Starksboro 4/21 (MRP), 1 Barton 4/22 (REG), 1 Marlboro 4/24 (JPN), 3 Chester 4/26 (CEA), 1 Georgia 4/26 (EMA,RDB), 4 Hartland 4/30 (WGE), 4 Middlebury 4/30 (JAP), 1 Mt. Tabor 5/2 (CJF), 3 Lye Brook 5/2 (WME), 2 Middlesex 5/9 (TSA), high ct. 8 Reading 5/13 (FMH,GEH). Marsh Wren: 3 WRM 5/7 (RWP), 1 DCWMA 5/9,5/10 (MBN;REG), 1 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK et al.), 6 WRM 5/9 (WGE,NLM), 10 Alburg 5/10 (DLC), 2 Addison 5/12,16 (JAP), 15 WRM, 4 W. Haven 5/16 (WGE,NLM et al.) high ct., 1 Bristol 5/25 (JRA), widespread at DCWMA, WRN, BRM, ABN 5/23 (m.ob.).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher



KINGLETS THRU THRUSHES

Golden-crowned Kinglet: winters widely in coniferous areas, some high cts. 7 Poultney 4/18 (CJF), 13 Dorset 4/19 (EFG), 8 Quechee 4/21 (WGE,NLM), 6 Castleton, 6 Ira 4/20 (WGE,NLM), 19 Brighton-Ferdinand 5/23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 1 Dorset 4/1 (EFG), 1 Quechee 4/10 (KRT), 1 Middlebury 4/14 (JAP), 1 Grand Isle 4/16 (DJH), 2 Manchester 4/18 (BWP), in Quechee 1 on 4/20 (JMN), 1 on 4/21 (WGE,NLM), 5 Dorset 4/23,28 (EFG), 4 Marlboro 4/24 (JPN), 8 Quechee 4/24 (WGE), 100+ HC 4/25 (REG) high ct., 1 Manchester 4/25, 4 on 4/26 (BWP), 2 Ferrisburgh 4/25 (JID,MCD), 6 Clarendon, 2 Rutland 4/25 (CJF), on 4/26 1 Brandon (SSW), 1 Lincoln (JRA), 8 Tinmouth (CJF), 6 Castleton, 4 Ira (17 for day) (WGE,NLM); 1 SHSL 4/28 (WJN), 1 Woodstock 4/29 (SBL), 30 banded at BNP. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 1 HC 4/25, 2 on 4/27 (DC), 1 Brandon 4/27 (SSW), 2 HC 4/29 (WGE,NLM), 1 Bradford 5/2 (WMS), 1 Fairlee 5/2 (WGE,NLM), 1 Bethel 5/7 (DB), 12 West Haven 5/9 2 nests (WGE,NLM et al.) high ct., 6 Bald Mt. West Haven 5/9, 5 on 5/10 (BWP), 3 West Haven 5/10 (MBN), 1 Fair Haven 5/10 (RWS), 1 on 5/15, 3 on 5/19 (JID,MCD), 2 on 5/17,23 (WGE,NLM et al.) Ferrisburgh, 4 SBWMA

5/18 (WGE,NLM), 1 Orange Cty. 5/23 (FK), Chester 5/23 (VF), Weathersfield 5/23 (EE,LB,REP,HSP), present at West Haven, SBWMA, DCWMA on 5/23 (m.ob.), 1 Brandon 5/28 (SSW). Eastern Bluebird: some overwintering, mostly in western Vermont, 2 E. Dorset 3/4 (RWS), 2 Middlebury 3/4 (JAP), 2 New Haven 3/4 (JRA), 3 Ferrisburgh 3/4 (JID,MCD), 1 Brandon 3/12 (SSW), 2 Pittsford 3/15 (ChD), 2 Brownsville 3/16 (BMH), 1 Marlboro 3/16 (JPN), 1 Westminster 3/21 (REG), 1 Chester 3/22 (CEA), 1 Waitsfield 3/31 (AD), numerous reports of nests and fledglings by late May. Veery: 1 Randolph 5/4,6 (EWC,MCC), on 5/7 1 Middlebury (JAP), 1 Hartland (WGE), 1 SHSL (WJN); 1 Fairfax 5/11 (PAT), 1 Waterbury Ctr. 5/13 (EK), 1 S. Starksboro 5/13 (MRP), 1 Dorset 5/14 (EFG), 3 Reading 5/15 (FMH,GEH), 2 Winhall 5/15 (WJN), 3 Ripton 5/17 (JRA), 1 Springfield 5/19 (WME), 1 Grand Isle 5/19 (DJH), 1 Randolph 5/19 (EWC,MCC), high ct. 25 Reading 5/20 (FMH,GEH). Gray-cheeked Thrush: 1 Mt. Philo, Charlotte 5/1 (JID,MCD) early, this species may be in trouble. Swainson's Thrush: 1 W. Woodstock 4/17 (BRJ) very early for this one also, 1 Middlebury 5/14 (JAP), 1 Lewis 5/17 (REG), 1 Goshen 5/22 (SSW), on 5/23 1 Bridport (WME), 6 Ferdinand (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS); 1 Shrewsbury Mt. 5/26 (SBL,BRJ,GEHa), 1 Middlebury 5/27 (JAP), another seriously declining species, most probably arrived after 6/1. Hermit Thrush: 1 Marlboro 4/13 (JPN), 1 SHSL 4/16,17 (WJN), 2 S. Starksboro 4/16 (MRP), 1 Woodstock 4/16 (JMN), on 4/17 1 E. Dorset (RWS), 1 Stockbridge (EdH), 1 Bridgewater (GT) found along roadside, brought to VINS, 1 Quechee (KRT), 2 Rutland (CJF); 4 Quechee, 4 W. Hartford 4/18 (KRT), 1 Norwich 4/18 (GFE), 3 Waterbury Ctr. 4/22 (EK), 4 Marlboro 4/24 (JPN), on 4/26 2 Georgia (EMA,RDB), 2 Lincoln (JRA), 2 Manchester (BWP), high ct. 28 Ferdinand/Brighton 5/23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). Wood Thrush: 1 Georgia 4/24 (EMA,RDB), 1 Dorset 5/2 (EFG), 1 S. Londonderry 5/4 (WJN), on 5/8 1 E. Dorset (RWS), 1 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 1 W. Bolton (MC), 1 Clarendon (CJF); 25 Bennington on 5/9 (BCD,RSK et al.) high ct., 2 Proctor 5/11 (RWP), 2 S. Starksboro 5/11 (MRP), 1 Manchester 5/11 (BWP), 1 Fairfax 5/11 (PAT), 1 Springfield 5/12 (WME), 2 West Bolton 5/12 (MC), 6 Dorset 5/12 (EFG), 3 Marlboro 5/14 (JPN), 1 Waterbury Ctr. 5/15 (EK), 10 Middlebury 5/16 (JAP), 3 Weybridge 5/16 (MBN), nest with 2 eggs 5/31 S. Starksboro (MRP), all of the spotted thrushes were reported as scarce by many observers. This seems to be part of a decline over the past several years. American Robin: overwintered in some areas, 3 Brandon 3/1 (SSW), 3 Dorset 3/5 (EFG), 14 BNP 3/5 (KRT), 15-20 E. Dorset 3/5 (RWS), on 3/10 5 Brownsville (BMH), 9 S. Woodstock (PM), 12 Chester (CEA), 6 Georgia (EMA,RDB), 12 Waterbury Ctr. (EK), 1 SHSL (WJN); 3 Middlebury 3/12 (JRA), 3 Brattleboro 3/13 (CJF), 5 Manchester 3/14 (BWP), 20 Weybridge 3/15 (MBN), "hundreds" Burlington 3/16 (SWM), 1 Wallingford 3/17 (SJD), 15 Woodstock 3/18 (JMN), 1 W. Bolton 3/19 (MC), 450 Addison Cty. 4/16 (JAP), many nests, eggs and fledglings reported. Two albinos Grand Isle (DJH). Northern Wheatear: 2 reported at Stowe 5/23 (DRu). No confirming details.

MIMIDS THROUGH STARLING

Gray Catbird: 1 Dorset 5/5, 6 on 5/12 (EFG), 1 Brandon 5/8 (SSW), on 5/9 1 Ferrisburgh (JID,MCD), 9 Bennington (BCD,RSK et al.) high ct., 2 HC (REG), 1 WRM (WGE,NLM), 1 E. Dorset (RWS); 4 Manchester 5/11 (BWP), 2 Brownsville 5/14 (BMH), 1 Lincoln 5/15 (JRA), on 5/16 1 SHSL (WJN), 1 Middletown Springs, 1 Pawlet (CJF);

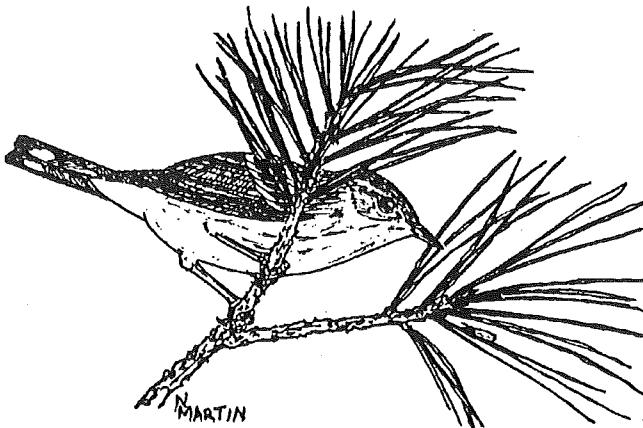
7 Addison 5/17 (WGE,NLM,DHC), 1 HC 5/17 (AMD), 1 Middlebury 5/17 (MBN), 1 Craftsbury 5/17 (FO). Northern Mockingbird: widespread in the CR/ChV, elsewhere in the state and some high cts., 2 S. Starksboro 5/10 (MRP), 1 Craftsbury 5/10 (FO,JW) 2nd record there, 1 SHSL 5/15-29 (WJN), 1 Bethel 5/26 (EWC,MCC), high ct. 8 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK et al.), 1 Rutland 4/19 quacking like a Mallard (CJF), nest with 3 eggs, 2nd nest with downy yg. Pittsford (RWP). Brown Thrasher: 1 Winhall 4/26,27 (WJN), 1 Pittsford 4/27 (MB), 1 Rockingham 5/2 (AMD), 3 E. Dorset 5/2 (RWS), 1 Ferrisburgh 5/6 (JID,MCD), 1 Waterbury Ctr. 5/7 (EK), 1 Shoreham 5/8 (SSW), 1 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK, et al.), 1 Berlin 5/16 (TSA), 1 Manchester 5/17 (BWP), high cts. 4 Westford 5/18 (WGE,NLM), 4 Brighton-Addison 5/23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 4 Grand Isle 5/24 (DJH). American Pipit: "flock" Grand Isle 3/20 (DJH), 100 Addison 3/29 (MBN) high ct., 20 Weybridge 4/5 (MBN), 2 Grand Isle 4/12 (EMA,RDB), 1 Birdathon 5/16 (CHB,BGW). Bohemian Waxwing: large influx in northern Vermont, 40 Middlebury 3/12 (JRA), 2 Brandon 3/15 (SSW), 2 Burlington 3/17 (TSA), 50 Woodstock 3/29 (WGE,NLM,JMN,FMH,GEH,KRT, et al.), present there until 4/25 max. there 105 on 4/20, 1 Essex Jct. 3/31 (SWM), 1 SHSL 4/3 (WJN) southernmost report, 200+ Fairfax, 200 Fairfield 4/5 (DLC,CJF) the high ct., 15 St. Albans, 52 Georgia 4/12 (DLC), 75 Sharon 4/16 (MWB), 36 Grand Isle 4/19-24, 1 on 4/26 (DJH). Cedar Waxwing: Breeding population appears in late May in areas where it does not winter. Wintered widely this year in areas where it usually does not (i.e. S. Green Mtns.), high cts. 100 Dorset 3/3,9 (EFG), 106 Middlebury 3/7 (KRT), 180 WRJ 3/7 (WGE,NLM), 135 Weybridge, 120 Addison 3/8 (WGE,NLM), 200+ Burlington 3/22 (SWM,WME), 200 Woodstock 3/31 (WGE,NLM), 200 UVM campus Burlington 4/4 (TSA), 500+ Grand Isle 4/10-26 (DJH) high ct. To illustrate the gap between wintering and breeding populations - at SHSL last of the wintering birds 20 on 4/3 (WJN), first breeders 3 on 5/27 (WJN), similar pattern described at Grand Isle (DJH). Northern Shrike: 1 Hartland 3/4-26 (WGE), 1 Hartford 3/4 (KRT), 1 Weybridge 3/6 (JAP), 1 Brownsville 3/11 (BMH), 1 Benson, 1 Shoreham 3/25 (WGE,NLM,JPM,JBM), 1 ABM 3/29 (REG), 1 Morristown 3/20 (JL), 1 Panton 4/4 (DLC,CJF,RHH), 1 Addison, 1 Barnard 4/5 (WGE,NLM, et al.), 1 Ferrisburgh 4/9 (JAP,SSW), 1 Marlboro 4/13 (JPN). European Starling: returns in March to areas where it does not winter, some high cts. 192 Westminster 3/2 (REG), 360 Addison, 310 Orwell (940 for day) 3/25 (WGE,NLM,JPM,JBM), 127 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK et al.), yg. being fed Pittsford 5/23 (RWP).

VIREOS

WHITE-EYED VIREO: 1 BNP banded 5/22 (CCR,EFG, DB,DS). Solitary Vireo: 1 Reading 4/22 (FMH,GEH), 1 Rockingham 4/26 (DC,MWB), 1 Monkton 4/27 (CSH), 1 Woodstock 4/29 (SBL) and 5/1 (JMN), 2 Hartland 4/30 (WGE), 4 Middlebury 4/30 (JAP), 1 Underhill 5/2 (SWM), 1 Marlboro 5/3 (JPN), 1 Dorset 5/6 (EFG), on 5/7 2 Peru-Landgrove Rd. (WJN), 5 Hartland (WGE), 15 Middlesex Notch 5/9 (TSA) high ct., 13 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK et al.), 3 Lincoln 5/10 (JRA), 15 Ferdinand-Brighton 5/23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). Yellow-throated Vireo: 2 on 5/5, 6 on 5/13 Middlebury (JAP), 2 West Haven 5/9 (WGE,NLM et al.), 1 Middlebury 5/9,18 (MBN), 1 Goshen 5/13 (SSW), 7 Underhill 5/14 (DLC) high ct., 1 Ferrisburgh 5/15 (JID,MCD), 1 Proctor 5/16 (RWP), 4 West Haven 5/16 (WGE,NLM), 3 Milton 5/18 (WGE,NLM), 1 E. Middlebury 5/18 (MBN). Warbling Vireo: 1

Montpelier 5/2 (TSA), 1 Wallingford 5/4 (SJD), 1 Enosburg Falls 5/6 (DF); 1 Dorset 5/8 (EFG), 1 Brandon 5/8 (SSW), 1 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK et al.), 1 ABM 5/13 (REG), 2 Manchester 5/16 (BWP), 1 E. Dorset 5/16 (RWS), 1 WRM 5/17 (CJF), 9 Milton, 4 Westford 5/18 (WGE,NLM), 4 Georgia 5/18 (EMA,RDB), 9 Colchester 5/25 (SWM) high ct. Philadelphia Vireo: 3 Benson 5/3 (CJF) very early, 1 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK et al.) also early, 1 BNP banded 5/21 (CCR,JAP, et al.), 1 Chittenden Cty. 5/23 (CCY), 1 Underhill 5/28 (DLC). Red-eyed Vireo: 1 Wallingford 4/27 (SJD) early, 3 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK et al.), 2 Woodstock 5/10 (JMN), 1 Reading 5/13 (FMH,GEH), 1 Waterbury Ctr. 5/14 (EK), 1 Lincoln 5/16 (JRA), 1 Manchester 5/17 (BWP), 2 Winhall 5/17 (WJN), 1 Marlboro 5/18 (JPN), 1 Underhill 5/18 (DLC), 1 Springfield 5/19 (REG), 1 Dorset 5/19 (ADL,EHS), high ct. 15 Addison 5/30 (SWM).

Pine Warbler



WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler: 1 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK et al.), 1 Ira 5/9,10 (WGE,NLM;REG), 2 West Haven 5/16 (WGE,NLM), 1 E. Dorset 5/16 (RWS), 2 Ira 5/17 (DLC,TMa,CJF), 1 Brandon 5/17,21 (SSW), up to 3 Ira 5/23 (MaB), 1 Dorset 5/24 (EFG), 1 Berlin 5/24 (JL), 2 Manchester area (RWS). Golden-winged Warbler: 1 WRM 5/10 (BRJ,RHH), 1 Ira 5/10 (REG), 2 Middlebury 5/16,26 (JAP), 1 West Haven, 1 WRM 5/16 (WGE,NLM, et al.), 1 Manchester 5/16,17 (BWP), 2 Ira 5/17 (DLC,TMu,CJF), 2 Brandon 5/17,29 (SSW), 3 Westford 5/18 (WGE,NLM), 2 West Haven 5/20 (CJF), 2 Middlebury 5/19 (MBN), 1 Bradford 5/23 (WME), on 5/23-24 up to 5 Ira, Westford, West Haven (m.ob.). Brewster's Warbler: 1 Ira 5/30 (REG,OAG). Tennessee Warbler: 1 Dorset 5/14 (EFG), 1 Waterbury Ctr. 5/14, 3 on 5/17 (EK), 1 Middlebury 5/16 (JAP), 1 Lewis 5/16 (DLC,TMW), 1 Woodstock 5/20 (WGE,NLM,DB,DW), 1 Ferdinand 5/23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 1 Essex Jct. 5/24 (SWM), 1 Taftsville 5/26 (SBL,BRJ,GEHa), 1 Goshen 5/29 (SSW). Nashville Warbler: 1 Middlebury 5/7 (MBN), 1 Reading 5/7 (FMH,GEH), 1 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK et al.), 1 Grand Isle 5/10 (DJH), 1 Lincoln 5/11 (JRA), 1 Middlebury 5/12 (JAP), 2 Hartland, 1 Woodstock 5/12 (WGE,NLM), 2 Proctor 5/13 (RWP), 1 Winhall 5/14 (WJN), 1 Essex Jct. 5/14 (SWM), 2 Reading 5/15 (FMH,GEH), 2 West Glover 5/15 (REG), 1 Fairfax 5/18 (PAT), 1 Ferrisburgh 5/20 (JID,MCD), high ct. 24 Ferdinand/Brighton 5/23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). Northern Parula: 3 Moscow 5/17 (EK), 1 Ripton 5/19 (JAP), 1 Peru-Landgrove

Rd. 5/20 (WJN), 1 Reading 5/21 (FMH,GEH), 1 Island Pond 5/22 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 1 Bennington 5/23 (BCD,RSK, et al.), 9 Ferdinand/Brighton 5/23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS) high ct., 1 on 5/23 (DLC,BMP,HMo), 1 5/24 (CBH) Birdathon. Yellow Warbler: 1 ABM, 1 Windsor 4/29 (WGE,NLM), 1 Manchester 5/1 (BWP), 1 Dorset 5/2 (EFG), 2 W. Arlington 5/2 (CJF), 2 Bristol 5/3 (JRA,MB), 1 Springfield 5/8 (WME), 1 Grand Isle 5/8,9, 50 there 5/10 (DJH) high ct., 45 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK, et al.), 1 Stowe 5/11 (EK), 6 Dorset 5/12 (EFG), 10 Middlebury 5/13 (JAP), 1 Craftsbury 5/13 (FO), 1 S. Londonderry 5/13 (WJN), 1 Marlboro 5/15 (JPN), 42 Westford 16 Milton 5/18 (WGE,NLM), many reports of nests and eggs. Chestnut-sided Warbler: 1 Ferrisburgh 5/1 (JID,MCD), 1 E. Dorset 5/9 (RWS), 1 Ira 5/9 (WGE,NLM), 1 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK et al.), 2 Reading 5/11 (FMH,GEH), 2 Montpelier 5/11 (TSA), 1 Fairfax 5/12 (PAT), 4 Lincoln 5/13 (JRA), 1 Waterbury Ctr. 5/15 (EK), on 5/16 2 Manchester (BWP), 1 W. Bolton (MC), 2 S. Starksboro (MRP), 1 Georgia (EMA,RDB); high ct. 40 Bristol 5/26 (JAP). Magnolia Warbler: 2 Reading 5/11 (FMH,GEH), 1 Woodstock 5/12 (WGE,NLM), 1 Winhall 5/15,17 (WJN), 1 Waterbury Ctr. 5/15 4 on 5/17 (EK), 1 Middlebury 5/16 (JAP), 1 E. Dorset 5/16 (RWS), 1 Manchester 5/16,17 (BWP), 1 Lewis 5/17 (REG), 3 Reading 5/18,19 (FMH,GEH), 3 Ripton 5/19 (JAP), high ct. 28 Ferdinand/Brighton 5/23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), amazing how many observers missed this usually common species. Cape May Warbler: 1 Quechee 5/10 (WGE,NLM), 4 Saxtons River 5/13 (REG), 1 Georgia 5/18 (EMA,RDB), 1 Middlebury 5/19 (JAP), 5 Ferdinand, 1 Norwich 5/23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS) high ct., 1 Birdathon 5/23 (DLC,BMP, HMc). Black-throated Blue Warbler: 3 S. Wallingford 5/2 (CJF), 1 Thetford 5/5 (MH), 6 Hartland 5/7 (WGE), 1 Chester 5/7 (CEA), 2 Hubbardton 5/8 (CJF), 1 E. Dorset 5/9 (RWS), 7 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK, et al.), 7 Middlesex Notch 5/9 (TSA), 1 Windsor 5/10 (WME), 4 Lincoln 5/10 (JRA), 3 Proctor 5/11 (RWP), 8 Goshen 5/13 (SSW), 1 Manchester 5/16,17 (BWP), 1 West Haven 5/16 (MBN), 1 Dorset 5/16 (EFG), 1 S. Starksboro 5/16 (MRP), 10 Ripton 5/17 (JRA), 15 Reading 5/18 (FMH,GEH) high ct., 1 Winhall 5/19 (WJN), 1 Dorset 5/19 (ADL,EHS). Yellow-rumped Warbler: 1 Chester 3/25 (CEA) very early, 1 Manchester 4/11 (BWP), 12 E. Dorset 4/11 (RWS), on 4/25 3 Marlboro (JPN), 1 Clarendon (CJF), 100+ HC (REG,DC) high ct., 8 Tinmouth 4/26 (CJF), 20 Castleton 4/26 (WGE,NLM), 15 Ferrisburgh 4/27 (JID,MCD), 5 Georgia 4/27 (EMA,RDB), at Manchester 2 on 4/24, 3 on 4/26, 8 on 4/27 (BWP), 8 Middlebury 4/30 (JAP), 75 Quechee 5/10 (WGE,NLM) another high ct. Black-throated Green Warbler: 1 Castleton 4/26 (WGE,NLM), 1 Hartland 4/30 (WGE), 2 Manchester/E. Dorset 5/2 (BWP,RWS), 1 on 5/3, 3 on 5/14 Dorset (EFG), 2 Brandon 5/4 (SSW), 1 Marlboro 5/9 (JPN), 17 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK, et al.) high ct., 5 Middlesex 5/9 (TSA), 3 Windsor 5/10 (WME), 1 Reading 5/13 (FMH,GEH), 2 S. Starksboro 5/16 (MRP), 1 Manchester 5/16,17 (BWP), 2 E. Middlebury 5/17 (MBN), 1 Fairfax 5/18 (PAT), 10 Reading 5/18 (FMH,GEH), 3 Ripton 5/19 (JAP). Blackburnian Warbler: 1 Clarendon 4/25 (CJF), 1 Rockingham 4/30 (REG), 1 Fairlee 5/2 (WMS), 1 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK et al.), 2 Dorset 5/10 (EFG), 12 Middlebury 5/12 (JAP), 2 on 5/13, 4 on 5/18,19 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 Manchester 5/17 (BWP), 1 Ferrisburgh 5/20 (JID,MCD), 1 Goshen 5/21 (SSW), 23 Ferdinand/Brighton 5/23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS) the high ct. Pine Warbler: 1 Ferrisburgh 4/26 (JID,MCD), 1 Castleton 4/26 (WGE,NLM), 1 Georgia 4/27 (EMA,RDB), 6 on 4/30, 5 Fairlee, 1 Thetford, 7 Wilder 5/2 (WGE,NLM, et al.), 3 Quechee 5/10 (WGE,NLM), 1 SHSL 5/14,24 (WJN), 1 Berlin 5/16 (TSA), widespread in ChV 5/23 (m.ob.), 4 South Burlington, 1 Burlington 5/25 (SWM), 4 Montpelier 5/26 (WGE,NLM).

Prairie Warbler: 1 Richmond 5/17 (TSA), 1 Woodstock 5/22 (SSW), 1 seen at Rifle Range Woodstock 5/23 (m.ob.). Palm Warbler: 1 Dorset 4/20 (EFG), 8 Chester 4/21 (CEA), 13 HC 4/25 (REG,DC) high ct., 2 Clarendon 4/25 (CJF), at Manchester 2 on 4/26, 4 on 4/27, 1 on 4/28, 2 on 5/2 (BWP), 1 E. Dorset 4/29, 5/2 (RWS), 2 Fairlee 5/2 "yellow" (NLM,WGE,WMS et al.), 1 Bristol 5/3 (JRA), 1 HC 5/3 (AMD), 2 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK et al.), 1 Londonderry 5/15 (WJN), good spring for them. Bay-breasted Warbler: 1 Grand Isle 5/11 (DJH), 1 Ferrisburgh 5/16 (JID,MCD), Birdathon 5/21 (LJE,DCD), 1 Tunbridge 5/23 (ATA,ChA,MMC), 1 Williston 5/23 (CAr), 2 Ferdinand 5/23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), poor showing. Blackpoll Warbler: 1 Ferrisburgh 5/20 (JID,MCD), 2 Bristol 5/20 (JAP), on 5/23 1 Newark (DLC), 3 Brighton, 1 Westmore, 1 Milton (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 1 Williston (CAr), 1 Shrewsbury (SBL,BRJ,CEHa); Birdathon 5/24 (CBH), 1 Dorset 5/24 (EFG), 1 Burlington 5/25 (SWM), 1 DCWMA 5/25 (SSW), 1 BNP 5/26-27 (WGE,NLM,DB), Birdathon 5/26 (RBR,CB,NH,JDLL,SLI), 5 HC 5/27 (REG) high ct. Cerulean Warbler: one reported Colchester 5/23 (PBR), the colony on the Lamoille R. at SBWNA was not reported to RVB this year. Black-and-white Warbler: 1 Quechee 4/23 (WGE), 1 Woodstock 4/23 (SBL), 1 Westminster 4/25 (REG), 1 HC 4/25 (DC), 1 Monkton 4/28 (CSH), 1 Reading 5/4 (FMH,GEH), 1 Middlebury 5/5 (JAP), 1 Springfield 5/6 (WME), 2 Brandon 5/7 (SSW), 7 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK, et al.), 2 Middlesex 5/9 (TSA), 3 Lincoln 5/10 (JRA), 2 Proctor 5/11 (RWP), 4 Dorset 5/14 (EFG), high ct. 12 Ripton 5/17 (JRA). American Redstart: 1 Montpelier 5/2 (TSA), 1 Middlebury 5/5,13 (JAP), 1 Brandon 5/8 (SSW), 1 Westminster, 1 HC 5/9 (REG), 2 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK et al.), 2 West Haven 5/16 (MBN), 1 Ira 5/17 (CJF), 1 Moscow 5/17 (EK), 7 Milton, 4 Westford 5/18 (WGE,NLM), 5 Reading 5/18 (FMH,GEH), 1 Dorset 5/19 (EMS,ADL), 3 Grand Isle 5/19 (DJH), high ct. 11 Ferdinand/Brighton 5/23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). Ovenbird: two incredibly early records 1 Fairfax 4/9 (PAT), 1 Wallingford 4/13,5/3 (SJD), 1 Manchester 5/2 (BWP,RWS), 1 Pomfret 5/4 (KRT), 1 Norwich 5/6 (CCR), 1 Reading 5/7 (FMH,GEH), 3 Underhill 5/8 (DLC), 18 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,NSK, et al.), 3 Marlboro 5/9 (JPN), 6 Middlesex 5/9 (TSA), 6 Middlebury 5/9 (MBN), on 5/10 1 Dorset (EFG), 4 Lincoln (JRA), 4 Mt. Ascutney (WME), 3 Chester (CEA); 6 Proctor 5/11 (RWP), 11 Saxtons River 5/11 (REG), 6 Woodstock 5/12 (WGE,NLM), 3 Georgia 5/12 (EMA,RDB), high ct. 20 Middlebury 5/12 (JAP). Northern Waterthrush: 1 Quechee 4/24 (WGE), 1 HC 4/24 (DC), 1 HC 4/25 (REG), 1 Leicester 4/26, 4 there 5/7 (JID,MCD), 3 HC 4/27 (DC), 3 Brandon 4/30, 5 there 5/5 (SSW), 1 Manchester 5/2 (BWP,RWS), 1 Middlebury 5/9 (MBN), 2 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK et al.), 1 Dorset 5/10 (EFG), 3 Cornwall 5/10 (JAP), 2 Peru-Landgrove Rd. 5/11 (WJN), 1 Waterbury Ctr. 5/15 (EK), high ct. 15 Reading 5/20 (FMH,GEH), 5 banded at BNP good total (CCR). Louisiana Waterthrush: 1 Westminster 4/27 (DC,REG), 1 Woodstock 4/27 (WGE,NLM), 1 Reading 5/2 (FMH,GEH), 2 Benson 5/3 (CJF), 3 Brandon 5/7 (SSW), 1 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK, et al.), 2 West Haven 5/9,10 (BWP), 2 Fair Haven 5/10 (RWS), 5 West Haven 5/16 (WGE,NLM, et al.) high ct., 1 Manchester 5/16 (BWP,RWS), 1 West Haven 5/16 (MBN), 1 Hartland 5/21 into June (WGE,NLM), 1 Reading 5/23 (FMH,GEH), 1 Williston 5/23 (CAr). Mourning Warbler: 1 Underhill 5/15-period (DLC), 1 Dorset 5/16 (EFG), 1 Birdathon 5/16 (CHB,BGW), 1 Manchester 5/17 (BWP,RWS), 1 Fairfax 5/18 (PAT), 1 Birdathon 5/21 (DCD,LJE), 1 Derby 5/22 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 1 Reading 5/22 (FMH,GEH), Birdathon 5/23 (DLC,BMP,HMc), 1 Shrewsbury 5/23 (EE,HSP, REP,LB), 2 Manchester 5/23 (BWP,RWS), 2 Dorset 5/25 (EFG), 1

Birdathon 5/24 (CBH), 1 Birdathon 5/26 (RBR,NH,JDLL,SLI), 4 Bristol 5/26 (JAP), 1 Middlebury 5/27 (JAP), 1 Addison 5/30 (SWM). Common Yellowthroat: 1 Ferrisburgh 4/19 (JID,MCD) early, 4 Vershire 5/2 (KRH), 1 Dorset 5/7 (EFG), 2 Brandon 5/8 (SSW), 1 HC 5/9 (REG), 6 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK, et al.), 1 ABM 5/10 (AMD), 1 Grand Isle 5/10 (DJH), 1 Middlebury 5/10 (JAP), 1 Reading 5/11 (FMH,GEH), 1 Stowe 5/14 (EK), 2 Pawlet 5/16 (CJF), 1 S. Stowe 5/16 (MRP), 2 Berlin 5/16 (TSA), 3 Manchester 5/16 (BWP), high ct. 32 Brighton/Ferdinand 5/23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). Wilson's Warbler: 1 Corinth 5/12 (JBE), 1 E. Dorset 5/13 (RWS), 2 BNP 5/14 (WGE,NLM,DB), 2 Brunswick 5/16 (DLC,TMu), 1 Westford 5/18 (WGE,NLM), 1 Middlebury 5/20 (JAP), 1 Essex Jct. 5/20,28 (SWM), 1 Colchester 5/23 (PBR), 4 banded at BNP (CCR). Canada Warbler: 2 Reading 5/13 (FMH,GEH), 1 Marlboro 5/15 (JPN), 1 Bloomfield, 2 Brunswick 5/16 (DLC,TMu), 1 Manchester 5/17 (BWP,RWS), 1 Moscow 5/17 (EK), 1 Goshen 5/17 (SSW), 1 HC5/20 (REG), 1 Lye Brook 5/21 (ADL,EHS), 1 Brownington, 1 Derby, 1 Island Pond 5/22, 4 Ferdinand/Brighton 5/23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 2 Salisbury 5/25 (RWP), 8 Bristol 5/26 (JAP), 1 S. Starksboro 5/30 (MRP), numerous Birdathon reports (m.ob.), high ct. 10 Reading 5/30 (FMH,GEH).

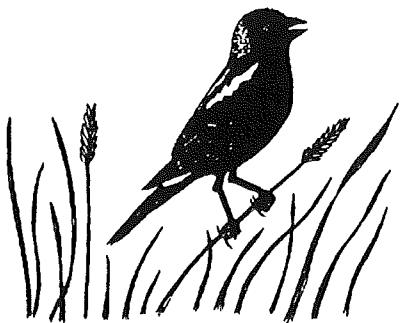
TANAGER THROUGH SNOW BUNTING

Scarlet Tanager: 1 Fairfax 5/11 (PAT), 1 Middlebury 5/12 (JAP), 5 Sharon 5/14 (MWB) a high ct., on 5/16 1 Shelburne (BB), 1 Essex Jct. (SWM), 1 DCWMA (EHS,ADC), 1 West Haven, 1 Weybridge (MBN), 2 West Haven (WGE,NLM, et al.), 1 E. Dorset (RWS); on 5/17 1 Reading (FMH,GEH), 3 Lincoln (RWP,JRA), 2 Benson (CJF); on 5/19 1 Underhill (DLC), 1 Marlboro (JPN), 1 S. Starksboro (MRP), 1 Dorset (EHS,ADL); 5 Reading 5/20 (FMH,GEH) another high ct. Northern Cardinal: present throughout the year in most areas. Some high cts.: 11 Putney to Rockingham 3/3 (WGE,NLM), 10 Middlebury 3/21 (JAP), 31 Bennington 5/9 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: a report of 6 at a feeder in Grand Isle 4/11 (fide DJH), 1 E. Barnard 4/29 (JRL), 1 Dorset 5/1 (EFG), 1 Winhall 5/2 (ASp), 1 Brownsville 5/6 (BMH), 1 Benson 5/6 (JCC), 2 Randolph 5/7 (EWC,MCC), 2 Vershire 5/10 (KRH), 1 Grand Isle 5/10 (DJH), 1 Waterbury Ctr. 5/11 (EK), 1 Fairfax 5/12 (PAT), 1 Brandon, 1 Goshen 5/12 (SSW), 1 W. Bolton 5/13 (MC), 2 Ferrisburgh 5/13 (JID,MCD), 1 Springfield 5/14 (REG), 1 Winhall 5/14 (WJN), high ct. 30 Bristol 5/26 (JAP). Indigo Bunting: 1 Ferrisburgh 5/9 (JID,MCD), 1 Brownsville 5/16 (BMH), on 5/18 1 Quechee (GN), 2 Woodstock (ML), 1 Bridgewater 5/18,19 (MS), on 5/19 1 Vershire (KRH), 1 Brandon (SSW); 1 Fair Haven 5/22 (JCC), 2 Ira 5/23 (RWP), 1 Ferdinand, 5 Milton-Addison 5/23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 1 Topsham 5/23 (EM), on 5/30, 1 S. Starksboro (MRP), 2 Addison (SWM), 3 Bristol Notch/Lincoln (JRA), 2 Ira (REG), many reports at feeders. Rufous-sided Towhee: 1 W. Woodstock 3/1 (LKM) wintering bird still present, 1 Woodstock 4/22 (WGE,NLM), 1 Reading 4/23,24 (FMH,GEH), 1 Randolph 4/24,5/6 (EWC,MCC), 1 HC, 1 Sharon 4/25 (DC), 2 Shelburne 4/26 (EMA,RDB), 1 Lincoln 4/27 (JRA), 1 Dorset 5/2 (EFG), 1 Clarendon 5/6 (CJF), 10 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK et al.), 1 Winhall 5/10 (WJN), 1 Manchester 5/16 (BWP), 1 Brighton 5/16 (DLC,TMu), nest with 3 eggs at BNP 5/20 (DB). American Tree Sparrow: some high cts. 13 Middlebury 3/1 (JAP), 13 Brandon 3/4 (SSW), 15 Swanton 4/11 (WGE,NLM et al.), some late dates 1 SHSL 4/20 (WJN), 1 BNP 4/22 (WGE,NLM), 1 Weybridge 4/24 (MBN), 1 Ferrisburgh 4/24 (JID,MCD), 3 Shelburne 4/26

(EMA,RDB). Chipping Sparrow: 1 SHSL 3/15 (WJN) very early, this may have been the same individual present here until 1/13 which then disappeared, 1 Ferrisburgh 4/9 (JID,MCD), 1 Westminster W. 4/15 (AMD), 4 Chester 4/20 (CEA), on 4/22 1 Reading (FMH,GEH), 1 Springfield (WME), 1 Marlboro (JPN), 1 Brandon (SSW); 2 BNP 4/24 (CCR), 25 SHSL 4/25 (WJN), 2 Addison 4/25 (DLC,GEHa), 2 Manchester 4/26 (BWP), 2 Shelburne 4/26 (EMA,RDB), 3 Dorset 4/26 (EFG), on 4/27 2 Barnard (JNF), 4 Weybridge (MBN); 2 Lincoln/Middlebury 4/28 (JRA), 2 Montpelier 4/28 (TSA), 1 Randolph 4/30 (EWC,MCC), high ct. 28 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK et al.), nest building at Pittsford 5/23 (RWP). Field Sparrow: 1 SHSL 4/11 (WJN), 3 Marlboro 4/13 (JPN), 2 Woodstock 4/17 (WGE,MSL,TG), 1 Dorset 4/20 (EFG), 1 Reading 4/24 (FMH,GEH), 1 Addison 4/25 (DLG,GEHa), 1 Ferrisburgh 4/27 (JID,MCD), 1 Middlebury 4/28 (JAP), 3 Brandon 5/21 (SSW), poor showing. Vesper Sparrow: 1 Woodstock 4/17 (WGE,EFG,MSL), 1 Benson 4/18 (REG), 2 New Haven 4/20 (JAP), 1 Addison 4/25 (DLC,GEHa), 1 banded BNP 5/1 (CCR), 1 Chester 5/4 (CEA), 1 Landgrove 5/11 (WJN), 1 Panton 5/16 (JAP), 2 DCWMA 5/17 (TSA), 4 Brighton airport 5/22,23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 1 SBWMA 5/23 (DRu), 1 SHSL 5/24 (WJN). Savannah Sparrow: 1 Benson 4/18 (REG), 1 Ferrisburgh 4/19 (WGE,NLM), 4 New Haven 4/20 (JAP), 2 Clarendon 4/20 (CJF), 7 Quechee 4/21 (WGE,NLM), 3 Woodstock 4/22 (KRT), 1 Wallingford 4/24 (SJD), 2 DCWMA 4/25 (JRA), 1 SHSL 4/25,26 (WJN), 3 Addison, 2 Orwell 4/25 (DLC,GEHa), 1 Grand Isle 5/1 (DJH), high ct. 20+ DCWMA 5/23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). Grasshopper Sparrow: 1 DCWMA 4/24 (REG), 1 Grand Isle 5/8 (DJH), 1 Panton 5/23 (DLC,WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS, m.ob.). Fox Sparrow: 1 Florence 3/12 (VH), 1 Weathersfield 3/12 (EE), 1 Brandon 3/12 (SSW), 1 Woodstock 3/13 (PHH), 1 Weybridge 3/13 (MBN), 1 Rutland 3/22,23 (CJF), 1 Hartland 3/26 (NLM), 1-3 Craftsbury 4/11,12,16,21 (FO), 1 Stockbridge 4/11,16 (EH), 1 Ferrisburgh 4/11,24 (JID,MCD), 3 Marlboro 4/13 (JPN), 1 Westminster W. 4/15,20 (AMD), 1 Quechee 4/17,18, 3 W. Hartford 4/18 (KRT), 1 North Hero 4/18 (DLC), 1 Proctor 4/19 (RWP), 4 Grafton 4/20 (DC) high ct., 1 BNP 4/20 (WGE,NLM), 1 W. Bolton 4/25 (MC), 2 Shelburne 4/26 (EMA,RDB), 1 Underhill 4/28 (DLC), 1 Benson through May into June (JCC), 1 Grand Isle 5/3 (DJH), 1 SHSL 5/5 (WJN), 2 Montpelier 5/15 (TSA), good spring for them, several late dates. Song Sparrow: overwintered in many places, 2 Middlebury 3/1 (JAP), 1 Westminster 3/1,2 (AMD,REG), 2 Putney 3/3 (WGE,NLM), 1 Brandon 3/11 (SSW), 1 Barnard 3/11 (JNF), 1 Marlboro 3/11 (JPN), 1 Tinmouth 3/12 (PMB), 2 Woodstock 3/12 (KRT), 4 Wallingford 3/20 (SJD), 3 Chester 3/25 (CEA), 1 Reading 3/28 (FMH,GEH), 2 Manchester 3/28 (BWP), high ct. 70 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK, et al.), nest and 3 eggs Button Bay 5/25 (RWP). Lincoln Sparrow: 1 BNP 5/13 (WGE,NLM,EFG), 2 Ferdinand 5/17 (REG), 7 Ferdinand-Brighton 5/23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). Swamp Sparrow: 4 Dorset 4/20 (EFG), 1 Quechee 4/21 (WGE,NLM), 1 Lincoln 4/23 (JRA), 1 Tinmouth 4/26 (CJF), 9 Dorset 4/24 (EFG), 2 Barton 5/2 (REG), 6 Bristol 5/3 (JRA), 2 Berlin 5/3 (TSA), 2 Brandon 5/4 (SSW), 1 Manchester 5/5 (BWP), 9 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK, et al.), high ct. 15 Brighton/Ferdinand 5/23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). White-throated Sparrow: overwintered in some areas, 1 on 3/3 (WGE,NLM), 1 on 3/10 (REG) Rockingham, 1 Montpelier 3/20 (TSA), 5 Marlboro 4/13 (JPN), 1 Rutland 4/18 (CJF), 2 Dorset 4/19 (EFG), 1 W. Bolton 4/21 (MC), 1 Craftsbury 4/21, 3 on 4/22 (FO), 1 Barnard 4/22 (JNF), 6 Randolph 4/24 (EWC,MCC), 20 Manchester 4/24 (BWP), 2 Weybridge 4/24 (MBN), 12 Marlboro 4/25 (JPN), 2 Proctor 4/25 (RWP), high ct. 45 Ferdinand/Brighton 5/23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). White-crowned Sparrow: 1 Grand Isle 4/25

(DJH), 1 Wallingford 4/25 (SJD), 1 Lincoln 5/1 (JRA), 1 W. Bolton 5/3 (MC), 1 Weybridge 5/3 (MBN), 3 Brandon 5/4 (SSW), 1 BNP 5/4 (CCR), 1 Proctor 5/5 (RWP), 1 BNP 5/5 (WGE,NLM), 1 Springfield 5/9 (WME), 1 Dorset 5/9 (EFG), 2 W. Bolton 5/10 (MC), 3 Marlboro 5/10 (JPN), 3 Chester 5/12 (CEA), 1 W. Bolton 5/16 (MC), 1 W. Haven 5/16 (MBN,NLM,WGE), 1 Manchester 5/18 (BWP), 1 SHSL 5/19,20 (WJN), several recorded on Birdathons 5/23 (m.ob.), high ct. only 3. Dark-eyed Junco: on 3/1 5 Dorset (EFG), 10 Marlboro (JPN), 1 SHSL (WJN); 6 Saxtons River 3/4 (REG), 1 Hartland 3/6 (WGE,NLM), 1 Rutland 3/8 (CJF), 1 Reading 3/9 (FMH,GEH), on 3/12 2 Lincoln (JRA), 8 Barnard (JNF); on 3/14 1 W. Bolton (MC), 1 Wallingford (SJD), 4 Manchester 3/22 (BWP), 1 Montpelier 3/29 (TSA), widespread after that. Many of the early dates doubtless reflect wintering birds. Some high cts. 75 Reading 4/16 (FMH,GEH), 77 Hartland/Quechee 4/16 (WGE,NLM), 75 SHSL/Winfall 4/18 (WJN), 65 Dorset 4/19 (EFG), 140 Barnard 4/19 (WGE,NLM), 50 Ferrisburgh 4/26 (JID,MCD), a bird showing the characteristics of an "Oregon" Junco at a Woodstock feeder 4/17 (HDC,WTO). Lapland Longspur: 11 Addison, 2 Weybridge 3/8, 9 Addison (m. in full song) 3/29 (WGE,NLM, et al.). Snow Bunting: 450 Addison 3/2 (JAP) high ct., 170 Putney 3/3 (WGE,NLM), 15 Starksboro 3/3 (JRA), 50 Georgia 3/12 (EMA,RDB), 48 Addison 3/29 (WGE,NLM), 2 Swanton 4/11 (WGE,NLM, et al.).

Bobolink



BLACKBIRDS

Bobolink: 4 Ferrisburgh 5/1 (JAP), 18 (JAP), 3 (REG) Addison 5/4, 1 Springfield 5/4 (WME), 4 Grand Isle 5/4 (DJH), 1 on 5/5 (SSW), 11 on 5/8 (MBN) Brandon, 24 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK, et al.), 1 E. Dorset 5/10 (RWS), 11 Chester 5/10 (CEA), 3 Ferrisburgh 5/11 (JID,MCD), "several" Brownsburg 5/11 (BMH), 4 Hartland/Woodstock 5/12 (WGE,NLM), 3 Dorset 5/14 (EFG), 2 Waltham 5/15 (JRA), on 5/16 10 Manchester (BWP), 3 Berlin (TSA), 4 S. Starksboro (MR), high ct. 30+ South Hero 5/25 (EMA,RDB). Red-winged Blackbird: on the move in February, 1 W. Bolton 3/1 (MC), 1 Tinmouth 3/2 (PMB), 4 Marlboro 3/2 (JPN), 50 Danby 3/3 (CJF), 1 Fairlee 3/3 (SWS), on 3/4 12 New Haven (JAP), 1 Brandon (SSW), 1 Dorset (EFG), 150 Middlebury (JAP), on 3/5 1 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 7 Chester (CEA), on 3/6 1 Grand Isle (DJH), 3 Williston (MDC); 83 Panton, 87 Ferrisburgh 3/8 (WGE,NLM), 1 Middlesex 3/8 (EEH), on 3/9 8 Weybridge (MBN), 5 South Hero (EMA,RDB), 8 Ompompanoosuc R. (SWS), 3 Morrisville (EK); 1 Sharon 3/10 (MWB), 50 Brandon 3/10 (SSW), 15 Plymouth 3/11 (BGM), 6 HC 3/13 (CJF), 1500 Clarendon 3/14 (CJF), a high ct. 2500 mixed with Grackles, Panton 3/27 (JRA). Eastern Meadowlark: 1 Addison 3/15 (REG), 1 Grand Isle 3/16 (DJH), 2 Button Bay 3/21 (CJF), 1

Manchester 3/22 (BWP), 1 W. Haven 3/28 (SSW), 2 Dorset 4/8,23 (EFG), 2 South Hero 4/13 (EMA,RDB), 2 Brownsburg 4/17 (BMH), 2 Springfield 4/30 (WME), 2 Berlin 5/3 (TSA), 2 Craftsbury 5/5 (FO), 1 SHSL 5/5 (WJN), 2 S. Wallingford 5/8 (CJF), 7 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK et al.), 3 Brandon to DCWMA 5/21 (SSW), 8 Addison to Ferrisburgh 5/23 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). Rusty Blackbird: 1 on 3/8, 2 on 4/2 SHSL (WJN), 5 Westminster 3/14 (REG), 1 Wallingford 4/7 (SJD), 1 Weybridge 4/9 (MBN), 3 Ferrisburgh 4/19 (WGE,NLM), 1 BRP 4/22 (WGE), 3 Quechee 4/27 (WGE,NLM), 1 banded BNP 5/4 (CCR), 5 Grand Isle 5/6, 2 on 5/7 (DJH), 1 E. Dorset 5/9 (RWS), Birdathon 5/23 (DPa,EP). Brewer's Blackbird: 2 reported Grand Isle 5/26 (DJH), no details. Common Grackle: 2 Middlebury 3/5 (JAP), 1 Rutland 3/5 (CJF), 1 Shelburne 3/6 (JRA), 1 Quechee 3/6 (JMN), 90 Bridport 3/8 (WGE,NLM), on 3/9 1 Dorset (EFG), 6 Fairlee (SWS), 1 Vernon (REG), 8 Weybridge (MBN); 1 Springfield 3/11 (WMG), 1 E. Dorset 3/13 (RWS), 1 Georgia 3/13 (EMA,RDB), 100 Clarendon 3/14 (CJF), 50 Burlington 3/16 (SWM), 132 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK, et al.), flock of 2400 mixed Redwings and Grackles 3/27 Panton (JRA), ad. observed emerging from nesting cavity in dead tree WRM 5/8 (RWP), nestlings fledged Grand Isle 5/28 (DJH). Brown-headed Cowbird: 1 Middlebury 3/6 (JAP), 1 Grand Isle 3/8 (DJH), 19 Brandon 3/10 (SSW), 1 Randolph 3/11 (EWC,MCC), 10 Clarendon 3/13 (CJF), 4 W. Bolton 3/14 (MC), 3 N. Ferrisburgh 3/21 (JRA), 3 Springfield 3/27 (REG), 1 Reading 3/28 (FMH,GEH), 2 Dorset 4/5 (EFG), 2 Stowe 4/7 (EK), 6 Chester 4/10 (CEA), high ct. 200 MNWR 4/19 (EMA,RDB). Orchard Oriole: 1 imm. m. Dorset 5/24 (EFG), 1-2 seen from 5/9-5/30 DARSP Addison (m.ob.). Northern Oriole: 1 HC 5/6 (REG), 1 Woodstock 5/6 (JMN), 1 Dorset 5/7 (EFG), 1 Chester 5/7 (CEA), 8 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK et al.), 3 Ferrisburgh 5/10 (JID,MCD), 1 Brandon 5/11 (SSW), 1 Randolph 5/11 (EWC,MCC), 1 W. Bolton 5/11 (MC), 1 Grand Isle 5/12 (DJH), 1 Waterbury Ctr. 5/13 (EK), 1 Marlboro 5/14 (JPN), 2 Weybridge 5/15 (MBN), 3 Essex Jct. 5/15 (SWN); high ct. 18 Westford, 15 Milton 5/18 (WGE,NLM).

FINCHES AND HOUSE SPARROWS

Pine Grosbeak: 8 Moose Bog, Ferdinand 3/21 (BWP). Purple Finch: overwintered, present throughout the state during the period, some high cts.: 30 Middlebury 3/1 (JAP), 88 Weybridge/Bridport 3/8 (WGE,NLM), 25 Benson, 30 Shoreham 3/25 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 30 Weybridge 3/26 (MBN), up to 100 Vershire 4/11-12 (KRH) during snowstorm, 30 Norwich 4/15 (AB), 35 Hartland 4/16 (WGE,NLM). House Finch: occurs about everywhere now, some high cts.: up to 35 period Grand Isle (RBL), 35 Dorset 3/1 (EFG), 62 Addison 3/8 (WGE,NLM), 55 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK, et al.). Red Crossbill: 2 Tunbridge 5/23 (ATA,ChA,MMC). White-winged Crossbill: 40 N. Troy 3/5 (RBL). Common Redpoll: 1 Weybridge 3/1 (MBN), 1 Norwich 3/3 (GFE), 1 Westminster W. 3/9 (AMD), 2 Lincoln 3/13 (JRA), 1 Grand Isle 3/14, 4 on 3/23, 2 on 3/25, 4/20-22 (RBL), 18 Clarendon 3/14 (CJF), 1 Randolph 3/18 (EWC,MCC), 20 Woodstock 3/22 (KRT), 7 Georgia 3/23 (EMA,RDB), 80 on 3/25 high ct., 2 on 4/7 Essex Jct. (SWM), 12 Georgia 3/26-31 (EMA,RDB), 2 Grafton 3/28 (DC), 50' Wolcott 4/3 (NMM), "several" Ripton 4/12-18 (WBK), 1 Montpelier 4/12, 4 on 4/17 (TSA), 2 Lincoln 4/13 (JRA), 1 Norwich 4/14 (CCR,ALR), 40 W. Bolton 4/15 (MC), on 4/16 5 Stockbridge (EH), 4 Norwich (GFE), 3 Hartland (WGE,NLM), 1 Georgia (EMA,RDB), on 4/17 Grand Isle (RBL), 1 Weybridge (MBN), 20 HC (REG), on 4/18 2 Woodstock

(SBL), 1 Quechee (KRT), 1 E. Dorset (RWS); 6 Rutland 4/19 (CJF), 4 Springfield 4/19 (WME), "flock" N. Duxbury 4/21 (MS), 1 W. Bolton 4/27 (MC), about 50 all of April Vershire (KRH), 4 Wallingford 5/8 (SJD), present at Underhill 3/1-4/10 high of 80 (DLC). Pine Siskin: present through the period, apparently bred widely. Some high cts: 50 Wallingford 3/1 (SJD), 66 Manchester 3/1 (BWP), 100 Dorset 3/1, 4/3 (EFG), 250 Weybridge 3/1 (MBN), 75 Lincoln 3/1 (CJF) and 3/14 (JRA) 50 Westminster 3/4 (REG), 50 Chester 3/13 (CEA), 50 Middlebury 3/22 (JAP), 75 Weybridge 3/29 (CJF), 50 Vershire all of April (KRH), 50 March-April Georgia (EMA,RDB), 50 Woodstock 4/6-27 (SBL), 60 Montpelier 4/12 (TSA), 70 SHSL 4/16 (WJN), 57 Manchester 4/22 (BWP), yg. brought to feeder 4/24 SHSL (WJN). American Goldfinch: wintered widely this year, usual influx of breeders in May. High cts.: 60 Westminster 3/4 (REG), 81 Benson 3/25 (WGE,NLM,JPM,JBM), 40+ Vershire 4/5 (KRH), 30 Montpelier 4/12 (TSA), 60 Weybridge 4/11 (MBN), 43 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK, et al.). Evening Grosbeak: present in unspectacular numbers through the winter, but stayed through the period at most high elevation areas, with considerable breeding in southern Vermont as was the case last year. Some high counts: 45 W. Bolton 3/1 (MC), 18 Middlebury 3/9 (JAP), 20 SHSL 3/19 (WJN), 27 on 3/23, 46 on 3/28 Manchester (BWP), 15 Dorset 4/6 (EFG), 25 Wilder, 15 Woodstock 4/17, 17 on 4/22 (WGE,NLM), 15 Reading 5/11 (FMH,GEH), 20+ Plymouth 5/11 (EGM), up to 30 through the period Chester (CEA). House Sparrow: present in usual areas around towns and farm buildings. Some high cts.: 43 Westminster 3/2 (REG), 20 Wallingford 4/4 (SJD), 24 Montpelier 4/7 (TSA), 64 Bennington 5/9 (BCD,RSK, et al.), 30+ SHSL period (WJN), 30+ Brownsville period (BMH).

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ABBREVIATIONS USED FOR PLACE NAMES

ABM	Allen Brothers Marsh, Westminster
BRM	Barton River Marshes, Coventry and Newport
BNP	Bragdon Nature Preserve - VINS, Woodstock
CR	Connecticut River
ChV	Champlain Valley
DARSP	DAR State Park, Addison
DCWMA	Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison-Panton
HC	Herrick's Cove, Rockingham
LC	Lake Champlain
MNWR	Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge, Swanton
SBWMA	Sandbar Wildlife Management Area, Milton
SHSL	Smith Haven Grounds, South Londonderry
WRM	West Rutland Marsh, West Rutland
WHL	Winhall Hawk Lookout
WRD	Delta Park, Winooski River Delta, Colchester

ad.	adult(s)	m.	male (s)
Ctr.	Center	max.	maximum
f.	female (s)	Mt.	Mountain (s)
high ct.	high count (s)	pr.	pair (s)
imm.	immature (s)	Pt.	Point
Isl.	Island	Pd.	Pond
Jct.	Junction	R.	River
L.	Lake	yg.	young

Memorandum Regarding Rare Species Documentation

The Vermont Bird Records Committee (VBRC) emphasizes the importance of descriptive and detailed documentation for all rarities, rare nesting species and out-of-season species.

The committee is anxious to involve all Vermont birders in the process of producing as accurate a Vermont state list as possible. This list and all documentation must be credible to future ornithologists who will use the material for research. Suggestions for improving the reporting/voting process will be gratefully received by the committee.

It is frustrating for both the observer and the committee to have a tantalizing sighting of a rare species not listed due to insufficient details.

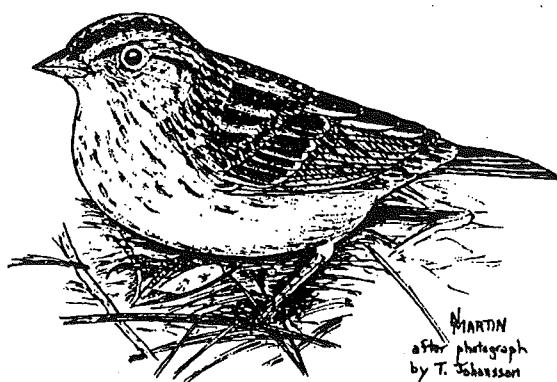
Writing down the salient points of identification, talking into a tape recorder, making a quick sketch or taking a photograph at the time of observation are ways to help with accurate recounting later.

The Rare Species Documentation (RSD) form is both for filing the reports and is intended as a guide for the information needed. After completing the first page, reporters may prefer to write the description of the bird on a separate sheet of paper but checking the form for details requested.

Again the VRBC expresses its thanks to all observers who have contributed valuable information to the Vermont state list thus far.



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