

Records of Vermont Birds

VERMONT INSTITUTE OF NATURAL SCIENCE

Vermont Bird Records Committee Report 1993

The Vermont Bird Records Committee met on 6 November 1993 for its yearly meeting to review rare bird reports. The Committee's function is to establish guidelines for the reporting of rarities and to review and evaluate records of rarities for their acceptability by future researchers and for inclusion in the state bird list. The Committee's recommendations are followed in the publication of records in *Records of Vermont Birds*. The Bird Records Committee consists of the managing editor of *Records of Vermont Birds*, the seasonal editors of *Records of Vermont Birds*, and the regional editors for Vermont for *American Birds*.

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

SPECIES FOR WHICH DETAILED REPORTS ARE REQUIRED

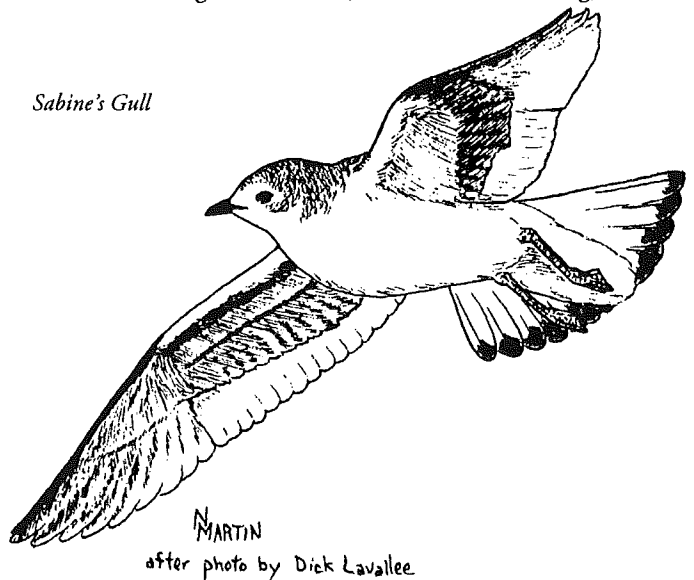
Write to the Vermont Institute of Natural Science for Rare Species Documentation forms (RSD's) or for Rare Species Nesting Report forms (RNR's).

- 1) A documentation report is required for any species not included on the Vermont Daily Field Card and for any species significantly outside the usual dates of occurrence in Vermont.
- 2) In addition, RSD's are required in all seasons for:

Golden Eagle	Black-backed Woodpecker
Barn Owl	(outside Northeast Kingdom)
Long-eared Owl	Sedge Wren
Three-toed Woodpecker	Orange-crowned Warbler
Yellow-breasted Chat	
- 3) RNR's are requested on the following species (which are rare nesters in Vermont) *if the species is observed in the proper breeding habitat during the breeding season* (exceptions or special cases follow each species name in parentheses):

- Pied-billed Grebe
- Least Bittern (except for the West Rutland Marsh, Dead Creek and Missisquoi)
- Great Egret (between 15 May and 15 July)
- Northern Shoveler
- American Wigeon
- Ring-necked Duck
- Lesser Scaup
- Osprey (if nesting evidence is observed)
- Bald Eagle (if nesting evidence is observed)
- Northern Harrier (outside the Champlain Valley)
- Cooper's Hawk (if nesting evidence is observed)
- Peregrine Falcon
- Spruce Grouse
- Sora (except the Barton River Marshes, West Rutland Marsh, Dead Creek, and Missisquoi Marshes)
- Upland Sandpiper
- Short-eared Owl
- Red-headed Woodpecker (if probable or confirmed)
- Gray Jay (outside the Northeast Kingdom)
- Loggerhead Shrike
- Grasshopper Sparrow
- Orchard Oriole (if nesting evidence observed)
- Pine Grosbeak
- Red Crossbill (if confirmed breeding)
- White-winged Crossbill (if confirmed breeding)

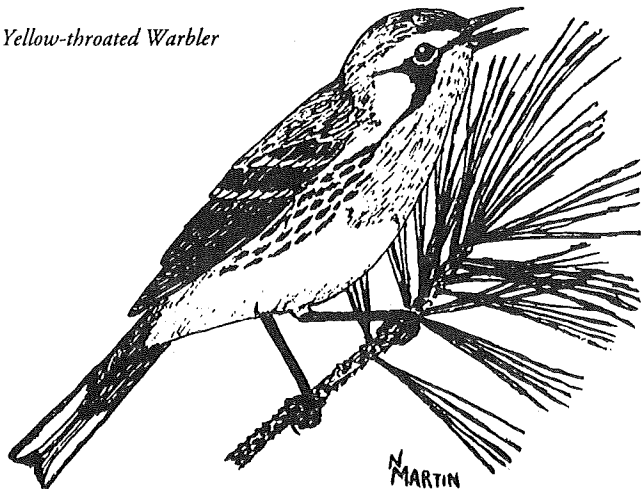
Sabine's Gull



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Yellow-throated Warbler



FIRST STATE NESTING RECORDS

MUTE SWAN (*cygnus olor*) - two adults, three juveniles, Lake Arrowhead, Georgia, Franklin Cty., 8 April thru 26 October 1993. Meeri Zetterstrom, Richard Ferro, Jr. Photograph.

PALM WARBLER (*Dendroica palmarum*) - male and female carrying food to a nest site, Yellow Bogs, Ferdinand, Essex Cty., 6 June 1993. Brett Engstrom, David Desante, Ed Good, Elliot Burch.

NOTABLE STATE RECORDS, SECOND THRU TENTH

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL (*Larus fuscus*) - one adult, Champlain Bridge, Addison, Addison Cty., 20 December 1992. Frank Oatman, Jason Cross. Fourth state record.

COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL (*Larus ridibundus*) - one adult, basic plumage, Perkins Pier, Burlington, Chittenden Cty., 19 January 1993. Edward L. Gaine. Fourth state record.

COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL (*L. ridibundus*) - one adult, basic plumage, probably the same bird as the above record, same location, 23 January 1993. C.J. Frankiewicz, Rhoda H. Horne, George E. (Terry) Hall, Betty Rist Jillson.

LAUGHING GULL (*Larus atricilla*) - one juvenile, Champlain Bridge, Addison, Addison Cty., 3-4 August 1993. Wayne Scott, Judith A. Peterson, M. Heidi Willis. Third state record.

SABINE'S GULL (*Xema sabini*) - one juvenile, Kibbe Point, South Hero, Grand Isle Cty., 11 September 1992. Richard B. Lavallee. Fourth state record.

NORTHERN GANNET (*Morus bassanus*) - one immature, South Hero, Grand Isle Cty., 15 October 1992. R.B. Lavallee, Michele Patenaude. Ninth state record. Photographs.

NORTHERN GANNET (*M. bassanus*) - one immature, St. Albans Bay, St. Albans, Franklin Cty., 15 October 1992. R.B. Lavallee. Tenth state record.

EURASIAN WIGEON (*Anas penelope*) - one adult male, "Denisville", Weybridge, Addison Cty., 6 April 1993. J.A. Peterson, Emma M. Raymond, Marjorie B. Nelson. Tenth state record.

EURASIAN WIGEON (*A. penelope*) - one adult male, possibly the same bird as in the previous record, Rt. 74 at Lemon Fair River, Shoreham, Addison Cty., 17 April 1993. Scott W. Morrival.

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON (*Nyctanassa violaceus*) - one juvenile, Stone Bridge Access, Dead Creek WMA, Panton, Addison Cty., 8 August 1993. Walter G. Ellison, Nancy L. Martin, Jeanne Fossani. Third state record.

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER (*Dendroica dominica*) - one, at a feeder, Burlington, Chittenden Cty., 25 November thru 31 December 1992. Frieda Grassley, G.E. Hall. Seventh state record.

NORTHERN WHEATEAR (*Oenanthe oenanthe*) - one, Market Rd. Bridport, Addison Cty., 10-14 September 1993. Beatrice P. Guyett, Penelope Goodkind, Marion Manning, Joan Haven. Sixth state record.

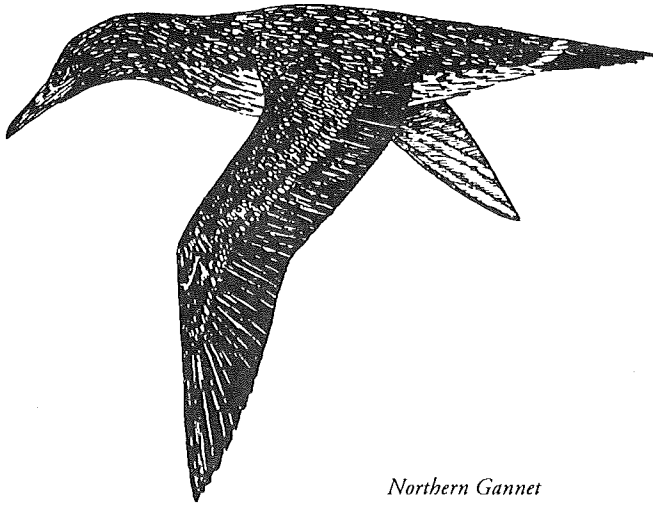
ACCEPTED AS HYPOTHETICAL

PAINTED BUNTING (*Passerina ciris*) - two, male and female, seen on a porch railing, Danby, Rutland Cty., 11 & 13 May 1993. Karl & Winifred Droge. Would be a first state record but lacks a second independent report. The two painted buntings reported by Rosemary Magyari in Winhall, 13 May 1993 might not have been the same birds and thus her report does not confirm the original sighting.

OTHER REPORTS OF RARE SPECIES

BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE (*Rissa tridactyla*) - one, first winter. Champlain Bridge, Addison, Addison Cty., 2 December 1992. E.L. Gaine.

CASPIAN TERN (*Sterna caspia*) - two adults, alternate plumage, Witherell Landing, Bridport, Addison Cty., 15 April 1993. J.A. Peterson.



Northern Gannet

NORTHERN GANNET (*M. bassanus*) - one, first year. Found at Killington Ski Area, Sherburne, Rutland Cty., 13 October 1993. Ann Stabile. Brought to Vermont Raptor Center, 10 days in rehab. Released at Plum Island, Mass. Photograph, Margaret R. Fowle.

GREAT CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) - one, second year, Island Pond, Essex Cty., 22 May 1993. N.L. Martin, W.G. Ellison, Daniel H. Crook, Sara Jean Sangdahl.

TUNDRA SWAN (*Cygnus columbianus*) - one adult, Rockingham, Windsor Cty., 21 November 1992. William J. Norse.

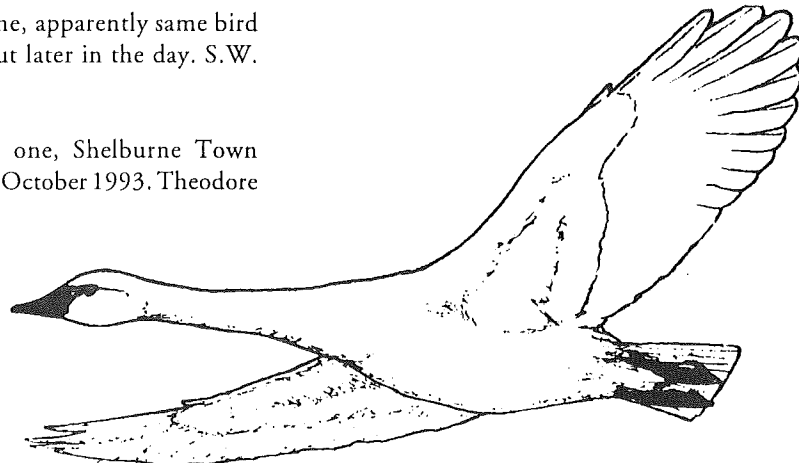
TUNDRA SWAN (*C. columbianus*) - two adults, St. Albans Bay, St. Albans, Franklin Cty., 6 April 1993. Jon & Linda Zurit.

RED PHALAROPE (*Phalaropus fulicaria*) - one, Shelburne Bay, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., 19 September 1993. G.E. Hall.

RED PHALAROPE (*P. fulicaria*) - one, apparently same bird as above, same location, same date but later in the day. S.W. Morrical.

RED PHALAROPE (*P. fulicaria*) - one, Shelburne Town Beach, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., 23 October 1993. Theodore G. Murin.

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HUDSONIAN GODWIT (*Limosa haemastica*) - one, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 17 October 1992. David J. Hoag. Photograph.

HUDSONIAN GODWIT (*L. haemastica*) - one, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 1 September 1993. D.J. Hoag.

HUDSONIAN GODWIT (*L. haemastica*) - one, East Creek WMA, Orwell, Addison Cty., 13 October 1993. J.A. Peterson.

HUDSONIAN GODWIT (*L. haemastica*) - one, East Creek WMA, Orwell, Addison Cty., 15 October 1993. S.W. Morrical & G.E. Hall. Probably same bird as previous record.

HUDSONIAN GODWIT (*L. haemastica*) - three, Blodgett's Beach, Burlington, Chittenden Cty., 17 October 1993. G.E. Hall & Dwight L. Cargill.

HUDSONIAN GODWIT (*L. haemastica*) - one, Stone Bridge Access, Dead Creek WMA, Panton, Addison Cty., 19 October 1993. John D. Marsh.

GOLDEN EAGLE (*Aquila chrysaetos*) - one adult, Underhill, Chittenden Cty., 20 April 1993. D.L. Cargill.

GYRFALCON (*Falco rusticolus*) - one gray morph, Bridport, Addison Cty., 16 November 1992. J.A. Peterson.

GYRFALCON (*F. rusticolus*) - one gray morph, Addison, Addison Cty., 23 January 1993. Frederick A. & Eleanor B. Pratt.

GYRFALCON (*F. rusticolus*) - one gray morph, Salisbury, Addison Cty., 23 March 1993. J.A. Peterson.

GYRFALCON (*F. rusticolus*) - one gray morph, South Hero, Grand Isle Cty., 27 March 1993. T.G. Murin, Andrea Ladshaw.

GYRFALCON (*F. rusticolus*) - one, possibly immature white morph, South Hero, Grand Isle Cty., 2 April 1993. T.G. Murin, Christopher McBride, Susan Spackman.

LONG-EARED OWL (*Asio otus*) - one adult, Lewis Creek Access, Ferrisburgh, Addison Cty., 5 April 1992. N.L. Martin, W.G. Ellison et al.

LONG-EARED OWL (*A. otus*) - one to six, Mt. Independence, Orwell, Addison Cty., eight sightings from 13 December 1992 to 3 May 1993. Bruce Hedin. Photographs.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER (*Vermivora celata*) - one, South Duxbury, Washington Cty., 8 September 1993. F.A. Pratt.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER (*V. celata*) - one, Searsburg, Bennington Cty., 30 September 1993. N.L. Martin.

RARE NESTING SPECIES

COOPER'S HAWK (*Accipiter cooperii*) - one adult female feeding three young in the nest, Brush Hill, Stowe, Lamoille Cty., 7 July thru 4 August 1992. Elizabeth Kellogg.

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes erythrocephalus*) - three nesting pairs fledged four young, Basin Harbor Rd. and Market Rd., Bridport, Addison Cty., 1 April thru 10 September 1993. J.A. Peterson, N.L. Martin and many observers.

WILSON'S WARBLER (*Wilsonia pusilla*) - one male and one female seen together, Yellow Bogs, Ferdinand, Essex Cty., 6 June 1993. B. Engstrom, D. DeSante, E. Burch, E. Good. Accepted as possible nesting.

OUT-OF-SEASON REPORTS

COMMON SNIBE (*Gallinago gallinago*) - one Clarendon, Rutland Cty., 24 January 1993. C.J. Frankiewicz.

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER (*Calidris fuscicollis*) - one adult, alternate plumage, Jct Rts 5 & 14, Coventry, Orleans Cty., 22 May 1993. W.G. Ellison, N.L. Martin, D.H. Crook, S.J. Sangdahl.

VESPER SPARROW (*Pooecetes gramineus*) - one, Addison, Addison Cty., 26 January 1993. J.A. Peterson, E.M. Raymond.

CAPE MAY WARBLER (*Dendroica tigrina*) - one at a feeder, West Dummerston, Windham Cty., 20-25 December 1992. Whitney D. Nichols, Dennis & Beverly Tier, Fred M. Hunt.

UNUSUAL LOCATION

BLACK-BACKED WOODPECKER (*Picoides arcticus*) - one, Winhall, Bennington Cty., 12 September 1993. W.J. Norse.

HYBRIDS, RELEASES, SUB-SPECIES

BARNACLE X WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE HYBRID - two, Ira, Rutland Cty., 11 April 1993. C.J. Frankiewicz, R.H. Horne. Video. Accepted as *Anser* hybrid.

CANADA GOOSE, Richardson's race (*Branta canadensis minima*) - one Rt 17, Dead Creek WMA, Addison, Addison Cty., 24 October 1992. T.G. Murin, C. McBride, A. Ladshaw. Accepted as to species but not as to race. There are at least 5 races of this species smaller than the nominate race.

MUTE SWAN (*Cygnus olor*) - two, Shelburne Bay, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., 27 July 1993. T.G. Murin. Discovered that they had been released.

DARK-EYED JUNCO (*Junco hyemalis*) "Oregon" type - one, South Londonderry, Windham Cty., 26 October 1993. W.J. Norse.

Northern Wheatear

