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The spring of 1993 was dominated by one event, the massive blizzard of March 13-14. Although perhaps not "the storm of the century," it was a destructive storm, which dumped large amounts of snow over a large part of eastern North America and was accompanied by high winds.

Several storms of varying intensity passed through in early March prior to the major one. Record breaking cold followed the big storm, but after several more lesser storms, spring began to arrive in late March with temperatures rising to the 60's.

April turned out to be the wettest April since 1987; the temperatures, however, were close to normal, almost three degrees warmer than last year. Incessant frontal systems produced all the rain, and flood warnings were frequent, especially early in the month, with all the runoff from the big March storm. Snow returned on the 23rd with up to a foot in the mountains of northern and central Vermont. That was winter's swan song, however, as temperatures moderated in the last days of April, up to 76°F on the 29th, and thunderstorms began to replace snow.

May turned around completely from April and turned out to be very dry, in fact the tenth driest since record keeping began. The first two weeks were seasonably warm, and then the pattern reversed at mid-month and cool weather prevailed for the remainder of May.

How did this affect the migration? Well, the "blizzard" just about shut down migration for a couple of weeks. Hardy migrants had been on the move in early March, but they did not commence moving northward again until about 3/27. There was practically no waterfowl movement until April. Sub-zero temperatures kept most waters frozen. The earliest open water was around the Grand Isle Ferry, the only place that had waterfowl in early March.

The Eastern Phoebe, which normally has major movements the second half of March, this year had only a few March records, most arriving after 4/7. The more normal April and the warm first half of May brought things back to normal; in fact many early May arrivals were earlier than average. The cold second half of May caused the late May movers (flycatchers, cuckoos, some warblers) to be late, and migration went on well into June.

As for declines, warblers seemed to have done better than the last few years; maybe the weather cooperated for "full out." However, flycatchers, vireos, thrushes, swallows and some other species were noted to be in poor numbers.

As usual we had some rarities to report, probably fewer than last



Little Blue Heron

year: GREAT CORMORANT, LITTLE BLUE HERON, EURASIAN WIGEON, WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER (a rarity in spring only), CASPIAN TERN, PAINTED BUNTING (2 reports, possibly exotics). Other interesting birds, a little less rare: Great Egret (several), Glossy Ibis (several), Tundra Swan, Barrow's Goldeneye, Golden Eagle, Gyrfalcon (2), Iceland Gull, Glaucous Gull.

Birdathons took place between 5/15 and 5/24, most on 5/22. First place with 143 went to the team of Walter Ellison, Nancy Martin, Dan Crook and Jean Sangdahl. Second place with 123 to the team of Roz Renfrew, John and Suzanne Lloyd, Neil Harrington and Hank Loescher. Third place with 122 to Betty Rist Jillson working alone. Fourth Place with 120 to Sally Laughlin, Deb Davis and Lynn Erb. Fifth place with 118 to Scott Morrill, JoAnn Appleton and Ted Murin. Six other groups equalled or topped 100. Reported to Records of Vermont Birds for Spring 1993 were 226 species with at least 3 hybrids and 2 exotics.

LOONS AND GREBES

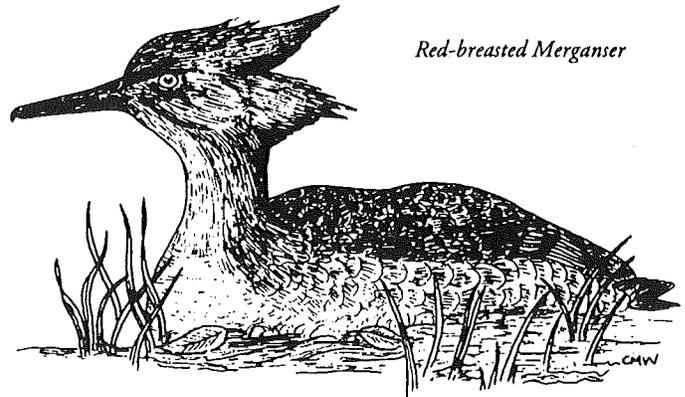
Common Loon: 1 Grand Isle 4/10 (DJH), 1 Windsor 4/12 (MC), 1 Grand Isle 4/17 (DJH), 1 Dewey Pond, Quechee 4/19 (JMN), at least 5 pr. South Bay, Newport 4/22 (MF) the high ct., 1 L. Fairlee 4/23 (DaM), 1 L. Bomoseen, 2 L. St. Catherine, 1 Beebe Rd. Hubbardton 4/24 (CJF), 1 Charlotte 4/24 (DLC), 1 Winooski River Delta Park

(hereafter WRD) 4/24 (SWM), 1 Addison 4/26 (JAP), 1 Chittenden Res. 4/26 (DM), widespread after 5/1 both at breeding lakes and elsewhere. Pied-billed Grebe: 1 Weybridge 4/6 (MBN), 1 Alburg 4/11 (DLC), 1 Grand Isle 4/16 (DJH), 1 Manchester 4/16-18 (BWP), 1 Mud Creek Missisquoi 4/17 (TSA), 1 Clarendon 4/18 (CJF), 1 Bridport 4/21 (JAP), 1 L. Bomoseen 4/24 (CJF), 1 WRD 4/24 (SWM), 2 Springweather Nature Area 4/25 (WME), 1 Ferrisburgh 4/26 (RME), 1 W. Swanton 4/27 (DJH), 1 Salisbury 4/28 (JAP), 1 Springfield Meadows 4/29 (WJN), 1 Chittenden Res. 4/29 (DM), present through May at Barton River Marshes, Coventry/Newport (hereafter BRM) (m.ob.), high ct. there 3. Horned Grebe: 1 Springfield area 4/11 (RWS), 2 Grand Isle 4/19 (RBL), 1 Royalton 4/23 (KRT), 2 Charlotte 4/24 (DLC), 5 Grand Isle 4/27 (RBL) high ct. Very poor showing. This species appears to be on the decline, should be watched closely. Red-necked Grebe: 1 WRD 4/10 (SWM), 5 Ferrisburgh 4/11 (DLC), 11 Champlain Br. Addison 4/14 (MBN), 1 Ferrisburgh 4/26 (JAP), 46 Grand Isle 4/27 (RBL) high ct., 1 Birdathon 5/22 (MB,ET,EW). Fairly good showing. This species seems to increase as the previous one declines.

CORMORANT THROUGH IBIS

GREAT CORMORANT: 1 imm. Island Pond 5/22 (WGE, NLM,DHC,SJS). Double-crested Cormorant: 2 Grand Isle 4/9 (DJH), 2 WRD 4/10 (SWM), 13 Bridport 4/15 (JAP), 2 Panton 4/17 (MBN), 106 Grand Isle 4/17 (DLC) the high ct., 3 North Hero 4/17 (TSA), 15 Prouty Beach, Newport 4/20 (PFW,SAW), 30 Bridport 4/21 (JAP), 1 L. Bomoseen, 1 L. St. Catherine 4/24 (CJF), 3 Burlington 4/25 (SSW), 22 Colchester 4/26 (EMA,RDB). Widespread after 5/1. American Bittern: 1 Winhall 4/18 (WJN), 1 Addison 4/24 (DLC), 2 West Rutland Marsh (hereafter WRM) 4/30 (WJN), 1 Dorset 5/4 (EFG), 2 Middlebury 5/5 (JAP), 1 WRM 5/5 (RWS), 1 Sheffield 5/6 (PFW,SAW), 1 Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area (hereafter DCWMA) 5/8 (SWM), 2 Manchester 5/15 (BWP,RWS). Arrived late and in poor numbers. Least Bittern: Birdathon 5/22 (RR,JDLI,SH,NH,HL), Birdathon 5/24 (SBL,DCD,LJE). Great Blue Heron: 1 Burlington 3/27 (TSA), 2 South Hero 3/28 (DJH), on 4/4, 2 Sandbar Wildlife Management Area (hereafter SBWMA) (EMA,RDB), 2 Clarendon (CJF), 1 Orwell (SSW), 2 North Hero, 1 Winooski (DLC), 3 Colchester (MRP), 1 Salisbury 4/5 (JAP), 2 DCWMA 4/6 (CJF), 3 Dorset 4/6 (EFG), 2 Lefferts Pond, Chittenden 4/10 (DM), 5 South Hero 4/10 (SWM), 1 Waltham 4/10 (JRA), 1 Springfield 4/11 (RWS). High cts. 6 SBWMA 4/26 (EMA,RDB), 6 Herrick's Cove, Rockingham (hereafter HC), Allen Brothers Marsh, Westminster (hereafter ABM) 4/29 (WJN). Breeding Lefferts Pond, Chittenden, bird on nest 5/14 (RWP). Great Egret: 1 Shoreham 4/10 (FAP), 1 South Burlington 4/14 (RBL), 1 Colchester 4/16 (BC), 1 Middlebury 4/19-20 (JAP), 1 Morrisville 4/23 (JDL), 1 Swanton 4/29 (RJV), 1 Manchester 5/9 (BWP,RWS), 1 N. Ferrisburgh 5/23 (JDA). Good showing, some duplication possible. LITTLE BLUE HERON: Ferrisburgh 5/17 (JID,MCD) adult. Cattle Egret: at Grand Isle 1 on 4/17 and 4 on 4/22 (DJH), 2 on 4/26 (EMA,RDB), 2 on 4/30 (RBL), 1 DCWMA 5/10 (JAP), on 5/22 2 Addison (TSA), several South Hero (m.ob.), South Hero 5/24 (SBL,DCD,LJE). High ct. 7 Grand Isle 5/30 (fide DJH). Green Heron: 1 L. Bomoseen 4/24 (CJF), 1 Cornwall 5/1 (JAP), 1 Brandon 5/7,15 (SSW), 1 Dorset 5/9 (EFG), 2 Rutland 5/10 (CJF), 2 Brandon 5/11 (JAP), 2 Manchester 5/15 (BWP,RWS), 1 Alburg 5/15 (DLC). Poor spring for them; late arriving and max. only 2. Black-crowned Night-Heron: 1 Grand Isle 4/23,24 (DJH), 1 Colchester 4/24

(SWM), 1 Grand Isle 4/29 (DLC), 5 Shelburne 5/2 (JJA) high ct. Glossy Ibis: 1 Fairlee 4/9 (BRJ,EEJ), 1 Addison 4/19 (JAP), 1 Grand Isle 4/26 (JAd), 1 Coventry 5/2 (PFW,SAW), 3 BRM 5/30 (JAW et al.). Good showing. Can breeding be far behind?



Red-breasted Merganser

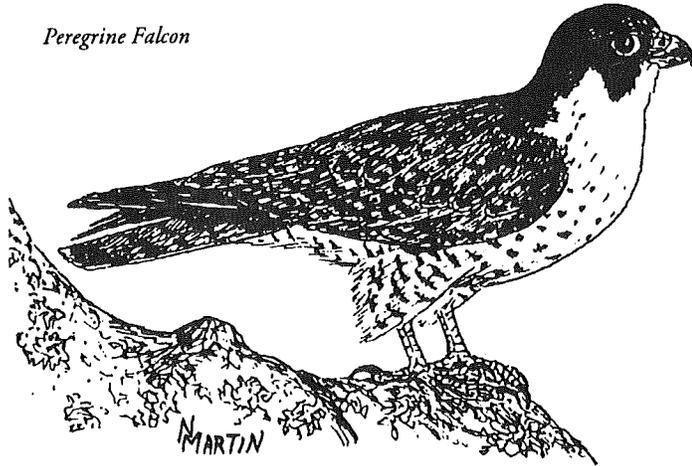
WATERFOWL

Mute Swan: pair L. Arrowhead, Georgia 4/8-5/9 (MZ,EMA,RDB). TUNDRA SWAN: 2 St. Albans Bay 4/6 (JZ,LZ). Snow Goose: 350 inc. 6 "Blues" Grand Isle 3/27,29 (DJH,RBL), 12 Shoreham, 100 DCWMA, 75 Ferrisburgh 3/27 (CJF), 7000 Grand Isle 3/29 (RBL), 5000 Weybridge 3/29,30 4/5 (MBN,JAP), 250 Addison, 2000 Weybridge 3/31 (JMN,JAP,EFG), 300 Snow, 1 Blue Swanton 4/2 (DJH), 75-100 Middlebury 4/3 (MRP), 15,000 Panton 4/3 (DLC), 4000 Weybridge 4/4 (CJF), 3 with neck bands. "Several thousand" Grand Isle 4/4 (BRJ,EMA,RDB), 17,000 incl. 100 Blues Grand Isle 4/4 (DJH) the high ct., 1000 Burlington 4/5 (SWM). Some late dates: 1 Springweather NA 4/29 (WJN), 2 Addison 5/7 (JAP), flock over Burlington 5/20 (fide CCR) from airplane. Brant: Popasquash Is. LC 5/18 (MSL). Canada Goose: 8 Weybridge 3/3 (MBN), 6 Brandon 3/7 (SSW), 5 Salisbury 3/24 (JAP), 5 Burlington 3/27 "small race" (TSA), "many" Grand Isle 3/27,28 (DJH), 100 Grand Isle Ferry 4/4 (EMA,RDB), 75 Smith Haven grounds South Londonderry (hereafter SHSL) 4/5 (WJN), 5000 Weybridge 4/5 (JAP) the high ct., 45 Addison-Cornwall 4/5 (EMA,RDB), 2 Manchester 4/5 (BWP), flock Woodstock 4/7 (CRP), 2 Dorset 4/7 (EFG), 30 South Hero 4/7 (SWM), 2 Brownsville 4/8 (BMH). Numerous reports of goslings in May and several reports of neck bands. This species seems to have arrived late, numbers were low, many probably passed over quietly. Two strange geese reported at Ira 4/11 (CJF,RHH), observers believed to be Greater White-fronted/Barnacle hybrid. The ancestry and origin of these remain obscure. (Ed. note: The description suggests that some of the ancestry may come from the Swan Goose (Anser cygnoides) an Asian species which is the ancestor of many domestic breeds. Wood Duck: 2 Clarendon 4/1 (CJF), 8 Weybridge 4/5 (JAP), 3 South Hero 4/7 (SWM), 5 Middlesex 4/7 (TSA), 11 Dorset 4/7 (EFG), 5 Coventry 4/8 (PFW,SAW), 4 ABM 4/8 (AMD), 4 Pawlet and South Wallingford 4/8 (GRB), 1 Weybridge 4/6, 12 on 4/8 (MBN), 8 Weybridge 4/9 (DLC), 2 Grand Isle 4/9 (DJH). Several reports of ducklings by late May. Green-winged Teal: 3 Burlington 3/27 (TSA), 2 Grand Isle 3/28, 4/9 (DJH), 2 Grand Isle Ferry 3/29 (EMA,RDB), 3 Weybridge 3/29 JAP), 7 Panton 5 Addison 4/3 (DLC), 2 Coventry 4/8 (PFW,SAW), 9 Leicester 4/19 (SSW), 2 Clarendon 4/10 6 on 4/11 (CJF), 1 Springfield 4/11 (RWS), 23 Salisbury 4/13 (JAP) the high ct., 4 Sheffield 4/14-16

(PFW,SAW), 1 Taftsville 4/15 (JMN), 2 Middlesex 4/16 (TSA), 1 Shoreham 4/17 (SWM), 2 S. Londonderry 4/20 (WJN). American Black Duck: 2 White River Junction (hereafter WRJct.) 3/1 (JMN), 4 Weybridge 3/3 (JAP), 6 Grand Isle Ferry 3/7 (EMA,RDB), 50 Mud Creek, Alburg 3/16 (TSA), 4 Grand Isle 3/22 (EMA,RDB), 61 New Haven 3/24 (JAP), 7 Dorset 3/25 (EFG), 6 Salisbury 3/27 (MBN), 3 Manchester 3/28 (BWP), 20 Grand Isle 3/29 (DJH,EMA,RDB), 100 Weybridge 3/31 (JAP), 6 Quechee 4/1 (KRT), 25 Clarendon 4/1 (CJF), 400 LC 4/10 (SWM) the high ct. Brood of 5 yg. WRM 5/28 (RWP). This species continues to decline. Mallard: 50 Salisbury 3/2 (JAP), 85 Proctor 3/3 (RWP), 2 Dorset 3/4 (EFG), 50 Grand Isle Ferry 3/7,8 (EMA,RDB), "few" Pawlet 3/11 (GRB), 10 Mud Creek, Alburg 3/16 (TSA), 130-150 Grand Isle Ferry 3/22,29 (DJH,EMA,RDB), 225 Salisbury 3/24 (JAP), 1 Lyndonville 3/27 (PFW,SAW), 50 Salisbury 3/27 (MBN), 15 Manchester 3/28 (BWP), 35 Clarendon 4/1 (CJF), high ct. 400 LC 4/10 (SWM). Numerous reports of broods by period's end. Northern Pintail: 1 Salisbury 3/2 (JAP), 30 Burlington 3/27 (TSA), at Grand Isle 27 on 3/27, 50 on 3/28 (DJH), 1 Grand Isle Ferry 3/29 (EMA,RDB), 1 Bridport 3/31 (JMN), 10 Salisbury 4/3 (DLC), 22 Leicester, 4 Weybridge 4/4 (CJF,MBN), 20 Grand Isle 4/4 (DJH), on 4/5 35 Weybridge (JAP), 10 Cornwall 2 DCWMA (EMA,RDB), 3 Weybridge 4/6 (MBN), 75 South Hero 4/7 (SWM) the high ct., 1 Grand Isle 4/11 (DJH), 1 Springfield 4/11 (RWS), 10 Addison 4/13 (JAP), 1 Springfield Meadows 4/14 (WJN), 1 North Hero 4/17 (TSA). Blue-winged Teal: 1 Grand Isle 4/9,10 (DJH), 3 Shoreham 4/13 (JAP), 1 Manchester 4/16 (BWP), 2 Sheffield 4/16 (PFW,SAW), 2 New Haven 4/17 (JRA), 15 Shoreham 4/17 (SWM) a high ct., 6 North Hero 4/17 (TSA), 4 Bridport 4/21 (JAP), 4 HC 4/22 (PFW,SAW), 1 Champlain Bridge, Addison 4/24 (MBN), 11 Ferrisburgh, 22 Shoreham 4/24 (DLC) the high ct., 15 Ferrisburgh 4/26 (RMe). Northern Shoveler: 2 Swanton 4/11 (DLC), 1 North Hero 4/17 (TSA), 2 Sudbury 4/24 (SSW), 1 Alburg 5/3-10 (RBL), 1 Addison 5/7 2 on 5/8 (JAP), 1 Grand Isle 5/27 (DJH), 1 present at DCWMA 5/8-23 (VBC & m.ob.). Gadwall: 4 Grand Isle 3/28 (DJH), 2 Grand Isle Ferry 3/29, 4/4 (EMA,RDB), 2 at Salisbury 4/3-5 (DLC;JAP), 3 South Hero 4/7 (SWM), 3 Grand Isle 4/9, 7 on 4/11 (DJH), 4 Middlesex 4/11 (TSA), 2 Shoreham 4/13 (JAP), 1 North Hero 4/17 (TSA), 12 Grand Isle 4/17 (DJH) high ct., 1 Bridport 4/21 (JAP), 4 Shelburne 5/8 (SWM), 1 Woodstock 5/22 (JLI), 1 South Hero 5/22 (AA,CA,TA,MMc). Also DJH has three hybrid reports from Grand Isle 1 on 3/27, 1 on 5/23 apparently Gadwall and Wigeon, 1 4/9 apparently Gadwall and Mallard (photos). American Wigeon: 4 Grand Isle 3/27,28 (DJH), 2 Burlington 3/27 (TSA), 1 Weybridge 3/31 (JAP), 2 Salisbury 4/3 (DLC), 4 Grand Isle 4/4 (EMA,RDB), 7 Grand Isle 4/3,6 (DJH), 2 Weybridge 4/6 (MBN), 2 Grand Isle 4/7 (SWM), 9 Grand Isle 4/9,11 (DJH), 3 Leicester 4/10 (SSW), 20 Shoreham 4/13 (JAP) high ct., 6 Shoreham 4/17(SWM), 1 Sheffield 4/18 (PFW,SAW), 1 HC 4/22 (PFW,SAW), 1 Addison 4/26 (JAP), 3 Grand Isle Ferry 4/26 (EMA,RDB), 2 Coventry 5/7 (PFW,SAW), 2 Randolph 5/11 (EWC,MCC), Birdathon 5/24 (SBL,DCD,LJE), 1 Island Pond 5/28 (BRJ,DB,RHH), 2 pr. through May Grand Isle nesting (DJH). EURASIAN WIGEON: a drake seen along the Lemon Fair R. 4/6-17 in Shoreham and Weybridge (JAP,SWM,FAP,MBN,ER, et al.) all sightings probably refer to the same bird. Canvasback: at Grand Isle 1 on 3/28 (DJH), 1 on 3/29 (EMA,RDB), 1 Springweather NA 4/29 (WJN), 1 Grand Isle 5/2 (DJH). Very poor showing; this species apparently on the decline. Redhead: 2 Alburg 4/11 (DLC,GEH), 3 E. Alburg 4/11 (EMA,RDB) duplicating the above. Ring-necked Duck: at Grand Isle 6 on 3/27 (DJH), 1 on 3/29 (EMA,RDB), 2 Weybridge 4/1 (JAP), 8 Leicester 4/3 (DLC), 5 Weybridge 4/4 (CJF), 120 South Hero 4/7

(SWM), 28 Leicester Jct. 4/10 (SSW), Springfield 4/11 (RWS), 20 Grand Isle 4/11 (EMA,RDB), 10 S. Alburg 4/11 (EMA,RDB), 37 Swanton to Weybridge 4/11 (DLC), 15 Weybridge 4/12 (JAP), 2 Champlain Br., Addison 4/14 (MBN), 20 HC and Springfield Mdws. 4/14 (WJN), 4 Taftsville 4/15 (JMN), 2 Middlesex 4/16 (TSA), 10 Mud Creek 4/17 (TSA), 200 Grand Isle 4/17 (DJH) high ct., 15 L. Bomoseen 4/18 (CJF), 1 Thurman W. Dix Res. 5/22 (AA,CA,TA,MMc). Greater Scaup: 6 on 3/27 (DJH), 10 on 3/29 Grand Isle (EMA,RDB), 1 Winooski 4/4 (DLC), 30 South Hero 4/7 (SWM), 12 on 4/9 (DJH), 70 on 4/10 (SWM) Grand Isle, the high ct., 5 Bridport 4/13 (JAP), 3 E. Alburg 4/14 (EMA,RDB), 3 HC 4/14 (WJN), 10 Addison 4/26 (JAP). Lesser Scaup: 1 Burlington 3/27 (TSA), 6 Grand Isle 3/27 (DJH), 1 Winooski 4/4 (DLC), 50 South Hero-Grand Isle 4/7 (SWM) the high ct., 3 Weybridge 4/9 (JAP), 24 Grand Isle 4/9 (DJH), 14 Addison 4/10 (JRA), 6 Bridport 4/15 (JAP), 1 Addison 4/20 (JAP), 5 on 5/2, 4 on 5/6 Grand Isle (DJH). Old Squaw: 2 Royalton 4/23 (KRT). Black Scoter: 1 LC 5/22 (BRJ). White-winged Scoter: 25 Rock Isl., LC 5/2 (MSL), 1 LC 5/22 (BRJ). Common Goldeneye: 3 WRJct. 3/1 (JMN), 11 Weybridge 3/5 (JAP), at Grand Isle 3 on 3/6 5 on 3/7 (DJH,EMA,RDB), "many" Grand Isle 3/27 (DJH), 250 Grand Isle Ferry 3/29 (EMA,RDB), 6 Champlain Br., Addison 3/30 (MBN), 32 Salisbury 5 Addison 4/3 (DLC), 12 Colchester 4/4 (SWM), 24 Champlain Br. 4/4 (MBN), 2 Leicester 4/5 (SSW), 4 Addison 4/10 (JRA), 30 Bridport 4/15 (JAP), 1 Manchester 4/16 (BWP), high ct. 3000 South Hero-Grand Isle 4/7 (SWM), three pairs until the end of May (breeders) at Grand Isle (DJH). Barrows Goldeneye: 3 Grand Isle 3/27 (DJH) good photo of female. Bufflehead: 6 on 3/27 (DJH), 10 on 3/29 (EMA,RDB) Grand Isle, 1 Manchester 3/30 (RWS), 2 Quechee 4/1 (KRT), 4 Weybridge 4/1 (JAP), 8 Salisbury 3 Addison 4/3 (DLC), 1 Colchester 4/4 (SWM), 2 Weybridge 4/4 (CJF), 20 Cornwall 4/5 (EMA,RDB), 1 Leicester Jct. 4/5 (SSW), 35 South Hero 4/7 (SWM), 1 Springfield 4/11 (RWS), 4 Champlain Br. 4/14 (MBN), 1 Springweather NA 4/14 (WJN), 50 Bridport 4/15 (JAP) high ct., 1 L. Bomoseen 4/18 (CJF), 4 Prouty Beach, Newport 4/29 (PFW,SAW), 9 Hubbardton 4/24 (CJF), 2 Lefferts Pond, Chittenden 4/24 (DM). Late dates at Grand Isle 2 on 5/2 (DJH), 5 on 5/9 (EMD,RDB), ChV 5/8 (VBC). A bird believed to be a Goldeneye/Bufflehead hybrid Grand Isle 4/4 (DJH). Hooded Merganser: 5 E. Calais 3/29 (TSA), 2 Grand Isle Ferry 3/29 (EMA,RDB), 3 Weybridge 3/31 (JAP), 2 Orwell 3/31 (JMN,EFG), 3 Quechee 4/1 (KRT), 5 Panton 4/3 (DLC), 2 Grand Isle 4/3 (DJH), 4 Weybridge 4/4 (MBN), 2 Colchester 4/4 (SWM), 5 Salisbury 4/5 (JAP), 3 Williston 4/6 (TSA), 17 South Hero 4/7 (SWM), 6 Orwell 4/8 (JAP), 6 Grand Isle 4/9 (DJH), 2 Lefferts Pond Chittenden 4/9 (DM), 1 Brandon 4/10 (SSW), 3 E. Alburg 4/11 (EMA,RDB), 1 Springfield 4/11 (RWS), 1 Clarendon 4/11 (CJF), 1 Windsor 4/12 (MQ), high ct. 20 HC Roundy's Cove 4/14 (WJN). Common Merganser: 14 Wilder Dam, 5 WRJct. 3/1 (JMN), 1 Weybridge 3/3 (JAP), 30 Grand Isle Ferry 3/7,8 (EMA,RDB), 2 Waterbury 3/25 (TSA), 1 Rutland 3/27 (CJF), many Grand Isle 3/27,28 (DJH), 1 Pawlet 3/30 (GRB), 3 East Dorset 3/31 (GRB), 1 Windsor 3/31 (BMH), 200 Champlain Br., Addison 3/31 (JMN,JAP,EFG), 31 Quechee 4/1 (KRT), 250 Addison 4/1 (JAP), 8 Panton, 15 Addison 4/3 (DLC), 5 Brandon 4/3 (SSW), 50 Colchester 4/4 (SWM), high ct. 600 South Hero-Grand Isle 4/7 (SWM), numerous reports through May as this species increases as a breeder. Breeding at Lefferts Pond, Chittenden (RWP). Red-breasted Merganser: 1 Grand Isle 3/28 (DJH), 2 Grand Isle 4/3 (DJH), 4 South Hero 4/7 (SWM), 10 WRD 4/10 (SWM) the high ct., 1 Windsor 4/12 (MQ), 1 Manchester 4/14 (BWP), at Grand Isle 2 on 4/14 1 on 4/27 (RBL), 2 Alburg 4/25 (DLC), 6 Addison 5/8 (JAP,MBN), ChV 5/8 (VBC), 3 Ferrisburgh 5/22 (JAP).

Peregrine Falcon



DIURNAL RAPTORS

874 raptors were seen by hawkwatchers in Spring 1993. Turkey Vulture: 59 were seen on hawk watches, 1 near Woodstock 3/8 (DaM), 1 East Dorset 3/10 (RWS), 1 Cornwall 3/10 (JAP), 1 Newfane 3/11 (AMD), 1 Shelburne 3/16 (TGC), 3 Georgia 3/25 (RBL), 1 Brandon 3/26 (SSW), 1 Colchester 3/26 (EMA,RDB), 2 Burlington 3/27 (PFW,SAW), 5 N. Rupert 3/29,30 feeding on carcass (GRB,EFG), 1 Weybridge 3/30 (MBN), 1 Woodstock 3/30 (CRF), high ct. 30 Georgia 5/18 (EMA,RDB). Osprey: 30 seen on hawk watches, 1 Springweather NA 4/2 (WME), 1 Swanton, 1 Ferrisburgh 4/11 (DLC), 1 Leicester 4/14 (SSW), 1 HC 4/14 (WJN), 1 Bridport 4/15 (JAP), 1 Georgia 4/16 (MZ), 1 Fairlee 4/17 (BRJ,EEJ), 2 Ferrisburgh 4/17 (SWM) at nesting platform, 1 Grand Isle 4/19 (RBL), 1 Bristol Pond 4/21 (JRA), 3 Underhill 4/20 (DLC), 1 Dorset 4/20 (EFG), 4 Mt. Philo, Charlotte 4/24 (SWM), 1 Grand Isle 4/25 (DJH), 2 Springweather NA 4/25 (WME), 1 Hinesburg 4/26 (RMe), 3 Bristol 4/26 (JAP), high ct. 8 Brownell Mt. 4/25 (PCR et.al). Breeding reported at Ferrisburgh and Bristol Pond (RWP), 1 at Island Pond 5/28-31 (CJF,BRJ,RHH,DB et.al.). Bald Eagle: 5 seen by hawkwatchers, 1 imm. Wilder Dam 3/1 (JMN), ad. Arlington 3/15,21 (TW,RWS, et al.), 1 Brownsville 3/29 (BMH), 1 Milton 4/1 (fide MZ), 2 imm. Colchester 4/11 (DLC), both ad. and imm. present at DCWMA April and May (m.ob.), 1 imm. Clarendon 4/20 (CJF), 1 Springweather NA 5/3 (FMH,EJH), adults reported in Morrisville area (NM,m.ob.) seen ChV 5/8 (VBC), Shelburne 5/15 (CCR,TGC,ECC, et.al.), 1 between Randolph and E. Randolph 5/15 (JM,AM), 1 Sharon 5/17 (SA), 2 (ad-imm.) Somerset Res. 5/18 (SDF,IW,JC,RR), several Birdathon reports. Northern Harrier: 9 seen by hawkwatchers, 1 South Hero 3/8 (EMA,RDB), 2 Leicester 3/26 (SSW), 1 Addison 3/31 (JAP), 1 SBWMA 4/4 (EMA,RDB), 1 Brandon 4/6 (CJF), 1 Weybridge 4/9 (DLC), 1 Wheelock 4/10 (PFW,SAW), 1 North Hero 4/17 (TSA), 1 Grand Isle 4/17 (RBL), 3 Vergennes 4/20 (RMe) high ct., 1 Clarendon 4/24 (CJF), 1 Grand Isle 4/24 (DJH), 1 Weston 4/23 (AMD), 2 Mt. Philo, Charlotte 4/24 (SWM). Common in ChV after 4/24. Sharp-shinned Hawk: 93 seen by hawkwatchers, 1 Middlebury 3/1 (JAP), 1 Rutland 3/10 (CJF), 1 Georgia 3/10,21 (EMA,RDB), 1 Brandon 3/11 (SSW), 1 Dorset 3/20 (EFG), 1 Chester 3/29 (CEAd), 1 Pawlet 3/31 (GRB), 1 Rutland 4/3 (WGE), 1 BNP VINS 4/6 (SDF), 1 Waltham 4/5,9 (EMA,RDB,JRA), 2 Addison 4/13 (JAP), 2 Brandon 4/14 (SSW), 1 SHSL 4/15 (WJN) hunting at feeder, 1 Sheffield 4/15 (PFW,SAW), 1 Middlebury 4/17 (JAP), 1 BNP-

VINS 4/19 (SDF), 30 Underhill 4/20 (DLC) high ct., 4 Vergennes 4/20 (RMe), 1 Dorset 4/21 (EFG), 10 Mt. Philo, Charlotte 4/24 (SWM), pair Waterbury 4/24 (JJA) nest building, 1 Weybridge 4/23-25 (MBN), 1 N. Ferrisburgh 4/25 (JRA), several May nesting reports, ChV 5/8 (VBC), widely reported Birdathon 5/22 (m.ob.). Cooper's Hawk: 11 seen by hawkwatchers, 1 Brandon 3/12 (SSW), 1 Dorset 3/18 (EFG), 2 Grand Isle 3/27 (RBL), 1 Rutland 4/3 (WGE), 1 Grand Isle 4/11 (DJH), 1 Milton 4/11 (EMA,RDB), 1 Chester 4/16 (CEAd), 2 Underhill 4/20 (DLC), on 4/24 1 Felchville (JMN), 1 Waltham (JRA), 1 Mt. Philo, Charlotte (SWM), 4 Lincoln Hill (PAT et.al.) high ct., 1 WHL 4/25 (WJN), 1 E. Middlebury 4/27 (RMe), 1 HC 4/29 (WJN), 1 East Dorset 5/1 (RWS), 1 Chester 5/22 (VF). Northern Goshawk: 3 seen by hawkwatchers, 1 Middlebury 3/1 (JAP), 1 Brookfield 3/17 (MJJ), 1 Manchester 4/5 (BWP), 1 Chelsea 4/18 (JMN), 1 Reading 5/6,9,29 (FMH,EJH), 1 Sharon 5/10 (SDF), 2 Ripton 5/21,22 (JA,KA,WME;JAP) nesting, 1 Hinesburg 5/22 (DR), 1 Riverside Farms, S. Londonderry 5/25 (WJN). Red-shouldered Hawk: 4 seen by hawkwatchers, 1 Bennington 3/2 (VCS), 1 Sharon 4/6 (SDF), 1 Brandon 4/6 (SSW), 1 Colchester 4/11 (DLC), 1 WHL 4/21,25 (WJN), 1 Rutland 5/5 (CJF), 1 SBWMA 5/8 (EMA,RDB), 1 West Bolton 5/8 (MC), 1 Winhall 5/14 (WJN), 1 Crown Point 5/22 (TSA). Broad-winged Hawk: 350 seen by hawkwatchers, 1 Lincoln Hill 3/27 (PAT et.al.), 2 Paine Mtn. 4/14 (WHB et.al.), 1 Bridport 4/15 (JAP), 2 Bridport 4/17 (SWM), 1 Mud Creek 4/17 (TSA), 1 Wallingford 4/18 (CJF), 1 S. Starksboro 4/19 (MRP), 1 Bristol 4/19 (JRA), 6 Vergennes 4/20 (RMe), 102 Underhill 4/20 (DLC) the high ct., 2 Waterbury 4/24 (JJA) nest building, 2 Vergennes 4/24, 1 on 4/25, 26 (RMe), 1 Grand Isle 4/24 (DJH), 20 Mt. Philo, Charlotte 4/24 (SWM), 11 WHL 4/25 (WJN), 1 Woodstock 4/27 (JMN), 1 Brandon 4/27 (SSW). Red-tailed Hawk: 192 seen by hawkwatchers, 1 Addison 3/1 (JAP), 1 W. Swanton 3/2 (DJH), 1 Colchester 3/3 (EMA,RDB), 3 Pawlet 3/3 (GDB), 1 St. Johnsbury 3/4 (PFW,SAW), 1 Taftsville 3/11 (EAH), 2 Sudbury 3/16 (SSW), 1 Woodstock 3/18 (CRP), 1 Lincoln 3/18 (JRA), 1 Chester 3/25 (CEAd), on 3/21 2 West Rupert (BWP), 1 Burlington (TSA), 4 189 between Montpelier and Burlington (PFW,SAW), 1 Westminster 4/4 (AMD), 1 Brownsville 4/6 (BMH), 10 Brandon-Sudbury 4/6 (SSW), 1 Essex Junction 4/6 (TSA), 1 Manchester 4/16 (BWP), high cts. 36 Brownell Mt. 4/16 (PR et.al.), 36 Mt. Philo, Charlotte 4/24 (AP et.al.) Rough-legged Hawk: 4 seen by hawkwatchers, 1 Vergennes, 2 Addison 3/1 (EMA,RDB), 4 Addison 3/1 (JAP), 1 W. Swanton 3/1 (DJH), 1 Addison 3/22 (EMA,RDB), 1 Grand Isle 3/31 (DJH), 3 Bridport-Weybridge 3/31 (JMN,EFG,JAP), 1 SBWMA 4/4 (EMA,RDB), 1 S. Sharon 4/10 (BRJ,EEJ), 1 W. Swanton 4/11 (DJH), 1 Bridport 4/13 (JAP), 1 North Hero 4/14 (DJH), 1 Brownell Mt. 4/17 (PA,et.al.), 1 Mt. Philo-Charlotte 4/24 (SWM,AP, et. al.), 2 Brownell Mt. 4/24 (PCR,et.al.), 1 Ferrisburgh 4/26 (RMe), 1 Barnard-Pomfret 5/6 (EWC,MCC). Golden Eagle: 1 ad. Underhill 4/20 (DLC). American Kestrel: 48 seen by hawkwatchers, 1 Addison 3/1 (JAP), 1 Grand Isle 3/1,26 (DJH), 2 Tafts Corners 3/23 (EMA,RDB), 1 Brandon 3/23 (SSW), 1 Westminster 3/28 (AMD), 1 Colchester 3/29 (EMA,RDB), 1 Rupert 3/31 (GRB), 2 Leicester 4/3 (CJF), 1 South Burlington 4/4 (JRA), 1 Rupert, 1 Pawlet 4/5, 1 on 4/7, 2 on 4/8 Pawlet (all GRB), 1 Chester 4/7 (CEAd), 1 Coventry 4/8 (PFW,SAW), 1 Weybridge 4/8 (MBN), high ct. 13 Barton River Road 4/20 (PFW,SAW). Merlin: 1 seen by hawkwatchers, 1 Northfield Falls 4/25 (EK et.al.), 1 Peru-Landgrove 5/11 (WJN), poor showing. Peregrine Falcon: 1 seen by hawkwatchers, 1 Addison 3/1 (EMA,RDB), 1 Champlain Br., Addison 3/23 (SSW), 1 Woodstock 3/30 killed pigeon (BJJ), 1 Leicester 4/4 (CJF), 2 Goshen 4/8 (JAP) (Mt.

Horrid nesting site), 1 Wallingford 4/17 (SJD) crashed through storm window, 1 Rutland, April back at church tower for third year (RHH), 1 West Windsor 5/11 (BE) display flight observed Mt. Horrid nest site 5/15,23 (SSW), 1 Fairlee 5/21 (JMN), 1 Bridport 5/21 (JA,KA,WME), 2 Job Mtn. 5/22 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). Gyrfalcon: 1 Grand Isle 3/14 (EMA,RDB), 1 South Hero 3/27 (TGM,AL) probably same bird; Grand Isle Ferry 4/2 (TGM,CMc,SSp), also seen same place 4/3-4 (DJH), 1 Middlebury 3/23 (JAP) gray morph.

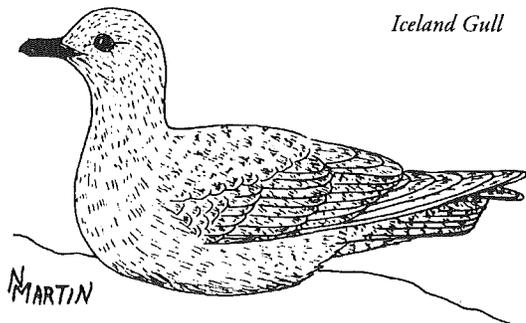
GALLINACEOUS BIRDS THROUGH RAILS

Ring-necked Pheasant: 1 South Hero 3/8 (EMA,RDB) likely escape or release. Ruffed Grouse: widely reported. Some high counts: 5 Reading 4/24 (FMH,EJH), 3 Dorset 5/2,9 (EFG), 3 Natural Turnpike 5/15 (JRA), 3 Middlebury 5/22 (JAP), 3 Addison 5/22 (SWM), nest with 14 eggs found Chester 5/15 (CEAd). Wild Turkey: widely reported. Some high counts, at Pawlet counts of 16 up to 30-40 during March (GRB), 7 Rockingham 3/24 (AMD), 10 Grand Isle 3/27 (DJH), 8 on 3/11 9 on 4/7 Chester (CEAd). Virginia Rail: 1 Alburg 4/25 (DLC), 2 WRM 4/30 (WJN), 1 WRM 5/5 (RWS), 1 DCWMA 5/8 (VBC), 1 Grand Isle 5/7,8 (DJH), up to 3 present at DCWMA from 5/8 thru period (m.ob.), 2 Dorset 5/11 (EFG), at Manchester 2 on 5/15, 3 on 5/22 (BWP,RWS), 1 BRM 5/22 (PFW,SAW), 1 Tinmouth 5/22 (PB), Bennington County Birdathon 5/22 (RK,EK,BD,KH), present at WRM and DCWMA on Birdathon 5/21-24 (m.ob.). Sora: 1 WRM 4/30 (WJN), 1 DCWMA 5/8 (VBC), 1 WRM 5/5 (RWS), 1 Brandon 5/16 (SSW), Bennington Cty. Birdathon 5/22 (RK,EK,KH,BD), present at WRM and DCWMA for Birdathon (m.ob.). Common Moorhen: 1 Mud Creek, Missisquoi 4/17 (TSA), 1 Alburg 4/25 (DLC), 1 Clarendon 4/28 (CJF), 2 DCWMA 5/4,7,8 (VBC), 2 DCWMA 5/9 (SSW), 1 Ferrisburgh 5/21 (WME,JA,KA), 2-3 present at DCWMA through period and seen on many birdathons. American Coot: 1 Grand Isle 3/29-4/11 (DJH,DLC,EMA,RDB), 1 Springfield 4/11 (RWS), 1 DCWMA 5/8, (VBC), 1 Ferrisburgh 5/22 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS).

SHOREBIRDS

Black-bellied Plover: 1 Coventry 5/22 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). Semi-palmated Plover: 1 E. Swanton 4/17 (TSA), early, 2 Middlebury 5/10 (JAP), 2 DCWMA 5/15 (SWM). Killdeer: 1 Williston 3/8 (EMA,RDB), 1 Weybridge 3/24 (JAP), 2 Grand Isle 3/25 (RBL), 1 Colchester 3/26 (EMA,RDB), 3 WRJct. 3/26 (JMN), on 3/27 5 Grand Isle (RBL), 2 Woodstock (SDF), 6 Bethel (DP), 10 New Haven/Panton (JRA), 1 Woodstock (CRP), 2 Salisbury (MBN), 7 DCWMA, 3 Ferrisburgh, 1 Clarendon (CJF), 3 Burlington (TSA), on 3/28 1 East Dorset (RWS), 1 Dorset (EFG), 1 Caledonia Airport (PFW,SAW), 7 Manchester (BWP), 1 Rutland 3/29 (SSW), 4 Brownsville 3/29 (BMH), 2 Woodstock 3/30 (CRP), 2 Chester 3/30 (CEAd), 1 Lyndonville 3/30 (PFW,SAW), 25 Weybridge 3/31 (JAP) the high ct. Numerous nesting reports in May. Greater Yellowlegs: 2 Shoreham 4/10 (FAP), 1 Grand Isle 4/16 (RBL), 1 Bridport 4/21 (JAP), 4 Ferrisburgh 4/24 (DLC), 8 Ferrisburgh 4/26 (RMe), 1 HC 4/29 (WJN), 2 Barton R. Rd. 5/2 (PFW,SAW), 1 Shelburne 5/8 (SWM), 5/8 (VBC), 1 Springfield Mdws. 5/9 (WJN), 10 Middlebury 5/10 (JAP) the high ct., 6 Middlebury 5/12 (JAP), several Birdathon reports. Lesser Yellowlegs: 2 Ferrisburgh 4/26 (RMe), 3 Middlebury 5/4 (JAP), ChV 5/8 (VBC), 4 Middlebury 5/10 (JAP),

several Birdathon sightings. Solitary Sandpiper: 1 Sheffield 4/27,30 (PFW,SAW), 1 Middlebury 5/4 (JAP), 1 Manchester 5/9 (BWP), 1 East Dorset 5/9 (RWS), 2 Springfield Mdws 5/9 (WJN), 2 Coventry 5/9 (PFW,SAW), 1 Grand Isle 5/11 (DJH), 2 Berlin 5/15 (TSA), 2 DCWMA 5/15 (SWM), 15 Middlebury 5/16 (JAP) high ct., 1 Panton 5/18 (JAP), 1 Swanton 5/19 (DLC), 1 Tinmouth 5/22 (PB), 1 Westminster 5/22 (EE,LB,HP,BP) widespread in ChV on 5/22,23 (m.ob.). Spotted Sandpiper: 1 W. Woodstock 4/9 (BRJ,EEJ), 1 Bridport 4/21 (JAP), 2 HC 4/29 (WJN), 1-2 Grand Isle 4/30 (DJH,RBL), 11 New Haven 5/1 (JRA), 1 Bridgewater 5/6 (JMN), 2 W. Arlington 5/8 (CJF), 1 Springfield Mdws. 1 ABM 5/9 (WJN), 1 Panton 5/10 (EMA,RDB), high ct. 12 Cornwall 5/1 (JAP). Upland Sandpiper: 5 Salisbury 4/29 (JAP), 2-4 Newport Airport 5/7,22 (PFW,SAW), 2 Berlin Airport 5/14 (TSA), 2 Cornwall 5/18 (JAP), 1 Bridport 5/21 (JA,KA,WME), 1 Coventry 5/22 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 1 Berlin Airport 5/22 (AA,CA,TA,MMc), 1 Newport Airport 5/28 (BRJ,RHH,DB). Ruddy Turnstone: 2 Popasquash Is. 5/30 (MSL). Semipalmated Sandpiper: 20 Island Pond 5/29 (BRJ,RHH,DB,GEH). Least Sandpiper: 2 Middlebury 5/10 (JAP), 1 Swanton 5/14 (DLC), "many" Lamoille R. 5/14 (DJH), 4 DCWMA 5/15 (SWM), 1 Salisbury 5/22 (JAP), many reports ChV Birdathon 5/22-24 (m.ob.), also 13 Derby 5/22 (WGE,NLM), 1 Westminster 5/22 (EE,LB,HP,BP). WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: 1 Coventry 5/22 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). Dunlin: 7 Birdathon 5/24 (SBL,DCD,LJE), 7 Popasquash I. 5/29 (MSL). Short-billed Dowitcher: Birdathon 5/24 (SBL,DCD,LJE), 30 Island Pond 5/29 (GEH,BRJ,DB,RHH). American Woodcock: 1 Lincoln 4/1 (JRA), 2 Middlebury 4/4 (JAP), 1 Woodstock 4/5 (JMN), 1 Brandon 4/5 (SSW), 1 Strafford 4/6 (SDF), 1 Woodstock 4/6 (KRT), 1 Pawlet 4/6 (GRB), 1 Manchester 4/10 (BWP), 1 W. Bolton 4/13 (MC), 1 Manchester 4/14 (BWP), 1 Westford 4/15 (DLC), 3 Chester 4/19 (CEAd), high ct. 4 Middlebury 5/22 ad. and 3 yg (JAP), also 6 Moose Bog, Ferdinand (hereafter MB) 5/22 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). No March records. Common Snipe: 2 Salisbury 4/3 (DLC), 2 Williston 4/8 (EMA,RDB), 3 Sudbury 4/8 (JAP), 1 Grand Isle 4/11 (DJH), 1 Weybridge 4/13 (MBN), 3 Westminster Flats 4/14 (WJN), 1 Brandon 4/14 (SSW), 4 Alburg 4/15 (TSA), 4 Manchester 4/17 (BWP), 1 Dorset 4/17 (EFG), 1 Lincoln 4/21 (JRA), 1 Strafford 4/28 (SDF), high ct. 12 Cornwall 5/1 (JAP), many breeding reports in May. No March records either - unusual!



Iceland Gull

GULLS AND TERNS

Bonaparte's Gull: 3 Addison 4/3 (DLC), 4 Bridport 4/15 (JAP), 1 Manchester 4/16 (BWP), at Grand Isle 1 on 4/17 2 on 4/19 (RBL), 2 Addison 4/26 (JAP), 1 North Hero 4/26 (DJH), 50 Addison 4/29 (JAP) high ct., 2 Colchester 5/7 (EMA,RDB), ChV 5/8 (VBC), 1 Bridport 5/21 (WME,JA,KA), Birdathon 5/24 (SBL,DCD,LJE). Ring-billed Gull:

150 Moore Dam 3/4 (PFW,SAW), 1 Rutland 3/11 (CJF), 1 East Dorset 3/21 (RWS), flock 3/23 (RWS), 10 Brandon 3/26 (SSW), 1 Weybridge 3/26 (MBN), 50 Burlington 3/27 (TSA), 4 Rutland-Clarendon 3/27 (CJF), 40 Addison 3/27 (JRA), 2 South Hero 3/29 (EMA,RDB), 50 Addison 3/31 (JAP), 2000 Bristol 4/2 (JAP) high ct., 350 Grand Isle 4/10 (SWM), 9 Manchester 4/12 (BWP), 1 Springfield 4/14 (WJN). Herring Gull: 5 Grand Isle Ferry 3/7 (EMA,RDB), 6 Burlington 3/27 (TSA), 5 Clarendon 3/27 (CJF), 5 Addison 3/31 (JAP), 50 Bristol 4/2 (JAP) high ct., 7 Wilder 4/3 (SSW), 6 Rockingham 4/14 (WJN), 1 Champlain Br., Addison 4/24 (MBN), 10 LC 4/25 (SSW), 1 Woodstock 4/30 (CRP), 1 Bristol 5/28 (JAP). Iceland Gull: 5 reported Grand Isle 3/27 (DJH). Glaucous Gull: 1 Addison 3/31 (JMN). Great Black-backed Gull: 1 Champlain Br. 3/30 (MBN), 3 Addison 3/31 (JAP), 1 Bristol 3/31 (JRA), 35 Bristol 4/2 (JAP) high ct., 4 Wilder Dam 4/3 (SSW), 4 Leicester 4/4 (CJF), 1 Bristol 4/5 (EMA,RDB), 20 Grand Isle 4/10 (SSW), 8 Addison 4/10 (JRA), 2 Roundy's Cove, Rockingham 4/14 (WJN), 2 Burlington 4/17 (TSA), 3 Pantou 4/17 (MBN), 2 LC 5/19 (SSW), 5 Derby 5/19-31 (STH), seen ChV on Birdathon 5/21-24 (m.ob.), 2 Bristol 5/28 (JAP). CASPIAN TERN: 2 Bridport 4/15 (JAP). Common Tern: 1 Grand Isle 4/29 (DLC), 1 Tri-Town Water District, Addison 5/21 (WME,JA,KA), Birdathon 5/22 (JeL,MSt, RR,SL,JL, NH,HLJ), Birdathon 5/24 (SBL,DCCD,LJE). Black Tern: 4 Pantou 5/7,8 (JAP), 1 S. Bay, Newport 5/7 (PFW,SAW), ChV 5/8 (VBC), 1 Alburg 5/14 (DLC), reported on many Birdathons at DCWMA 5/21-24, 6 S. Bay, Newport 5/22 (PFW,SAW), 4 Newport 5/28 (BRJ,RBH,DB).

DOVES THROUGH KINGFISHER

Ringed Turtle Dove: 1 exotic at feeder, Norwich 3/31-4/5 (EJ) (ED). NOTE: observers should be on the lookout for the related Eurasian Collared Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*) introduced into the Bahamas and spread to Florida in numbers. This is a cold-weather tolerant species which spread very rapidly in western Europe. It is not discussed in any current North American field guides.) Rock Dove: present around towns and farms. Some high counts 30 Woodstock period (JMN), 25 Brownsville period (BMH), 55 Swanton 3/7 (EMA,RDB), 85 Westminster 4/4 (AMD). Mourning Dove: present throughout the year in most areas. Some high counts 20 Weybridge 3/3 (MBN), 28 Shelburne 3/11 (EHT), 22 Brownsville, March (BMH), 30 Sheffield 3/10 (PFW,SAW), 30 HC Westminster 4/29 (WJN). Black-billed Cuckoo: 1 BNP Woodstock 5/21 (CCR), 1 Birdathon 5/22 (JaL,MST), 1 Weybridge 5/27 (MBN). Yellow-billed Cuckoo: no reports. Terrible year for cuckoos. Eastern Screech Owl: 1 Brandon 3/6 (SSW), 2 DCWMA 5/22 (SWM,JDA,TGM), 1 Addison 5/22 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), Birdathon 5/22 (MB,ET,EW), Birdathon 5/24 (SBL,DCCD,LJE). Great Horned Owl: 2 Georgia 3/8,23, 4/10, 5/20 (EMA,RDB), 1 Bridport 3/10 (JAP), 4/11,18,24 5/23,29 (DJH) daytime sightings, 1 Berlin 5/15 (TSA), seen or heard by many Birdathoners throughout the state 5/21-24 (m.ob.). Barred Owl: most frequently reported owl, 1 Lincoln 3/9 (JRA), 1 Pawlet 3/7,30 (GRB), 2 Chittenden 3/10 (DM), 2 Woodstock 3/19 (JMN), 1 W. Bolton 3/30 (MC), 1 Mt. Horrid 4/12 (EMA,RDB), 1 Dorset 4/13, 5/3 (EFG), 2 Wallingford, 1 Danby 5/1 (CJF), 1 Winhall 5/8 (WJN), 2 Reading 5/13 (FMH,EJH), 1 W. Bolton 5/16 (MC), 1 Lewis 5/29 (DLC), 1 Chittenden 5/31 (DM), recorded widely on Birdathons throughout the state 5/21-24 (m.ob.). Long-eared Owl: 1-3 Orwell, Mt. Independence 3/27 4/4 4/24 5/3 (BAH). Northern Saw-whet Owl: 1 West Woodstock 3/8 (BRJ), 1 Georgia 3/10 (EMA,RDB), 2 Woodstock 3/19

(RJV), 1 Woodstock 3/26 (KRT), 1 Norwich 5/22 (SK,PK), Birdathon ChV 5/22 (JG). Common Nighthawk: 1 Ferrisburgh 5/21 (WME,JA,KA), 2 Montpelier 5/22,31 (TSA), 5 Bellows Falls 5/22 (EG,LB,HP,BP) high ct., Birdathon 5/22 (JeL,MSH) serious decline. Whippoorwill: 1 Brownsville 4/29 (SJS) daily after that, 1 Chester 5/9 (CEAd), 1 Tunbridge 5/22 (AA,CA,TA,MMc), also serious decline. Chimney Swift: 4 Middlebury 4/29 (JRA), 4 Rutland 4/30 (CJF), 5 Brandon 5/1 (SSW), 2 Norwich 5/2 (CCR), 5 Dorset 5/2 (EFG), 3 Chester 5/2 (CEAd), 1 Essex Junction 5/3 (SWM), 2 Alburg 5/3 (RBL), 2 Middlebury 5/6 (JAP), widespread ChV 5/8 (VBC), 5 Chester 5/9 (CEAd), 2 Rockingham 5/9 (WJN), 2 Woodstock 5/9 (JMN), high ct. 20 Brandon 5/10 (SSW). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 2 Brownsville 5/6 (BMH), on 5/7 1 Reading (FMH,EJH), 1 Dorset (EFG), 1 Chester (CEAd), 1 Weybridge (MBN), 1 Brandon (SSW), 1 Middlebury (JAP), 2 Chester 5/8 (CEAd), 2 Woodstock 5/8 (CRP), on 5/9 1 Georgia (EMA,RDB), 1 S. Starksboro (MRP), 3 Manchester (BWP), 1 Lincoln (JRA), 1 Springfield (WME), 1 Underhill (DLC), 1 Vershire (KRH), 1 Barnard (JNF), 1 SHSL 5/10 (WJN), 2 Weybridge 5/10 (MBN), high cts. 5 Vershire May (KRH), 5 Sheffield 5/29 (PFW,SAW). Belted Kingfisher: 1 Rutland 3/6 (SSW), 1 East Dorset 3/28 (RWS), 1 Woodstock 3/28 (CRP), 1 Dorset 3/30 (EFG), 1 Clarendon 4/4 (CJF), 1 Weybridge 4/6 (JAP), 1 South Hero 4/7 (SWM), 1 Grand Isle 4/9 (DJH), 1 Springfield 4/11 (RWS), 1 Chester 4/11 (CEAd), 2 Middlesex 4/11 (TSA), 3 HC 4/14 (WJN), 1 Weybridge 4/15 (MBN), 11 Manchester 4/16 (BWP), 1 Stockbridge 4/16 (JRA), 1 Woodstock 4/17 (JMN), 1 Wallingford 4/18 (EMA,RDB) high ct. 5 New Haven 5/1 (JRA).

Pileated Woodpecker



WOODPECKERS

Red Headed Woodpecker: 2 nesting pairs Bridport through the period (JAP,WME,JMN,EFG, et al.), 1 pr. Lewis Creek Ferrisburgh (JDA). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 1 Pawlet 4/13-16 (GRB), 1 Dorset 4/15 (EFG), 1 Underhill 4/16 (DLC), 1 Woodstock 4/17 (JMN), 11 Georgia 4/17 (EMA,RDB), 1 Springfield 4/18 (WME), 1 Woodstock 4/19 (KRT), 8 Reading 4/22 (FMH,EJH), 2 Mt. Philo, Charlotte 4/24 (SWM), 2 SHSL 4/25 (WJN), 1 Vergennes 4/26 (RMe), 3 Hancock 4/27 (JAP), high ct. 16 Reading 5/9 (FMH,EJH). Downy Woodpecker: widely reported throughout the period. Some high cts. 4 Chester, period (CEAd), 6 Red Rocks Park, South Burlington 4/24 (SWM), 5 Wood-

stock 5/28 (CRP), one drinking out of a hummingbird feeder SHSL 5/22 (WJN). Hairy Woodpecker: widely reported throughout the period. Some high cts. 5 Chester, period (CEAd), 3 Sheffield 3/29 (PFW,SAW), 4 Mt. Philo, Charlotte 4/24 (SWM), 3 Middlebury 5/13 (JAP), one broke neck against window - Woodstock 3/9 (JMN). Black-backed Woodpecker: 2 Brunswick 5/22 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 1 Ferdinand 5/29 (DLC). Northern Flicker: 1 Bridport 3/1 (JAP), 1 Barnard 3/5 (JNF), 3 Bridport 3/10 (JAP), 1 Grand Isle 4/4 (DJH), 3 Chester 4/9 (CEAd), 1 WRD 4/10 (SWM), 1 Dorset 4/11 (EFG), 1 SHSL 4/13 (WJN), 1 East Dorset 4/14 (RWS), 1 Manchester 4/16 (BWP), 2 Pawlet 4/17 (GRB), 1 Panton 4/17 (MBN), 1 Springfield 4/18 (WME), 1 S. Starksboro 4/18 (MRP), 1 Glover 4/20 (PFW,SAW), 2 Brownsville 4/20 (BMH), 1 Randolph 4/20 (EWC,MCC), 1 Lincoln 4/21 (JRA), 1 Georgia 4/21 (EMA,RDB), high cts. 5 HC 4/29 (WJN), 5 Essex Junction 4/29 (SWM), 5 S. Starksboro 5/2 (MRP), 5 Chester 5/7 (CEAd). Pileated Woodpecker: widely reported throughout the state, some high cts. 4 Grand Isle 3/13 (DJH), 4 WRD 4/20 (SWM).

FLYCATCHERS

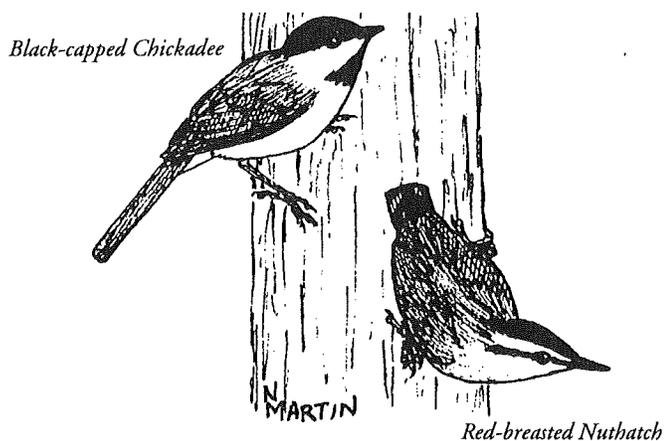
Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1 Reading 5/12 (FMH,EJH), 1 Lefferts Pond, Chittenden 5/14 (RWP), 1 Ripton 5/21 (DLC,JA,KA,WME), 1 Rochester 5/22 (SSW), 1 Barton Swamp 5/22 (PFW,SAW), 1 Birdathon 5/22 (SWM,JDA,TGM), 1 Reading 5/24 (FMH,EJH), 1 Braintree 5/31 (RAM), 1 Berlin Pond 5/31 (TSA), 1 Victory Bog 5/31 (DB). Eastern Wood Peewee: 1 Grand Isle 5/12 (DJH), 1 Springfield 5/13 (WME), 2 Chester 5/14 (CEAd), 1 Alburg 5/15 (DLC), 2 Brandon 5/15, 1 on 5/19 (SSW), 1 Middlebury 5/17 (JAP), 1 East Dorset 5/18 (RWS), 1 Derby 5/19 (STH), 1 Manchester 5/22 (BWP), 1 Tinmouth 5/22 (PB), widespread ChV on 5/22 (m.ob.), 1 East Middlebury 5/23 (MBN), 2 Woodstock 5/27 (JMN), 1 Reading 5/28 (FMH,EJH). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 2 MB 5/22 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), Birdathon 5/22 (SWM,JDA,TGM), also (RR,SL,JL,NH,HL), 2 MB 5/28 (BRJ,RHH,DB), 1 Ferdinand 5/29 (DLC), 1 Brandon 5/29 (SSW), 1 Ferdinand 5/31 (CJF). Alder Flycatcher: 1 Dorset 5/12,14 (EFG), 2 Sudbury 5/18 (SSW), 2 Brandon 5/18 (JAP), 1 Sheffield 5/22 (PFW,SAW), 1 Berlin Pond 5/22 (TSA), 1 Tinmouth 5/22 (PB), Bennington Cty. 5/22 (EK,RK,BD,KH), 1 Springweather NA 5/22 (EE,LB,HP,BP), 1 Peru-Landgrove Rd. 5/23 (WJN), 4 WRM 5/23 (DLC) high ct., 1 Woodstock 5/24 (JMN), 3 Island Pond 5/28 (BRJ,RHH,DB). Willow Flycatcher: 1 HC 5/9 (WJN) very early, singing loudly, 1 Westford 5/14 (DLC), 1 DCWMA 5/15 (SWM), 1 Manchester 5/15 (BWP,RWS), 1 Middlebury 5/21 (MBN), 3 Addison 5/21,28 (JAP) high ct., on 5/22 1 Manchester (BWP), 1 Tinmouth (PB), 1 Quechee (PK,SK), 1 ABM (EE,LB,HP,BP), 1 Birdathon (CHB), Bennington Cty. (EK,RK,BA,KH), 1 Birdathon 5/24 (SBL,DCD,LJE). Least Flycatcher: 1 Essex Junction 4/29-(SWM), 1 East Dorset 5/1 (RWS), 1 Huntington 5/1 (SWM), 1 Norwich 5/1 (CCR), 1 Chester 5/2 (CEAd), 1 Lincoln 5/2 (MRP), 1 Middlebury 5/3 (JAP), 2 Brandon 5/6 (SSW), ChV 5/8 (VBC), 1 Ripton 5/9 (MBN), 1 East Dorset 5/9 (RWS), 1 East Barnet 5/9 (PFW,SAW), 1 Underhill 5/9 (DLC), 1 Woodstock 5/10 (CRP), 1 Montpelier 5/10 (TSA), 1 Dorset 5/11 (EFG), 1 Lincoln 5/12 (JRA), 1 Manchester 5/15 (BWP), 2 Lincoln 5/15 (JRA), 1 Johnson 5/1 (VRS), 1 Springfield-Rockingham Town Line 5/16 (WJN), 1 Sheffield 5/16 (PFW,SAW), 1 Goshen 5/19 (SSW), 1 Barnard 5/19 (JNF), high ct. only 2. Eastern Phoebe: 2 Reading 3/25 (FMH,EJH), 1 Chester 3/28 (CEAd), 1 Pawlet 3/30

(GRB), 1 Westminster 4/4 (AMD), 2 Chester 4/6 (CEAd), 1 Pawlet 4/6,7 (GRB), 2 Brownsville 4/6 (BMH), 1 Dorset 4/7 (EFG), 1 Lincoln 4/7 (JRA), 1 Woodstock 4/8 (CRP), 1 Manchester 4/8 (BWP), 1 East Dorset 4/8(RWS), 2 Brandon 4/8 (SSW), on 4/9 1 Wilder (BRJ,EEJ), 1 Norwich (CCR), 1 BNP (SDF), 2 Grand Isle (DJH), 1 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 1 Vershire (KRH), 2 Coventry (PFW,SAW), 2 Winhall Hollow (WJN), high ct. 6 Manchester 4/14 (BWP), 6 Dorset 4/16 (EFG), 6 Springfield 4/18 (WME), numerous nesting reports. Great Crested Flycatcher: 1 Randolph 4/20 (EWC,MCC) early, 1 Underhill 5/1 (DLC), 2 Bridport 5/4 (JAP), 1 Dorset 5/4 (EFG), 1 Woodstock 5/7 (JMN), 2 SBWMA 5/8 (EMA,RDB), ChV 5/8 (VBC), 1 Brandon 5/8 (SSW), 1 Chester 5/9 (CEAd), 1 Springweather NA 5/9 (WJN), 1 Manchester (BWP), 1 Reading 5/10 (FMH,EJH), 1 Westminster W 5/11 (AMD), 1 Grand Isle 5/12 (DJH), 1 Winhall 5/14 (WJN), 1 Manchester 5/15 (BWP), 1 Springweather NA 5/15 (WME), high ct. 8 DCWMA 5/17 (RWP). Eastern Kingbird: 1 Montpelier 4/24 (TSA), 1 Chester 5/2 (CEAd), 1 Dorset 5/3 (EFG), 1 Woodstock 5/5 (JMN), 2 Brandon 5/5 (SSW), 1 Woodstock 5/6 (EMA,RDB), 1 Barton River Rd. 5/7 (PFW,SAW), 1 Addison 5/7 (JAP), ChV 5/8 (VBC), 1 S. Londonderry 5/8 (WJN), 2 Chester 5/9 (CEAd), 2 Westford 5/9 (DLC), 1 South Hero 5/9 (EMA,RDB), 3 ABM 5/9 (WJN), 3 Manchester 5/9 (BWP), 2 L. Fairlee 5/10 (KRT), 4 Dorset 5/10 (EFG), 1 Monkton, 1 Panton 5/10 (EMA,RDB), 1 Westminster W. 5/11 (AMD), 1 Pawlet 5/14 (GRB), 1 Dorset 5/14 (EFG), 1 New Haven 5/14 (JRA), 11 Manchester 5/15 (BWP), high ct. 12 DCWMA 5/15 (SWM).

LARKS AND SWALLOWS

Horned Lark: 70 Bristol 3/1 (EMA,RDB), 60 Addison 3/1 (JAP), 40 Clarendon 3/2 (CJF), 55 Leicester 3/4 (SSW), 20 Alburg, 33 Swanton 3/7 (EMA,RDB), 2 DCWMA 3/7 (JMD), 100 Bridport 3/9 (JAP), 30 Pawlet 3/10,11,12 (GRB), 6 Colchester 3/13 (EMA,RDB), 130 Sudbury 3/16 (SSW), 18 Burlington 3/16 (TSA), 311 Addison Cty. 3/20 (RWP) high ct., "flock" Andover 3/20 (TV), 110 New Haven 3/24 (JRA), 2 Grand Isle 4/2 (DJH), numerous pairs of the breeding "prairie" race present at DCWMA and elsewhere in the ChV through the period (m.ob.). Purple Martin: 1 Grand Isle 4/17 (DLC), 2 Bridport 4/21 (JAP), 1 Grand Isle 5/7 (DJH), "full House" South Hero, Grand Isle 5/9 (EMA,RDB), 18 Champlain Br., Addison 5/9 (SSW), 1 Shelburne 5/11 (SWM), 2 DCWMA 5/17 (RWP), well-reported from ChV on Birdathons (m.ob.). Tree Swallow: 1 Dorset 3/27 (EFG), 3 Montpelier 3/28 (TSA), 15 Weybridge 3/31 (JAP), 15 Salisbury 4/3 (DLC), 2 Leicester 4/3 (CJF), 1 Weybridge 4/6 (MBN), on 4/7 1 SBWMA (SWM), 1 Middlebury (JRA), 1 Pawlet (GRB), 2 Westminster W. (AMD), 2 Mt.Horrid (CCR), 3 Brandon (CCR), 1 BNP (SDF), 1 Williston 4/8 (EMA,RDB), 1 Manchester 4/8 (BWP), on 4/9 2 Woodstock (JMN), 2 Winhall Hollow (WJN), "several" W. Swanton (DJH), 6 Brandon 4/10 (SSW), 75 WRD 4/10 (SWM), high ct. 200 Bridport 4/21 (JAP), many nesting reports, as usual usurping bluebird houses. Northern Rough-winged Swallow: 4 Bridport 4/21 (JAP), 1 Shoreham 4/24 (DLC), 1 Grand Isle 4/25 (DJH), 1 WRM 4/30 (WJN), 1 New Haven 5/1 (JRA), 7 Woodstock 5/1 (JMN), 12 Grand Isle 5/2 (DJH), 2 Dorset 5/3 (EFG), 3 Shelburne 5/8 (SSW), ChV 5/8 (VBC), 1 Burlington 5/9 (SWM), 2 Comerford Dam 5/9 (PFW,SAW), 4 Dorset 5/13 (EFG), 5 DCWMA 5/15 (SWM), 7 Manchester 5/15 (RWS,BWP), 20 Berlin Pond 5/15 (TSA) high ct., 1 Derby 5/19 (STH). Bank Swallow: 6 Chester 4/28 (CEAd), 1 ABM 4/29 (WJN), 3 Alburg 5/1 (DLC), 3 New Haven 5/1 (JRA), 1 East Dorset 5/1 (RWS), 40 Middlebury 5/4 (JAP) high ct., 1 WRM 5/7 (WJN), 2 HC 5/9 (WJN), 10 Manchester 5/9 (BWP),

ChV 5/8 (VBC), 30 Manchester 5/15 (BWP,RWS), 10 ABM-HC 5/16 (WJN). Cliff Swallow: 1 Mt. Philo, Charlotte 4/24 (SWM), 1 Chester 4/27 (CEAd), 1 East Dorset 5/1 (RWS), 5 Westford 5/1 (DLC), 3 Chester 5/9 (CEAd), 2 Berlin 5/15 (TSA), 6 Manchester 5/15 (BWP,RWS), 5 Derby 5/19 (STH), 1 Barton R. Rd. 5/22 (PFW,SAW), 3 Manchester 5/22 (BWP), L. Bomoseen 5/22 (CA,JaM,JoM), widespread ChV 5/22 (m.ob.), high ct. 24 Island Pond-Morgan 5/22 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 1 WRM 5/24 (SSW), poor spring for them, missed by many. Breeding birds at Winhall Hollow did not show up until mid June. Barn Swallow: 1 Addison 4/8 (CCF), 1 Bridport 4/15 (JAP), 10 Addison 4/17 (SWM), 1 SHSL 4/17 (WJN), 3 Chester 4/21 (CEAd), 3 Ferrisburgh 4/24 (DLC), 1 Weybridge 4/24 (MBN), 1 Leicester 4/25 (SSW), 3 North Hero 4/26 (EMA,RDB), 5 Brandon 5/1 (SSW), "several" Grand Isle 5/1 (DJH), on 5/2 10 Winhall Hollow (WJN), 1 Lincoln (JRA), 2 Brownsville (BMH), 1 Pawlet (RB), 1 Sheffield (PFW,SAW), 2 Danby 5/3 (CJF), 1 Dorset 5/3 (EFG), 2 Woodstock 5/4 (CRP), 6-12 Chester 5/8 (CEAd), 2 W. Bolton 5/9 (MC), 25 Burlington 5/9 (SWM), 50 Derby 5/31 (STH) the high ct., numerous nesting reports.

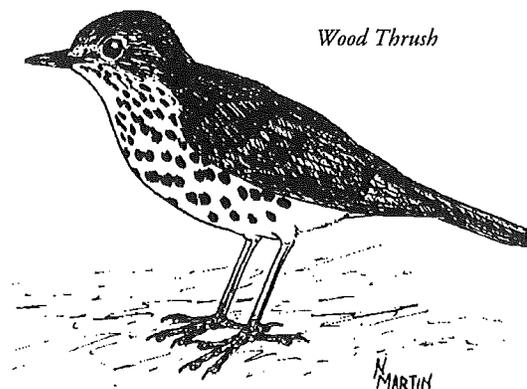


Red-breasted Nuthatch

CORVIDS THROUGH CREEPER

Gray Jay: 2 Ferdinand 5/22 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). Blue Jay: some high counts 15 period SHSL (WJN), 25 Sheffield 3/1, 40 Sheffield 4/3 (PFW,SAW), 14 Woodstock 3/3 (JMN), 17 Manchester 3/15 (BWP), 15 Woodstock 3/31 (CRP), 15 Reading 5/12 (FMH,GJH), many nesting reports. American Crow: overwintered in all but the higher mountain areas. Some high counts 85 Bristol 3/1 (EMA,RDB), 32 Georgia 3/7 (EMA,RDB), 35 Bristol 3/11 (JRA), 25 Sudbury 3/16 (SSW), 46 Pantown 3/22 (EMA,RDB), 200 Huntington 3/27 (JJA). Common Raven: occurs throughout, some high cts. and breeding notes: 5 Mt. Philo, Charlotte 4/24 (SWM), 3 Island Pond area 5/28 (BRJ,RHH,DB), nest with 1 yg. ready to fly Chittenden Dam 5/10 (RWP), carrying nesting material Chester 3/6-11 (CEAd), 1 Benson 5/2 feeding on a deer carcass with a Turkey Vulture until mobbed by crows (CJF). Black-capped Chickadee: some high cts: 20 Woodstock 3/1 (JMN), up to 20 Chester period (CEAd), 20 Barnard 3/15 (JNF), 16 Dorset 3/21 (EFG), 15 Woodstock 4/3 (JMN), 25 Red Rock Pk. South Burlington 4/24 (SWM), 15 Reading 5/11 (FMH,EJH), one at a Woodstock feeder 3/6 with an all white tail (PM). (Ed. Note: At SHSL there had been a chickadee with an all white tail from November until a few days before 3/6. Not seen since. Could it be? No! We assumed that bird had fallen prey to one of the local cats!) Numerous nesting reporting during May. Boreal Chickadee: 1 Sheffield 5/4 (PFW,SAW), 1 Middlesex 5/22 (JSh), 2 MB 5/22 (WGE,NLM,

DHC,SJS), Birdathon 5/22 (RR,SL,JLH,HL), Birdathon (JG), 1 MB 5/29 (BRJ,GEH). Tufted Titmouse: widespread in CR and ChV, high cts. 6 Red Rocks Pk. South Burlington 4/24 (SWM), 3 Manchester 5/9 (BWP), 1 Grand Isle 5/9 (DJH) where rare, nest building South Burlington 3/28 (JJA). Red-breasted Nuthatch: resident at higher elevations, some high cts. 4 Georgia (period (EMA,RDB), 5 Reading 3/3 (FMH,EJH), 4 Sheffield 3/12 (PFW,SAW), 3 Red Rocks Pk. South Burlington 4/24 (SWM). White-breasted Nuthatch: resident most everywhere, some high cts. 3 Pantown 3/1 (EMA,RDB), 4 Westminster W. 3/3 (AMD), 3 Dorset 3/13 (EFG), 3 Middlebury 5/4 (JAP), 5 Huntington 5/1 (SWM), 3 Reading 5/8 (FMH,EJH). Brown Creeper: winters widely, some high cts. 2 Dorset 4/6,9 (EFG), 2 Grand Isle 4/24 (DJH), 2 Essex Junction 4/29 (SWM), 2 Brandon 5/1 (SSW), most sightings were singles. Carolina Wren: 1 Brandon 3/6 (SSW), 1 Vernon 3/23 (DHC), 1 Grand Isle 4/11,17,29 (DJH), 2 Poultney 4/16 (MB), 1 Brandon 5/3 (SSW), 1 Shelburne 5/23 (DLC). House Wren: 1 East Dorset 4/26 (RWS), 1 Addison 5/29 (JAP), 1 Pawlet 4/29 (GRB), 1 Brandon 4/29 (SSW), 2 Chester 5/1 (CEAd), 1 Dorset 5/2 (EFG), 3 Springfield 5/3 (WME), 1 Grand Isle 5/8 (DJH), ChV 5/8 (VBC), 1 Manchester 5/9 (BWP), 1 South Hero 5/9 (EMA,RDB), 3 Brandon 5/9 (SSW), 6 Dorset 5/11 (EFG) a high ct., 1 Weybridge 5/11 (MBN), 1 SHSL 5/12 (WJN), 2 Brownsville 5/13 (BMH), 3 Dorset 5/14 (EFG), 2 Manchester 5/15 (BWP), a high ct. 6 Middlebury 5/22 (JAP), numerous nesting reports. Winter Wren: 1 Shelburne 3/1 (EHT) likely overwintered, 1 Brandon 4/9 (SSW), 1 Chelsea 4/18 (JMN), 1 Montpelier 4/18 (TSA), 1 S. Starksboro 4/19 (MRP), 3 Middlebury 4/20 (JAP), 1 Lincoln 4/20 (JRA), 1 Ripton 4/27 (MBN), 1 Reading 4/27 (FMH,EJH), 2 Brandon 4/27 (SSW), 1 East Dorset 5/1 (RWS), 1 Lye Brook, Sunderland 5/1 (WME), 1 Underhill 5/1 (DLC), 1 S. Starksboro 5/2 (MRP), 6 Reading 5/3 (FMH,EJH) high ct., 1 Sheffield 5/6 (PFW,SAW), 3 Danby 5/6 (WME), 1 South Bay, Newport 5/7 (PFW,SAW), 1 Manchester 5/15 (BWP,RWS), 1 Natural Turnpike, Ripton 5/15 (JRA), 1 Johnson 5/16 (VRS), 6 MB 5/22 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS) high ct. Marsh Wren: 2 Alburg 4/29 (DLC), at DCWMA 3 on 5/4, 4 on 5/7 (JAP), 2 S. Bay, Newport 5/7 (PFW,SAW), widespread at DCWMA after 5/8 (VBC,m.ob.), 1 WRM 5/5 (RWS), 1 Weybridge 5/12 (MBN), "many" Mud Creek, Alburg 5/17 (DJH), high ct. 25+ DCWMA 5/22 (SWM), 5 WRM 5/29 (CJF). Sedge Wren: no confirmed reports.



KINGLETS THROUGH THRUSHES

Golden-crowned Kinglet: winters widely in coniferous areas, some high cts. 20 Middlebury 4/20 (JAP), 25 Red Rocks Pk. South Burlington 4/

24 (SWM). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 1 Dorset 4/17 (EFG), 2 Dorset 4/19 (EFG), on 4/20 1 Winhall (WJN), 2 Middlebury (JRA), 15 Middlebury (JAP) high ct., 1 Dorset (EFG), 2 Manchester (BWP), 1 Bridport 4/21 (JAP), 3 Red Rocks Pk. South Burlington 4/24 (SWM), 2 Rutland 4/25 (CJF), 1 Montpelier 4/26 (TSA), 1 Brandon 4/26 (SSW), 8 Burlington 4/28 (SWM), on 4/29 1 HC (WJN), 1 Reading (FMH,EJH), 2 Woodstock (JMN), 10 Essex Junction (SWM), 1 Grand Isle (RBL), 1 Putney 5/22 (JLF), 10 MB 5/22 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 1 Winhall 5/27 (WJN). This bird present into June and may have attempted to breed. Species arrived late and in poor numbers. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: a report of 4 Wallingford 4/11 (SJD) with no details, 2 Brandon 5/3 (SSW), 3 DCWMA 5/17 (RWP), 1 Sudbury 5/18 (SSW), 2 DCWMA, 2 Little Otter Cr. 5/21 (WME,JA,KA), 2 Ferrisburgh 5/22 nest (SWM), 2 SBWMA, 2 Fort Cassin 5/22 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 2 West Haven 5/23 (DLC), Birdathon 5/24 (SBL,DCD,LJE), also late and in poor numbers. Eastern Bluebird: 2 Manchester 3/1 (RWS), 4 Bridport 3/1 (JAP), 7 Waltham 3/1 (EMA,RDB), 3 Leicester 3/4 (SSW), 1 Dorset 3/7 (EFG), 2 Pawlet 3/8-10 (GRB), 2 Middlebury 3/9 (JRA), 12 Bridport 3/10 (JAP) high ct., 3 Middlebury 3/10 (JRA), 1 Dummerston 3/25 (AMD), 2 Middlebury 3/27 (MBN), 2 Chester 3/27 (CEAd), 2 Manchester 3/28 (BWP), 1 Bethel 3/28 (DP), 1 East Dorset 3/28 (RWS), 3 Dorset 3/30 (EFG), 2 Pawlet 3/30,31 (GRB), 1 SHSL 3/31 (WJN), 1 BNP 3/30 (CRF), many nesting reports in April-May. Veery: 1 Brandon 4/26 (SSW), 1 East Middlebury 5/2 (MBN), 1 Woodstock 5/6 (JMN), 2 Underhill 5/9 (DLC), 2 Reading 5/9 (FMH,EJH), 1 S. Starksboro 5/11 (MRP), 2 Brandon 5/11 (SSW), 1 Addison 5/12 (JAP), 2 Winhall 5/12 (WJN), 2 Dorset 5/12 (EFG), 1 Lincoln 5/14 (JRA), 2 Alburg 5/17 (DJH), 1 Clarendon 5/18 (CJF), 1 Lower Waterford 5/18 (PFW,SAW), high ct. 4 Mt. Philo, Charlotte 5/22 (SWM), several nests found, one killed hitting window Woodstock 5/29 (JMN). Gray-cheeked Thrush (Bicknell's): birds were back on Mt. Mansfield 5/27 (CCR). Swainson's Thrush: 1 Reading 5/9 (FMH,EJH), 1 Addison 5/12 (JAP), 1 Manchester 5/15 (BWP), 1 Norwich 5/17 (CCR), 1 Appalachian Gap 5/22 (TSA), 1 Middlebury 5/22 (JAP), 1 Shrewsbury 5/22 (BRJ), Birdathon 5/22 (JG), 1 Peru-Landgrove 5/23 (WJN), ChV Birdathon 5/22 (m.ob.), also in poor numbers. Hermit Thrush: 1 East Dorset 4/8 (RWS), 1 South Burlington 4/16 (DLC), 1 Lincoln 4/17 (JRA), on 4/19 2 W. Woodstock (BRJ,EEJ), 2 BNP (SDF), 1 Dorset (EFG), 1 S. Starksboro (MRP), 3 Middlebury 4/20 (JAP), 1 Goshen 4/20 (SSW), 2 Chester 4/21 (CEAd), 1 Dorset 4/21 (EFG), 1 Reading 4/22 (FMH,EJH), 1 Georgia 4/24 (EMA,RDB), 10 Red Rocks Pk. South Burlington 4/24 (SWM) the high ct., 2 S. Starksboro 4/24 (MRP), 2 Winhall 4/25 (WJN), 1 Rutland 4/27 (CJF), 2 Woodstock 4/28 (JMN), several nests reported. Wood Thrush: 1 W. Bolton 4/19 (MC), 1 Red Rocks Pk. South Burlington 4/24 (SWM), 2 Grand Isle 4/29 (RBL), 1 Danby 5/1 (CJF), 2 Dorset 5/2 (EFG), 3 Benson 5/2 (CJF), 1 S. Starksboro 5/3 (MRP), 1 East Dorset 5/3 (RWS), 1 Brandon 5/4 (SSW), 1 Norwich 5/5 (CCR), 1 Reading 5/5 (FMH,GEH), 1 Vershire 5/6 (KRH), 4 Underhill 5/6 (DLC), 1 Woodstock 5/7 (JMN), 2 Reading 5/7,9 (FMH,EJH), 2 Winhall Hollow 5/8 (WJN), 1 Woodstock 5/8 (CRP), 1 Ripton 5/9 (MBN), 5 Manchester 5/9 (BWP), 1 Middlebury 5/9 (JAP), 2 Brandon 5/9 (SSW), 2 Lincoln 5/10 (JRA), 1 Randolph 5/11 (EWC,MCC), 3 Addison 5/12 (JAP), high ct. 8 Manchester 5/15 (BWP). American Robin: many wintered in the ChV, 10 Panton 3/1 (EMA,RDB), 8 Addison, 1 Waltham 3/1 (EMA,RDB), 1 Grand Isle 3/1 (DJH), 15 Brandon 3/1 (SSW), 1 Middlebury 3/1 (JAP), 800 N. Ferrisburgh 3/2 (JID,MCD) high ct., "all along the road - dark northern race." ED. NOTE: the population breeding in northern Quebec, Labrador or Newfoundland are of the

"Black-backed" population and pass through Vermont regularly - mostly in March and in November. Most observers never bother with races, but we should remember that half a dozen or so species which pass through here have races identifiable in the field. More on this under Common Grackle. 1 Dorset 3/3 (EFG), 3 Grand Isle 3/3 (DJH), 41 Weybridge, 100 New Haven 3/3 (MBN), 400 Weybridge 3/3 (JAP), 2 Middlebury 3/4 (JRA), 1 Waterbury 3/5 (TSA), 45 Grand Isle 3/7 (DJH), 5 Ferrisburgh 3/7 (CJF), 14 Swanton 3/7 (EMA,RDB), 75 South Hero 3/8 (EMA,RDB), 1 BNP 3/10 (CCR), 1 Manchester 3/13 (BWP), "flock" East Dorset 3/18 (RWS), 5 Pawlet 3/20 (GRB), 63 Addison Cty. 3/20 (RWP), 75 Grand Isle 3/21 (DJH), arrival general by 3/23, partial albino W. Woodstock 5/6 (DK), many nests, eggs, broods by end of May.

MIMIDS THROUGH STARLING

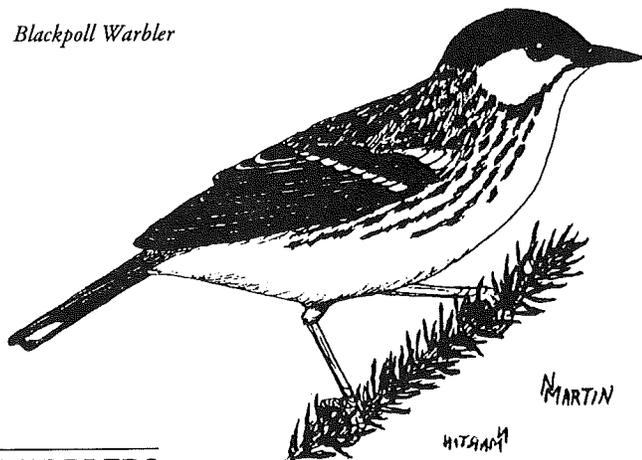
Gray Catbird: 1 reported Wallingford 4/14 (SJD), 1 Springfield 4/28 (WME), 1 East Dorset 5/1 (RWS), 3 Dorset 5/2 (EFG), 1 Winhall Hollow 5/6 (WJN), 1 W. Arlington, 1 Pawlet 5/8 (CJF), 1 Addison 5/8 (SSW), ChV 5/8 (VBC), on 5/9 10 HC (WJN), 1 Essex Jct. (SWM), 1 Reading (FMH,EJH), 2 Woodstock (CRP), 5 Manchester (BWP), 2 Middlebury (JAP), 1 Woodstock (JMN), 1 W. Bolton (MC), 1 Chester (CEAd), 1 Addison 5/10 (EMA,RDB), 1 Weybridge 5/10 (MBN), 8 Dorset 5/11 (EFG), 3 Brandon 5/11 (SSW), 1 Randolph 5/11 (EWC,MCC), 2 Grand Isle 5/11 (DJH), high ct. 13 DARSP Addison 5/26 (RWP). Northern Mockingbird: widespread in the CV/ChV, elsewhere high cts. 4 Waltham 3/1 (EMA,RDB), 3 Weybridge 3/3 (JAP), 1 Quechee 3/15-26 (KRT,JMN), 2 Grand Isle 3/27-5/21 mimicking Carolina Wren (DJH), 3 Manchester 5/15 (BWP), 1 Waterbury 5/19 (TSA), 2 Island Pond, 2 Milton 5/22 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 1 SHSL 5/25,30 (WJN). Brown Thrasher: 1 Pawlet 4/22 (GRB), 1 Brandon 4/24 (SSW), 1 Grand Isle 4/24 (DJH), 1 Addison 4/24 (DLC), 1 Montpelier 4/26 (TSA), 1 Burlington 4/27 (fide SWM), 1 Weybridge 4/28 (MBN), 1 W. Bolton 5/2 (MC), 1 East Dorset 5/3 (RWS), 1 Dorset 5/3 (EFG), 3 Bridport 5/4 (JAP), 1 Winhall Hollow 5/4 (WJN), 1 Brownsville 5/5 (BMH), 3 Danby 5/8 (CJF), 1 DCWMA 5/8 (RWP), 1 Chester 5/9 (CEAd), 1 Manchester 5/9 (BWP), 1 Springfield 5/11 (WME), 1 Island Pond 5/28 (BRJ). American Pipit: 1 DCWMA 5/8 (VBC), 1 Tunbridge 5/22 (AA,TA,CA,MMc) late. Cedar Waxwing: wintered widely this year with a large influx in late winter. High cts: 34 Middlebury 3/1 (JAP), 60 Norwich 3/5 (EJ), 91 Quechee 3/15 (JMN), 45 Woodstock 3/16 (CRP), 200 Grand Isle 3/20 (DJH), 81 Shoreham 3/20 (RWP), 30 Weybridge 3/24 (MBN), 50 Montpelier 4/3 (TSA), breeding birds arrived in late May. Northern Shrike: 1 Pittsford 3/28 (JM), 1 Norwich 4/4 (WGE,NLM), 1 Randolph 4/9 (TSA). European Starling: returns in March to areas where it does not winter, some high cts. 149 Swanton 3/7 (EMA,RDB), 75 Lyndon 3/8 (PFW,SAW), 400 Addison 4/17 (SWM), 30 Dorset 4/18 (EFG), 50 SHSL 5/10 (WJN).

VIREOS

Solitary Vireo: 3 Woodstock 4/20 (KRT), 1 Burlington 4/22 (fide SWM), 1 S. Starksboro 4/24 (MRP), on 4/28 2 Underhill (DLC), 1 Burlington (SWM), 1 Winhall (WJN), 8 Middlebury (JAP) high ct., 1 Brandon 4/29 (SSW), 1 Lincoln 4/29 (JRA), 1 Woodstock 4/29 (JMN), 1 East Dorset 5/1 (RWS), 7 Reading 5/1 (FMH,EJH), 1 Middlebury 5/2 (MBN), 1 Dorset 5/3 (EFG), on nest at East Dorset 5/9 (RWS). Yellow-

throated Vireo: 1 Middlebury 5/3 (JAP), 1 SBWMA 5/8 (EMA,RDB), ChV 5/8 (VBC), 1 East Dorset 5/9 (RWS), 1 ABM 5/9 (WJN), 1 Manchester 5/9 (BWP), 3 Middlebury 5/10 (JAP) high ct., 1 Brandon 5/12 (SSW), 1 Ripton 5/14 (MBN), 2 Alburg 5/14 (DLC), 2 HC 5/16 (WJN), 2 Ferrisburgh 5/22 (SWM), 1 Brandon 5/22 (SSW), 1 Middlebury 5/22 (JAP), Ferrisburgh 5/21 (WME,KA,JA), 1 South Royalton 5/22 (JLi), Birdathon 5/24 (SBL,DCD,LJE), 1 Woodstock 5/27 (CRP). Warbling Vireo: 1 Dorset 5/3 (EFG), 1 Woodstock 5/4 (CRP), 1 Middlebury 5/5 (JAP), 1 East Dorset 5/6 (RWS), 1 South Bay, Newport 5/7 (PFW,SAW), 3 Dorset 5/8,11 (EFG), 1 Georgia 5/9 (EMA,RDB), 1 Essex Jct. 5/9 (SWM), 2 HC,ABM 5/9 (WJN), 1 Lyndonville 5/9 (PFW,SAW), 5 Middlebury 5/10 (JAP), 1 Montpelier 5/10 (TSA), 1 Brandon 5/11 (SSW), 1 Woodstock 5/13 (JMN), 1 Dorset 5/14 (EFG), 1 Alburg 5/14 (DLC), 3 Montpelier 5/15 (BWP), 2 HC 5/16 (WJN), 8 DCWMA 5/17 (RWP) the high ct. Philadelphia Vireo: 1 on Birdathon 5/22 (JG). Red-eyed Vireo: 1 Lincoln 5/6 (JRA), 2 Chester 5/7 (CEAD), 2 Reading 5/8 (FMN,EJH), 1 ChV 5/8 (VBC), 1 Woodstock 5/9 (JMN), 1 White River Jct. 5/11 (CCR), 1 S. Starksboro 5/11 (MRP), 1 Dorset 5/11 (EFG), 1 Winhall 5/12 (WJN), 2 S. Starksboro 5/13 (MRP), 1 Dorset 5/14 (EFG), 1 Alburg 5/15 (DLC), 5 Lincoln 5/15 (JRA) high ct., 5 Manchester 5/15 (BWP) high ct., 1 Johnson 5/16 (VRS), 2 Clarendon 5/18 (CJF), 1 Lower Waterford 5/18 (PFW,SAW).

Blackpoll Warbler



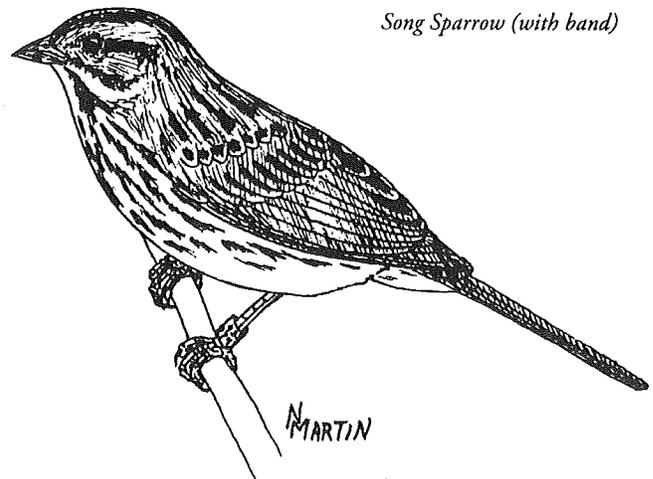
WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler: 1 Dorset 5/4 (EFG), 1 Brandon 5/4 (SSW), 1 Brandon 5/11 (JAP), 2 Manchester 5/15,19 (BWP,RWS), Bennington Cry Birdathon 5/22 (RK,EK,BDF,KH) seen on Birdathons at Ira Rest Stop 5/21-24 (m.ob.). Golden-winged Warbler: 1 Snake Mt., Addison 5/8 (VBC), 1 Brandon 5/10 (SSW), 1 Georgia 5/11 (EMA,RDB), 1 Middlebury 5/13 (JAP), 1 Westford 5/14 (DLC), 1 Snake Mt., Addison 5/15,22 (SWM), 3 Brandon 5/18 (SSW,JAP), 1 WRM 5/22 (RWP), 1 S. Starksboro 5/22 (MRP), 1 Middlebury 5/22 (JAP), seen at Ira Rest Stop and in the ChV on many Birdathons 5/21-24 (m.ob.), 1 Lincoln 5/27 (JRA), 1 WRM 5/28 (RWP). Tennessee Warbler: 1 Underhill 5/1 (DLC), 1 S. Starksboro 5/9 (MRP), 1 Norwich 5/11 (CCR), 1 BNP 5/12 (CCR), 1 Brandon 5/12 (SSW), 1 Georgia 5/14 (EMA,RDB), 1 S. Starksboro 5/15 (MRP), 1 Reading 5/17,19 (FMH,EJH), 1 Middlebury 5/22 (JAP), Birdathon 5/22 (RR,JL,SL,NH,HL). Nashville Warbler: 1 Norwich 5/4 (CCR), 1 Lincoln 5/5 (JRA), 1 Sheffield 5/6 (PFW,SAW), 1 Woodstock 5/7 (JMN), 1 Reading 5/9 (FMH,EJH), 14 Lincoln 5/10 (JRA), 1 Sheffield 5/11,12 (PFW,SAW), 1 Middlebury 5/12 (MBN), 1 Bristol 5/12 (JAP), 1 Middlebury 5/13 (JAP), 3 Salisbury 5/13 (RWP),

1 Goshen 5/15 (SSW), 1 Woodstock 5/17 (CRP), high cts. 20 MB and adj. areas 5/22 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 20 NE Kingdom 5/29 (DLC). Northern Parula: 1 East Dorset 5/1 (RWS), 1 Dorset 5/6 (EFG), ChV 5/8 (VBC), 1 Middlebury 5/13 (JAP), 1 Lower Waterford 5/18 (PFW,SAW), 1 Thurman Dix Res. 5/22 (AA,CA,TA,MMc), Birdathon 5/22 (RR,SL,JL,NH,HL), 1 Plymouth 5/22 (BRJ), 4 Brunswick 5/22 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 1 Reading 5/24 (FMH,EJH), Birdathon 5/24 (SBL,DCD,LJE), 2 MB 5/28 (BRJ,RHH,DB), 2 Orwell 1 Ferdinand, 1 Lewis 5/29 (DLC). Yellow Warbler: 1 East Dorset 5/1 (RWS), 1 Brandon 5/1 (SSW), 1 Winhall Hollow 5/1 (WJN), 2 Dorset 5/2 (EFG), 1 Westford 5/2 (EFG), 1 Bristol 5/3 (JRA), 4 Middlebury 5/3 (JAP), 10 Addison 5/4 (JAP), 5 Dorset 5/4,12 (EFG), 1 Lyndonville 5/5 (PFW,SAW), 1 Weybridge 5/7 (MBN), 2 South Bay, Newport 5/7 (PFW,SAW), 1 Danby, 1 W. Arlington 5/8 (CJF), 1 W. Bolton 5/8 (MC), 1 SBWMA 5/8 (VBC), on 5/9 1 Woodstock (CRP), 2 Burlington (SWM), 1 Grand Isle (DJH), 8 Manchester (BWP), 3 Georgia (EMA,RDB), 1 S. Starksboro (MRP), 1 Lyndonville (PFW,SAW), 1 Montpelier 5/10 (TSA), 1 Monkton 5/10 (EMA,RDB), 3 Brandon 5/11 (SSW), high ct. 15 DCWMA 5/15 (SWM), numerous reports of nesting. Chestnut-sided Warbler: 4 Vershire 5/2 (KRH), 1 Lincoln 5/3 (JRA), 1 East Dorset 5/4 (RWS), 1 Woodstock 5/5 (JMN), 2 Reading 5/7 (FMH,EJH), 1 Winhall 5/8 (WJN), ChV 5/8 (VBC), 1 Manchester 5/9 (BWP), 1 S. Starksboro 5/9 (MRP), 4 Reading 5/10 (FMH,EJH), 1 Springfield 5/11 (WME), 4 Bristol 5/12 (JAP), 2 Westford 5/13 (DLC), 2 S. Starksboro 5/13 (MRP), 1 Ripton 5/14 (MBN), 5 Dorset 5/14 (EFG), 12 Lincoln/Ripton 5/15 (JRA). Magnolia Warbler: 2 Winhall 5/8 (WJN), 1 Manchester 5/9 (BWP), 1 Middlebury 5/9 (JAP), 1 Reading 5/10 (FMH,EJH), 2 Reading 5/11 (FMH,EJH), 1 Sheffield 5/11,12 (PFW,SAW), 1 Dorset 5/12 (EFG), 1 Woodstock 5/13 (JMN), 1 Westford 5/14 (DLC), 2 Snake Mt., Addison 5/15 (SWM), 1 Berlin 5/15 (TSA), 1 Manchester 5/15 (BWP,RWS), high ct. 12 MB 5/22 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), poor spring for them, low numbers. Cape May Warbler: 1 East Dorset 5/1 (RWS), 1 Alburg 5/15 (DLC), 5 MB 5/22 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), Birdathon 5/24 (SBL,DCD,LJE), at least 2 MB and adjacent areas 5/29 (BRJ,RWH,DB), very poor showing. Black-throated Blue Warbler: 1 Danby 5/1 (CJF), 1 E. Middlebury 5/2 (MBN), 1 S. Starksboro 5/2 (MRP), 1 Middlebury 5/3 (JAP), 3 Reading 5/3 (FMH,EJH), 2 Lincoln 5/3 (JRA), 1 Brandon 5/6 (SSW), 1 Sheffield 5/6,11 (PFW,SAW), 1 Dorset 5/7 (EFG), ChV 5/8 (VBC), 3 Manchester 5/9 (BWP), 8 Reading 5/9 (FMH,EJH), 2 Sheffield 5/12 (PFW,SAW), 2 Winhall 5/12 (WJN), 2 Dorset 5/14 (EFG), 1 Snake Mt., Addison 5/15 (SWM), 4 Manchester 5/15 (BWP,RWS), 10 Lincoln/Ripton 5/15 (JRA), 1 Hubbardton 5/16 (CJF), 1 Underhill 5/16 (DLC). Yellow-rumped Warbler: 1 Waltham 3/1 (EMA,RDB) likely wintering bird, 2 Manchester 4/20 (BWP), 3 BNP 4/21 (CCR), 10 Bridport 4/21 (JAP), 5 ABM 4/23 (AMD), on 4/24 1 Georgia (EMA,RDB), 1 Grand Isle (DJH), 1 Dorset (EFG), 3 Red Rocks Pk. South Burlington (SWM), 1 Addison (JRA), 2 Lake St. Catherine (CJF), 2 Montpelier 4/25 (TSA), 1 Monkton 4/25 (RMe), 20 Bristol 4/26 (JAP), 1 SHSL 4/27 (WJN), 1 Woodstock 4/29 (JMN), high ct. 50+ Quechee 5/4 (JMN). Black-throated Green Warbler: 2 Lye Brook 5/1 (WME), 1 East Dorset 5/1 (RWS), 1 Norwich 5/1 (CCR), 1 S. Starksboro 5/2 (MRP), 1 Lincoln 5/3 (JRA), 4 Middlebury 5/3 (JAP), 1 Woodstock 5/5 (JMN), 1 Dorset 5/5 (EFG), 1 Addison 5/8 (VBC), 2 Manchester 5/9 (BWP), 2 Reading 5/9,10 (FMH,EJH), 1 Dorset 5/11 (EFG), 1 Sheffield 5/12 (PFW,SAW), 3 Lincoln 5/13 (JRA), 1 Ripton 5/14 (MBN), on 5/15 1 Georgia (EMA,RDB), 1 Natural Turnpike (JRA), 5 Manchester (BWP,RWS) high ct. Blackburnian Warbler: 1 Dorset 5/3 (EFG), 3 Reading 5/10

(FMH,EJH), 3 Middlebury 5/13 (JAP), 1 Springweather NA 5/15 (WME) 2 Berlin 5/15 (TSA), 2 Manchester 5/15 (BWP), widespread on Birdathons 5/22-23 (m.ob.), high ct. 8 MB 5/22 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 5 MB 5/28 (BRJ,RHH,DB), 1 Warner's Gore 5/29 (DLC). Pine Warbler: 1 Woodstock 4/13, 14 at feeder (KRT), 1 Georgia 4/24 (EMA,RDB), 1 South Burlington 4/27 (DLC), 12 Middlebury 4/28 (JAP) high ct., ChV 5/8 (VBC), 1 Middlebury 5/22 (JAP), 3 E. Middlebury 5/23 (MBN), Birdathon 5/24 (SBL,DCD,LJE). Prairie Warbler: 1 BNP 5/10 (CCR), 2 West Haven 5/15 (FAP), 1 Brandon 5/19 (SSW), 1 Sudbury 5/20 (SSW), 1 Middlebury 5/21 (JAP), Birdathon 5/22 (SSW,BB,HB,MLW), 1 Woodstock 5/22 (BRJ). Palm Warbler: 1 Dorset 4/18 (EFG), 6 Manchester 4/20 (BWP) high ct., 2 SHSL 4/21 (WJN), 2 Brandon 4/26 (SSW), 1 Bristol 4/26 (JAP), 1 Chester 4/29 (CEAd), 1 Chester 5/1 (CEAd), 1 East Dorset 5/1 (RWS), 2 Montpelier 5/11 (TSA). Bay-breasted Warbler: 1 Bristol 5/12 (JAP), 2 Westford 5/14 (DLC), 1 Sheffield 5/15 (PFW,SAW), 4 MB 5/22 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 1 Burlington 5/22 (GL,NC), Birdathon 5/22 (KM), Birdathon 5/22 (SWM,TGM,JDA), Halifax 5/22 (BBA), 1 Ferdinand 5/31 (CJF,BRJ,DB,RHH), Birdathon 5/24 (SBL,DCD,LJE), poor showing for the declining species. Blackpoll Warbler: 1 Winooski 5/15 (DLC), 1 Springfield 5/1 (WME), Bridport 5/21 (JA,KA,WME), on 5/22 2 Rochester (SSW), 1 Middlebury (JAP), 1 TWDix Res. (AA,CA,TA,MMc), Shrewsbury 5/22 (BRJ), Birdathon 5/24 (SBL,DCD,LJE), 1 Ferdinand 5/29 (BRJ,DB,RHH), 1 Rochester 5/31 (SSW). Cerulean Warbler: 1 SBWMA 5/8 (VBC), 1 Ira Rest Stop 5/20 (NLM), Birdathon 5/24 (SBL,DCD,LJE). Black-and-white Warbler: 1 Pomfret 4/24 (KRT), 1 Middlebury 4/28 (JAP), 1 S. Starksboro 4/30 (MRP), 1 Springfield 4/30 (WME), 1 Brandon 5/1 (SSW), 1 Woodstock 5/1 (JMN), 1 Underhill 5/1 (DLC), 1 Dorset 5/2 (EFG), 3 Middlebury 5/3 (JAP), 1 Lincoln 5/4 (JRA), 3 Reading 5/7,9 (FMH,EJH), 1 SBWMA 5/8 (EMA,RDB), ChV 5/8 (VBC), 4 Manchester 5/9 (BWP), 1 Georgia 5/9 (EMA,RDB), 1 Georgia 5/12,13 (RV), 6 Salisbury 5/13 (RWP) high ct., 1 Dorset 5/14 (EFG), 4 Natural Turnpike 5/15 (JRA), 3 Manchester 5/15 (BWP), 3 Snake Mt. Addison 5/15 (SWM). American Redstart: 1 Brandon 5/2 (SSW), 1 Middlebury 5/4 (JAP), 1 East Dorset 5/7 (RWS), 1 Danby 5/8 (CJF), SBWMA 5/8 (VBC), 2 Dorset 5/9 (EFG), 1 Woodstock 5/9 (CRP), 1 Underhill 5/9 (DLC), 6 Manchester 5/9 (BWP), 1 Reading 5/10 (FMH,EJH), 1 Montpelier 5/10 (TSA), 3 Dorset 5/12 (EFG), 1 W. Bolton 5/12 (MC), 1 Barnard 5/12 (JNF), 1 Ripton 5/14 (MBN), 1 Wallingford 5/14 (CJF), 1 Woodstock 5/14 (JMN), 5 Manchester 5/15 (BWP), 3 Natural Turnpike 5/15 (JRA), 1 ABM 5/15 (AMD), high ct. 30 Middlebury 5/13 (JAP), several nests reported. Ovenbird: 1 East Dorset 5/1 (RWS), 1 Lincoln 5/2 (JAP), 1 E. Middlebury 5/2 (MBN), 2 Chester 5/3 (CEAd), 2 Reading 5/3 (FMH,EJH), 1 Dorset 5/3 (EFG), 1 Middlebury 5/3 (JAP), 1 Huntington 5/5 (DLC), 1 Woodstock 5/5 (JMN), 1 S. Starksboro 5/6 (MRP), 3 Brandon 5/6 (SSW), 1 Georgia 5/6 (EMA,RDB), on 5/8 2 Winhall (WJN), 3 Danby (CJF), 4 Georgia 5/9 (EMA,RDB), ChV 5/8 (VBC), 18 Reading 5/9 (FMH,EJH), 2 Comerford Dam 5/9 (PFW,SAW), 1 Manchester 5/9 (BWP), 2 Dorset 5/9,11 (EFG), 1 Westminster W. 5/10 (AMD), 1 Weathersfield 5/10 (WME), 4 Chester 5/10 (CEAd), 1 Sheffield 5/11 (PFW,SAW), high ct. 19 Natural Turnpike 5/18 (JRA), nesting reports - nests and eggs found. Northern Waterthrush: 3 Brandon 4/28 (SSW), 1 East Dorset 5/1 (RWS), 1 Huntington 5/1 (SWM), 1 Reading 5/1 (FMH,EJH), 1 Perulandgrove Rd. 5/2 (WJN), 2 Middlebury 5/5 (JAP), 1 Sheffield 5/6,11 (PFW,SAW), 1 SBWMA 5/8 (VBC), 1 Georgia 5/9 (EMA,RDB), 2 Manchester 5/9 (BWP), 2 Lefferts Pond, Chittenden 5/10 (RWP), 4 Brandon 5/11 (JAP), 1 Reading 5/11 (FMH,EJH), 1 Dorset 5/11,14

(EFG), 4 Lefferts Pond, Chittenden 5/14 (RWP), 11 Alburg 5/14 (DLC) high ct., 4 Berlin Pond 5/15 (TSA), 2 Manchester 5/15 (BWP), widespread on birdathons in northern Vermont (m.ob.). Louisiana Waterthrush: 1 Quechee 4/2 (CCR), 1 Springweather NA 4/27 (WME), 1 Poultney 5/1 (CJF), 1 East Dorset 5/1 (RWS), 1 Goshen 5/2 (SSW), 1 Reading 5/4,17 (FMH,EJH), 1 Middlebury 5/22 (JAP), Birdathon 5/24 (SBL,DCD,LJE), 1 Ira 5/31 (RWP). Mourning Warbler: 1 W. Bolton 5/14 (MC), 1 Manchester 5/15 (BWP,RWS), 2 BNP 5/21 (CCR) banded, on 5/22 1 Manchester (BWP), 2-3 Snake Mtn., Addison (SWM,JDA,TGM), 1 Underhill (DLC), Birdathon (CHB), 1 Washington (BD,JH), Birdathon (JG), 1 MB 5/28 (BRJ,RHH,DB), 2 Reading 5/31 (FMH,EJH), 1 Ferdinand 5/31 (CJF). Common Yellowthroat: 1 Alburg 4/29 (DLC), 2 Brandon 5/4 (SSW), 1 Dorset 5/4 (EFG), 1 Weybridge 5/6 (MBN), 2 Lincoln 5/7 (JRA), 1 Reading 5/7 (FMH,EJH), 1 SBWMA 5/8 (VBC), 1 Riverside Farms-S. Londonderry 5/8 (WJN), 4 Reading 5/9 (FMH,EJH), 1 Middlebury 5/9 (JAP), 1 Woodstock 5/9 (CRP), on 5/10 1 Chester (CEAd), 1 Monkton, 1 DCWMA (EMA,RDB), 5 Dorset (EFG), 3 Winhall (WJN), 1 W. Bolton (MC), 1 Springfield 5/11 (WME), 1 S. Starksboro 5/11 (MRP), 5 Dorset 5/11,14 (EFG), 1 Sheffield 5/11,12 (PFW,SAW), 1 Woodstock 5/15 (JMN), 1 ABM 5/15 (AMD), 2 Berlin Pond 5/15 (TSA), 3 Manchester 5/15 (BWP), 6 DCWMA 5/15 (SWM) the high ct. Wilson's Warbler: 1 BNP 5/10 (CCR) banded, 1 Island Pond 5/22 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 1 E. Middlebury 5/23 (MBN), 1 Riverside Farms, S. Londonderry 5/25 (WJN), 1 Middlebury 5/29 (JAP), very poor showing. Canada Warbler: 1 Reading 5/10 (FMH,EJH), 1 Ripton 5/15 (JRA), 1 Brandon 5/18 (JAP), on 5/22 1 Barton Swamp (PFW,SAW), 1 Middlebury (JAP), 2 Berlin Pond (TSA), 1 Tinmouth (PB), 4 MB (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS) the high ct., 3 Rochester 5/23 (SSW), 2 Chittenden Dam 5/23 (RWP), Birdathon 5/24 (SBL,DCD,LJE), 1 Underhill 5/28 (DLC), 1 WRM 5/28 (RWP), 1 MB 5/29 (BRJ,RHH,DB), 1 Grand Isle 5/29 (DJH), 3 Reading 5/29,31 (FMH,EJH), 3 Ira 5/31 (RWP).



Song Sparrow (with band)

TANAGER THROUGH SNOW BUNTING

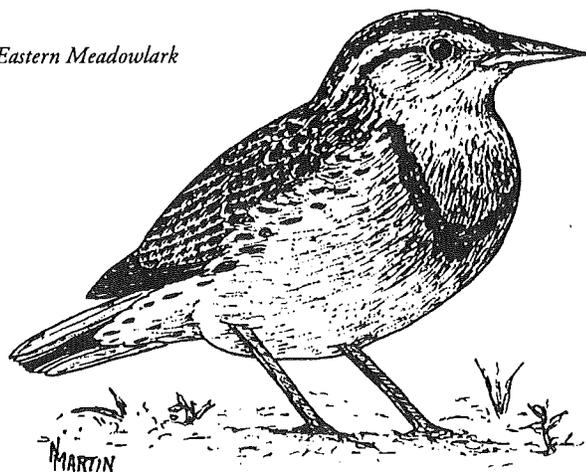
Scarlet Tanager: 1 Manchester 5/4 (BWP), ChV 5/8 (VBC), on 5/9 1 East Dorset (RWS), 1 Underhill (DLC), 3 Reading (FMH,EJH), 1 Ripton (MBN), 2 Chester (CEAd), 1 Manchester (BWP), 1 Winhall 5/10 (WJN), 1 S. Starksboro 5/10 (MRP), 3 Chester 5/11 (CEAd), 4 Bristol 5/12 (JAP), 1 South Hero 5/12 (DJH), 10 Middlebury 5/13 (JAP)

the high ct., 1 Georgia 5/13 (RV), 1 Salisbury 5/13 (RWP), 9 Manchester 5/15 (BWP), 5 Natural Turnpike 5/15 (JRA), 1 Berlin 5/15 (TSA), 1 Springfield 5/15 (WME), 1 Johnson 5/16 (VRS). Northern Cardinal: present throughout the year in most areas. Some high cts. 6 Panton 3/1 (EMA,RDB), 10 Middlebury 3/1 (JAP), 5 Manchester 3/13 (BWP), 5 Shelburne 3/17 (EHT), 6 Dorset 3/27, 4/6 (EFG), 5 HC 5/16 (WJN), 7 Addison 5/26 (RWP), 5 South Burlington 5/30 (RWP), numerous nesting reports. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 1 Bridport 4/29 (SSp), 1 Woodstock 4/30 (CRP), 1 W. Bolton 5/2 (MC), 1 Dorset 5/5 (EFG), 1 Georgia 5/6 (EMA,RDB), 1 Reading 5/7 (FMH,EJH), 1 Woodstock 5/7 (JMN), 1 Danby 5/8 (CJF), 1 S. Starksboro 5/8 (MRP), 4 Salisbury 5/8 (RWP), ChV 5/8 (VBC), 1 East Dorset 5/9 (RWS), 1 Brownsville 5/9 (BMH), 1 Weybridge 5/9 (MBN), 1 Manchester 5/9 (BWP), 2 Westminster W. 5/10 (AMD), 1 Underhill 5/11 (DLC), 1 Randolph 5/11 (EWC,MCC), 1 Essex Junction 5/11 (SWM), 2 Dorset 5/11 (EFG), 3 Bristol 5/12 (JAP), 1 Barnard 5/12 (JNF), 1 Springfield 5/13 (WME), 1 Winhall 5/14 (WJN), 1 Georgia 5/14 (RV), high ct. 30 Reading 5/10 (FMH,EJH). Painted Bunting: Two reports, pair at Danby 5/11 (KMD,WD), pair at feeder Winhall 5/13 (RM). These could possibly be the same individuals. (ED. NOTE: This species has been turning up in the northeastern states quite a bit recently and incidentally also in Great Britain, origin uncertain. Spring overshoots from the south rarely show up as mated pairs, usually as single individuals. This species is a favorite in the Mexican cage-bird trade. The explanation for these may be similar to the scenario about fifty years ago which resulted in the eastern House Finch populations.) Indigo Bunting: 1 Brandon 4/17 (SSW) early, 1 Chester 4/30 (CEAd), 1 St. Johnsbury 5/9 (PFW,SAW), 1 Middlebury 5/9 (JAP), 1 East Dorset 5/10 (RWS), 1 Brownsville 5/10 (BMH), 1 Westminster W. 5/10 (AMD), 2 Randolph 5/11 (EWC,MCC), 1 Woodstock 5/12 (CRP), 1 Georgia 5/14 (RV), 1 Manchester 5/15 (BWP), 1 Weybridge 5/16 (MBN), 1 Brandon 5/19 (SSW), 1 Snake Mt., Addison 5/22 (SWM), 1 Middlebury 5/22 (JAP), 1 E. Middlebury 5/23 (MBN), 1 Ira 5/23 (DLC), 1 South Hero 5/23 (DJH), high ct. only 2. Rufous-sided Towhee: 1 BNP 4/21 (CCR), 1 Pawlet 4/21,29 (GRB), 1 East Dorset 4/29 (RWS), 1 Brandon 5/3 (SSW), 1 Woodstock 5/7 (JMN), 3 Danby 5/8 (CJF) the high ct., ChV 5/8 (VBC), 2 Goshen 5/8 (SSW), 1 Lincoln 5/10 (JRA), 1 Manchester 5/15 (BWP), 1 Springweather NA 5/16 (WJN), 1 S. Starksboro 5/18 (MRP), 1 Brandon 5/19 (SSW), 1 Woodstock 5/21 (JMN), 1 Mt. Philo, Charlotte 5/22 (SWM), 1 Middlebury 5/22 (JAP), 2 Ira 5/23 (DLC), another declining species. American Tree Sparrow: late dates, high counts, 24 Addison-Panton-Bristol 3/1 (EMA,RDB), 10 Middlebury 3/1, 12 Middlebury 4/12 (JAP), 10 North Hero 3/7 (EMA,RDB), late dates 1 Brandon 4/15 (SSW), 2 Weybridge 4/15 (MBN), 1 Sheffield 4/15,17,19 (PFW,SAW), 1 Dorset 4/17 (EFG); 1 Grand Isle 4/17 (TSA), 2 Shelburne 4/24, 1 Shelburne 5/21 (EHT), 1 Woodstock 5/22 (BRJ), the last two very late. A sorry showing for this once abundant species. Chipping Sparrow: 1 Woodstock 4/13 (KRT), 1 Lincoln 4/16 (JRA), 2 Vershire 4/18 (KRH), 1 Manchester 4/18 (BWP), 1 Pawlet 4/19 (GRB), 2 Springfield 4/19 (WME), 1 Westminster W. 4/19 (AMD), 1 Brandon 4/19 (SSW), on 4/20 4 Chester (CEAd), 1 Dorset (EFG), 1 Middlebury (JAP), 6 SHSL (WJN), 1 Woodstock 4/21 (JMN), 1 Sheffield 4/21 (PFW,SAW), 8 Grand Isle 4/22 (RBL) a high ct., 1 Reading 4/23 (FMH,EJH), 4 Brandon 4/23 (SSW), 6 Middlebury 4/24 (JAP), 2 Red Rocks Pk. South Burlington 4/24 (SWM), 2 S. Starksboro 4/24 (MRP), 1 Weybridge 4/25 (MBN), 1 Wallingford 4/25 (SJD), another high ct. 8 Dorset 5/13,14 (EFG). Field Sparrow: 1 BNP 3/31 (KRT), 1 BNP 4/4 (WGE), 1 Middlebury 4/11 (JAP), 1 Randolph 4/13 (EWC,MCC), 1 Brandon 4/

23 (SSW), 1 Grand Isle 4/24 (DJH), 1 SHSL 4/24,26,28 (WJN), 1 S. Starksboro 4/24 (MRP), 1 Burlington 4/28 (SWM), 1 Springfield 4/29 (WME), 1 Essex Jct. 4/29 (SWM), 1 Weybridge 4/29 (MBN), 1 East Dorset 5/1 (RWS), 1 Woodstock 5/1 (RWS), 2 Benson 5/2 (CJF), 1 Lincoln 5/3 (JRA), 1 Reading 5/5,7 (FMH,EJH), 1 Sheffield 5/6 (PFW,SAW), 1 Dorset 5/8,12 (EFG), 4 Danby 5/8 (CJF) high ct., 1 Brandon 5/11 (SSW). Vesper Sparrow: 1 Salisbury 4/9 (DLC), 3 Addison 4/29 (JAP), 1 Chester 4/30 (CEAd), ChV 5/8 (VBC), 2 Chester 5/21 (CEAd), widespread ChV on birdathons 5/21-24 (m.ob.), elsewhere 2 Brighton 5/22 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), 1 Derby Line 5/22 (CL,DL). Savannah Sparrow: 1 Brandon 4/16 (SSW), 3 Winhall Hollow 4/17,20 (WJN), 1 E. Alburg 4/17 (TSA), 2 Swanton 4/17 (DLC), 4 Bridport 4/19 (JAP), 1 Woodstock 4/21 (JMN), 20 Waterbury 4/22 (TSA) a high ct., 1 Burlington 4/23 (SWM), 2 HC 4/29 (WJN), 2 Essex Jct. 4/30 (MRP), 1 East Dorset 5/1 (RWS), 2 Dorset 5/4 (EFG), ChV 5/8 (VBC), 6 Brandon 5/9 (SSW), 20 Derby 5/19 (STH) another high ct. Grasshopper Sparrow: 1 probable Dorset 5/8,10 (EFG), 2 Cornwall 5/17-18 (JAP), 1 DCWMA 5/21 (WME), 1-2 DCWMA-Panton Birdathon 5/21-24 (m.ob.), 1 New Haven 5/30 (JRA). Fox Sparrow: 1 Underhill 4/8, 4 4/14, 1 4/20 (DLC), 1 BNP 4/9 (CCR), 1 Church Hill Woodstock 4/10 (ABS), 3 Randolph 4/10 (EWC,MCC), 1 W. Bolton 4/10,11 (MC), 1 Randolph 4/13,14 (EWC,MCC), 1 Westminster W. 4/16 (AMD), 1 Winhall Hollow 4/17 (WJN), 1 Middlebury 4/20,24 (JAP), 1 Sheffield 4/21,27,28 (PFW,SAW), poor showing, missed by many, no March records. Song Sparrow: overwintered in several places, 1 Woodstock 3/1 (CRP), 1 Grand Isle 3/7 (DJH), 2 Bridport 3/8 (JAP), 1 Brownsville 3/8 (BMH), 2 Wallingford 3/18 (SJD), 1 Quechee 3/21 (KRT), 1 Manchester 3/28 (BWP), 2 Dorset 3/28 (EFG), 2 Brandon 3/29 (SSW), 2 Middlebury 3/29 (JRA), 1 Weybridge 3/31 (MBN), 1 Chittenden 4/1 (DM), 1 Randolph 4/1 (EWC,MCC), 1 Chester 4/2 (CEAd), 1 Westminster 4/2 (AMD), 1 Pawlet 4/3 (GRB), 1 Clarendon 4/4 (CJF), 3 Manchester 4/5 (BWP), 1 Addison 4/5 (EMA,RDB), 1 Woodstock 4/5 (JMN), 1 SHSL 4/6 (WJN), 1 DCWMA 4/6 (CJF), 1 East Dorset 4/7 (RWS), high ct. 25 DCWMA 4/17 (SWM), Most migration took place in April. Lincoln's Sparrow: 1 Sheffield 5/6 (PFW,SAW), 1 Winhall 5/12 (WJN), 4 MB 5/22 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), Birdathon 5/22 (RR,SL,JL,NH,HL), 1 MB 5/28 (BRJ,RHH,DB), poor showing. Swamp Sparrow: 2 Alburg 4/17 (DLC), 2 E. Alburg 4/17 (TSA), 2 Dorset 4/18 (EFG), 1 Brandon 4/19 (SSW), 1 Bristol Pond 4/21 (JRA), 5 Dorset 4/21, 5/9 (EFG), 2 WRM 4/30 (WJN), 2 Huntington 5/1 (SWM), 1 East Dorset 5/1 (RWS), 10 Weybridge 5/1 (JAP) high ct., 1 Sheffield 5/6 (PFW,SAW), 1 S. Bay, Newport 5/7 (PFW,SAW), 3 SBWMA 5/8 (VBC), 2 HC 5/8 (WJN), 2 Manchester 5/9 (BWP). White-throated Sparrow: 1 Sheffield 3/1 (PFW,SAW) overwintered, 2 Sudbury 3/16 (SSW), 1 Rutland 3/22 (CJF), 1 Shoreham 3/29 (JAP), March records likely indicate local or nearby wintering, 1 Rutland 4/3,4 (CJF), 1 Springfield 4/5 (WME), 1 Chittenden 4/8 (DM), 1 Randolph 4/9,10 (EWC,MCC), 1 ABM 4/10 (AMD), 1 Weybridge 4/10 (MBN), 1 Rutland 4/11 (CJF), 2 Lincoln 4/14 (JRA), 1 Dorset 4/14 (EFG), 1 Manchester 4/16, 2 on 4/17,19 (BWP), 1 Shelburne 4/17 (EHT), 2 W. Bolton 4/17 (MC), 1 Lincoln 4/17 (JRA), 3 Vershire 4/18 (KRH), 1 Woodstock 4/18 (CRP), 2 S. Starksboro 4/19 (MRP), 2 Underhill 4/20 (DLC), 2 Georgia 4/20 (EMA,RDB), high ct. 15 Woodstock 5/4 (JMN). White-crowned Sparrow: 2 Vershire 4/18 (KRH), 1 Wallingford 4/25 (SJD), 1 HC 4/29 (WJN), 1 Middlebury 4/30 (JAP), 1 Weybridge 4/30 ((MBN), 1 Reading 5/1 (FMH,EJH), 2 Brownsville 5/2 (BNH), 3 Chester 5/4 (CEAd), 1 Winhall Hollow 5/6 (WJN), 2 Lincoln 5/7 (JRA), ChV 5/8 (VBC), 1 W.

Bolton 5/8 (MC), 2 Dorset 5/9 (EFG), 4 Woodstock 5/9 CRP) a high ct., 4 Weybridge 5/10 (MBN) high ct., 1 Shelburne 5/10 (EHT), 2 Shelburne 5/12 (EHT), 4 W. Bolton 5/12 (MC), 2 Dorset 5/13,14 (EFG), 3 DCWMA 5/15 (SWM), 1 Reading 5/15 (FMH,EJH), 1 Shelburne 5/16 (EHT), 2 Weybridge 5/16 (MBN), 1 SHSL 5/17 (WJN), 1 Grand Isle 5/17 (DJH), seen on many birdathons 5/21-24 (m.ob.), 1 W. Bolton 5/24 (MC). Dark-eyed Junco: 3 Woodstock 3/1 (JMN), 4 Brandon 3/1 (SSW), 4 Middlebury 3/1 (JAP), 1 Barnard 3/11 (JNF), 1 Westminster W. 3/12 (AMD), 5 Manchester 3/13 (BWP), 1 Chester 3/21 (CEAd), flock Randolph 3/23 (EWC,MCC), 1 Dorset 3/25 (EFG), 2 SHSL 3/26 (WJN), 1 Woodstock 3/27 (JMN), on 3/28 1 S. Starksboro (MRP), 2 Manchester (BWP), 4 Chittenden (DM), 3 Woodstock (CRP), 10 Chester 3/29 (CEAd), 1 Sheffield 3/30 (PFW,SAW), 1 W. Bolton 3/31 (MC). Most early March dates probably were wintering birds, widespread after 4/1. Some high cts. 60 Grand Isle 4/21-22 including 1 albino 4/20-24 (RBL), 40 Chester 47 (CEAd), 50 Westminster W. 4/9 (AMD), 50 SHSL 4/12 (WJN), nest building Danby 5/8 (on Taconic Mt.) (CJF). Lapland Longspur: 1 Slang Rd. Ferrisburgh 4/5 (FAP) partial breeding plumage, singing, 2 Bridport 3/9 (JAP), 1 Clarendon 3/2 (CJF). Snow Bunting: 20 Addison, 110 Bristol 3/1 (EMA,RDB), 2 Addison 3/1 (JAP), 250 Addison 3/2 (JAP) high ct., 1 Clarendon 3/2 (CJF), 15 Alburg 3/2 (EMA,RDB), 100 Waterbury 3/3 (TSA), 23 Leicester 3/4 (SSW), 50 Bridport 3/9 (JAP), 300 Grand Isle 3/9 (DJH), 25± Brownsville 3/12-18 (BMH), 12 St. Albans 3/15 (EMA,RDB), 13 Grand Isle 3/15,16 (DJH), 2 Chester 3/16 (CEAd), 15 Burlington 3/16 (TSA), 4 S. Starksboro 3/20 (MRP), 45 Addison 3/20 (RWP), 4 Grand Isle 3/20,21 (DJH), 12± Wilder Dam 3/20 (Phoned to VINS), 200 Caledonia Airport 3/26 (PFW,SAW), 1 Winhall Hollow 4/25 (WJN) very late.

Eastern Meadowlark



BLACKBIRDS

Bobolink: 5 Chester 5/4 (CEAd), 2 Bridport 5/4 (JAP), 1 Dorset 5/4 (EFG), 3 Brandon 5/5 (SSW), 1 Peru-Landgrove Rd. 5/6 (WJN), 2 Brownsville 5/6 (BMH), 2 Springfield 5/7 (WME), 10 Addison 5/7 (JAP), 1 BNP 5/8 (CRF), 7 Dorset 5/8 (EFG), many ChV 5/8 (VBC), 2 Manchester 5/9 (BWP), 1 Underhill 5/9 (DLC), 1 Burlington 5/9 (SWM), 1 Grand Isle 5/9 (DJH), 1 East Dorset 5/9 (RWS), 1 Pawlet 5/12 (GRB), 1 Westminster W. 5/12 (AMD), 3 Winhall Hollow 5/12 (WJN), 3 Dorset 5/14 (EFG), 5 Manchester 5/15 (BWP), 3 Berlin 5/15

(TSA), 25 DCWMA 5/15 (SWM) the high ct., 10 L. Fairlee 5/16 (KRH), 1 Woodstock 5/16 (JMN), 1 Waterville 5/16 (VRS). Red-winged Blackbird: on the move in February, 20 Benson, 70 Ferrisburgh 3/2 (CJF), 1 Ferrisburgh 3/7 (CJF) winter holdovers, 2 Wheelock 3/9 (PFW,SAW), 1 W. Bolton 3/10 (MC), 4 Wallingford 3/10 (SJD), 4 Sudbury 3/10 (JAP), 2 East Dorset 3/11 (RWS), 1 Westminster W. 3/11 (AMD), 2 Brandon 3/13 (SSW), 1 Johnson 3/14 (VRS), 2 Randolph 3/15 (EWC,MCC), 1 W. Hartford 3/19 (KRT), 1 Woodstock 3/20 (CRP), 4 Brownsville 3/20 (BMH), 5 Westminster W. 3/21 (AMD), 1 SHSL 3/21 (WJN), 2 Dorset 3/21 (EFG), 6 Chester 3/22 (CEAd), 14 Vernon 3/23 (DHC), 1 Grand Isle 3/24 (DJH), 3 Middlebury 3/24 (JRA), 3 Woodstock 3/24 (CRP), 1 Woodstock 3/25 (JMN), high ct. 300 DCWMA 4/17 (SWM). Eastern Meadowlark: 4 Bridport 3/31 (JAP,JMN) high ct., 1 Dorset 4/8, 3 on 4/9 (EFG), 1 Chester 4/8 (CEAd), 1 Grand Isle 4/9 (DJH), 1 New Haven 4/10 (JRA), 1 Rutland Town 4/11 (SSW), 1 E. Alburg 4/17 (TSA), 1 Williston 4/22 (EMA,RDB), 1 Strafford 4/27 (SDF), 1 Springfield 4/29 (SDF), 1 Newport Airport 5/2 (PFW,SAW), 1 Chester 5/2 (CEAd), 2 Brandon 5/5 (SSW), 1 Barton 5/7 (PFW,SAW), many ChV 5/8 (VBC), 11 Grand Isle 5/9 (EMA,RDB), 1 Manchester 5/9 (BWP), 1 Weybridge 5/9 (MBN). Common Grackle: on the move in February, 1 Brandon 3/3 (SSW), 2 Shelburne 3/8 (EHT), 20 Woodstock 3/17 (JMN), 1 Dorset 3/25 (EFG), 1 Weybridge 3/26 (MBN), 2 Rutland 3/26 (CJF), 18 Ferrisburgh 3/27 (CJF), "several" Grand Isle 3/27 (DJH), 28 Addison 3/27 (JRA), 1 Colchester 3/27 (EMA,RDB), 2 Woodstock 3/27 (KRT), on 3/28 1 East Dorset (RWS), 2 Chester (CEAd), 2 Woodstock (CRP), 1 Bethel (DP), 1 Montpelier (TSA), 1 SHSL 3/29 (WJN), 10 Shoreham 3/29 (JAP), 3 Pawlet 3/29 (GRB), 1 South Hero 3/29 (EMA,RDB), 2 Sheffield 3/31 (PFW,SAW), "many" Burlington 3/31 (SWM), widespread by 4/1, high ct. 150 Addison 4/17 (SWM), two observers (DJH,SJD) commented on seeing "Purple" Grackles, birds having all or some of the characteristics of the more southerly race. We are in the intergrade zone between the northern "Bronzed" and southern "Purple" races. Close examination of adult males would show that around 10% of grackles in Vermont are intergrades showing at least some "Purple" characteristics. Many or most birders do not concern themselves with subspecies, but in the light of current trends in avian taxonomy, today's race may be tomorrow's species (i.e. Bicknell's Thrush). Rusty Blackbird: 1 SHSL 3/20,21 (WJN), 2 Wallingford 3/26, 1 on 4/6 (SJD), 4 Leicester 4/9 (DLC), 12 Lemon Fair R. 4/10 (FAP), 4 Grand Isle 4/1, 3 on 4/23 (DJH), poor showing for this declining species. Brown-headed Cowbird: 35 Manchester 3/5 (BWP), 4 Randolph 3/24 (EWC,MCC), 10 SHSL 3/25 (WJN), 2 Shelburne 3/26 (EHT), 1 Dorset 3/27 (EFG), 6 New Haven 3/27 (JRA), 5 Brandon 3/27 (SSW), on 3/28 1 East Dorset (RWS), 1 Woodstock (JMN), 1 S. Starksboro (MRP), 3 Woodstock (CRP), 10 Weybridge 3/30 (MBN), 12 Grand Isle 3/29 (EMA,RDB), 10 Bridport 3/31 (JAP), 1 Sheffield 3/1 (PFW,SAW), 1 W. Bolton 4/1 (MC), 20 Brandon 4/1 (SSW), 1 Barnard 4/3 (JNF), 2 Weybridge 4/4 (CJF), widespread after early April, high ct. 150 DCWMA 4/17 (SWM), many observers commented on declines in cowbirds, not surprising considering the population declines in many of its host species. Orchard Oriole: 1 DARSP Addison early May (WS). Northern Oriole: 1 Brandon 5/1 (SSW), 1 Dorset 5/6 (EFG), 1 East Dorset 5/6 (RWS), 1 Chester 5/7 (CEAd), 1 Middlebury 5/7 (JAP), ChV 5/8 (VBC), 1 Grand Isle 5/8 (DJH), 2 Vershire 5/8 (KRH), 1 W. Bolton 5/8 (MC), 1 Barnard 5/8 (JNF), on 5/9 4 Manchester (BWP), 2 Georgia, 1 South Hero (EMA,RDB), 1 Weybridge (MBN), 10 HC-ABM (WJN), 1 Comerford Dam, 1 E. Barnet (PFW,SAW), 1 Underhill (DLC), 3 Springfield 5/10 (WME), 1 Ferrisburgh, 1 Bridport 5/10 (EMA,RDB), 1 Randolph 5/11

(EWC,MCC), 1 Montpelier 5/11 (TSA), 5 Weybridge 5/12 (MBN), 1 Pawlet 5/12 (GRB), 4 Dorset 5/13, 2 on 5/14 (EFG), on 5/15 8 Addison (SWM), 4 Manchester (BWP), 1 Berlin Pd. (TSA), 1 Shrewsbury (CJF), 1 ABM (AMD), 1 Woodstock (CRP), 2 Quechee (JMN), high ct. 12 HC-ABM 5/16 (WJN), on 5/9 at HC a male with the orange replaced by scarlet (as in Tanager) bird was singing normally and was a part of a group which apparently accepted him (WJN).

FINCHES AND HOUSE SPARROW:

Purple Finch: present through most of the state through winter. Some high cts. 24 Proctor 3/9 (RWP), 18 Taftsville 3/13 (KRT), 13 Brandon 3/16 (SSW), 40 Middlebury 3/21 (JAP), 13 W. Bolton 3/22 (MC), 15 S. Starksboro 3/28 (MRP), 24 Grand Isle 4/11 (DJH), 20 Derby 5/19-31 (STH). House Finch: some high cts. 20 Chester period (CEAd), 75 Bridport 3/1 (JAP), 15 Woodstock period (JMN), 20 Addison 3/1 (EMA,RDB), 20 Dorset 3/8 (EFG), 20 Weybridge 3/13 (MBN), 20 Brownsville 4/3 (BMH), 25 HC 5/9 (WJN). Pine Siskin: 2 Sheffield 3/4 (PFW,SAW) present 8 different days at their feeder, last 5/29, max. 3 on 4/8 Sheffield (PFW,SAW), through period at feeder, high 6 ind. Georgia (EMA,RDB), 4 Underhill 3/31 (DLC), 1 W. Bolton 4/27,5/1 (MC), 1 Brighton 5/22 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS), Birdathon 5/22 (RL), 1 Island Pond 5/28 (BRJ,RHH,DB). American Goldfinch: wintered widely, usual influx of breeders in May, high ct. 20 Chester period (CEAd), 20 Weybridge 3/13 (MBN), 36 W. Bolton 3/16 (MC), 24 Dorset 3/21 (EFG), 40 Wallingford 4/11 (SJD), 20 Brownsville 4/12 (BMH), 30 Burlington 4/24 (SWM), 36 Pawlet 5/5 (GRB), 25 Middlebury 5/10 (JAP), 40 Georgia 5/17 (EMA,RDB), 24 Lincoln 5/30 (JRA), 50 Derby 5/19-31 (STH). Evening Grosbeak: present in low numbers through the winter, but stayed through the period at most high elevation areas with considerable breeding in southern Vermont as was the case in 1992. High cts. 18 W. Bolton 3/10 (MC), 28 Taftsville 3/13 (KRT), 20 SHSL 3/13 (WJN), 24 Woodstock 3/20 (JMN), 20 Woodstock 3/20 (CRP), 25 Lincoln 3/25 (JRA), 15 S. Starksboro 3/28 (MRP), 50 Sheffield 3/29 (PFW,SAW), 20 Dorset 4/10 (EFG), 15 Reading 5/1 (FMH,EJH), 40 MB 5/22 (WGE,NLM,DHC,SJS). House Sparrow: present around towns and farm buildings as usual, some high cts. 45 Waltham 3/1 (EMA,RDB), 25 Woodstock 3/14 (CRP), 16 Shelburne 3/21 (EHT), 17 Manchester 4/12 (BWP), 20 period SHSL (WJN), 25 period Brownsville (BMH).

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Br.	Bridge
Is.	Island, Isle
Jct.	Junction
L.	Lake
max.	maximum
Mdws.	Meadows
m.ob.	many observers
NA	Nature Area
Pd.	Pond
pr.	pair
Res.	Reservoir
R.	River
ABM	Allen Brothers Marsh, Westminster
BRM	Barton River Marsh, 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 and Panton
HC	Herricks Cove, Rockingham
LC	Lake Champlain
SBWMA	Sandbar Wildlife Management Area, Milton
SHSL	Smith Haven Grounds, South Londonderry
WRM	West Rutland Marsh, West Rutland
WRJct.	White River Junction
WHL	Winhall Hawk Lookout
WRD	Delta Park, Winooski River Delta, Colchester

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.

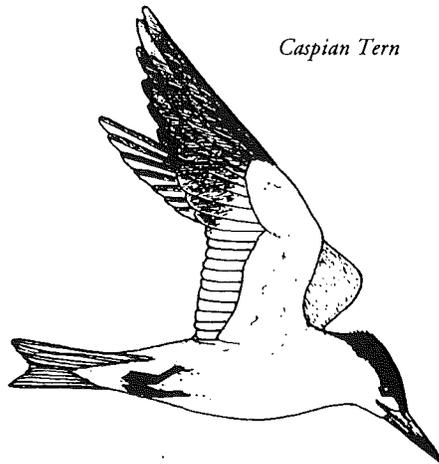
It is frustrating for both the observer and the committee to have a tantalizing sighting of a rare species not listed due to insufficient details.

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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