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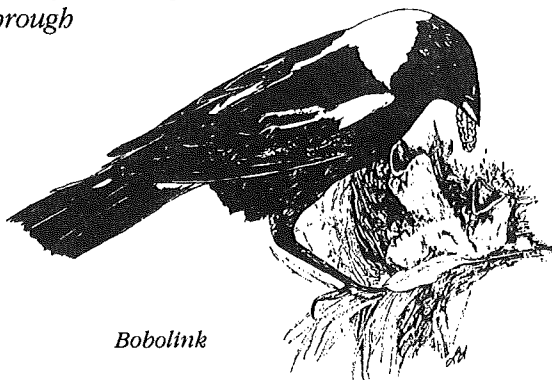
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FROM THE MANAGING EDITOR

After much discussion with seasonal editors of the Records of Vermont Birds and members of the Vermont Bird Records Committee, we have decided to incorporate some changes into RVB. With this issue, we introduce a new format that we think will make the data more useful and available to readers. Rather than reporting the records in a narrative fashion, they will now be listed in a tabular format by species. This allows readers to see, at a glance, when, where, and how many of a species were seen for the season being reported. We have maintained the introductory narrative discussing the season's weather and highlights, and added brief narratives for groupings of birds (Loons through Terns, Doves through Starling, and Vireos through



Bobolink

House Sparrow). In addition to making the records easier to use, the tabular format allows them to be entered and archived in a computer database. This will provide greater flexibility in how the records can be used and facilitate their access by future researchers, students and others. Now if we can just get the records for the past 25 years entered into that database!

We recognize that this issue departs from the chronological schedule; the Spring 1997 issue is currently in production.

In the near future we plan to expand RVB into a small birding journal. In addition to the seasonal sightings, we will publish articles about birds and birding in Vermont. While the articles may cover topics ranging from current avian research, to natural history or conservation of a species, to new state records and places to go birding, they will all pertain to Vermont. Our hope is that this will not only broaden the appeal of the publication and increase awareness about birds and birding, but will give birders, biologists, naturalists, and others a chance to share their thoughts and insights while learning more about Vermont birds.

Many thanks to outgoing interim editor Bryan Pfeiffer, who did a great job getting RVB up to date and our publication schedule back on track. I look forward to working with the birding community to make the "new" RVB as useful and informative as possible. I welcome your comments, thoughts, and suggestions (not to mention your sightings.)

- Steve Faccio, Managing Editor

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The only predictable thing about New England weather seems to be its unpredictability. The season's high temperature of 90 degrees occurred on June 10th, which was followed by the seasonal low of 42 degrees on June 15th. June's average temperature was 2.1 degrees above the norm, while rainfall was below normal by 0.85". July followed by being 1.8 degrees cooler than average with a high of 89 on July 1st and a low of 49 on the 30th. The month was rainy as well with the average precipitation being 0.24" above normal.

LOONS THROUGH TERNS

A slow but steady increase has been documented in Vermont's COMMON LOON population. This season, 25 pairs attempted to nest. Of those, 20 were successful in producing 31 chicks. By the end of August, at least 24 chicks had survived, the most since 1979, when population monitoring began. A PIED-BILLED GREBE with 3 young, observed at the West Rutland Marsh, was a notable summer sighting.

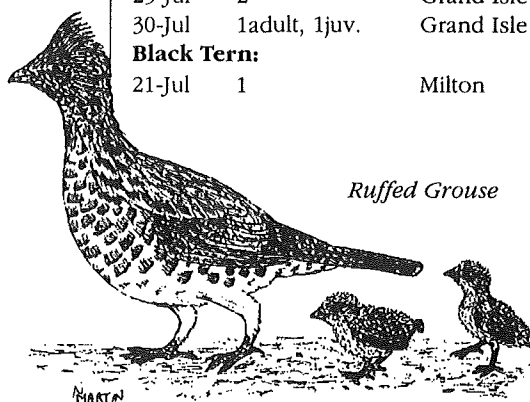
AMERICAN KESTRELS were successful in producing 14 young from 3 of the 10 nesting boxes placed along I-89. Vermont's population of PEREGRINE FALCONS expanded from 12 to 16 territorial pairs, the first increase since 1992. Fourteen pairs nested but only 9 were successful in fledging 21 chicks. Causes of the 5 nest failures were not confirmed. There was a great deal of excitement generated by the discovery of the state's first nesting MERLINS at Johnson State College. The pair remained in the area during July and August fledging 4 young. The OSPREY population continued its steady recovery with 19 nest sites producing 37 fledglings. COMMON TERNS had a successful season with a total of 123 chicks. While this is encouraging, biologists agree that the breeding population remains at risk.

DATE	No.	Location	Observers
Common Loon:			
1-Jun	2	Grand Isle	DJH
31-Jul	2adult, 3yg.	North Hero	DJH
Pied-billed Grebe:			
7-Jun	1adult, 3yg.	W. Rutland Marsh	SSW, RWP et al
27-Jul	2	East Creek	JMN
Double-crested Cormorant:			
11-Jun	15	Lake Champlain	SSW
25-Jul	25	Panton	JMN
American Bittern:			
1-Jun	1	Danby	NAB
28-Jul	1	Brandon	SSW
Great Blue Heron:			
1-Jun	2	Reading	FMH, EJH
31-Jul	13	DCWMA	RWP
Great Egret:			
28-Jul	1	Springfield	PAS
31-Jul	1	East Creek	RWP
Green-backed Heron:			
2-Jun	1	Pawlet	GRB
29-Jul	4	Danby	NAB
Black-crowned Night Heron:			
1-Jun	2	Grand Isle	DJH
10-Jun	5	Grand Isle	DJH
27-Jul	1	DCWMA	JMN
Glossy Ibis:			
22-Jul	1	DCWMA	MM
Canada Goose:			
1-Jun	2	Dorset	EFG
5-Jun	400+	Grand Isle	DJH
31-Jul	31	Danby	NAB
Wood Duck:			
1-Jun	1	Goshen	SSW
31-Jul	16	East Creek	RWP
Jun/Jul	23 broods, 188yg.	MNWR	

DATE	No.	Location	Observers
Green-winged Teal:			
16-Jul	8	DCWMA	DJH
30-Jul	3	DCWMA	SSW
American Black Duck:			
11-Jun	8	Woodstock	JMN
28-Jul	14	Lake Fairlee	KRH
30-Jul	4	DCWMA	SSW
Jun/Jul	2 broods, 8yg.	MNWR	
Mallard:			
1-Jun	1	Dorset	EFG
7-Jun	25	Spring/Westmin	WJN
28-Jul	numerous	DCWMA	EMA, RDB
Jun/Jul	18 broods, 112yg.	MNWR	
Northern Pintail:			
28-Jul	6	DCWMA	FAP, DJH, EMA, RDB
Blue-winged Teal:			
28-Jul	3	DCWMA	EMA, RDB
Gadwall:			
10-Jun	4	Nichol's Pt.	DJH
26-Jul	1fem., 4yg.	Bixby Island	DJH
American Wigeon:			
28-Jul	1	DCWMA	EMA, RDB, DJH, FAP
Ring-necked Duck:			
Jun/Jul	2pr., 14yg.	Barton	LK
Hooded Merganser:			
1-Jun	1	Manchester Ctr.	NAB
8-Jul	3	East Creek	JMN
Jun/Jul	1 brood, 4yg.	MNWR	
Common Merganser:			
3-Jun	3	Vershire	KRH
29-Jul	15	S. Londonderry	WJN
31-Jul	1	Lake Dunmore	SSW
Turkey Vulture:			
2-Jun	1	Dorset	EFG
25-Jun	13	Bristol	JRA
28-Jul	2	West Bolton	MC

DATE	No.	Location	Observers
Sharp-shinned Hawk:			
3-Jun	1	Woodstock	JMN
16-Jul	1	Pawlet	GRB
Cooper's Hawk:			
9-Jul	1	Dorset	EFG
29-Jul	1	Dorset	EFG
Northern Goshawk:			
29-Jun	1	Wilmington	JMN
10-Jul	1	N. Bridgewater	JWL
Red-shouldered Hawk:			
22-Jun	2	West Bolton	MC
1-Jul	2	West Bolton	MC
Broad-winged Hawk:			
1-Jun	1	Starksboro	MP
4-Jul	3	Starksboro	MP
13-Jul	1adult & yg.	Hartland	JMN
26-Jul	nest w/ 2 yg.	Sharon	SDF
Red-tailed Hawk:			
11-Jun	3	Shoreham	SSW
31-Jul	1	Colchester	EMA, RDB
American Kestrel:			
1-Jun	1	Danby	NAB
31-Jul	8	Danby	NAB
Merlin:			
21-Jul	1adult & 3yg.	Johnson	JMN
Peregrine Falcon:			
19-Jun	3	Fairlee	JMN
28-Jul	1	DCWMA	EMA, RDB, DJH
Ruffed Grouse:			
1-Jun	1	Vershire	KRH
9-Jun	1fem., 13yg.	Danby	NAB
19-Jul	1fem., 4yg.	Wardsboro	NAB*
Wild Turkey:			
2-Jun	3	Vershire	KRH
29-Jul	22	Brandon	SSW
Virginia Rail:			
6-Jun	2	Waltham	JRA
5-Jul	1adult, 1yg.	DCWMA	MBN
15-Jul	2 juv.	DCWMA	MBN
Sora:			
4-Jun	1	Grand Isle	DJH
21-Jul	1	Grand Isle	DJH
27-Jul	1	DCWMA	JMN
Killdeer:			
1-Jun	4	S. Londonderry	WJN
1-Jun	1fem., 4eggs	Danby	NAB
20-Jul	30	S. Londonderry	WJN
31-Jul	14	DCWMARWP	
Greater Yellowlegs:			
8-Jul	2	DCWMA	JMN
9-Jul	1	DCWMA	DJH
14-Jul	6	DCWMA	FAP
Lesser Yellowlegs:			
16-Jul	12	DCWMA	DJH
31-Jul	1	Orwell	RWP
Solitary Sandpiper:			
1-Jun	1	Grand Isle	DJH
30-Jul	2	DCWMA	SSW
Spotted Sandpiper:			
1-Jun	2	S. Londonderry	WJN
27-Jul	20	DCWMA	FAP
31-Jul	5	DCWMA	RWP

DATE	No.	Location	Observers
Upland Sandpiper:			
7-Jun	2	Benson	FAP
11-Jun	1	Shoreham	SSW
14-Jun	1	Bridport	SSW, JMN
29-Jul	12	DCWMA	FAP
Semipalmated Sandpiper:			
8-Jul	1	DCWMA	JMN
28-Jul	48	DCWMA	FAP, DJH
31-Jul	25	DCWMA	RWP
Least Sandpiper:			
9-Jul	1	DCWMA	DJH
20-Jul	45	DCWMA	TGM
30-Jul	20	DCWMA	SSW
Western Sandpiper:			
28-Jul	1	DCWMA	DJH
Baird's Sandpiper:			
20-Jul	2	DCWMA	TGM
Pectoral Sandpiper:			
28-Jul	1	DCWMA	EMA, RDB
30-Jul	1	DCWMA	SSW, FAP
Short-billed Dowitcher:			
28-Jul	2	DCWMA	EMA, RDB, DJH
Common Snipe:			
1-Jun	1	Winhall	WJN
31-Jul	2	DCWMA	SSW, RWP
American Woodcock:			
5-Jun	1	Manchester Ctr.	NAB
8-Jun	3	Brandon	SSW
14-Jun	3	Lincoln	JRA
Wilson's Phalarope:			
27-Jul	1	DCWMA	FAP
29-Jul	1	DCWMA	DJH
Bonaparte's Gull:			
21-Jul	1	Milton	DJH
28-Jul	.46	Nichol's Pt	DJH
31-Jul	1 juv.	Nichol's Pt.	DJH
Ring-billed Gull:			
1-Jun	4	Rutland	NAB
10-Jun	70	Bristol	JRA
31-Jul	4	Rutland	NAB
Herring Gull:			
Jun/Jul	many	Grand Isle	DJH
Jun/Jul		Woodstock	JMN
Great Black-backed Gull:			
Jun/Jul	6	Grand Isle	DJH
Laughing Gull:			
28-Jul	1	DCWMA	EMA, RDB
30-Jul	1	Grand Isle	DJH
Common Tern:			
29-Jun	2	Grand Isle	DJH
25-Jul	2	Grand Isle	DJH
30-Jul	1adult, 1juv.	Grand Isle	DJH
Black Tern:			
21-Jul	1	Milton	DJH



Ruffed Grouse

DOVES THROUGH STARLINGS

Doves were once again abundant with many reports stating that numerous individuals were seen. Several reports of RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD, one from W. Arlington and photographic evidence from Pittsford, are reminders to check our feeders closely for this western species. Fledgling SCREECH OWLS were in residence in Panton, showing themselves in a timely manner to an Audubon group. A RED-HEADED WOODPECKER was observed at a nesthole in Bridport, while a BLACK-BACKED WOODPECKER was seen nesting in Sheffield. Other members of this family, along with flycatchers, were well reported.

DATE	No.	Location	Observers
Rock Dove:			
1-Jun	6	Danby	NAB
Jun/Jul	30	Woodstock	JMN
Mourning Dove:			
1-Jun	numerous	Georgia	EMA, RDB
27-Jul	10	Georgia	EMA, RDB
31-Jul	5	Dorset	EFG
Black-billed Cuckoo:			
6-Jun	1	Dorset	EFG
9-Jun	2	Brandon	SSW
30-Jun	1	Hartland	JMN
Yellow-billed Cuckoo:			
24-Jun	1	Pawlet	GRB
5-Jul	1	Pawlet	GRB
Eastern Screech Owl:			
26-Jun	5 fledgs.	Panton	MBN
Great Horned Owl:			
4-Jun	1	Manchester Ctr.	BWP
July	1	N. Bridgewater	JWL
Barred Owl:			
3-Jun	2	W. Bolton	MC
23-Jul	3	Rupert	JMN
Short-eared Owl:			
1-Jun	1	Addison	FAP
8-Jun	1	DCWMA	SSW
Northern Saw-whet Owl:			
24-Jun	1	S. Starksboro	MP
27-Jun	1 juv.	S. Starksboro	MP
Common Nighthawk:			
27-Jun	2	Brattleboro	JB
Chimney Swift:			
1-Jun	2	Dorset	EFG
June	20	Woodstock	JMN
31-Jul	10	Brandon	SSW
Ruby-throated Hummingbird:			
1-Jun	2	W. Bolton	MC
15-Jun	7	Rochester	NAB
31-Jul	7	Wardsboro	NAB*
Belted Kingfisher:			
1-Jun	1	Jericho	MC
21-Jul	2 adult, 4 yg.	Sherburne	PAS
27-Jul	3	Benson	JMN
31-Jul	2	Woodstock	JMN
Red-headed Woodpecker:			
3-Jun	1	Bridport	SSW
14-Jun	2	Bridport	JMN
8-Jul	1	Georgia	EMA, RDB
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:			
1-Jun	2	Danby	NAB
29-Jun	10	Windham	JB
10-Jul	2 adult, 1 juv.	Danby	SSW

DATE	No.	Location	Observers
Downy Woodpecker:			
1-Jun	2	Brandon	SSW
20-Jul	3	Dorset	EFG
31-Jul	2	Danby	NAB
Hairy Woodpecker:			
1-Jun	1	Proctor	RWP
4-Jul	2 adult, 2 yg.	Vershire	KRH
29-Jul	2	Brandon	SSW
Black-backed Woodpecker:			
14-Jun	2 at nest w/ yg.	Sheffield	PFW, SAW
Northern Flicker:			
1-Jun	2	Vershire	KRH
20-Jul	5	S. Starksboro	MP
31-Jul	1	Woodstock	JMN
Pileated Woodpecker:			
1-Jun	1	W. Bolton	MC
6-Jul	2	Reading	FMH, EJH
20-Jul	1	Dorset	EFG
Olive-sided Flycatcher:			
11-Jun	1	Mt. Mansfield	DJH
18-Jun	2	Chittenden/Goshen	SDF
20-Jul	1	S. Londonderry	WJN
Eastern Wood Pewee:			
1-Jun	1	Georgia	EMA, RDB
4-Jul	2	Woodstock	JMN
18-Jul	1	Manchester Ctr.	BWP
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:			
11-Jun	1	Underhill Ctr.	DJH
11-Jul	1	Mt. Ellen	MP
Alder Flycatcher:			
2-Jun	3	Pittsford	SSW
19-Jun	3	N. Pomfret	JMN
14-Jul	1	Barton	PFW, SAW
Willow Flycatcher:			
2-Jun	2	Pittsford	SSW
7-Jun	12	W. Rutland	RWP
30-Jul	2	DCWMA	SSW
Least Flycatcher:			
1-Jun	1	Brandon	RWP
29-Jun	6	Bristol Notch	JRA
8-Jul	1	S. Starksboro	MP
Eastern Phoebe:			
1-Jun	2	Danby	NAB
31-Jul	8	Danby	NAB
Great Crested Flycatcher:			
1-Jun	1	Hartland	JMN
22-Jun	2	Georgia	EMA, RDB
31-Jul	2	Dorset	EFG
Eastern Kingbird:			
2-Jun	2	Brandon	SSW
28-Jul	1 adult, 7 yg.	Brandon	SSW
31-Jul	2	Sheffield	PFW, SAW

DATE	No.	Location	Observers
Horned Lark:			
27-Jun	5	DCWMA	SSW
Purple Martin:			
15-Jun	26	Addison	JRA
27-Jul	25 adult & yg.	Addison	JMN
Tree Swallow:			
1-Jun	8	Vershire	KRH
27-Jul	300+	Benson	JMN
30-Jul	25	Weybridge	MBN
N. Rough-winged Swallow:			
1-Jun	2	Danby	NAB
7-Jul	50+	Grand Isle	DJH
31-Jul	2	Woodstock	JMN
Bank Swallow:			
1-Jun	9	Danby	NAB
27-Jul	2	Georgia	EMA, RDB
Cliff Swallow:			
1-Jun	1	Winhall	WJN
26-Jun	4	Ferrisburgh	EMA, RDB
31-Jul	2	Danby	NAB
Barn Swallow:			
1-Jun	4	Dorset	EFG
20-Jul	200	Grand Isle	DJH
31-Jul	10	Dorset	EFG
Blue Jay:			
1-Jun	5	S. Londonderry	WJN
10-Jun	52	Ln, Rptn, Brstl	JRA
31-Jul	5	Brandon	SSW
American Crow:			
1-Jun	4	Vershire	KRH
7-Jun	50	Rockingham	WJN
31-Jul	2	Dorset	EFG
Common Raven:			
1-Jun	1	S. Londonderry	WJN
15-Jun	8	Danby	NAB
30-Jun	3	Manchester Ctr.	BWP
27-Jul	2	Jericho	MC
Black-capped Chickadee:			
1-Jun	6	Vershire	KRH
10-Jun	64	Ln,Rptn,Brstl,Mnkt	JRA
31-Jul	11	Dorset	EFG
Boreal Chickadee:			
15-Jun	1	Mt. Mansfield	DJH
Tufted Titmouse:			
1-Jun	1	Dorset	EFG
9-Jul	4	Springfield	WME
26-Jul	1	Rockingham	WJN
Red-breasted Nuthatch:			
1-Jun	adult & yg.	Proctor	RWP
4-Jun	2	Woodstock	JMN
24-Jul	adult & yg.	Proctor	RWP
White-breasted Nuthatch:			
1-Jun	1	Pawlet	MC
3-Jun	1	Westminster West	AMD
4-Jul	2 adult, 3 yg.	Woodstock	JMN
31-Jul	4	Dorset	EFG
Brown Creeper:			
22-Jun	1	Woodstock	JMN
26-Jul	2	Reading	FMH, EJH
28-Jul	1	Brandon	SSW

DATE	No.	Location	Observers
House Wren:			
1-Jun	2	Brandon	SSW
30-Jun	6	Manchester Ctr.	BWP
31-Jul	2	Danby	NAB
Winter Wren:			
1-Jun	1	Danby	NAB
29-Jun	6	Wilmington	JMN
10-Jul	2adult, 5yg.	Danby	SSW
24-Jul	1	S. Burlington	EMA, RDB
Sedge Wren:			
8-Jun	1	DCWMA	SSW
Marsh Wren:			
2-Jun	1	Hartland	JMN
7-Jun	12	W. Rutland	RWP
15-Jun	8	DCWMA	JRA
27-Jul	2	East Creek	SSW
Golden-crowned Kinglet:			
11-Jul	1	Mt. Mansfield	DJH
11-Jul	1	Mt. Ellen	MP
Ruby-crowned Kinglet:			
27-Jun	1	Sheffield	PFW, SAW
11-Jul	1	Mt. Ellen	MP
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:			
28-Jul	1	Brandon	SSW
Eastern Bluebird:			
1-Jun	2	Vershire	KRH
15-Jun	5	Lincoln	JRA
31-Jul	3	Dorset	EFG
Veery:			
1-Jun	1	S. Londonderry	WJN
29-Jun	9	Lincoln	JRA
18-Jul	15	Reading	FMH, EJH
29-Jul	1	Dorset	EFG
Bicknell's Thrush:			
28-Jun	2	Mt. Mansfield	SSW
Swainson's Thrush:			
20-Jun	1	Peru/Landgrove	WJN
23-Jun	2	Rochester	SSW
11-Jul	1	Jerusalem	SSW
Hermit Thrush:			
1-Jun	1	Sheffield	PFW, SAW
23-Jun	6	Mt. Tom	JMN
18-Jul	10	Reading	FMH, EJH
31-Jul	1	Sheffield	PFW, SAW
Wood Thrush:			
1-Jun	2	Brandon	SSW
30-Jun	2	Manchester Ctr.	BWP
4-Jul	4	Woodstock	JMN
29-Jul	1	Dorset	EFG
American Robin:			
1-Jun	23	Dorset	EFG
7-Jun	30	Rockingham	WJN
31-Jul	2	Jericho	MC
Gray Catbird:			
1-Jun	3	S. Londonderry	WJN
13-Jul	14	Dorset	EFG
31-Jul	4	Wardsboro	NAB*
Northern Mockingbird:			
3-Jun	1	Brandon	SSW
29-Jun	5	DCWMA	SSW
6-Jul	1	S. Londonderry	WJN

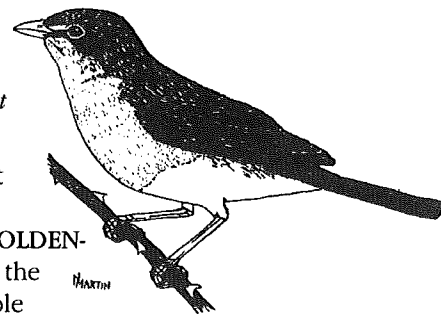
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Brown Thrasher:			
2-Jun	3	Grand Isle	DJH
5-Jul	4	Grand Isle	DJH
Cedar Waxwing:			
1-Jun	17	Dorset	EFG
20-Jul	4	Manchester Ctr.	BWP
31-Jul	2	Dorset	EFG

DATE	No.	Location	Observers
European Starling:			
1-Jun	11	Danby	NAB
10-Jun	54	Ln, Rptn, Brstl, Mktn	JRA
31-Jul	4	Danby	NAB

VIREOS THROUGH HOUSE SPARROW

The vireos were well represented this summer, as were the warblers. A single report of a **YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT** was received from Grand Isle. Your editor conducted an informal survey in Brandon, which revealed hybridizing between **BLUE-WINGED** and **GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLERS**. Both the Lawrence's and Brewster's hybrids were present singing the song of either parent or a combination of the two. Therefore, song alone is not a reliable way of identifying these 2 species, at least in this area. Only 3 reports of **GRASSHOPPER SPARROW** were received.

Yellow-breasted Chat



DATE	No.	Location	Observers
Blue-headed Vireo:			
14-Jun	4	Lincoln	JRA
10-Jul	3	Danby	SSW
19-Jul	1	Winhall	WJN
Yellow-throated Vireo:			
2-Jun	1	Brandon	SSW
7-Jun	1	Westminster	WJN
22-Jun	2	Woodstock	JMN
14-Jul	1	Woodstock	JMN
Warbling Vireo:			
1-Jun	1	S. Londonderry	WJN
7-Jun	10	W. Rutland	RWP
28-Jul	3	Brandon	SSW
Red-eyed Vireo:			
1-Jun	2	Dorset	EFG
13-Jul	10	Reading	FMH, EJH
27-Jul	21	Lincoln	JRA
31-Jul	2	Dorset	EFG
Blue-winged Warbler:			
1-Jun	1	Brandon	SSW
2-Jun	1	Thetford	WS
16-Jun	4	Brandon	SSW, JMN
Golden-winged Warbler:			
16-Jun	2	Brandon	SSW, JMN
2-Jul	1	Brandon	SSW
Tennessee Warbler:			
7-Jul	1	Mt. Mansfield	SDF, DMH
Nashville Warbler:			
4-Jun	1	Ripton	MBN
4-Jun	1	Woodstock	JMN
24-Jun	1	Sheffield	PFW, SAW
Northern Parula:			
13-Jul	1	Sheffield	PFW, SAW
Yellow Warbler:			
2-Jun	2	Brandon	SSW
7-Jun	12	W. Rutland	RWP
29-Jul	1	Dorset	EFG
Chestnut-sided Warbler:			
1-Jun	3	Dorset	EFG
5-Jul	7	Dorset	EFG
10-Jul	3	Rupert	SSW

DATE	No.	Location	Observers
Magnolia Warbler:			
1-Jun	1	Brandon	SSW
26-Jun	1	Sheffield	PFW, SAW
18-Jul	1	Reading	FMH, EJH
Black-throated Blue Warbler:			
1-Jun	1	Hartland	JMN
11-Jul	8	Danby	SSW
21-Jul	2	Stowe	JMN
Yellow-rumped Warbler:			
1-Jun	1	Danby	NAB
4-Jul	2adult, 3yg.	N. Bridgewater	JMN
31-Jul	1	Dorset	EFG
Black-throated Green Warbler:			
19-Jun	1	Goshen	SSW
12-Jul	3	Lincoln	JRA
21-Jul	2	Stowe	JMN
Blackburnian Warbler:			
1-Jun	1	Reading	FMH, EJH
23-Jun	2	Rochester	SSW
11-Jul	2	Danby	NAB
Pine Warbler:			
12-Jun	1	Proctor	RWP
20-Jun	1	S. Burlington	EMA, RDB
2-Jul	1	Mt. Tom	JMN
Prairie Warbler:			
3-Jun	1	Woodstock	JMN
9-Jun	3	Brandon	SSW
15-Jul	1	Dorset	EFG
Bay-breasted Warbler:			
9-Jun	1	Averill	SDF, MF
11-Jun	3	Mt. Mansfield	DJH
Blackpoll Warbler:			
26-Jun	3	Danby	SSW
Black-and-White Warbler:			
1-Jun	1	Dorset	EFG
22-Jun	5	Fayston	JMN
31-Jul	1	Dorset	EFG
American Redstart:			
1-Jun	1	Danby	NAB
29-Jun	6	Bristol Notch	JRA
31-Jul	1	Woodstock	JMN

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Ovenbird:			
7-Jun	5	W. Rutland	RWP
29-Jun	15	Wilmington	JB
16-Jul	1	Dorset	EFG
Northern Waterthrush:			
1-Jun	1	Dorset	EFG
19-Jun	2	Brandon	SSW
27-Jun	1	Sheffield	PFW, SAW
Louisiana Waterthrush:			
4-Jun	1	Grand Isle	DJH
14-Jun	2	S. Starksboro	MP
14-Jul	2 adult, 4 yg.	S. Starksboro	MP
Mourning Warbler:			
3-Jun	1	Ira	SDF
19-Jun	3	Reading	FMH, EJH
3-Jul	1 adult & yg.	Waterbury Ctr.	EKL
11-Jul	4	S. Starksboro	MP
Common Yellowthroat:			
1-Jun	4	Manchester Ctr.	NAB *
7-Jun	18	W. Rutland	RWP
30-Jul	1	Winhall	WJN
Canada Warbler:			
14-Jun	1	Ripton	JB
25-Jun	2	Rupert	SSW
10-Jul	4	Danby	SSW
Scarlet Tanager:			
2-Jun	1	Pawlet	GRB
4-Jun	11	Ripton	MBN
30-Jul	1	Winhall	WJN
Northern Cardinal:			
2-Jun	1	Pawlet	GRB
15-Jul	4	Dorset	EFG
31-Jul	2	Dorset	EFG
Rose-breasted Grosbeak:			
1-Jun	3	Pawlet	MC
10-Jul	10	Reading	FMH, EJH
31-Jul	1	Woodstock	JMN
Indigo Bunting:			
1-Jun	1	Georgia	EMA, RDB
Jun/Jul	13	Grand Isle	DJH
31-Jul	1	Dorset	EFG
Eastern Towhee:			
2-Jul	1	Brandon	SSW
20-Jul	1	Manchester Ctr.	BWP
Chipping Sparrow:			
1-Jun	1	Sheffield	PFW, SAW
2-Jun	11	Brandon/Pittsford	SSW
13-Jul	14	Dorset	EFG
Field Sparrow:			
5-Jun	3	Leicester	SSW
6-Jun	4	S. Londonderry	WJN
21-Jul	2	S. Londonderry	WJN
Vesper Sparrow:			
9-Jun	1	Grand Isle	DJH
14-Jun	1	DCWMA	JMN et al
Savannah Sparrow:			
2-Jun	2	Woodstock	JMN
8-Jun	10	DCWMA	SSW
27-Jul	1	Brandon	SSW

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Grasshopper Sparrow:			
8-Jun	3	DCWMA	SSW
11-Jul	1	Addison	FAP
Song Sparrow:			
1-Jun	1	Brandon	SSW
10-Jun	17	Ln, Rptn, Brstl, Mktn	JRA
31-Jul	2	S. Londonderry	WJN
Lincoln's Sparrow:			
24-Jun	1	Sheffield	PFW, SAW
30-Jun	1	Sheffield	PFW, SAW
Swamp Sparrow:			
2-Jun	1	Hartland	JMN
7-Jun	7	W. Rutland	RWP
31-Jul	1	Hartland	JMN
White-throated Sparrow:			
1-Jun	1	Sheffield	PFW, SAW
4-Jun	6	Ripton	MBN
31-Jul	1	Dorset	EFG
Dark-eyed Junco:			
1-Jun	2	Sheffield	PFW, SAW
10-Jul	7	Danby	SSW
26-Jul	1	Sheffield	PFW, SAW
Bobolink:			
1-Jun	1	Westminster West	AMD
18-Jun	5	Ferrisburgh	MBN
20-Jul	1	DCWMA	MP
Red-winged Blackbird:			
1-Jun	1	Sheffield	PFW, SAW
10-Jun	121	Ln, Rptn, Brstl, Mktn	JRA
31-Jul	12	Dorset	EFG
Eastern Meadowlark:			
3-Jun	1	Taftsville	JMN
11-Jul	6	DCWMA	FAP
12-Jul	1	Weybridge	MBN
Common Grackle:			
1-Jun	6	Danby	NAB
10-Jun	36	Ln, Rptn, Brstl, Mktn	JRA
26-Jul	50	Herrick's Cove	WJN
30-Jul	6	Brandon	SSW
Brown-headed Cowbird:			
1-Jun	2	Danby	NAB
6-Jun	10	S. Londonderry	WJN
19-Jul	2	Sheffield	PFW, SAW
Baltimore Oriole:			
1-Jun	2	W. Bolton	MC
7-Jun	10	S. Londonderry	WJN
12-Jul	1	W. Bolton	MC
Purple Finch:			
1-Jun	5	Sheffield	PFW, SAW
25-Jul	14	Sheffield	PFW, SAW
31-Jul	1	Danby	NAB
House Finch:			
4-Jun	3	Brandon	SSW
31-Jul	10	Lincoln	JRA
Pine Siskin:			
1-Jun	21	Lincoln	JMN
5-Jun	9	Reading	FMH, EJH
15-Jul	1	Sheffield	PFW, SAW

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American Goldfinch:

4-Jun	3	Brandon	SSW
10-Jun	25	Ln, Rptn, Brstl, Mktn	JRA
31-Jul	7	Woodstock	JMN

Evening Grosbeak:

1-Jun	2	Sheffield	PFW, SAW
22-Jul	1	S. Londonderry	WJN
27-Jul	10	Weybridge	MBN

House Sparrow:

1-Jun	5	Danby	NAB
30-Jul	20	Fort Cassin	MBN
31-Jul	4	Danby	NAB

ABBREVIATIONS

DCWMA	Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area
MNWR	Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge
Ln, Rptn, Brstl, Mktn	Lincoln, Ripton, Bristol, Monkton

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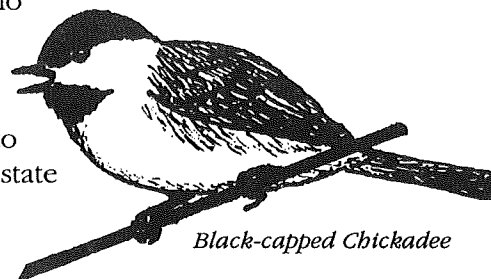
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The committee is anxious to involve all Vermont birders in producing as accurate a Vermont state list as possible. This list and all documentation must be credible to future ornithologists who will use the material for research.

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