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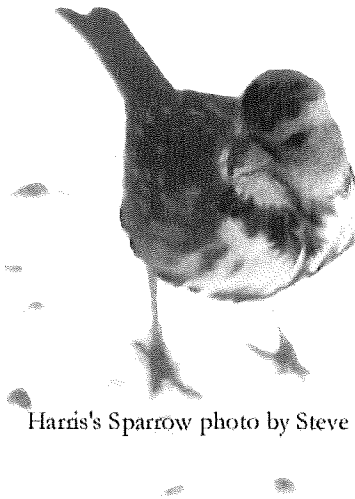
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Winter 2000-2001 brought a return to old-time weather, in terms of a cold December and, ultimately, significant snowfall. Most of the more important blizzards came in March, but the overall effect was that of a hard winter. The cold weather and the lack of a January thaw meant reduced waterfowl numbers and generally more difficult viewing conditions for Christmas Counters and individual observers alike. The CBC results, however, were surprisingly good with 118 species tallied. This gratifying number reflects the fact that species diversity often holds up better than overall numbers when temperatures drop. This was true not only for waterfowl, but also for half-hardy lingerers, especially among the wrens and sparrows.

Indeed, it was a great year for sparrows with a host of interesting species present for the CBC season. First and foremost was the **HARRIS'S SPARROW**, resident at the Medveds'

feeder in Putney for the entire winter. This most cooperative bird brought birders from far and near to enjoy splendid views of a true Vermont rarity. All of us who saw the bird are most grateful to the Medveds for the hospitality and patience they displayed over a period of weeks and even months. Other sparrows recorded during the winter included such difficult species as **Chipping Sparrow**, **Field Sparrow** and **Eastern Towhee**. A different sort of excitement was provided by the **Dark-eyed Junco** and the **White-throated Sparrow**, both of which arrived in record numbers and established new CBC highs. Northern finches were relatively scarce, however, with only **White-winged Crossbill** and **Purple Finch** adding bright tones to the usual whites and grays of the winter landscape. As for



Harris's Sparrow photo by Steve Medved

rarities, the **HARRIS'S SPARROW** as well as a **LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL** in Brattleboro were the undisputed winners. Also of note were a nice selection of raptors, including as many as 2 **Golden Eagle**, perhaps 3 **Gyrfalcon** and 4 reports of **Snowy Owl**.

LOONS THROUGH WATERFOWL

Notwithstanding a return in 2000-2001 to more typical winter weather conditions, waterfowl numbers and diversity held up surprisingly well, at least for the CBC season and on into early January. To be sure, observers had to work a bit harder than in recent years, but 20 species of duck is certainly an impressive total - and actually was one species greater than a year ago, when December was decidedly mild. Among the more noteworthy CBC sightings were a record 34 **Long-tailed Duck** at Ferrisburgh and a single **Ruddy Duck**, also at Ferrisburgh, this latter bird, being just the second CBC **Ruddy Duck** since 1984. Other good finds during the winter included a **Pied-billed Grebe** in Burlington, a **Gadwall** in Panton, a **Green-winged Teal** in Charlotte, and a **Surf Scoter**, also in Charlotte. Among the common species, numbers of both **Canada Goose** and **Snow Goose** were again impressive, although well shy of the extraordinary totals of a year ago. Also worthy of note were the large numbers of **Horned Grebe** and **Bufflehead** observed at such favored locations as Charlotte Town Beach and McNeil Cove.

DATE	LOCATION	NO.	OBSERVERS
Red-throated Loon			
13-Dec	L Champlain, Charlotte	2, sbound	TGM, PCR
15-Dec	Grand Isle	2	DJH, anon
Common Loon			
13-Dec	L Champlain, Charlotte	5, sbound	TGM, PCR
7-Jan	Charlotte Town Beach/ Panton	13	TGM, AMS, RPa
14-Jan	RR Causeway, S Hero	1	TGM, AMS
20-Jan	Addison	4	SE
Pied-billed Grebe			
2-Feb	Oakledge Pk, Burlington	1, diving amidst the ice flow, appearing energetic	TGM, BMP
Horned Grebe			
9-Dec	Grand Isle	3	DJH
29-Dec	Meach Cove, Shelburne	48	TGM
7-Jan	Charlotte Town Beach	38	TGM, AMS, RPa

DATE	LOCATION	NO.	OBSERVERS
7-Jan	Meach Cove, Shelburne	59	TGM, AMS, RPa
8-Feb	Charlotte Town Beach	22	TGM
24-Feb	Charlotte Town Beach	1	TGM
Red-necked Grebe			
16-Dec	Ferrisburgh	1	CBC
17-Dec	Burlington	2	CBC
Double-crested Cormorant			
7-Dec	L Champlain, Charlotte	1 imm, sbound	TGM
Great Blue Heron			
21-Dec	DCWMA, Stone Dam, Panton	3	TGM, AMS
11-Jan	DCWMA, Stone Dam, Panton	1	RWP
13-Jan	North Rd, Manchester	1	BWP
2-Feb	Blodgett's Beach, Burlington	1, on ice, quite healthy	TGM, BMP
19-Feb	DCWMA, Stone Dam, Panton	1	JMN, EFG, RW
Turkey Vulture			
17-Feb	White R Jct	1	DG

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26-Feb	south of Bradford	1	WS
Snow Goose			
1-Dec	Lewis Creek Access, Addison	250, overhead	FAP, EBP
2-Dec	Gifford Hill Rd, Tunbridge	~140, flying south	ATA
5-Dec	Sheffield area	60, flying over	PFW, SAW
9-Dec	Grand Isle	125	DJH
12-Dec	L Champlain, Charlotte	~4200, sbound	TGM
14-Dec	Grand Isle	300	DJH
18-Dec	Saxtons River	100	AMD
22-Dec	Gifford Hill Rd, Tunbridge	~150, flying south	ATA
Canada Goose			
4-Dec	North Rd, Manchester	~98, flying over	BWP
9-Dec	L Champlain, Charlotte	~1228, sbound	TGM
10-Dec	S A TF, Reading	75	FMH, EJH
21-Dec	L Bomoseen, Castleton	165	RWP
30-Dec	Clarendon	60	CJF
1-Jan	Patch Pd, Rutland	22	NAB
3-Jan	Appletree Bay to Shelburne Bay, Burlington	10, very few observed on the MWWFAS perhaps due to 1-2' of snow	WJC
8-Jan	Killington	9	WRW
13-Jan	North Rd, Manchester	~50, in field	BWP
Mute Swan			
10-Dec	RR fill, Grand Isle	2, pair	via DJH, anon
Gadwall			
21-Jan	Rock Is, Panton	1 m, 1	TGM, JAP, RPa
American Black Duck			
30-Dec	Alfrecha Rd, Clarendon	60, large flock that rose in six waves w/ mallards	CJF
3-Jan	Canadian border to Chimney Pt, Addison	392, MWWFAS	WJC
4-Jan	on Mettowee R, Pawlet	100, mixed w/mallards	GRB
13-Feb	Rte 14, Williamstown	5, head dipping, chasing w/head lowered	ATA
16-Feb	Grand Isle fish hatchery	64	DJH
17-Feb	Ottawaquechee R, below N Hartland Dam, N Hartland	10	DG
18-Feb	Meach Cove, Shelburne	1, white Black Duck or leucistic f Mallard or barnyard creation	TGM
Mallard			
21-Dec	Burlington Waterfront	~1000, including thick swarm of ~250 diving for zebra mussels	TGM, AMS
30-Dec	Alfrecha Rd, Clarendon	250, large flock that rose in six waves with the blacks	CJF
3-Jan	Canadian border to Chimney Pt Addison	746, Midwinter Waterfowl Aerial Survey	WJC
6-Jan	H Brown Farm, Rte 30, N Pawlet	~200, 3 times as many as last yr	NAB
16-Feb	Grand Isle fish hatchery	~350	DJH
17-Feb	Ottawaquechee R, below N Hartland Dam, N Hartland	200	DG
19-Feb	N Pawlet	294, sharing cattle feed	EFG, RW
28-Feb	Morse Hill Rd, E Dorset	75	BWP
Northern Pintail			
4-Dec	Grand Isle	2	DJH
16-Dec	Shelburne Bay	1 f, also on 23-Dec	TGM
6-Jan	Shelburne Beach	1	SSW
Green-winged Teal			
7-Dec	L Champlain, Charlotte	1 m, 1, sbound	TGM
Canvasback			
21-Jan	near Mud Is, Panton	1 m	JAP, TGM, RPa
7-Feb	Charlotte Town Beach	1 m	TGM, BMP
Ring-necked Duck			
13-Dec	Shelburne Bay	1 m	TGM, PCR
6-Jan	L Champlain, Charlotte	1	SSW

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7-Jan	Mud Is, Panton	2 m	JAP, AMS, TGM, RPa
Greater Scaup			
9-Dec	Shelburne Bay	6	TGM
29-Dec	Burlington Waterfront	~200, sbound	TGM, AMS
7-Jan	Long Pt, N Ferrisburgh	1 m	TGM, AMS, RPa
Lesser Scaup			
9-Dec	Shelburne Bay	12	TGM
13-Dec	Burlington Waterfront	1 f	TGM, PCR
21-Dec	Burlington Waterfront	2 f	TGM, AMS
Scaup species			
21-Jan	near Mud Is, Panton	153	TGM, JAP, RPa
7-Feb	Charlotte Town Beach	1 m, 2	TGM, BMP
Surf Scoter			
7-Feb	Charlotte Town Beach	1 m	TGM, BMP
White-winged Scoter			
5-Dec	Grand Isle	1	DJH
7-Jan	Long Pt, N Ferrisburgh	1	TGM, AMS, RPa
7-Jan	Potash Bay, Addison	3	AMS, TGM, RPa
Black Scoter			
16-Dec	Ferrisburgh	2	CBC
Long-tailed Duck			
9-Dec	L Champlain, Charlotte	1 f, sbound	TGM
Bufflehead			
2-Dec	L Champlain, Charlotte	21	RWP
13-Dec	Charlotte Town Beach	32	TGM, PCR
11-Feb	Ferry landing, Charlotte	~30	NAB
24-Feb	McNeil Cove, Charlotte	31	TGM, FAP, EBP
24-Feb	Charlotte Town Beach	42	FAP, EBP, TGM
Common Goldeneye			
3-Dec	St Albans Bay, W Swanton	~1000	TGM, FAP, EBP
21-Dec	Potash Bay, Addison	~500	TGM, AMS
21-Dec	L Champlain, Addison	~1200	RWP
3-Jan	Canadian border to Chimney Pt Addison	662, MWWFAS	WJC
11-Jan	Potash Bay, Panton	~300	RWP
14-Jan	RR Causeway, S Hero	~767	TGM, AMS
7-Feb	Charlotte Town Beach	~800	TGM, BMP
Barrow's Goldeneye			
3-Dec	Blodgett's Beach, Burlington	1 ad m, w/ 100 Common Golden-eyes	CSP
9-Dec	Shelburne Bay	1 m, also 16-Dec	TGM
3-Jan	Panton	1 f	BMP
14-Jan	RR Causeway, S Hero	3 m, 1	AMS, TGM
23-Jan	Vernon Dam, Vernon	1 m	TGM, PKI
7-Feb	Charlotte Town Beach	1 m, also 18-Feb	TGM, BMP
Hooded Merganser			
2-Dec	L Champlain, Charlotte	19	RWP
21-Dec	Potash Bay, Addison	3 f	TGM, AMS
7-Jan	Shelburne Bay, McNeil Cove	3, (1 m, 3)	TGM, AMS, RPa
13-Jan	Potash Bay, Addison	4	SE
21-Jan	Mud Is, Panton	1 m, 1	TGM, JAP, RPa
23-Jan	Vernon Dam, Vernon	2 m, 2	TGM
24-Feb	McNeil Cove, Charlotte	5	TGM, RWP
24-Feb	Charlotte Town Beach	3	FAP, EBP
2-Dec	L Hortonia, Sudbury	35	RWP
3-Dec	St Albans Bay, W Swanton	~1200	TGM, FAP, EBP
14-Dec	Grand Isle	300	DJH
21-Dec	Potash Bay, Addison	~500	TGM, AMS, RWP
3-Jan	Canadian border to Chimney Pt Addison	1216, MWWFAS	WJC
3-Jan	Potash Bay, Addison	~1400	BMP
13-Jan	Potash Bay, Addison	70	SE

DATE	LOCATION	NO.	OBSERVERS
Red-breasted Merganser			
11-Dec	Grand Isle	2	DJH
13-Dec	L Champlain, Panton	2	SSW
3-Jan	Panton	1 m, w/ goldeneyes	BMP

DATE	LOCATION	NO.	OBSERVERS
18-Feb	Meach Cove, Shelburne	1 m, 1	TGM
Ruddy Duck			
16-Dec	Ferrisburgh	1	CBC

RAPTORS THROUGH GULLS

Leucisism is the lack of dark pigment in a bird's plumage

There were about 22 sightings of **Bald Eagle** for the winter, evidence anew that this splendid species continues to prosper. A minimum of 12 eagles (8 adults and 4 subadults) were located in Vermont by designated observers during the survey period (3-15-Jan). Similar numbers of both **Sharp-shinned** and **Cooper's Hawks** were observed, almost exclusively singles, with just a sampling of sightings listed below. The less common **Northern Goshawk** was also well represented, while the decidedly uncommon **Red-shouldered Hawk** was reported twice, making it three winters in a row for this handsome buteo. Other rare raptors were also nicely represented with two reports for **Golden Eagle**, two for **Merlin**, and a surprising three for **Gyr Falcon**, a rare visitor from the far north.

Wild Turkey returned to earth after a remarkable showing a year ago, but the **Ruffed Grouse** continued to struggle with just 101 CBC birds, the poorest total since 1993. Once again the **Gray Partridge** went unreported, an unhappy state of affairs that has persisted since 1996. No such worries need extend to the larids, which produced respectable numbers for all the common species and just enough reports of the rarer ones to keep observers interested. Noteworthy were two reports of **Little Gull** in early December, a possible **THAYER'S GULL** at Blodgett's Beach on December 5, and a well-described **LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL** in Brattleboro on January 31.

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DATE	LOCATION	NO.	OBSERVERS
Bald Eagle			
3-Jan	Potash Bay, Addison	3, cruising mergansers	BMP
6-Jan	Ft Cassin Pt, Ferrisburgh	12, snacking on a huge fish (at least 3 ad)	RR
6-Jan	Shelburne Farms	2	SSW
7-Jan	L Champlain, Charlotte/ Addison	8	TGM, AMS, RPa
11-Jan	Potash Bay, Panton	5	RWP
Northern Harrier			
13-Dec	Kingsland Bay area, Ferrisburgh	1	SSW
20-Jan	Rte 7, Brandon	1	SE
17-Feb	DCWMA, Jersey St, Addison	1	SMi
19-Feb	Gage Rd, Addison	1 ad m	JMN, EFG, RW
Sharp-shinned Hawk			
21-Dec	Shoreham	1, carrying Starling	RWP
8-Jan	Queen City Pk, Burlington	1, at feeder	BLS
11-Jan	Gifford Hill Rd, Tunbridge	1 juv, 30' up in hophornbeam ~150 yds from huge mixed feeding flock (siskins, finch)	ATA
2-Feb	Shelburne	1 imm, at feeder	LH
10-Feb	Rte 7, Wallingford	1, also 18-Feb, chasing bird	NAB
24-Feb	W Swanton	1	FAP, EBP
W00-01	Chandlers Way, Bennington	1, seen six times	BCD
Cooper's Hawk			
15-Dec	Kennedy Dr, S Burlington	1	EMA, RDB
1-Jan	Chandlers Way, Bennington	1	BCD
3-Jan	Sheffield Ctr	1	PFW, SAW
29-Jan	Gifford Hill Rd, Tunbridge	1 juv, buzzed the feeders, landed in maple	ATA
22-Feb	244 Bonanza Pk, Colchester	1 ad, on suet 2 min	JDM
24-Feb	Huntington	1	FAP, EBP
W00-01	feeder, Woodstock	1, 5-Feb killed, ate a mourning dove	CRP
W00-01	Grand Isle	1	DJH
Northern Goshawk			
2-Dec	Charlotte	1	RWP
8-Dec	Gifford Hill Rd, Tunbridge	1	ATA
21-Dec	Jericho Ctr	1 ad	MKi
16-Jan	S A TF, Reading	1	FMH, EJJH

DATE	LOCATION	NO.	OBSERVERS
23-Jan	our woods, Sheffield	1	PFW, SAW
4-Feb	Jay	1 ad	TGM, PKG
Red-shouldered Hawk			
17-Dec	Cream Hill Rd, Bridport	1	SSW
11-Jan	N Hardwick	1, Susan, Alan Benjamin	via DJH
Red-tailed Hawk			
21-Dec	Addison/Chittenden	40	TGM, AMS
1-Jan	DCWMA, Rte 22A, Addison	7	NAB
11-Jan	Bridport/Gage St, Addison	4, 4	RWP
3-Feb	DCWMA, Rte 22A, Addison	5	HS
W00-01	Bennington	1, 5 times, crows mob instantly	BCD
Rough-legged Hawk			
21-Dec	Addison/Chittenden	20	TGM, AMS
11-Jan	Panton/Bridport	4, 6	RWP
13-Jan	Montpelier	1, harrassed by crows	JJA
3-Feb	Rte 7, Vergennes	1, with vole	JJA
3-Feb	Rte 4, west of Rutland	~12, overlooks WRM	HS
5-Feb	Rte 12, Woodstock	1, unusual this side of the Green Mts	EH
28-Feb	Charlotte Town Beach	1	BMP
Golden Eagle			
29-Jan	Shaftsbury	1, on carcasses of two lambs, like last yr	SLR
19-Feb	Haystack Mt and Mettawee R, Pawlet	1, probable Golden, not positive ID	EFG, RW
American Kestrel			
3-Dec	Tabor Rd, W Swanton/ Rte 2, Grand Isle	1, 1	FAP, EBP, TGM
3-Dec	feeder, Morrisville	1	JTh
21-Dec	Ferrisburgh	2	TGM, AMS
16-Jan	Pawlet	1, perched on lower barn	GRB
28-Jan	DCWMA, Rte 17, Addison	1	NAB
6-Feb	Panton	1	SSW
28-Jan-1-Feb	Pawlet	1	GRB
Merlin			
22-Feb	Aiken Center for Natural Resouces, Burlington	1	EBu
24-Feb	L Bomoseen, Hubbardton	1, reported by C. Wulff	RWP

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Peregrine Falcon						2 jakes	ate cracked corn CRP
1-Dec	Walker Rd, Ferrisburgh	1, perched, flying	FAP, EBP	American Coot			
18-Dec	S Champlain St, Burlington	1	RR	16-Dec	Ferrisburgh	2	CBC
21-Dec	Addison/Panton	1 ad, 1	TGM, AMS	Common Snipe			
29-Dec	Burlington Waterfront	1 ad, left leg bands black K over red A (reported), devouring a Rock Dove	BMP, AMS, TGM	2, 30-Dec	Alfrecha Rd, Clarendon	1, in same ditch I've seen one in winter for many yrs	CJF
4-Jan	Rte 125 nearing Rte 17, Addison	2, one on branches below second. Probable pair (size difference)	LSC	Little Gull			
4-Jan	Grace Church, Rutland City	1, reported by R. Horne	RWP	7-Dec	L Champlain, Charlotte	2 ad, 1 sbound	TGM
13-Jan	Rtes 73 and 30, Brandon	1, at farm, also 20-Jan	SE	9-Dec	L Champlain, Charlotte	1 ad	TGM
17-Feb	Shoreham	1, mid-air confrontation with raven	SE	Bonaparte's Gull			
23-Feb	Wheeler Rd, Brandon	1	SSW	7-Dec	L Champlain, Charlotte	45	TGM
Gyrfalcon				13-Dec	L Champlain, Charlotte	7	PCR, TGM
9-Dec	Grand Isle	1, gray morph, no documentation	via DJH, anon	13-Dec	Fort Cassin, Ferrisburgh	5	SSW
12-Jan	beside US Rte 2, S Hero	1	DJH	14-Dec	Grand Isle	1	DJH
22-Jan	N Williston Rd, Williston	1, gray morph	CCW	23-Dec	Long Pt, Ferrisburgh	12	JDA via TGM
Ring-necked Pheasant				Ring-billed Gull			
17-Dec	Champlain Islands	1	CBC	14-Dec	Blodgett's Beach, Burlington	100	JDM
17-Dec	Middlebury	5	CBC	11-Feb	Ferry landing, Charlotte	8	NAB
Ruffed Grouse				Herring Gull			
15-Jan	Gifford Hill Rd, Tunbridge	2, together	ATA	9-Dec	Burlington Waterfront	335	TGM
10-Feb	S A TF, Reading	3, also 1, 6-Dec, 21-Feb	FMH, EJH	15-Dec	Grand Isle	15	DJH
19-Feb	Grand Isle	5	DJH	6-Jan	Ferrisburgh	~15	SSW
28-Feb	Wildcat Rd, Chittenden	3, tracks along 1 mi of rd	DM	5-Feb	Grand Isle	22, w/ ice-fishermen	DJH
Wild Turkey				Thayer's Gull (possible)			
6-Dec	Pudding Hill, Lyndonville	~100	PFW, SAW	5-Dec	Blodgett's Beach, Burlington	1 1st W, much darker than any Iceland	TGM
18-Dec	N Pawlet	~40	GRB	Iceland Gull			
14-Jan	Grand Isle	37	DJH	6-Dec	Blodgett's Beach, Burlington	1 1st W, milk white	TGM
4-Feb	Wolcott	1, climbing around in apple tree foraging remnant fruit	TGM, PKi	8-Dec	Blodgett's Beach, Burlington	2, 1st W, milk white	TGM
4-Feb	S A TF, Reading	25	FMH, EJH	Lesser Black-backed Gull			
25-Feb	River Rd, Sherburne	24 f	MMW	31-Jan	Whetstone Brk and Ct R, Brattleboro	1 1st W, RSD submitted	MT
28-Jan-				Glaucous Gull			
1-Feb	feeder, Woodstock	~21, daily mostly hens,		11-Dec	Grand Isle fish hatchery	1	via DJH, anon
				Great Black-backed Gull			
				6-Dec	Blodgett's Beach, Burlington	274	TGM
				22-Dec	Grand Isle	15	DJH
				11-Jan	Potash Bay, Panton	4	RWP
				20-Jan	Ferry landing, Charlotte	~15	SSW
				11-Feb	Ferry landing, Charlotte	8	NAB
				19-Feb	Grand Isle	2	DJH

DOVES THROUGH HOUSE SPARROWS

Considering the relatively harsh winter, the Strigidae held up nicely, as 8 species were reported including a record 4 **Long-eared Owl** on the Mt. Abraham CBC and 4 reports of the ever-popular **Snowy Owl**, although all were apparently one-day sightings. Mildly surprising were multiple reports of **Red-bellied Woodpecker**, a species that has clearly expanded its range in southern New England. An **Eastern Phoebe** at the Medveds' feeder was an added bonus for observers awaiting a glimpse of the Harris's Sparrow.

Blue Jay, after an off year in 1999-2000, returned to normalcy, while **American Crow** seemed even more conspicuous than usual. Most other common winter residents settled for average to slightly below average numbers - though the **Carolina Wren** continued to fight its way back from the crash of 1994. Indeed, half-hardies fared remarkably well with species such as **Winter Wren**, **Marsh Wren**, **House Wren**, **Ruby-crowned Kinglet** and **Hermit Thrush** all finding their way onto the CBC roster. The **American Robin**, overwintered in remarkable numbers, falling just shy of the spectacular CBC record it set in 1994. A **Gray Catbird** in Bennington on February 18 was very late indeed. **Bohemian Waxwing** were scarce following their invasion of a year ago but **Cedar Waxwing** came back in force to establish a new CBC record of 4421 individuals.

The Rutland CBC **Common Yellowthroat** was unique for the season and **Yellow-rumped Warbler** were limited to just two reports. Sparrows put on quite a show with the obvious star the **Harris's Sparrow** in Putney. **Eastern Towhee**, **Chipping**, **Field**, **Fox**, **Swamp** and **White-crowned Sparrow** provided multiple sightings and contributed to the impressive total of 118 CBC species. Of even greater interest was the invasion in force by the **Dark-eyed Junco**. A 7951 individual CBC tally was more than twice the 1994 record. A similar performance was seen by **White-throated Sparrow**, though actual numbers, were less overwhelming. By contrast, northern finches were almost quiet with several species, notably **Evening Grosbeak** and **Common Redpoll**, in significantly short supply. Only **Purple Finch**, **White-winged Crossbill**, and **American Goldfinch** enjoyed what might be called flight years, while the most interesting finch wasn't northern at all: a male **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** in Bristol on February 15.

DATE	LOCATION	NO.	OBSERVERS
Rock Dove			
7-Dec	Billings Farm, Woodstock	55, through season	JMN
16-Dec	Shelburne	~70	TGM
19-Dec	St Johnsbury	~50, flying over area	PFW, SAW
21-Dec	S Randolph Rd, S Randolph	75, near farm	ATA
19-Feb	North Rd, Manchester	45	BWP
Mourning Dove			
20-Dec	S A TF, Reading	50	FMH, EJH
22-Dec	VINS, Woodstock	~40	KPM
1-Jan	Rte 73, Rochester	25	NAB
30-Jan	Proctor	44, feeder birds	RWP
20-Feb	Elm Hill St, Springfield	35	WME
22-Feb	W Bolton	32, numbers much higher than usual	MC
W00-01	feeder, Sheffield	36 max 22-Dec, fewer Jan-Feb	PFW, SAW
Eastern Screech-Owl			
7-Jan	Shelburne	2	AMS, TGM, RPa
9-Jan	Grand Isle	1, in barn, cold night	DJH
29-Jan	Shaftsbury	1, responded to mouse squeaker	SLR
Great Horned Owl			
7-Dec	Snake Mt, Addison	1, heard	MWi
14-Jan	Wildcat Rd, Chittenden	1, heard at night hooting	DM
22-Jan	Chandlers Way, Bennington	1, heard	BCD
28-Jan	Sandbar, Milton	1, perched on snag in wide open, harrassed by raven	RR
13-Feb	woodlot, Weybridge	1, mobbed by 7 crows	MWi
23-Feb	North Rd, Manchester	1	BWP
Snowy Owl			
1-Dec	Shelburne Rd, S Burlington	1, Pacific View Hotel	SR
3-Dec	Lakewood Rd, W Swanton	1	FAP, EBP, TGM
7-Dec	Grand Isle	1	via DJH, anon
25-Jan	Wildcat Rd, Chittenden	1, reported by State trooper, flew, landed in tree other side of road	DS
Barred Owl			
20-Dec	Hubbard Pk, Montpelier	1 f, 1	JJA
29-Dec	along our rd, Sheffield	1, sitting on town plow	PFW
8-Jan	S A TF, Reading	2, also 1 on 25-Feb	FMH, EJH
10-Jan	Gifford Hill Rd, Tunbridge	1, moved from perch, also 23, 26-Jan	ATA
6-Feb	Rte 7 & Rte 103, N Clarendon	1, same loc as last yr	NAB
10-Feb	Wildcat Rd, Chittenden	2, hooting in moonlight, heard again on 26-Feb	DM
Long-eared Owl			
7-Dec	Snake Mt, Addison	1 probable, responded with unusual call	MWi
10-Dec	Rte 116, Shelburne Rd	1, specimen	MSL
Short-eared Owl			
14-Dec	our meadow, Pawlet	1, hunting over meadow before dusk	GRB
Northern Saw-whet Owl			
7-Dec	Snake Mt, Addison	1, heard	MWi
18-Jan	Springfield	1, heard	WME
15-Feb	Richmond Rd, Brandon	1, calling	SSW
Belted Kingfisher			
4-Dec	Barnard Bk, Woodstock	2, also 1 on 21-Jan	CRP
13-Jan	Rte 7A, E Dorset	1, near transfer station	NAB
26-Feb	Rte 7A, E Dorset	1, present throughout	RWS, HS
Red-bellied Woodpecker			
1-Dec	my yard, Brandon	1 m, daily	SSW
10-Jan	244 Bonanza Pk, Colchester	1 m	JDM
Downy Woodpecker			
4-Jan	Gifford Hill Rd, Tunbridge	2 m, 2 f, in same tree w/ 3 Hairy, f chattering	ATA
4-Feb	Highbridge Rd, Georgia	4, feeder station	EMA, RDB
Hairy Woodpecker			
4-Jan	Gifford Hill Rd, Tunbridge	2 m, 1 f, in same tree W/ 4 Downy, m displaying, raised bills, spread tails	ATA

DATE	LOCATION	NO.	OBSERVERS
W00-01	Sheffield	~3, almost daily m, f, once 2 m, 1 f	PFW, SAW
Black-backed Woodpecker			
17-Jan	Victory Bog	1 f, 1, drummer appeared a f. 2nd bird ~ 100 yds away answering	WHB
Northern Flicker			
26-Dec	Chandlers Way, Bennington	2, also 28-Dec	BCD
1-Jan	Thetford	1	DHC, MCr
7-Jan	Shelburne, Charlotte	1, 1	TGM, AMS, RPa
8-Jan	VINS, Woodstock	1	CCR
13-Feb	Pearl St, Brandon	1	SSW
24-Feb	Long Pt, Ferrisburgh	1	RWP
28-Feb	Charlotte Town Beach	1	BMP
Pileated Woodpecker			
16-Jan	Grand Isle	4	DJH
W00-01	Highbridge Rd, Georgia	2 m, 2 f, a lot of billing/ interactions when in the yd together	EMA, RDB
Eastern Phoebe			
21-Jan	Medveds' yard, Putney	1, flew in, perched briefly and flew on	FAP, EBP, AMD
Northern Shrike			
8-Dec	Rte 14, Williamstown	1	ATA
9-Dec	S A TF, Reading	1, also 1 on 28-Dec, 7-Feb	FMH, EJH
12-Dec	West Rd, Addison	1	SMi
21-Dec	Gifford Hill Rd, Tunbridge	1, hunting at feeder, 22-Dec, 3, 17-Jan	ATA
3-Jan	Rte 7A, E Dorset	1, near cemetery	NAB
3-Jan	Tritown WDP, Addison	1 1st W	BMP
6-Jan	River Rd, Killington	1, also 7, 8, 9-Jan	MMW
16-Feb	Wenlock WMA, Ferdinand	1	BMP
28-Feb	Rte 2, Marshfield	1	FAP, EBP
Gray Jay			
2-Feb	Victory Bog	3	SMo
16-Feb	Wenlock WMA, Ferdinand	1	BMP
16-Feb	Victory Bog	4	BMP
Blue Jay			
21-Dec	S Randolph Rd, S Randolph	29, high count	ATA
10-Jan	Grand Isle	21	DJH
15-Jan	Chandlers Way, Bennington	~20	BCD
13-Feb	Woodstock	25, high count at feeder	CRP
18-Feb	W Bolton	25, more jays this yr than usual	MC
W00-01	Sheffield	~40, ~30 daily at feeders	PFW, SAW
American Crow			
29-Dec	North Rd, Manchester	~300, in field	BWP
30-Dec	Alfrecha Rd, Clarendon	207	CJF
10-Jan	East Shore Rd, Grand Isle	~100	DJH
11-Jan	West St, Rutland	300, to roost at dusk	CJF
28-Jan	skidoo trail, Randolph Ctr	~120, in corn patch	ATA
15-Feb	Burlington	~4000, to roost at dusk	JJA
Common Raven			
4-Dec	North Rd, Manchester	~45	BWP
7-Jan	Sheffield	15, roosting in trees	PFW, SAW
14-Jan	Waitsfield	3	SSW
15-Feb	Gifford Hill Rd, Tunbridge	7, in air, alone or in twos, caching food in woods	ATA
22-Feb	S A TF, Reading	3	FMH, EJH
Horned Lark			
6-Jan	Little Chicago Rd, Ferrisburgh	~30	RR
11-Jan	Shoreham	41	RWP
24-Jan	Pawlet	24	GRB
3-Feb	New Haven Jct	~40	JJA
19-Feb	Grand Isle	22	DJH
24-Feb	St Albans	35	FAP, EBP
Black-capped Chickadee			
16-Dec	North Rd, Manchester	16	BWP
21-Dec	S Randolph Rd, S Randolph	53, several groups	ATA
28-Jan	Wheelerville Rd, Mendon	56, screech owl tape	RWP

DATE	LOCATION	NO.	OBSERVERS
17-Feb	W Bolton	15	MC
Boreal Chickadee			
3-Dec	Sheffield	1, w/chickadees	PFW, SAW
10-Jan	Sheffield	1, w/chickadees	PFW, SAW
16-Feb	Wenlock WMA, Ferdinand	4	BMP
Tufted Titmouse			
5-Jan	244 Bonanza Pk, Colchester	5	JDM
28-Jan	Patch Pd, Rutland	4, also 4-Feb	NAB
Red-breasted Nuthatch			
5-Jan	Kelsey Mt Rd, Tunbridge	4, in large mixed flock	ATA
28-Jan	Wheelerville Rd, Mendon	12, screech owl tape	RWP
White-breasted Nuthatch			
21-Jan	Patch Pd, Rutland	2 m, 1 f, also 2 on 4-Feb	NAB
17-Feb	Gifford Hill Rd, Tunbridge	4, in one tree, chattering at each other, fisticuffs on 22-Feb	ATA
24-Feb	Nicholson's, Woodstock	3, first for 2 months	JMN
28-Feb	Wildcat Rd, Chittenden	~4	DM
Brown Creeper			
27-Dec	Gifford Hill Rd, Tunbridge	3	ATA
4-Jan	Schoolhouse Rd, Sudbury	~3	LSC
Carolina Wren			
3-Dec	Colchester Pt	2	CSP
5-Dec	my yard, Brandon	1, seen occasionally	SSW
8-Dec	Brownsville	1	RAVEN
23-Dec	Elm Hill St, Springfield	1	WME
30-Dec	Alfrecha Rd, Clarendon	1	CJF
18-Feb	Putney	1	NAB
27-Feb	Winooski R, N Burlington	1	EBu
House Wren			
16-Dec	Ferrisburgh	1	CBC
Winter Wren			
21-Jan	Norwich	1, chattered several min	CCR
Marsh Wren			
17-Dec	Half Moon Cove WMA, Colchester	2	AMS
Golden-crowned Kinglet			
1-Dec	Lewis Creek Access, Ferrisburgh	4	FAP, EBP
23-Dec	Shelburne Bay woods	2	TGM
13-Jan	Waitsfield	2	SSW
28-Jan	Wildcat Rd, Chittenden	~6	DM
W00-01	Gifford Hill Rd, Tunbridge	2	ATA
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			
16-Dec	Ferrisburgh	2	CBC
Eastern Bluebird			
29-Dec	W Rutland	5	RWP
30-Dec	Pittsford	5	SSW
3-Jan	Nortontown Rd, Addison	7	BMP
7-Jan	Shelburne to Bridport	21	TGM, AMS, RPa
11-Jan	Bridport	15	RWP
W00-01	Pawlet	~6	GRB
Hermit Thrush			
16-Dec	Ferrisburgh	1	CBC
17-Dec	Shelburne Point	1, CBC	TGM, SP
17-Dec	Middlebury	1	CBC
American Robin			
2-Dec	Charlotte	147	RWP
10-Dec	Grand Isle	1 leucistic (blond robin)	DJH
16-Dec	Shelburne Bay woods	~200	TGM
29-Dec	Grand Isle	125, eating juniper berries	DJH
14-Jan	West Shore Rd, S Hero	~100	DJH
20-Feb	Lake Rd, Charlotte	251	TGM
22-Feb	Tinmouth Channel	~125, for past 2 wks	Msk
28-Feb	Shelburne Farms	~100	BMP
Gray Catbird			
18-Feb	Bennington	1, near yews	BCD
Northern Mockingbird			
2-Jan	S Burlington	1	WAG
11-Jan	Bridport	1	RWP
European Starling			
14-Dec	Intervale, Burlington	~1000	JDM
29-Dec	Grand Isle	600, eating juniper berries,	

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4-Jan	Hubbard Farm, Rutland Town	weeping-willow buds 800	DJH CJF
7-Jan	Bridport	~3000	TGM, AMS, RPa
10-Feb	North Rd, Manchester	~250	BWP
Bohemian Waxwing			
11-Dec	Grand Isle	10	DJH
2-Feb	I-91	1, w/25 C Waxwings	SMo
28-Feb	Charlotte Town Beach	4, w/80 C Waxwings	BMP
Cedar Waxwing			
2-Dec	Sudbury	73	RWP
21-Dec	Arnold Bay Rd, Ferrisburgh	85	RWP
22-Jan	Ridge Rd, Randolph Ctr	~60	ATA
11-Feb	Bonnet St, Manchester	~150	BWP
20-Feb	Grand Isle	155	DJH
28-Feb	Shelburne Farms	~200	BMP
Yellow-rumped Warbler			
18-Jan	Starksboro	1, digging determinedly in the snow, very reluctant to move	DH
Common Yellowthroat			
30-Dec	Rutland	1	CBC
Eastern Towhee			
16-Dec	Brattleboro	2	CBC
30-Dec	Bennington	1	CBC
American Tree Sparrow			
21-Dec	Shoreham	12	RWP
30-Dec	Pittsford	~30	SSW
8-Jan	Woodstock	10	CRP
9-Jan	Sheffield	22	PFW, SAW
11-Jan	Orwell	28	RWP
28-Feb	Brandon	9	SSW
W00-01	Chandlers Way, Bennington	~10	BCD
Chipping Sparrow			
9-24-Dec	S Burlington	1	PWJ, TD
Field Sparrow			
16-Dec	Mt Abraham	2	CBC
Savannah Sparrow			
1-Jan	Vaughn farm, E Thetford	2	DHC, MCr
1-Jan	Gage Rd, Addison	3, together	NAB
25-Feb	near Red Rocks Pk, S Burlington	1, also 28-Feb	BLS
Fox Sparrow			
19-Dec	Williston	1	MW
2-Jan	Proctor	1, under feeders	AD
Song Sparrow			
7-Jan	Swinton Rd, Bridport	3	TGM, AMS, RPa
29-Jan	Ompawnet Rd, Putney	4	BWP
18-Feb	Putney	~6	NAB
W00-01	Chandlers Way, Bennington	~2	BCD
Swamp Sparrow			
1-Jan	Hanover/Norwich	1	CBC
White-throated Sparrow			
19-Dec	North Rd, Manchester	2	BWP
20-Dec	Nicholson's, Woodstock	2, also 2 on 5, 6, 30-Jan and 1 daily thru Feb	JMN
3-Jan	Lake St, Allen Rd, Addison	2, w/American Tree Sparrows	BMP
7-Jan	Shelburne	2	TGM, AMS, RPa
21-Jan	Kellogg Bay, Ferrisburgh	2	TGM, RPa
2-Feb	Brandon	3	SSW
18-Feb	Putney	~8	NAB
W00-01	Chandlers Way, Bennington	2	BCD
W00-01	Elm Hill St, Springfield	~8	WME
White-crowned Sparrow			
16-Dec	Ferrisburgh	1	CBC
16-Dec	Mt Abraham	10	CBC
Harris' Sparrow			
W00-01	Ompawnet Rd, Putney	1	SMe
Dark-eyed Junco			
5-Dec	Gifford Hill Rd, Tunbridge	~30, 17 remained throughout Jan	ATA

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16-Dec	North Rd, Manchester	25	BWP
20-Dec	S A TF, Reading	35, daily	FMH, EJH
21-Dec	Castleton	29	RWP
4-Jan	Pawlet	25	GRB
9-Feb	Westminster W	~40	AMD
W00-01	Elm Hill St, Springfield	~36, at feeders	WME
W00-01	Nicholson's, Woodstock	35	JMN
Lapland Longspur			
7-Jan	Rte 17, Addison	3, on roadside, temporarily perched in tree w/ Snow Buntings	TGM, AMS, RPa
21-Jan	Nortontown Rd, Addison	2	TGM, RPa
3-Feb	Rte 17, Addison	~3, w/ Snow Buntings	HS
16-Feb	Faywood Rd, Grand Isle	2	DJH
Snow Bunting			
1-Jan	Rte 22A, Benson/Addison	~100 in two sittings	NAB
7-Jan	Rte 30 & 153, Pawlet	~50	NAB
28-Jan	skidoo trail, Randolph Ctr	~400, on trail, in short grasses, spectacular!	ATA
1-Feb	Grand Isle	80, at feeder	DJH
3-Feb	Waterman Rd, Royalton	~60	ATA
19-Feb	Slang Rd, Panton	58	JMN, EFG, RW
22-Feb	Grand Isle	235	DJH
24-Feb	St Albans	75	FAP, EBP
Northern Cardinal			
10-Dec	Grand Isle	14, eating hophornbeam seeds; many later sightings	DJH
10-Jan	Colchester	1 m, 2 f	JDM
18-Feb	Putney	3	NAB
W00-01	Nicholson's, Woodstock	5, 2-4 daily	JMN
W00-01	Chandlers Way, Bennington	2 m, 2 f	BCD
Rose-breasted Grosbeak			
15-Feb	Bristol	1 m	CHB
Red-winged Blackbird			
9-Dec	Grand Isle	2	DJH
20-Dec	Chandlers Way, Bennington	5	BCD
20-Dec	Brandon	3	SSW
9-Jan	feeder, Woodstock	3 m, also 1 on 20-24-Feb	CRP
15-Jan	S A TF, Reading	1	FMH, EJH
Rusty Blackbird			
29-Dec	Jericho Ctr	1 f, 1 st time in over 20 yrs a Rusty has come to the feeder	MKI
Common Grackle			
3-Dec	W Bolton	1	MC
23-Dec	Sheffield	1, at our feeders	PFW, SAW
29-Jan	Keeler's Bay, S Hero	1	DJH
Brown-headed Cowbird			
3-Dec	Dunsmore Rd, St Albans	12, w/ Starlings	FAP, EBP, TGM
4-Jan	Brandon	8	SSW
17-Jan	Gifford Hill Rd, Tunbridge	5 m, 2 f, top of maple	ATA
21-Jan	feeder, Woodstock	3, also 22-Jan	CRP
24-Jan	Grand Isle	6	DJH
17-Feb	Champlain valley	19	SE
19-Feb	S Randolph Rd, S Randolph	12 m, 23 f, top of maple	ATA
Pine Grosbeak			
1-Jan	Rte 22A, Bridport	1 m, 6 f	NAB
26-Jan	Sheffield	3	PFW, SAW
5-Feb	Sheffield	7	PFW, SAW
25-Feb	S Londonderry	1	WJN
Purple Finch			
4-Dec	trees along rd, Sheffield	20, 11 times in Dec	PFW, SAW
21-Dec	S Randolph Rd, S Randolph	97, in rd, picking up grit	ATA
21-Dec	Castleton	34	RWP
29-Dec	Grand Isle	22, eating hophornbeam seeds, buckthorn	DJH
30-Dec	Greenberg's, Hartland	30, also 1 on 16-Dec, 4 on 25-Feb, and 10 other dates	DG

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5-Jan	Kelsey Mt Rd, Tunbridge	25, eating hophornbeam seeds, until 4-Feb	ATA
7-Jan	Bartlett Hill, Plainfield	30	BMP
2-Feb	Victory bog	~100	SMo
24-Feb	feeder, Woodstock	45, so many they were hard to count	PDM
25-Feb	W Bolton	32, typically 6 to 8 at a time	MC
28-Feb	S A TF, Reading	65, present nearly everyday	FMH, EJH
House Finch			
10-Dec	Elm Hill St, Springfield	15, declined during the winter	WME
12-Dec	North Rd, Manchester	12, high for season	BWP
21-Dec	S Randolph Rd, S Randolph	16	ATA
21-Dec	Addison	25	RWP
25-Dec	at feeder, Pawlet	25, high for season	GRB
24-Jan	Grand Isle	38 eating tree buds	DJH
W00-01	Chandlers Way, Bennington	~12	BCD
W00-01	Brandon	~15	SSW
White-winged Crossbill			
13-Jan	Fayston	~20	SSW
14-Jan	Rte 73, Rochester	26	NAB
22-Jan	Kelsey Mt Rd, Tunbridge	3 m, 8 f, 1 m singing and calling	ATA
26-Jan	Groton St Forest	~30	JJA
28-Jan	Wheelerville Rd, Mendon	29, courtship flight	RWP
2-Feb	Victory bog	~35	SMo
27-Feb	Wildcat Rd, Chittenden	~10	DM
Common Redpoll			
10-Dec	Grand Isle	3	DJH
Pine Siskin			
21-Dec	S Randolph Rd, S Randolph	27, in rd, picking up grit	ATA
2-Jan	S A TF, Reading	41, recorded on 24 dates	FMH, EJH
5-Jan	Kelsey Mt Rd, Tunbridge	~15, feeding in hemlock, flock reaching ~70	ATA
21-Jan	Gifford Hill Rd, Tunbridge	~15, also 1-Feb, 1 feeding another sitting close ~12' up in small hemlock	ATA
26-Jan	beaver dams, Marshfield	~200	JJA
28-Jan	Wheelerville Rd, Mendon	18, screech owl tape	RWP
4-Feb	Rte 73, Rochester	15	NAB
American Goldfinch			
17-Dec	Colchester	80, all over feeders	JDM
18-Dec	S A TF, Reading	50, through period, 4-40	FMH, EJH
21-Dec	S Randolph Rd, S Randolph	86, in rd, picking up grit	ATA
25-Dec	W Bolton	65	MC
21-Jan	Patch Pd, Rutland	~50, in hemlock	NAB
4-Feb	Greenberg's, Hartland	60	DG
6-Feb	Gifford Hill Rd, Tunbridge	~60, at feeders, sporadic but good #s throughout	ATA
13-Feb	Proctor	68	RWP
Evening Grosbeak			
2-Dec	North Rd, Manchester	1	BWP
16-Dec	feeders, Sheffield	7, daily in teens	PFW, SAW
12-Feb	W Bolton	22, also 6 on 9-Dec, 4 on 26-Feb	MC
18-Feb	feeder, Manchester	24	DAn
27-Feb	S A TF, Reading	12, also 2 on 5-Jan	FMH, EJH
House Sparrow			
15-Dec	Grand Isle	37, at feeder	DJH
21-Dec	S Randolph Rd, S Randolph	67, at a farm	ATA
21-Dec	Orwell	~100	RWP
1-Jan	Rutland	~30, many flocks at stores & farms	NAB
16-Feb	Grand Isle	48, at feeder	DJH

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ABBREVIATIONS:

DC	Dead Creek
DCWMA	Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area
GC	golf course
HC	Herrick's Cove
imm	bird whose exact age could not be determined (not in adult plumage)
Jct	Junction
juv	juvenile
MNWR	Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge
MWWFAS	Mid-Winter Waterfowl Aerial Survey
NR	Nature reserve
RC	Roundy's Cove
RR	Railroad
S A TF	Sylvan Acres Tree Farm
St Pk	State park
Tri-Town WTP	Tri-Town Water Treatment Plant
TWDR	Thurman W. Dix Reservoir
VINS	Vermont Institute of Natural Science
VTC	Vermont Technical College
WRDP	Winooski River Delta Park, Colchester
WRM	West Rutland Marsh
(#/#)	number of times observed/number of days
~	observer present (during the season)
~	approximately

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Species	Craftsby-Greens. 12-16	Winhall 12-16	Brattleboro 12-16	Ferrisburgh 12-16	Mt. Abraham 12-16	Saxtons River 12-16	Burlington 12-17	Champlain Islands 12-17	Middlebury 12-17	Woodstock 12-28	Island Pond 12-30	Plainfield 12-30	Springfield 12-30	Rutland 12-30	Bennington 12-30	Hinesburg 12-31	Barnet 1-1	Hnover/ Norwich 1-1	TOTAL
Red-throated Loon				CP				1											1
Common Loon				12			6	5											23
Pied-billed Grebe				1			1												2
Horned Grebe				13			18	2											33
Red-necked Grebe				1			2												3
Double-cr. Cormorant				1															1
Great Blue Heron				6	2		2		1						1				12
Snow Goose				53				2522	1						CP				2,576
Canada Goose	100	27	12	1866	206	32	1071	3179	42					61	38				6,634
American Black Duck				346	35	5	266	61	132	2	4		CP	82	168	28		4	1,133
Mallard			7	818	23	14	978	306	341	25	2	2	2	433	493		3	124	3,571
Northern Pintail							3												3
Gadwall							3												3
Greater Scaup								2											2
Lesser Scaup				40			2												42
Long-tailed Duck				34															34
White-winged Scoter				2			1												3
Black Scoter				2															2
Common Goldeneye				918		14	841	1248										14	3,035
Barrow's Goldeneye							2												2
Bufflehead				28			54	1											83
Hooded Merganser			4	18		2	7	22									4	11	68
Common Merganser			28	224		42	947	2500		14		8	7	4	6	1	3	92	3,876
Red-breasted Merganser				1			10	6											17
Ruddy Duck				1															1
Bald Eagle				12		3	2	2									4	2	25
Northern Harrier	1			13	2	1		1	13										31
Sharp-shinned Hawk		3	1	6			3	4	4	2		2	CP	1	1		4	4	35
Cooper's Hawk		1	1	3	1	1	2	3	1	CP		1	2	3	1			6	26
Northern Goshawk	1		CP	1	2	1			1			2	1				CP	2	11
Accipiter Sp.							1											1	2
Red-shouldered Hawk									1										1
Red-tailed Hawk		2	13	97	11	18	17	4	39	6		1	5	19	28		3	21	284
Rough-legged Hawk	CP			89	3			5	14						2	1		CP	114
American Kestrel				6	2			3	2										13
Merlin				1															1
Peregrine Falcon																		1	1
Ring-necked Pheasant								1	5										6
Ruffed Grouse	3	4		6	16	2	6	3	8	16	4	14	1	6	4	1	3	4	101
Wild Turkey	25		9	90	45		6	10	41	9	1	217	CP		21		290	75	839
American Coot				2															2
Common Snipe														1	2				3
Bonaparte's Gull				21			4												25
Ring-billed Gull			3	57			815	60	7									3	945
Herring Gull			9	32	2	8	412	140	5						3		1	1	613
Iceland Gull															CP				0
Great Black-backed Gull			1	57		1	198	72	7									12	348
Gull Sp.							9	26											35
Rock Dove	26	52	133	624	117	529	377	541	884	334	137	231	601	374	996	137	308	1327	7,728
Mourning Dove	45	82	287	767	63	329	215	388	441	439	96	261	311	381	633	64	98	403	5,303
Eastern Screech-Owl				3	6		3	4	6						CP				22
Great Horned Owl				3	4		2		5						1				15
Barred Owl	CP		3	CP	5	1		1	1	1			1	2	1		1	CP	17
Long-eared Owl				4					1										5
Short-eared Owl				1					1										2
Northern Saw-whet Owl				1	2				2										5
Belted Kingfisher				2		6			1			1	3		2			2	17
Red-bellied Woodpecker							CP								1				1
Downy Woodpecker	6	13	24	93	21	34	19	37	30	36	5	36	28	54	51	5	16	50	558
Hairy Woodpecker	4	14	9	18	24	16	10	11	11	29	14	41	19	21	17	7	32	43	340
Northern Flicker			2	8	2	3	1		5				1		8			1	31

Species	Craftsby-Greens. 12-16	Winhall 12-16	Brattleboro 12-16	Ferrisburgh 12-16	Mt. Abraham 12-16	Saxtons River 12-16	Burlington 12-17	Champlain Islands 12-17	Middlebury 12-17	Woodstock 12-28	Island Pond 12-30	Plainfield 12-30	Springfield 12-30	Rutland 12-30	Bennington 12-30	Hinesburg 12-31	Barnet 1-1	Inover/ Norwich 1-1	TOTAL
Pileated Woodpecker	1																		93
Woodpecker Sp.	1																		1
Northern Shrike	1	2		3	1	CP		2		1	1	1		2	3	4	3		25
Gray Jay											5						CP		5
Blue Jay	88	138	245	344	115	261	217	133	133	420	170	337	541	475	308	123	306	754	5,108
American Crow	69	295	335	416	96	298	680	454	382	228	32	588	525	807	782	62	923	1448	8,420
Common Raven	31	15	2	17	79	3	2	5	4	21	12	31	11	10	9	6	13	17	288
Horned Lark				1051	120	39		30	2				26		455				1,723
Black-capped Chickadee	127	396	336	681	277	415	499	476	345	1006	401	1082	584	928	436	268	404	1584	10,245
Boreal Chickadee			CP								7	2							9
Tufted Titmouse		3	24	17	7	33	45	8	18	25		7	47	34	32	3	12	71	386
Red-breasted Nuthatch	5	45	7	38	36	3	5	2	2	30	64	79	6	37	2		13	54	428
White-breasted Nuthatch	10	27	37	88	13	59	54	35	36	33	5	37	34	62	59	8	20	95	712
Brown Creeper	1	7	8	11	3	3	9	6	2	24	4	6	7	5	2	1	1	15	115
Carolina Wren			1		1		1	1					3	2	1		1		11
Marsh Wren							2												2
Winter Wren		1	CP			1								1	1				4
House Wren				1															1
Golden-crowned Kinglet	6	40	8	32	23	5	17	3	17	57	16	20	8	17	1		3	24	297
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				2															2
Eastern Bluebird			4	55		CP	4		59					12	19				153
Hermit Thrush				1			1		1										3
American Robin	1	2		1521	27	4	48	32	351			1	18	12	34	250	1	5	2307
Northern Mockingbird			11	1		6	1		3					2	1			4	29
European Starling	42	143	330	4225	277	1661	1234	2033	12962	281	29	356	691	1080	2108	313	428	724	28,917
Bohemian Waxwing				3															3
Cedar Waxwing		24	229	924	45	418	486	317	657			12	155	394	257	350	14	139	4,421
Yellow-rumped Warbler									CP										0
Common Yellowthroat														1					1
Eastern Towhee			2												1				3
American Tree Sparrow	11	13	53	347	17	207	48	45	193	68	31	22	118	108	147	112	34	136	1,710
Chipping Sparrow						1	1												2
Field Sparrow					2				CP										2
Savannah Sparrow									1									2	3
Fox Sparrow			CP										1						1
Song Sparrow		16	4	4	25	13	6	9	1				4		8			5	95
Swamp Sparrow																		1	1
White-throated Sparrow		3	94	17	CP	57	12		9	11			43	3	51			32	332
White-crowned Sparrow				1	10														11
Harris's Sparrow			1																1
Sparrow sp.	5																		5
Dark-eyed Junco	22	86	1101	349	26	1918	77	61	42	433	4	123	1249	407	354	178	128	1393	7951
Lapland Longspur								3											3
Snow Bunting			75	537	11		36	66	1	1	CP	53	37		20			CP	837
Northern Cardinal		2	33	49	8	46	78	40	34	22	1	16	36	87	65	6	10	76	609
Red-winged Blackbird	1		1	13	1	1	2	1	8			2		15	4			8	57
Rusty Blackbird					7	1				1									9
Common Grackle				1	1	1		1		2					2				8
Brown-headed Cowbird			7	39		1		92	9					2			4		154
Pine Grosbeak		14															2		16
Purple Finch	19	64	31	86	58	49	2	4	24	49	246	511	51	73	28	48	177	154	1674
House Finch		72	42	444	5	100	59	206	169	68		3	310	223	145	58	5	211	2,120
White-winged Crossbill	9				40					83	236	171		50			CP	6	595
Common Redpoll					1	6		4		30		57			15				113
Pine Siskin	25	30	26	3	17	12		3		108	57	114	2	2		31	162	54	646
American Goldfinch	158	237	267	312	165	185	156	181	184	326	68	570	762	226	110	98	248	906	5,159
Finch sp.							16				6								22
Evening Grosbeak	8									2	245	17					1	9	282
House Sparrow	8	4	299	1406	135	825	355	372	809	153	6	59	373	576	226	120	90	383	6,199
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	860	1862	4173	19459	2233	7709	10480	15798	18524	4402	1914	5102	6627	7099	8168	2282	3780	10522	130,994
TOTAL SPECIES	32	34	47	81	57	53	68	64	61	40	31	41	41	44	55	27	40	53	118

CP= Observed during Count Period