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Vermont was a water wonderland during the spring of 2000 as 21 days with precipitation in April and 21 more in May wiped out the residual effect of a dry 1999 and kept the lakes full, the fields flooded and the ground saturated. A warmer than average March quickly took care of any lingering ice on Lake Champlain and gave the inland streams an early start. Temperatures were fairly normal in April and May, but the lack of sun made it feel raw and chilly. The 14 inches of snow that fell on April 11 didn't help

LOONS THROUGH WATERFOWL

The star of the spring season was undoubtedly the Lesser Scaup that made a brief but convincing appearance in Shelburne Bay. Luckily one of its three observers was very familiar with this species in his native Great Britain. For Vermont it was a **1st State Record**. Other waterfowl highlights included 4 sightings of **Barrow's Goldeneye**, a **Brant** crossing the Green Mountains at Mt. Horrid pass, and a group of 3 **Eurasian Wigeon** traveling with American Wigeon. One or more of the Eurasians could have been Eurasian/American hybrids. Four sightings of **Red-throated Loon** were unexpected for a species that until recently was considered very rare in the spring. Another unusual spring sighting was of 2 **Ruddy Ducks** at Shoreham on March 25. On the heron front a **Little Blue Heron** was on display in Brandon for a week in April and a group of 9 Cattle Egrets, established summer residents of Shelburne Farms, returned there again this May. Still unusual in Vermont, **Glossy Ibis** is occasionally reported, but a group of 5 flying over Addison was an exceptional sighting.

either. Both early and late arriving waterfowl found plenty of flooded fields available, and even the shorebirds migrating through in mid to late May found standing water in places that would be drying or dry during a normal spring.

A window of opportunity for migrating passerines opened the first week in May. Temperatures rose, the wind blew from the south and everything came in together in a big push, reminiscent of the waves of decades past. This wave hit southern Vermont on May 3rd and central and northern areas the 4th and 5th. Observers noted a few days of really good birding, then a fall-off as the birds dispersed and moved on. Expected arrival dates for species meant nothing this year as almost everything appeared on May 4th. Then the weather went back to being nasty and the remaining migrants filtered in through the rest of the month.



TUFTED DUCK

DATE	LOCATION	NO.	OBSERVERS
Red-throated Loon			
31-Mar	Oven Bay, W Addison	1	TGM
8-Apr	Grand Isle	1	DJH
26-Apr	Grand Isle	1, migrating mid-lake	DJH
6-May	Grand Isle	1, migrating mid-lake	DJH
Common Loon			
31-Mar	Grand Isle	1	DJH
26-Apr	Grand Isle	16, 2 at home, 14 migrating	DJH
28-Apr	Charlotte Town Beach	48, including 9 northbound	TGM
27-May	Caspian L, Greensboro	3 ad, 1 imm	BMP
28-May	HC, Rockingham	2, both in basic plumage	WJN
Pied-billed Grebe			
15-Mar	Berlin Pd, Berlin	1	TGM

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7-Apr	Berlin Pd, Berlin	3	BMP
15-Apr	L Bomoseen, Hubbardton	6	RWP
14-May	ECWMA, Orwell	2	NAB
22-May	Lefforts Pd, Chittenden	2, heard at the same time	DMM
Horned Grebe			
4-Apr	Panton	1	SSW
13-Apr	Charlotte Town Beach	6	TGM
22-Apr	North Hero	9, in breeding plumage	FAP, EBP
28-Apr	Charlotte Town Beach	6	TGM
28-Apr	RR Causeway, Colchester	7	TGM
Red-necked Grebe			
25-Mar	Button Bay, Ferrisburgh	1	TGM
3-Apr	WRM	2, 1st for WRM for me	RWP

DATE	LOCATION	NO.	OBSERVERS
14-Apr	Newport	2	REG, OAG
29-Apr	L Pinneo, Quechee	1, only bird on lake	JMN
25-May	L Pinneo, Quechee	2	CCR
Double-crested Cormorant			
23-Mar	Grand Isle	3	DJH
7-Apr	Grand Isle	~100, lots	DJH
12-May	Shelburne Pd	300	JDM
14-May	Champlain Valley	40	JDM
31-May	Shantee Pt, St Albans	3, off camp shore	DMM
American Bittern			
15-Apr	Brandon	1	AMS
19-Apr	Dorset	2	BWP
29-Apr	River Rd, Killington	1	MMW
20-May	Brandon	2	SSW
21-May	BRM, Orleans	1	PFW, SAW
Least Bittern			
21-May	DCWMA, Addison	1	JRA
Great Blue Heron			
8-Mar	Manchester	1	BWP
7-Apr	Shad Is, Swanton	~100	RAZ
27-Apr	HC, ABM, SWNA	7	WJN
20-May	Marlboro	13 ad, 8 yng, 13 nests each w/at least one adult	MBW
31-May	Shantee Pt, St Albans	10, high count on 5/26	DMM
Great Egret			
8-Apr	Alburg Passage	1	FAP, EBP
13-Apr	HC, Rockingham	1	AMD
8-May	L Lamoille, Morrisville	1, stopping traffic!	GPL
22-May	Coventry	1	REG, OAG
25-May	Sucker Brk, S Burlington	1	TGM
Little Blue Heron			
20-Apr	Brandon	1, remained for ~ a week	RWP, SSW
Cattle Egret			
13-May	Shelburne Farms	9, in full breeding plumage	JDM
17-May	Shelburne	6	AMS
Green Heron			
23-Apr	HC, Rockingham	1	WJN
5-May	Dorset	2	EFG
10-May	Milton	2, nest building	AMS
15-May	Springfield	1	WME
20-May	Brandon	1	SSW
Black-crowned Night-Heron			
28-Apr	Colchester	1	TGM
29-Apr	DCWMA, Addison	4	JRA
4-May	Delta Pk, Colchester	2	JDM
14-May	Grand Isle	1, 2nd year bird	DJH
22-May	Knapp Pd, Reading	1 imm, observed 15 min perched in tree, N end Knapp Pd	FMH, MH
Glossy Ibis			
7-May	Addison	5, flying over	AMS
13-May	Shelburne Farms	1, thanks to Hub Vogelmann	JDM, LH
Turkey Vulture			
1-Mar	Brandon	1	SSW
22-Mar	Bristol and N Haven	15	FAP, EBP
7-Apr	N Springfield	35	FMH, EJH
14-Apr	Champlain Valley	13	JDM
28-May	S Londonderry	7, at Riverside Farms	WJN
Snow Goose			
4-Mar	Grand Isle	2	DJH
15-Mar	Grand Isle	15000	DJH
18-Mar	Alburg Springs	10000	FAP, EBP
18-Mar	DCWMA, Addison	~8000	TGM
27-Apr	Alburg	~15000	TGM, DJH
21-May	Cornwall	1	AMS
Canada Goose			
2-Mar	Lemon Fair R, Cornwall	1200, in flooded area	FAP, EBP
5-Mar	Grand Isle	2000, more flocks n bound	DJH
21-Mar	Champlain Valley	1100, Colchester, S/N Hero	JDM
27-Apr	Alburg	1, arctic form, much smaller than Greater Snow Geese, very short neck and tiny head	TGM
31-May	S Londonderry	~20, at Riverside Farms	WJN
Brant			
14-May	Rte 73, Goshen	1, Mt Horrid Pass, overcast, low	

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			cloud, landed in road
			NAB
Mute Swan			
7-Apr	Brattleboro	1, at Retreat Meadows	DB
15-May	Rockingham	2	WME
21-May	HC, Rockingham	2, very long range	WJN
Wood Duck			
7-Mar	Winooski R, Colchester	1 m	JDM
15-Mar	Springfield	39, near CT R	TGM
11-Apr	Clarendon	30	CJF
15-Apr	Manchester	34 m, 23 f	BWP
26-May	Dewey's Pd, Quechee	18	KPM
Gadwall			
11-Mar	Lemon Fair R, Bridport	1 m, 1	TGM
18-Mar	Bridport to Ferrisburgh	29	AMS, TGM
24-Mar	Grand Isle	5 m, 4 f	DJH
25-Mar	Shoreham	5	RWP
27-Apr	Swanton	1	TGM
Eurasian Wigeon			
16-Apr	Swanton	3, hybrid(s) possible	KC
American Wigeon			
7-Mar	Delta Pk, Colchester	1 m, 1 f	JDM
18-Mar	Bridport to Ferrisburgh	48	AMS
21-Mar	Mayo Rd, Colchester	8	JDM
4-Apr	Champlain Valley	32	JDM
27-Apr	Swanton	7	TGM
American Black Duck			
4-Mar	Ethan Allen Farm	25, at Winooski R	JDM
24-Mar	Springfield Meadows	~50	JMN
3-Apr	Springfield Meadows	~80, in flooded fields	ATA, JMN
11-Apr	Taftsville/Quechee R Rd	60, in flooded farm field	JMN
28-May	Danby Pd, Danby	2	NAB
Mallard			
4-Mar	Ethan Allen Farm	100, at Winooski R	JDM
21-Mar	Champlain Valley	280	JDM
25-Mar	Leicester	150	JMN, EH
3-Apr	Springfield Meadows	~100, in flooded fields	ATA, JMN
31-May	Clarendon	1 f, 6 yng	CJF
Pintail/Mallard hybrid			
27-Apr	South Hero Marsh	1 m	TGM
Blue-winged Teal			
8-Apr	Coventry	4	REG, OAG
11-Apr	Clarendon	4	CJF
14-Apr	Grand Isle	5	DJH
13-May	Shelburne Farms	2 m, 2 f	JDM
20-May	Ferrisburgh	2	SSW
Northern Shoveler			
11-Apr	Williamstown	2 m, 1 f, in flooded wetland	ATA
18-May	Lemon Fair R, Bridport	2 m	TGM
20-May	Ferrisburgh	3	SSW
22-May	Newport	1	REG, OAG
22-May	Coventry	1	REG, OAG
Northern Pintail			
6-Mar	Cornwall	20, in flooded fields	FAP, EBP
11-Mar	Lemon Fair R, Bridport	~600	TGM
19-Mar	DCWMA, Addison	18, at Bilyea Access	FAP, EBP
21-Mar	Champlain Valley	50, 40, Mayo Rd, Colchester	JDM
3-Apr	Springfield Meadows	4	ATA, JMN
Green-winged Teal			
8-Mar	Dorset	3	BWP
3-Apr	Springfield Meadows	~150	ATA, JMN
11-Apr	Randolph	38, in flooded field	ATA
14-Apr	Champlain Valley	66	JDM
5-May	Shelburne Bay	53, at north end of bay	TGM
Canvasback			
11-Apr	Maquam Bay	2, off Hog Island Point	FAP, EBP, TGM
Ring-necked Duck			
10-Mar	Manchester	3 m, 1 f	BWP
22-Mar	Shoreham	168	FAP, EBP
7-Apr	Grand Isle	440	DJH
11-Apr	northern L Champlain	~1000, including ~700 Swanton	TGM
9-May	Lefforts Pd, Chittenden	1 m, 1 f, pair, last sighting	DMM
Tufted Duck			

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7-Apr	Shelburne Bay	1, 1st state record	CS, CG, OM
Greater Scaup			
24-Mar	Grand Isle	35	DJH
14-Apr	Newport	1	REG, OAG
18-Apr	Berlin Pd, Berlin	2 m, 1 f	ATA
6-May	Danby Pd, Danby	3	CJF
Lesser Scaup			
15-Mar	Grand Isle	3	DJH
7-Apr	Sandbar Refuge, Milton	200	FAP, EBP
14-Apr	Grand Isle	42	DJH
16-Apr	L Memphremagog	11, in Newport	JDM
28-Apr	SWNA	3	WJN
Scaup species			
7-Mar	Champlain Valley	220	JDM
1-Apr	Wilder Dam, Wilder	14	PFW, SAW
11-Apr	northern L Champlain	350	TGM
4-May	Shoreham	68	RWP
Surf Scoter			
19-Apr	Grand Isle	32	DJH
20-May	Grand Isle	2	DJH
White-winged Scoter			
7-Apr	Button Bay, Ferrisburgh	1	JMN, EFG
25-Apr	Grand Isle	1, migrating mid-lake	DJH
28-Apr	Charlotte Town Beach	1	TGM
28-Apr	RR Causeway, Colchester	1	TGM
Black Scoter			
25-Mar	RC, Rockingham	2	WJN
Oldsquaw			
24-Mar	Grand Isle	1 m, winter drake	DJH
26-Apr	Grand Isle	7, migrating mid-lake	DJH
28-Apr	RR Causeway, Colchester	15	TGM
3-May	Grand Isle	12, migrating mid-lake	DJH
22-May	Beach Bay, S Hero	1	KU
Bufflehead			
7-Mar	Delta Pk, Colchester	1 m	JDM
24-Mar	Shoreham	7	FAP, EBP
26-Mar	Panton	5	SSW
20-Apr	Grand Isle	8 m, 8 f, pairs (2 at home)	DJH
13-May	Shelburne Farms	1 f, 1 imm m	JDM

DATE	LOCATION	NO.	OBSERVERS
Common Goldeneye			
7-Mar	Champlain Valley	300	JDM
18-Mar	Alburg Passage	200	FAP, EBP
7-Apr	Grand Isle	250	DJH
27-Apr	Carry Bay, N Hero	~100	TGM
25-May	Shantee Pt, St Albans	1 m, 1 f, pair, off shore of camp	DMM
Barrow's Goldeneye			
11-Mar	Button Bay, Ferrisburgh	1 m	TGM
24-Mar	Grand Isle	1 m, 1 f, pair	DJH
24-Mar	Alburg Passage	1 m, 1	TGM
28-Apr	Grand Isle	1 ad m, in a flock of 15 Com	DJH
Hooded Merganser			
2-Mar	Otter Creek, Ferrisburgh	4 m, 2	FAP, EBP
18-Mar	Bridport to Ferrisburgh	18	AMS
25-Mar	East Creek, Orwell	14	RWP
25-Mar	HC, Rockingham	~20	WJN
25-May	Vershire	1 f, 11 yng, 3 f arrived, explored duck house, only 1 stayed	KRII
Common Merganser			
5-Mar	Mill Pd, E Dorset	2 m, 1 f	NAB
18-Mar	Alburg Passage	100	FAP, EBP
7-Apr	Grand Isle	200, pair territorial at a chimney	DJH
7-Apr	Tri-Town WTP, Addison	1000	JMN, EFG
30-May	Lefforts Pd, Chittenden	1 m, many early but few summered, water too shallow	DMM
Red-breasted Merganser			
11-Mar	Meach Cove, Shelburne	1 m, adamantly displaying to f Common Merganser	TGM
13-Apr	Charlotte Town Beach	14	TGM
25-Apr	Grand Isle	12, migrating mid-lake	DJH
20-May	Grand Isle	4	AMS
28-May	W Bolton	3, only sighting this season	MC
Ruddy Duck			
25-Mar	Shoreham	2	RWP

One of the more reliable ways to separate flying Tufted from Ring-necked ducks is wing stripe. It's gray on Ring-necked, white on Tufted!

RAPTORS THROUGH GULLS

Bald Eagles could be seen in any part of Vermont at any time of the year, but the greatest concentrations can be found on Lake Champlain in early winter and again in the spring as the ice is breaking up. The spring concentration is mainly comprised of immature birds. They tend to sit on the ice edges or ice floes to fish and it is not uncommon to see eight or more at one location scattered over the field of broken ice. This year they moved through from March 14 to 28. A probable (undocumented) gray morph Gyrfalcon seen at Panton by an out-of-state birder was the only report of one for the season. Six reports of separate Merlins was a very good number, and most of the Peregrine Falcon sightings were of summer resident birds returning to their nesting cliffs. Documentation was not received for a probable Sandhill Crane at Cabot in mid-May.

Talk about a good day in the field – pick out Allan Strong's shorebird list for May 17 at Cornwall, including among others 70 Short-billed Dowitchers, 70 Least Sandpipers, 1 Dunlin and 2 American Golden Plover! The latter two species are rarely seen here in the spring. Then to top off the day he went to Bridport and found an Upland Sandpiper. Other May sightings of Upland Sandpiper indicate that this state endangered species is still being seen in limited numbers at some of its traditional locations. Three birders found Black Tern outside their core nesting area in the Missisquoi NWR in Swanton. The terns used to be more common on Dead Creek but are now rarely found that far south.

DATE	LOCATION	NO.	OBSERVERS
Osprey			
6-Apr	Dorset	1	EFG
7-Apr	MNWR, Swanton	8, four nests occupied	RAZ
28-Apr	Brandon	4, at sandbar	SSW
6-May	Woodstock	4, kettling	KPM
14-May	Sandbar, Colchester	5, 4 at nests, 1 Missisquoi	JDM

DATE	LOCATION	NO.	OBSERVERS
Bald Eagle			
14-Mar	Button Bay, Ferrisburgh	~12	SWM
18-Mar	Addison, Ferrisburgh	18, from Ft Cassin Pt to Crown Pt	BMP
18-Mar	DCWMA, Addison	1 ad, 9, at Farrell Access	TGM
25-Mar	Button Bay, Ferrisburgh	14	TGM

DATE	LOCATION	NO.	OBSERVERS
28-Mar	Panton	9	SSW
Northern Harrier			
5-Mar	Grand Isle	1	DJH
7-Apr	Pawlet	1 m, over fields	GRB
13-Apr	HC, Rockingham	1 m, 1 f	AMD
17-Apr	WRM	2 f	RWP
28-May	Brandon	1	SSW
Sharp-shinned Hawk			
5-Mar	Brandon	1	SSW
8-Apr	Tunbridge	3, moving north	ATA
28-Apr	Pawlet	1 m, 1 f, (2/92)	GRB
7-May	Missisquoi Hawk Site	2, at Mt Holly	WJN
17-May	Dorset	1, (2/59)	EFG
Cooper's Hawk			
4-Mar	Grand Isle	1, ~2 present Sp'00	DJH
29-Mar	Coventry	1	REG, OAG
8-Apr	Tunbridge	2, moving north	ATA
22-May	Lincoln	1	JRA
29-May	Grand Isle	2, pair at nest	DJH
Northern Goshawk			
13-Apr	E Clarendon	1	CJF
27-May	Sheffield	1, at feeder area	PFW, SAW
Red-shouldered Hawk			
29-Mar	Milton	1	AMS, TGM
4-May	Orwell	1	SSW
13-May	Colchester	1	JDM
16-May	Shantee Pt, St Albans	1, at head of Lapan Bay, only sighting in May, usually more seen and heard	DMM
20-May	Marlboro	1, several times at heron rookery	MBW
Broad-winged Hawk			
25-Apr	Tunbridge	1, 1	ATA, JMN
28-Apr	Brandon	10	SSW
29-Apr	Manchester	4	BWP
1-May	Montpelier	14, with other raptors	CHD
3-May	Killington	6	RWP
Red-tailed Hawk			
21-Mar	Champlain Valley	4	JDM
23-Mar	Addison, Ferrisburgh	~24, Ft Cassin Pt to Crown Pt Bridge	BMP
26-Mar	Rutland to Addison	14, on Rte 4, Rte 22A	NAB
7-Apr	W Haven	3, including nesting pair on rock ledge	RWP
24-May	Pawlet	2, together, (21/92)	GRB
Rough-legged Hawk			
19-Mar	Otter Creek Rd, Addison	4, 2 dark	FAP, EBP
23-Mar	Panton	2	BMP
1-Apr	Pawlet	1, quite sure	GRB
7-Apr	Addison	2	JMN, EFG
28-Apr	Addison	1	SSW
Golden Eagle			
13-May	Bennington	2	KL
American Kestrel			
11-Mar	Cornwall	1	TGM
7-Apr	Addison area	6	JMN, EFG
14-Apr	Grand Isle	6	DJH
8-May	Pawlet	2, (45/92), kestrels in barn nest box	GRB
29-May	Dorset	1, (16/59)	EFG
Merlin			
2-Mar	Plank Rd, N Haven	1 m	FAP, EBP
23-Mar	Milton	1	DJH
8-Apr	North Rd, Barnard	1, eating a blackbird	ATA
27-Apr	Swanton	1 m, eating a bird	TGM
27-Apr	Sheffield	1, at neighbor's	PFW, SAW
22-May	Vershire	1, in tree near feeder	KRH
Peregrine Falcon			
4-Mar	Bird Mt, Castleton	1	RWP
5-Mar	Mt. Horrid, Brandon	2, pair	RWP
9-Mar	Rattlesnake Pt, Leicester	2	SSW
26-Mar	Barnet	2	REG, OAG
13-Apr	Springfield Meadows	2, at nest site	ATA, JMN
14-May	Berlin Pd, Berlin	1	FAP, EBP
Gyr Falcon			

DATE	LOCATION	NO.	OBSERVERS
1-Mar	Panton	1, no documentation, gray morph	LD
Ring-necked Pheasant			
11-Mar	West St, Cornwall	2 m	TGM
19-Mar	Hopkins Rd, Vergennes	1 m	FAP, EBP
24-Mar	Charlotte	1 m	TGM
4-Apr	Button Bay, Ferrisburgh	1	SSW
Ruffed Grouse			
4-Mar	Grand Isle	3	DJH
8-Mar	Brandon	4	SSW
7-Apr	S A TF, Reading	6	FMH, EJH
28-Apr	Manchester	2	BWP
19-May	Sheffield	2, drumming	PFW, SAW
Spruce Grouse			
19-May	WWMA, Brighton	2 m	BMP
19-May	Moose Bog	1 m, 1 f	AMS
Wild Turkey			
1-Mar	N Pawlet	60, huge flock, 1 tom displaying	GRB
20-Mar	Rte 7, Wallingford	43, flocks wintered well	NAB
20-Mar	Tinmouth	60, (32/92)	GRB
22-Mar	Rte 7, Wallingford	~30, regular in cornfield	NBu
7-Apr	Florence	15	FAP, EBP
25-May	Grand Isle	22	DJH
Virginia Rail			
17-Apr	WRM	1	RWP
24-Apr	Berlin Pd, Berlin	~1, "kek, kek" response	ATA
7-May	Ferrisburgh	2	AMS
20-May	Brandon	1	SSW
30-May	Newport	1	REG, OAG
Sora			
20-Apr	WRM	1	RWP
7-May	Ferrisburgh	1	AMS
18-May	Grand Isle	1	DJH
Common Moorhen			
17-Apr	WRM	1	RWP
7-May	Ferrisburgh	1	AMS
12-May	Mud Creek, Alburg	2	BMP
21-May	Hinesburg	1	AMS
29-May	Richville Pd, Shoreham	2	FAP, EBP
American Coot			
18-Apr	Sandbar Refuge, Milton	1	SSW
Sandhill Crane			
13-May	Rte 215, Cabot	1 ad, no documentation	BMP
American Golden-Plover			
17-May	Cornwall	2	AMS
Semipalmated Plover			
17-May	Cornwall	20	AMS
19-May	HC, Rockingham	7, mudflats, cove edge	FAP, EBP
20-May	Middlebury	5, on 3 Mile Bridge Rd	FAP, JAP
Killdeer			
8-Mar	Manchester	2	BWP
15-Mar	Rte 5, Brattleboro	11	FAP, EBP
23-Mar	Grand Isle	9	DJH
11-Apr	Randolph	12	ATA
29-May	Dorset	5, (19/59)	EFG
Greater Yellowlegs			
7-Apr	Rte 22A, Shoreham	3	FAP, EBP
3-May	Orwell	1	SSW
13-May	Coventry	1	REG, OAG
13-May	Brandon	2	SSW
Lesser Yellowlegs			
4-May	Brandon	4	SSW
7-May	Cornwall	5	AMS
20-May	Brandon	2	SSW
Solitary Sandpiper			
4-May	Essex Jct	2	JDM
7-May	Patch Pd, Rutland	7, most seen in 1 spot	NAB
8-May	Cornwall	21	AMS
11-May	Grand Isle	6	DJH
27-May	E Burke	1	PFW, SAW
Spotted Sandpiper			
20-Apr	Stratton	2	NBu
4-May	Tri-Town WTP, Addison	3	JMN, EFG
11-May	Grand Isle	4	DJH

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28-May	Patch Pd, Rutland	9, many	NAB
31-May	S Londonderry	1, at Riverside Farms	WJN
Upland Sandpiper			
4-May	EF Knapp State Airport	2, while checking on Wann Season grasses	TSA, CDu
13-May	EF Knapp State Airport	1	BMP
17-May	Bridport	1	AMS
20-May	Jersey St, Addison	3	FAP, JAP
20-May	Benson	2, responded to tape, an apparent pair	RWP
Semipalmated Sandpiper			
27-May	Cornwall	2	AMS
28-May	Patch Pd, Rutland	2	NAB
Least Sandpiper			
4-May	Brandon	5	SSW
11-May	Grand Isle	3	DJH
17-May	Cornwall	70, all identifiable were	AMS
19-May	Patch Pd, Rutland	5	NAB
20-May	Brandon	~15	SSW
Dunlin			
17-May	Cornwall	1	AMS
Short-billed Dowitcher			
17-May	Cornwall	70	AMS
30-May	DCWMA, Addison	27, at Brilyea Access	RS
Common Snipe			
23-Mar	Woodstock	1, on 4/1/00 during flooding	CRP
		6 snipes in the garden	AMD
13-Apr	Westminster	14	FAP, EBP
22-Apr	Simms Point, Grand Isle	6	ATA
24-Apr	Berlin Pd Rd, Berlin	3, 2 flying	PFW, SAW
21-May	Barton	2	
American Woodcock			
10-Mar	Manchester	2	BWP
24-Mar	Manchester	4	BWP
28-Apr	Grand Isle	2	DJH
12-May	Wildcat Rd, Chittenden	1 m, 2, doing usual meadow dance	DMM
31-May	S A TF, Reading	1, 16 dates	FMH, EJH

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Bonaparte's Gull			
7-Apr	Tri-Town WTP, Addison	1	JMN, FFG
11-Apr	W Swanton	3, mouth of Charcoal Creek	FAP, EBP
27-Apr	Sandbar Refuge, Milton	10	TGM
6-May	Grand Isle	13, feeding mid lake	DJH
20-May	Alburg	21	AMS, DS
Ring-billed Gull			
4-Mar	Young Island, Grand Isle	~1000	DJH
10-Mar	West St, Cornwall	250	FAP, EBP
15-Mar	Leicester	~150	SSW
24-Mar	Charlotte Town Beach	~2700, northbound	TGM
24-Mar	Mayo Rd, Colchester	200	JDM
Herring Gull			
2-Mar	Grand Isle	20, flying s in late p.m.	DJH
4-Mar	Young Island, Grand Isle	50, several dozen	DJH
22-Mar	Coventry	4	REG, OAG
23-Mar	Rutland	4	BWP
29-May	HC, Rockingham	1	WJN
Iceland Gull			
15-Mar	Brattleboro	1 1st Yr, at Retreat Meadows	TGM, FAP, EBP
Great Black-backed Gull			
4-Mar	Young Island, Grand Isle	~24, 4:30 p.m.	DJH
25-Mar	Shoreham	2	RWP
26-Mar	Chimney Pt, Addison	3	SSW
7-Apr	Tri-Town WTP, Addison	3	JMN, FFG
14-May	DCWMA, Addison	2 imm	NAB
Common Tern			
4-May	Grand Isle	1	DJH
Black Tern			
30-Apr	DCWMA, Addison	1, at Brilyea Access	SWM, TGM
12-May	Mud Creek, Alburg	2	BMP
20-May	Ferrisburgh	1, Dead Creek/Otter Creek	SSW

A lek, sometimes called an arena, is a traditional site used communally by displaying males of some species during the mating season to attract mates.

DOVES THROUGH HOUSE SPARROWS

The substantial number of Red-bellied Woodpecker reports attests to the apparent expansion of this species in Vermont. The Colchester bird was resident and possibly nesting. Red Rocks Park in Burlington was home to, or visited by, **Fish Crows** during the past 3 springs. In 2000 they were heard in the area but nesting was not confirmed. Another individual was documented in Peru for a **2nd State Record**. Reports of Carolina Wren seem to be on the increase again after a recent severe winter temporarily set back their advance. It is always exciting when a Sedge Wren is reported, such as the one in Bridport at the end of May. The bird was later joined by another singing male and remained during the summer. (*Details will be in the Su'00 RVB*) During the winter there was a big eruption of **Bohemian Waxwings** that carried over into the spring, primarily in the central Vermont and Burlington areas. The sighting of an estimated **3000 Bohemians** in Williston on March 23 was incredible!

Most of the records of Golden-winged, Blue-winged and now Prairie Warblers have been coming out of Brandon and nearby areas. All of southern Vermont is certainly home to the latter two species, but the amount of observation that goes on in Brandon and the identification of certain hot spots there have put it on the map as a favorite birding location. Prairie Warblers have increased their numbers in Vermont dramatically over the past 5 years and are now pretty reliable in suitable habitat. A **Cerulean Warbler** was seen in Highgate on May 14, one of only a few recent sightings of this species that is becoming increasingly rare in Vermont. This spring we saw a substantial number of White-crowned Sparrows going through in migration, counts of 50 birds in two locations. A pair of **Orchard Orioles** established a nest site at McCuen Slang in Addison, the same general area where nesting had taken place in past years. The Orchard Oriole is still considered to be a rare nesting species in the state.

DATE	LOCATION	NO.	OBSERVERS
Rock Dove			
Sp'00	various	At most farms and villages	MANY
Mourning Dove			
1-Mar	Woodstock	14	CRP
5-Mar	Springfield	16	WME
14-Mar	Sheffield	32, daily, feeders, varying numbers	PFW, SAW
6-May	HC, Rockingham	20	WJN
Black-billed Cuckoo			
9-May	Brandon	1	SSW
26-May	East Creek, Orwell	1, calling	JMN, EFG
27-May	Leicester	1	AMS
28-May	Brandon	1	SSW
Yellow-billed Cuckoo			
14-May	HC, Rockingham	1	WJN
20-May	WRM	1, calling, Birdathon	JMN
26-May	Town House Rd, Addison	1, seen	JMN, EFG
Eastern Screech-Owl			
13-Mar	Grand Isle	4	TGM
13-Mar	South Hero	4	AMS
19-Mar	Grand Isle	2	DJH
20-May	Panton	1	JAP
Great Horned Owl			
13-Mar	Danby Pd, Danby	1, heard	NAB
23-Mar	Rte 7, Charlotte	1	BMP
2-May	Pittsford	1 ad, 2 juv, had devoured a mallard w/leg band, Quebec (8/21/97)	RWP
7-May	Missisquoi Hawk Site	1, at Mt Holly	WJN
30-May	Vershire	1, heard	KRH
Snowy Owl			
15-Mar	South Hero	1, reported "mid-march"	DJH
Barred Owl			
3-Mar	Springfield	1	WME
31-Mar	Tunbridge	2, calling in a.m.	ATA
8-Apr	Pawlet	2, heard on hill	GRB
30-Apr	Glover	2	REG, OAG
29-May	Dorset	1, (5/59)	EFG
Long-eared Owl			
3-May	Mt Independence, Orwell	1	SSW
Short-eared Owl			
13-Mar	South Hero	2, probable	TGM
14-Mar	Colchester	1	DJH
20-Mar	Grand Isle	1	DJH
23-Mar	Slang Rd, Panton	2, 5:45-6:10 PM	BMP
1-Apr	Panton	4	TGM
Northern Saw-whet Owl			
13-Mar	Grand Isle	1	TGM
13-Mar	South Hero	1	AMS, TGM
Common Nighthawk			
20-May	Brandon	1	AW
Whip-poor-will			
20-May	Brandon	2	SSW
21-May	Brandon	2	AMS, DS
21-May	Cornwall	1	AMS, DS
27-May	S Londonderry	1, at Riverside Farms	WJN
31-May	Brook Rd, Strafford	1, 1st at this location	SDF
Chimney Swift			
3-May	Woodstock	3	JMN
7-May	Woodstock	6	KPM
12-May	Randolph	5	ATA
28-May	Berlin Pd, Berlin	12	FAP, EBP
30-May	Manchester	5	BWP
Ruby-throated Hummingbird			
3-Apr	Manchester	1, early	BE
11-Apr	Clarendon	1, early	CJF
13-May	Vershire	4 m, 2 f	KRH
27-May	S A TF, Reading	7	FMH, EJH
31-May	S A TF, Reading	5, 27 dates	FMH, EJH
Belted Kingfisher			
5-Mar	Rte 7, N Dorset	1	NAB
5-Mar	ABM	1, early, marsh frozen	AMD
15-Apr	Westminster	2	AMD

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29-Apr	Manchester	3	BWP
29-Apr	Lincoln	3, and at L Champlain	JRA
Red-headed Woodpecker			
28-May	Bridport	1	TGM
29-May	Dorset	1	LR
Red-bellied Woodpecker			
5-Mar	Colchester	1 m, on my suet feeder	JDM
7-Mar	Brandon	1	SSW
29-Apr	Lamoille R, Milton	1 m	TGM
14-May	HC, Rockingham	1	WJN
17-May	Bridport	1	AMS
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			
9-Mar	Salisbury	3	SSW
29-Apr	Manchester	2 m, 2 f	BWP
30-Apr	S A TF, Reading	10	FMH, EJH
6-May	Lincoln Gap	4	JRA
31-May	S A TF, Reading	5, 34 dates	FMH, EJH
Downy Woodpecker			
1-Mar	Brandon	3	SSW
11-Mar	Manchester	2 m, 2 f	BWP
4-May	Colchester / Essex Jct	4	JDM
5-May	Colchester / Burlington	6	JDM
29-May	Dorset	4, (23/59)	EFG
Hairy Woodpecker			
1-Mar	Sheffield	2, most days	PFW, SAW
1-Mar	Woodstock	2	CRP
17-Mar	Pawlet	2 f, (50/92)	GRB
16-Apr	Dorset	3	EFG
4-May	Colchester / Essex Jct	4	JDM
Black-backed Woodpecker			
25-Mar	Victory Bog	5	AMS
20-May	Moose Bog, Brighton	1 m, 1 f, pair	BMP
Northern Flicker			
24-Mar	Manchester	4	BWP
10-Apr	S Londonderry	4, at Smith Haven Gr	WJN
16-Apr	Orleans/Newport area	4, at Willoughby Falls	JDM
4-May	Colchester / Essex Jct	4	JDM
25-May	Shantee Pt, St Albans	4	DMM
Pileated Woodpecker			
2-Mar	Plank Rd, N Haven	2, in flight over	FAP, EBP
20-Mar	Grand Isle	3, pair digging nest	DJH
11-Apr	Grand Isle	4	DJH
29-Apr	Manchester	2	BWP
30-May	Winhall	2	WJN
Olive-sided Flycatcher			
14-May	Berlin Pd, Berlin	1	FAP, EBP
20-May	WRM	1, singing, 1st at this location for this observer	RWP
28-May	Ferdinand	1	REG, OAG
29-May	Middlebury	1, Abbey Pd Rd	FAP, EBP
Eastern Wood Pewee			
10-May	Grand Isle	4	DJH
17-May	Dorset	1	EFG
27-May	Lincoln	1	JRA
28-May	Danby Pd, Danby	1	NAB
31-May	Salisbury	2	SSW
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher			
16-May	Westminster West	1	AMD
19-May	Moose Bog	1	AMS
Alder Flycatcher			
4-May	Dorset	1	BWP
6-May	Danby Pd, Danby	1	NAB
14-May	Woodstock	2	CRP
20-May	Brandon	2	SSW
29-May	Dorset	3, (8/59)	EFG
Willow Flycatcher			
21-May	Addison	1	JRA
28-May	Berlin Pd, Berlin	1	FAP, EBP
28-May	Danby Pd, Danby	1	NAB
29-May	Happy Valley Rd, Bridport	1	FAP, EBP
Least Flycatcher			
4-May	Colchester	2	JDM
11-May	Benson	4	RWP
13-May	NAMC Route	11	JRA

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24-May	Jamaica	2	NBU
31-May	Salisbury	5	SSW
Eastern Phoebe			
20-Mar	Stowe	1	GPL
15-Apr	HC, Rockingham	3	WJN
18-Apr	Grand Isle	10	DJH
3-May	Vershire	3, hatchlings on 5/24	KRH
13-May	NAMC Route	9	JRA
Great Crested Flycatcher			
18-Apr	McCrae Rd, Colchester	2, calling ~100 yds apart	JDM
4-May	Addison	2	RWP
10-May	Grand Isle	5	DJH
11-May	Mt Independence, Orwell	11	RWP
30-May	Fairlee	1	KRH
Eastern Kingbird			
26-Mar	Williston	1, very early	MW
5-Apr	Woodstock	1	KPM
12-May	Brandon	5	SSW
13-May	NAMC Route	5	JRA
28-May	Danby Pd, Danby	4, 2 nest sites	NAB
Northern Shrike			
1-Mar	VINS, Woodstock	1, struggling to fly with a mouse	SLD
6-Mar	Irasburgh	1	REG, OAG
23-Mar	Victory Bog	3	AMS
30-Mar	Grand Isle	2	DJH
22-Apr	South Hero	1	FAP, EBP
Yellow-throated Vireo			
4-May	Grand Isle	3	DJH
14-May	Hubbardton	2	RWP
16-May	Mud Creek, Alburg	1 m	BMP
19-May	Weathersfield Bow	1	FAP, EBP, DA
21-May	Springfield Meadows	1	WJN
Blue-headed Vireo			
28-Apr	Ripton/Goshen	1	ZLR
30-Apr	Panton	3	JRA
11-May	Ethan Allen Park	2, 2, at Burlington bike park as well	JDM
13-May	NAMC Route	16	JRA
27-May	Burke	1	REG, OAG
Warbling Vireo			
4-May	Shoreham	2	RWP
6-May	Grand Isle	8, more by mid-May	DJH
7-May	Rockingham	5	REG, OAG
14-May	Hubbardton	4	RWP
28-May	Patch Pd, Rutland	3	NAB
Philadelphia Vireo			
16-May	GMAC, Huntington	1	LB
17-May	Bartlett Rd, Plainfield	2, one singing	BMP
Red-eyed Vireo			
4-May	HC, Rockingham	1	WJN
5-May	Grand Isle	1	DJH
31-May	Salisbury	~6	SSW
31-May	S A TF, Reading	16, 14 dates	FMH, EJH
31-May	Dorset	7, (17/59)	EFG
Gray Jay			
20-May	Moose Bog, Brighton	2	BMP
28-May	Ferdinand	2, 2 juv	REG, OAG
Blue Jay			
7-Mar	Champlain Valley	25	JDM
6-May	S Londonderry	30, at Smith Haven Gr	WJN
11-May	S A TF, Reading	20	FMH, EJH
13-May	NAMC Route	57	JRA
27-May	Sheffield	18	PFW, SAW
American Crow			
1-Mar	Woodstock	150	JMN
1-Mar	Manchester	~210	BWP
22-Mar	S Randolph	~75	ATA
15-Apr	HC, Rockingham	30	WJN
Fish Crow			
11-Mar	Red Rocks Plk, S Burlington	~4, heard, no documentation	FO
7-Apr	Burlington	1, no documentation	AMS

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2-May	Burlington	1, no documentation	AMS
13-May	Peru	1, 2nd state record	WJN
Common Raven			
3-Mar	Sheffield	15	PFW, SAW
26-Mar	Grand Isle	3	DJH
29-Apr	Manchester	4	BWP
16-May	Rochester	2 ad, 3 juv, in nest, wing flapping ready to fledge	SSW
17-May	Dorset	3	EFG
Horned Lark			
13-Mar	Grand Isle	2	DJH
18-Mar	W Addison	2	SSW
19-Mar	Gage Rd, Addison	100	FAP, EBP
12-Apr	Coventry	65	REG, OAG
4-May	Addison	2	RWP
Purple Martin			
25-Apr	Grand Isle	4, 9:30, 10:30AM, 2:30, 3:00PM	DJH
4-May	Addison	6	RWP
4-May	Orwell	~8	SSW
14-May	W Addison	4 m, 1 f, in campground south	NAB
17-May	Newport	9	REG, OAG
Tree Swallow			
10-Mar	Woodstock	2	CRP
6-Apr	Grand Isle	500, in lee of island/calm before storm	DJH
16-Apr	Orleans/Newport area	100, at Willoughby Falls	JDM
23-Apr	HC, ABM, Rockingham	100	WJN
28-Apr	Berlin Pd, Berlin	~4000, 80% trees and roughwings, the rest barns	JA
Northern Rough-winged Swallow			
7-Apr	Button Bay, Ferrisburgh	25	JMN, EFG
18-Apr	Berlin Pd, Berlin	12	BMP
26-Apr	Belden's Fields, N Haven	5, testing nesting cavities	JRA
28-Apr	Springfield	12	WME
17-May	Grand Isle	11	DJH
Bank Swallow			
25-Apr	Charlotte Town Beach	1, northbound	TGM
6-May	Middleton Springs	~30, active colony	RWP
14-May	Springfield Rockingham t-line	50	WJN
19-May	Rockingham	80, over cove and river	FAP, EBP
27-May	Berlin Pd, Berlin	60, over n end of pond	FAP, EBP
Cliff Swallow			
26-Apr	Charlotte Town Beach	2, northbound	TGM
11-May	East Creek, Orwell	4	RWP
11-May	White R, S Royalton	12	ATA
12-May	Shelburne	2, on Shelburne Pd Rd	JDM
30-May	Grand Isle	2, only 2 of last year's 8 returned	DJH
Barn Swallow			
7-Apr	East Creek, Orwell	1	FAP, EBP
18-Apr	Berlin Pd, Berlin	8	BMP
11-May	White R, S Royalton	~50	ATA
14-May	HC, ABM, Rockingham	30	WJN
30-May	Grand Isle	12, only 50% of last yr's	DJH
Black-capped Chickadee			
1-Mar	Nicholson's, Woodstock	5	JMN
4-Mar	Grand Isle	15	DJH
2-May	Dorset	14	EFG
13-May	NAMC Route	56	JRA
Boreal Chickadee			
19-Mar	Ferdinand	2	REG, OAG
24-Mar	Sheffield	1, along our road	PFW, SAW
Tufted Titmouse			
5-Mar	Colchester	3	JDM
29-Apr	Randolph	~4	ATA
5-May	Dorset	4	EFG
13-May	Manchester	4	BWP
28-May	HC, Rockingham	1	WJN
Red-breasted Nuthatch			
29-Mar	Sheffield	5, daily to feeders lower single numbers starting in Apr	PFW, SAW

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13-Apr	S A TF, Reading	3	FMH, EJJ
2-May	E Clarendon	2, at Grand View Farm	CJF
5-May	Dorset	2	EFG
20-May	Brandon	1	SSW
White-breasted Nuthatch			
4-Mar	Springfield	2	WME
15-Mar	Tunbridge	4, at feeder	ATA
4-May	Colchester / Essex Jct	4	JDM
6-May	Lincoln Gap	3	JRA
7-May	Patch Pd, Rutland	2, found nest site	NAB
Brown Creeper			
6-Mar	Woodstock	2	KPM
7-Apr	Tunbridge	2, in back woods	ATA
25-Apr	Bayside Pk, Colchester	2	JDM
30-Apr	Danby Pd, Danby	2	NAB
8-May	Proctor	2	RWP
Carolina Wren			
29-Mar	Burlington	1, singing	AMS
29-Mar	Brandon	1	SSW
5-Apr	Montpelier	1, singing enthusiastically	SLS
20-Apr	Colchester	1, sunflower feeder for 5-10 sec, not seen since	JDM
20-May	Burlington	1	AMS
20-May	South Hero	1	AMS
House Wren			
4-May	Grand Isle	3	DJH
13-May	Manchester	12	BWP
23-May	Dorset	4	EFG
28-May	Manchester	8	BWP
31-May	Brandon	1	SSW
Winter Wren			
23-Mar	Proctor	1	RWP
29-Apr	Brandon	2	SSW
7-May	Mt Peg, Woodstock	2	JMN, JE, EK
9-May	S A TF, Reading	6	FMH, EJJ
13-May	NAMC Route	21, two singing in Lincoln 4/27	JRA
Sedge Wren			
27-May	Bridport	1	AMS
Marsh Wren			
6-May	WRM	1	NAB
7-May	Waltham	8	JRA
20-May	Brandon	1	SSW
22-May	Newport	5	REG, OAG
Golden-crowned Kinglet			
30-Mar	Manchester	4	BWP
1-Apr	Danby Pd, Danby	7	NAB
7-Apr	Tunbridge	4, 6, 10, 12, a migration day	ATA
18-Apr	NBSP, Colchester	10, new name for Malletts Bay SP	JDM
20-Apr	Grand Isle	10, also on 4/28	DJH
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			
7-Apr	Potash Bay, Addison	2	JMN
29-Apr	Danby Pd, Danby	4	NAB
29-Apr	Manchester	6	BWP
3-May	Grand Isle	~50, everywhere! Also on 5/5	DJH
19-May	Sheffield	1	PFW, SAW
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			
2-May	Manchester	1	BWP
4-May	Orwell	1	SSW
5-May	Dorset	1	EFG
6-May	ABM	1	WJN
10-May	Grand Isle	2	DJH
19-May	Weathersfield Bow		FAP, EBP, DA
Eastern Bluebird			
1-Mar	Pawlet	1, in yard	GRB
10-Mar	Twitchell Hill Rd, N Haven	6	FAP, EBP
15-Mar	Vernon	5	FAP, EBP
29-Apr	Randolph	~8, at Montague G.C.	ATA
31-May	Dorset	2, (42/59)	EFG
Veery			

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5-May	Dorset	2	EFG
6-May	Old Rte 7, Danby	2	NAB
14-May	Esqua Bog, Hartland	2	JMN, EKL
28-May	Dorset	4, seen and heard	EFG
31-May	S A TF, Reading	12, 5 dates	FMH, EJJ
Swainson's Thrush			
14-Apr	Pittsfield	2, on lawn near woods, in back yard-RSD sent	MTB
9-May	Red Rocks Pk, S Burlington	1	TGM
10-May	Colchester	1	JDM
11-May	Burlington	1	AMS
12-May	Shelburne Pd	1	JDM
Hermit Thrush			
8-Apr	Pawlet	1, (5/92), 1st of yr	GRB
12-Apr	Stockbridge	2	EH
4-May	Colchester	2	JDM
6-May	Danby	7	CJF
11-May	Benson	4	RWP
11-May	S A TF, Reading	4	FMH, EJJ
Wood Thrush			
20-Apr	Brandon	1	SSW
7-May	Danby/Timmouth	8	CJF
11-May	Benson	5	RWP
16-May	Old Rte 7, Danby	5, all in same 200' area	NAB
28-May	Manchester	5	BWP
American Robin			
3-Mar	South Burlington	100	SWM
19-Mar	Grand Isle	80, hayfields crawling	DJH
29-Mar	Jamaica	~100	NBu
11-Apr	Tunbridge	~200, in lower fields	ATA
13-May	NAMC Route	107	JRA
Gray Catbird			
3-May	Dorset	1	EFG
12-May	Manchester	6	BWP
13-May	Shelburne Farms	27	JDM
13-May	Manchester	8	BWP
28-May	Danby Pd, Danby	6	NAB
Northern Mockingbird			
20-Mar	Colchester	1	JDM
22-Mar	Plank Rd, Waltham	1	FAP, EBP
6-May	Brook Rd, Strafford	1, 1st seen here, 1,500 ft elevation	SDF
10-May	Pawlet	1, in yd, 1st of yr, (1/92)	GRB
30-May	Newport	1	REG, OAG
Brown Thrasher			
30-Mar	Tunbridge	1, up the road	ATA
20-Apr	Grand Isle	1	DJH
9-May	Vershire	1, 1st one seen in years	KRH
22-May	Grand Isle	9, yet another location	DJH
29-May	Market Rd, Bridport	1	FAP, EBP
European Starling			
23-Mar	W Bolton	2, only sightings this season	MC
Sp' 00	various	Usual numbers and places reported	MANY
American Pipit			
18-Mar	Panton	1	AMS, TGM
11-Apr	EF Knapp State Airport	3	ATA
17-May	Addison	3	AMS, TGM
Bohemian Waxwing			
4-Mar	Bostwick Rd, Shelburne	140	FAP, EBP
23-Mar	Williston	3000	NMc, LMc
29-Mar	Montpelier	~350	KB, LVB
13-Apr	Pittsford	~350	MTB
19-Apr	South Burlington	~350	TGM
Cedar Waxwing			
5-Mar	Rte 4 E / Rte 7, Rutland	~300, biggest flock I've ever seen	NAB
11-Mar	Manchester	35	BWP
30-Mar	Grand Isle	200, groups of 120, 30, 10 and 40	DJH
30-Apr	VINS, Woodstock	25	JMN
31-May	Dorset	10, (3/59)	EFG
Blue-winged Warbler			

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7-May	Brandon	1	AMS
8-May	Dorset	1, id by song, possibly a hybrid	EFG
13-May	Brandon	2	SSW
19-May	Brandon	3	SSW
22-May	VINS, Woodstock	1, also 23-24-May	TBR
Brewster's Warbler			
20-May	Brandon	1	SSW
Golden-winged Warbler			
5-May	Red Rocks Pk, S Burlington	1 f	TGM
7-May	High Pd, Brandon	6, various places this area	LB
7-May	Brandon	1	AMS
20-May	Forrest Rd, Bridport	1	FAP, JAP
Tennessee Warbler			
4-May	Orwell	1	SSW
13-May	Berlin Pd, Berlin	4	BMP
17-May	Bartlett Rd, Plainfield	3 m, singing	BMP
19-May	Dorset	2, (8/59)	EFG
30-May	Spruce Mt, Plainfield	1 m, singing, low on Mt	BMP
Orange-crowned Warbler			
7-May	Grand Isle	2, no documentation	DJH
Nashville Warbler			
4-May	Orwell	3	SSW
5-May	Red Rocks Pk, S Burlington	~6	TGM
7-May	Danby Pd, Danby	~15, everywhere this yr	NAB
15-May	Proctor	4	RWP
27-May	Grand Isle	11, Sp'00 ~11 singers	DJH
Northern Parula			
5-May	Red Rocks Pk, S Burlington	~2	TGM
7-May	Danby Pd, Danby	1 m	NAB
10-May	Grand Isle	2	DJH
19-May	Ferdinand	1	REG, OAG
27-May	E Burke	1	PFW
Yellow Warbler			
4-May	Shoreham	3	RWP
5-May	Grand Isle	~10	DJH
11-May	East Creek, Orwell	10	RWP
13-May	Shelburne Farms	25	JDM
28-May	Manchester	4	BWP
Chestnut-sided Warbler			
4-May	Orwell	1	SSW
13-May	NAMC Route	35	JRA
13-May	Dorset	7, seen and heard	EFG
15-May	Danby	5	CJF
28-May	Manchester	4	BWP
Magnolia Warbler			
4-May	Orwell	1	SSW
5-May	Red Rocks Pk, S Burlington	~2	TGM
13-May	Shelburne Farms	2 m	JDM
13-May	NAMC Route	4	JRA
29-May	E Dorset	3	BWP
Cape May Warbler			
11-May	Woodbury	1, several times in the past week	GPL
21-May	Caspian L, Greensboro	1 m, 1 f, singing at Highland Lodge	BMP
27-May	BHNR, Greensboro	1 m, singing	BMP
Black-throated Blue Warbler			
4-May	Bayside Pk, Colchester	2 m	JDM
5-May	Red Rocks Pk, S Burlington	~8	TGM
6-May	Lincoln Gap	7	JRA
26-May	Danby Pd, Danby	2	NAB
31-May	Salisbury	2	SSW
Yellow-rumped Warbler			
11-Mar	Glover	1, maybe over wintered	REG, OAG
13-Apr	Springfield Meadows	2	ATA, JMN
5-May	Red Rocks Pk, S Burlington	~25	TGM
11-May	Mt Independence, Orwell	75, wave moving along the lake	RWP
21-May	Nicholson's, Woodstock	19, eating apple blossom worms	JMN
Black-throated Green Warbler			
29-Apr	Tunbridge	1 m	ATA
5-May	Red Rocks Pk, S Burlington	~8	TGM

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7-May	Mt Peg, Woodstock	5	JMN, JE, FK
12-May	Barton	1	REG, OAG
13-May	NAMC Route	14	JRA
Blackburnian Warbler			
4-May	Orwell	1	SSW
14-May	Berlin Pd, Berlin	2, woods, w side (beautiful views)	FAP, EBP
21-May	Brandon	4	SSW
28-May	Manchester	2	BWP
31-May	Salisbury	3	SSW
Pine Warbler			
14-Apr	Dummerston	1	AMD
19-Apr	Proctor	2	RWP
26-Apr	Panton	2	SSW
5-May	Red Rocks Pk, S Burlington	~4	TGM
20-May	Brandon	1	SSW
Prairie Warbler			
5-May	Brandon	1	SSW
7-May	Brandon	1	AMS
13-May	Manchester	1	BWP
20-May	W Rutland	2	RWP
20-May	Brandon	2	SSW
Palm Warbler			
13-Apr	Springfield Meadows	1, 5, 2, 1	ATA, JMN
28-Apr	Manchester	3	BWP
4-May	Dewey's Pd, Quechee	1, a Yellow Palm	CCR
7-May	Rockingham	1	REG, OAG
11-May	Grand Isle	2, at least one was "Western" race	DJH
Bay-breasted Warbler			
5-May	Red Rocks Pk, S Burlington	1 m	TGM
10-May	Red Rocks Pk, S Burlington	1, 1 m	TGM
14-May	Berlin Pd, Berlin	1 m, 1 f, woods, w side	FAP, EBP
19-May	Ferdinand	2	REG, OAG
27-May	BHNR, Greensboro	1 m, singing	BMP
Blackpoll Warbler			
7-May	Patch Pd, Rutland	1	NAB
14-May	Brandon	1	SSW
17-May	Dorset	1, (1/59)	EFG
25-May	Quechee	2, singing	CCR
29-May	Grand Isle	6	DJH
Cerulean Warbler			
14-May	Highgate	1	CSP
Black-and-White Warbler			
29-Apr	Mt. Tom, Woodstock	1	JMN
5-May	Grand Isle	5	DJH
5-May	Red Rocks Pk, S Burlington	~4	TGM
6-May	Mt Peg, Woodstock	6	KPM
28-May	Manchester	4	BWP
American Redstart			
3-May	Manchester	4	BWP
13-May	Shelburne Farms	5 m, 5 heard	JDM
13-May	NAMC Route	19	JRA
14-May	Hubbardton	5	RWP
31-May	Salisbury	2	SSW
Ovenbird			
4-May	Orwell	2	SSW
6-May	Mt Peg, Woodstock	7	KPM
6-May	S A TF, Reading	10	FMH, EJJ
6-May	Lincoln Gap	12	JRA
31-May	S A TF, Reading	21, 24 dates	FMH, EJJ
Northern Waterthrush			
30-Apr	Berlin Pd, Berlin	1 m, singing	BMP
10-May	Grand Isle	2	DJH
20-May	Brandon	2	SSW
27-May	E Burke	1	PFW, SAW
28-May	Ferrisburgh	2	WME
Louisiana Waterthrush			
23-Apr	Westminster West	1, at the brook	CM
3-May	Brandon	2	SSW
5-May	Grand Isle	1	DJH
13-May	Brandon	3	SSW
20-May	Dorset	1, (1/59)	EFG

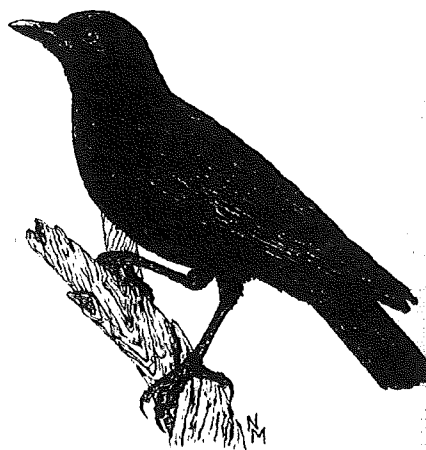
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Mourning Warbler			
11-May	Red Rocks Pk, S Burlington	1	TGM
20-May	S A TF, Reading	1	FMH, EJH
20-May	Middlebury	1	FAP, JAP
21-May	Dorset	1, (1/59)	EFG
29-May	Middlebury	1	FAP, EBP
Common Yellowthroat			
4-May	Orwell	1	JMN, EFG
7-May	Manchester	6	BWP
13-May	Danby	17	NAB
13-May	NAMC Route	30	JRA
31-May	Dorset	9, (22/59)	EFG
Wilson's Warbler			
6-May	Delta Pk, Colchester	1 m	JDM
7-May	Rockingham	1	REG, OAG
17-May	S Duxbury	1 m, singing	FAP, EBP
27-May	Cornwall	1	AMS
28-May	HC, Rockingham	1	WJN
Canada Warbler			
10-May	Red Rocks Pk, S Burlington	1	TGM
13-May	Shelburne Farms	1 m	JDM
23-May	Peacham	1	REG, OAG
28-May	Berlin Pd, Berlin	1	FAP, EBP
Scarlet Tanager			
4-May	Orwell	2	SSW
10-May	Red Rocks Pk, S Burlington	~4	TGM
11-May	Benson	4	RWP
19-May	S Lincoln	2, stealing material from partially constructed RBGR nest	JRA
28-May	Manchester	2 m	BWP
Eastern Towhee			
20-Apr	Brandon	2	SSW
11-May	Tunbridge	1 m, at feeder	ATA
19-May	Brandon	5	SSW
22-May	Dorset	2, (4/59)	EFG
29-May	Brandon	1, Arnold Hollow Rd	FAP, EBP
American Tree Sparrow			
6-Mar	Coventry	2	REG, OAG
20-Mar	Colchester	11	JDM
26-Mar	DCWMA, Addison	~12, flock, shrubs	NAB
16-Apr	Grand Isle	29	DJH
7-May	Sheffield	1	PFW, SAW
Chipping Sparrow			
5-Apr	Burlington	1	JK
17-Apr	Westminster West	2	AMD
29-Apr	Manchester	8	BWP
2-May	Dorset	13	EFG
13-May	NAMC Route	9	JRA
Field Sparrow			
11-Apr	Quechee	1	CCR
13-Apr	S A TF, Reading	1	FMH, EJH
20-Apr	Brandon	2	SSW
12-May	Grand Isle	~36, paired up, quiet	DJH
29-May	Brandon	1	SSW
Clay-colored Sparrow			
10-May	S Londonderry	1, at Smith Haven Gr, report accepted	WJN
Vesper Sparrow			
9-Apr	Montpelier	1, 1st ever seen in Montpelier area	CHD
30-Apr	Montpelier	1, a second one here	CHD
5-May	Pine Is Rd, Colchester	1	JDM
Savannah Sparrow			
11-Apr	Woodstock	2	CRP
14-Apr	Coventry	3	REG, OAG
3-May	Grand Isle	10, singing everywhere	DJH
4-May	Shoreham	9	RWP
14-May	Jersey St, Panton	4	NAB
Fox Sparrow			
11-Mar	Manchester	1	BWP
17-Mar	Sudbury	1	JAI
9-Apr	Glover	4	REG, OAG
18-Apr	Burlington	5	AMS
24-Apr	Grand Isle	~6	DJH
4-May	W Bolton	2	MC

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Song Sparrow			
8-Mar	Stratton	1	NBU
26-Mar	Quechee	10	KPM
15-Apr	HC, Rockingham	5	WJN
13-May	NAMC Route	15	JRA
28-May	Manchester	6	BWP
Lincoln's Sparrow			
11-May	Red Rocks Pk, S Burlington	1	TGM
29-May	John Fowler Rd, Plainfield	1 m, singing	BMP
Swamp Sparrow			
1-Apr	Brandon	1	SSW
17-Apr	WRM	4	RWP
24-Apr	Bristol Pd	6	JRA
28-Apr	Manchester	6	BWP
8-May	Dorset	5	EFG
White-throated Sparrow			
29-Mar	W Bolton	4	MC
4-May	Colchester / Essex Jct	41	JDM
5-May	Grand Isle	140	DJH
5-May	Red Rocks Pk, S Burlington	~50	TGM
13-May	NAMC Route	22, numbers seem down	JRA
White-crowned Sparrow			
27-Mar	W Bolton	8, not as many before	MC
6-May	S Burlington	~50, just 2 day before	SSW
9-May	Colchester	22	JDM
11-May	Grand Isle	~50, several areas	DJH
23-May	Wildcat Rd, Chittenden	1	DMM
Dark-eyed Junco			
5-Mar	Colchester	7	JDM
25-Mar	Pawlet	16	GRB
3-Apr	Westminster West	~200	AMD
16-Apr	Grand Isle	200, home and woodlot	DJH
30-May	Wildcat Rd, Chittenden	5	DMM
Lapland Longspur			
19-Mar	Gage Rd, Addison	2, part breeding plumage	FAP, EBP
12-Apr	Coventry	10	REG, OAG
Snow Bunting			
1-Mar	Hartland	3, in driveway	MJS
13-Mar	Grand Isle	30	DJH
14-Mar	Airport Pk, Colchester	50, in two 15' trees. Don't recall ever seeing them in trees before!	JDM
19-Mar	Gage Rd, Addison	10, part breeding plumage	FAP, EBP
19-Mar	Brighton	4	REG, OAG
Northern Cardinal			
1-Mar	Pawlet	2, one in yd, one singing, (50/92)	GRB
8-Apr	Dorset	6, seen and heard	EFG
1-May	Colchester	5	JDM
6-May	Manchester	2 m, 1 f	BWP
28-May	Manchester	2 m, 2 f	BWP
Rose-breasted Grosbeak			
2-May	Westminster West	1 f	AMD
10-May	Tunbridge	5, 3	ATA
11-May	Benson	9	RWP
18-May	S A TF, Reading	19	FMH, EJH
21-May	HC, Rockingham	12	WJN
Indigo Bunting			
5-May	Manchester	1 m	BWP
7-May	River Rd, Killington	2 m	MMW
11-May	Grand Isle	2 ad	DJH
24-May	S A TF, Reading	3, 8 dates	FMH, EJH
28-May	Vershire	1 m, 1 imm m	KRH
Bobolink			
3-May	Orwell	1	SSW
6-May	Grand Isle	10, very common 5/28	DJH
6-May	Woodstock	12	KPM
6-May	Manchester	10	BWP
21-May	Newport	7	PFW, SAW
Red-winged Blackbird			
2-Mar	Jersey St, Addison	200	FAP, EBP
11-Mar	Woodstock	150	KPM
16-Mar	Grand Isle	450, in mixed flock	DJH
16-Apr	Mud Creek, Swanton	~300, mostly f	KC

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28-May	HC, Rockingham	25	WJN
Eastern Meadowlark			
14-Mar	Rte 73, Orwell	1	NAB
22-Mar	West St, Cornwall	2	FAP, EBP
26-Mar	Brandon	5	SSW
2-Apr	Grand Isle	4, singing, 1 display flight	DJH
22-May	Barton	3	REG, OAG
Rusty Blackbird			
18-Mar	Ferrisburgh	35	AMS, TGM
10-Apr	Bartlett Rd, Plainfield	1 m, at feeder, not eating	BMP
13-Apr	Springfield Meadows	~5	ATA, JMN
16-Apr	Grand Isle	1	DJH
18-Apr	Delta Pk, Colchester	2	JDM
Common Grackle			
2-Mar	Colchester	1	JDM
9-Mar	Woodstock	75	JMN
9-Mar	Colchester	50	JDM
11-Mar	Grand Isle	75	DJH
21-May	ABM	10	WJN
Brown-headed Cowbird			
6-Mar	Coventry	1	REG, OAG
25-Mar	Grand Isle	175	DJH
9-Apr	S A TF, Reading	20	FMH, EJH
22-May	Westminster West	6	AMD
29-May	Manchester	2 m, 3 f	BWP
Orchard Oriole			
7-May	McCuen Slang, Bridport	2, nested	AMS
Baltimore Oriole			
29-Apr	Danby Pd, Danby	1 m	NAB
5-May	Manchester	6	BWP
10-May	Grand Isle	6	DJH
13-May	NAMC Route	10	JRA
31-May	W Bolton	2	MC
Pine Grosbeak			
1-Mar	Sheffield	1, at our feeder	PFW, SAW
1-Mar	Glover	2	REG, OAG
10-Mar	Sheffield	2, at our feeder	PFW, SAW
27-Mar	Intervale, Burlington	15	JDM
27-Mar	S Londonderry	2, at Smith Haven Gr	WJN
Purple Finch			
2-Mar	Grand Isle	4	DJH
15-Apr	Ripton	7, 3 on 4/13, 1st for yr	WBK
3-May	Bennington	16	BCD
4-May	S A TF, Reading	12	FMH, EJH
26-May	Sheffield	10, at our feeder	PFW, SAW
House Finch			
2-Mar	Grand Isle	3	DJH
26-Mar	Woodstock	4	CRP
13-May	Manchester	6	BWP
13-May	NAMC Route	6	JRA
28-May	Manchester	12	BWP
Red Crossbill			
2-Mar	Ripton	1, green -plumaged	WBK
7-Apr	Tunbridge	1 m, 3 molting m, 1 f,	

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			1 molting f, stream bathing, was at neighbor's feeders during the winter
26-Apr	Tunbridge	6	ATA
7-May	Missiquoi Hawk Site	5, at Mt Holly	WJN
31-May	Tunbridge	1 m, 1 f	ATA
White-winged Crossbill			
2-Mar	Ripton	1, red-plumaged	WBK
Common Redpoll			
5-Mar	Grand Isle	~200	DJH
10-Mar	Whiting	100	FAP, EBP
12-Mar	Westminster West	~100, at feeders	AMD
19-Mar	Hartland	112	DAG
31-Mar	Sheffield	~100, at our feeder	PFW, SAW
Pine Siskin			
4-Apr	Tunbridge	2, at feeder	ATA
12-Apr	Springfield	6	WME
6-May	Proctor	6	RWP
10-May	Pawlet	6, at feeder, 1st seen	GRB
19-May	Lincoln	6, at feeder	JRA
American Goldfinch			
1-Mar	Brandon	10	SSW
31-Mar	Tunbridge	~15, at sunflower feeder	ATA
5-May	Grand Isle	~50, MANY	DJH
13-May	NAMC Route	30	JRA
30-May	Wildcat Rd, Chittenden	8	DMM
Evening Grosbeak			
10-Mar	Sheffield	56	PFW, SAW
28-Apr	S A TF, Reading	38	FMH, EJH
2-May	Lincoln	22, at feeders	JRA
5-May	Tunbridge	8	ATA
House Sparrow			
6-Mar	Barton	5	REG, OAG
11-Mar	Woodstock	10	KPM
31-May	Shantee Pt, St Albans	7, nest under eaves w/babies	DMM

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BHNR	Barr Hill Nature Reserve
BRM	Barton River Marsh
CT R	Connecticut River
DCWMA	Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area
ECWMA	East Creek Wildlife Management Area
GMAC	Green Mountain Audubon Center
HC	Herrick's Cove
imm	bird whose exact age could not be determined (not in adult plumage)
MNWR	Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge
NAMC Route	Lincoln, Ripton by Natural Turnpike return by Lincoln-Ripton Rd; Br Pd, Hardscrabble Rd; Elder Hill
NBSP	Niquette Bay State Park
NR	Nature reserve
RBGR	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
RC	Roundy's Cove
RR	Railroad
S A TF	Sylvan Acres Tree Farm
SWNA	Springweather Nature Area
Tri-Town WTP	Tri-Town Water Treatment Plant
TWDR	Thurman W. Dix Reservoir
WRM	West Rutland Marsh
WWMA	Wenlock Crossing Wildlife Management Area
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~	approximately