

2001 REPORT

VERMONT BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

Action taken by the Committee on October 13, 2001

FIRST HYPOTHETICAL STATE RECORD

PACIFIC GOLDEN PLOVER (*Pluvialis fulva*) – one, Young Island, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 6 September, 2000. David J. Hoag. Photographs.

NOTABLE STATE RECORDS, SECOND THROUGH TENTH

NORTHERN FULMAR (*Fulmarus glacialis*) – one light morph, Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 23 November 2000. Theodore G. Murin. Second state record.

TUFTED DUCK (*Aythya fuligula*) – one male, South Hero at railroad bed, Grand Isle Co., 14 April 2001. Roy W. Pilcher, Michael Ferraro, Paula A. Gills. Second state record.

BLACK VULTURE (*Coragyps atratus*) – one, Shelburne Farms, Shelburne, Chittenden Co., 26 May 2001. Allan M. Strong, Scott Schwenk. Sixth state record. Another sighting later that day in Colchester may have been the same bird.

WESTERN SANDPIPER (*Calidris mauri*) – one juv., Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 10 October 2000. D.J. Hoag. Fifth report to RVB.

WESTERN SANDPIPER (*C. mauri*) – one, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 28-29 September 2000. Dennis Abbott, Frederick and Eleanor Pratt et al. Sixth report to RVB.

LONG-TAILED JAEGER (*Stercorarius longicaudus*) – one dark juv., off Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 4 November 1999. T.G. Murin, D.J. Hoag, A.M. Strong. Second state record.

PARASITIC JAEGER (*Stercorarius parasiticus*) – two dark juvs., off Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 24 October 1999. T.G. Murin, D.J. Hoag. Third state record.

PARASITIC JAEGER (*S. parasiticus*) – one dark morph, off Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 8 November 1999. T.G. Murin, Peter Riley. Fourth state record.

PARASITIC JAEGER (*S. parasiticus*) – one light juv., off Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 25 November 1999. T.G. Murin, D.J. Hoag, George E. Hall. Fifth state record.

POMARINE JAEGER (*Stercorarius pomarinus*) – one juv., off Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 4 November 1999. T.G. Murin, D.J. Hoag, A.M. Strong. Third state record.

POMARINE JAEGER (*S. pomarinus*) – two intermediate juvs., off Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 6 November 1999. T.G. Murin, Wayne Scott. Fourth state record.

POMARINE JAEGER (*S. pomarinus*) – one light juv., off Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 17 November 1999. T.G. Murin. Fifth state record.

POMARINE JAEGER (*S. pomarinus*) – one intermediate juv., off Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 17 November 1999. T.G. Murin. Sixth state record.

LAUGHING GULL (*Larus atricilla*) – one, West Hill Pond, Cabot, Washington Co., 15 July 2001. Dory Rice, Katherine L. Oligiati. Fifth state record.

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL (*Larus fuscus*) – one, Connecticut River at Whetstone Brook, Brattleboro, Windham Co., 31 January 2001. Mark Taylor. Sixth state record.

BOREAL OWL (*Aegolius funereus*) – one, Stratton Mountain, Bondville, Bennington Co., 7,18,25 June 2001. Thomas Brandt Ryder, Kent P. McFarland, A.M. Strong. Eighth state record.

NORTHERN WHEATEAR (*Oenanthe oenanthe*) – one, Underhill, Chittenden Co., 21 October 1999. Dave Lazicki. Eighth state record.

HARRIS'S SPARROW (*Zonotrichia querula*) – one first winter, Putney, Windham Co., Late November thru March 4, 2001. Steve Medved, Wayne Scott, Walter G. Ellison, Nancy L. Martin et al. Second state record. Photographs.

OTHER REPORTS OF RARE SPECIES

LITTLE BLUE HERON (*Egretta caerulea*) – one adult, Roundy's Cove, Rockingham, Windham Co., 17 September 2000. William J. Norse.

EURASIAN WIGEON (*Anas penelope*) – one male, causeway, Colchester, Chittenden Co., 5 April 2001. A.M. Strong.

GYRFALCON (*Falco rusticolus*) – one gray morph juv., South Hero, Grand Isle Co., 12 January 2001. D.J. Hoag. Photographs.

WILSON'S PHALAROPE (*Phalaropus tricolor*) – male and female in breeding plumage, Dead Creek WMA, Addison, Addison Co., 4,7 June 2001. Richard B. Lavalley, F.A. and E.B. Pratt. Photographs.

JAEGER SP. (*Stercorarius sp.*) – Fifteen reports where species was undetermined, from September 1999 to September 2001 on or near Lake Champlain, Addison, Grand Isle and Chittenden Cos. More details available upon request.

BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE (*Rissa tridactyla*) – two juvs., off Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 4 November 2000. T.G. Murin, James Osborne, F.A. Pratt.

BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE (*R. tridactyla*) – one, off Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 7 November 2000. Bryan Pfeiffer, T.G. Murin.

BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE (*R. tridactyla*) – one, Burlington waterfront, Chittenden Co., 7 November 2000. B. Pfeiffer, T.G. Murin.

LONG-EARED OWL (*Asio otus*) – one, Hinesburg, Chittenden Co., 10 December 2000. Mark LaBarr. Owl found dead beside road.

LONG-EARED OWL (*A. otus*) – two, Snake Mountain, Addison, Addison Co., 21-25 March 2001. Rodney Olsen et al.

RARE NESTING SPECIES

GREEN-WINGED TEAL (*Anas crecca*) – two adults, four young, beaver pond, West Bolton, Chittenden Co., 1 June thru 25 July 2000. Mike Cassara. Second nesting record.

NORTHERN HARRIER (*Circus cyaneus*) – two adults, four young, at Windsor Correctional Facility, Windsor, Windsor Co., 28 July 2001. Michael T. Quinn.

FISH CROW (*Corvus ossifragus*) – two adults, Red Rocks Park, Burlington, Chittenden Co., 1-16 May 2001. T.G. Murin, Sarah Breeyear. Third nesting record.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW (*Spizella pallida*) – two adults, three nestlings, later fledged, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 28 May thru 30 June 2001. D.J. Hoag. Photographs. Second nesting record.

ORCHARD ORIOLE (*Icterus spurius*) – two adults, young heard from nest, McCuen's Slang, Addison, Addison Co., 5 June 2000. Susanne Wetmore, J.A. Peterson et al.

ORCHARD ORIOLE (*I. spurius*) – two adults, two fledglings, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 2-11 July 2001. D.J. Hoag, Bryan Higgins. Photographs.

OUT-OF-SEASON REPORTS

MARSH WREN (*Cistothorus palustris*) – two, Halfmoon Cove, Colchester, Chittenden Co., 17 December 2000. A.M. Strong, J. Osborne et al.

HERMIT THRUSH (*Catharus guttatus*) – one, Shelburne Point, Shelburne, Chittenden Co., 17 December 2000. T.G. Murin, Steve Parren.

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*) – one adult male, Mountain Terrace, Bristol, Addison Co., 15 February 2001. Catherine H. Bailey.

CHIPPING SPARROW (*Spizella passerina*) – one, South Burlington, Chittenden Co., 9-24 December 2000. Peter W. Jones, Therese Donovan.

SAVANNAH SPARROW (*Passerculus sandwichensis*) – two, East Thetford, Orange Co., 1 January 2001. Daniel H. Crook, Malcolm Crook.

SAVANNAH SPARROW (*P. sandwichensis*) – one, South Burlington, Chittenden Co., 25, 28 February 2001. Bob LeSuer, Rozann Bailleul-LeSuer.

FOX SPARROW (*Passerella iliaca*) – one, Williston Woods, Williston, Chittenden Co., 19 December 2000 thru 4 January 2001. Mary Wallman.

TABLED

IVORY GULL (*Pagophila eburnea*) – one, first summer, off Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 6 November 2000. T.G. Murin, P. Riley. More expert opinion needed.

NOT ACCEPTED

PACIFIC/ARCTIC LOON (*Gavia sp*) – one, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 19 October 2000.

GYRFALCON (*F. rusticolus*) – one gray morph, Williston, Chittenden Co., 22 January 2001.

YELLOW RAIL (*Coturnicops noveboracensis*) – one adult, Pittsford, Rutland Co., 8 May 2001.

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE (*Lanius ludovicianus*) – one, Retreat Meadows, Brattleboro, Windham Co., 28-29 March 2001.

NORTHERN WHEATEAR (*O. oenanthe*) – one, Bingo Rd. Rochester, Windsor Co., 24 June 2001.