

2002 REPORT

VERMONT BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

Action taken by the Committee November 2, 2002

FIRST STATE RECORD

PACIFIC LOON (*Gavia pacifica*) – one adult in breeding plumage, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 13 October 2002. Larry Hills, Theodore G. Murin, Allan M. Strong. Two previous reports were accepted as hypothetical- only one observer.

FIRST STATE NESTING RECORDS

CASPIAN TERN (*Sterna caspia*) – two adults with nest and egg, Young Island, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 14-20 July 2002. David E. Capen, and two adults with two eggs, Popasquash Island, St. Albans, Franklin Co., 22 May thru 3 July 2002. Mark LaBarr, Laura Sears, Cori Howman.

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes carolinus*) – male and female at nest hole feeding at least one nestling, Brattleboro, Windham Co., 21-28 May 2001. Laura A. New, Alfred New. Video.

NOTABLE STATE RECORDS, SECOND THROUGH TENTH

SHEARWATER SP. (thought to be MANX (*Puffinus puffinus*) by observer) – one, off Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 24 August 2001. David J. Hoag. Fifth accepted state record of shearwater of any species.

LEACH'S STORM-PETREL (*Oceanodroma leucorhoa*) – one, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 16 September 2001. T.G. Murin. Eighth state record.

GREAT CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) – one adult, Young Island, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 29 October 2001. Richard B. Lavalley, D.J. Hoag, Dennis Abbott. Tenth state record.

COMMON EIDER (*Somateria mollissima*) – one juvenile, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 19 September 2001. T.G. Murin, Eleanor B. Pratt, Frederick A. Pratt, D. Abbott, James E. Osborne. Ninth state record.

KING EIDER (*Somateria spectabilis*) – one adult male, basic plumage, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 6 October 2002. D.J. Hoag. Eighth state record.

BLACK VULTURE (*Coragyps atratus*) – one, White River Jct., Windsor Co., 27 June 2002. D. Abbott. Seventh state record.

WESTERN SANDPIPER (*Calidris mauri*) – one, mouth of Dead Creek, Highgate, Franklin Co., 19 September 2001. R.B. Lavalley. Seventh state record.

LONG-TAILED JAEGER (*Stercorarius longicaudus*) – one, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 15 September 2000. T.G. Murin. Third state record.

LONG-TAILED JAEGER (*S. longicaudus*) – one, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 29 August 2001. D.J. Hoag. Fourth state record.

LONG-TAILED JAEGER (*S. longicaudus*) – one adult, breeding plumage, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 11 September 2001. T.G. Murin. Fifth state record.

PARASITIC JAEGER (*S. parasiticus*) – one, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 2 September 2000. T.G. Murin. Sixth state record.

PARASITIC JAEGER (*S. parasiticus*) – one immature, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 1 September 2001. T.G. Murin, A.M. Strong. Seventh state record.

PARASITIC JAEGER (*S. parasiticus*) – one immature, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 14 September 2001. T.G. Murin, J.E. Osborne. Eighth state record.

PARASITIC JAEGER (*S. parasiticus*) – one juvenile, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 26 September 2001. T.G. Murin. Ninth state record.

IVORY GULL (*Pagophila eburnea*) – one first summer, off Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 6 November 2000. T.G. Murin, Peter Riley. Second state record.

BLACK-HEADED GULL (*Larus ridibundus*) – one adult, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 6 November 2001. D.J. Hoag. Tenth state record.

SABINE'S GULL (*Xema sabini*) – two juveniles, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 13 September 2001. T.G. Murin, F.A. Pratt, Hank Kaestner. Tenth state record.

BLACK GUILLEMOT (*Cepphus grylle*) – three, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 18 October 2001. D.J. Hoag. Fifth state record.

BOREAL OWL (*Aegolius funereus*) – one, Snake Mountain, Addison, Addison Co., 30 October 2001. Rodney Olsen et al. Ninth state record. Photographed and banded.

RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD (*Selasphorus rufus*) – one adult female, Chester, Windsor Co., 24 August 2002. Virginia Freeman, Hugh and Bunny Putnam. Eighth state record. Photographs.

DICKCISSEL (*Spiza americana*) – one first year female, Danby, Rutland Co., 24 November 2001. David Middleton. Ninth report to RVB.

OTHER REPORTS OF RARE SPECIES

EURASIAN WIGEON (*Anas penelope*) – one male, Sandbar SP, Milton, Chittenden Co., 17 March 2002. Kenneth M. Becker, Linda M.V. Becker.

CHUKAR (*Alectoris chukar*) – six, Tucker Hill Rd., Thetford, Orange Co., 25 August 2002. Rich Fedorchak, Ellen Maddux. Origin unknown. Photograph.

SANDHILL CRANE (*Grus canadensis*) – three, Essex Jct., Chittenden Co., 19 March 2002. Tom Simmons, Mike Johnson.

SANDHILL CRANE (*G. canadensis*) – three, Addison, Addison Co., 14 March 2002. Alan Pistorius, Jeanne Wisner, Lillian Birkett, Penny Goodkind.

WILLET (*Catoptrophorus semipalmatus*) – one, Shad Island, Highgate, Franklin Co., 9 October 2001. R.B. Lavalley.

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER (*Limnodromus scolopaceus*) – one, Missisquoi River, Highgate, Franklin Co., 26 September 2001. R.B. Lavalley.

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER (*L. scolopaceus*) – two, mouth of Dead Creek, Highgate, Franklin Co., 15 October 2001. R.B. Lavalley, D. Abbott.

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER (*Tryngites subruficollis*) – one, mouth of Dead Creek, Highgate, Franklin Co., 29 September 2001. R.B. Lavalley, Dorothy K. Lavalley.

WILSON'S PHALAROPE (*Phalaropus tricolor*) – two, Dead Creek, Highgate, Franklin Co., 21 August 2001. R.B. Lavalley.

RED PHALAROPE (*P. fulicaria*) – one winter adult, Missisquoi Bay, Highgate, Franklin Co., 26 September 2001. R.B. Lavalley.

RED PHALAROPE (*P. fulicaria*) – one juvenile, South Hero, Grand Isle Co., 16 October 2001. Tom Aversa.

POMARINE JAEGER (*Stercorarius pomarinus*) – one adult, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 6 September 2002. D.J. Hoag. Accepted as Jaeger Sp.

BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE (*Rissa tridactyla*) – one juvenile, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 29 September 2001. T.G. Murin, A.M. Strong.

BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE (*R. tridactyla*) – one, Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 17 November 2001. Wayne Scott.

RINGED TURTLE DOVE (*Streptopelia risoria*) – one, Main St., Orwell, Addison Co., 3 September 2001. S. Wetmore. Accepted as Streptopelia.

COMMON NIGHTHAWK (*Chordeiles minor*) – one on 10 June 2002 and three on 21 August 2002, Strafford, Orange Co., Steve Faccio. Accepted as probably nesting.

BLACK-BACKED WOODPECKER (*Picoides arcticus*) – one, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 23 August 2001. D.J. Hoag. Unusual location.

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE (*Lanius ludovicianus*) – one, Hawkins Rd. Ferrisburgh, Addison Co., 16 March 2002. J.E. Osborne.

VARIED THRUSH (*Ixoreus naevius*) – one male, Sutton, Caledonia Co., 15 December 2001 thru 11 January 2002. Ronald and Lucey Trembley et al. Photograph.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER (*Vermivora celata*) – one, Tunbridge, Orange Co., 12 October 2001. Tom Aversa.

CONNECTICUT WARBLER (*Oporornis agilis*) – one, Hartland, Windsor Co., 11 September 2001. William Shepard.

HENSLOW'S SPARROW (*Ammodramus henslowii*) – one, Londonderry, Windham Co., 19 September 2001. William J. Norse.

LARK SPARROW (*Chondestes grammacus*) – one, Blinn Lane, Middlebury, Addison Co., 8 April 2002. J.A. Peterson, Frances Prickitt. Third hypothetical state record.

HOARY REDPOLL (*Carduelis hornemanni*) – one, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 11 February 2002. D.J. Hoag.

OUT-OF-SEASON REPORTS

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO (*Coccyzus americanus*) – one, Norwich, Orange Co., 14 October 2002. Spencer Hardy, Janet P. Hardy.

CHIPPING SPARROW (*Spizella passerina*) – seven, Williston, Chittenden Co., 30 January 2002 thru 10 February 2002. Carol C. Wagner. Photographs.

SAVANNAH SPARROW (*Passerculus sandwichensis*) – three, Little Chicago Rd., Ferrisburgh, Addison Co., 15 February 2002. Linda McElvany.

NOT ACCEPTED

EARED GREBE (*Podiceps nigricollis*) – one, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 4 December 2001.

WHOOPEE SWAN (*Cygnus cygnus*) – one, Retreat Meadows, Brattleboro, Windham Co., 5 June 2001.

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK (*Buteo lineatus*) – one, Intervale, Burlington, Chittenden Co., 17 and 28 January 2002.

SANDHILL CRANE (*Grus canadensis*) – two, Barnet, Caledonia Co., 11 August 2001.

BLACK-TAILED GODWIT (*Limosa limosa*) – one, Delta Park, Colchester, Chittenden Co., 19 October 2001.

BARN OWL (*Tyto alba*) – one, heard, Vershire, Orange Co., 20 September 2000.

LONG-EARED OWL (*Asio otus*) – one, Rt. 7, Danby, Rutland Co., 12 July 2001.

NORTHERN THREE-TOED WOODPECKER (*Picoides tridactylus*) – South American Rd., Ferdinand, Essex Co., 15 July 2000.

WHITE-EYED VIREO (*Vireo griseus*) – one, Ripton, Addison Co., 27 May 2002.