

## VERMONT BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

### 2003 REPORT

#### FIRST STATE RECORD

WILSON'S STORM PETREL (*Oceanites oceanus*) – one, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty, 20 September 2003. David Hoag. Most likely the same bird seen again at Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty, 21 September 2003, Larry Hills, Theodore G. Murin, Steve Antell. Four independent reports submitted.

#### NOTABLE STATE RECORDS, SECOND THROUGH TENTH

WHITE PELICAN (*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*) – one adult, Mud Island, Panton, Addison Cty, 10 May 2003. Judith A. Peterson, Larry Haugh, Paul and Carol Faxon. Sixth state record.

TUFTED DUCK (*Aythya fuligula*) – two adult males, Champlain Bridge, Addison, Addison Cty, 26 December 2002. T.G. Murin, J.A. Peterson, Mark and Kathy Wilson, m.ob. Fourth state record.

POMARINE JAEGER (*Stercorarius pomarinus*) – one light morph adult, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty, 20 September 2003. T.G. Murin et al. Seventh state record

FISH CROW (*Corvus ossifragus*) – one, Red Rocks Park, Burlington, Chittenden Cty, 2 May 2003. Steve Antell, Allan Strong, T.G. Murin. Fourth state record. No further documentation required from this location.

#### OTHER REPORTS OF RARE SPECIES

NORTHERN GANNET (*Morus bassanus*) – seven adults, over Cedar Lake, Monkton, Addison Cty, 4 May 2003. J.A. Peterson, Tom Peterson, Shining Chang. First spring record and first record of adult birds.

GOLDEN EAGLE (*Aquila chrysaetos*) – one adult, Pawlet, Rutland Cty, 14 March 2003. L. Hills, Al Richards, Jeff Johnstone.

SANDHILL CRANE (*Grus canadensis*) – three, Missisquoi NWR, Swanton, Franklin Cty., 9 October 2003. Dan Shustack, Mark Sweeney, Dave Hirth et al.

BLACK-HEADED GULL (*Larus ridibundus*) – one adult, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty, 21 November 2002. D.J. Hoag.

SABINE'S GULL (*Xema sabini*) – two, incl. one adult, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty, 4-5 September 2003. Richard B. Lavalley, T.G. Murin, D.J. Hoag, Bryan Pfeiffer. Photographs.

NORTHERN HAWK OWL (*Surnia ulula*) – one, Old Stage Rd., Williston, Chittenden Cty, 24 March 2003. Carol C. Wagner.

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT (*Icteria virens*) – one adult male, Shoreham, Addison Cty, 30 May 2003. Carolyn B. Jackson.

### RARE NESTING SPECIES

MERLIN (*Falco columbarius*) – two adults, two young, Lake Rd. Addison, Addison Cty, 28 July 2003. Mary O. Metcalf, J.A. Peterson.

MERLIN (*F. columbarius*) – two adults, two young, Red Rocks Park, Burlington, Chittenden Cty, 12 July 2003. S. Antell, Jo Ann Lafayette.

MERLIN (*F. columbarius*) - two adults, four young, Joe's Pond, West Danville, Caledonia Cty, 15 July 2003. Rosalind Renfrew, Steven D. Faccio. Photograph.

MERLIN (*F. columbarius*) – two adults, 3-4 young, Center St. Rutland City, Rutland Cty, 6 July 2003. Sean D. Clarkson, Jessica A. Clarkson. Photographs.

CASPIAN TERN (*Sterna caspia*) – two adults at nest site on egg, Young Island, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty, 14 July 2002. David E. Capen.

WHIP-POOR-WILL (*Caprimulgus vociferus*) - two heard, Brandon Swamp area, Brandon, Rutland Cty, 17 May 2003, 2 June 2003. Susanne Wetmore, J.A. Peterson, Mary Lou Webster. Accepted as on territory.

ORCHARD ORIOLE (*Icterus spurius*) – two adults, one young, Lake St. Addison, Addison Cty, 23 June 2003. M.O. Metcalf.

### OUT-OF-SEASON REPORTS

GRAY CATBIRD (*Dumetella carolinensis*) – one, Shelburne Point, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty, 15 December 2002. T.G. Murin.

BALTIMORE ORIOLE (*Icterus galbula*) – one adult male, South Road, South Woodstock, Windsor Cty, 1 December 2002. Laurence H. Roberts, Jr., Priscilla A. Ramsay, Julia Nicholson.

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SAVANNAH SPARROW – IPSWICH RACE (*Passerculus sandwichensis*) – one, Rte 22A, Bridport, Addison Cty, 16 December 2002. Rodney Olsen, Mike Winslow et al. Photographs. Need more video and expert opinion.

NOT ACCEPTED

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW (*Spizella pallida*) – two adults, Williston, Chittenden Cty, 10 October 2003. Photographs show a possible Chipping Sparrow.