FIRST STATE RECORDS

BLACK-TAILED GULL (Larus crassirostris) – one adult completing molt into non-breeding plumage, 18 October 2005, Charlotte Town Beach, Lake Champlain, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty. Julie Hart, Theodore G. Murin, Matthew Medler, David Austin and m.ob. thru the end of October. Photographs and photo CD’s.

THAYER’S GULL (Larus thayeri) – one juvenile, 10 December 2005, Burlington Intervale compost works, Burlington, Chittenden Cty., T.G. Murin, Bryan Pfeiffer. Excellent photographs by Heather Forcier and Bryan Pfeiffer plus detailed and thoughtful write-ups allowed the committee to accept the identification.

FIRST HYPOTHETICAL STATE RECORD

THICK-BILLED MURRE (Uria lomvia) – one in alternate plumage, 19 June 2005, Barton River Marsh and South Bay, Lake Memphremagog, Newport, Orleans Cty., Paul Cianfaglione. Photograph. The written report was accepted but the photograph that would have made this a First State Record was of poor quality and did not confirm the sighting.

NOTABLE STATE RECORDS, SECOND THRU TENTH

CACKLING GOOSE (Branta hutchinsii) – one of probable hutchinsii subspecies, 5-6 November 2005, Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison, Addison Cty., T.G. Murin, Frederick A. Pratt, James Osborne. Second State Record.

CACKLING GOOSE (B. hutchinsii) – one, as to species only, 22 January 2006, Shelburne Bay, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., T.G. Murin, Allan Strong. Third State Record.

TUFTED DUCK (Aythya fuligula) – two, male and female, 14 February 2006, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., Bruce MacPherson. Fifth State Record.

TUFTED DUCK (A. fuligula) – one adult male, 19 February 2006, Railroad causeway, South Hero, Grand Isle Cty., John Sutton, Dwight Cargill. Sixth State Record.

TUFTED DUCK (A. fuligula) – two, male and female, 7 and 9 March 2006, Railroad causeway, South Hero, Grand Isle Cty., Steve Antell, David J. Hoag, Larry
Haugh et al. Photographs. Seventh State Record. Possibly the same birds as in the two reports above.

KING EIDER (Somateria spectabilis) – one adult male, 5 March 2006, Railroad causeway, South Hero, Grand Isle Cty., A.Strong. Ninth State Record.


THAYER’S GULL (Larus thayeri) or ICELAND (KUMLEIN’S) GULL (Larus glaucoiceps kumlieni) – one first year, 28 November 2004, Breakwater, Burlington Harbor, Burlington, Chittenden Cty., T.G. Murin, A. Strong.

ARCTIC TERN (Sterna paradisaea) – one adult, 16 May 2006, Route 14, South Randolph, Orange Cty., Kyle Jones. Third State Record.

BLACK GUILLEMOT (Cepphus grylle) – 10 adults, 4 immatures, 8 November 2005, Lake Champlain off Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., D.J. Hoag. Sixth State Record.

OTHER ACCEPTED RECORDS


HARLEQUIN DUCK (Histrionicus histrionicus) – one first winter male, 11 March 2006, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., Peter Briggs, T.G. Murin, L. Haugh et al.

GYRFALCON (Falco rusticolus) – one gray morph adult, 7 March 2006, South Hero, Grand Isle Cty., T.G. Murin, S. Antell.
SEDGE WREN (Cistothorus platensis) – one male, 19 May 2006, Shelburne Farms, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., Noah Perlut.

NORTHERN WHEATEAR (Oenanthe oenanthe) – one, 4 September 2006, Colchester Causeway, Colchester, Chittenden Cty., A. Strong. Photographs.

NELSON’S SHARP-TAILED SPARROW (Ammodramus nelsoni) – two, 1 October 2006, Brilyea Access Rd. DCWMA, Addison, Addison Cty., Terrance M. Wright, Dwight L. Cargill et al.


HOARY REDPOLL (Carduelis hornemanni) – one, 5 February 2006, Brookfield, Orange Cty., Paula A. Gills.

NOTABLE NESTING RECORDS


SORA (Porzana carolina) – adult with brood, 4 July 2005, South Hero, Grand Isle Cty., D.J. Hoag.

SEDGE WREN (Cistothorus platensis) – two adults carrying food and fecal sac, 13 August 2006, South St. Ext., Middlebury, Addison Cty., T.G. Murin, A. Strong.

UNUSUAL LOCATION

BOREAL CHICKADEE (Poecile hudsonica) – one, 3 January 2006, Hill Shadow Farm Rd., Bennington, Bennington Cty., Kim and John Likakis

OUT-OF-SEASON REPORTS


GRAY CATBIRD (Dumetella carolinensis) – one, 11 January 2006, Riverside Dr., Brattleboro, Windham Cty., Alex Jones.
AMERICAN PIPIT (*Anthus rubescens*) – one, 8 January 2006, Sunset at Carr, Addison, Addison Cty., A. Strong, T.G. Murin.


HYBRIDS, ESCAPES, ETC.


REPORTS NOT ACCEPTED


KITTIWAKE SP – one, 23 April 2006, West Glover, Orleans Cty., Details do not match kittiwake.

BARN OWL (*Tyto alba*) – one, 10 January 2006, Bliss Rd., Woodbury, Washington Cty., The vote was 3-3 on this report. Those voting against it cited insufficient details but urged observer to try to locate it again to check for eye color.


RUSTY BLACKBIRD (*Euphagus carolinus*) – one nesting, 20 April 2006, Shrewsbury, Rutland Cty., Needs a better description of the bird.

HOARY REDPOLL (C. hornemanni) – one, 21 January 2006, Huntington, Chittenden Cty., Insufficient details.