FIRST STATE RECORDS

THICK-BILLED MURRE (Uria lomvia) – one, 23 November 1950, South Hero, Grand Isle Co., Robert McBride. Photographs of this specimen taken at Headquarters of Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area by Theodore G. Murin.


NOTABLE STATE RECORDS, SECOND THRU TENTH


PACIFIC LOON (Gavia pacifica) – one in basic plumage, 8 November 2008, South Hero, Grand Isle Co., Thomas Ford-Hutchinson, Mike Lester. Fourth State Record. Sketches.


SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*Tyrannus forficatus*) – one, 12 May 2009, West Rutland, Rutland Co., Susan Elliott (first observed by Jon and Kathleen Houghton) Photographs. Second State Record. Determined (by plumage) to be a different individual from the Arlington bird listed above as a First State Record.


**OTHER RSD’S ACCEPTED**


SEDGE WREN (Cistothorus platensis) – one, 1 July 2009, Orwell, Addison Co., Allan Strong.


NELSON’S SPARROW (Ammodramus nelsoni) – one, 4 October 2008, Dead Creek WMA, Addison, Addison Co., T.G.Murin.

DICKCISSEL (Spiza americana) – one, 1 December 2008, Brandon, Rutland Co., Sue Wetmore.

RARE NESTING SPECIES

OUT-OF-SEASON RECORDS


REPORTS OF EXOTICS, ESCAPES, RELEASES


REPORTS NOT ACCEPTED


MISSISSIPPI KITE (Ictinia mississippiensis) – one, 18 March 2009, Corinth, Orange Co., Describes some very compelling field marks, but not enough to rise to the level needed for a first state record. No backup documentation or photograph.

GOLDEN EAGLE (Aquila chrysaetos) – one, 8 July 2009, Cornwall, Addison Co., Photograph shows a probable Northern Harrier.

YELLOW RAIL (*Coturnicops noveboracensis*) – one, 28 March 2009, West Rutland Marsh, West Rutland, Rutland Co., Taped vocalization was not deemed to be adequate for identification.

FORSTER’S TERN (*Sterna forsteri*) – one, 1 November 2008, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., Viewing distance too great to see adequate details.

BICKNELL’S THRUSH (*Catharus bicknelli*) – one, 29 April 2009, Weathersfield, Windsor Co., Very early for this species. Difficult to identify in the field, not singing.