

VERMONT BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT – 14 NOVEMBER 2015

FIRST STATE RECORD REPORTS

WESTERN MEADOWLARK (*Sturnella neglecta*) – one adult male in breeding plumage, 24 June, 2015, Lake Road Charlotte, Chittenden Co. Theodore Murin, Qing Ren, Allan Srong, Lisa Nawrocki, Larry Haugh. First fully documented state record including two written reports, photos and recorded vocalizations.

BAND-TAILED PIGEON (*Patagioenas fasciata*) – one adult, 2 June, 2015, Jericho Center, Chittenden Co. Maeve Kim. First fully documented state record with one written report and photos.

NOTABLE STATE RECORD REPORTS

HARRIS'S SPARROW (*Zonotrichia querula*) – one adult, 29 November, 2014, Basin Harbor Road, Bridport, Addison Co. Eric Hynes, Alison Wagner. Two written reports and photos. Fourth State Record.

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD (*Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*) – one female, 1 December 2014, Farm House Lane, North Hero, Grand Isle Co. Sarah Rosedahl, Bridget Butler, Pat Folsom, Zac Cota, Jim Mead, David Hoag, Tom Jiamachello. One written report and photos. Sixth State Record.

PRAIRIE FALCON (*Falco mexicanus*) – one, 9 December, 2014, Otter Creek Road, Nortontown Road, Jersey Street, all in Addison Co. Rodney Olsen, Zachary Saxe et al, Maeve Kim. Two written reports and photos. Second State Record.

LARK SPARROW (*Chondestes grammacus*) – one adult, 30 October 2015, Thomson's Point Road, Charlotte, Chittenden Co. Theodore Murin, David Hoag, Richard and Dorothy Lavallee, Larry Haugh, Scott Morrival, Jim Mead. One written report and photos. Second State Record.

PINK-FOOTED GOOSE (*Anser brachyrhynchus*) – one, 6 April, 2015, Shard Villa Rd, Middlebury, Addison Co. Ron Payne, Ian Worley. One written report and photos. Second State Record.

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON (*Nyctanassa violacea*) - one juvenile, 16 August 2015, Bomosseen State Park, Fair Haven, Rutland Co. Chelsea Carroll, Andrew Farber. One written report and photos. Eighth State Record.

SWAINSON'S HAWK (*Buteo swainsoni*) – one, 27 October, 2014, Un-specified location confirmed by Don Clark as being Putney Mountain. One written report. Fourth State Record.

NOTABLE SUB-SPECIES STATE RECORD REPORTS

EURASIAN GREEN-WINGED TEAL (*Anas crecca crecca*) – one adult male in breeding plumage, 1 April, 2015, Lemon Fair Road, Weybridge, Addison Co. Ian Worley. One written report and photos submitted two days later by Don Jones. Third State Record.

LESSER SNOW GOOSE (*Chen caerulescens caerulescens*) - Estimate of at least 26 (from the number of Blue Phase birds present), in flock of 87 Snow Geese, 27 March, 2015, Westminster, Windham Co. Hector Galbraith. One written report and photo. First State Record.

OUT-OF-SEASON REPORTS

EURASIAN WIGEON (*Anas Penelope*) - one male, 17 October, 2014, Missisquoi NWR, Swanton, Franklin Co. J. Eddy Edwards, Richard Lavallee. One written report.

EURASIAN WIGEON (*Anas Penelope*) - one male, 5 November, 2015, Long Point Bay, Franklin Co. James Osborn III. One written report.

PINE WARBLER (*Setophaga pinus*) – one, 22 November, 2014, Lake St., Catherine, Rutland Co. Martha Pfeiffer. One written report.

PINE WARBLER (*Setophaga pinus*)– one, 12 November, 2014, Putney, Windham Co. Cat Abbott. One written report.

SWAMP SPARROW (*Melospiza georgiana*) – one, 5 January 2014, Market Rd., Bridport, Addison Co. Tyler Pockette, Mike Winslow, Ian Worley. One written report and photo.

SWAMP SPARROW (*Melospiza georgiana*) – one, 11 January 2015, Off Rt. 125, Middlebury, Addison Co. Spencer Hardy. One written report.

SWAMP SPARROW (*Melospiza georgiana*) – one, 17 January 2015, Fox Stand, Royalton, Windsor Co. Kyle Jones. One written report.

FOX SPARROW (*Passerella iliaca*) – one, 2 January 2015, Pigeon Rd. East, Salisbury, Addison Co. One written report and photo.

LINCOLN SPARROW (*Melospiza lincolni*) – one, 5 January, 2014, Market rd., Bridport, Addison, Co. Mike Winslow, Tyler Pockette. One written report.

TENNESSEE WARBLER (*Oreothlypis peregrina*) – one, 8 November 2014, 11 November 2014 River St., Bethel, Windsor Co. Kyle Jones. One written report.

TENNESSEE WARBLER (*Oreothlypis peregrina*) – one, 8 November 2014, Fox Stand Inn, Royalton, Windsor Co. Kyle Jones. One written report.

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER (*Limnodromus griseus*) – one, 17 October, 2014, Dead Creek WMA, Addison Co. Matt Cahill, David Belicek. One written report and photo.

CAPE MAY WARBLER (*Setophaga tigrina*) – one, 16 November 2014, Kilowatt South Park, Wilder, Windsor Co. Chris Rimmer. One written report.

EASTERN MEADOWLARK (*Sturnella Magna*) – one, 22 December 2014, Main Rd., West Haven, Rutland Co. Pieter van Loon. One written report.

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT (*Geothlypis trichas*) – one, 27 December 2014, Clarendon, Rutland Co. Henry Wilton and Bryan Palfey. One written report.

NORTHERN PARULA (*Setophaga Americana*) – one, 26 October 9, November 2014, Lake Runnemedede/Paradise Park, Windsor, Windsor Co. Kenneth Cox, Jim Meade. One written report and photos.

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW (*Zonotrichia leucophrys*) – one, 3 January 2015, Newmont Farm, Fairlie, Orange Co. Kyle Jones, Tii McLane. One written report.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER (*Oreothlypis celata*) – one, 1 January 2015, Montpelier, Washington Co. Zacheriah Cota-Weaver, Chip Darmstadt, Kenneth Benton, Patricia Folsom. One written report.

AMERICAN BITTERN (*Botaurus lentiginosus*) – one adult, 9 February, 2015, West Rutland Marsh, West Rutland, Rutland Co. Susan Elliott, Marvin Elliott. One written report and photo.

WILSON'S SNIBE (*Gallinago delicata*) – one, 16 February 2015, Lake Runnemed, Windsor, Windsor Co. Pamela Hunt. One written report.

RARE NESTING REPORTS

RING-NECKED PHEASANT (*Phasianus colchicus*) – eleven (two adults + flightless young), 26 July 2014, Earl Grey Rd., Morristown, Lamoille Co. Craig Provost. One written report and photos.

BLACK TERN (*Chlidonias niger*) – eleven (2 nests observed), 20 June 2015, Missisquoi NWR, Charcoal Creek, Franklin Co. JoAnne Russo, Don Clark, Kenneth Cox, Laura Gaudette. Two written reports and photos.

FISH CROW (*Corvus ossifragus*) – four (two adults and two fledglings), 22 June 2015, Leddy Park, Burlington, Chittenden Co. Michele Patenaude. One written report.

OTHER REPORTS ACCEPTED

SWAN Sp. (originally submitted as Whistling - i.e. Tundra) (*Cygnus sp.*) – two, 6 July 2015, Little Averill Lake, Averill, Essex Co. Robert Burns II. One written report.

HOARY REDPOLL (*Acanthis hornemanni*) – one, 9 February 2013, Reading, Windsor Co. Kenneth Cox. One written report.

COMMON EIDER (*Somateria mollissima*) - three adult males, 24 October 2015, Lake Bomoseen, Rutland Co. Frederick Pratt, Eleanor Pratt. One written report and photo.

WHITE-EYED VIREO (*Vireo griseus*) – one adult, 23, 24 November 2014, Burlington Intervale, Burlington, Chittenden Co. Larry Clarfield, Ted Murin, Hank Kaestner. Two written reports and photos.

PACIFIC LOON (*Gavia pacifica*) – one, 19 November 2014, South of Goose Bay, Bridport, Addison Co. Ronald Payne, Ian Worley. One written report.

PACIFIC LOON (*Gavia pacifica*) - one, 19 November 2014, Jones Dock Road, Bridport, Addison Co. Ronald Payne, Ian Worley. One written report.

PACIFIC LOON (*Gavia pacifica*) – one adult in non-breeding plumage, 3 November 2015, Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Co. Theodore Murin, Jim Mead. One written report and photos.

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER (*Setophaga dominica*) – one, 2 September 2015, McCullough Hill Road, Middlesex, Washington Co. Chip Darmstadt. One written report.

WILLET (*Tringa semipalmata*) – one, 20 September, 2015, Buck Mountain, Waltham, Addison Co. Ian Worley. One written report.

FISH CROW (*Corvus ossifragus*) four, 2 May 2015, Herricks Cove, Rockingham, Windham Co. Don Clark, Joanne Russo. Two written reports.

REPORTS NOT ACCEPTED

NORTHERN GANNET (*Morus bassanus*) – one, 13 December, 2014, Lyndonville, Caledonia Co. One written report. Insufficient details.

LAUGHING GULL (*Leucophaeus atricilla*) – one, 30 October, 2012, Vernon Dam, Vernon, Windham Co. One written report. Insufficient details.

LAUGHING GULL (*Leucophaeus atricilla*) – two, 30 October, 2012, Miller Farm, Vernon, Windham Co. One written report. Insufficient details.

HOODED WARBLER (*Setophaga citrina*) – one, 11 May, 2015, Woodside Natural Area, Essex, Chittenden Co. Recording only. Insufficient clarity in recording to identify.

BARN OWL (*Tyto alba*) – one, 12 September, 2015, Bobbin Mill Rd., Lunenburg, Essex Co. One written report. Insufficient details.

TRI-COLORED HERON (*Egretta tricolor*) – one, 14 May 2015, Route 7, Brandon, Rutland Co. One written report. Insufficient details.

COMMON EIDER (*Somateria mollissima*) - one, 20 May, 2015, Thurman Dix Reservoir, Orange, Orange Co. One written report. Insufficient details.