

The New Hampshire State Bird List  
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On April 15, 2009, a subcommittee was formed by the New Hampshire Rare Bird Committee (NHRBC) for the purpose of developing an “official” New Hampshire State Bird List. The intent of the list was to establish a baseline of accepted bird species which have occurred in New Hampshire following the current taxonomy accepted by the American Ornithologists’ Union in the 7th edition of their checklist and its supplements. Over the course of the year, many resources were researched by the subcommittee in order to prepare the list. On April 20, 2010, the NHRBC voted to accept the list that had been developed. The list is not meant to include all records for each of the rare birds, but rather to assure that there is at least one credible record for each species that is included on the list.

Since the 1970’s, it has been generally accepted procedure to not include a new species on the state list unless the sighting was documented by three separate observers, or by specimen, photograph, video, or sound recording. This requirement was adopted by the NHRBC, and is included in its current bylaws. For the purposes of generating this list, however, it was recognized that some historic records would not likely pass this test, and some leniency was given. Judgment calls were necessary for a few species that did not meet these criteria.

The state list includes two categories. One category is the “main” list which includes 399 species. The other category is the “hypothetical” list which includes 11 species. The main list includes records which are believed to be factual. It includes modern records which are well supported with details, as well as historic records which are from published resources and often include specimen records. Six species on this list are given an asterisk since they are historic records of birds that have become extinct or were extirpated from the state many years ago. The hypothetical list includes modern records which are likely accurate, but do not meet the current criteria for a first state record.

The committee hopes that this list will be maintained as a dynamic document which will change as taxonomic changes are made and as new species are added to the state's avifauna. It is also recognized that past records may be reevaluated in greater detail if desired, and that future evidence or judgment may support the addition or removal of past records from the appropriate lists.

On the following pages is a list of some of the literature researched followed by the list of bird species accepted by the NHRBC. The comments included are those of the author, and are intended only to add some basic information for a few of the more unusual records. The comments are based on some of the research conducted by the subcommittee.

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| NH State List - Main List |                             |  |
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|                           | Species Name                | Comments   |
| 1                         | Greater White-fronted Goose |  |
| 2                         | Snow Goose                  |  |
| 3                         | Ross's Goose                | One record. The only record for this bird in the state is a bird discovered by S. Young in Durham on March 29, 2008. It was photographed and seen by many observers.   |
| 4                         | Brant                       |  |
| 5                         | Barnacle Goose              | Six Barnacle Geese were found in Hopkinton 4/19/91, but were subsequently found to be from captive origin. Since then, this species has continued to expand its range in Greenland, and increasing records from the northeastern United States including two accepted records for New Hampshire. The first record was of a bird photographed and seen by many in Hinsdale on 3/25/07 to 3/27/07.   |
| 6                         | Cackling Goose              |  |
| 7                         | Canada Goose                |  |
| 8                         | Mute Swan                   | The Mute Swan is an exotic species which has become established in southeastern New Hampshire. The population appears to have spread primarily from the initial pair of swans in Durham.   |
| 9                         | Trumpeter Swan*             | Extirpated. The only reference for this species in NH is from Belknap (1792) of "Swan" at a time when the Trumpeter Swan is believed to have been more widespread in the central and eastern US. Although Belknap does not mention Tundra Swan at all, Allen (1902) believed that Belknap was referring to the Trumpeter Swan based on the account of the vocalizations made. From Belknap: "It is certain that our swan is heard to make a sound resembling that of a trumpet, both when in the water and on the wing". |
| 10                        | Tundra Swan                 |  |
| 11                        | Wood Duck                   |  |
| 12                        | Gadwall                     |  |
| 13                        | Eurasian Wigeon             |  |
| 14                        | American Wigeon             |  |
| 15                        | American Black Duck         |  |
| 16                        | Mallard                     |  |
| 17                        | Blue-winged Teal            |  |
| 18                        | Northern Shoveler           |  |
| 19                        | Northern Pintail            |  |
| 20                        | Green-winged Teal           |  |
| 21                        | Canvasback                  |  |
| 22                        | Redhead                     |  |
| 23                        | Ring-necked Duck            |  |
| 24                        | Greater Scaup               |  |
| 25                        | Lesser Scaup                |  |
| 26                        | King Eider                  |  |
| 27                        | Common Eider                |  |
| 28                        | Harlequin Duck              |  |
| 29                        | Surf Scoter                 |  |
| 30                        | White-winged Scoter         |  |
| 31                        | Black Scoter                |  |
| 32                        | Long-tailed Duck            |  |
| 33                        | Bufflehead                  |  |
| 34                        | Common Goldeneye            |  |
| 35                        | Barrow's Goldeneye          |  |
| 36                        | Hooded Merganser            |  |
| 37                        | Common Merganser            |  |
| 38                        | Red-breasted Merganser      |  |
| 39                        | Ruddy Duck                  |  |

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| 40                        | Ring-necked Pheasant  | The Ring-necked Pheasant is an introduced species from Asia, and in New Hampshire the species is stocked each year by the state for the purpose of hunting. Although it is known to nest in the state from time to time, it is not believed that the current population could sustain itself without the constant re-stocking efforts. The species is included on the state list based on what is perceived as a stronger, more viable breeding population in the 1960's and 1970's when there was more available habitat in the state.  |
| 41                        | Ruffed Grouse         |  |
| 42                        | Spruce Grouse         |  |
| 43                        | Northern Bobwhite*    | Extirpated. The Northern Bobwhite is a southern species whose range does not currently reach New Hampshire. It is also a relatively common game bird with hunting clubs and escaped birds are sometimes seen in the state. There are historic references from the 1700's in Belknap at a time when the Bobwhite were more common in northern New England. Forbush (1912) states "the Bobwhite became common, if not abundant, over most of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, much of New York, southern New Hampshire, Vermont, and southwestern Maine....In New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine, it is now (1911) practically gone except where it has been imported". Also: "In 1898 the destruction of most of the quail from New Hampshire to Cape Cod was reported". [from severe winter] |
| 44                        | Wild Turkey           |  |
| 45                        | Red-throated Loon     |  |
| 46                        | Common Loon           |  |
| 47                        | Pacific Loon          |  |
| 48                        | Pied-billed Grebe     |  |
| 49                        | Horned Grebe          |  |
| 50                        | Red-necked Grebe      |  |
| 51                        | Eared Grebe           | Two records for NH. The first record of Eared Grebe was a bird found by S. Mirick and seen by dozens of birders for several days and photographed by D. Finch at Rochester WWTP on 9/14/98. The 2nd record was a bird found in Rye by Dan Hubbard on 11/30/06 which was reported off and on for two consecutive winters along the coast.   |
| 52                        | Western Grebe         | Several records including long staying individuals. One bird photographed on Great Bay on 5/29/02 and accepted by NHRBC.   |
| 53                        | Northern Fulmar       |  |
| 54                        | Black-capped Petrel   | One record. From Dearborn - "Mr. Henry W. Osgood of Pittsfield writes me that a Black-capped Petrel was found in exhausted condition in the town of Chichester, one mile south of Pittsfield, August 31, 1895. It was mounted by Mr. Osgood and is now in the collection of Dr. Brewer of Cambridge, Mass. It was evidently brought by a cyclone which visited that region a day or two previous to its capture." The specimen is now at the MCZ.  |
| 55                        | Cory's Shearwater     |  |
| 56                        | Greater Shearwater    |  |
| 57                        | Sooty Shearwater      |  |
| 58                        | Manx Shearwater       |  |
| 59                        | Wilson's Storm-Petrel |  |
| 60                        | Leach's Storm-Petrel  |  |
| 61                        | Red-billed Tropicbird | One record. An adult Red-billed Tropicbird visited the tern colony on White and Seavey Islands on 6/23/09. It landed on eastern rock on White Island. A spectacular photo of the bird was recorded with Lunging Island in the background by Dan Hayard. The species (and likely the same individual) had been visiting Matinicus Rock off southcoastal Maine in recent years.  |
| 62                        | Northern Gannet       |  |

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| 63                        | American White Pelican     | Historic records indicated in Belknap. Partial specimen from Newfound Lake dating from ca. 1880 at MCZ. The first modern record is a bird that was videotaped by D. Moskoff on Great Bay in Newmarket 5/1/96.  |
| 64                        | Brown Pelican              | One record. The only record for the state was an Immature bird that was shot on May 1, 1907 off Hampton Beach near Great Boar's Head.  |
| 65                        | Double-crested Cormorant   |  |
| 66                        | Great Cormorant            |  |
| 67                        | American Bittern           |  |
| 68                        | Least Bittern              |  |
| 69                        | Great Blue Heron           |  |
| 70                        | Great Egret                |  |
| 71                        | Little Egret               | Two records. One seen by S. & D. Abbott on 8/2/92 in Hampton Falls. The first well documented record for the state is of a bird in Newmarket 6/30/98 - 9/13/98. Seen by dozens and accompanied by distant photographs.   |
| 72                        | Western Reef-heron         | One record. The only record of this species in the state was a bird seen and photographed by many from New Castle, Portsmouth, and Rye during August and September 2006.   |
| 73                        | Snowy Egret                |  |
| 74                        | Little Blue Heron          |  |
| 75                        | Tricolored Heron           |  |
| 76                        | Cattle Egret               |  |
| 77                        | Green Heron                |  |
| 78                        | Black-crowned Night-Heron  |  |
| 79                        | Yellow-crowned Night-Heron |  |
| 80                        | White Ibis                 | Two records. First state record found and photographed by Larry Rising in East Andover on 9/11/69.   |
| 81                        | Glossy Ibis                |  |
| 82                        | White-faced Ibis           | At least 3 state records. The first state record found by S. Mirick and photographed by P. Hunt on 4/15/95.  |
| 83                        | Wood Stork                 | The only reference for this bird's occurrence in the state was from Forbush and is of an adult "taken" in Lancaster during the spring of 1922.   |
| 84                        | Black Vulture              |  |
| 85                        | Turkey Vulture             |  |
| 86                        | Osprey                     |  |
| 87                        | Swallow-tailed Kite        | Perhaps 4 records. Two references are included in Allen (Franklin, NH - 1875 and southwest NH - July 1887), however the first modern record was of a bird reported on 5/16/65 in New Hampton and seen by many. Another bird was photographed by Edward Moses in his yard in Danville on May 5, 1979. |
| 88                        | Mississippi Kite           | Up until 2007, only single observer sight records had been obtained for the state. Then the book was re-written for this species when TWO NESTS were found in Newmarket. A huge range expansion of this species. Both nests successfully fledged one chick.  |
| 89                        | Bald Eagle                 |  |
| 90                        | Northern Harrier           |  |
| 91                        | Sharp-shinned Hawk         |  |
| 92                        | Cooper's Hawk              |  |
| 93                        | Northern Goshawk           |  |
| 94                        | Red-shouldered Hawk        |  |
| 95                        | Broad-winged Hawk          |  |
| 96                        | Red-tailed Hawk            |  |
| 97                        | Rough-legged Hawk          |  |
| 98                        | Golden Eagle               |  |
| 99                        | American Kestrel           |  |
| 100                       | Merlin                     |  |

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| 101                       | Gyrfalcon              | Several records. One bird photographed by D. Austin in Gilford on 3/19/06. Another photographic record from 3/26/69.  |
| 102                       | Peregrine Falcon       |   |
| 103                       | Yellow Rail            | Mostly historic records. One record from 9/4/63 of 3 (!) "walking across lawn from and to marsh grass" in North Hampton by Markot. Another from 10/2/52 in Wolfeboro. Dearborn says that it is rare, but has been seen in Hampton in early September. He references a specimen in the collection of Mr. Shaw at Hampton. Another specimen mentioned from 1961.  |
| 104                       | Black Rail             | First state record of bird found by M. Tarr in Greenland on 5/19/03. Bird heard by dozens and seen by many over the next few days. Good sound recordings obtained.  |
| 105                       | Clapper Rail           |   |
| 106                       | King Rail              |   |
| 107                       | Virginia Rail          |   |
| 108                       | Sora                   |   |
| 109                       | Purple Gallinule       | Possibly several records. At least two accepted by NHRBC including one juvenile found by J. Mittermeier and photographed in Exeter on October 14, 2000.   |
| 110                       | Common Moorhen         |   |
| 111                       | American Coot          |   |
| 112                       | Sandhill Crane         |   |
| 113                       | Black-bellied Plover   |   |
| 114                       | American Golden-Plover |   |
| 115                       | Wilson's Plover        | Two records. The first state record was a bird found by D. Abbott and photographed by S. Mirick in Hampton Harbor in Seabrook on 5/15/93. Another bird photographed on Seabrook beach on 5/8/05.  |
| 116                       | Semipalmated Plover    |   |
| 117                       | Piping Plover          |   |
| 118                       | Killdeer               |   |
| 119                       | American Oystercatcher |   |
| 120                       | American Avocet        | Possibly three records. Most recent record is of bird found and photographed by D. Abbott on 5/30/90 in Rye.  |
| 121                       | Spotted Sandpiper      |   |
| 122                       | Solitary Sandpiper     |   |
| 123                       | Greater Yellowlegs     |   |
| 124                       | Willet                 |   |
| 125                       | Lesser Yellowlegs      |   |
| 126                       | Upland Sandpiper       |   |
| 127                       | Eskimo Curlew*         | Extinct. It's likely this species was regular along the NH Coast, but almost no historic records were found. Goodhue reported that "A. S. Shaw has shot Eskimo Curlew at Hampton". A somewhat more definite record was found from Rye Beach in 1874 seen by Charles Wendell Townsend and reported in his book <i>The Birds of Essex County, MA</i> (1905). Quoting from the book - "One such invasion of "Dough Birds", although in smaller numbers, I remember witnessing on Rye Beach, New Hampshire, in 1874". |
| 128                       | Whimbrel               |   |
| 129                       | Long-billed Curlew*    | Extirpated. Three records of individual birds seen by W. Brewster on Rye Beach, Aug 25 1871, Aug. 12, 17 1872. Dearborn references two specimens in local collections (Portsmouth and Rollinsford), but doesn't mention dates or locations of where specimens came from.  |
| 130                       | Hudsonian Godwit       |   |
| 131                       | Marbled Godwit         |   |
| 132                       | Ruddy Turnstone        |   |
| 133                       | Red Knot               |   |
| 134                       | Sanderling             |   |
| 135                       | Semipalmated Sandpiper |   |
| 136                       | Western Sandpiper      |   |

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| 137                       | Little Stint             | One record. Adult bird found by M. Harvey in Rye on 8/7/03. Stayed for a few days and was seen and photographed by many.  |
| 138                       | Least Sandpiper          |   |
| 139                       | White-rumped Sandpiper   |   |
| 140                       | Baird's Sandpiper        |   |
| 141                       | Pectoral Sandpiper       |   |
| 142                       | Purple Sandpiper         |   |
| 143                       | Dunlin                   |   |
| 144                       | Curlew Sandpiper         | Three records found, but only one with multiple observers. One bird was seen by Vera Hebert on 7/23/61 in Rye from 15 yards in breeding plumage. Another sighting is of a juvenile discovered by P. Hunt in Hampton harbor on 9/7/94. A third record from Sunset Farm on Great Bay and was reported by B. Phinney, R. Stephenson and Sandy Turner on the late date of November 9, 1980. Excellent details with sketches were submitted by all 3 observers and the species is placed on the list based on this sighting. |
| 145                       | Stilt Sandpiper          |   |
| 146                       | Buff-breasted Sandpiper  |   |
| 147                       | Ruff                     | Specimen taken by Brewster at Lake Umbagog September 8, 1874. Apparent specimen of a female from Seabrook taken by Charles Fowler in 1907. At least 3 modern records. 5/13/67, 8/22/71, 4/26/05.  |
| 148                       | Short-billed Dowitcher   |   |
| 149                       | Long-billed Dowitcher    |   |
| 150                       | Wilson's Snipe           |   |
| 151                       | American Woodcock        |   |
| 152                       | Wilson's Phalarope       |   |
| 153                       | Red-necked Phalarope     |   |
| 154                       | Red Phalarope            |   |
| 155                       | Black-legged Kittiwake   |   |
| 156                       | Ivory Gull               | Possibly 3 records for state. One bird photographed by S. Mirick in January 1983.   |
| 157                       | Sabine's Gull            |   |
| 158                       | Bonaparte's Gull         |   |
| 159                       | Black-headed Gull        |   |
| 160                       | Little Gull              |   |
| 161                       | Laughing Gull            |   |
| 162                       | Franklin's Gull          |   |
| 163                       | Mew Gull                 | One report of a bird seen at the Rochester WWTP by R. Fox on 4/18/05. The first well documented record came in 2010, when an immature bird ( <i>L. canus canus</i> ) was meticulously photographed and studied by many observers in Exeter from 3/2/10 until at least 3/15/10.  |
| 164                       | Ring-billed Gull         |   |
| 165                       | Herring Gull             |   |
| 166                       | Thayer's Gull            | At least two records of juveniles/first winter birds. Both well photographed and accepted by the NHRBC. The first record came on 12/28/05 from Rochester.   |
| 167                       | Iceland Gull             |   |
| 168                       | Lesser Black-backed Gull |   |
| 169                       | Slaty-backed Gull        | Three well photographed records for state. All accepted by the NHRBC. An adult photographed in Rochester on 12/23/03 is likely the first New England record.  |
| 170                       | Glaucous-winged Gull     | One record. Adult photographed by S. Young at Rochester WWTP on 1/10/09 accepted by NH Rare Bird Committee. This may be the first record for the eastern United States.   |
| 171                       | Glaucous Gull            |   |
| 172                       | Great Black-backed Gull  |   |

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| 173                       | Sooty Tern           | From Stearna's New England Bird Life and referenced in Dearborn, "a fine adult male taken at Newmarket, NH about Sept. 14, 1878 by Mr. D. C. Wiggin.. And storm blown birds photograped following August 1955 storm. 8/14/1955 (4 birds in Hinsdale), 8/16/55 (1 bird in Hancock banded!?), Also one bird at Seavey Island tern colony 8/11/00. Another bird dead after Hurrricane David in 1980 and specimen prepared by Art Borrer is at Audubon? (details lacking).   |
| 174                       | Least Tern           |  |
| 175                       | Caspian Tern         |  |
| 176                       | Black Tern           |  |
| 177                       | Roseate Tern         |  |
| 178                       | Common Tern          |  |
| 179                       | Arctic Tern          |  |
| 180                       | Forster's Tern       |  |
| 181                       | Royal Tern           |  |
| 182                       | Sandwich Tern        | One photographed by S. Mirick in Hampton Harbor in Seabrook following Hurricane Bob 8/20/91. Another report from Conway Lake following hurricane in 1954, but lacking details.   |
| 183                       | Black Skimmer        | Several records and a few photos including one remarkable bird in Durham photographed on 5/19/95 and accepted by NHRBC.  |
| 184                       | Skua sp.             | There are roughly six total reports of skuas that have been found for the state. Of these, approximately two or three were reported as Great Skua, Three were reported as South Polar Skua and one was reported as Skua sp. Most records came from the late 1970's when South Polar Skua had just been found to occur in the western North Atlantic and species specific identification was still tenuous. There are no photographs and all records lacked sufficient detail to convince the subcommittee. The committee voted to include only Skua sp. on the state list based on the overall evidence. |
| 185                       | Pomarine Jaeger      |  |
| 186                       | Parasitic Jaeger     |  |
| 187                       | Long-tailed Jaeger   | Prior to 2009, there were four accepted records for New Hampshire. All of these were adults in breeding plumage and amazingly all four records were spring and summer records from inland parts of the state! During the summer and fall of 2009, several immature birds were reported and photographed offshore.  |
| 188                       | Dovekie              |  |
| 189                       | Common Murre         |  |
| 190                       | Thick-billed Murre   |  |
| 191                       | Razorbill            |  |
| 192                       | Great Auk*           | Extinct. Description in Belknap (1792) of "Penguin" is believed to be a reference to the Great Auk. Also, bone middens were found in Seabrook and reported in Concord newspaper.   |
| 193                       | Black Guillemot      |  |
| 194                       | Atlantic Puffin      |  |
| 195                       | Rock Pigeon          |  |
| 196                       | Band-tailed Pigeon   | Two records. First state record photographed at feeder in Keene, and present 1/3/72 - 1/15/72. Another bird present at feeder in Conway, March 30, 1991.   |
| 197                       | White-winged Dove    | Only state record is a bird found by D. Hubbard in Dover on 7/1/06. Well photographed by M. Suomala. Seen by many.   |
| 198                       | Mourning Dove        |  |
| 199                       | Passenger Pigeon*    | Extinct. Formerly locally abundant summer resident. Last specimnen taken in Actworth on October 10, 1881 and mounted in public library in that town. Last sight record of this species of bird shot in Concord in summer of 1885 (Allen).  |
| 200                       | Yellow-billed Cuckoo |  |
| 201                       | Black-billed Cuckoo  |  |
| 202                       | Barn Owl             | A few records. One confirmed nesting record with photos. Most recently, one dead bird found in Alstead, 1/21/99.   |



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| 203                       | Eastern Screech-Owl            |  |
| 204                       | Great Horned Owl               |  |
| 205                       | Snowy Owl                      |  |
| 206                       | Northern Hawk Owl              |  |
| 207                       | Burrowing Owl                  | Two records. Specimen exists of bird found dead in barn by Patrick Carroll in Dover, Feb. 20, 1922 and in collection of George Wentworth. Another record comes from Star Island on 5/14/78 when a bird was seen by D. Abbott, R Aaronian, R. Clements, and several students on a class trip. |
| 208                       | Barred Owl                     |  |
| 209                       | Great Gray Owl                 |  |
| 210                       | Long-eared Owl                 |  |
| 211                       | Short-eared Owl                |  |
| 212                       | Boreal Owl                     | A few records. Most noteworthy is the record of breeding birds on Mt. Clinton with juvenile photographed by S. Mirick on 8/4/01 and subsequently seen by others. Apparently the first confirmed nesting record for the eastern United States.  |
| 213                       | Northern Saw-whet Owl          |  |
| 214                       | Common Nighthawk               |  |
| 215                       | Whip-poor-will                 |  |
| 216                       | Chimney Swift                  |  |
| 217                       | Ruby-throated Hummingbird      |  |
| 218                       | Rufous Hummingbird             |  |
| 219                       | Belted Kingfisher              |  |
| 220                       | Red-headed Woodpecker          |  |
| 221                       | Red-bellied Woodpecker         |  |
| 222                       | Yellow-bellied Sapsucker       |  |
| 223                       | Downy Woodpecker               |  |
| 224                       | Hairy Woodpecker               |  |
| 225                       | American Three-toed Woodpecker |  |
| 226                       | Black-backed Woodpecker        |  |
| 227                       | Northern Flicker               |  |
| 228                       | Pileated Woodpecker            |  |
| 229                       | Olive-sided Flycatcher         |  |
| 230                       | Eastern Wood-Pewee             |  |
| 231                       | Yellow-bellied Flycatcher      |  |
| 232                       | Acadian Flycatcher             |  |
| 233                       | Alder Flycatcher               |  |
| 234                       | Willow Flycatcher              |  |
| 235                       | Least Flycatcher               |  |
| 236                       | Eastern Phoebe                 |  |
| 237                       | Ash-throated Flycatcher        | Three or four records. The first record is of a bird photographed in Lyme, NH on 12/6/98.  |
| 238                       | Great Crested Flycatcher       |  |
| 239                       | Tropical/Couch's Kingbird      | A bird within this species pair was seen (but not heard) and well documented from Claremont, NH on 11/2/03 by W. McCumber and two other observers. Accepted as first state record by NHRBC.  |
| 240                       | Western Kingbird               |  |
| 241                       | Eastern Kingbird               |  |
| 242                       | Scissor-tailed Flycatcher      | Several records including bird photographed on Star Island 6/19/91. Most recent record of bird found by L. Thurston and photographed in North Conway on 5/18/10.   |
| 243                       | Fork-tailed Flycatcher         | One record. NH's first state record was an adult bird found by M. Krenitisky at Odiorne Point SP in Rye on 11/18/06. Seen by dozens and photographed by many.  |
| 244                       | Loggerhead Shrike              | Numerous historic records. Annual back in 1940's and 1950's. Very few in last 2 decades. The last accepted record from the state came from Newington on 7/18/97.   |
| 245                       | Northern Shrike                |  |

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| 246                       | White-eyed Vireo              |  |
| 247                       | Bell's Vireo                  | Three records. The first record is of a specimen shot by Ned Dearborn in Durham on 11/18/1897. The specimen is now at the Harvard MCZ. The first modern record was a bird found by S. Mirick & J. Lawrence and seen by many and photographed in Exeter on 11/1/03. The state's third record was a bird found by S. Mirick et al in Rye on 10/1/09.                             |
| 248                       | Yellow-throated Vireo         |  |
| 249                       | Blue-headed Vireo             |  |
| 250                       | Warbling Vireo                |  |
| 251                       | Philadelphia Vireo            |  |
| 252                       | Red-eyed Vireo                |  |
| 253                       | Gray Jay                      |  |
| 254                       | Blue Jay                      |  |
| 255                       | Black-billed Magpie           | There were numerous records in the state dating from 1959 & 1966. The origin of these birds is somewhat speculative; however, it is apparent that there were widespread records from the eastern US during this same time frame (Bull). The NHRBC felt that there was sufficient evidence to suggest these birds were from a wild origin rather than from escaped caged birds. |
| 256                       | American Crow                 |  |
| 257                       | Fish Crow                     |  |
| 258                       | Common Raven                  |  |
| 259                       | Horned Lark                   |  |
| 260                       | Purple Martin                 |  |
| 261                       | Tree Swallow                  |  |
| 262                       | Northern Rough-winged Swallow |  |
| 263                       | Bank Swallow                  |  |
| 264                       | Cliff Swallow                 |  |
| 265                       | Cave Swallow                  | First state record of 4 birds found and photographed by S. Mirick on 11/26/03. Since then almost annual along the coast, with all records from November.   |
| 266                       | Barn Swallow                  |  |
| 267                       | Black-capped Chickadee        |  |
| 268                       | Boreal Chickadee              |  |
| 269                       | Tufted Titmouse               |  |
| 270                       | Red-breasted Nuthatch         |  |
| 271                       | White-breasted Nuthatch       |  |
| 272                       | Brown Creeper                 |  |
| 273                       | Carolina Wren                 |  |
| 274                       | Bewick's Wren                 | Formerly more common in the east, there are historic records including an April 1890 specimen from Alton. More recent is a female from 6/13/64 - 9/11/64 at the residence of Bess Ring in Epsom. The bird built a nest and layed infertile eggs.   |
| 275                       | House Wren                    |  |
| 276                       | Winter Wren                   |  |
| 277                       | Sedge Wren                    |  |
| 278                       | Marsh Wren                    |  |
| 279                       | Golden-crowned Kinglet        |  |
| 280                       | Ruby-crowned Kinglet          |  |
| 281                       | Blue-gray Gnatcatcher         |  |
| 282                       | Northern Wheatear             | At least 3 recent records with photos.   |
| 283                       | Eastern Bluebird              |  |
| 284                       | Townsend's Solitaire          | Perhaps 6 records for state. The first record is a bird found by T. Federer in Stratham on the Coastal Christmas Bird Count in December 1981. The most recent record is of a bird found and photographed by P. Brown on 4/9/06 at Pawtuckaway SP.  |
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|                           | Species Name                 | Comments  |
| 286                       | Gray-cheeked Thrush          | Although likely not that rare in migration, conclusive records are suprisingly few, and given the similarities to Bicknell's Thrush, historic records are problematic. There is an historic specimen shot in Dublin on 10/2/1899 and identified by L.A. Fuertes. Another bird was banded by R. Suomala on Star Island on 5/28/00. |
| 287                       | Bicknell's Thrush            |   |
| 288                       | Swainson's Thrush            |   |
| 289                       | Hermit Thrush                |   |
| 290                       | Wood Thrush                  |   |
| 291                       | American Robin               |   |
| 292                       | Varied Thrush                | Surprisingly numerous records for the state. Most records are birds at feeders in winter. From 1987 to 2007 recorded in 13 of 21 years.   |
| 293                       | Gray Catbird                 |   |
| 294                       | Northern Mockingbird         |   |
| 295                       | Brown Thrasher               |   |
| 296                       | European Starling            |   |
| 297                       | American Pipit               |   |
| 298                       | Bohemian Waxwing             |   |
| 299                       | Cedar Waxwing                |   |
| 300                       | Blue-winged Warbler          |   |
| 301                       | Golden-winged Warbler        | Many historic records. Becoming extirpated.   |
| 302                       | Tennessee Warbler            |   |
| 303                       | Orange-crowned Warbler       |   |
| 304                       | Nashville Warbler            |   |
| 305                       | Northern Parula              |   |
| 306                       | Yellow Warbler               |   |
| 307                       | Chestnut-sided Warbler       |   |
| 308                       | Magnolia Warbler             |   |
| 309                       | Cape May Warbler             |   |
| 310                       | Black-throated Blue Warbler  |   |
| 311                       | Yellow-rumped Warbler        |   |
| 312                       | Black-throated Gray Warbler  | The first accepted state record for this species was a bird photographed on Star Island by R. Suomala on 9/21/99.   |
| 313                       | Black-throated Green Warbler |   |
| 314                       | Townsend's Warbler           | Possibly 4 records. The first state record was of a bird at feeder of T. Federer in Durham during the winter of 1982. Most recently, a bird found by S. Mirick on 11/20/05 was seen by many and photographed.   |
| 315                       | Blackburnian Warbler         |   |
| 316                       | Yellow-throated Warbler      | Numerous records from the 1980's and 1990's.  |
| 317                       | Pine Warbler                 |   |
| 318                       | Prairie Warbler              |   |
| 319                       | Palm Warbler                 |   |
| 320                       | Bay-breasted Warbler         |   |
| 321                       | Blackpoll Warbler            |   |
| 322                       | Cerulean Warbler             |   |
| 323                       | Black-and-white Warbler      |   |
| 324                       | American Redstart            |   |
| 325                       | Prothonotary Warbler         | Possibly 5 state records. The first record is reportedly of a bird found in Concord 5/22/29 and seen by F.B. White et al. One bird found by S. Turner and photographed in Lyman on 5/20/90.   |
| 326                       | Worm-eating Warbler          |   |
| 327                       | Ovenbird                     |   |
| 328                       | Northern Waterthrush         |   |
| 329                       | Louisiana Waterthrush        |   |

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|                           | Species Name               | Comments  |
| 330                       | Kentucky Warbler           | Several records. Most recently was a singing male seen by many birders on 6/2/07 in Kensington and photographed by M. Suomala. Apparently a specimen also from May 29, 1969.  |
| 331                       | Connecticut Warbler        |   |
| 332                       | Mourning Warbler           |   |
| 333                       | Common Yellowthroat        |   |
| 334                       | Hooded Warbler             |   |
| 335                       | Wilson's Warbler           |   |
| 336                       | Canada Warbler             |   |
| 337                       | Yellow-breasted Chat       |   |
| 338                       | Green-tailed Towhee        | Possibly two records. One seen 12/13/78 at feeder in North Haverhill and photographed by DJA. Another reported from feeder in Keene 12/10/92.   |
| 339                       | Spotted Towhee             | The only records for the state come from the occurrence of two separate birds at feeders in Grafton and Concord during the fall and winter of 2003.   |
| 340                       | Eastern Towhee             |   |
| 341                       | American Tree Sparrow      |   |
| 342                       | Chipping Sparrow           |   |
| 343                       | Clay-colored Sparrow       |   |
| 344                       | Field Sparrow              |   |
| 345                       | Vesper Sparrow             |   |
| 346                       | Lark Sparrow               |   |
| 347                       | Lark Bunting               | Although there are a few historic reports, the only well documented record is that of a juvenile bird found by S. Mirick in North Hampton on 10/11/08. Seen by many and well photographed.  |
| 348                       | Savannah Sparrow           |   |
| 349                       | Grasshopper Sparrow        |   |
| 350                       | Henslow's Sparrow          | Many historic records from late 1930s, 1940s, and 1950's. Very few, if any, records from recent decades. One of the most recent records for the state was a bird found by T. Butler, singing in a field in Newington in May 1983. |
| 351                       | Le Conte's Sparrow         | Two records. The first state record is that of a bird photographed at Seavey Island by Dan Haywood on 5/16/00. The second record came from East Conway on 10/18/08.   |
| 352                       | Nelson's Sparrow           |   |
| 353                       | Saltmarsh Sparrow          |   |
| 354                       | Seaside Sparrow            |   |
| 355                       | Fox Sparrow                |   |
| 356                       | Song Sparrow               |   |
| 357                       | Lincoln's Sparrow          |   |
| 358                       | Swamp Sparrow              |   |
| 359                       | White-throated Sparrow     |   |
| 360                       | Harris's Sparrow           | One record from Tilton during the winter of 64-65 and another visited a feeder in Berlin on 12/22/00. A bird coming to a feeder in Thornton was seen by many and photographed by S. Mirick on 11/19/02.                           |
| 361                       | White-crowned Sparrow      |   |
| 362                       | Golden-crowned Sparrow     | One record. The only known record for the state is of an adult Golden-crowned Sparrow seen and photographed at a feeder in Tamworth 4/27/85 - 4/29/85. Reportedly seen by several birders and photographed.                       |
| 363                       | Dark-eyed Junco            |   |
| 364                       | Lapland Longspur           |   |
| 365                       | Chestnut-collared Longspur | One record. The only record for this western species was a bird found and photographed by I. Macleod in Deering on 11/29/92. Stayed for one day only.   |
| 366                       | Snow Bunting               |   |
| 367                       | Summer Tanager             |   |
| 368                       | Scarlet Tanager            |   |
| 369                       | Western Tanager            |   |

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|                           | Species Name            | Comments  |
| 370                       | Northern Cardinal       |   |
| 371                       | Rose-breasted Grosbeak  |   |
| 372                       | Black-headed Grosbeak   | First record for state reported to be female at feeder in Durham on 1/27/76. Seen by DJA, Betty Phinney, Tom Butler. Another immature male photographed in Derry in November 2003.  |
| 373                       | Blue Grosbeak           |   |
| 374                       | Indigo Bunting          |   |
| 375                       | Painted Bunting         | A few records. One adult male from New Hampton 8/21/60. Another adult male photographed in New Castle on 6/13/01. At least two other recent records.  |
| 376                       | Dickcissel              |   |
| 377                       | Bobolink                |   |
| 378                       | Red-winged Blackbird    |   |
| 379                       | Eastern Meadowlark      |   |
| 380                       | Western Meadowlark      | One bird was seen and heard singing by V. Hebert in New Hampton on 10/19/64. Another bird was heard singing and was recorded 6/16/69 - 7/10/69. Reportedly seen and heard by many. Another bird seen March and April 1970 includes detailed drawings by R. Smart of tail pattern. |
| 381                       | Yellow-headed Blackbird |   |
| 382                       | Rusty Blackbird         |   |
| 383                       | Common Grackle          |   |
| 384                       | Brown-headed Cowbird    |   |
| 385                       | Orchard Oriole          |   |
| 386                       | Bullock's Oriole        | Several historic records. The most recent record is a bird photographed by D. Abbott in Dover on 1/14/02.   |
| 387                       | Baltimore Oriole        |   |
| 388                       | Common Chaffinch        | The only state record is that of a bird which stayed only one day and was seen and photographed at residence in Orford by B. Butler on 5/7/89.  |
| 389                       | Pine Grosbeak           |   |
| 390                       | Purple Finch            |   |
| 391                       | House Finch             |   |
| 392                       | Red Crossbill           |   |
| 393                       | White-winged Crossbill  |   |
| 394                       | Common Redpoll          |   |
| 395                       | Hoary Redpoll           |   |
| 396                       | Pine Siskin             |   |
| 397                       | American Goldfinch      |   |
| 398                       | Evening Grosbeak        |   |
| 399                       | House Sparrow           |   |

| NH State List - Hypothetical List |                        |   |
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|                                   | Species Name           | Comments  |
| 1                                 | Yellow-nosed Albatross | An historic report published of a Yellow-nosed Albatross from Hampton Beach on 6/9/33 is believed to be in error as the detailed discription did not fit this species. Another Yellow-nosed Albatross was seen and documented by Betty Phinney at the "Scantum basin near the south end of Jeffrey's Ledge" on 10/24/80, but was judged to be in MA waters based on Loran coordinates given. A 3rd record of Yellow-nosed Albatross was reported from the vicinity of Great Boar's Head by J. O'Shaugnessy and E. Aaronian on 6/6/06. This report was re-analyzed and accepted by the NHRBC as hypothetical with weight given to the presence of a Yellow-nosed Albatross 2 1/2 hours earlier off Cape Ann. |
| 2                                 | Black-browed Albatross | Two albatrosses were reported from a boat on 8/1/76 by S. Fogleman during a time frame when both species were being reported from MA waters.. The first bird was seen near the Isles of Shoals and was believed to be a Black-browed Albatross; however, there was some uncertainty based on the observation. The second albatross was seen from closer range on Old Scantum and is accepted based on this record.  |
| 3                                 | Anhinga                | Three single observer records have been accepted by the NHRBC; however, none meet criteria for acceptance on state list.  |
| 4                                 | Swainson's Hawk        | There are a few reports of this species, however very few come with details, and two are of winter records which are likely mistaken identification. The only sighting judged to be adequate was a description and drawing of two birds seen by S. Fogleman in spring migration from Bristol on 4/13/84.  |
| 5                                 | Northern Lapwing       | A bird was found by Dr. W. Baker in fields in back yard in Rye on 3/2/88, but was not found the next day. A fine sketch and description was provided.   |
| 6                                 | Black-necked Stilt     | There is an historic report from Dearborn which lacks any details and is not considered. On 5/23/98, A. Stewart documented a Black-necked Stilt he saw alone at Odiorne Point in Rye on 5/23/98. The record was accepted by the NHRBC.  |
| 7                                 | Gull-billed Tern       | A bird discovered in Hampton salt marsh on 7/23/98 was well seen and documented by S. Mirick and was also seen briefly by D. Abbott.  |
| 8                                 | Chuck-will's-widow     | An apparent Chuck-will's-widow was reported from Star Island on 5/21/66 and was seen by several obserers including R. Smart, V. Hebert, and K. Elkins, Although it was likely a good record, R. Smart judged the record as "hypothetical" at the time due to the conditions of the observation.   |
| 9                                 | Violet-green Swallow   | An immature bird was "very well seen" and documented by Bob Smart on 9/15/65. Another record from boat offshore seen and documented by Betty Phinney on 8/23/85. Neither bird was seen by more than one observer.   |
| 10                                | MacGillivray's Warbler | A MacGillivray's Warbler was reported from Gilford, NH on 10/1/05 by J. & D. Coskren. Both provided good details, however no photogaphs were obtained.  |
| 11                                | Brambling              | A Brambling was reported from Plymouth on 10/23/87 by C. Thun. Although not seen by any other birders, an excellent sketch was provided.  |