

Official New Hampshire State List - 420 Species - as of 2/28/19

Species Name	Scientific Name	Details
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	Dendrocygna autumnalis	One record from 6/28/11 of a flock of 5 birds photographed in Salem. The NHRBC concluded these birds were very likely of wild origin. #408 on the state list
Snow Goose	Anser caerulescens	
Ross's Goose	Anser rossii	Three records. The first state record was a bird discovered by S. Young in Durham on March 29, 2008. Two subsequent records on 4/7/14 from Charlestown and on 12/19/18 at the Rochester WTP.
Greater White-fronted Goose	Anser albifrons	
Pink-footed Goose	Anser brachyrhynchus	One record - discovered by T. Schottland and D. Clark on 4/2/11 in Walpole. #400 on the state list
Brant	Branta bernicla	
Barnacle Goose	Branta leucopsis	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 five 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. Four subsequent records - 10/7/07 in Rye, 12/14/11 in Rollinsford, 3/5/12 in Hinsdale, and 11/12/18 at Odiorne Point SP
Cackling Goose	Branta hutchinsii	
Canada Goose	Branta canadensis	
Mute Swan	Cygnus olor	
Trumpeter Swan *	Cygnus buccinator	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".
Tundra Swan	Cygnus columbianus	
Common Shelduck	Tadorna tadorna	A long-staying immature seen by many birders from throughout the region and beyond during the period of 8/13 - 9/11/17 as it visited the marshes near Odiorne Point State Park in Rye. With their population expansion in Iceland and elsewhere in western Europe, and several recent accepted records in the Canadian Maritimes, the NHRBC felt this bird was much more likely to be of wild origin than an escapee. #416 on the state list
Wood Duck	Aix sponsa	
Blue-winged Teal	Spatula discors	
Northern Shoveler	Spatula clypeata	
Gadwall	Mareca strepera	
Eurasian Wigeon	Mareca penelope	
American Wigeon	Mareca americana	
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	
American Black Duck	Anas rubripes	
Northern Pintail	Anas acuta	
Green-winged Teal	Anas crecca	
Canvasback	Aythya valisineria	
Redhead	Aythya americana	
Ring-necked Duck	Aythya collaris	
Tufted Duck	Aythya fuligula	Long-awaited first state record (#410 on the state list) appearing at Captain Pond in Salem, 3/4-8/16, discovered by K. Wilmarth. A subsequent record of an immature male at the Exeter WWTP 1/5-20/19, discovered by Leo McKillop
Greater Scaup	Aythya marila	
Lesser Scaup	Aythya affinis	
King Eider	Somateria spectabilis	
Common Eider	Somateria mollissima	Note the acceptance of 3 records in 2017-2018 of birds of the <i>Borealis</i> (Northern) race
Harlequin Duck	Histrionicus histrionicus	
Surf Scoter	Melanitta perspicillata	
White-winged Scoter	Melanitta deglandi	
Black Scoter	Melanitta americana	
Long-tailed Duck	Clangula hyemalis	
Bufflehead	Bucephala albeola	
Common Goldeneye	Bucephala clangula	

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Barrow's Goldeneye	Bucephala islandica	
Hooded Merganser	Lophodytes cucullatus	
Common Merganser	Mergus merganser	
Red-breasted Merganser	Mergus serrator	
Ruddy Duck	Oxyura jamaicensis	
Northern Bobwhite *	Colinus virginianus	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 <u>severe winter</u>]
Ring-necked Pheasant	Phasianus colchicus	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.
Ruffed Grouse	Bonasa umbellus	
Spruce Grouse	Falcapennis canadensis	
Wild Turkey	Meleagris gallopavo	
Pied-billed Grebe	Podilymbus podiceps	
Horned Grebe	Podiceps auritus	
Red-necked Grebe	Podiceps grisegena	
Eared Grebe	Podiceps nigricollis	Three 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 D. Hubbard on 11/30/06 which was reported off and on for two consecutive winters along the coast. The 3rd record was a bird found at the Rochester WWTP on 8/12/11 by S. Mirick.
Western Grebe	Aechmophorus occidentalis	Several records including long staying individuals. Most recent record was of a bird off Rye on 11/3/16
Rock Pigeon	Columba livia	
Band-tailed Pigeon	Patagioenas fasciata	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.
Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	Sole NH state record was of a bird found in East Kingston by Davis Finch on 5/25/16, #413 on the state list
Passenger Pigeon *	Ectopistes migratorius	Extinct. Formerly locally abundant summer resident. Last specimen 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).
White-winged Dove	Zenaida asiatica	Three records. First state record was of a bird found by D. Hubbard in Dover on 7/1/06. 2nd record was on 5/28/11 when one landed on a whale-watch boat offshore and stayed onboard till the boat had nearly arrived back in Rye, at which point the bird flew off and was not seen again. 3rd record on 5/20/16 on Star Island of a bird found by E. Masterson
Mourning Dove	Zenaida macroura	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Coccyzus americanus	
Black-billed Cuckoo	Coccyzus erythrophthalmus	
Common Nighthawk	Chordeiles minor	
Chuck-will's-widow	Antrostomus carolinensis	First accepted state record was of a singing bird recorded on 6/3/13 in Newton by P. McFarland (#404 on the state list). A 2nd record was of a bird seen by many on 5/21/16 on Star Island, discovered by M. Pahl. Exactly 50 years earlier, an apparent Chuck-will's-widow was reported from Star Island on 5/21/66 and was seen by several observers 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.
Whip-poor-will	Antrostomus vociferus	
Chimney Swift	Chaetura pelagica	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Archilochus colubris	
Rufous Hummingbird	Selasphorus rufus	
Calliope Hummingbird	Selasphorus calliope	Adult male bird visiting a residential feeder in Manchester from 10/6 to 11/23/13. #405 on the state list

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Yellow Rail	<i>Coturnicops noveboracensis</i>	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
Black Rail	<i>Laterallus jamaicensis</i>	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.
Clapper Rail	<i>Rallus crepitans</i>	Several historic records, and apparently historic specimens prior to 1903. 3 recent records - 1 bird seen in Hampton marshes conclusively photographed by S. Mirick on 6/25/05; on 5/21/11 in Hampton, and on 9/24/13 in Rye
King Rail	<i>Rallus elegans</i>	
Virginia Rail	<i>Rallus limicola</i>	
Sora	<i>Porzana carolina</i>	
Purple Gallinule	<i>Porphyrio martinica</i>	Possibly several records. At least three accepted by NHRBC including one juvenile found by J. Mittermeier and photographed in Exeter on October 14, 2000, and one in Seabrook on 10/7/10 by C. Coes
Common Gallinule	<i>Gallinula galeata</i>	
American Coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>	
Sandhill Crane	<i>Grus canadensis</i>	
Black-necked Stilt	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>	First accepted state record (#406 on the state list) was of a bird seen by multiple observers on 5/20/14 in Stratham. An earlier sighting on 5/23/98 by A. Stewart was accepted by the NHRBC but placed on the Hypothetical List due to lack of photo or multiple observers.
American Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra americana</i>	Possibly 6 records, most recently on 8/29/11 in Hampton, 7/25-26/15 in Hampton and Seabrook, and 8/23/17 in Colebrook.
American Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus palliatus</i>	
Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	First accepted state record (#403 on the state list) was a bird found on 3/10/13 in Loudon by L. Osborne. An earlier sighting considered to be Hypothetical due to lack of observers was of a bird found by Dr. W. Baker in fields in his back yard in Rye on 3/2/88, but was not found the next day. A fine sketch and description was provided
Black-bellied Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	
American Golden-Plover	<i>Pluvialis dominica</i>	
Wilson's Plover	<i>Charadrius wilsonia</i>	Three 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. Thrid record on 9/5/12 in Rye.
Semipalmated Plover	<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>	
Piping Plover	<i>Charadrius melodus</i>	
Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	
Upland Sandpiper	<i>Bartramia longicauda</i>	
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	
Eskimo Curlew *	<i>Numenius borealis</i>	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".
Long-billed Curlew *	<i>Numenius americanus</i>	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.
Hudsonian Godwit	<i>Limosa haemastica</i>	
Marbled Godwit	<i>Limosa fedoa</i>	
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	
Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>	
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>	At least 6 modern records. 5/13/67, 8/22/71, 4/26/05, 4/22/11 in Stratham, 5/20/11 in Charlestown, and 4/29/17 in Hampton
Stilt Sandpiper	<i>Calidris himantopus</i>	
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	Five records. 7/23/61 in Rye, 11/9/80 from Sunset Farm on Great Bay, 9/7/94 in Hampton, 9/17/11 at Plaice Cove in Hampton, and 5/22/13 in Hampton

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Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	
Purple Sandpiper	<i>Calidris maritima</i>	
Baird's Sandpiper	<i>Calidris bairdii</i>	
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	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.
Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>	
White-rumped Sandpiper	<i>Calidris fuscicollis</i>	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	<i>Calidris subruficollis</i>	
Pectoral Sandpiper	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	<i>Calidris pusilla</i>	
Western Sandpiper	<i>Calidris mauri</i>	
Short-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus griseus</i>	
Long-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus scolopaceus</i>	
American Woodcock	<i>Scolopax minor</i>	
Wilson's Snipe	<i>Gallinago delicata</i>	
Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularius</i>	
Solitary Sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	
Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	
Willet	<i>Tringa semipalmata</i>	
Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	
Wilson's Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus tricolor</i>	
Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	
Red Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>	
South Polar Skua	<i>Stercorarius maccormicki</i>	Added to the NH statelist, replacing "Skua, sp.", based on a photographed bird at Jeffrey's Ledge on 9/4/18. There are roughly six previous 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 be accepted as a specific Skua species. Hence the former presence of Skua, sp. on the state list.
Pomarine Jaeger	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	
Parasitic Jaeger	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	
Long-tailed Jaeger	<i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>	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! Since then there have been offshore records in 2009, 2011, and 2013.
Dovekie	<i>Alle alle</i>	
Common Murre	<i>Uria aalge</i>	
Thick-billed Murre	<i>Uria lomvia</i>	
Razorbill	<i>Alca torda</i>	
Great Auk *	<i>Pinguinus impennis</i>	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.
Black Guillemot	<i>Cepphus grylle</i>	
Atlantic Puffin	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>	
Black-legged Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	
Ivory Gull	<i>Pagophila eburnea</i>	Possibly 4 state records. The most recent was on 1/11/10 in Hampton.
Sabine's Gull	<i>Xema sabini</i>	
Bonaparte's Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus philadelphia</i>	
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	
Little Gull	<i>Hydrocoloeus minutus</i>	

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Ross's Gull	<i>Rhodostethia rosea</i>	One record - added to the statelist (#420) based on a bird photographed at Jeffrey's Ledge on 12/1/18
Laughing Gull	<i>Leucophaeus atricilla</i>	
Franklin's Gull	<i>Leucophaeus pipixcan</i>	
Mew Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	3 records - 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. 3rd record was a bird observed by K. Wilmarth on 3/1/17 in Salem.
Ring-billed Gull	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	
Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	
Iceland Gull	<i>Larus glaucoides</i>	6 accepted records of Thayer's subspecies of Iceland Gull from 2005 through 2016
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	
Slaty-backed Gull	<i>Larus schistisagus</i>	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.
Glaucous-winged Gull	<i>Larus glaucescens</i>	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.
Glaucous Gull	<i>Larus hyperboreus</i>	
Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>	
Sooty Tern	<i>Onychoprion fuscatus</i>	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 photographed 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 Hurricane David in 1980 and specimen prepared by Art Borrer is at Audubon? (details lacking). 1 record on 8/30/11 following the passage of Hurricane Irene - in Stoddard by B Smith
Least Tern	<i>Sternula antillarum</i>	
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	
Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	
Roseate Tern	<i>Sterna dougallii</i>	
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	
Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>	
Forster's Tern	<i>Sterna forsteri</i>	
Royal Tern	<i>Thalasseus maximus</i>	
Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>	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.
Black Skimmer	<i>Rynchops niger</i>	Multiple records including no less than 10 reports from 2010 through 2013
White-tailed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon lepturus</i>	One record on 8/29/11 following Hurricane Irene in Charlestown as reported by C. Greenleaf. #401 for the NH state list
Red-billed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon aethereus</i>	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.
Red-throated Loon	<i>Gavia stellata</i>	
Pacific Loon	<i>Gavia pacifica</i>	
Common Loon	<i>Gavia immer</i>	

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Yellow-nosed Albatross	Thalassarche chlororhynchos	1st accepted state record (#415) was of a bird photographed on both Star and Seavey Islands on 7/4/17. 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 description 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
Northern Fulmar	Fulmarus glacialis	
Black-capped Petrel	Pterodroma hasitata	One record. From Dearborn - "Mr. Henry W. Osgood of Pittsfield writes me that a Blackcapped 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.
Cory's Shearwater	Calonectris diomedea	
Sooty Shearwater	Ardena grisea	
Great Shearwater	Ardena gravis	
Manx Shearwater	Puffinus puffinus	
Wilson's Storm-Petrel	Oceanites oceanicus	
Leach's Storm-Petrel	Oceanodroma leucorhoa	
Wood Stork	Mycteria americana	The first 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. Subsequently a immature bird was discovered by A. Murray at Pickering Ponds in Rochester during the period 8/9-19/18
Brown Booby	Sula leucogaster	1 record - a most cooperative bird seen 6/10-20/17 at Cobbetts Pond in Windham. #414 on the state list
Northern Gannet	Morus bassanus	
Neotropic Cormorant	Phalacrocorax brasilianus	1 record - Bird found by F. Izaguirre on the Androscoggin River in Gorham on 8/2/18, staying through at least 9/12/18. #419 on the state list. Likely first record for all of New England
Double-crested Cormorant	Phalacrocorax auritus	
Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	
American White Pelican	Pelecanus erythrorhynchos	3 modern records - a bird that was videotaped by D. Moskoff on Great Bay in Newmarket 5/1/96. One record from Rye on 11/3/12, and a long-staying bird seen from New Castle and Odiorne Point SP in 12/11-31/18 discovered by S. Turnbull. Historic records indicated in Belknap. Partial specimen from Newfound Lake dating from ca. 1880 at MCZ.
Brown Pelican	Pelecanus occidentalis	One historical record for the state was an immature bird that was shot on May 1, 1907 off Hampton Beach near Great Boar's Head. Recent records include 3 records from inland lakes (Newfound, Mascoma, Horace) from 9/18/15 to 9/22/15 of the same or different birds. Also one coastal sighting on 6/24/17 in Rye
American Bittern	Botaurus lentiginosus	
Least Bittern	Ixobrychus exilis	
Great Blue Heron	Ardea herodias	"Great White Heron" color morph was found in Litchfield from 11/21 to 12/2/15
Great Egret	Ardea alba	
Little Egret	Egretta garzetta	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.
Western Reef-heron	Egretta gularis	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.
Snowy Egret	Egretta thula	
Little Blue Heron	Egretta caerulea	
Tricolored Heron	Egretta tricolor	
Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis	
Green Heron	Butorides virescens	
Black-crowned Night-Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	Nyctanassa violacea	
White Ibis	Eudocimus albus	Three records. First state record found and photographed by Larry Rising in East Andover on 9/11/69. Most recently an immature in Rye during the period 7/11-21/14, discovered by JM Maher and J McKibben.
Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus	
White-faced Ibis	Plegadis chihi	At least 5 state records. The first state record found by S. Mirick and photographed by P. Hunt on 4/15/95. Most recently, one on 4/25/10 in N. Hampton. 1 record of a summering bird in Hampton found by S Mirick on 7/5/15.

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Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	
Swallow-tailed Kite	<i>Elanoides forficatus</i>	Perhaps 5 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. Most recently one reported from Hinsdale on 4/26/11..
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	
Northern Harrier	<i>Circus hudsonius</i>	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	
Cooper's Hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	
Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	
Mississippi Kite	<i>Ictinia mississippiensis</i>	Prior to 2008, the only accepted record was a single observer site record on 4/16/82 in Bristol. Then the book was re-written for this species in 2008 when 2 nests were found in Newmarket. Nesting has been attempted or confirmed each year since in multiple towns including Newmarket, Durham, and Stratham. <u>A huge range expansion of this species.</u>
Red-shouldered Hawk	<i>Buteo lineatus</i>	
Broad-winged Hawk	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	
Swainson's Hawk	<i>Buteo swainsoni</i>	The first accepted state record was of a bird found by C. McPherson in Hollis on 9/21/14 (#407 on the state list). Subsequently the NHRBC accepted a sighting on 9/22/15 on Pack Monadnock. Previously the species was on the Hypothetical list based on the description and drawing of two birds seen by S. Fogleman in spring migration from Bristol on 4/13/84.
Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	
Rough-legged Hawk	<i>Buteo lagopus</i>	
Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	A few records. One confirmed nesting record with photos. Most recently, one dead bird found in Alstead, 1/21/99.
Eastern Screech-Owl	<i>Megascops asio</i>	
Great Horned Owl	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	
Snowy Owl	<i>Bubo scandiacus</i>	
Northern Hawk Owl	<i>Surnia ulula</i>	
Burrowing Owl	<i>Athene cucularia</i>	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.
Barred Owl	<i>Strix varia</i>	
Great Gray Owl	<i>Strix nebulosa</i>	
Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio otus</i>	
Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>	
Boreal Owl	<i>Aegolius funereus</i>	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.
Northern Saw-whet Owl	<i>Aegolius acadicus</i>	
Belted Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>	
Red-headed Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>	
American Three-toed Woodpecker	<i>Picoides dorsalis</i>	
Black-backed Woodpecker	<i>Picoides arcticus</i>	
Downy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides pubescens</i>	
Hairy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides villosus</i>	
Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	Note a "Red-shafted" Flicker observed on 12/17/94 in Manchester by K. Metz was accepted by the NHRBC.
Pileated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>	
American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	
Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>	
Gyr Falcon	<i>Falco rusticolus</i>	Several records. Photographic record from 3/26/69. One bird photographed by D. Austin in Gilford on 3/19/06. One record from Dec. 2013 in Hampton. Several accepted records from the winter of 2014/15, likely of the same bird.
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	

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Ash-throated Flycatcher	Myiarchus cinerascens	4 or 5 records. The first record is of a bird photographed in Lyme, NH on 12/6/98. Most recent record on 11/4/18 at Odiorne Point SP.
Great Crested Flycatcher	Myiarchus crinitus	
Tropical/Couch's Kingbird	Tyrannus sp.	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.
Western Kingbird	Tyrannus verticalis	
Eastern Kingbird	Tyrannus tyrannus	
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	Tyrannus forficatus	Several records including bird photographed on Star Island 6/19/91. Most recent records on 7/8/17 in Chatham and 11/8/18 at Hampton Beach SP
Fork-tailed Flycatcher	Tyrannus savana	2 records. 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. 2nd record on 9/20/16 in Lebanon by M. Medeiros
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Contopus cooperi	
Western Wood-Pewee	Contopus sordidulus	1 record. Bird seen and heard (with calls recorded) on 10/1/17 on Star Island by E. Masterson. Added to NH statelist as #418
Eastern Wood-Pewee	Contopus virens	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	Empidonax flaviventris	
Acadian Flycatcher	Empidonax virens	Numerous records from Pawtuckaway State Park from 1998-2004. 9 records from 2010 to 2016 from multiple locations - some with photos and/or recordings
Alder Flycatcher	Empidonax alnorum	
Willow Flycatcher	Empidonax traillii	
Least Flycatcher	Empidonax	
Eastern Phoebe	Sayornis phoebe	
Say's Phoebe	Sayornis saya	1 record. 11/17-23/12 in Concord found by C. Borg. #402 on the state list
Loggerhead Shrike	Lanius ludovicianus	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.
Northern Shrike	Lanius borealis	
White-eyed Vireo	Vireo griseus	
Bell's Vireo	Vireo bellii	4 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. 4th record on 10/1/17 in Concord by D. Jackson.
Yellow-throated Vireo	Vireo flavifrons	
Blue-headed Vireo	Vireo solitarius	
Philadelphia Vireo	Vireo	
Warbling Vireo	Vireo gilvus	
Red-eyed Vireo	Vireo olivaceus	
Canada Jay	Perisoreus canadensis	
Blue Jay	Cyanocitta cristata	
Black-billed Magpie	Pica hudsonia	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
American Crow	Corvus brachyrhynchos	
Fish Crow	Corvus ossifragus	
Common Raven	Corvus corax	
Horned Lark	Eremophila alpestris	
Purple Martin	Progne subis	
Tree Swallow	Tachycineta bicolor	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	Stelgidopteryx serripennis	
Bank Swallow	Riparia riparia	
Cliff Swallow	Petrochelidon pyrrhonota	
Cave Swallow	Petrochelidon fulva	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 except 1 from October..
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	
Black-capped Chickadee	Poecile atricapillus	
Boreal Chickadee	Poecile hudsonicus	
Tufted Titmouse	Baeolophus bicolor	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Sitta canadensis	
White-breasted Nuthatch	Sitta carolinensis	
Brown Creeper	Certhia americana	
House Wren	Troglodytes aedon	
Winter Wren	Troglodytes hiemalis	

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Sedge Wren	<i>Cistothorus platensis</i>	
Marsh Wren	<i>Cistothorus palustris</i>	
Carolina Wren	<i>Thryothorus ludovicianus</i>	
Bewick's Wren	<i>Thryomanes bewickii</i>	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 laid infertile eggs.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	<i>Poliptila caerulea</i>	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus satrapa</i>	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus calendula</i>	
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	At least 3 recent records prior to 2010. Then 6 records from 2011 thru 2018 - 3 in Apr/May and 3 in Oct.
Eastern Bluebird	<i>Sialia sialis</i>	
Mountain Bluebird	<i>Sialia currucoides</i>	1 record. 4/4-15/16, Pease International Tradeport, discovered by Jason Lambert. #412 on the state list
Townsend's Solitaire	<i>Myadestes townsendi</i>	Up to a dozen records, including almost annually since 2011 (Oct. through Feb.)
Veery	<i>Catharus fuscescens</i>	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	<i>Catharus minimus</i>	Although likely not that rare in migration, conclusive records are surprisingly 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. More recently, 8 accepted records 2011 thru 2017 - 4 from May/Jun, 4 from Sep/Oct. 2 others accepted only as Gray-cheeked/Bicknell's
Bicknell's Thrush	<i>Catharus bicknelli</i>	
Swainson's Thrush	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	
Hermit Thrush	<i>Catharus guttatus</i>	
Wood Thrush	<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>	
Redwing	<i>Turdus iliacus</i>	1 record. Bird discovered by C. McPherson in Robin flock from 3/13-16/16 in Hollis. #411 on the state list
American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	
Varied Thrush	<i>Ixoreus naevius</i>	Surprisingly numerous records for the state. Most records are birds at feeders in winter. From 1987 to 2018 recorded in 19 of 32 years.
Gray Catbird	<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>	
Brown Thrasher	<i>Toxostoma rufum</i>	
Northern Mockingbird	<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>	
European Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	
Bohemian Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla garrulus</i>	
Cedar Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>	
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	
White Wagtail (yarellii)	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	1 record. 11/2-4/16 - starting at Rye Harbor SP and was later re-found at Great Boars Head in Hampton. First discovered by Josh Gahagan. #414 on the state list. First North American record of this race, also known as Pied Wagtail in Europe.
American Pipit	<i>Anthus rubescens</i>	
Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	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.
Evening Grosbeak	<i>Coccothraustes vespertinus</i>	
Pine Grosbeak	<i>Pinicola enucleator</i>	
House Finch	<i>Haemorhous mexicanus</i>	
Purple Finch	<i>Haemorhous purpureus</i>	
Common Redpoll	<i>Acanthis flammea</i>	
Hoary Redpoll	<i>Acanthis hornemanni</i>	
Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	
White-winged Crossbill	<i>Loxia leucoptera</i>	
Pine Siskin	<i>Spinus pinus</i>	
American Goldfinch	<i>Spinus tristis</i>	
Lapland Longspur	<i>Calcarius lapponicus</i>	

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Chestnut-collared Longspur	<i>Calcarius ornatus</i>	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.
Snow Bunting	<i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>	
Green-tailed Towhee	<i>Pipilo chlorurus</i>	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.
Spotted Towhee	<i>Pipilo maculatus</i>	4 records. The first 2 are of two separate birds at feeders in Grafton and Concord during the fall and winter of 2003. Then a bird on 2/3-20/11 in Peterborough. Finally a long-staying bird from 1/25/14 to at least 4/3/14 in Rye.
Eastern Towhee	<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>	
American Tree Sparrow	<i>Spizelloides arborea</i>	
Chipping Sparrow	<i>Spizella passerina</i>	
Clay-colored Sparrow	<i>Spizella pallida</i>	
Field Sparrow	<i>Spizella pusilla</i>	
Vesper Sparrow	<i>Pooecetes gramineus</i>	
Lark Sparrow	<i>Chondestes grammacus</i>	
Lark Bunting	<i>Calamospiza melanocorys</i>	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.
Savannah Sparrow	<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>	
Grasshopper Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>	
Henslow's Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus henslowii</i>	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.
Le Conte's Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus leconteii</i>	3 (or 4) 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. 3rd on 4/14/15 in Rumney by S. Buttrick. Final record on 10/13/18 in Jackson by B. Pendleton (under review)
Seaside Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus maritimus</i>	
Nelson's Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus nelsoni</i>	
Saltmarsh Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus caudacutus</i>	
Fox Sparrow	<i>Passerella iliaca</i>	"Sooty" Fox Sparrow race seen at a feeder in Barrington from 12/9/09 to 3/20/10. One of very few records east of the Rockies.
Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	
Lincoln's Sparrow	<i>Melospiza lincolni</i>	
Swamp Sparrow	<i>Melospiza georgiana</i>	
White-throated Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>	
Harris's Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia querula</i>	4 records. 1st one 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. Most recent record on 6/5/14 in Rye.
White-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>	
Golden-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia atricapilla</i>	2 records. 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. 2nd record on 10/17-19/10 in Derry by B. Horton.
Dark-eyed Junco	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>	
Yellow-breasted Chat	<i>Icteria virens</i>	
Yellow-headed Blackbird	<i>Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus</i>	
Bobolink	<i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i>	
Eastern Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella magna</i>	

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Western Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella neglecta</i>	5 records. 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. 4th record on 11/16/15 in North Hampton record found by S. Wrisley and D. Lipsy. 5th record on 12/4/17 in Rye by JM Maher
Orchard Oriole	<i>Icterus spurius</i>	
Bullock's Oriole	<i>Icterus bullockii</i>	Several historic records. 2 recent records - a bird photographed by D. Abbott in Dover on 1/14/02, and a bird at feeders in Hampton 12/15-25/15
Baltimore Oriole	<i>Icterus galbula</i>	
Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	
Brown-headed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>	
Rusty Blackbird	<i>Euphagus carolinus</i>	
Common Grackle	<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>	
Ovenbird	<i>Seiurus aurocapilla</i>	
Worm-eating Warbler	<i>Helminthos vermivorum</i>	
Louisiana Waterthrush	<i>Parkesia motacilla</i>	
Northern Waterthrush	<i>Parkesia noveboracensis</i>	
Golden-winged Warbler	<i>Vermivora chrysoptera</i>	Many historic records. And although there had been few in the last several decades, there were 3 reports of single birds on 6/3/16, 5/16/17, and 6/1/17. Then several birds were singing as if on territory in 5/18 near the Hollis/Milford town line, though no breeding was confirmed.
Blue-winged Warbler	<i>Vermivora pinus</i>	
Black-and-white Warbler	<i>Mniotilta varia</i>	
Prothonotary Warbler	<i>Protonotaria citrea</i>	Possibly 6 state records. The first record is reportedly of a bird found in Concord 5/22/29 and seen by F.B. White et al. Most recent record in North Hampton 11/8-12/16. One bird found by S. Turner and photographed in Lyman on 5/20/90.
Tennessee Warbler	<i>Oreothlypis peregrina</i>	
Orange-crowned Warbler	<i>Oreothlypis celata</i>	
Nashville Warbler	<i>Oreothlypis ruficapilla</i>	
Connecticut Warbler	<i>Oporornis agilis</i>	
MacGillivray's Warbler	<i>Geothlypis tolmiei</i>	1st state record (#417 on the state list) at Odiorne Point SP 9/4-11/17. Previously on Hypothetical list based on a bird from Gilford, NH on 10/1/05 by J. & D. Coskren.
Mourning Warbler	<i>Geothlypis philadelphia</i>	
Kentucky Warbler	<i>Geothlypis formosa</i>	Several records. Most recently was a bird at Great Bay Discovery Center in Stratham on 5/7/18. Previously a singing male seen by many birders on 6/2/07 in Kensington. Apparently a specimen also from May 29, 1969.
Common Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	
Hooded Warbler	<i>Setophaga citrina</i>	
American Redstart	<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	
Cape May Warbler	<i>Setophaga tigrina</i>	
Cerulean Warbler	<i>Setophaga cerulea</i>	
Northern Parula	<i>Setophaga americana</i>	
Magnolia Warbler	<i>Setophaga magnolia</i>	
Bay-breasted Warbler	<i>Setophaga castanea</i>	
Blackburnian Warbler	<i>Setophaga fusca</i>	
Yellow Warbler	<i>Setophaga petechia</i>	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	<i>Setophaga pensylvanica</i>	
Blackpoll Warbler	<i>Setophaga striata</i>	
Black-throated Blue Warbler	<i>Setophaga caerulescens</i>	
Palm Warbler	<i>Setophaga palmarum</i>	
Pine Warbler	<i>Setophaga pinus</i>	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	<i>Setophaga coronata</i>	
Yellow-throated Warbler	<i>Setophaga dominica</i>	Numerous records dating from the 1980's. Most recently, 7 records from 2012 thru 2017 in Winter, Spring, and Summer

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Prairie Warbler	<i>Setophaga discolor</i>	
Black-throated Gray Warbler	<i>Setophaga nigrescens</i>	The first accepted state record for this species was a bird photographed on Star Island by R. Suomala on 9/21/99.
Townsend's Warbler	<i>Setophaga townsendi</i>	Possibly 6 records. The first state record was of a bird at feeder of T. Federer in Durham during the winter of 1982. Most recently, birds seen on 11/7/10 in Walpole and 9/5/15 in Pinkham Notch.
Black-throated Green Warbler	<i>Setophaga virens</i>	
Canada Warbler	<i>Cardellina canadensis</i>	
Wilson's Warbler	<i>Cardellina pusilla</i>	
Summer Tanager	<i>Piranga rubra</i>	
Scarlet Tanager	<i>Piranga olivacea</i>	
Western Tanager	<i>Piranga ludoviciana</i>	
Northern Cardinal	<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>	
Black-headed Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus melanocephalus</i>	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. Most recent record in Keene on 5/12/10.
Blue Grosbeak	<i>Passerina caerulea</i>	
Lazuli Bunting	<i>Passerina amoena</i>	One record - 9/26/15 on Star Island found by E. Masterson et. al. (#409 on the state list). "Orange-breasted bunting" found the previous day likely pertained to this bird
Indigo Bunting	<i>Passerina cyanea</i>	
Painted Bunting	<i>Passerina ciris</i>	Several records including at least 6 since 2000, most recently a bird seen on 5/13/17 in Littleton.
Dickcissel	<i>Spiza americana</i>	

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Species Name	Scientific Name	Details
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	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.
Black-browed Albatross	<i>Thalassarche melanophris</i>	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.
Frigatebird, sp.		Observed by S. Lamond on 9/20/18 in Keene following passage of Hurricane Florence. A detailed written description and sketch were provided, Although this was initially recorded as a Magnificent Frigatebird, the sighting was changed to "Frigatebird, sp." since Lesser Frigatebird cannot be ruled out.
Anhinga	<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>	Four single observer records have been accepted by the NHRBC, most recently a record of two birds circling overhead in Hanover on 5/7/14. However, none meet criteria for acceptance on state list.
Violet-green Swallow	<i>Tachycineta thalassina</i>	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.
Brambling	<i>Fringilla montifringilla</i>	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.
Smith's Longspur	<i>Calcarius pictus</i>	A Smith's Longspur was found on 12/18/14 in Sandwich by T. Vazzano, and R. Ridgely. This sighting was accepted by the NHRBC as hypothetical due to alack of photo and/or <3 observers

Appendix A

The New Hampshire State Bird List – 2010 Edition

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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 page 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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