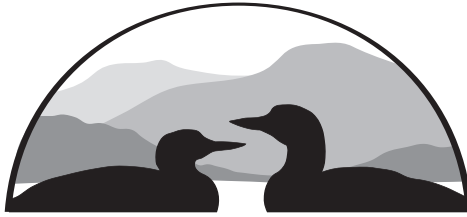


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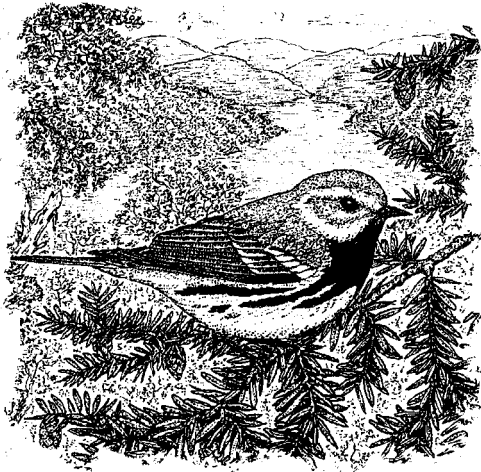
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by Rebecca Suomala

Another Color Cover!

For the second time we are able to bring you a color cover, thanks to a generous donation from David Donsker sponsoring this issue. We are very grateful for this continuing support of *New Hampshire Bird Records*. It is very exciting to provide this kind of added quality to the publication. If you are interested in sponsoring an issue, please contact me.

A New Summer Editor

This issue marks the last one with Bill Taffe as Summer Editor, a role he took on in 2000. Despite the fact that he originally signed on as Assistant Editor, he jumped into the editorial role with great courage before gaining any experience as an assistant. During his time as editor he has also taken on the coordination of the “Where to Bird” feature, become the Web master of our new Web site (www.nhbirdrecords.org), and served as all-around map-maker for any article needing a map. Fortunately he will continue with these other responsibilities. We thank Bill for all of his hard work as Summer Editor and look forward to his continuing involvement with *New Hampshire Bird Records*.

We are pleased to welcome Tony Vazzano as the new Summer Editor. Tony has been a long-time reporter for *New Hampshire Bird Records* and also volunteered to create weather summaries for each season editor. He is an active birder and many of you will be familiar with his reports of Hoary Redpolls and other interesting sightings from the Sandwich area, as well as his *New Hampshire Bird Records* article about birding in that region. It is with great pleasure that we welcome him to his new role.

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web site, www.nhbirdrecords.org, for report
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reporting guidelines, and
documentation forms for rarities.

New Photo Quiz



Can You Identify This Bird?

Answer on page 58
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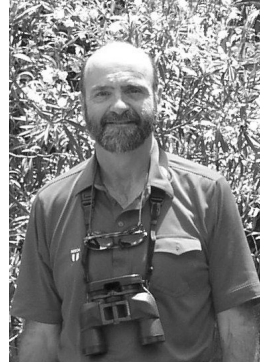
Summer Season

June 1 through July 31, 2005

by Bill Taffe, Summer Editor

Weather

June was warm and wet with temperatures 3.5 degrees above normal and rainfall almost 2" above normal. July weather was typical, both in temperature and precipitation. Tropical storm Cindy however, brought many Wilson's Storm-Petrels closer to the coast with its onshore winds early in July.



Bill Taffe

Summer Highlights

Isles of Shoals – Biologists on White and Seavey Islands at the Isles of Shoals staffed the Tern Restoration project again in the summer of 2005 and provided very regular bird reports. Among the highlights were 7,500 **Common Terns**, 4,500 **Roseate Terns**, and 20 **Arctic Terns**. In addition to the nesting terns, the biologists noted several species rarely, if ever, seen on the mainland: **Atlantic Puffin**, **Razorbill**, **Black Tern**, **Black Guillemot**, **Common Murre**, and **American Oystercatcher**.

Coastal – The big news at the coast was the appearance of both King and Clapper Rails in the same marsh in Hampton. Each species is extremely rare and the chance of both appearing provoked great excitement among birders for several weeks. A tropical storm helped push over 1,000 Wilson's Storm-Petrels closer to the coast on July 9.

Inland – **Virginia Rails** were unusually abundant. The restoration of Bald Eagles, Peregrine Falcons, and Osprey continued to show success. **Breeding Red-bellied Woodpecker** reports are on the rise. Yellow-billed Cuckoos, **Eastern Towhees**, and **Brown Thrashers** were reported in greater numbers than normal. A **White-crowned Sparrow** was seen in New Ipswich in June. Birders hiking along high mountain trails in the White Mountains reported several instances of significantly high numbers of northern species such as Boreal Chickadees, Blackpoll Warblers, and others.



Clapper Rail by Stephen R. Mirick, 6/25/05, Hampton marshes, Hampton, NH.

Waterfowl, Grouse & Allies



White-winged Scoter by Stephen R. Mirick, 7/9/05, NH coast.

Many of the Canada Goose observations below were of family groups. **Brant** is a rare observation during the summer months. Scoter are also unusual in summer; the observations below were typical with White-winged being just a bit more common than either Surf or Black Scoters. Common Goldeneye breeds in New Hampshire from Errol northward, so the sighting at First Connecticut Lake represents a typical location where they can be seen in summer. Observers of the first three June sightings of Hooded Mergansers reported one adult and several juveniles. The “hoodie” reported by Ben Griffith was at 3,100', not the elevation we usually associate with this species. Common Merganser, although found in the Lakes Region, is quite rare in the southern part of the state during June and July. The 13 reported in Gilsum were mothers and young on the Ashuelot River. The *Atlas of Breeding Birds in New Hampshire* recorded Common Merganser breeding in Hancock, not far from Gilsum. Observers noted the Red-breasted Merganser on Meadow Pond as being present throughout most of July.

Erik Nielsen noted that the two Wild Turkeys were “our first for Pittsburg.” Two observers reported **Northern Bobwhites**; it is believed that such birds currently occurring in New Hampshire are most likely released or escaped captives.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Canada Goose				
June	6 families	Concord	Turkey Pond & other area ponds	R. Quinn
06-17	25	Pittsburg	First Connecticut L., Scott Bog, East Inlet	R. Quinn, Capital Area Chapter FT
06-18	7	Brentwood	North Rd. at Washington Dr.	T. Bronson
06-21	12	Wakefield	Union Meadows Pond, Rt. 153	T. Bronson
07-12	16	Rye	Odiome Pt. St. Pk.	T. Bronson
07-29	6	Kensington	farm at Rt. 150 & Rt. 108	T. Bronson
07-31	46	Fremont	Martin Rd.	T. Bronson, N. Nelson
07-31	8	Bedford	Rt. 101 s. of Stowell Rd.	T. Bronson, N. Nelson
Brant				
06-12	1	Rye	Rye Ledge	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
Wood Duck				
06-10	7	Kingston	Rt. 107 at Powwow River Marsh	T. Bronson
06-12	4	Durham	marsh across from Colby Marsh	T. Bronson
06-17	6	Rochester	Pickering Ponds trails	T. Bronson
06-24	12	Concord	Hoit Road Marsh	R. Quinn, R. Woodward
06-30	6	Concord	South End Marsh	R. Quinn, R. Woodward
07-21	5	Brentwood	Brentwood Mitigation Area	T. Bronson
07-23	11	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis
07-23	11	Haverhill	Bedell Bridge	J. Williams

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Wood Duck—continued				
07-26	13	Deering	Johnson's Pond	T. Bronson
07-31	4	Hollis	Beaver Brook Association trails	T. Bronson, N. Nelson
American Black Duck				
06-22	3	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-24	5	Concord	Hoit Road Marsh	R. Quinn, R. Woodward
07-10	3	Concord	Turkey Pond	R. Quinn
Mallard				
06-13	6	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M.Barney, D.Hayward, M.Waniga, D.DeLuca, R.Suomala
06-14	18	Stratham	Sandy Pt. Discovery Center	T. Bronson
06-14	175	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	T. Bronson
06-24	8	Concord	Hoit Road Marsh	R. Quinn, R. Woodward
07-15	12	Tamworth	White Lake St. Pk.	P. Hunt
Green-winged Teal				
06-19	1	Pittsburg	East Inlet	R. Quinn, Capital Area Chapter FT
Ring-necked Duck				
06-09	5	Errol	Androscoggin R.	R. Quinn, M. Boulanger
06-09	5	Dummer	Pontook Reservoir	R. Quinn, M. Boulanger
06-19	3	Pittsburg	East Inlet	R. Quinn, Capital Area Chapter FT
06-20	4	Pittsburg	Scott Bog Rd.	E. Nielsen
Scaup sp.				
07-21	1	Brentwood	Brentwood Reclamation Area, Pine Rd. s. of Rt. 101	T. Bronson
Common Eider				
06-06	110	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Waniga, D. Hayward
06-19	119	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga
07-09	90	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga
07-12	7	Rye	Pulpit Rocks	T. Bronson
07-12	12	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	T. Bronson
07-29	4	Rye	Foss Beach	T. Bronson
Surf Scoter				
07-09	2	Hampton	Bicentennial Park	S. Mirick
White-winged Scoter				
06-12	8		NH coast	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
07-09	2		NH coast	S. Mirick
07-31	3	N. Hampton	Little Boars Head	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
Black Scoter				
07-16	3	Hampton	Little Boars Head	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
Common Goldeneye				
06-05	1	Swanzy	Wilson Pond	J. Smith
06-13	2	Pittsburg	First Connecticut Lake	B.& D. Fox

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Hooded Merganser				
06-18	10	Newington	Great Bay NWR	M. & R. Suomala
06-20	6	Canterbury	Peverly Meadow	R. Quinn
06-24	6	Concord	Hoit Road Marsh	R. Quinn, R. Woodward
06-30	3	Swanzy	Keene Airport	P. Hunt
07-26	1	Livermore	Nancy Pond Trail	B. Griffith
07-28	1	Concord	Steeplegate Mall pond	R. Quinn
Common Merganser				
06-14	1	Hampton	Meadow Pond	T. Bronson
06-22	18	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-24	1	Concord	Hoit Road Marsh	R. Quinn, R. Woodward
07-15	13	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow Rd.	M. Wright
Red-breasted Merganser				
06-12	15		NH coast	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
07-12	1	Hampton	Meadow Pond	B. Griffith
Spruce Grouse				
06-23	1	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen
07-08	1	Pittsburg	East Inlet & vicinity	B. Griffith
07-23	1	Lincoln	Mt. Flume	C. Dalton
07-24	1	Bethlehem	Avalon Trail at 3800 ft.	J. Stockwell
Wild Turkey				
06-19	2	Pittsburg	Smith Brook Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-20	1	Dummer	Bayview Cabin	C. Martin
07-06	5	Newington	Pease Int'l. Tradeport	D. Donsker, P. Miliotis
07-21	21	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow Rd.	M. Wright
Northern Bobwhite				
07-21	1	Chichester	residence	M. Suomala
07-21	5	Lee	residence	P. Brown, M. Majko

Loons, Grebes, Shearwaters, Storm-Petrels, Gannets & Cormorants

The **Pied-billed Grebe** report in Piermont was an adult with six chicks. Several observers reported a Pied-billed Grebe behind Little Jack's Restaurant, a very unusual location for a Pied-billed Grebe during the summer. The Horned Grebe south of Odiorne Point was present throughout the month of July and was similarly reported by seven different observers. It is a rare species for the summer months and remained in one small cove for the



Pied-billed Grebe by Stephen R. Mirick, 7/4/05, Hampton, NH.

entire summer, causing observers to speculate on whether it was injured in some way. In summer, Double-crested Cormorants are abundant at the coast, but uncommon inland, so

the inland reports below are of note. Onshore winds from a coastal storm helped bring an incredible number of Wilson's Storm-Petrels to the coast on July 9. This species is usually found much farther from land but in the past few years there has been an increase in the number of **Wilson's Storm-Petrels** seen from the New Hampshire coast. This is the second year in a row in which numbers have exceeded 1,000, yet in the 1990s totals from the coast never exceeded 200. The reason for this recent phenomenon is not known, but it may be that the birds are exploiting food resources closer to shore, or that the pelagic food resources they normally feed on have declined.

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Common Loon				
06-12	11		NH coast	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
06-12	1	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
06-13	4	Jefferson	Cherry Pond	D. Govatski, K. Holmgren
06-17	1	Somersworth	Willand Pond Trails	T. Bronson
06-17	1	Rochester	Pickering Ponds trails	T. Bronson
06-17	7	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga
06-19	4	Pittsburg	East Inlet	R. Quinn, Capital Area Chapter FT
06-20	6	Pittsburg	First Lake	E. Nielsen
06-21	1	Eaton	Hoyt WS	T. Bronson
07-15	1	Tamworth	White Lake St. Pk.	P. Hunt
07-21	2	New Durham	Meaders Point Rd. on lake	G. Prazar
07-28	2	New Durham	Marchs Pond	P. Hunt, M. Reinhardt
07-28	1	New Durham	Merrymeeting Lake	P. Hunt, M. Reinhardt
Pied-billed Grebe				
06-19	2	Pittsburg	East Inlet	R. Quinn, Capital Area Chapter FT
07-06	1	Hampton	marsh behind Little Jack's Restaurant	D. Donsker, P. Miliotis
07-07	2	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
07-08	2	Pittsburg	East Inlet & vicinity	B. Griffith
07-15	1	Hampton	marsh behind Little Jack's Restaurant	S. Mirick
07-23	7	Piermont	Lily Pond	J. Williams
Horned Grebe				
07-01	1	Rye	cove s. of Odiorne Point	S. Mirick
07-31	1	Rye	cove s. of Odiorne Point	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
Greater Shearwater				
07-04	1		offshore waters	E. Masterson
07-04	1		Jeffreys Ledge	E. Masterson
Sooty Shearwater				
06-16	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga
07-04	1		offshore waters	E. Masterson
Wilson's Storm-Petrel				
06-06	14	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Waniga, D. Hayward
06-17	28	Rye	between Lunging & Star Is., Isles of Shoals	R. Suomala
07-04	450		Jeffreys Ledge	E. Masterson
07-06	30	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	D. Donsker, P. Miliotis

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07-07	47	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga
07-09	1030		NH coast	S. Mirick
Northern Gannet				
06-14	25	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga
06-15	32	N. Hampton	Little Boars Head	S. Mirick
07-09	2		NH coast	S. Mirick
Double-crested Cormorant				
06-09	306	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward
06-13	1	Pittsburg	First Connecticut Lake	B. & D. Fox
06-18	13	Exeter	Squamscott R. at Phillips Exeter Academy boathouse	T. Bronson
06-23	1	Concord	Contoocook Is.	P. Hunt
07-02	3	Hollis	Beaver Pond on N. Pepperell St.	M. Resch
07-03	1	Alton	Merrymeeting Marsh	R. & M. Suomala
07-15	4	Berlin	Androscoggin R.	R. Quinn, T. Richards
07-21	3	Brentwood	Brentwood Mitigation Area	T. Bronson

Bitterns, Herons & Egrets, New World Vultures

The six **Green Heron** reported from Concord is a very high number for that location, and according to the observer, the highest number inland in over a decade. The **Cattle Egret** at the Isles of Shoals was an interesting find.

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American Bittern				
06-07	2	Dorchester	pond by Rt.118	J. & J. Williams
06-09	2	Dummer	Pontook Reservoir	R. Quinn, M. Boulanger
06-13	2	Jefferson	Cherry Pond	D. Govatsky
06-13	2	Pittsburg	First Connecticut Lake	B. & D. Fox
06-16	1	Keene	Three-Mile Reservoir	M. Wright
06-28	1	Lyman	Lyman Rd.	S. & M. Turner
07-02	1	Hollis	Beaver Brook	M. Resch
Great Blue Heron				
06-10	19	S. Hampton	Brookside WS	T. Bronson
06-12	6	Durham	Colby Marsh	T. Bronson
07-15	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga
07-18	18	Hopkinton	Stumpfield Marsh	D. & B. Soule
07-21	5	Brentwood	Brentwood Mitigation Area	T. Bronson
Snowy Egret				
06-14	16	Rye	marsh at Rt. 1A & Locke Rd.	T. Bronson
06-22	3	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga
Little Blue Heron				
06-15	1	Rye	Rye marshes	S. Mirick
07-16	1	Lyme	downtown	C. Sexton

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Cattle Egret				
06-24	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga
Green Heron				
06-01	1	Nashua	Nashua Airport	P. Hunt
06-11	1	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	R. Woodward
06-13	1	Plainfield	McNamara Dairy on River Rd.	C. Martin
06-14	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	T. Bronson
06-16	1	Claremont	Claremont Airport	P. Hunt
06-19	1	Hampton	Hampton Beach	M. & G. Prazar
06-21	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis Jr.
07-01	1	Canterbury	sod farm	T. Bronson
07-04	1	Dummer	Androscoggin R. below Paul Bofinger recreational area	L. & Yvonne Jenkins
07-08	2	Hampton	marsh behind Little Jack's Restaurant	R. & M. Suomala
07-10	1	Concord	Turkey Pond	R. Quinn
07-11	1	Lisbon	Rt. 302, Ammonoosuc River	S. & M. Turner
07-12	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	T. Bronson
07-13	5	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	P. Hunt, M. Marchand
07-30	6	Concord	marsh at Steeplegate Mall	R. Woodward, P. Hunt
Black-crowned Night-Heron				
06-18	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga
06-22	1	Hampton	along Rt. 101	J. Smith
07-06	1	Seabrook	Fisherman's Coop.	D. Donsker, P. Miliotis
07-12	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	T. Bronson
07-25	1	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
Glossy Ibis				
06-25	6	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga
07-15	1	Newmarket	off Bay Road	S. Mirick
07-16	3	Hampton	Hampton marsh, flying by water tower	R. & M. Suomala
Turkey Vulture				
06-21	16	Wakefield	Rt. 153 at Hgwy. Dept. garage	T. Bronson
06-21	2	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen
07-17	15	Lebanon	overhead off Rt. 12A	P. Newbern

Raptors

In addition to data submitted by birders, monitoring projects for Bald Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, and Osprey provide excellent data on those species and New Hampshire Audubon's Chris Martin prepares an annual summary which gives a fine overview. Bald Eagles set a new post-DDT era record for territorial pairs (10) and tied last year's record for successful nests (6) and fledged young (11). The Lake Umbagog region now has three nesting pairs. Peregrine Falcons had two fewer incubating pairs (12) than the previous year, but productivity at successful nests (8) reached an average of 3.0 chicks/pair, yielding a respectable 24 chicks fledged in 2005. Osprey are now

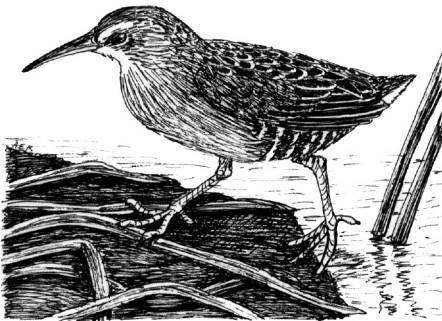
broadly distributed across four of New Hampshire's five watersheds (Androscoggin, Merrimack, and Connecticut Rivers, and Piscataqua River/Coastal). Only the Saco River watershed currently lacks breeding Osprey. The species had a record-breaking summer, posting new highs in several categories: Osprey occupied 54 nests; they incubated eggs in 48 of these nests and fledged 62 young.

The Merlins reported from an island in Lake Winnepesaukee were a breeding pair with three fledglings. Breeding this far south in New Hampshire is extremely unusual for Merlins.

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Osprey				
06-02	1	Derry	Big Island Pond	G. Gavutis Jr.
06-03	2	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis Jr.
06-07	4	Hampton	Hampton Marsh off Rail Trail	T. Bronson
06-12	2	Durham	Colby Marsh	T. Bronson
06-14	2	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	T. Bronson
07-09	4	S. Hampton	Brookside WS	E. Masterson, J. Berry, S. McGrath
07-11	2	Littleton	Monroe/Littleton powerline	S. & M. Turner
07-11	1	Lisbon	Rt. 302, Ammonoosuc R.	S. & M. Turner
07-15	4	Dummer	Pontook Reservoir west	R. Quinn, T. Richards
07-18	5	Hill	Foster Swamp	I. MacLeod
07-28	1	New Durham	Powdermill Fish Hatchery	P. Hunt, M. Reinhardt
07-31	2	Hampton	Hampton Marshes	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
Bald Eagle				
06-13	1	Lyman	Dodge Pond	S. & M. Turner
06-16	1	Hopkinton	Elm Brook St. Pk.	W. Harris, et al.
06-19	1	Concord	Bow Junction	I. MacLeod
06-20	1	Pittsburg	Coon Brook Rd.	E. Nielsen
07-12	1	Canterbury	Merrimack R. at old Boscawen bridge	P. Hunt
Northern Harrier				
06-09	2	Dummer	Pontook Reservoir	R. Quinn, M. Boulanger
07-04	1	Hampton Falls	marshes along railroad bed	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
07-15	1	Dummer	Pontook Reservoir west	R. Quinn, T. Richards
07-17	1	Jefferson	Cherry Pond	D. Govatsky, P. Brown, B. Ball
07-24	1	Concord	Goodwin Point	R. Woodward, R. Quinn
Cooper's Hawk				
06-20	3	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis Jr.
06-30	1	Swanzy	Keene Airport	P. Hunt
07-06	1	Newington	Pease Int'l. Tradeport	D. Donsker, P. Miliotis
07-10	1	Concord	Contoocook Is.	P. Hunt
07-16	1	Lyman	Dodge Pond	S. & M. Turner
Northern Goshawk				
06-17	1	Hillsborough	Windsor Rd.	I. MacLeod
07-23	1	Tuftonboro	Lower Beach Pond	B. & D. Fox
Broad-winged Hawk				
06-20	2	Fremont	Ingalls Lane	T. Bronson
06-20	2	Pittsburg	Scott Bog Rd.	E. Nielsen

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Broad-winged Hawk—continued				
06-23	1	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-24	1	Northfield	Sondogardy Pond	P. Hunt
07-21	1	New Durham	North Shore Rd.	M. & G. Prazar
07-31	3	Hillsborough	Windsor Rd.	I. MacLeod
American Kestrel				
06-17	1	Pittsburg	Rt .3	E. Nielsen
06-19	1	Concord	Concord Airport	R. Woodward
06-19	1	Pittsburg	Smith Brook Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-21	1	Kingston	Webster Wildlife Area	P. Hunt
06-22	1	Nashua	Nashua Airport	P. Hunt
06-28	2	Dummer	Bayview Cabin	C. Martin
06-29	1	Errol	Magalloway R. at Leonard Marsh	C. Martin, D. Kramar
06-30	1	Swanzy	Keene Airport	P. Hunt
07-07	1	Manchester	old Manchester landfill	P. Hunt
07-21	3	Concord	Stickney Hill Rd.	R. Woodward
07-24	2	Concord	Mountain Rd.	R. Woodward
Merlin				
06-06	1	T&M Purchase	Mt. Washington Auto Road	R. Crowley
06-18	1	Pittsburg	Magalloway Mountain Rd.	R. Quinn
06-18	1	Pittsburg	Second Lake	E. Nielsen
06-24	1	Whitefield	airport	S. McGrath
07-11	1	Carroll	Twin Mountain, Rt. 3 near the airport	J. Williams
07-14	1	Jefferson	Cherry Pond	D. Govatsky, P. Brown, B. Ball
07-16	1	Shelburne	Rt. 2, 2 mi. from Rt. 16	P. Hunt
07-24	1	Plymouth	Old Fairgrounds	J. Williams
07-28	1	Errol	Androwcoggin River	C. Martin
07-29	4	Alton	Treasure Is., Lake Winnepesaukee	C. Nims
07-31	1	Hampton	Meadow Pond	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence

Waders and Shorebirds



Virginia Rail by Andrea Robbins.

The big news of the summer involved rails: both **King** and **Clapper Rails** were seen in Hampton Marsh. From about June 12–30 many observers heard or saw a King Rail in the marsh. New Hampshire had several annual sightings of King Rail in the 1960s, but the population declined in the 1970s and only a few have been observed since 1976. Observers also heard and saw Clapper Rails deep in Hampton Marsh during late June into mid-July and there was one fully documented sighting of three individual birds. Bob Quinn remarked on the NH.Birds listserv, “Regarding both Clapper and King Rails being seen together in New Hampshire—there is one other time that

I am aware of when this happened. At an Audubon Society Annual Meeting (no less) on June 4, 1961 both King and Clapper Rails were tallied.” The last report of a Clapper Rail in New Hampshire was at Eel Pond in Rye in 1982.

Virginia Rails were reported more often than in previous summers. In the past decade we’ve typically had approximately 15 Virginia Rails reported, but this year we had 43! The last “big year” for Virginia Rails was 1999 when 46 were reported.

The Monroe Sandhill Crane faithfully returned for the seventh consecutive summer.

Piping Plovers had a very difficult summer on New Hampshire beaches. Three pairs nested and then re-nested after being washed out by storms, some adults were lost to feral cats and other unknown causes, and fireworks activity appeared to disrupt nesting to some extent. Several eggs failed to hatch and three chicks hatched in very poor condition; two survived, were raised in captivity in the Center for Wildlife in York, Maine, and were released on August 10. They were the only known fledglings of the summer. Semipalmated Plover reports nicely show the end of spring and beginning of fall migrations. Lesser Yellowlegs are not usually found at the coast in June but begin to appear around the first of July. The 18 at the coast on June 25 represent an unusually large group of southbound migrants several days early. Willets are local nesters in the salt marshes of Hampton and Seabrook and then appear in larger numbers in mid-July when migration begins. Observers at Meadow Pond reported “2 dive-bombed us, indicating nesting,” and the observers on July 8 also suggested nesting when they indicated “several defensive pairs” at one of the better-known locations for nesting Willets. The White-rumped Sandpipers on June 2 and 6 were probably late northbound migrants, and it’s very unusual to see them inland. The Spotted Sandpipers listed for the Isles of Shoals were breeding and present throughout the summer. **American Oystercatchers** appeared at the Isles of Shoals where one was also seen in 2003. This species is expanding its nesting range northward and is now nesting in Maine. The June report of a Wilson’s Snipe in Keene is an unusually far south location for mid-summer. During the Breeding Bird Atlas there were no confirmed breeding locations for this area of the state.

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Clapper Rail				
06-25	3	Hampton	saltmarsh out from church parking lot off Rt. 101	D. Donsker, D. Finch, D. Abbott, D. Green, J. Lawrence, M. Resch, et al.
06-25	2	Hampton	deep marsh ne. of the church & water tower on Rt. 101	S. Mirick, D. Donsker
07-01	1	Hampton	marsh n. of Rt. 101	B. Griffith, S. Mirick
07-08	1	Hampton	marsh behind Little Jack’s Restaurant	R. & M. Suomala
King Rail				
06-12	1	Hampton	Little Jack’s Restaurant	W. Fritz, H. King, N. & M. Freeman, M. & L. Conrad, B. Beckler
06-18	1	Hampton	marsh behind Little Jack’s Restaurant	D. Donsker, W. Fritz, H. King
06-19	1	Hampton	marsh behind Little Jack’s Restaurant	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence, M. & G. Prazar

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Virginia Rail				
06-05	2	Tamworth	Rt 113, Jackman Pond outlet	T. Vazzano, et al.
06-09	3	Dummer	Pontook Reservoir	R. Quinn, M. Boulanger
06-12	1	Durham	marsh off Packers Falls Road	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
06-24	3	Concord	Hoit Road Marsh	R. Quinn, R. Woodward
06-26	2	Hampton	marsh behind Little Jack's Restaurant	M. & G. Prazar
06-30	6	Concord	South End Marsh	R. Quinn, R. Woodward
07-01	1	Dublin	Mud Pond	R. Quinn, E. Masterson
07-01	7	Portsmouth	marsh along Borthwick Ave.	D. Green, D. Finch, D. Abbott
07-02	2	Weare	Perkins Pond WMA, west end marsh	G. Gavutis Jr.
07-06	2	Newington	Pease Int'l. Tradeport	D. Donsker, P. Miliotis
07-10	1	Concord	Turkey Pond	R. Quinn
07-18	8	Concord	Locke Road marsh	R. Quinn
07-24	2	Concord	Goodwin Point	R. Woodward, R. Quinn
07-30	3	Concord	marsh at Steeplegate Mall	R. Woodward, P. Hunt
07-30	1	Concord	cattail marsh on Rt. 106	R. Woodward, P. Hunt
Sora				
06-12	2	Durham	marsh off Packers Falls Road	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
Sandhill Crane				
07-05	1	Monroe	Connecticut R.	J. Cate
Black-bellied Plover				
06-01	30	Rye	Odiorne Point	L. Hansche
07-23	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	P. Brown
07-31	15	Rye	off Rt. 1A	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
Semipalmated Plover				
06-07	1	Seabrook	Seabrook Harbor	T. Bronson
07-08	3	Hampton	marsh behind Little Jack's Restaurant	R. & M. Suomala
07-09	1	N. Hampton	Little River Saltmarsh	E. Masterson
07-13	3	Hampton	Henry's pool, Rt. 101E by pumphouse	T. Bronson
07-20	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	R. Suomala, D. DeLuca, I. Nisbet, M. Waniga
07-22	55	Seabrook	Fisherman's Coop	J. Williams
07-29	12	Hampton	Hampton Marsh at Rt. 101	T. Bronson
07-29	7	Rye	cove s. of Odiorne Point St. Pk.	T. Bronson
07-31	200		NH coast	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
Killdeer				
06-30	9	Swanzy	Keene Airport	P. Hunt
07-10	61	Fremont	Martin Rd.	T. Bronson
07-14	4	Merrimack	fields behind Anheuser-Busch	P. Hunt
07-23	5	Piermont	Lily Pond	J. Williams
07-28	3	Concord	roof of Steeplegate Mall	R. Quinn
American Oystercatcher				
06-23	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward
07-26	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga, H. Jessop
Greater Yellowlegs				
06-07	2	Hampton Falls	marsh at Depot Rd.	T. Bronson
07-01	1	Seabrook	off Rt. 286	S. Mirick

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07-02	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga
07-08	1	Hampton	marsh behind Little Jack's Restaurant	R. & M. Suomala
07-29	1	Hampton	end of Landing Rd.	T. Bronson
Lesser Yellowlegs				
06-25	18	Hampton	Hampton marshes	S. Mirick, D. Abbott, D. Finch, et al.
07-01	2		NH coast	S. Mirick
07-01	3	Hampton	saltmarshes	B. Griffith
07-12	10	Hampton	Henry's Pool, Rt. 101E by pumphouse	B. Griffith
07-30	1	Concord	marsh at Steeplegate Mall	R. Woodward, P. Hunt
Solitary Sandpiper				
07-30	1	Concord	marsh at Steeplegate Mall	R. Woodward, P. Hunt
Willet				
06-06	2	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	N. Waniga, D. Hayward
07-04	6	Hampton	Meadow Pond	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
07-08	15	Hampton	marsh behind Little Jack's Restaurant	R. & M. Suomala
07-09	17	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	S. Mirick
Spotted Sandpiper				
06-06	4	Rumney	residence meadows	J. & J. Williams, M. Tarr
06-12	4	Durham	Moore fields, Rt. 155A	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
06-14	1	Hampton	end of Landing Rd.	T. Bronson
07-02	16	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga
07-12	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	T. Bronson
07-21	1	Brentwood	Brentwood Mitigation Area	T. Bronson
Upland Sandpiper				
June	2	Newington	Great Bay NWR	M. Suomala
Whimbrel				
07-09	3	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	E. Masterson
07-12	2	Seabrook	harbor	B. Griffith
07-15	6	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Waniga, R. Suomala, D. DeLuca, S. Barnum
07-31	5	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	J. O'Shaughnessy
Hudsonian Godwit				
07-17	1	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	I. MacLeod
07-24	2	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	S. Mirick
Ruddy Turnstone				
06-27	2	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga
07-15	5	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Waniga, R. Suomala, D. DeLuca, S. Barnum
07-19	20	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	R. Suomala, S. Burbidge, M. Waniga
07-29	83	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, J. Derrick
07-30	30	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence, et al.

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Red Knot				
07-30	2	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, J. Derrick, et al.
Sanderling				
07-29	9	Rye	Foss Beach	T. Bronson
07-31	50		NH coast	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
Semipalmated Sandpiper				
07-03	13	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga
07-13	3	Hampton	Landing Rd.	T. Bronson
07-29	107	Hampton	Hampton marsh at Rt. 1	T. Bronson
07-31	700		NH coast	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
Least Sandpiper				
06-08	32	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. Hayward
07-01	5	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	B. Griffith
07-08	30	Hampton	marsh behind Little Jack's Restaurant	R. & M. Suomala
07-08	1	Swanzy	Keene Airport	P. Hunt
07-09	30	N. Hampton	Little River saltmarsh	E. Masterson
07-10	120	Rye	Rye marshes	S. Mirick
07-13	42	Hampton	Landing Rd.	T. Bronson
07-15	4	Fremont	Martin Rd.	T. Bronson
07-15	28	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga, R. Suomala, D. DeLuca, S. Barnum
07-31	50		NH Coast	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
White-rumped Sandpiper				
06-02	2	Canterbury	Intervale Rd. sod farm, river trail	T. Bronson
06-06	3	Hinsdale	near Vernon Dam	J. Smith
Peeps (<i>Calidris</i> sp.)				
07-15	30	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga
07-17	454		NH coast	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
Purple Sandpiper				
06-01	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Waniga, R. Suomala
06-14	2	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga
07-24	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	P. Brown
Short-billed Dowitcher				
07-01	5	Hampton	saltmarshes	B. Griffith
07-04	6	Hampton	Meadow Pond	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
07-09	47	Hampton	NH coast	S. Mirick
07-12	64	Hampton	Landing Rd.	J. O'Saughnessy
07-15	300	Rye	boat from Isles of Shoals to mainland	D. Hayward, M. Barney
07-15	221	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga, R. Suomala, D. DeLuca, S. Barnum
07-31	15	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	J. O'Saughnessy

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Wilson's Snipe				
06-10	1	Errol	Tidswell Point survey route, Lake Umbagog	G. Gavutis Jr.
06-18	1	Tamworth	Jackman Pond area	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
06-22	1	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-30	1	Swanzy	Keene Airport	P. Hunt
07-01	1	Dublin	Mud Pond	E. Masterson, R. Quinn
07-08	20	Pittsburg	East Inlet & vicinity	B. Griffith

Gulls & Terns, Alcids

Bonaparte's Gulls are primarily coastal birds though even there they are uncommon for most of the summer; inland sightings, such as the ones in Concord and Hinsdale, are extremely rare (see the back cover). The Lesser Black-backed Gull was a nice find. Terns, unlike gulls, are in New Hampshire only during the warmer months, and even then, **Least Terns**, such as those reported below, are uncommon to fairly rare. The tern colony at Seavey Island was similar in size to the previous summer, although this year there were slightly fewer Roseate Terns and a few more Arctic Terns. Black Guillemots, although fairly rare along the coast in summer, are relatively common all summer around the Isles of Shoals, with the highest count listed below. The Isles of Shoals also had **Atlantic Puffins** on three occasions, and two **Common Murre**.

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Laughing Gull				
06-12	6		NH coast	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
06-16	6	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga
07-01	1	Rye	Jeness Beach	S. Mirick
07-14	1	Hampton	Bicentennial Park beach	B. Griffith, M. Kemp, J. & D. Bosler
Bonaparte's Gull				
07-01	5	Rye	Jeness Beach	S. Mirick
07-07	2	Hinsdale	Connecticut R.	J. McBride
07-29	1	N. Hampton	Little Boars Head	T. Bronson
07-31	18		NH coast	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
07-31	1	Concord	Long Pond	R. Quinn
Lesser Black-backed Gull				
06-07	1	Rye	Jeness Beach	S. Mirick
Great Black-backed Gull				
07-02	55	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga
07-15	100	Berlin	Androscoggin R. opposite VFW	R. Quinn, T. Richards

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Roseate Tern				
06-02	80	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Waniga, R. Suomala, D. Hayward
06-18	130	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga
06-22	3	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	J. Smith
07-01	2	Hampton Falls	marshes e. of Depot Rd.	B. Griffith
07-09	3	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	E. Masterson
07-10	145	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga
07-12	2	Seabrook	harbor	B. Griffith
07-27	200	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward
Common Tern				
06-02	3500	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Waniga, R. Suomala, D. Hayward
06-06	33	New Castle	Piscataqua R.	R. Suomala
06-12	4100	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga, D. DeLuca, R. Suomala
07-04	6	Hampton	Meadow Pond	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
07-08	6	Hampton	marsh behind Little Jack's Restaurant	R. & M. Suomala
07-10	4400	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga
07-12	5000	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga
07-27	7500	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward
Arctic Tern				
06-01	10	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Waniga, R. Suomala
06-12	20	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga, D. DeLuca, R. Suomala
07-31	20	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward
Least Tern				
07-01	1	Hampton	Meadow Pond	S. Mirick
07-14	1	Hampton	Meadow Pond	B. Griffith, M. Kemp, J. & D. Bosler
07-17	1	Seabrook	along Rt. 286	M. Resch
Black Tern				
06-06	1	Hancock	Powder Mill Pond	E. Masterson, D. & L. Stokes, R. Frechette, et al.
06-24	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga
07-06	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga
Tern sp.				
06-11	118	New Castle	Piscataqua R.	R. Suomala
Common Murre				
06-15	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga
06-29	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. Hayward

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Razorbill				
06-16	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga
Black Guillemot				
06-12	5		NH coast	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
06-14	13	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga
06-15	1	N. Hampton	Little Boar's Head	S. Mirick
07-06	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	D. Donsker, P. Miliotis
07-17	1	N. Hampton	Little Boar's Head	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
Atlantic Puffin				
06-14	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga
06-17	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga
07-04	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. Taylor
Alcid sp.				
06-16	3	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga

Cuckoos, Owls, Nightjars, Swifts, Hummingbirds, Kingfishers, Woodpeckers

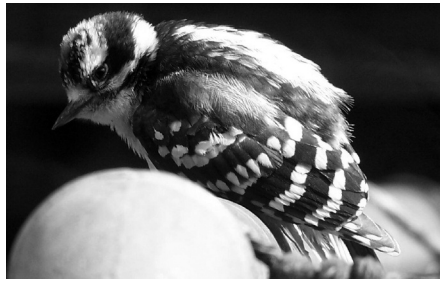
A parakeet looking very similar to a Red-masked Parakeet was observed and recorded on video by Chris Martin and Jason Philippy while it flew over Merrymeeting Marsh in New Durham on July 5. Where it came from is pure conjecture, but it is most probably an escaped bird; nonetheless it's an interesting report. Cuckoos were not as numerous as last summer, but were still reported in very significant numbers, especially Yellow-billed Cuckoos. This species is uncommon in New Hampshire, so when Bob Quinn and Rob Woodward recorded their fourth on June 24, it was a most amazing day. Although a couple of the **Yellow-billed Cuckoos** reported were seen by the observers, most were "heard only." The Yellow-billed Cuckoo at the Isles of Shoals was very surprising for that location and was seen by other observers during the week before the report listed.

In addition to her two sightings listed below, Mary Wright sent 10 additional reports of a single Common Nighthawk in Keene. This is one of the few remaining cities in New Hampshire where nighthawks still appear to nest.

New Hampshire Audubon's Pam Hunt supervised the third year of a Whip-poor-will monitoring project and summarized the results as follows: fifty four (54) Whip-poor-wills were detected on 18 of 43 routes. An additional 43 other "off route" Whip-poor-wills were reported to the project. Whip-poor-wills can be quite common from Canterbury south in the Merrimack Valley and the northeast corner of the Piscataquog River watershed in Weare and Goffstown. A high-density location of Whip-poor-wills is found in the Ossipee pine barrens in central Carroll County. Reports

received by *New Hampshire Bird Records*, not part of this formal study, are presented below.

The **Red-bellied Woodpeckers** reported from Chester, Durham, Kensington, and Newmarket all included juveniles. The behavior of the male observed in Nashua was "gathering up a big gob of suet and flying in the same direction each time [suggesting that] this bird is feeding young or a mate on the nest."



Juvenile Downy Woodpecker by Debbie LaValley, 6/19/05, Penacook, NH.

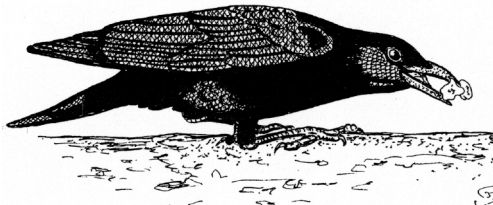
Fourteen Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers on July 14 is an amazing number for a single observer, especially in southern New Hampshire. This is the highest individual report in summer since 1997 when the same observer reported 15 in Errol. In addition to the woodpeckers listed below, we received reports of Downy, Hairy, and Pileated Woodpeckers as well as Northern Flickers, which are all quite common and were seen in usual numbers.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Black-billed Cuckoo				
06-03	1	Newbury	residence	P. Newbern
06-06	4	Hinsdale	near Vernon Dam	J. Smith
06-12	2	Epsom	Epsom BBS	P. Newbern
06-18	1	Hillsborough	Windsor Rd.	I. MacLeod
06-20	1	Conway	Dugway Rd., BBS Route	T. Vazzano
06-26	1	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
06-27	1	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
06-27	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow Rd.	M. Wright
06-27	1	Franconia	hillside along Rt. 3, WMNF	J. & J. Williams
06-29	10	Madison	Trout Pond CA	G. McElroy
07-01	1	Dublin	Mud Pond	R. Quinn, E. Masterson
07-03	1	Freedom	off Ossipee Lake Rd.	R. & M. Suomala
07-03	1	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	P. Newbern
07-17	1	Shelburne	Rt. 2, 2 mi. from Rt. 16	P. Hunt
07-26	1	Bethlehem	Haystack Rd., WMNF	J. Williams, J. Walker
07-28	1	Stark	south of Mill Mountain	C. Martin
Yellow-billed Cuckoo				
06-05	2	Swanzy	Airport Rd. 0.9 mi. past cutoff gate	G. Seymour
06-05	2	Concord	Turkey Pond Survey	R. Woodward
06-06	1	Hinsdale	near Vernon Dam	J. Smith
06-09	1	Conway	Dahl Sanctuary	P. Brown & NHA FT
06-10	1	Hillsborough	Windsor Rd.	I. MacLeod
06-14	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga
06-24	4	Concord	Hoit and Snow Pond Roads	R. Quinn, R. Woodward
06-26	1	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
06-29	4	Madison		G. McElroy
07-03	2	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	P. Newbern
07-20	1	Merrimack	Trowbridge Dr.	T. Young
07-21	1	Lee	residence	P. Brown, M. Majko
07-28	1	Concord	Hooksett Turnpike	R. Woodward

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Eastern Screech-Owl				
06-20	1	Chester	Hillside Haven	A.& B. Delorey
Great Horned Owl				
07-08	1	Pittsburg	East Inlet & vicinity	B. Griffith
07-11	3	Fremont	rail trail just s. of Rt. 107	T. Bronson
07-23	3	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis
Common Nighthawk				
06-02	1	Concord	sw. corner of Main & Pleasant Sts.	R. & M. Suomala
06-21	1	Concord	Regional Dr.	R. Woodward
06-30	1	Keene	Washington and Vernon Sts.	M. Wright
07-01	1	Keene	Colony Mill	M. Wright
07-09	2	Concord	over state house	R. & M. Suomala, T. Waldron
07-13	1	Keene	Main St. & Appian Way, Keene State	M. Wright
07-14	1	Tamworth	White Lake	P. Hunt
07-21	2	Freedom	Ossipee Lake Rd.	B. & D. Fox
07-28	1	Concord	Steeplegate Mall	R. Quinn
Whip-poor-will				
06-01	2	Jefferson	Pondicherry WS	D. Gavatsky
06-11	2	Jefferson	Rt. 116 residence	D. Govatski, K. Holmgren
06-20	1	Chester	Hillside Haven	A. Delorey
06-20	2	Northfield	Northfield Station	P. Hunt
06-20	4	Canterbury	Intervale Rd.	P. Hunt
06-21	2	Concord	Karner Blue easement, Regional Dr.	R. Woodward
07-21	4	Freedom	Ossipee Lake Rd.	B. & D. Fox
Chimney Swift				
06-17	10	Somersworth	Willand Pond Trails	T. Bronson
06-24	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga
06-28	8	Gilsum	village	M. Wright
07-26	12	Woodstock	Whale's Tale, North Woodstock	P. Newbern
Red-bellied Woodpecker				
06-02	1	Hampton	residence	D. Crowley
06-03	1	Bow	Tonga Dr.	R. Woodward
06-06	4	Hinsdale	near Vernon Dam	J. Smith
06-12	1	Exeter	residence	G. Prazar
06-19	3	Newmarket	Bay Rd.	H. & J. Chary
06-19	1	Auburn	Massabesic Audubon Center	I. MacLeod
07-03	2	Chester	Hillside Haven	A. Delorey
07-04	2	Durham	faculty neighborhood	L. Burton
07-09	3	S. Hampton	Brookside WS	E. Masterson, J. Berry, S. McGrath
07-12	1	Nashua	Clovercrest Dr.	B. Harris
07-14	3	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				
06-05	4	Sandwich	Sandown Notch Rd., Guinea Pond Trail	T. Vazzano
06-21	2	Effingham	Watts WS, Huntress Bridge Rd.	T. Bronson
06-22	3	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-24	8	Concord	Hoit Road area	R. Quinn, R. Woodward
07-03	4	Effingham	Huntress Bridge Rd.	R. & M. Suomala
07-14	14	Canterbury	Shaker Road loop	R. Quinn

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Yellow-bellied Sapsucker—continued				
07-14	2	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow Rd.	M. Wright
07-15	3	Tamworth	White Lake St. Pk.	P. Hunt
Black-backed Woodpecker				
06-03	1	Whitefield	White Mtn. Regional HS	J. Barton, et al.
06-06	2	T & M Purchase	Jefferson Notch Trail	D. Govatski
06-19	6	Pittsburg	East Inlet, the pond	R. Quinn, Capital Area Chapter FT
06-19	1	Pittsburg	Smith Brook Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-24	4	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd. at Terrill Pond	E. Nielsen
06-28	1	Cambridge	Bog Brook bog	C. Martin
07-07	1	Errol	Lake Umbagog NWR survey route	G. Gavutis Jr.
07-23	2	Franconia	Franconia Ridge Trail	C. Dalton
07-26	1	Livermore	Nancy Pond Trail	B. Griffith
07-31	1	Franconia	Mt. Garfield	B. Griffith

Flycatchers, Vireos, Jays & Crows



Fish Crow by William E. Davis.

Olive-sided Flycatchers are fairly common in the north, but rare in the southern part of New Hampshire, as reflected in the data we received this summer. The Willow Flycatcher is very rare in the north and Erik Nielsen annotated his sighting report with “Our first for Pittsburg.” Even in

southern New Hampshire it is less common than the Alder Flycatcher. We received many reports of sightings of one or two birds of the more common flycatchers, such as the Least Flycatcher, which are valuable for the *New Hampshire Bird Records* database, but are too numerous for publication.

Concord has often been the location for sightings of **Fish Crows**, but seven is an unusually high number as noted by the observer.

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Olive-sided Flycatcher				
06-09	2	Albany	Lovejoy Marsh WS	P. Brown, NHA FT
06-18	1	Tamworth	Jackman Pond area	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
06-18	2	Pittsburg	Moose Falls flowage	R. Quinn, Capital Area Chapter FT
06-20	2	Pittsburg	Scotts Bog Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-21	3	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-24	4	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
07-01	1	Ellsworth	Brown Brook Bog, WMNF	J. Williams
07-03	1	Effingham	Huntress Bridge Rd.	R. & M. Suomala
07-10	1	Lyme	Dorchester Rd.	P. Hunt
07-15	1	Ossipee	Garland Pond	P. Hunt
07-31	5	Lyman	Dodge Pond	S. & M. Turner

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Yellow-bellied Flycatcher				
06-06	3	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Waniga, D. Hayward
06-08	11	Beans Grant	Crawford Path & Webster-Jackson trail	J. Smith
06-11	11	Errol	Lake Umbagog NWR survey route	G. Gavutis Jr.
06-15	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga
06-20	4	Pittsburg	Scotts Bog Rd.	E. Nielsen
07-08	10	Pittsburg	East Inlet & vicinity	B. Griffith
07-23	2	Bethlehem	Trudeau Rd.	I. MacLeod & Audubon FT
07-23	10	Franconia	Franconia Ridge Trail	C. Dalton
Alder Flycatcher				
06-05	6	Concord	Turkey Pond Survey	R. Woodward
06-12	1	Lee	Old Concord Turnpike	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
06-12	2	Exeter	Kimball Road	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
06-12	2	Exeter	near wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
06-19	9	Pittsburg	Smith Brook Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-21	3	Effingham	Watts WS, Huntress Bridge Rd.	T. Bronson
06-24	14	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-26	3	Wilmot	Wilmot BBS	P. Newbern
07-03	3	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	P. Newbern
07-31	8	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
Willow Flycatcher				
06-06	1	Deerfield	western powerline at Nottingham Rd.	T. Bronson
06-06	2	Nottingham	eastern powerline at Deerfield Rd.	T. Bronson
06-07	5	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	R. Quinn
06-09	1	Sandwich	Thompson WS	P. Brown & NHA FT
06-14	1	Rumney	Buffalo Rd. residence	J. & J. Williams
06-24	1	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-26	1	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
07-01	7	Canterbury	sod farm	T. Bronson
07-03	1	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	P. Newbern
07-06	2	Newington	Pease Int'l. Tradeport	D. Donsker, P. Miliotis
07-29	1	Freedom	Ossipee Lake Rd.	T. Vazzano
Least Flycatcher				
06-05	5	Concord	Turkey Pond Survey	R. Woodward
06-06	4	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk., Fundy Trail	T. Bronson
Great Crested Flycatcher				
06-10	3	S. Hampton	Brookside WS	T. Bronson
06-10	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward
06-11	3	Deerfield	Great Brook Trail	T. Bronson
06-19	2	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
06-20	1	Pittsburg	Scotts Bog Rd.	E. Nielsen
07-08	1	Pittsburg	East Inlet & vicinity	B. Griffith
07-31	5	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis
Yellow-throated Vireo				
06-03	1	Hinsdale	Connecticut R. just n. of boat launch	G. Seymour
06-05	2	Sandwich	Chicks Corner	T. Vazzano, et al.
06-19	1	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
06-20	1	Canterbury	Peverly Meadow	R. Quinn
06-23	1	Concord	Contoocook Is.	P. Hunt

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Yellow-throated Vireo—continued				
07-10	1	Concord	end of Garvins Falls Rd.	R. Quinn
07-14	2	Canterbury	Shaker Road loop	R. Quinn
07-18	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis
07-21	1	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	P. Hunt, M. Reinhardt
07-28	1	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
Blue-headed Vireo				
06-05	8	Sandwich	Sandown Notch Rd., Guinea Pond Trail	T. Vazzano
06-11	3	Errol	Lake Umbagog NWR survey route	G. Gavutis Jr.
06-18	4	Concord	ne. Concord	R. Woodward
06-21	10	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-24	24	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
07-04	3	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
07-14	8	Canterbury	Shaker Road loop	R. Quinn
Warbling Vireo				
06-03	2	Fremont	Rail Trail	T. Bronson
06-05	2	Sandwich	Chicks Corner	T. Vazzano, et al.
06-06	2	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk., Fundy Trail	T. Bronson
06-13	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow Rd.	M. Wright
06-19	3	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
06-19	9	Concord	Fort Eddy Rd. pond	R. Woodward
Philadelphia Vireo				
06-01	1	Bethlehem		J. Williams
06-13	3	Pittsburg	East Inlet & Scott Bog	B. & D. Fox
06-19	2	Pittsburg	Rt. 3 n. of Deer Mtn.	R. Quinn
Red-eyed Vireo				
06-05	20	Concord	Turkey Pond Survey	R. Woodward
06-10	9	S. Hampton	Brookside WS	T. Bronson
06-19	14	Pittsburg	Smith Brook Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-20	15	Pittsburg	Scott Bog Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-22	28	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-23	17	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen
07-04	14	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
07-14	30	Canterbury	Shaker Road loop	R. Quinn
07-15	8	Tamworth	White Lake St. Pk.	P. Hunt
Gray Jay				
06-08	3	Beans Grant	Crawford Path	D. Govatski
06-19	7	Pittsburg	Deer Mtn. campground & East Inlet	R. Quinn, Capital Area Chapter FT
06-22	1	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
07-07	2	Errol	Lake Umbagog NWR survey route	G. Gavutis Jr.
07-08	6	Pittsburg	East Inlet & vicinity	B. Griffith
07-13	5	Errol	bog near Eames Rd., Lake Umbagog NWR	C. Martin
07-17	3	Jefferson	Little Cherry Pond	D. Govatsky, P. Brown, R. Ball
07-24	4	Bethlehem	Mt. Tom summit	J. Stockwell
07-26	1	Livermore	Nancy Pond Trail	B. Griffith
Fish Crow				
06-19	7	Concord	Fort Eddy Plaza	R. Woodward
06-24	1	Northfield	Sondogardy Pond	P. Hunt

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07-04	1	Hampton	Hampton Marshes	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence, M. Resch
07-18	2	Raymond	Hannaford parking lot	B. Delorey
07-23	2	Durham	Durham Marketplace parking lot	S. Mirick, NHA FT

Common Raven

06-18	2	Concord	ne. Concord	R. Woodward
06-21	3	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-22	7	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
07-15	2	Tamworth	White Lake St. Pk.	P. Hunt

Horned Lark, Purple Martin and Swallows, Chickadees

If you want to see **Horned Larks** in the summer, go to the airport! All of our 2005 reports were from New Hampshire airports. Following the “law of unintended consequences,” these commercial developments appear to be helping protect some bird species in the state.

The Purple Martin reports all represent breeding colonies. This species is rare in the state and New Hampshire Audubon has been monitoring breeding sites, so reports of nesting birds are always welcome at *New Hampshire Bird Records*.

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Horned Lark				
06-01	4	Nashua	Nashua Airport	P. Hunt
06-15	2	Londonderry	s. end of Manchester Airport	P. Hunt
06-17	2	Swanzy	Keene Airport	P. Hunt
07-08	4	Claremont	Claremont Airport	P. Hunt
07-26	7	Concord	Concord Airport	P. Hunt, R. Suomala

Purple Martin

07-15	4	Freedom	Rt. 153 n. of Effingham Falls	P. Hunt
07-17	50	Laconia	Fun Spot	P. Hunt
07-17	15	Conway	Rt. 302 at Maine line	P. Hunt

Bank Swallow

07-12	20	Concord	Concord Airport	P. Hunt
07-14	80	Kingston	Rt. 125	S. Mirick
07-24	100	Concord	Goodwin Point	R. Woodward, R. Quinn

Cliff Swallow

06-11	4	Columbia	Columbia Home & Building	D. Killam
06-12	34	Pittsburg	Tabor Rd.	B.& D. Fox
06-13	19	Pittsburg	Rt.3	B.& D. Fox
06-14	30	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	T. Bronson
06-18	16	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T.Vazzano
06-19	8	Pittsburg	Metallak Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-22	6	Rye	Rye Harbor Marina	J. Smith
07-03	2	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga
07-06	10	Newington	Pease Int'l. Tradeport	D. Donsker, P. Miliotis

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Boreal Chickadee				
06-06	4	T&M Purchase	Mt. Washington Auto Rd.	R. Crowley
06-08	17	Beans Grant	Webster Cliff trail, Crawford Path	D. Govatsky
06-18	2	Pittsburg	Perry Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-19	1	T&M Purchase	Jefferson Notch Road	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
06-19	2	Ellsworth	Mt. Kineo summit	J. Stockwell
06-19	5	Pittsburg	Big Brook Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-20	3	Pittsburg	Scotts Bog Rd.	E. Nielsen
07-06	1	Errol	Lake Umbagog NWR survey route	G. Gavutis Jr.
07-08	6	Pittsburg	East Inlet & vicinity	B. Griffith
07-08	2	Lincoln	Lonesome Lake	M. Hartman
07-23	23	Franconia	Franconia Ridge Trail	C. Dalton
07-26	20	Livermore	Nancy Pond Trail	B. Griffith
07-30	9	Franconia	Mt. Garfield	B. Griffith
Tufted Titmouse				
07-13	2	Columbia	residence	D. Killam
Red-breasted Nuthatch				
June	18	Pittsburg	total from four areas	E. Nielsen
06-09	1	Auburn	fire road s. of Depot Rd.	T. Bronson
06-10	1	S. Hampton	Brookside WS	T. Bronson
06-11	5	Errol	Lake Umbagog NWR survey route	G. Gavutis Jr.
06-12	5	Durham	Doe Farm Trail	T. Bronson
06-19	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward, M. Waniga
06-21	5	Columbia	residence	D. Killam
07-03	4	Freedom	off Ossipee Lake Rd.	R. & M. Suomala
07-15	5	Tamworth	White Lake St. Pk.	P. Hunt
07-26	70	Livermore	Nancy Pond Trail	B. Griffith

Wrens, Kinglets, Gnatcatchers, Thrushes, Thrashers, Pipits and Waxwings

Reports of kinglets and gnatcatchers seemed typical. The Carolina Wren sighting in Thornton was a very northerly location for this wren, and a couple of high numbers of Winter Wrens were reported from the mountains.

American Pipits are very rare in summer and the alpine zone on Mt. Washington is about the only place to find them during this season.

Brown Thrashers were reported in much higher than normal numbers this summer. The species has been in rapid decline for many years in New Hampshire.

Cedar Waxwing numbers appeared to be unusually low in the summer of 2005. Bob Quinn remarked that there were "very low numbers everywhere this summer." Bob reported only one waxwing during his Concord Chapter field trip to Pittsburg from June 17-19, and even Erik Nielsen's report of 15 is only one-third to one-half of his usual tally.

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Carolina Wren				
06-11	1	N. Hampton	Walnut Ave.	T. Kinsman
06-13	1	Antrim	behind Antrim Post Office	E. Masterson
06-21	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis Jr.
06-30	1	Thornton	Mirror Lake	J & D. Bosier
07-04	2	Hampton	Meadow Pond area	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
07-08	2	Newmarket	Great Bay, Bay View Dr.	S. Mirick
07-13	1	New Ipswich	River Rd. residence	E. Danisienka
07-14	1	Nashua	old RR tie factory at end of Hills Ferry Rd.	P. Hunt
07-23	1	Rye	Locke Road	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
Winter Wren				
06-05	4	Sandwich	Sandown Notch Rd., Guinea Pond Trail	T. Vazzano
06-08	25	Beans Grant	Crawford Path & Webster-Jackson Trail	J. Smith
06-11	1	Easton	Mt. Kinsman Trail, 2,900'	J. Stockwell
06-11	9	Errol	Lake Umbagog NWR survey route	G. Gavutis Jr.
06-11	50	Beans Grant	Mizpah Loop Trail	K. Clayton, et al.
06-12	9	T&M Purchase	Alpine Garden Trail, Mt. Washington	D.& K. Govatsky
06-18	3	Concord	ne. Concord	R. Woodward
06-23	14	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-24	21	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
07-14	2	Canterbury	Shaker Road loop	R. Quinn
07-16	7	Franconia	Kinsman Trail nr Cannon Mt. summit	M. Suomala
Marsh Wren				
06-17	3	Swanzy	Keene Airport	P. Hunt
07-01	18	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	R. Quinn, E. Masterson
07-12	4	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	T. Bronson
07-12	3	Stratham	Jewell Brook cattail marsh	G. Gavutis Jr.
07-13	1	Rye	Eel Pond	P. Hunt
07-15	2	Exeter	Powder House Rd.	T. Bronson
07-24	2	Concord	Goodwin Point	R. Woodward, R. Quinn
Golden-crowned Kinglet				
06-11	11	Errol	Lake Umbagog NWR survey route	G. Gavutis Jr.
06-18	12	Pittsburg	Perry Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-22	18	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				
06-22	8	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-23	6	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				
06-05	1	Concord	Turkey Pond Survey	R. Woodward
06-24	1	Concord	Snow Pond Rd.	R. Woodward
06-25	2	Canterbury	Riverland CA	P. Hunt
07-24	2	Concord	Goodwin Point	R. Woodward, R. Quinn
Eastern Bluebird				
06-11	1	Monroe	Rt. 135 North	D. Killam
07-14	4	Canterbury	Shaker Road loop	R. Quinn
07-29	6	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow Rd.	M. Wright
07-30	7	Fremont	Ingalls Lane	T. Bronson

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Veery				
06-19	47	Concord	Turkey Pond Survey	R. Woodward
07-03	20	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	P. Newbern
07-14	7	Canterbury	Shaker Road loop	R. Quinn
07-14	5	Franklin	Lake & Webster Ave.	M. Schwope
Bicknell's Thrush				
06-05	12	T&M Purchase	Mt. Washington Auto Rd.	R. Crowley
06-06	6	T&M Purchase	Caps Ridge Trail	D. Govatski
06-08	10	Beans Grant	Crawford Path & Webster-Jackson Trail	J. Smith
06-11	13	Beans Grant	Mizpah Loop Trail	K. Clayton, et al.
06-18	8	Franconia	Garfield Ridge	P. Brown
06-19	1	T&M Purchase	Link Trail	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
06-29	6	Waterville Valley	Mt. Passaconaway	M. Kemp
07-16	7	Franconia	Kinsman Trail near Cannon Mt. summit	M. Suomala
07-23	9	Franconia	Franconia Ridge Trail	C. Dalton
07-26	1	Livermore	Nancy Pond Trail	B. Griffith
07-30	5	Franconia	Mt. Garfield	B. Griffith
Swainson's Thrush				
06-05	3	Sandwich	Sandown Notch Rd., Guinea Pond Trail	T. Vazzano
06-11	10	Errol	Lake Umbagog NWR survey route	G. Gavutis Jr.
06-18	18	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-19	22	Pittsburg	Smith Brook Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-20	13	Pittsburg	Scott Bog Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-26	1	Wilmot	Wilmot BBS	P. Newbern
Hermit Thrush				
06-11	7	Errol	Lake Umbagog NWR survey route	G. Gavutis Jr.
06-18	6	Concord	ne. Concord	R. Woodward
06-19	8	Pittsburg	Smith Brook Rd.	E. Nielsen
07-10	3	Allenstown	Bear Brook St. Pk.	R. & M. Suomala
07-15	5	Tamworth	White Lake St. Pk.	P. Hunt
07-23	5	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
Wood Thrush				
06-12	3	Durham	East Foss Farm	T. Bronson
06-14	3	Rumney	Buffalo Rd. residence	J. Williams
06-17	3	Rochester	Pickering Ponds trails	T. Bronson
06-19	6	Concord	Turkey Pond Survey	R. Woodward
06-21	3	Effingham	Watts WS Trail	T. Bronson
07-02	3	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
Gray Catbird				
06-03	3	Fremont	powerline at Rt. 111A & South Rd.	T. Bronson
06-06	3	Deerfield	western powerline at Nottingham Rd.	T. Bronson
06-06	4	Nottingham	eastern powerline at Deerfield Rd.	T. Bronson
06-06	3	Deerfield	southern powerline at Rt. 107	T. Bronson
06-17	5	Rochester	Pickering Ponds trails	T. Bronson
06-20	8	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis Jr.
07-01	5	Canterbury	sod farm	T. Bronson
Brown Thrasher				
06-04	1	Rye	Star Island	U. Rauter
06-05	1	Sandwich	Ambrose Gravel Pit	T. Vazzano, et al.

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06-17	3	Rochester	Pickering Ponds trails	T. Bronson
06-18	1	Concord	Contoocook Is.	P. Hunt, T. Robinson
06-19	1	Canterbury	Riverland CA	P. Hunt
06-19	1	Newington	Great Bay NWR	R. & M. Suomala, B. Maynard
06-24	1	Concord	Snow Pond Rd.	R. Quinn, R. Woodward
06-29	5	Madison	Trout Pond CA	G. McElroy
07-01	3	Concord	Concord Airport	P. Hunt, R. Smith
07-03	2	Freedom	off Ossipee Lake Rd.	R. & M. Suomala
07-03	1	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	P. Newbern
07-10	1	Allenstown	Bear Brook St. Pk.	R. & M. Suomala
07-14	1	Canterbury	Shaker Road loop	R. Quinn
07-17	2	Concord	Locke Road sod farm	R. Woodward, R. Quinn
07-24	2	Concord	Goodwin Point	R. Woodward, R. Quinn
07-24	1	Rumney	Sand Hill Rd.	J. Williams

American Pipit

06-12	4	Sargents Purchase	Alpine Garden Trail	D. Govatski, K. Holmgren
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Cedar Waxwing


06-06	6	Nottingham	eastern powerline at Deerfield Rd.	T. Bronson
06-11	6	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow Rd.	M. Wright
06-22	15	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
07-15	3	Tamworth	White Lake St. Pk.	P. Hunt

Wood Warblers

Judging from the records below, Pittsburg and the hiking trails high in the White Mountains reign supreme as the place to see summer warblers. Erik Nielsen's numbers are impressive and his article "Birding the Far North—Pittsburg," which appears on page 48 in this issue, explains where to find these species.

In addition to the data listed below, the Isles of Shoals reported single passages of several warbler species at the very end of spring migration (the first week in June) or the beginning of the fall migration (last week in July), reinforcing the importance of these offshore islands for migrating birds.

The Tennessee Warblers seen in Gilmanton are very unusual in summer for a location that far south in New Hampshire. However, the appearance of singing males in July was a somewhat regular pattern for this species in the past. In the Summer 1998 and 1997 issues of *New Hampshire Bird Records* then summer editor, Bob Quinn, noted this pattern of observations. The northern breeding Blackpoll Warbler migrates through the state from mid-May into the second week in June, so the two Blackpolls seen in Concord, Rye and Kensington are most likely late migrants. The Louisiana Waterthrush in Canterbury was believed by the observer to be either a late migrant or a wandering/displaced bird, but not a nester. The Mourning Warbler in Rumney seems too late to be a migrant; it is very rare in central New Hampshire in the two months between the fall and spring migrations.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Blue-winged Warbler				
06-06	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis Jr.
06-12	2	Durham	Doe Farm Trail	T. Bronson
07-03	2	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	P. Newbern
07-21	1	Brentwood	Brentwood Mitigation Area	T. Bronson
Brewster's Warbler - hybrid				
06-12	1	Lee	off Old Concord Turnpike	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
06-20	1	Hudson	Benson's Animal Farm	D. Deifik, R. Andrews
Lawrence's Warbler - hybrid				
06-12	1	Hudson	Benson's Animal Farm	J. Kegley, Nashaway Chapter FT
Tennessee Warbler				
07-15	2	Gilmanton	old Jones farm	J. Stockwell
07-26	2	Livermore	Nancy Pond Trail	B. Griffith
Nashville Warbler				
06-10	8	Errol	Tidswell Point survey route, Lake Umbagog	G. Gavutis Jr.
06-11	12	Errol	Lake Umbagog NWR survey route	G. Gavutis Jr.
06-18	2	Concord	ne. Concord	R. Woodward
06-20	1	Gilmanton	Munsey Hill	J. Stockwell
06-21	14	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-24	18	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
07-10	1	Allenstown	Bear Brook St. Pk.	R. & M. Suomala
07-24	3	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow Rd.	M. Wright
Northern Parula				
06-06	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Waniga, D. Hayward
06-10	1	Errol	Tidswell Point survey route, Lake Umbagog	G. Gavutis Jr.
06-20	12	Pittsburg	Magalloway Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-24	22	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
07-15	1	Tamworth	White Lake St. Pk.	P. Hunt
				
				<i>Yellow Warbler by Lee Hansche, 6/18/05, Horseshoe Pond, Concord, NH.</i>
Yellow Warbler				
06-17	11	Rochester	Pickering Ponds trails	T. Bronson
06-19	19	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
06-24	5	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
07-01	8	Canterbury	sod farm	T. Bronson
Chestnut-sided Warbler				
06-05	6	Sandwich	Sandown Notch Rd., Guinea Pond Trail	T. Vazzano
06-05	5	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
06-06	4	Nottingham	eastern powerline at Deerfield Rd.	T. Bronson

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
06-17	4	Somersworth	Willand Pond Trails	T. Bronson
06-18	9	Concord	ne. Concord	R. Woodward
06-21	6	Effingham	Watts WS, Huntress Bridge Rd.	T. Bronson
06-22	9	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-24	27	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen

Magnolia Warbler

06-09	2	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward
06-10	42	Errol	Tidswell Point survey route, Lake Umbagog	G. Gavutis Jr.
06-11	20	Beans Grant	Mizpah Loop Trail	K. Clayton, et al.
06-20	16	Pittsburg	Magalloway Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-20	16	Pittsburg	Scotts Bog Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-23	25	Pittsburg	East Inlet Stream	E. Nielsen
06-24	38	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen

Black-throated Blue Warbler

06-05	12	Sandwich	Sandown Notch Rd.,Guinea Pond Trail	T. Vazzano
06-11	4	Errol	Lake Umbagog NWR survey route	G. Gavutis Jr.
06-18	2	Woodstock	s. side Mt. Cushman	J. Stockwell
06-18	3	Concord	ne. Concord	R. Woodward
06-19	7	Pittsburg	Smith Brook Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-20	6	Pittsburg	Magalloway Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-24	2	Concord	Bofinger land off Hoit Road	R. Quinn, R. Woodward
06-24	14	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
07-09	3	Loudon	Oak Hill	R.& K. Quinn
07-15	2	Tamworth	White Lake St. Pk.	P. Hunt

Yellow-rumped Warbler

06-23	21	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-24	17	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
07-15	5	Tamworth	White Lake St. Pk.	P. Hunt

Black-throated Green Warbler

06-05	10	Sandwich	Sandown Notch Rd.,Guinea Pond Trail	T. Vazzano
06-18	7	Concord	ne. Concord	R. Woodward
06-19	22	Pittsburg	Smith Brook Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-22	24	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-23	20	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen

Blackburnian Warbler

06-01	4	Bethlehem	Gale River Loop Rd., WMNF	J. Williams
06-05	5	Sandwich	Sandown Notch Rd.,Guinea Pond Trail	T. Vazzano
06-11	1	Easton	Mt. Kinsman Trail, 1,500ft	J. Stockwell
06-11	5	Errol	Lake Umbagog NWR survey route	G. Gavutis Jr.
06-20	7	Pittsburg	Magalloway Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-22	11	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-23	6	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen
07-28	3	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn

Pine Warbler

06-17	4	Somersworth	Willand Pond Trails	T. Bronson
07-04	21	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
07-15	7	Tamworth	White Lake St. Pk.	P. Hunt

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Prairie Warbler				
06-03	5	Fremont	powerline at Rt. 111A & South Rd.	T. Bronson
06-06	5	Deerfield	southern powerline at Rt. 107	T. Bronson
06-06	6	Nottingham	eastern powerline at Deerfield Rd.	T. Bronson
06-12	2	Epsom	Epsom BBS	P. Newbern
06-17	6	Somersworth	Willand Pond Trails	T. Bronson
06-21	1	Kingston	Webster Wildlife Area	P. Hunt
06-26	1	Wilmot	Wilmot BBS	P. Newbern
07-01	5	Concord	Concord Airport	P. Hunt, R. Smith
07-03	2	Freedom	off Ossipee Lake Rd.	R. & M. Suomala
07-10	5	Concord	powerline off Garvins Falls Rd.	R. Quinn
07-10	2	Allenstown	Bear Brook St. Pk.	R. & M. Suomala
07-14	1	Nashua	old RR tie factory at end of Hills Ferry Rd.	P. Hunt
07-21	2	Brentwood	Brentwood Mitigation Area	T. Bronson
Palm Warbler				
06-20	1	Pittsburg	Scott Bog Rd.	E. Nielsen
07-08	3	Pittsburg	East Inlet & vicinity	B. Griffith
Bay-breasted Warbler				
06-11	2	Errol	Lake Umbagog NWR survey route	G. Gavutis Jr.
06-15	15	Pittsburg	Perry Stream	B. & D. Fox
06-19	1	T&M Purchase	Jefferson Notch road	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
06-20	12	Pittsburg	Scott Bog Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-22	7	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-23	17	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen
Blackpoll Warbler				
06-01	1	Concord	Contoocook Is.	P. Hunt
06-06	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis Jr.
06-06	7	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Waniga, D. Hayward
06-08	60	Beans Grant	Crawford Path & Webster-Jackson Trail	D. Govatsky
06-11	100	Beans Grant	Mizpah Loop Trail	K. Clayton, et al.
06-12	21	Sargents Purchase	Alpine Garden Trail	D. Govatski, K. Holmgren
06-20	6	Pittsburg	Magalloway Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-23	16	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen
07-16	7	Franconia	Kinsman Trail nr Cannon Mt. summit	M. Suomala
07-26	40	Livermore	Nancy Pond Trail	B. Griffith
American Redstart				
06-06	3	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Waniga, D. Hayward
06-11	3	Errol	Lake Umbagog NWR survey route	G. Gavutis Jr.
06-17	4	Rochester	Pickering Ponds trails	T. Bronson
06-19	9	Concord	Fort Eddy Pond	R. Woodward
06-20	16	Pittsburg	Magalloway Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-23	18	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-24	31	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-27	10	Bethlehem	Gale River Loop Road, WMNF	J. Williams
07-11	3	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow Rd.	M. Wright
Ovenbird				
06-05	14	Sandwich	Sandown Notch Rd., Guinea Pond Trail	T. Vazzano
06-10	5	S. Hampton	Brookside WS	T. Bronson
06-11	4	Deerfield	Great Brook Trail	T. Bronson
06-11	4	Errol	Lake Umbagog NWR survey route	G. Gavutis Jr.

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06-12	18	Concord	Turkey Pond Survey	R. Woodward
06-23	3	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-24	4	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
07-14	19	Canterbury	Shaker Road loop	R. Quinn
Northern Waterthrush				
06-10	5	Errol	Tidswell Point survey route, Lake Umbagog	G. Gavutis Jr.
06-18	4	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-18	1	Concord	ne. Concord	R. Woodward
06-24	6	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-26	3	Wilmot	Wilmot BBS	P. Newbern
07-03	1	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	P. Newbern
07-15	2	Tamworth	White Lake St. Pk.	P. Hunt
Louisiana Waterthrush				
06-04	1	Durham	Lamprey R. near Packers Falls Rd.	S. Moody
06-06	1	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
06-13	1	Surry	off Rt. 12A	P. Newbern
Mourning Warbler				
06-14	7	Pittsburg	Indian Stream	B. & D. Fox
06-15	7	Pittsburg	Perry Stream	B. & D. Fox
06-18	1	Pittsburg	Scott Bog	R. Quinn, Capital Area Chapter FT
06-19	1	Crawfords Purchase	Mt. Clinton Road	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
06-19	5	Pittsburg	Smith Brook Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-21	1	Rumney	Buffalo Rd. residence	J. & J. Williams
Common Yellowthroat				
06-05	46	Concord	Turkey Pond Survey	R. Woodward
06-06	8	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Waniga, D. Hayward
06-21	8	Effingham	Watts WS, Huntress Bridge Rd.	T. Bronson
06-23	12	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-24	21	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
07-04	43	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
Wilson's Warbler				
06-01	1	Bethlehem	Gale River Loop Rd., WMNF	J. Williams
06-20	2	Pittsburg	Scott Bog Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-23	1	Pittsburg	Deer Mountain Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-23	1	Pittsburg	Moose Falls flowage	E. Nielsen
06-24	1	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
07-08	3	Pittsburg	East Inlet & vicinity	B. Griffith
Canada Warbler				
06-05	4	Sandwich	Sandown Notch Rd., Guinea Pond Trail	T. Vazzano
06-05	4	Concord	Turkey Pond Survey	R. Woodward
06-10	3	Errol	Tidswell Point survey route, Lake Umbagog	G. Gavutis
06-11	7	Errol	Lake Umbagog NWR survey route	G. Gavutis Jr.
06-14	7	Pittsburg	Indian Stream	B. & D. Fox
06-18	4	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-18	2	Concord	ne. Concord	R. Woodward
06-29	8	Waterville Valley	Mt. Passaconaway	M. Kemp

Tanagers, Sparrows & Towhees, Cardinals, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks and Buntings

We received many **Eastern Towhee** reports. The average of annual reports over the previous decade shows about 17 birds at six locations. This year we received over twice that number (see below). Only a systematic sampling such as the Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) can determine if this increase is due to an increasing number of towhees or greater observer effort. Because the BBS data indicate a significant decline in the species, it is likely that our increased numbers this year are a result of observer effort. Likewise, we have excellent reports on **Vesper Sparrow**, a very uncommon species in New Hampshire, and many reports of **Grasshopper Sparrows**. This is primarily because of Pam Hunt's huge effort to locate and document these species throughout the state. Elaine Danisienka's report of a **White-crowned Sparrow** on June 18 is extremely unusual, as that species is almost never seen outside of spring and fall migrations. The sighting was accompanied by excellent documentation of the identification features.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Scarlet Tanager				
06-12	8	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
06-15	4	Center Harbor	Chamberlain-Reynolds Memorial Forest	T. Vazzano, et al.
07-14	10	Canterbury	Shaker Road loop	R. Quinn
Eastern Towhee				
06-03	2	Fremont	powerline at Rt. 111A & South Rd.	T. Bronson
06-06	2	Deerfield	southern powerline at Rt. 107	T. Bronson
06-06	2	Nottingham	eastern powerline at Deerfield Rd.	T. Bronson
06-15	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow Rd.	M. Wright
06-17	3	Somersworth	Willand Pond Trails	T. Bronson
06-18	6	Concord	ne. Concord	R. Woodward
06-19	4	Newington	Great Bay NWR	R. & M. Suomala, B. Maynard
06-24	2	Concord	Graham Rd.	R. Quinn, R. Woodward
06-26	1	Wilmot	Wilmot BBS	P. Newbern
07-01	7	Concord	Concord Airport	P. Hunt, R. Smith
07-03	4	Freedom	off Ossipee Lake Rd.	R. & M. Suomala
07-03	1	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	P. Newbern
07-03	2	Hanover	Goodfellow Rd.	J. Norton
07-10	4	Concord	power line off Garvins Falls Rd.	R. Quinn
07-10	1	Allentown	Bear Brook St. Pk.	R. & M. Suomala
07-19	3	Freedom	Trout Pond CA	M. & G. Prazar
Field Sparrow				
06-06	4	Deerfield	under southern powerline at Rt. 107	T. Bronson
06-12	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow Rd.	M. Wright
06-17	2	Somersworth	Willand Pond Trails	T. Bronson
07-03	1	Freedom	off Ossipee Lake Rd.	R. & M. Suomala
07-08	2	Claremont	Claremont Airport	P. Hunt
07-10	3	Allentown	Bear Brook St. Pk.	R. & M. Suomala
07-10	7	Concord	powerline off Garvins Falls Rd.	R. Quinn
07-12	7	Concord	Concord Airport	P. Hunt

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07-17	1	Monroe	Comerford Dam powerline	S.& M. Turner
07-19	2	Freedom	Trout Pond CA	M.& G. Prazar
07-21	2	Brentwood	Brentwood Mitigation Area	T. Bronson

Vesper Sparrow

	1	Concord	Morrill Farm	F. Nevers
06-01	1	Londonderry	s. end of Manchester Airport	P. Hunt
07-01	7	Concord	Concord Airport	P. Hunt, R. Smith
07-08	2	Swanzy	Keene Airport	P. Hunt
07-09	1	Newington	McIntyre Road	S. Mirick
07-17	1	Sandwich	Ambrose Gravel Pit	P. Hunt

Savannah Sparrow

06-01	4	Nashua	Nashua Airport	P. Hunt
06-09	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Barney, D. Hayward
06-17	23	Swanzy	Keene Airport	P. Hunt
06-24	7	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
07-07	6	Manchester	old Manchester landfill	P. Hunt
07-07	7	Londonderry	s. end of Manchester Airport	P. Hunt
07-08	4	Claremont	Claremont Airport	P. Hunt
07-12	26	Concord	Concord Airport	P. Hunt
07-13	4	Rochester	Skyhaven Airport	P. Hunt
07-14	40	Amherst	cemetery fields	P. Hunt

Grasshopper Sparrow

06-21	1	Newington	Pease Int'l. Tradeport runway, n. end	P. Hunt
06-21	2	Newington	Pease Int'l. Tradeport gate at McIntyre Rd.	P. Hunt
06-30	9	Swanzy	Keene Airport	P. Hunt
07-06	1	Newington	Pease Int'l. Tradeport	D. Donsker, P. Miliotis
07-07	2	Londonderry	s. end of Manchester Airport	P. Hunt
07-14	1	Nashua	old RR tie factory at end of Hills Ferry Rd.	P. Hunt
07-14	3	Merrimack	fields behind Anheuser-Busch	P. Hunt
07-23	2	Manchester	old Manchester landfill	P. Hunt
07-26	16	Concord	Concord Airport	P. Hunt, R. Suomala

Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow

06-06	2	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Waniga, D. Hayward
06-12	2	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
06-25	1	N. Hampton	marsh off Rt. 1A	S. Mirick
06-26	4	Hampton	Hampton marshes	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence



Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow
by Al Delorey 6/18/05,
Hampton, NH.

Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow

06-12	4	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
06-22	6	Hampton	behind Little Jack's Restaurant	J. Smith
06-22	25	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	J. Smith
07-04	3	Hampton	Meadow Pond	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
07-22	12	Hampton	Little Jack's Restaurant	J. Williams

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Seaside Sparrow				
06-29	3	Hampton	salt marsh	M. McElroy
07-04	1	Hampton	behind Little Jack's Restaurant	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence, M. Resch
Lincoln's Sparrow				
06-01	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Waniga, R. Suomala
06-05	1	Sandwich	Thompson WS	A. Mudge, R. Ridgely
06-19	4	Pittsburg	Smith Brook Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-22	3	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-23	3	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen
07-26	1	Livermore	Nancy Pond Trail	B. Griffith
White-crowned Sparrow				
06-18	1	New Ipswich	River Rd.	E. Danisienka

Blackbirds, Orioles & Allies, Finches & Allies

Meadowlarks like meadows and airports have meadows, so many of our **Eastern Meadowlark** reports are from airports. It's great to have several reports on this declining species. Although a couple of the Orchard Orioles below were seen, most were "heard but not seen." It is a very uncommon species in New Hampshire. The Red Crossbills in Holderness included a juvenile. Although we sometimes tend to associate crossbills with the northern part of the state, the *Atlas of Breeding Birds in New Hampshire* confirmed breeding in Cheshire and Hillsborough counties and listed probable breeding in Belknap and Stafford, but no breeding or probable breeding north of the Lakes Region. However, it also states "the crossbill's future distribution and abundance in New Hampshire will continue to be erratic and unpredictable and a future Atlas project might produce a completely different pattern of distribution,"

Pine Siskins are usually common in the north, but rare in the southern part of the state. They can be irregular however and this year we had several reported from the more southern parts of New Hampshire. Iain MacLeod reported from Hillsborough that Pine Siskins were on his feeders every day throughout July.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Northern Cardinal				
06-12	20	Epsom	Epsom BBS	P. Newbern
Rose-breasted Grosbeak				
06-04	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Waniga, D. Hayward
06-05	5	Concord	Turkey Pond Survey	R. Woodward
06-21	6	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis Jr.
06-24	5	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
Indigo Bunting				
06-06	1	Deerfield	under western powerline at Nottingham Rd.	T. Bronson
06-09	1	Bow	Mary Baker Eddy Birthplace Park	T. Bronson
06-12	4	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
06-21	2	Kingston	Webster Wildlife Area	P. Hunt

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
06-24	1	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
07-03	5	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	P. Newbern
07-14	2	Nashua	old RR tie factory at end of Hills Ferry Rd.	P. Hunt
07-14	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow Rd.	M. Wright
07-31	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis

Bobolink

06-15	3	Manchester	old Manchester landfill	P. Hunt
06-17	10	Swanzy	Keene Airport	P. Hunt
06-21	4	Rochester	Skyhaven Airport	P. Hunt
06-22	4	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
07-01	1	Canterbury	sod farm	T. Bronson
07-03	14	Chester	Hillside Haven	A.& B. Delorey
07-09	20	Greenland	field near Sunset Farm	S. Mirick
07-14	20	Canterbury	Shaker Road loop	R. Quinn
07-15	34	Rumney	Buffalo Rd. residence	J. Williams
07-29	8	Concord	Birch St. community gardens off Clinton St.	R. Suomala

Eastern Meadowlark

06-01	3	Nashua	Nashua Airport	P. Hunt
06-15	2	Manchester	old Manchester landfill	P. Hunt
06-21	2	Rochester	Skyhaven Airport	P. Hunt
06-24	1	Concord	Snow Pond Rd.	R. Quinn, R. Woodward
06-30	10	Swanzy	Keene Airport	P. Hunt
06-30	1	Concord	Birch St. community gardens off Clinton St.	R. Suomala
07-01	5	Concord	Concord Airport	P. Hunt, R. Smith
07-02	1	Hollis	meadow	M. Resch
07-07	4	Londonderry	s. end of Manchester Airport	P. Hunt
07-14	4	Amherst	cemetery fields	P. Hunt

Rusty Blackbird

06-05	1	Sandwich	Sandown Notch Rd.,Guinea Pond Trail	T. Vazzano
06-18	4	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-18	1	Pittsburg	Perry Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-19	1	Pittsburg	Smith Brook Rd.	E. Nielsen
06-21	2	Clarksville	Bog Branch Cedar Stream	C. Martin
07-13	1	Errol	bog e. of Errol Hill, Lake Umbagog NWR	C. Martin

Orchard Oriole

06-03	2	Newington	edge of Pease Int'l Tradeport	M. Suomala
06-07	1	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	R. Quinn
06-12	1	Exeter	near Swasey Park	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
06-12	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
07-04	1	Seabrook	Seabrook Middle School	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence

Baltimore Oriole

06-05	11	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
06-07	11	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	R. Quinn
06-10	3	E. Kingston	powerline at Rt. 108 & Rowley Rd.	T. Bronson
06-17	7	Rochester	Pickering Ponds trails	T. Bronson
06-19	6	Concord	Fort Eddy Pond	R. Woodward
07-01	5	Canterbury	sod farm	T. Bronson
07-03	4	Freedom	off Ossipee Lake Rd.	R.& M. Suomala
07-08	5	Newmarket	Bay Rd.	H. Chary
07-31	12	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Purple Finch				
06-10	1	Errol	Tidswell Point survey route, Lake Umbagog	G. Gavutis Jr.
06-24	1	Concord	Bofinger land off Hoit Road	R. Quinn, R. Woodward
06-24	8	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
07-03	1	Freedom	off Ossipee Lake Rd.	R. & M. Suomala
07-03	3	Effingham	Huntress Bridge Rd.	R. & M. Suomala
07-21	3	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow Rd.	M. Wright
07-28	4	Newmarket	Bay Rd.	H. Chary
Red Crossbill				
06-04	3	Holderness	Rattlesnake Trailhead	E. Masterson, S. Mitchell, F. Stevens
06-09	1	Sandwich	Thompson WS	P. Brown & NHA FT
06-18	2	Pittsburg	Scott Bog dam	R. Quinn, Capital Area Chapter FT
06-20	3	Pittsburg	Perry Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
07-26	1	Livermore	Nancy Pond Trail	B. Griffith
White-winged Crossbill				
06-18	1	Pittsburg	Scott Bog Rd.	R. Quinn, Capital Area Chapter FT
07-26	1	Livermore	Nancy Pond Trail	B. Griffith
07-31	4	Franconia	Mt. Garfield	B. Griffith
Pine Siskin				
06-01	4	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
06-08	15	Beans Grant	Crawford Path & Webster-Jackson Trail	J. Smith
06-17	12	Hillsborough	Windsor Rd.	I. MacLeod
06-17	5	Pittsburg	Timberland	E. Nielsen
06-18	1	Auburn	Massabesic Audubon Center	I. MacLeod
06-22	3	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis Jr.
06-23	5	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen
07-04	1	New London	residence	F. Sladen
07-15	1	Tamworth	White Lake St. Pk.	P. Hunt
Evening Grosbeak				
06-05	4	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
06-11	1	Errol	Lake Umbagog NWR survey route	G. Gavutis Jr.
06-12	1	Epsom	Epsom BBS	P. Newbern
06-13	3	Surry	off Rt. 12A	P. Newbern
06-18	2	Concord	n.e. Concord	R. Woodward
06-19	4	Pittsburg	Metallak & Smith Brook Rds.	E. Nielsen
06-24	2	Concord	Bofinger land off Hoit Road	R. Quinn, R. Woodward
06-26	1	Wilmot	Wilmot BBS	P. Newbern
06-27	2	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
06-29	25	Madison	Trout Pond CA	G. McElroy
07-09	5	Nottingham	Flutter St.	S. Mooney
07-12	6	Hillsborough	Windsor Rd.	I. MacLeod
07-13	6	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow Rd.	M. Wright
07-13	3	Columbia	residence	D. Killam
07-14	1	Canterbury	Shaker Road loop	R. Quinn

Reporters for Summer 2005

Rich Aaronian	Daniel Hubbard	Brenda Sens
Marie Anne	Pam Hunt	Chuck Sexton
Jeannine Ayer	Yvonne Jenkins	Dot Soule
Melissa Barney	Margot Johnson	J.R. Stockwell
Terry Bronson	David Killam	Rebecca Suomala
Henry Chary	Jack Kirk	William Taffe
Elaine Danisienka	Iain MacLeod	Sandra Turner
Alan Delorey	Chris Martin	Tony Vazzano
Barbara Delorey	Eric Masterson	Miles Waniga
Jane Doherty	Jim McBride	John Williams
David Donsker	Megan McElroy	Rob Woodward
Dana Duxbury-Fox	Stephen Mirick	Mary Wright
Wes Fritz	Susan Mooney	Tom Young
George Gavutis Jr.	Peter Newbern	
David Govatski	Erik Nielsen	Some sightings were
Ben Griffith	Charlie Nims	taken directly from the
William Harris	Greg Prazar	NH.Birds list serve
Dan Hayward	Robert Quinn	

Reports for the following species were received in Summer 2005 but not listed.

Mute Swan	Downy Woodpecker	House Wren
Ruffed Grouse	Hairy Woodpecker	American Robin
Great Egret	Northern Flicker	Northern Mockingbird
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Pileated Woodpecker	Black-and-White Warbler
Red-shouldered Hawk	Eastern Wood-Pewee	Chipping Sparrow
Red-tailed Hawk	Eastern Phoebe	Song Sparrow
Peregrine Falcon	Eastern Kingbird	Swamp Sparrow
Piping Plover	Blue Jay	White-throated Sparrow
American Woodcock	American Crow	Red-winged Blackbird
Ring-billed Gull	Tree Swallow	Common Grackle
Mourning Dove	Barn Swallow	Brown-headed Cowbird
Barred Owl	Black-capped Chickadee	House Finch
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	White-breasted Nuthatch	American Goldfinch
Belted Kingfisher	Brown Creeper	European Goldfinch

Sightings of the species listed above occurred in average numbers at expected locations, were discussed in the summaries, or are escaped exotics.

Photo Gallery

Raptor Banding in New Hampshire

by Kathie Palfy

A successful spring breeding season for New Hampshire's Peregrine Falcons and Ospreys became the spotlight for this photo gallery. Young raptors are banded with light-weight leg bands from USGS Bird Banding Laboratory inscribed with a series of numbers. These band numbers are unique to each individual and tell when and where were they were banded. Additional alphanumeric color bands, much easier to read from a distance, allow birds to be identified without being captured. Banding is done using a safe and strictly regulated method. The data recovered from the bands adds to our knowledge about the life-span, dispersal and migration, social structure and behavioral habits of the birds. If you find a banded bird please report it to the Bird Banding Laboratory, 1-800-327-2263 or to their web site, www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbl. Twenty-four Peregrine Falcon chicks and five Osprey chicks were successfully banded in 2005 in New Hampshire!

Chris Martin prepares to band a Peregrine Falcon chick while Bill Taffe assists at Rattlesnake Mtn.



A Peregrine Falcon chick shows off his new leg bands at Holts Ledge.

Photos this page by Lee Hansche, 6/13/05.
Photos next page by Iain MacLeod, 7/18/05, at Ayers Island Dam, New Hampton, NH.



A band being placed on an Osprey chick.



PSNH bucket truck helps get the job done while an adult Osprey keeps an eye on the chicks.



Osprey chicks happy to be back home in the nest!

Backyard Birder

Summer Shower—A Scarlet Tanager's Dream Come True...and Mine, Too!

by Richard Ingram



Scarlet Tanager by Glenn Tepke,
www.pbbase.com/gtepkc.

Sunday, June 26, 2005 was one of the hottest days on record in Hudson, New Hampshire. Temperatures soared into the 90s and the humidity was almost unbearable. We had several days of hot weather and no rain, and most people were either at the beach or somewhere air-conditioned. I, on the other hand, was outside during the worst of the heat, doing yard work and watering a bed of wildflowers to try to save some recent plantings.

Our property is a great environment for all sorts of animals (gray and red squirrels, eastern flying squirrels, chipmunks, mice, moles, woodchucks, skunks, opossum, deer, and even a rather unsavory-looking fisher, which I have seen just once) and birds (sparrows, Tufted Titmice, American Goldfinches, Purple Finches, Northern Cardinals, Blue Jays, Baltimore Orioles, American Crows, hawks, a variety of woodpeckers, including the Pileated Woodpecker, and occasionally a beautiful Indigo Bunting that graces my birdfeeder a few times during the spring and summer).

The wildflower bed that I was watering borders the woods, and I saw and heard a few birds flying around, but thought nothing of their presence. We seem to have established an understanding—I take care of their property. It's that simple. I am a caretaker, here to provide a safe haven, food, and a place for them to call home should they choose to stay. Nothing seemed unusual about this day, other than the unbearable heat and humidity! I was looking forward to finishing and going inside soon.

Suddenly a male Scarlet Tanager swooped down through the water spray from the hose and landed in a nearby young maple tree. He sat in the tree, carefully hidden by the big maple leaves, not seeming to move a feather. I stopped watering immediately so as to not disturb him and so I could watch him. Scarlet Tanagers are a relatively unusual bird sighting for me. They are usually a deep woods bird, preferring their solitude and privacy to entering into "human" territory with open spaces and watering hoses.

Observing this beautiful bird brought back a vivid memory from about 20 years ago, when I lived in Holbrook, Massachusetts. It was the first and only other time I had seen a Scarlet Tanager. During that sighting, I actually saw a pair mating—a sighting that prompted me to call the Massachusetts Audubon Society. I was afraid that the person on the other end of the phone line would think I was some sort of bizarre individual to be reporting that, but I had to tell someone about what I had just seen. To my great relief, she was as excited as I was when I described the pair mating. She confirmed that I was not only correct in identifying what I had seen, but also incredibly fortunate to have ever seen such behavior.

Twenty years later, on a hot, humid June afternoon in New Hampshire, here I was, face-to-face with another male Scarlet Tanager. He was about 15 feet away from me, closer than I could ever imagine I might be to such a beautiful bird in the wild! I knelt down and remained motionless. I assumed I had but an instant to take in his brilliant red and black feathers. To my amazement, he did not leave. Was I dreaming this? Was the heat and humidity getting to me? And if not, then what was this bird doing?

After about 10 minutes of watching the motionless Scarlet Tanager and trying to brush away pesky summer bugs without disturbing him, I cautiously arose, went into the garage, and called to my wife to come outside to see him. She had never seen a Scarlet Tanager, but knew that it must be something spectacular for me to call her to come outside on a day like this. As she stepped onto the driveway, the Scarlet Tanager flew up and across our field of view, landing in a white birch tree in front of our living room. After a few more minutes of observing him in the birch tree, I decided to return to my wildflower watering, grateful for the chance to have seen this beautiful bird for only the second time in my life. That in itself was remarkable. Little did I know the story would not end there.

A couple of minutes later, the Scarlet Tanager flew back to where I was watering and landed in the spray from the hose. He hopped around for a minute, bobbing in and out of the water spray, and then stopped to let the water soak him. I began to understand what he wanted—a shower! After his feathers were quite wet, he flew somewhat awkwardly into a nearby tree, where he proceeded to preen himself. His wet wings went up one at a time as his beak went to work cleaning his body. About five minutes later, he landed in the water spray again and repeated the entire process. He literally let me drench him with the water spray, to the point where his feathers were matted and he could barely fly into the nearby tree to continue preening.

I had a hunch that his mate might be nearby, but so far only the male was making his presence known. Then, suddenly, an olive-green female flew into another nearby tree, then down to the ground under the water spray. She also wanted to take advantage of the water shower. I sprayed her and she hopped around until she too was drenched. She then flew into another nearby tree to preen herself. She repeated this several times, flying into the water wherever I happened to have the hose directed. I stood there with the hose running for about one-half hour while they both took full advantage of the water. I would have stayed there for the entire afternoon, but they finally had enough and flew off into the woods.

I have not seen them since, but every time I go out to work in the yard or to water, I look as far into the woods as I can see, hoping for another glimpse of their beauty. I know they are out there somewhere, deep in the woods. And should we have another hot, dry spell, I hope they remember the hose and know that they can come to the wildflowers for another shower anytime.

I'm waiting...and dreaming....

Richard Ingram lives in Hudson, New Hampshire, with his wife, cat, and an abundance of wildlife on their wooded property. He has fed and observed birds for most of his life. His only regret is that a mild hearing loss causes him to miss some of the beautiful high-pitched songs of his feathered friends.

New Hampshire Breeding Bird Survey— A Comparison of North and South

by *Iain MacLeod*

One of the highlights of my birding year is doing “my” Breeding Bird Survey route in Milan. This year, 2006, will be the fifth year that I have conducted this survey, but my predecessors are among the who’s who of New Hampshire birding—Bob Quinn and Elizabeth Phinney. What makes the Breeding Bird Survey so fascinating for me is the history and the extensive data set that is available for this and dozens of other routes in New Hampshire. What started as a simple project of graphing data for the Milan route quickly evolved into an analysis of other routes and an attempt to compare population trends from routes in the northern and southern parts of the state.

The Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) was established in 1965 to monitor bird populations over large areas. It is the primary source of long-term, large-scale population data for over 400 breeding bird species in North America. Each year, during the breeding season, volunteers survey designated roadside routes, stopping at 0.5 mile intervals to record the birds they see and hear. Rebecca Suomala of New Hampshire Audubon serves as State Coordinator for New Hampshire’s 23 BBS routes. The United States Geological Survey’s Patuxent Wildlife Research Center and the Canadian Wildlife Service jointly coordinate the BBS. More information, data, analysis, and maps are available at the BBS Web site, www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbs.

Data Analysis Methods

I analyzed the data from eight Breeding Bird Survey routes in northern New Hampshire and eight routes in southeast New Hampshire. Using data from 39 years (1966–2004), I created graphs for 30 bird species (the same species for both the north and south). I combined data for each species by year for the northern routes and the southern routes. I then plotted both combined sets of data on single graphs with polynomial trend lines calculated for each.

My goal was to analyze data from routes with as complete a data set as possible. I did not include routes with patchy or discontinued yearly coverage. Seven of the northern routes I chose had almost continuous coverage for the 39-year period (see below). The eighth data set was a combined data set from two neighboring routes. Route 58016 (Crawford Notch) was covered from 1966 to 1976 and then discontinued. Route 58023 (Glen) was covered starting in 1975 and continuing to the present (although not covered 2003–2004). The combined data set included data from Crawford Notch from 1966 to 1975 and Glen from 1976 to 2002.

Northern Route Coverage (1966–2004)

- 58012 (Mount Chocorua) – 1 missing year (1992)
- 58016 & 58023 (Crawford Notch/Glen) – 2 missing years (2003, 2004)
- 58017 (Jefferson) – 3 missing years (1980, 1982, 1999)
- 58018 (Franconia) – 1 missing year (1984)
- 58019 (Milan) – 3 missing years (1988, 1989, 1990)
- 58020 (Stratford) – 0 missing years

58021 (Dixville Notch) – 4 missing years (1979, 1980, 1982, 1984)

58022 (Clarksville) – 1 missing year (2002)

Total = 15 missing data points out of a possible total of 312 (8 routes x 39 years)

I filled in the missing 15 data points by calculating an average of the previous two years of data for that route.

Southeastern Route Coverage (1966–2004)

I chose eight routes with as close to complete yearly data as possible. As with the north, I did not include in the analysis any routes that were missing large amounts of yearly data.

58001 (Peterborough) – 0 missing years

58004 (Dover) – 2 missing years (1976, 1978)

58005 (Hopkinton) – 3 missing years (1973, 1999, 2004)

58006 (Epsom) – 3 missing years (1975, 1996, 2001)

58007 (Concord) – 0 missing years

58008 (Strafford) – 1 missing year (1978)

58009 (Canterbury) – 0 missing years

58010 (Gilmanton) – 5 missing years (1966, 1967, 1968, 2002, 2003)

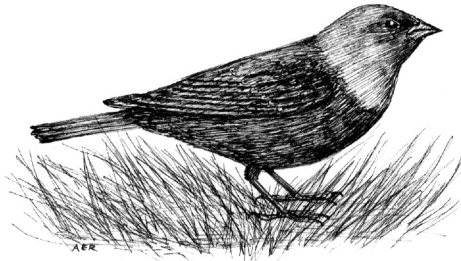
Total = 14 missing data points out a possible total of 312 (8 routes x 39 years)

I filled in the missing data points by calculating an average of the previous two years of data for that route, except for the 3 years of missing data for Gilmanton (1966–68), where there was no previous data. In that case I used an average of the following two years of data from that route (i.e., for 1968 I calculated the averages of data from 1969 and 1970; for 1967 I calculated the averages of data from 1968 and 1969, etc.).

I selected species using one major criterion: they had to be recorded in most years in all the chosen routes (both north and south). I did not create graphs for species like Swainson's Thrush or Blackpoll Warbler, which are found almost exclusively in the northern part of the state, or for species like Prairie Warbler or Louisiana Waterthrush, which are found only in the southern BBS routes. All those data are available, but did not lend themselves to this particular north-south comparison.

Species Graphs

In reviewing the graphs, I was struck by the individual nature of each species' trends. Some trends are the same in both the north and the south, while others are different; some are easily explainable, yet others are puzzling. Presented here are graphs of six species that illustrate some of these differences. Among the thrushes (Figure 1), the Wood



Brown-headed Cowbird by Andrea Robbins.

Thrush shows a similar decline in both the north and south, but we wouldn't normally expect that given the differences in land use changes between the two areas. This suggests that changes on the wintering grounds may be important to look at. Hermit Thrush show a similar increase in both regions and it winters in North America. Veery, on the other hand, shows rather confusing trends that are difficult to understand.

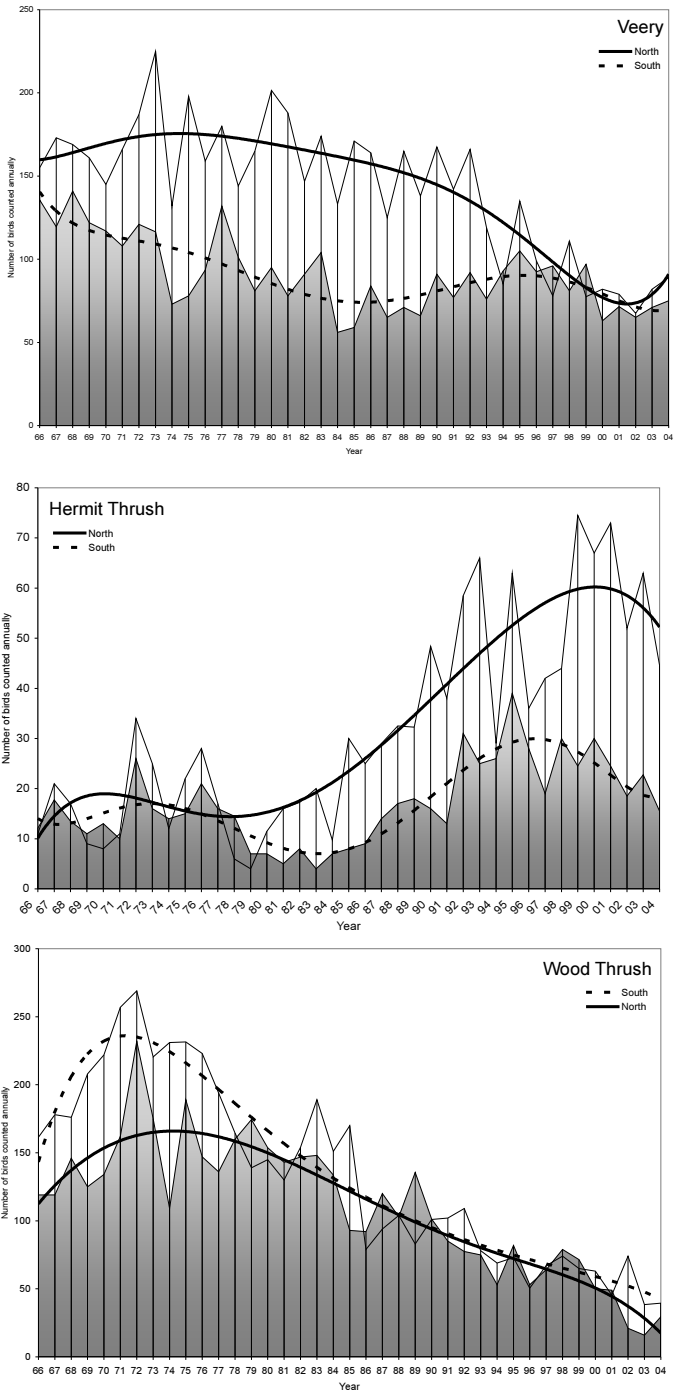


Figure 1. Comparison of Veery, Hermit Thrush, and Wood Thrush data from BBS routes in the northern and southeastern parts of New Hampshire, 1966–2004.

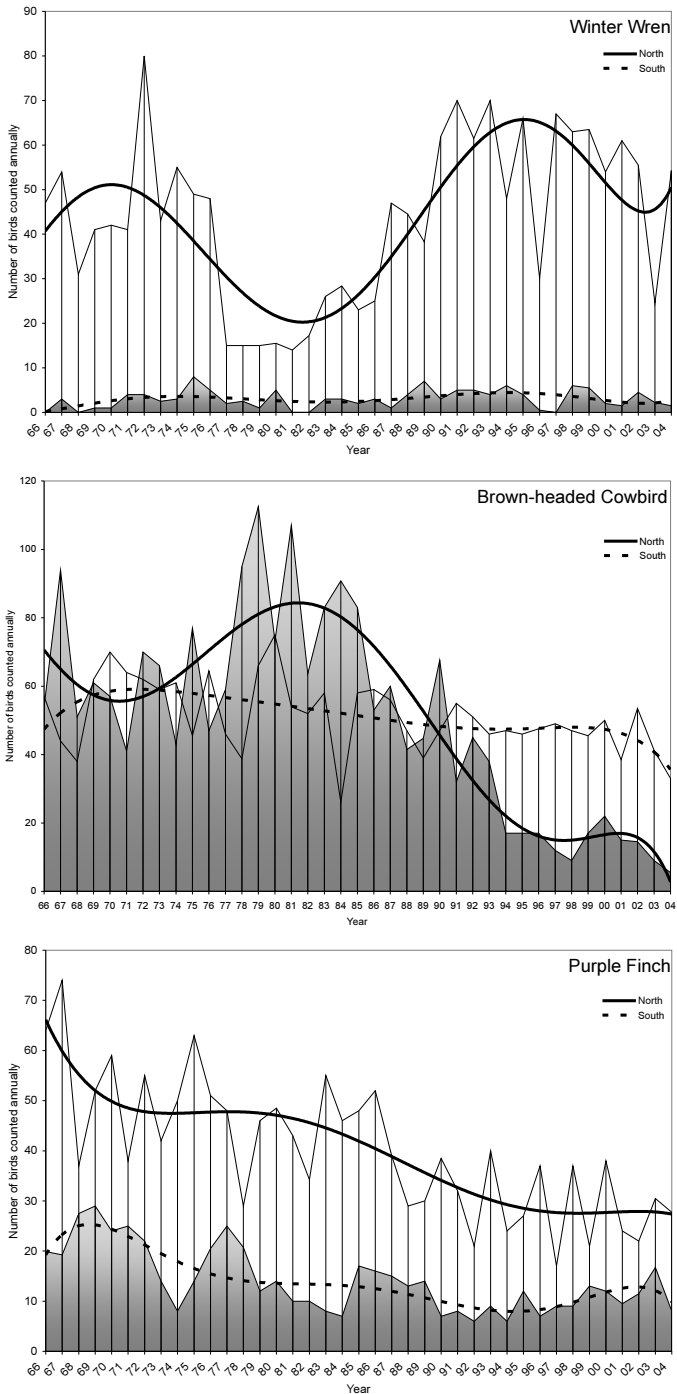


Figure 2. Comparison of Winter Wren, Brown-headed Cowbird, and Purple Finch data from BBS routes in the northern and southeastern parts of New Hampshire, 1966–2004.

Winter Wrens are much less numerous in the southern part of the state, but the northern routes show a pattern that relates to winter weather patterns (Figure 2). The dramatic drop in 1977 follows the cold winter of 1976–77 and it is these kinds of winters that impact winter survival in the southern United States where they winter. The Hermit Thrush can also show similar impacts, although the extent of the effect varies between the two species. The Brown-headed Cowbird trends vary between the two regions (Figure 2), and the steep decline in the north may reflect the reforestation and decline of agriculture in that region. Our state bird, the Purple Finch, shows a greater decline in the southeast than in the north (Figure 2), a difference I can't explain. Take a look at the graphs and see what you think. In future issues we will present more of the graphs and perhaps you can contribute an idea to explain what they mean.

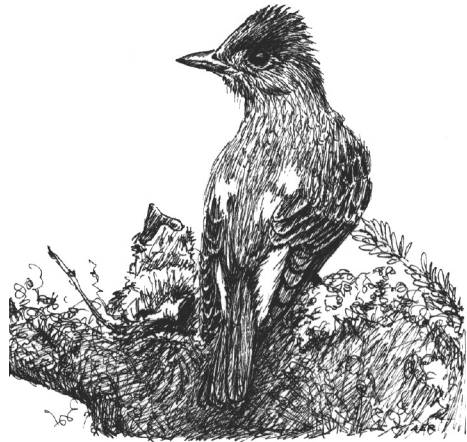
Birding the Far North—Pittsburg

by Erik Nielsen

In October 2003, a tract of 171,000 acres in the northernmost part of New Hampshire, roughly 3% of the state's land area, was protected from development in a major land transaction that involved conservation organizations, timber companies, and the state of New Hampshire. A majority of this protected region lies in the towns of Pittsburg and Clarksville, also known as the Connecticut Lakes Region, an area that has long been a destination of birders seeking boreal species. The best time to visit is from June, when many species arrive to nest, to August, when they begin to leave for warmer climates.

For most birders, an overnight stay will be desirable. Fortunately, Pittsburg has several campgrounds and many house-keeping cabins, but it is wise to plan ahead and make reservations before heading out, as birding is only one of many popular recreational activities in the area. Most of the lodging is found in the section from Back Lake to the southern end of First Connecticut Lake (see accompanying map). From there north the area is almost totally undeveloped. For lodging information, contact: North Country Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 1, Colebrook, NH 03576; (603) 237-8939 or (800) 698-8939; www.northcountrychamber.org.

Route 3 is the main road to the town of Pittsburg from the south; it continues through town to the border crossing with Canada, where it becomes Route 257. The elevation rises from about 1,330' in Pittsburg to 2,360' at the border station.



Olive-sided Flycatcher by Andrea Robbins.

The Birds

In 1992, after having birded in the area regularly since 1983, I started to keep a database of the birds my wife and I saw or heard in Pittsburg. The database now has over 19,000 records (those from 2005 not included) and might shed some light on how likely it is to see the different species. Below are lists of birds grouped by how frequently they were recorded during this period.

Abundant – recorded at least once per day

Mallard	Winter Wren	Black-throated Green Warbler
Common Loon	Golden-crowned Kinglet	Blackburnian Warbler
Northern Flicker	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	American Redstart
Blue-headed Vireo	Swainson's Thrush	Common Yellowthroat
Red-eyed Vireo	Hermit Thrush	Chipping Sparrow
Tree Swallow	American Robin	Song Sparrow
Blue Jay	Cedar Waxwing	White-throated Sparrow
American Crow	Nashville Warbler	Dark-eyed Junco
Common Raven	Northern Parula	Common Grackle
Black-capped Chickadee	Magnolia Warbler	Purple Finch
Boreal Chickadee	Black-throated Blue Warbler	American Goldfinch
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Yellow-rumped Warbler	

Very common – recorded at least once every second day

Common Merganser	Hairy Woodpecker	Black-and-white Warbler
Ruffed Grouse	Olive-sided Flycatcher	Ovenbird
Great Blue Heron	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	Northern Waterthrush
Spotted Sandpiper	Alder Flycatcher	Wilson's Warbler
Wilson's Snipe	Least Flycatcher	Canada Warbler
Ring-billed Gull	Veery	Lincoln's Sparrow
Mourning Dove	European Starling	Swamp Sparrow
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Chestnut-sided Warbler	Red-winged Blackbird
Belted Kingfisher	Bay-breasted Warbler	Pine Siskin
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Blackpoll Warbler	Evening Grosbeak

Common – recorded at least once every fifth day

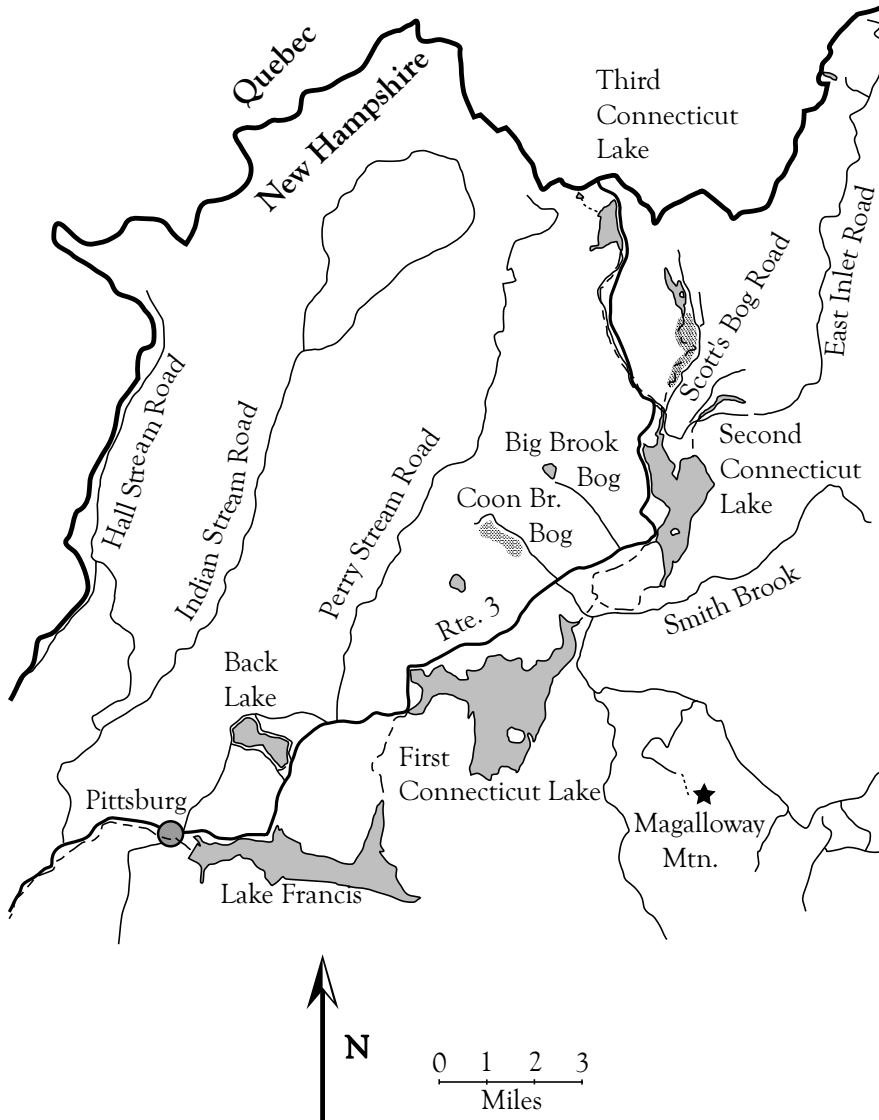
Canada Goose	Downy Woodpecker	Eastern Bluebird
American Black Duck	Black-backed Woodpecker	Gray Catbird
Hooded Merganser	Pileated Woodpecker	Yellow Warbler
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Eastern Phoebe	Mourning Warbler
Broad-winged Hawk	Eastern Kingbird	Savannah Sparrow
Red-tailed Hawk	Gray Jay	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
American Kestrel	Cliff Swallow	Bobolink
Killdeer	Barn Swallow	Rusty Blackbird
Herring Gull	Brown Creeper	White-winged Crossbill
Chimney Swift		

Uncommon – recorded at least once in ten days

Wood Duck	Osprey	Brown-headed Cowbird
Ring-necked Duck	Solitary Sandpiper	Red Crossbill
Spruce Grouse	Philadelphia Vireo	House Sparrow
American Bittern	Bank Swallow	

Some of the birds that almost made it into the “uncommon” category (seen slightly less frequently) are Common Goldeneye, Double-crested Cormorant, Turkey Vulture, Bald Eagle, Merlin, Brown Thrasher, and Cape May Warbler. Neither American Woodcock nor owls made it onto the above lists, but this is more a reflection of our lack of nighttime birding than their actual abundance. The few times we have tried to find some of them have usually been successful.

I’ll describe several of my favorite birding routes in the region, starting from just south of the village center and progressing north toward the Canadian border. Please refer to the accompanying map to gain a geographic sense of the routes.



Indian Stream Road

About 19 miles long, this is the longest of the logging roads of the region and passes through the most varied habitat. Beginning a little over 2.5 miles south of Pittsburg on Route 3, it heads north through a broad, stream valley at an elevation of 1,100' and ends in prime spruce forest at roughly 2,000'. Birds in the lower stream valley include American Bittern, American Kestrel, Cliff Swallow, Bank Swallow, Warbling Vireo (rare), Veery, Eastern Bluebird, Yellow Warbler, Savannah Sparrow, and Bobolink. From about mile 5.3, just after Moose Pond Road enters on the right, and for the next 9 miles or so, the road follows the winding Indian Stream closely. Birds seen frequently along this stretch include Olive-sided Flycatcher and Mourning Warbler. A road on the left at mile 14.3 leads to Terrell Pond. Following the road past the boat launch area leads to a couple of good spots for scanning the northwestern part of the pond and for checking the tall spruces along the edge for nesting Black-backed Woodpeckers.

Back Lake

The area around Back Lake is heavily populated with numerous camps and many housekeeping cabins, but birding can still be quite productive. The best areas are toward the western end of the lake where species that are rare in most of Pittsburg can be found regularly. Examples include Great-crested Flycatcher, White-breasted Nuthatch, and Scarlet Tanager.

Perry Stream Road

Head north 5.3 miles from the village of Pittsburg on Route 3. Turn left onto Day Road, which turns into Perry Stream Road after two miles. This road goes north between Back Lake and first Connecticut Lake. Although it is pretty densely populated by Pittsburg standards, you can add several species to the list at a few stops along the way. Wilson's Snipe and Savannah Sparrow are some of the species to look for here. The Perry Stream Road part continues north for another 10 miles or so to roughly a mile from the border. It is often easier to find Black-backed Woodpecker, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Boreal Chickadee, Bay-breasted Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, Lincoln's Sparrow, and Rusty Blackbird along this road than at other spots in the area.

Magalloway Mountain

Magalloway Mountain is a bit low in elevation (3,383') for Bicknell's Thrush, but is the highest spot in the area that can be (relatively) easily reached and we have found these thrushes singing on the top on a few occasions. Stub Hill is 240' higher, but has no convenient access roads. To get to Magalloway Mountain turn right onto Magalloway Road about 11.5 miles north of Pittsburg on Route 3, just north of First Connecticut Lake. Follow the road for 5.4 miles, and take the road to the right for 1.5 miles to a small parking area at the base of the mountain. The hike up is fairly steep in spots, but can be done at a leisurely pace in about 45 minutes. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Brown Creeper, Winter Wren, Swainson's Thrush, and Black-throated Blue Warblers are some of the birds you can often find on the hike up, and Blackpoll Warblers are common on the top.

Coon Brook Bog

Coon Brook Bog is one of the most reliable places for Ring-necked Duck and Hooded Merganser, and the road to it is good for Chestnut-sided, Black-throated Blue, Blackburnian and Mourning Warblers, and Ovenbird. To get to the pond take Coon Brook Road opposite Magalloway Road. Stay to the right at the fork at 0.5 miles; the access road to the boat launch is on the left in another 1.25 miles.

Big Brook Bog

At about 2.4 miles north of Coon Brook Bog Road along Route 3, turn left onto Big Brook Road and then go another 2.4 miles to Big Brook Bog. The bog pond is on the right. Ring-necked Duck as well as Common and Hooded Mergansers are often found in the pond, and since the dam broke in 2003 the pond has actually been more productive than it was prior to the break. Big Brook Bog Road seems to be an especially good spot to find mixed chickadee-vireo-warbler flocks in late August and September.

Smith Brook Road

Extensive logging in a number of spots along Smith Brook Road during the last several years has created prime habitat for "successional-scrub" nesting species, making it relatively easy to find species like Mourning Warbler and Lincoln's Sparrow. The road starts on the left about 1.2 miles from Route 3 on Magalloway Road, just after it crosses the Connecticut River at an elevation of 1,650' and ends at 2,200' after roughly 7 miles. The habitat along the road is quite varied and we always seem to find something of note. Some of the more unusual species we have found here are Spruce Grouse, Wild Turkey (in 2005), Black-backed Woodpecker, and Field Sparrow; in late July and early August of 2005 a Fox Sparrow was singing in one of the relatively recently cut areas.

Second Connecticut Lake

Lowering the water level of the Second Connecticut Lake in the fall is one of the methods used for increasing the flow to downstream water turbines on the Connecticut River. When this is done, large areas of lake bottom are exposed and become attractive to migrating shorebirds. If early June has extended periods of rain, the number of swallows over the lake can be impressive. The best place to scan the lake is from the boat launch and at the dam near the southern end of the lake.

East Inlet Road

No trip to the region is complete without a trip at least partway up East Inlet Road. The road starts on the right about 18 miles north of the center of Pittsburg and continues for 14 miles to Rhubarb Pond, just under 0.4 miles from the border (see map). Some of the most reliable spots for Spruce Grouse and Black-backed Woodpecker are found along this road. Gray Jay is common and Boreal Chickadee is actually more abundant than its Black-capped cousin. American Bitterns, Pied-billed Grebe, Ring-necked Duck, and Wilson's Snipe can often be found in East Inlet Flowage (or Pond) at mile 2. Some of the best spots along this road are the stretch from the "T" after crossing the Connecticut River bridge to the next corner, East Inlet and the immediately surrounding woods, the old logging road at mile 3.5 (the most reliable spot for Spruce Grouse), and the Snag Pond area at mile 11. This road also happens to be great for seeing northern butterfly species. Green and Gray Commas can be abundant, literally on the road, in August, and this is probably the best area in New Hampshire for seeing the Hoary Comma.

Scott Bog Road

Scott Bog Road goes north from East Inlet Road, just 1/3 of a mile after the latter leaves Route 3. Even though the distance from the start of the road to Scott Bog is only 2.5 miles, the trip can easily take several hours as the road goes through some prime habitat and the birding is usually great. Alder Flycatchers are common along Scott Brook and there is usually an Olive-sided Flycatcher calling somewhere in the stream valley.

Scott Bog has many of the same birds that can be found in East Inlet, but has much less boat traffic. In addition to checking out the bog from a canoe or kayak, you can visit a couple of lookout spots on the shore. A spot about 0.7 miles north of the boat launch area gives you a good view of the mid to upper part of the pond from the east side. You can sometimes hear Virginia Rail from there.

Sophie's Lane (Deer Mountain Road) and Moose Falls Flowage

Deer Mountain Road was recently reopened to private cars and at the same time was renamed Sophie's Lane. It goes left off Route 3 about 0.9 miles north of East Inlet Road and follows the Connecticut River for about 4 miles to the southern end of Third Connecticut Lake. Philadelphia Vireo is regular in the first mile or so and Rusty Blackbirds are often found in the upper part.

On the left, 0.4 miles north on Route 3 from Deer Mountain Road, a narrow road leads to a wide, marshy, dammed up area of Connecticut River. Birds often found here include American Bittern, American Black Duck, Ring-necked Duck, Common Merganser, Alder Flycatcher, Least Flycatcher, and Northern Waterthrush.

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Update on the New Hampshire Important Bird Area Program

by Pamela Hunt

New Hampshire's Important Bird Area (IBA) Program began in 2002 as a partnership among New Hampshire Audubon, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, and the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension. It is part of a national and international effort to identify those areas that provide critical habitat to birds at any stage of their annual cycle. The program is coordinated in the United States by the National Audubon Society.

Since its inception, the New Hampshire IBA program has identified 15 IBAs (see map) ranging from the Seacoast to the northern tip of the state. These IBAs recognize three broad categories of sites:

- 1) Locations used by threatened and endangered species (e.g., tern colonies, loon lakes)
- 2) Important habitats for species of conservation concern (e.g., grasslands, salt marshes)
- 3) Places where large numbers of birds congregate during the non-breeding season (e.g., coastal mudflats, river corridors)

The following is a list of all currently identified IBAs in New Hampshire and the predominant reasons that each site has been accepted into the IBA program.

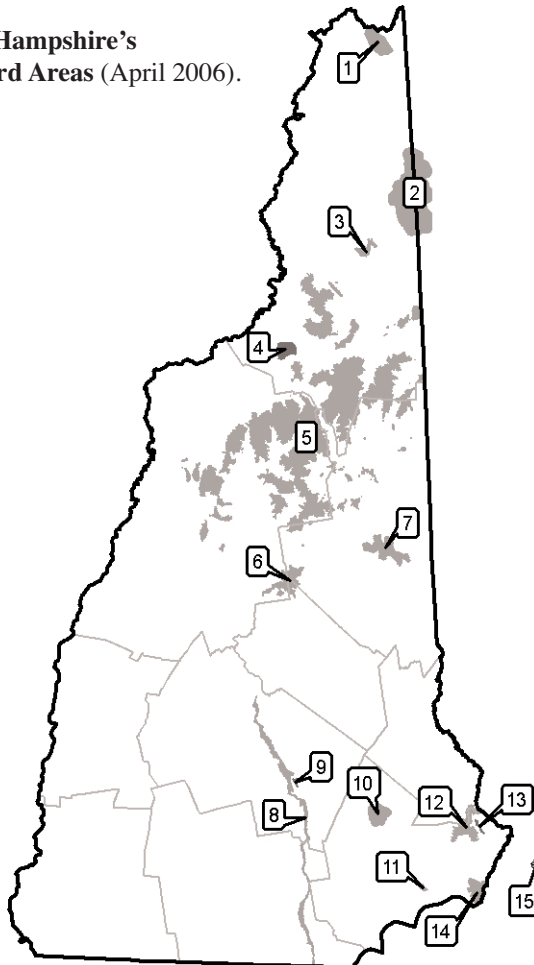
- 1) Connecticut Lakes Headwaters (boreal and wetland birds)
- 2) Lake Umbagog (boreal and wetland birds, Bald Eagle, Common Loon, Osprey)
- 3) Pontook Reservoir (wetland birds, Osprey, Bald Eagle)
- 4) Pondicherry Basin (breeding waterfowl, forest and wetland birds)
- 5) High-elevation Spruce-Fir of the White Mountain National Forest (Bicknell's Thrush and other high-elevation conifer species)
- 6) Squam Lake (Common Loon, migrating waterfowl, Bald Eagle)
- 7) Ossipee Pine Barrens (Whip-poor-will, Eastern Towhee, and other pine barrens species)
- 8) Merrimack River Floodplain (migrating waterfowl, wintering eagles and waterfowl, floodplain forest species)
- 9) Concord Airport Grasslands (Grasshopper Sparrow and other grassland species)
- 10) Pawtuckaway Highlands (Cerulean Warbler and a rich assemblage of other forest species)
- 11) Powwow Pond (migrating waterfowl and other wetland birds)
- 12) Great Bay (wintering/migrating eagles and waterfowl, Osprey, saltmarsh sparrows)
- 13) Pease Grasslands (Upland Sandpiper and other grassland species)
- 14) Hampton-Seabrook Marsh and Dunes (breeding saltmarsh species, migrating shorebirds, Piping Plover)
- 15) Isles of Shoals (terns and other breeding seabirds, wintering waterfowl, Purple Sandpipers)

As the New Hampshire IBA program moves forward, there are still areas to evaluate. To help in this endeavor, we need data from the state's active birders. Much of that data is submitted to *New Hampshire Bird Records*, and as such it has been put to great use in justifying the recognition of our current IBAs. But there are plenty of places in the state that are visited significantly less often, and for which data are sorely needed. High on this list are most of the state's freshwater wetlands. Historical data indicate the presence of Pied-billed Grebes, Soras, and other scarce marsh birds at several sites in the central and southwestern parts of the state, but there are few current data with which to evaluate these areas for potential inclusion in the IBA program. For example, Cascade Marsh in Sutton may very well be the best site in the state for Pied-billed Grebe, but in recent years it has not been consistently visited during the breeding season. As such we are currently unsure how many grebes still nest there or how successful they have been. Without such information it is hard to justify including Cascade Marsh as an IBA.

Other habitats with similar data needs include waterfowl stopover sites along the Connecticut River, large forest blocks south of the White Mountains (e.g., Pisgah State Park in the southwest, or Bear Brook State Park in Allenstown), and locations of historic Cliff Swallow colonies. Members of the New Hampshire birding community can be of great assistance in collecting such data, simply by submitting data they already have or by making the effort to visit new places. Bird conservation has a long history of being supported from the “grassroots,” and in New Hampshire those roots are the active birders and the birds they enjoy, seek out, and—most importantly—report. Forms for reporting are available on the *New Hampshire Bird Records* web site at www.nhbirdrecords.org, or from the Managing Editor.

Additional details on any of the sites identified so far are available from the author, who coordinates the IBA program for New Hampshire Audubon. Contact Pam Hunt at 603-224-9909 X328, or phunt@nhaudubon.org.

**Map of New Hampshire’s
Important Bird Areas (April 2006).**



Volunteers and Research

Fore! Are Golf Courses in the “Rough” for Bird Conservation?

by Stephen R. Hale



According to WorldGolf.com, there are over 23,000 golf courses in the United States. Ninety-seven of these are in New Hampshire. Assuming that a golf course averages 130 acres (Brennen 1992), then the combined area of all golf courses in the United States is approximately 5,000 square miles, or approximately the size of the state of Connecticut. With such prevalent conversion of the North American landscape toward the recreational pursuit of chasing a small, white ball around a 130-acre lawn, the burning question becomes: Is there any conservation value for birds in golf courses? The Summer 2005 issue of the *Wildlife Society Bulletin* addresses this very question with special coverage in 10 articles on the topic. Before reviewing some findings from this issue, I should reveal that I can occasionally be found chasing a white ball around a 130-acre lawn.

The findings, in short, indicate that the costs versus benefits that golf courses provide for bird conservation are decidedly mixed, and depend on how the question is put forth. For example: Do golf courses support greater abundances and/or species richness (number of species) than neighboring areas outside of the golf course? Heavily irrigated golf courses in the desert southwestern United States with water impoundments did host greater abundances and numbers of species than the surrounding desert habitats (Merola-Zwartjes and DeLong 2005). However, most species were considered generalists (could be found in a wide range of habitat conditions). Golf courses could further enhance their conservation value by increasing the numbers of habitats and vegetation levels by including grasses, shrubs, small trees, and large trees.

In the eastern United States, where golf courses typically supplant native forests or agricultural fields, bird abundance and diversity on golf courses depended more on the amount and type of habitat around the golf course than on the habitat characteristics within the golf course itself (Porter et al. 2005). Specifically, golf courses surrounded by natural landcover types (e.g., forest, riparian watercourses, and open water) had greater abundance and diversity than the surrounding matrix forest or agricultural land because of an increased number of various habitat types and ecotones (boundary areas between different habitat types). Note, however, that as the amount of residential and other development increased, the benefits for birds decreased rapidly. Therefore, the boom of new golf resorts with fairway condominiums threatens any possible benefits that golf courses may provide.

The findings reviewed thus far relate to the total abundance and diversity for all birds living on golf courses. So, how did birds of special conservation concern (which here includes threatened or endangered species status) fare on golf courses? A study from 87 golf courses in Virginia indicated fewer individuals and species of special concern on golf courses than in reference habitats that were replaced by the golf courses (LeClerc and Cristol 2005). Even golf courses that replaced agricultural fields supported fewer individuals and species of special concern than the fields they replaced. Of the 87 golf courses, those with the greatest amount of forest supported greater individuals and species of special concern than golf courses with lesser amounts of forest. A sampling of 24 golf courses in South Carolina found that courses that have the least amount of habitat alteration (e.g., undisturbed forest patches and fields) had greater numbers of individuals, species, and species of special concern than golf courses with greater degrees of habitat alteration.

Aside from two studies of Eastern Bluebird (*Sialia sialis*) that presented opposing conclusions about the breeding success for bluebirds (LeClerc et al. 2005, Stanback and Seifert 2005), there have been few studies to examine the nesting success for golf course birds. The studies reviewed above demonstrated that golf courses support greater numbers and diversity of birds 1) in the southwestern United States, 2) in the eastern United States when the surrounding area is natural (i.e., not developed or residential), and 3) when there is a greater amount of forest. None of the studies, however, questioned if golf course birds were successfully breeding and represented a source of young birds that can disperse to populate new areas.

There have been sufficient studies to show the general circumstances when a golf course has large numbers of individuals or species. Now, studies are needed that investigate the breeding success of many species, especially species of special concern. Golf courses will prove to be of high conservation value when studies can demonstrate that they are capable of hosting breeding populations that serve as sources of young that in their turn are successful breeders. If breeding attempts by golf course birds fail such that overall bird deaths outpace births, then golf courses will be considered to be of limited, minimal, or even no conservation value. Certainly there will be no clear cut answer to this general question, because there will be some instances where golf courses do serve as sources of individuals and other cases where they do not. It is hopeful that there is an increasing trend toward new golf courses being developed with an eye toward wildlife conservation. Unfortunately, we still do

not really know how to best guide developers' efforts toward effective conservation-friendly golf course design.

If you are a golfer and are interested in advancing bird and wildlife conservation, then be sure to bring up the topic of birds and wildlife whenever you golf. The 19th hole is a great place for other golfers to learn about all of the "birdies" you had on the course. If a course has a large number of birds on it, be sure to praise the greens keepers and management.

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Photo Quiz Answer

by David B. Donsker

Our featured species is obviously a perching bird. Because we are drawn to faces by our very nature, and because the facial features of this bird are so strong, it's the one feature that impresses us at first glance. What we note is that this bird has a very prominent pale eye-ring and a strong pale supraloral stripe (the line connecting the upper part of the eye-ring to the area just above the base of the bill). This results in a very distinctive feature referred to as "spectacles." If we can pull our eyes away from the spectacles, we can note other important features. The lores, or space between the eye and the base of the bill, are black or certainly much darker than the crown and cheeks. Further, the black of the lores extends slightly downward along the upper edge of the throat, creating the impression of a partial mask. The rest of the upperparts are uniformly unmarked and strongly contrast with the pale throat, breast, and upper belly. The wings are plain, the tail is relatively long, and the bill is pointed, stout, and pale.

Color would, of course, help us identify this species, but the challenge of black-and-white photographs is to use pattern, rather than color, to reach a sound conclusion.

Only a few of our perching birds demonstrate unpatterned upperparts that so strongly contrast with unmarked, pale underparts. Fewer still couple these findings with a prominent eye ring or spectacles. In the end, only a few of our vireos and warblers show this combination of features.

The spectacles, unmarked upperparts, and pale throat and underparts of our featured species are common to several species of vireo. These include the uncommon White-eyed Vireo and two species fairly common in our state: Yellow-throated and Blue-headed Vireo.

All of our "spectacled" vireos, however, have features that are missing in this bird. Perhaps most distinctive is that they all have two strong white wing bars rather than plain wings. Further, the bills of vireos are smaller, shorter, and hooked at the tip. Although the hooked tip can often be difficult to see in the field, it would be quite obvious in this close-up photograph. Another feature that separates this bird from the "spectacled" vireos is its proportionally long tail.

Connecticut Warbler, which shares with this species the unmarked wings and prominent eye-ring, lacks the pale throat and, instead, has a dark or dusky hood. It also lacks the white supraloral so it doesn't have spectacles. Like this bird, its shape is rather elongated, but its tail does not project as far beyond the lower belly and vent.

Nashville Warbler is also plain above, with unmarked wings and a prominent eye-ring. Like this bird, it also has a pale throat and plain, pale breast. However, it lacks the distinctive spectacles and dark lores. Its bill is much smaller and thinner and the bird itself is much more delicate.

Common Yellowthroat shows the combination of plain wings, uniform unmarked upperparts, and contrasting pale throat and underparts. Some individual males can even have a faint, broken eye-ring and a pale supraloral. But, unlike this bird, it has a very distinctive black mask, which is much more extensive than the black lores of this individual. The black of the yellowthroat's mask extends far up the forehead and over the cheeks. It is also separated from the crown by a white upper border.

A serious contender for this identification is Kentucky Warbler, a rare vagrant to our state. Like this bird, Kentucky Warbler has plain upperparts and wings that contrast with its paler underparts. Further, they have pale (yellow) spectacles and a partial black facial mask that is much smaller than that of Common Yellowthroat. But the male Kentucky Warbler's mask is much more extensive than that shown in this individual. It extends much further back over the cheek and downward along the upper edge of the throat. This effect has been likened to "sideburns." However, the black mask of female and juvenile Kentucky Warbler is much reduced, approaching that seen in the photograph. But there are several characteristics of this bird that eliminate Kentucky Warbler. The Kentucky Warbler's spectacles are not nearly as complete. The eye-ring portion circles largely behind the eye and does not extend as far under or around the front of the eye as in this bird. Thus, the black of the iris merges with the black of the mask in front of the eye in that species. Also, the body structure of Kentucky Warbler is different. Its tail is proportionally much shorter and its bill is smaller and finer.

The one species that combines all of the distinctive characteristics of this bird: strong spectacles, uniform light throat and underparts, contrasting plain upperparts, unmarked wings, stout bill, and a proportionally long tail is Yellow-breasted Chat.

Of course, the chat has a brilliant yellow throat and breast which, combined with its white spectacles and its plain upperparts and wings make it very distinctive and unlikely to be confused with many of the species discussed above. That is just one of the challenges of black-and-white photos!

Yellow-breasted Chat is a large aberrant warbler encountered most often as an uncommon to rare fall vagrant to our state (see Masterson 2002). It is primarily a southern and western species, but it regularly breeds as close to our borders as southern Massachusetts. Individuals have been encountered as far north as Berlin, but most of the records of this species have been from the seacoast region, notably in Rye and on Star Island. Despite its strong facial pattern and bright yellow breast, it prefers dense tangles and thickets and, in the fall, rarely sings. Thus, it can easily be overlooked and, even when encountered, devilishly hard to see.



Denny Abbot photographed this striking Yellow-breasted Chat on January 24, 2002, in Rye. This particular bird, enjoyed by many, spent the winter in a thick hedge and regularly attended a feeding station.

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Abbreviations Used

BBC	Brookline Bird Club	Rd.	Road
BBS	Breeding Bird Survey	Rt.	Route
CA	Conservation Area	SF	State Forest
CC	Country Club	St. Pk.	State Park
FT	Field Trip	SPNHF	Society for the Protection of NH Forests, Concord
L.	Lake	T&M	Thompson & Meserves (Purchase)
LPC	Loon Preservation Committee	WMA	Wildlife Management Area
NA	Natural Area	WMNF	White Mountain National Forest
NHA	New Hampshire Audubon	WS	NHA Wildlife Sanctuary
NHBR	New Hampshire Bird Records	~	approximately
NHRBC	NH Rare Birds Committee		
NWR	National Wildlife Refuge		
PO	Post Office		
R.	River		

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A Chance Encounter

You'll never know what the lazy hazy days of summer will produce! While fishing on the Connecticut River in Hinsdale, New Hampshire, Jim McBride and his wife, Catherine, spotted these Bonaparte's Gulls. Being an avid birder, Jim knew that it was uncommon to see Bonaparte's in July inland on the river. Fortunately for him, his wife had her camera along and snapped these pictures as proof. They enjoyed watching them close-up for half an hour. These birds were seen another three or four times during the month of July. It just goes to show you that a fishing trip can bring home more than fish!



Bonaparte's Gulls by Catherine McBride, 7/7/2005, Connecticut River, Hinsdale, NH.



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