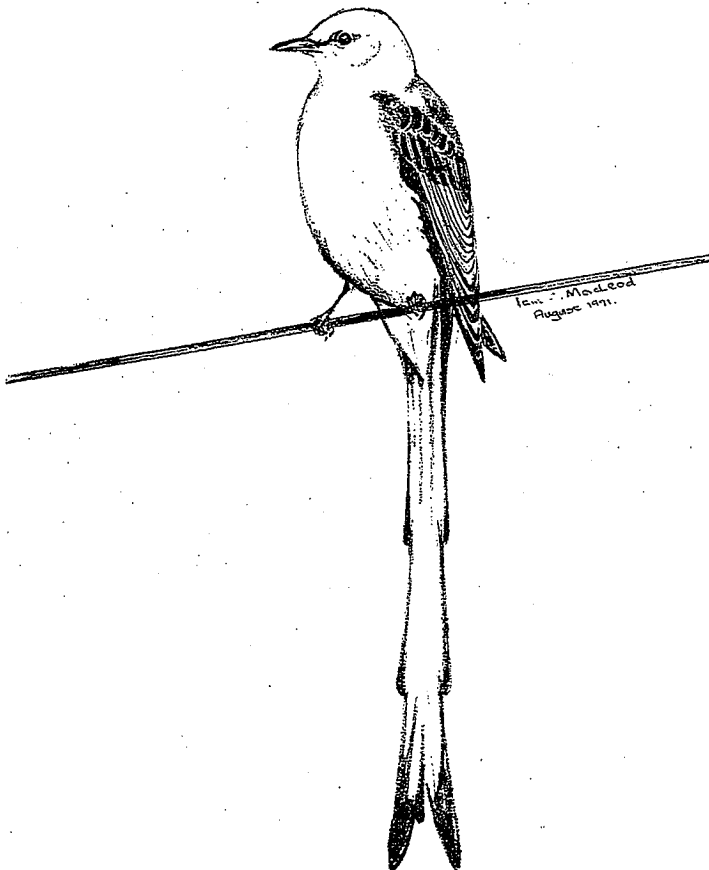


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## FROM THE EDITOR

Congratulations to Diane De Luca and Stephen Walker on the birth of their baby girl, Kiah Ashley Walker on May 27, 1993. All are doing very well. Needless to say, Diane has not had much time for *Bird Records* these days and will be taking a break from her duties as Technical Editor. We ask for your patience and understanding as we make a transition to a new division of responsibilities.

A new addition in this publication is a Corrections Page. It includes corrections for any substantive errors that have been detected in the issues from Spring 1988 through Winter 90-91. We try to eliminate all such inaccuracies before publication but some always manage to slip through. In the future, we will try to include these corrections more regularly, as needed.

There are many volunteers who work on *NH Bird Records* to help make it a valuable publication. In addition to those who take the time to submit their sightings, we would like to thank those volunteers who work behind the scenes. We have some new faces in the data entry crew which now consists of Jeannine Ayer, Judy Sweeney, Bob Vernon, Nancy Burgess, and Ruth Lang. Jill Simmons has one of her many hands in here as well as other publication tasks. Thanks to the efforts of these folks, the database of bird sightings is up to date and in terrific shape.

Our seasonal editors — Bob Quinn, Andrea Robbins, Steve Mirick, and Peter Hunt — deserve great credit for continuing on in spite of the two year delay in seeing their work in print. Tom McMillan volunteers as text editor and Marie Neveu as proof reader. Special thanks to Kimball Elkins who provides ongoing assistance with his vast knowledge of the birds in New Hampshire.

This effort and support is tremendously important to the quality of the publication and to the staff who work on it. Simply put, *Bird Records* would not be able to survive without all of these volunteers. Thanks!

Rebecca Suomala  
Managing Editor

The cover illustration is of a Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, by ASNH Communications Director, Iain MacLeod. Iain's work, in both pen & ink, and pencil, has frequently graced the pages of ASNH publications. His illustrations have been used in many newsletters and books here in the US and in Iain's native Scotland. He has exhibited on both sides of the Atlantic.

For the first time, the original drawing is available for sale, with all proceeds to benefit *NH Bird Records*. The picture (image size is 5" x 7"), will be matted. We will award the illustration to whoever makes the highest bid (\$100 minimum) by December 1st, 1993. Please contact Iain or Becky at 224-9909 if you are interested.



# Summer Season

June 1 to July 31, 1991

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The warm and mostly dry weather in the spring and summer created conditions for a very favorable nesting season. The only exceptions were the locally severe thunderstorms and their associated high winds. Late June — the most critical time for nesting songbirds — was fair and warm, which also benefited the Breeding Bird Survey. The bulk of the songbird data in this report comes from the 23 BBS routes, which have now been run for 26 years and provide an ever-growing mountain of invaluable nesting data.

A storm system and unsettled weather at the end of May and beginning of June may have brought the **Common Tern** at Lake Umbagog and the **Franklin's Gull** at the coast, one of the outstanding finds of the season. The most obvious late spring migrants were the **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** (June 7) and **Blackpoll Warbler** (June 15). The occurrence of not one but two **Scissor-tailed Flycatchers** in June is unprecedented and quite inexplicable for this rare southwestern wanderer. Less surprising was the **Black Skimmer** just across our border in Kittery, Maine.

By July, species besides the expected shorebirds were migrating. Swallows were flocking by mid-month, warblers were moving (note the **Common Yellowthroat**, **Chestnut-sided**, **Magnolia**, and **Black-throated Blue Warblers** in late July), and **Chimney Swifts** were noted flocking on July 28, after a front went through. Also on that date, but not obviously weather-related, was the observation of a **Golden Eagle**, an outstanding summer record for this rare species.

Other notable sightings of uncommon species included summering **Red-throated Loon** and **Red-breasted Merganser**, inland **Snowy Egret**, singing **Acadian Flycatcher**, and intriguing raptor sightings that we hope bode well for **Bald Eagles**, **Peregrine Falcons**, and **Merlins** in our state.

Now, a call to search, to see, and to record. A call to you! You know who you are. You are very good at identification (these records prove that). Now let's see how good you are with a challenge. I challenge you to contribute just one meaningful report of any one of the following species: nesting water birds (beyond common ducks), nesting hawks or owls, **Purple Martin**, **Northern Rough-winged Swallow**, **Cliff Swallow**, **Willow Flycatcher**, **Horned Lark**, **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher**, **Brown Thrasher**, resident boreal species, **Philadelphia Vireo**, **Prairie Warbler** north of Concord, **Pine Warbler** or **Louisiana Waterthrush** north of Plymouth, **Meadowlark**, **Vesper**, and **Grasshopper**, **Seaside**, or **Sharp-tailed Sparrows**. And let's talk about two subjects near and dear to us all—age and sex. It's time to move to the next step beyond simple identification to determine a bird's age and sex.

Thanks and keep up the good work. Oh, by the way, the species I am going to concentrate on is **Philadelphia Vireo**.

*Robert A. Quinn*  
Summer Editor

# Loons through Herons

A summering **Red-throated Loon** was a rather unusual sighting. But the Common Loon is less unusual with each passing year, according to the Loon Preservation Committee. This year's 88 chicks represent the highest number in the 16 years that the LPC has been at work. Perhaps the most meaningful statistic was the total of 40 lakes that had chicks, twice the total of only a few years ago. Several wandering Common Loons lead one to anticipate further new nesting attempts next year.

A **Pied-billed Grebe** at Audubon's Chase Sanctuary in Hopkinton was a new location for this species, but they are still few and far between. **Double-crested Cormorants** were conspicuous by the total absence of any reports. A dozen or so **American Bitterns** is an increase over totals of recent years. A small colony of **Great Blue Herons** at Second Connecticut Lake in Pittsburg is one of very few rookeries ever documented in the North Country. An immature **Snowy Egret** in Canterbury was an unusual inland sighting, and 29 **Glossy Ibis** at Great Bay were considered noteworthy for that location by the observer. **Black-crowned Night-Herons** went unreported.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
<b>Red-throated Loon</b>				
07-19	1	Rye	near Wallis Sands St. Pk.	P. Hunt, T. Leukering
<b>Common Loon</b>				
06-02	1	Lebanon	Mascoma Lake, near dam	P. Hunt, B. Jensen
06-03	1	Concord	Turtletown Pond	M. Chandler
06-28	4	Concord	Penacook Lake	P. Niswander
07-17	1	Bow	Turee Pond	E. Metzler
07-19	1	Durham	Adams Pt.	P. Hunt, T. Leukering
07-19	2	Rye	offshore	P. Hunt, T. Leukering
<b>Pied-billed Grebe</b>				
06-06	1	Hopkinton	Chase Sanctuary	L. Eaton
06-19	1	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	R. Vernon
<b>Northern Gannet</b>				
06-01	1		toward Isles of Shoals	S. Mirick, ASNH Field Trip
<b>American Bittern</b>				
06-19	1	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	R. Vernon
06-23	1	Pittsburg	East Inlet	R. Quinn
07-09	1	Thornton	Rt. 93 at Exit 29	T. Leukering, P. Hunt
07-12	1	Canaan	Rt.4 near Mascoma HS	G. Ports
07-19	2	Canterbury	sod farm marsh	K. Elkins, R. Vernon
07-20	1	Errol	Mile Long Pond	M. & M. Duffy
07-20	1	Errol	Harper's Meadow, Lake Umbagog	P. Allen, P. Theriault, S. Borden
07-21	1	Thornton	Rt. 3	T. Leukering
<b>Great Blue Heron</b>				
06-12	81	Hopkinton	Stumpfield Marsh	I. MacLeod
06-15	65	Londonderry	Musquash CA	H. Chary

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
06-30	61	Hopkinton	Stumpfield Marsh	J. Bohanan
07-25	40	Pittsburg	Second Connecticut Lake	C. Martin

### Great Egret

07-25	1	Hampton Falls	Rt. 1, n. of town	P. Hunt, T. Leukering, L. Bunten
07-25	1	Manchester	Steven's Pond, Rt. 93	P. Hunt, T. Leukering, L. Bunten
07-28	6	Seabrook	salt marshes	S. Mirick

### Snowy Egret

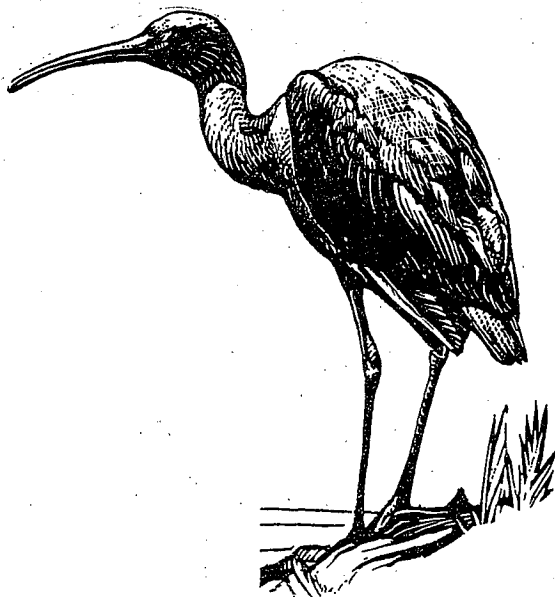
07-20	1	Canterbury	Merrimack R. mudflats, n. of Contoocook R.	R. Quinn
07-25	35		NH coast	P. Hunt, T. Leukering, L. Bunten

### Green-backed Heron

06-01	1	Wentworth	residence	G. Ports
06-10	1	New London	Low Plains CA	R. Vernon
06-15	1	Webster	Knight's Meadow Marsh	B. Janeway
06-17	1	Sutton	Rt. 89 at mile 26	C. & C. Martin
06-17	1	Sutton	Rt. 89, Exit 10	C. & C. Martin
06-18	1	Whitefield	Rt. 116	S. Bogert, M. Turner
07-09	1	Andover	Potter Place	K. Elkins
07-12	6	Bow	off Rt. 3A near Eastview Dr.	M. Balassone
07-13	3	Andover	Potter Place	K. Elkins

### Glossy Ibis

06-03	1	Seabrook	Seabrook Marsh tern blind	M. Suomala
07-19	29	Durham	Adams Pt.	S. Mirick



# Waterfowl through Hawks

Sizeable flocks of Canada Geese were again noted in June, and the only other waterfowl sighting of interest was that of a **Red-breasted Merganser** on July 19, a species that nests to the north and is normally absent during summer. Both teal species went unreported.

Turkey Vultures were widespread as far north as Errol, Wentworths Location, and Stratford. Twenty-two Osprey chicks in the North Country and three at Great Bay were encouraging totals. The Bald Eagles nesting at Lake Umbagog produced one healthy chick, and numerous wandering Bald Eagles, including an adult at First Connecticut Lake in Pittsburg, were intriguing in that large raptors like Bald Eagles normally explore potential sites for several years before making an attempt at nesting. An apparent adult **Golden Eagle** was seen by an experienced observer at the old landfill in Boscawen.

A Northern Harrier and a Peregrine Falcon at the coastal salt marshes on June 3 were most likely non-breeding wanderers (that reminds me of MY youth...). A Merlin was noted in the Lake Umbagog area for the second summer in a row, and two other Merlin reports tantalize us with the possibility that this species, which already nests in Maine and New York, might be settling in at Umbagog. Only seven young Peregrine Falcons survived this year, but two of these were from a site in Crawford Notch that had not produced chicks since 1987. A Cooper's Hawk in Hampton is somewhat unusual for that coastal locale.

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<b>Canada Goose</b>				
06-01	17	Bow	Tory Pond	J. Steenbeke
06-20	45	Milford	Osgood Pond & Armory Rd.	A. Ames
<b>Wood Duck</b>				
06-06	11	Randolph	old Rt. 2	S. Bogert, M. Turner
06-07	6	Mont Vernon	marsh, Rt. 13 n.	R. Suomala
06-19	4	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	R. Vernon
<b>Ring-necked Duck</b>				
07-20	7	Errol	Mile Long Pond	P. & A. Cormier
<b>Hooded Merganser</b>				
06-19	5	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	R. Vernon
07-04	15	New London	Low Plains CA	K. Elkins
<b>Common Merganser</b>				
07-17	8	Wakefield	Lake Wentworth	S. Cloutman
<b>Red-breasted Merganser</b>				
07-19	1	Rye	near Wallis Sands St. Pk.	P. Hunt, T. Leukering
<b>Turkey Vulture</b>				
06-02	1	Errol	Sweat Meadow, Lake Umbagog	S. Bogert, M. Turner
06-12	1	Stratford	Stratford Hollow	D. & B. Killam

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07-08	20	Campton	Rt. 93, s. of Thornton	T. Leukering, D. Fahl-King
07-20	1	Wentworths	Location	N. Frost, E. Baron
07-24	11	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright

### Osprey

06-05	1	Shelburne	Androscoggin R.	S. Bogert, M. Turner
06-08	1	Freedom	Loon Lake, ne. side	A. Troy
06-20	2	Peterborough	Noone's Mill Pond	H. Franklin
06-30	3	Warren	Hildreth Dam	C. Pease
07-12	1	Thornton	along Pemigewasset R.	P. Marra
07-17	1	Pittsburg	Rt. 3 at Second Connecticut	Lake D. & B. Killam
07-20	1	Pittsburg	East Inlet	D. & B. Killam

### Bald Eagle

06-11	1	Loudon		C. Johnson
06-21	1	Northumberland	Ammonoosuc R.	P. Sunderland
06-22	1	Manchester	near Lake Massebesic	S. Hartmann
06-26	1	Ossipee	White Pond	P. Herrin
06-26	3	Hancock	Nubanusit Lake	P. & J. Brodie
06-26	1	Warner	Warner R.	A. Sweeney
07-01	1	Canterbury	Boyce Rd.	M. Colburn
07-25	1	Pittsburg	First Connecticut Lake	J. Noon

### Northern Harrier

06-03	1	Seabrook	Seabrook Marsh tern blind	M. Suomala
06-13	1	Millsfield	Rt. 26, near Welch Brook & Clear Stream	C. Martin, M. Amaral
06-28	6	Stewartstown	Mudgett Mtn.	J. Neveux
07-20	1	Errol	Leonard Marsh, Lake Umbagog	P. Allen, P. Theriault, S. Borden
07-25	1	Pittsburg	Second Connecticut Lake	J. Noon
07-26	1	Dummer	Rts. 16 & 110A	M. Turner
07-27	1	Errol	Lake Umbagog	S. Bogert

### Cooper's Hawk

07-25	1	Hampton	Rt. 51 between Rts. 1 & 1A	T. Leukering
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### Northern Goshawk

06-10	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
06-16	1	Bedford	Rosewell Rd.	J. Aitken
07-20	1	Chatham	Weeks Brook drainage	S. Shackford
07-29	1	Walpole	Pinnacleview Equipment	M. Wright

### Red-shouldered Hawk

06-01	1	Errol	head of Androscoggin R.	S. Bogert, M. Turner
06-14	1	Webster	Mud Pond	B. Janeway
06-15	1	Webster	Knight's Meadow Marsh	B. Janeway

### Broad-winged Hawk

06-12	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
07-01	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright

### Golden Eagle

07-29	1	Boscawen	landfill near Town Forest	R. Bollinger
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<b>Merlin</b>				
06-15	1	Errol	Sweat Meadow, Lake Umbagog	C. Martin, S. Bogert, M. Turner
06-18	1	Randolph	Rt. 2 & Dolly Copp Rd.	S. Bogert, M. Turner
06-21	1	Warner	Mt. Kearsarge summit	B. & H. Janeway

### **Peregrine Falcon**

06-03	1	Seabrook	Seabrook Marsh	M. Suomala
06-06	1	Gorham	Rts. 2 & 16 near Shelburne	line S. Bogert
06-06	1	Gorham	downtown	S. Bogert, M. Turner
07-08	1	Campton	Rt. 93 just s. of Thornton	T. Leukering, D. Fahl-King
07-25	3	Harts Location	Mt. Willard	C. Martin

## **Spruce Grouse through Shorebirds**

An encouraging number of Spruce Grouse were reported, and a notably northern Wild Turkey family was reported from Wentworth. A Sora seen swimming across the Androscoggin River was, given the secretive nature of this marsh dweller, a highly visual treat for the observers.

A Killdeer at the K-Mart Plaza in Manchester was likely a nearby roof nester. Audubon biologists believed there to be a many as 10 Upland Sandpiper nests at the former Pease AFB this summer, and the migrant hordes of Uppies grew to 45 by the end of July. Twenty Short-billed Dowitchers were a most unusual find at Lake Umbagog this June.

The shorebird migration was well under way by early July, with 24 Whimbrels and 17 Willets being notably high totals for these large waders. A Pectoral Sandpiper on July 19 was somewhat early. A Long-billed Dowitcher was a decided rarity for the state, especially in July.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
<b>Spruce Grouse</b>				
06-18	1	Franconia	N. Twin Spur	G. & C. Ports
06-18	1	Lincoln	W. Bond Trail	G. & C. Ports
07-11	3	Livermore	Nancy Pond Trail	R. Frechette, D. Rowell
07-12	6	Pittsburg	E. Branch of Dead Diamond R.	H. Laramie
07-13	1	Errol	Leonard Marsh, Lake Umbagog	M. Turner, S. Bogert
07-20	1	Errol	near Eames Camp	A. Tappan, B. Thomas
07-26	4	Errol	Lake Umbagog, w. of Moll's Rocks	M. Turner, C. Martin
07-26	1	Dummer	e. of Pontook Reservoir	M. Turner, C. Martin

### **Ruffed Grouse**

06-17	12	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
07-15	4	Hooksett	Chichester Tpk., n. of Rt. 27	D. Maxwell

### **Wild Turkey**

06-10	1	Deering	Clement Hill Rd.	S. Walker
06-23	2	Warner	Waldron Hill	C. & C. Martin
06-24	9	Wentworth	Rt. 25	M. Burne





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<b>Virginia Rail</b>				
06-18	1	Alton	Chestnut Cove Rd. wetland	C. Martin
06-22	1	Durham	off Dame Rd.	S. Mirick, D. Hughes, D. Ekstrom
07-01	5	Canterbury	Kodockadee Pond, sod farm	R. Quinn
07-13	2	Nottingham	off Rt. 152	S. Mirick, ASNH Field Trip
<b>Sora</b>				
07-20	1	Errol	Harper's Meadow, Androscoggin R.	A. & B. Kimball, M. Turner
07-20	1	Errol	Androscoggin R.	S. Bogert, M. Turner, J. Noon
07-21	1	Errol	Lake Umbagog	J. Bourne, S. Carter
<b>Black-bellied Plover</b>				
06-01	70	Seabrook	Seabrook Marsh near Walton Rd.	M. Suomala
07-25	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	P. Hunt, T. Leukering, L. Bunten
<b>Semipalmated Plover</b>				
07-19	20	Hampton	salt pans se. of Rts. 1 & 51	P. Hunt, T. Leukering
07-25	35	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	P. Hunt, T. Leukering, L. Bunten
07-25	50	Hampton	salt pans se. of Rts. 1 & 51	P. Hunt, T. Leukering, L. Bunten
07-28	100	Rye	s. of Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	R. Quinn
<b>Killdeer</b>				
06-13	1	Manchester	K-Mart Plaza	J. Simmons
07-06	14	Hampton	off Rt. 51	S. Mirick
07-15	13	Keene	Keene athletic field	M. Wright
07-19	12	Canterbury	sod farm	K. Elkins
07-24	15	Concord	Terrill Pk., Merrimack R.	R. Quinn
07-25	50	Hampton	salt pans se. of Rts. 1 & 51	P. Hunt, T. Leukering, L. Bunten
<b>Greater Yellowlegs</b>				
07-06	1	Seabrook	harbor	S. Mirick
07-25	1	Pittsburg	Scott Bog	C. Martin
<b>Lesser Yellowlegs</b>				
07-06	7	Hampton	off Rt. 51.	S. Mirick
<b>Solitary Sandpiper</b>				
07-19	3	Exeter	sewage ponds	P. Hunt, T. Leukering
07-28	3	Andover	Morey Pond	K. Elkins
<b>Willet</b>				
07-06	6	Seabrook	harbor	S. Mirick
07-20	17	Seabrook	harbor	S. Mirick
<b>Spotted Sandpiper</b>				
06-29	5	Wentworth	residence	G. Ports

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**Upland Sandpiper**

06-07	20	Newington	Pease Airfield	D. De Luca
06-14	29	Newington	Pease Airfield	D. De Luca
07-21	39	Newington	Pease Airfield	D. De Luca
07-28	45	Newington	Pease Airfield	D. De Luca

**Whimbrel**

07-19	24	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor, s. end	P. Hunt, T. Leukering
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**Ruddy Turnstone**

06-03	5	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor shell flats	M. Suomala
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**Sanderling**

07-19	15	Rye	Jenness Beach	T. Leukering
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**Semipalmated Sandpiper**

07-25	530		NH coast	P. Hunt, T. Leukering, L. Buntin
07-28	500	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	R. Quinn

**Least Sandpiper**

07-25	7		NH coast	P. Hunt, T. Leukering, L. Buntin
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**Pectoral Sandpiper**

07-19	1	Hampton	off Rt. 51	S. Mirick, D. Abbott
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**Short-billed Dowitcher**

06-01	20	Errol	Thurston's Cove Rd.	S. Bogert, M. Turner
07-06	11	Hampton	off Rt. 51	S. Mirick
07-19	150	Hampton	off Rt. 51	S. Mirick, D. Abbott

**Long-billed Dowitcher**

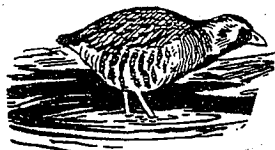
07-19	1	Hampton	off Rt. 51	S. Mirick, D. Abbott
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**Common Snipe**

07-22	1	Errol	Harper's Meadow, Androscoggin R.	J. Bourne, et al.
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**American Woodcock**

06-20	1	Randolph	Jefferson Notch Rd.	S. Bogert, M. Turner
07-20	1	Wentworths	Location	N. Frost



# Gulls through Cuckoos

The adult Franklin's Gull, photographed in Rye, is only the second or third record of this species in the state. The Roseate and Least Terns were probably visitors from out of state, but New Hampshire observers should keep looking for nesting pairs. A Black Skimmer spotted in Kittery, Maine, apparently did not grace our shores. A Common Tern seen at Lake Umbagog on June 2 was early enough to be classified as one of those non-breeding wanderers, but the species did have another difficult year with flooding and predation: only 15-20 young were fledged from coastal nests.

Cuckoo numbers were the highest since the great Gypsy Moth infestation of the early 1970s; a Black-billed was reported as far north as Columbia, and a Yellow-billed report (without any details) came from Thornton. The BBS total for Black-billed Cuckoo was the fifth-highest ever recorded (24), with the four higher totals (25, 29, 42, 47) all recorded in the 1970s.

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<b>Laughing Gull</b>				
06-01	1	Rye	harbor	S. Mirick, ASNH Field Trip
07-19	1	Seabrook	off Seabrook Beach	P. Hunt, T. Leukering
<b>Franklin's Gull</b>				
06-01	1	Rye	harbor & Jenness Beach	S. Mirick, ASNH Field Trip
<b>Bonaparte's Gull</b>				
07-19	2	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	P. Hunt, T. Leukering
<b>Great Black-backed Gull</b>				
07-13	1	New London	Pleasant Lake	K. Elkins
<b>Roseate Tern</b>				
07-06	4	Seabrook	harbor	S. Mirick
<b>Common Tern</b>				
06-02	1	Errol	Lake Umbagog	S. Bogert, M. Turner
06-25	21	Newington	Little Bay	D. De Luca
06-25	80	Hampton	Hampton Saltmarsh	D. De Luca
<b>Least Tern</b>				
07-19	2	Portsmouth	waterfront	A. Ames
07-19	1	Seabrook	salt pans along Rt. 286	P. Hunt, T. Leukering
<b>Mourning Dove</b>				
06-08	24	Milford		A. Ames
06-21	13	New London	Auto Survey Route	A. & R. Vernon
07-03	21	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
<b>Black-billed Cuckoo</b>				
06-05	3	Webster	Tyler Rd.	B. Janeway
06-09	1	Concord	Josiah Bartlett Rd.	G. & R. Lang
06-11	1	Canterbury	Boyce Rd.	D. Stavros
06-14	1	Merrimack	corner of Peaslee and Amherst Rds.	D. Deifik, P. Millotis

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06-27	1	Wentworth	residence	G. Ports, A. Kent
06-29	3	Thornton	Rt. 3	P. Marra
07-18	1	Columbia	residence	D. & B. Killam
07-19	1	Enfield	George's Pond	P. Hunt, T. Leukering
07-24	1	Lancaster	Wesson Rd.	D. Skeels
07-26	1	Errol	Lake Umbagog	S. Bogert

### **Yellow-billed Cuckoo**

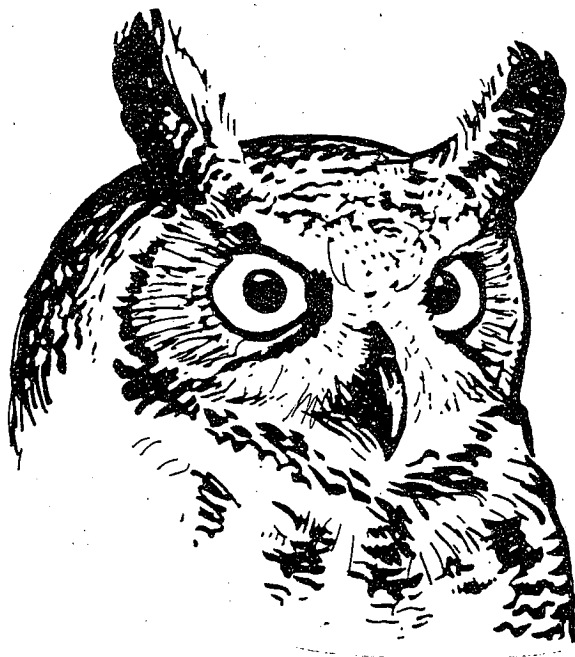
06-14	1	Pittsfield		G. Robbins
06-23	1	Canterbury	Boyce Rd.	D. & A. Stavros
06-29	1	Thornton	Rt. 3	P. Marra
06-30	1	Enfield	Rt. 4, w. of town	P. Hunt

### **Great Horned Owl**

07-16	1	Concord	Great Turkey Pond	B. Kantar
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### **Barred Owl**

06-12	5	Deering	Glen Rd.	R. Libby
06-26	2	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
07-17	1	Walpole	Merriam Rd.	R. Ritz
07-19	1	Lebanon	Boston Lot Pond	P. Hunt, T. Leukering
07-28	4	Newbury	Stoney Brook WS	C. Martin



# Goatsuckers through Flycatchers

With 18 Whip-poor-wills noted (up from 15 in 1990 and six in 1989) and 108 Common Nighthawks in 49 towns (even though 58 were from Concord, Berlin, or Lebanon), the goatsucker report is a heartening one. However, Chimney Swifts recorded on the BBS were the seventh-lowest total ever (up slightly from last year). Swifts were flocking in preparation for migration as early as July 28.

A late, second-hand report of a Rufous Hummingbird came to us via a newspaper article. Described as "rusty or reddish-brown," it was seen at quite close range as it perched near a feeder. While it is impossible to determine exactly what this bird was, two previous records of the species in New Hampshire during the last 15 years lend some credence to this admittedly sketchy report.

BBS numbers for woodpeckers are interesting if not enlightening. The Yellow-bellied Sapsucker total of 41 was the highest since 1971. Meanwhile, the Downy Woodpecker broke the record high of 57 set last year with 60 this year; Pileated was near its record high, and Northern Flickers were the third-lowest ever (with four out of the five lowest totals in the last five years). This editor is not sure what all this means but will be watching future results closely.

Rare flycatchers — two Scissor-tailed and one Acadian — created much of this summer's excitement. Interesting notes of more common fare included "lots" of Yellow-bellied Flycatchers and an Olive-sided Flycatcher in Gilsum. The Yellow-bellied Flycatcher in Gilsum June 7 would have been a late migrant. The BBS numbers show that Eastern Phoebes and Great Crested Flycatchers are doing well (both second-highest totals ever) but that the Least Flycatcher fell to its lowest total ever, continuing a decade-long decline.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
<b>Common Nighthawk</b>				
06-05	2	Warner	Rt. 89, near Exit 9	C. & C. Martin
06-07	1	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	D. Stavros
06-11	2	Manchester	Sully's Superette	M. Martin
07-05	1	Plymouth		A. Kent
<b>Whip-poor-will</b>				
06-01	2	Stratford	Stratford Hollow	S. Williamson
06-07	1	Webster	Tyler Rd.	B. Janeway
06-07	1	Canterbury	power line, Boyce Rd.	D. Stavros
06-14	2	Chatham	near Basin Pond	R. Oreskes
06-24	1	Nottingham	just s. of Rt. 4	B. Saunders
06-29	2	Freedom		G. & A. Robbins
07-15	1	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	M. Watkins
07-29	2	Litchfield	Lance Ave.	K. Michaud
<b>Chimney Swift</b>				
07-12	7	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
07-28	70	Wilton	Mill St.	R. & M. Suomala

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
<b>Ruby-throated Hummingbird</b>				
06-02	3	Franklin	View St.	B. & G. Austin
06-17	6	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
<b>Yellow-bellied Sapsucker</b>				
06-15	3	New London	Webb Loop	R. Vernon
06-23	3	Pittsburg	Norton Pool	R. Quinn
06-28	1	Wilnot	Mt. Kearsarge	R. Vernon
07-27	3	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
<b>Hairy Woodpecker</b>				
06-01	2	Concord	Wedgewood Dr.	J. Fehrs
<b>Pileated Woodpecker</b>				
06-19	1	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	R. Vernon
06-21	2	New London	Auto Survey Route	A. & R. Vernon
06-27	2	Wentworth	Atwell Hill	B. Priest
06-28	2	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
<b>Olive-sided Flycatcher</b>				
06-18	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
07-03	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
07-04	1	Albany	logging rd.	P. Hunt
<b>Eastern Wood-Pewee</b>				
07-03	4	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
<b>Yellow-bellied Flycatcher</b>				
06-01	20	Orange	Mt. Cardigan	P. Hunt, et al.
06-07	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
06-23	1	Sargents Purchase	Ammonoosuc Trail	S. Mirick
07-09	2	Lincoln	Mt. Osceola	P. Hunt, T. Leukering, D. Fah-King
<b>Acadian Flycatcher</b>				
07-07	1	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	S. Mirick
<b>Alder Flycatcher</b>				
06-03	1	Sugar Hill	Pearl Lake Rd.	J. McIlwaine
06-10	1	New London	Low Plains CA	R. Vernon
06-19	1	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	R. Vernon
<b>Willow Flycatcher</b>				
06-02	1	Lebanon	Mascoma	P. Hunt, B. Jensen
07-19	2	Canterbury	sod farm	K. Elkins, R. Vernon
<b>Scissor-tailed Flycatcher</b>				
06-19	1		Star Is., Isles of Shoals	P. Smith
06-27	1	Rumney	Buffalo Rd.	G. Ports, T. Sears
<b>Great Crested Flycatcher</b>				
06-10	4	New London	Low Plains CA	R. Vernon
06-17	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
<b>Eastern Kingbird</b>				
06-21	7	New London	Auto Survey Route	A. & R. Vernon
07-03	6	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright

# Swallows through Creeper

Most swallows apparently departed by the end of July, and at least one observer commented on the scarcity of nesting Tree Swallows. On the BBS, Tree Swallows were up slightly from 1989 and 1990, only to hit their sixth-lowest total. The 247 Barn Swallows tallied were the best since 1987 but still historically low (the record high was 502, in 1970). The 14 Cliff Swallows tied the record low set in 1989. This is a far cry from the 200 tallied in 1966 and the 248 in 1972 — and a source of real concern even for this predictably erratic colonial nester. Purple Martins went almost unreported.

The Fish Crows reported this year were in more suitable habitat than the two seen in downtown Concord last year. The American Crow set a new BBS record with 666 birds, way above the median of 332 and well above the numbers of 10–12 years ago. A lone American Crow in Gilsum was mobbed by five different species as it fed on a baby robin.

Black-capped Chickadees and Tufted Titmice both hit record highs on the BBS. The titmice numbers for the last five years are truly dramatic: the total of all BBS routes in 1986 was 27, and in 1991 there were 24 on the Brentwood route alone (and 20 on the Dover route). Both species of nuthatches continue to be recorded in near-record numbers, also.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
<b>Purple Martin</b>				
07-06	16	Freedom	Rt. 153, n. of Ossipee R.	A. Robbins
<b>Tree Swallow</b>				
06-10	18	New London	Low Plains CA	R. Vernon
06-18	2	Franconia	Galehead Hut	G. Ports
06-19	11	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	R. Vernon
06-21	14	New London	Auto Survey Route	A. & R. Vernon
07-19	100	Canterbury	sod farm	K. Elkins, R. Vernon
07-21	8	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
<b>Northern Rough-winged Swallow</b>				
06-09	2	Kensington	Rt. 107 ponds	G. Gavutis
06-19	2	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	R. Vernon
<b>Bank Swallow</b>				
06-19	1	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	R. Vernon
06-26	25	Canaan	Rt. 118	G. Ports
07-21	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
<b>Cliff Swallow</b>				
06-20	12	Warner	Rt. 89, Exit 9	W. Goodwill
06-24	1	Canterbury	Riverland CA	R. Quinn
07-24	10	Canterbury	sod farm	R. Quinn
<b>Barn Swallow</b>				
06-17	8	Concord	Josiah Bartlett Rd.	G. Lang
07-26	30	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright

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### Gray Jay

06-04	2	Lincoln	Franconia Ridge Trail	B. Janeway
06-18	1	Franconia	Galehead Hut	G. Ports
07-20	3	Errol	near Eames Camp	A. Tappan, B. Thomas
07-26	3	Errol	Lake Umbagog, w. of Moll's Rocks	M. Turner, C. Martin

### Blue Jay

06-01	2	Franklin	View St.	B. & G. Austin
06-15	10	New London	Webb Loop	R. Vernon
06-17	8	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
06-20	15	Milford	Beechbrook	A. Ames
06-21	11	New London	Auto Survey Route	A. & R. Vernon

### American Crow

06-05	1	Gilsum	residence	M. Wright
06-21	24	New London	Auto Survey Route	A. & R. Vernon

### Fish Crow

06-29	2	Newington	Pease Airfield	P. Hunt, B. Jensen
06-29	2	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence	G. Gavutis

### Common Raven

06-18	2	Franconia	over S. Twin Mtn.	G. Ports
07-19	1	Northwood	n. shore of Northwood Lake	P. Hunt, T. Leukering
07-25	3	Concord	jct. of Rts. 4 & 393	P. Hunt, T. Leukering, L. Bunten

### Boreal Chickadee

07-09	6	Lincoln	Mt. Osceola	P. Hunt, T. Leukering, D. Fahl-King
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## Wrens through Thrushes

Even though they have been regularly reported for over 20 years, Carolina Wrens were confirmed nesting for the first time ever, and from two different locations (Hudson and Durham). The BBS Winter Wren total was the second-highest ever (86, near the 1972 record of 92), well above the very low numbers of 1977-1986 (which ranged from 16-30). As with the Tufted Titmouse, a single route (Clarksville) had more Winter Wrens this summer than all of the state's routes had during most of those lean years.

A Golden-crowned Kinglet in Canterbury on June 29 was unusual in that location but perhaps not surprising in that the BBS total was a new record high and only the fifth time in 26 years that the species has been in double figures. Meanwhile, the Ruby-crowned Kinglet has declined to its fifth-lowest total ever, without any reason that's apparent to this editor.

The Eastern Bluebirds on the BBS were a record high and were notable for the evenness of their numeric and geographic distribution. The Hermit Thrushes hit their fourth-highest total, but no trends for this species are obvious. American Robins totalled their best mark since 1982, only 10% below their long-term median. Several Swainson's Thrushes were found in New London for the third year in a row.



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<b>Carolina Wren</b>				
*	2	Hudson	residence	B. McCarthy
06-08	2	Durham	Mill Pond Rd.	J. Beckett
07-18	1	Pembroke		W. Goodwill
07-19	1	Durham	Mill Pond Rd.	P. Hunt, T. Leukering
07-20	1		Star Is., Isles of Shoals	L. Fischer

### **House Wren**

06-08	1	Hooksett	Whitehall Rd.	D. Maxwell
06-21	3	New London	Auto Survey Route	A. & R. Vernon
07-04	4	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright

### **Marsh Wren**

06-05	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	T. Arter, L. Harper
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### **Golden-crowned Kinglet**

06-22	1	New London	old meadow	R. Vernon
06-28	1	Wilmot	Mt. Kearsarge	R. Vernon
06-29	1	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn

### **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher**

06-01	1	Canterbury	Spender Meadow Pond	R. Quinn
07-07	6	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	S. Mirick

### **Eastern Bluebird**

06-01	6	Deering	E. Deering Rd.	I. MacLeod
06-10	5	Derry	Berge Ln.	D. Maxfield
06-21	3	Milford	residence	D. Renaud
06-21	4	New London	Auto Survey Route	A. & R. Vernon
06-23	4	Hopkinton	residence	D. Soule
06-23	2	Londonderry	Musquash CA	H. Chary
07-03	5	Walpole	Merriam Rd.	R. Ritz
07-03	2	Derry	Walnut Hill Rd.	K. Anderson
07-29	4	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright

### **Veery**

06-17	4	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
06-19	5	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	R. Vernon
06-21	7	New London	Auto Survey Route	A. & R. Vernon

### **Gray-cheeked Thrush**

06-04	2	Lincoln	Franconia Ridge Trail	B. Janeway
06-04	3	Lincoln	Greenleaf Hut	B. Janeway
07-09	1	Lincoln	Mt. Osceola	P. Hunt, T. Leukering, D. Fahl-King

### **Swainson's Thrush**

06-04	2	Lincoln	Liberty Springs Trail	B. Janeway
06-15	1	New London	Webb Loop	R. Vernon
06-17	2	Franconia	Galehead Hut	G. Ports
06-21	1	Warner	Mt. Kearsarge summit	B. & H. Janeway
06-22	1	New London	old meadow	R. Vernon
06-28	1	Wilmot	Mt. Kearsarge	R. Vernon
06-28	25	Orange	Mt. Cardigan	P. Hunt, et al.

\* present all season

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### **Hermit Thrush**

06-10	2	New London	Low Plains CA	R. Vernon
06-19	2	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	R. Vernon
06-28	4	Wilmot	Mt. Kearsarge	R. Vernon
07-22	2	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright

### **Wood Thrush**

06-01	1	Franklin	View St.	B. & G. Austin
06-15	4	New London	Webb Loop	R. Vernon
06-17	4	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
06-21	9	New London	Auto Survey Route	A. & R. Vernon

### **American Robin**

06-01	4	Franklin	View St.	B. & G. Austin
06-07	4	New London	Bunker Loop	R. Vernon
06-10	4	New London	Low Plains CA	R. Vernon
06-10	50	Milford	Beechbrook	A. Ames
06-17	6	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
06-21	28	New London	Auto Survey Route	A. & R. Vernon

## **Mimids through Vireos**

The Gray Catbird came in at its seventh-lowest BBS total ever but showed strength in the southern part of its range. All but one of the six Brown Thrashers on the BBS were recorded on northern routes, which is curious for this more "southern" species. The Northern Mockingbird reached another record high on the BBS, with the bulk of the reports from the south-eastern routes.

American Pipits were finally confirmed nesting on Mount Washington after five summers of suspicious sightings in this area (the fact that it took only about five years to confirm this, compared to the 20 years to confirm the first Carolina Wren nest, was thanks to observers' active searches). European Starlings hit another record low on the BBS, which seems to reflect a decade-long decline (or are observers slighting them?).

Vireos as a group bear watching because they are Neotropical migrants. The Red-eyed Vireo had its best total (747) on the BBS since 1983 and was not far off its median of 780, but the species is still far from the peak numbers of the 1970s (around 1000 each season). The total of 70 Solitary Vireos on the BBS — somewhat unexpected considering the low totals of the 1980s — was second only to the 80 tallied in 1976. The other vireos do not show any noticeable trends.

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### **Gray Catbird**

06-01	4	Franklin	View St.	B. & G. Austin
06-10	3	New London	Low Plains CA	R. Vernon
07-03	10	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright

### **Northern Mockingbird**

06-05	1	Columbia	residence	D. & B. Killam
06-20	4	Milford	Highland Ave.	A. Ames
06-21	2	New London	Auto Survey Route	A. & R. Vernon

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### **Brown Thrasher**

06-12	1	Enfield	Rt. 4, w. of town	P. Hunt
06-14	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
06-24	1	Canterbury	Riverland CA	R. Quinn
07-13	3	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright

### **American Pipit**

06-14	2	Sargents Purchase	Auto Rd., Mt. Washington	P. Hunt
06-29	6	Thompson & Meserves Purchase	Mt. Washington, w. of Auto Rd.	C. Rimmer
07-12	7	Thompson & Meserves Purchase	cow pasture, Mt. Washington	P. Hunt, P. Marra
07-21	6	Thompson & Meserves Purchase	Mt. Washington	P. Hunt, D. Fahl-King

### **Cedar Waxwing**

06-14	2	Dunbarton	residence	J. Simmons
06-17	11	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
06-18	2	Franconia	Galehead Hut	G. Ports
06-21	10	New London	Auto Survey Route	A. & R. Vernon

### **Solitary Vireo**

06-07	4	New London	Bunker Loop	R. Vernon
06-15	3	New London	Webb Loop	R. Vernon
06-24	1	Columbia	Rt. 3 n.	D. Killam
06-28	1	Wilnot	Mt. Kearsarge	R. Vernon

### **Yellow-throated Vireo**

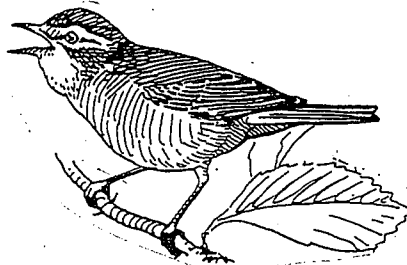
06-19	1	Webster	Mud Pond	B. Janeway
06-20	1	Hillsboro	Farrar Marsh WMA	C. Martin
06-20	1	Webster	Knight's Meadow Marsh	B. Janeway
06-29	1	Freedom		G. Robbins
06-30	2	Canterbury	Big Meadows	R. Quinn
07-28	1	Salisbury		K. Elkins, R. Vernon

### **Warbling Vireo**

06-03	1	Amherst	Joe English Brook, Horace Greeley Rd.	M. Suomala
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### **Red-eyed Vireo**

06-07	8	New London	Bunker Loop	R. Vernon
06-15	16	New London	Webb Loop	R. Vernon
06-17	3	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
06-21	20	New London	Auto Survey Route	A. & R. Vernon
07-14	2	Sugar Hill	residence	J. McIlwaine



# Warblers

A well-documented "Brewster's" Warbler (hybrid) was seen in Merrimack. In Enfield, the Tennessee Warbler (normally a northern species) and Blue-winged Warbler (normally a southern species) were an interesting geographic juxtaposition. The Tennessees on Mt. Cardigan were less surprising given the elevation. There seemed to be "lots" of Nashville Warblers; and the Northern Parulas in Gilsum and Canterbury were south of their usual range. The Blackpoll Warbler in New London on June 15 was probably a late migrant.

BBS numbers indicate that the warblers are doing well as a group. Those species that met or exceeded their medians (including Yellow, Black-throated Blue, Blackburnian, Pine, and Ovenbird) outnumbered the others by about two to one. Both the Pine Warbler and Ovenbird totals were their second-highest ever, with the Pine showing a rather even distribution in the southern half of the state while the Ovenbird was nearly uniform across the state except for the extreme north.

The warbler species that had low totals included the Canada Warbler and the Northern Waterthrush (two species normally recorded in low numbers), and American Redstart numbers may be leveling off since the significant decline in the 1980s. Also, the Common Yellowthroat total was the sixth-lowest ever, with almost all the low totals being recorded in the last seven years. This may be due to changes in habitat, but this is just an educated guess supported by no hard evidence. Two pairs of Palm Warblers nesting in the boggy meadows at Lake Umbagog are significant since this is the only place in the state where they are known to breed.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
<b>Blue-winged Warbler</b>				
06-02	1	Enfield	Rt. 4, w. of town	P. Hunt
06-14	1	Merrimack	corner of Peaslee and Amherst Rds.	D. Deifik, P. Miliotis
07-15	2	Somersworth	Sunningdale Country Club	S. Mirick
<b>Brewster's Warbler</b>				
06-08	1	Merrimack	near corner of Peaslee & Amherst Rds.	D. Deifik
<b>Tennessee Warbler</b>				
06-23	1	Sargents Purchase	Ammonoosuc Trail	S. Mirick
07-02	1	Orange	saddle near s. ridge of Mt. Cardigan	P. Hunt, L. Bunten
07-15	2	Orange	Mt. Cardigan	P. Hunt
07-21	1	Enfield	Rt. 4, w. of town	P. Hunt
<b>Nashville Warbler</b>				
06-01	1	Columbia	residence	D. & B. Killam
06-05	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
06-06	1	Warner	Mt. Kearsarge	B. Janeway
06-11	2	New London	Cricenti's Bog	R. Vernon
06-23	1	New London	Carr Ledge Loop	R. Vernon

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06-24	1	Walpole	Merriam Rd.	R. Ritz
07-24	2	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
<b>Northern Parula</b>				
06-01	1	Canterbury	Spender Meadow	R. Quinn
07-03	1	Gilsum	w. side of Smith Hill	M. Wright
<b>Yellow Warbler</b>				
06-17	1	Hooksett	Whitehall Rd.	D. Maxwell
06-19	3	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	R. Vernon
06-21	4	New London	Auto Survey Route	A. & R. Vernon
07-27	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
<b>Chestnut-sided Warbler</b>				
06-07	4	New London	Bunker Loop	R. Vernon
06-21	4	New London	Auto Survey Route	A. & R. Vernon
07-24	5	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow, s. end	M. Wright
<b>Magnolia Warbler</b>				
06-07	1	New London	Bunker Loop	R. Vernon
06-23	2	New London	Carr Ledge Loop	R. Vernon
06-28	2	Wilmot	Mt. Kearsarge	R. Vernon
07-24	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow, s. end	M. Wright
<b>Black-throated Blue Warbler</b>				
06-15	2	New London	Webb Loop	R. Vernon
07-20	1	E. Kingston	field raspberry patch	G. Prazar
<b>Yellow-rumped Warbler</b>				
06-01	55	Orange	Mt. Cardigan	P. Hunt, et al.
06-03	1	Hooksett	Whitehall Rd.	D. Maxwell
06-10	3	New London	Low Plains CA	R. Vernon
06-18	1	Franconia	Galehead Hut	G. Ports
<b>Black-throated Green Warbler</b>				
06-07	3	New London	Bunker Loop	R. Vernon
06-23	5	New London	Carr Ledge Loop	R. Vernon
07-13	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
<b>Blackburnian Warbler</b>				
06-07	2	New London	Bunker Loop	R. Vernon
06-24	1	Walpole	Country Rd.	R. Ritz
<b>Pine Warbler</b>				
06-19	1	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	R. Vernon
06-21	1	New London	Auto Survey Route	A. & R. Vernon
<b>Prairie Warbler</b>				
07-04	1	Canterbury	Intervale Rd.	R. Quinn
07-07	2	Deerfield	Mountain Rd.	S. Mirick
<b>Palm Warbler</b>				
06-21	2	Errol	Leonard Marsh, Magalloway R.	S. Bogert, M. Turner
06-28	2	Errol	Leonard Marsh	S. Bogert, M. Turner

*date # town location observer(s)*

**Bay-breasted Warbler**

06-23 3 Pittsburg Norton Pool R. Quinn  
 06-23 1 Sargents Purchase Ammonoosuc Trail S. Mirick  
 06-26 1 Gorham Rt. 16 S. Bogert

**Blackpoll Warbler**

06-01 25 Orange Mt. Cardigan P. Hunt, et al.  
 06-15 1 New London Webb Loop R. Vernon  
 06-23 10 Pittsburg East Inlet area R. Quinn  
 06-23 5 Sargents Purchase Ammonoosuc Trail S. Mirick  
 07-09 6 Lincoln Mt. Osceola P. Hunt, T. Leukering,  
 D. Fahl-King

**Black-and-white Warbler**

06-10 2 New London Low Plains CA R. Vernon  
 06-17 4 Gilsum Hammond Hollow M. Wright  
 06-19 2 Sutton Cascade Marsh R. Vernon

**American Redstart**

06-07 3 New London Bunker Loop R. Vernon  
 06-19 1 Sutton Cascade Marsh R. Vernon  
 07-26 1 Gilsum Hammond Hollow M. Wright

**Ovenbird**

06-07 10 New London Bunker Loop R. Vernon  
 06-10 7 New London Low Plains CA R. Vernon  
 06-15 14 New London Webb Loop R. Vernon  
 06-17 3 Gilsum Hammond Hollow M. Wright  
 06-21 15 New London Auto Survey Route A. & R. Vernon  
 07-03 8 Gilsum Hammond Hollow M. Wright

**Northern Waterthrush**

06-10 3 New London Low Plains CA R. Vernon  
 06-21 2 New London Auto Survey Route A. & R. Vernon  
 06-23 1 Orford Upper Baker Pond G. Ports

**Louisiana Waterthrush**

06-20 1 Webster Knight's Meadow Marsh B. Janeway

**Mourning Warbler**

06-01 1 Thornton Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest T. Leukering  
 06-21 1 Orange Mt. Cardigan, s. peak P. Hunt  
 07-04 2 Albany logging rd. P. Hunt

**Common Yellowthroat**

06-07 5 New London Bunker Loop R. Vernon  
 06-21 11 New London Auto Survey Route A. & R. Vernon  
 07-28 10 Gilsum Hammond Hollow M. Wright

**Canada Warbler**

06-07 1 New London Bunker Loop R. Vernon  
 06-22 1 New London old meadow R. Vernon

## Tanagers through Sparrows

Scarlet Tanagers rebounded from last year's third-lowest total (76) to 96, just about their median. The Northern Cardinal total of 72 was less than last year's record high of 82, and the BBS results show an even stronger southern bias for Cardinals than for Mockingbirds and Titmice. An Indigo Bunting was seen at the unusually high elevation of 2600 feet on Mt. Kearsarge.

The 32 Rufous-sided Towhees on the BBS were barely better than last year's record low of 28. A "colony" of 12 Sharp-tailed Sparrows was found at Great Bay. This editor was asked to check out a report of "Snow Buntings" in a field in Concord and, naturally, they turned out to be Bobolinks, but we did find a group of several pairs of nesting Savannah Sparrows. This species presents an interesting case: the BBS shows a very strong northern breeding bias, but this Concord sighting and those known in the Pease area indicate that bias may be artificial. But since this species goes largely unreported, it's impossible to be definitive.

Chipping Sparrow totals on the BBS were the fourth-highest ever, maintaining the high numbers of this species in recent years. Field Sparrows hit just about their BBS norm for the last six or seven years, but their numbers are still perilously low. The 364 Song Sparrows came in a little below their median and still way off their highest totals from 1967-1978 (440-610). Swamp Sparrow totals were the highest in 13 years but still just about at median. White-throated Sparrows were the fourth-lowest on the BBS, and the 24 Dark-eyed Juncos, while near their record low of 19, were not far off the totals for the last 10 years.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
<b>Scarlet Tanager</b>				
06-09	1	Hooksett	Whitehall Rd.	D. Maxwell
06-15	4	New London	Webb Loop	R. Vernon
06-21	2	New London	Auto Survery Route	A. & R. Vernon
06-22	2	New London	old meadow	R. Vernon
07-24	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
<b>Northern Cardinal</b>				
06-10	3	Millford	George St.	A. Ames
06-10	1	Hooksett	Whitehall Rd.	D. Maxwell
06-21	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
07-07	4	Franklin	View St.	B. & G. Austin
<b>Rose-breasted Grosbeak</b>				
06-01	2	Franklin	View St.	B. & G. Austin
06-15	5	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
06-16	1	Exeter	residence	G. Prazar
06-20	1	Hooksett	Whitehall Rd.	D. Maxwell
<b>Indigo Bunting</b>				
06-04	1	Sugar Hill	residence	J. McIlwaine
06-05	1	Pembroke	Sherwood Meadows	M. Lakowicz

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06-06	1	Warner	Mt. Kearsarge	B. Janeway
06-22	1	Columbia	Sim's Stream RR trestle	D. Killam
06-23	2	Londonderry	Musquash CA	H. Chary
07-05	3	Hopkinton	residence	D. Doule
07-28	1	Wentworth	RR near town center	J. Carreaux

### **Rufous-sided Towhee**

06-19	2	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	R. Vernon
07-04	2	Canterbury	Battis Crossing Rd.	R. Quinn
07-12	2	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
07-28	1	Walpole	Merriam Rd.	R. Ritz

### **Field Sparrow**

06-17	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
07-03	2	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
07-04	2	Canterbury	Battis Crossing Rd.	R. Quinn
07-12	3	Andover		K. Elkins

### **Savannah Sparrow**

06-25	8	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	R. Quinn
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### **Sharp-tailed Sparrow**

06-30	12	Newmarket	off Bay Rd.	S. Mirick
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### **Song Sparrow**

06-17	7	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
06-21	17	New London	Auto Survey Route	A. & R. Vernon
07-13	8	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright

### **Lincoln's Sparrow**

06-22	2	Pittsburg	Scott Bog Rd.	R. Quinn
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### **Swamp Sparrow**

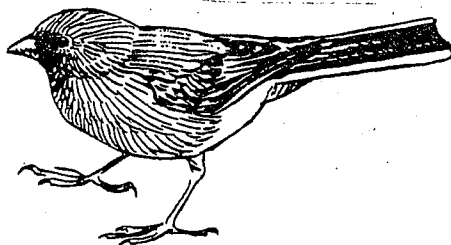
06-19	7	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	R. Vernon
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### **White-throated Sparrow**

06-01	3	Franklin	View St.	B. & G. Austin
06-11	8	New London	Cricenti's Bog	R. Vernon
06-17	5	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
06-23	6	New London	Carr Ledge Loop	R. Vernon

### **Dark-eyed Junco**

06-17	2	Franconia	Galehead Hut	G. Ports
06-23	2	New London	Carr Ledge Loop	R. Vernon
06-28	3	Wilmot	Mt. Kearsarge	R. Vernon
07-28	3	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright





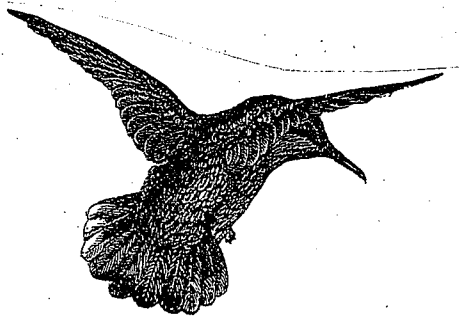
# Blackbirds through House Sparrow

The total of 179 Bobolinks on the BBS was the fourth-lowest ever, but not far off the median of 200. Common Grackles, Red-winged Blackbirds, Brown-headed Cowbirds, and Northern Orioles were all very low compared with past years; the 103 Orioles were only half of what was recorded just six years ago. Orchard Oriole reports are usually few and always a pleasant surprise. The Eastern Meadowlarks on the BBS were about average for recent years, but only one other report was received. Please do this editor a favor and search out and report Meadowlarks.

The House Finch rebounded to a near-record total on the BBS (199 vs. 202) after last year's unexpected drop (140). The rest of the finches were rather unremarkable. It has been pointed out to this editor that I need to adjust my recent summer's comments on the nesting range of the Evening Grosbeak. They continue to be reported as nesting in small numbers throughout the state with the exception of the southeastern coastal plains, where they seem to be absent as a nesting species.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
<b>Bobolink</b>				
06-02	1	Sunapee	Stagecoach Rd.	G. Stansfield
07-11	3	Jaffrey	Fitzwilliam Rd.	A. Ames
07-14	35	Deering	E. Deering Rd.	I. MacLeod
<b>Eastern Meadowlark</b>				
06-03	1	Canterbury	sod farm	R. Quinn
<b>Rusty Blackbird</b>				
06-23	6	Pittsburg	Back Lake Rd.	R. Quinn
07-17	1	Pittsburg	road into Scott's bog	D. & B. Killam, P. Sorrentino, et al.
<b>Common Grackle</b>				
06-10	20	New London	Low Plains CA	R. Vernon
06-21	9	Milford		A. Ames
<b>Brown-headed Cowbird</b>				
06-11	12	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
06-21	12	New London	Auto Survey Route	A. & R. Vernon
<b>Orchard Oriole</b>				
07-19	1	Durham	Durham Point Rd. marsh	T. Leukering, P. Hunt
<b>Northern Oriole</b>				
06-01	2	Franklin	View St.	B. & G. Austin
06-17	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
07-21	3	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
<b>Purple Finch</b>				
06-14	2	Franklin	View St.	B. & G. Austin
06-15	4	New London	Webb Loop	R. Vernon
07-01	2	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright

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<b>House Finch</b>				
06-01	5	Franklin	View St.	B. & G. Austin
06-20	10	Milford	George St.	A. Ames
07-31	3	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
<b>White-winged Crossbill</b>				
06-28		Second College	Grant	S. Bogert, M. Turner
07-05		Milan	pond on Rt. 110B	S. Bogert, M. Turner
07-26	2	Errol	Lake Umbagog, w. of Moll's Rocks	M. Turner, C. Martin
<b>Pine Siskin</b>				
07-26	2	Errol	Lake Umbagog	S. Bogert
<b>Evening Grosbeak</b>				
06-01	2	Rumney	Bog Rd., n. of Loon Lake	
06-06	2	Webster	Tyler Rd.	B. Janeway
06-07	4	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
06-10	2	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
06-21	2	New London	Auto Survey Route	A. & R. Vernon
07-02	3	Hooksett	Whitehall Rd.	D. Maxwell
07-11	3	Woodstock	Mirror Lake Rd. under Rt. 93	T. Leukering
07-23	3	Franklin	View St.	B. & G. Austin
07-27	5	Andover		K. Elkins
07-28	3	Columbia	residence	D. & B. Killam



### Standard Abbreviations Used

CA	Conservation Area
NWR	National Wildlife Refuge
R.	River
St. Pk.	State Park
SPNHF	Society for the Protection of NH Forests, Concord Center
WMA	Wildlife Management Area
WMNF	White Mountain National Forest
WS	ASNH Wildlife Sanctuary

# Corrections to Previous NHBR Volumes

## Fall 88 Vol. 7 No. 3

- p.4 The Tundra Swan noted in the Waterfowl Summary was not "the third on record". Further research has found that there have been additional historic sightings of Tundra Swans.

## Winter 88-89 Vol. 7 No. 4

- p.10 The Short-billed Dowitcher, sighted 2-11-89 in Concord should not have appeared in the listing. There were no details for the sighting and, as such, it can not be verified.

## Spring 89 Vol. 8 No. 1

- p.15 The listing of an Olive-sided Flycatcher in Orford was incorrectly dated 3-30-89. The correct date is 5-30-89.

## Spring 90 Vol. 9 No. 1

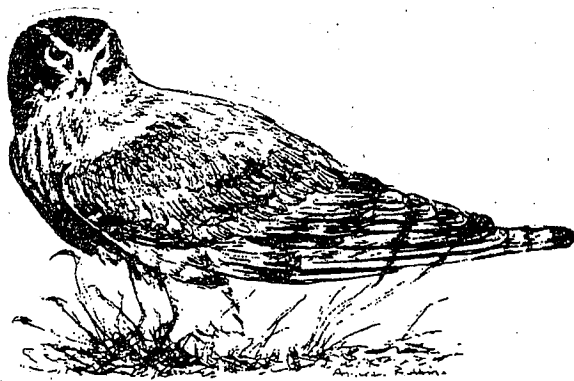
- p.22 In the summary of Kinglets through Vireos the statement, "A Varied Thrush remained in Bedford until May 1" should read "until March 1".

## Fall 90 Vol. 9 No. 3

- p.3 The second paragraph of the Introduction should read "A storm from the Great Lakes that passed through on September 7", not September 25.  
p.9 The Turkey Vulture sighting listed on 8-12-90 at Indian Ground Hill should be in the town of South Hampton.

## Winter 90-91 Vol. 9 No. 4

- p.5 The second sentence of the Cormorant through Herons summary should read "The Lee-Durham CBC had their fourth sighting of this species since the circle was expanded in 1980."  
p.6 In the fourth paragraph of the Waterfowl Summary the reference to Lesser Scaup should read "The Coastal CBC had a Lesser Scaup for only the second time in history, while the Laconia/New Hampton CBC had its fourth record."

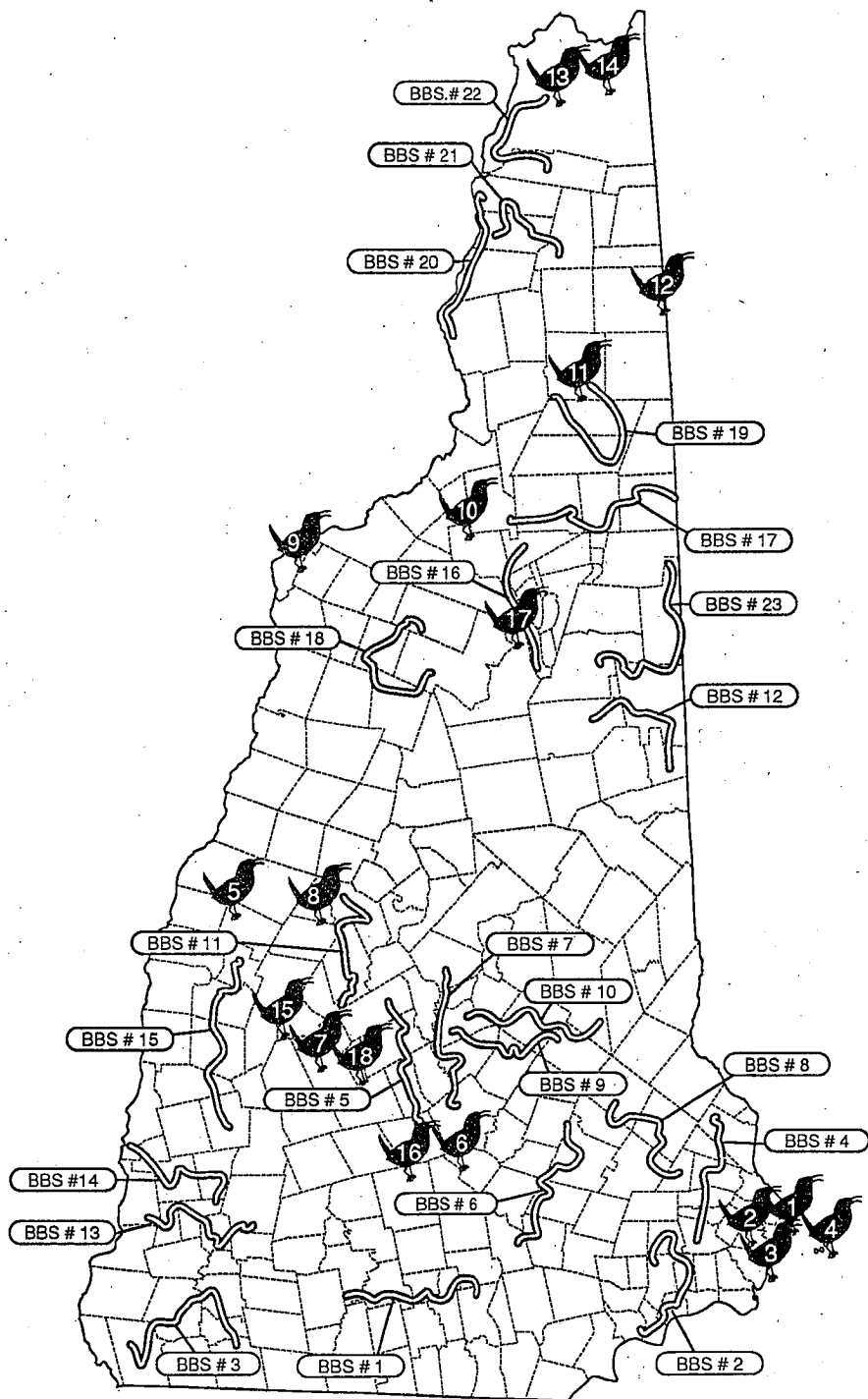


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1. Odiorne Point (Rye)
2. Great Bay
3. Eel Pond (Rye)
4. Isles of Shoals
5. Mascoma Lake (Enfield/Lebanon)
6. Audubon House/Turkey Pond/Silk Farm WS (Concord)
7. Cascade Marsh (Sutton)
8. Mt. Cardigan (Orange)
9. Samuel Moore & Commerford Dams (Littleton)
10. Pondicherry Wildlife Refuge (Jefferson/Whitefield)
11. Pontook Reservoir (Dummer)
12. Lake Umbagog (Errol)
13. Lake Francis, Connecticut Lakes (Pittsburg)
14. East Inlet (Pittsburg)
15. Low Plains Conservation Area (New London)
16. Chase Wildlife Sanctuary (Hopkinton)
17. Crawford Notch (Harts Location)
18. Mount Kearsarge (Wilmot/Warner)

# Breeding Bird Survey Routes

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Peterborough – Merrimack | 12. Albany – Eaton (Mt. Chocorua)   |
| 2. Brentwood – Atkinson     | 13. Walpole – Stoddard              |
| 3. Fitzwilliam – Winchester | 14. Marlow – Charlestown            |
| 4. Dover – Exeter           | 15. Lempster – Grantham             |
| 5. Hopkinton – Andover      | 16. Crawford Notch – Harts Location |
| 6. Epsom – Manchester       | 17. Jefferson – Shelburne           |
| 7. Concord – Sanbornton     | 18. Franconia – Lincoln             |
| 8. Strafford – Lee          | 19. Milan – Dummer                  |
| 9. Canterbury – Barnstead   | 20. Stratford – Stewartstown        |
| 10. Gilmanton – Northfield  | 21. Dixville – Colebrook            |
| 11. Wilmot – Alexandria     | 22. Clarksville – Pittsburg         |
|                             | 23. Glen – Chatham                  |



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### Reports for the following species were received but they do not appear in the listings

American Black Duck  
Mallard  
Red-tailed Hawk  
Herring Gull  
Rock Dove  
Belted Kingfisher  
Downy Woodpecker

Northern Flicker  
Least Flycatcher  
Black-capped Chickadee  
Tufted Titmouse  
Red-breasted Nuthatch  
White-breasted Nuthatch  
Brown Creeper

Winter Wren  
European Starling  
Chipping Sparrow  
Red-winged Blackbird  
American Goldfinch  
House Sparrow

The above sightings were either discussed in the summaries, or  
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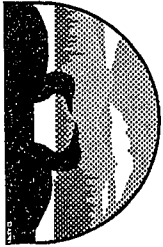
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