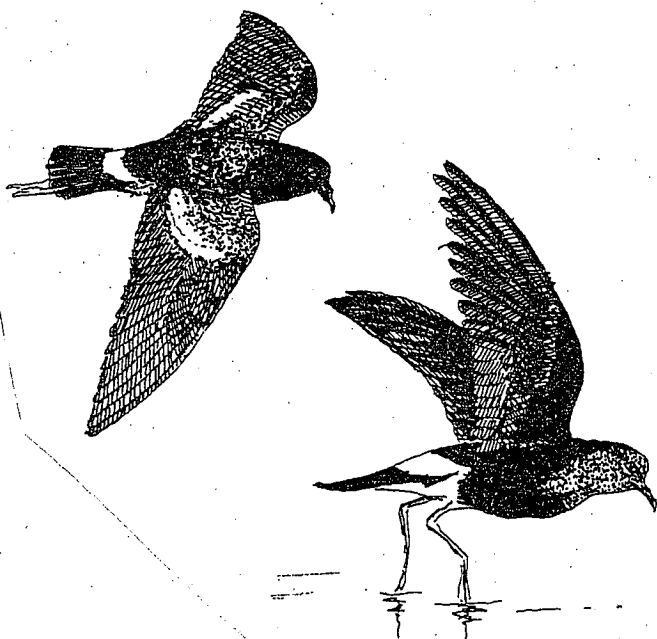


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## Atlas of Breeding Birds in New Hampshire to be published in November, 1994

The long-awaited *Atlas of Breeding Birds in New Hampshire* is currently being prepared for publication in November, 1994. This book, which will be the definitive work on the status of breeding bird species in the state, is the culmination of thousands of hours of dedicated field work by hundreds of volunteers during the survey years (1981 to 1986). Since then over 40 authors have written over 200 detailed species accounts, all data has been computerized, and a map created for each species showing distribution and breeding status. The 464-page book also includes introductory chapters on an avifaunal history of the state and altitudinal distribution of birds in the state by Tudor Richards and Kimball Elkins, as well as a chapter on the geography and climate of the state by senior editor Carol Foss.

The book, which will be available as a hard-cover only, is being printed by Berwick Publishing, Dover, NH. The retail price will be approximately \$39.95.

Subscribers to New Hampshire Bird Records and members of the Audubon Society of New Hampshire can purchase the book through a special one-time pre-publication offer of \$29.95 + \$3 postage. To take advantage of this offer, simply send a check for \$32.95, made payable to "ASNH," to: Breeding Bird Atlas Offer, ASNH, 3 Silk Farm Road, Concord, NH 03301-8200. If you would prefer to pick up your copy at Audubon House and save on postage costs, simply send a check for \$29.95 and include a note to that effect. All checks must be received by November 15. Books will be mailed out and be available for pickup after November 15.

After November 15 the book will be available in ASNH Nature Stores at the full retail price. If you have any questions about the publication of the atlas feel free to call me at 224-9909.

*Iain C. MacLeod, Atlas Publication Coordinator*

### Standard Abbreviations Used

|        |                                     |         |   |
|--------|-------------------------------------|---------|---|
| ASNH   | Audubon Society of<br>New Hampshire | NWR     | National Wildlife Refuge                                    |
| BBS    | Breeding Bird Survey                | R.      | River   |
| CA     | Conservation Area                   | Rd.     | Road  |
| CBC    | Christmas Bird Count                | Rt.     | Route   |
| CBC-CW | Christmas Bird Count,<br>count week | St. Pk. | State Park  |
| CC     | Country Club                        | SPNH    | Society for the Protection of<br>NH Forests, Concord Center |
| FT     | Field Trip                          | WMA     | Wildlife Management Area                                    |
| LPC    | Loon Preservation Committee         | WMNF    | White Mountain National<br>Forest                           |
| NHBR   | <i>NH Bird Records</i>              | WS      | ASNH Wildlife Sanctuary                                     |

*Cover illustration of Wilson's Storm-Petrel by Iain C. MacLeod*



# Summer Season

June 1 - July 31, 1993

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We are changing the summer season format this year by treating the Breeding Bird Survey data separately. This will allow us to do justice to this ever more meaningful information while at the same time making both the BBS data and the regular species accounts more readable. Let us know what you think (see pages 28 & 29).

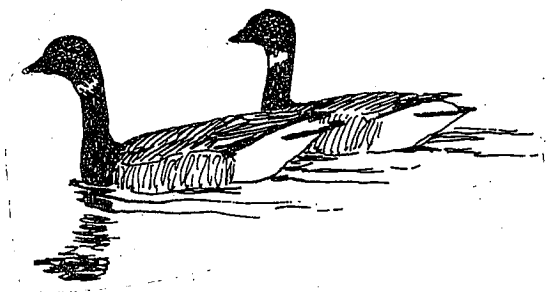
The summer of 1993 had relatively uneventful weather. In June there were only a few locally severe thunderstorms, so most of our birds had good conditions for nesting. July was very dry, with moderate to severe drought conditions especially in the mountains and North Country. This lowered water levels enough for some interesting inland shorebirding early in the month. By the end of July the rains returned, water levels rose, and the inland shorebirds moved on. Land birds were on the move before the end of the month as well: note particularly swifts, kingbirds, some swallows, and warblers.

The severe flooding in the interior of the United States may have resulted in the displacement—and extremely early arrival in New Hampshire—of species such as Horned Grebe and American Wigeon.

Some of the best information on our nesting birds is being accumulated by ASNH's Endangered Species Program (ESP), which was expanded this year with a major effort in the White Mountain National Forest. This study produced some good records as well as some disturbing questions. See individual summaries for details.

The season's most noteworthy sightings included an inland Great Cormorant, Wilson's Storm-Petrels from land, Horned Grebe, Brant, American Wigeon, Stilt and Western Sandpipers, probable Long-billed Dowitchers (in July!), a possible pair of Sedge Wrens, and Grasshopper, Clay-colored, and an out-of-range Lincoln's Sparrow.

*Robert A. Quinn*  
*Season Editor*



## Loons through Herons

Common Loons were again recorded in record-breaking numbers by the Loon Preservation Committee. The most impressive number to this editor was that of 112 lakes with territorial pairs, up from the prior record of 100.

For the fourth year in a row, Pied-billed Grebes were reported from new locations (Hirst and McDaniels marshes), bringing the last four years' total sites to 10. A July 24 sighting of a **Horned Grebe** in adult (breeding) plumage was most unusual for the date. It may have been a bird displaced by the Midwest floods or possibly a non-breeding wanderer as one observer noted it to have horns that were "...more creamy white than gold. First-year bird?"

A **Great Cormorant** on an inland lake was unusual but not totally surprising considering the recent increase in this species along the northern New England coast. The 14 Double-crested Cormorants in Laconia were roosting in trees, but apparently there was no sign of breeding.

Thirty **Wilson's Storm-Petrels** seen from land as the fog lifted July 4 demonstrate what a diligent and knowledgeable observer can find when at the right place at the right time. The 16 Great Egrets at Eel Pond in Rye may be a record high count for the state, and the observers wondered if they were going to roost. But because most coastal herons roost at Appledore Island, it is more likely they were staging or in a feeding concentration.

An immature Snowy Egret in Canterbury was an unusual inland sighting. The 40 Glossy Ibis at Adams Point were the observer's highest number ever for the location.

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|------------------------------|----------|-------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Common Loon</b>           |          |             |                           |                                   |
| 06-11                        | 1        | Concord     | Merrimack R.              | D. Klyne                          |
| 06-27                        | 2        | Boscawen    | Pattenaude Pond           | K. Murray                         |
| 07-24                        | 3        | Rye         | off Seal Rocks            | S. Mirick, D. Abbott              |
| <b>Pied-billed Grebe</b>     |          |             |                           |                                   |
| 06-10                        | 1        | Sutton      | Cascade Marsh             | R. Vernon                         |
| 06-13                        | 1        | Boscawen    | Hirst WMA                 | R. Quinn                          |
| 06-20                        | 1        | Pittsburg   | East Inlet                | R. Quinn                          |
| 07-18                        | 2        | Springfield | McDaniels Marsh           | K. Elkins                         |
| <b>Horned Grebe</b>          |          |             |                           |                                   |
| 07-24                        | 1        | Rye         | Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.       | S. Mirick, R. Moore,<br>D. Abbott |
| 07-31                        | 1        | Rye         | Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.       | A. & B. Delorey                   |
| <b>Wilson's Storm Petrel</b> |          |             |                           |                                   |
| 07-04                        | 30       |             | off Little Boars Head     | S. Mirick, D. Abbott              |
| 07-11                        | 15       |             | off coast, on whale watch | S. Mirick, D. Abbott              |
| <b>Northern Gannet</b>       |          |             |                           |                                   |
| 07-11                        | 1        |             | past Isles of Shoals      | S. Mirick, D. Abbott              |
| 07-31                        | 3        | N. Hampton  | Little Boars Head         | S. Mirick, R. Suomala             |

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|---------------------------------|----------|---------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Great Cormorant</b>          |          |               |                              |                           |
| 06-16                           | 1        | Nelson        | Lake Nubanusit               | K. Kotila, L. Acher       |
| 07-11                           | 1        |               | Square Rock, Isles of Shoals | S. Mirick, et al.         |
| <b>Double-crested Cormorant</b> |          |               |                              |                           |
| 06-19                           | 14       | Laconia       | Lake Winnisquam, Hog Island  | H. Anderson               |
| <b>American Bittern</b>         |          |               |                              |                           |
| 06-09                           | 1        | Whitefield    | airport marsh                | A. & B. Delorey           |
| 06-10                           | 1        | Pittsburg     | East Inlet logging road      | B. Harris, et al.         |
| 06-13                           | 1        | Newbury       | Bensley Pond                 | C. & D. Bensley           |
| 06-21                           | 1        | Deering       | Deering-Weare town line      | I. MacLeod                |
| 07-04                           | 3        | Sutton        | Cascade Marsh                | A. & B. Delorey           |
| 07-10                           | 1        | Errol         | Harper's Meadow              | R. Quinn, ASNH Field Trip |
| 07-22                           | 1        | Canterbury    | Peverly Meadow               | R. Quinn                  |
| <b>Great Blue Heron</b>         |          |               |                              |                           |
| (rookery)                       | 32       | Merrimack     | Tinker Rd.                   | R. Andrews                |
| 06-20                           | 14       | Durham        | n. side of Dame Rd.          | S. Mirick                 |
| 06-30                           | 25       | Lyman         | Lyman rookery                | J. McIlwaine              |
| <b>Great Egret</b>              |          |               |                              |                           |
| 07-10                           | 1        | Hampton       | water treatment plant        | A. & B. Delorey           |
| 07-10                           | 1        | Hampton Falls | Hampton Falls marsh          | A. & B. Delorey           |
| 07-10                           | 2        | Rye           | Eel Pond                     | S. Mirick                 |
| 07-31                           | 16       | Rye           | Eel Pond                     | S. Mirick, R. Suomala     |
| <b>Snowy Egret</b>              |          |               |                              |                           |
| 07-10                           | 22       | Hampton       | water treatment plant        | A. & B. Delorey           |
| 07-17                           | 3        | Hampton Falls | Hampton Falls marsh          | A. & B. Delorey           |
| 07-28                           | 1        | Canterbury    | Peverly Meadow               | R. Quinn                  |
| <b>Green-backed Heron</b>       |          |               |                              |                           |
| 06-12                           | 3        | Lebanon       | Mascoma Lake dam             | P. Hunt                   |
| 06-17                           | 1        | Orford        | River Rd.                    | A. Ports                  |
| 06-21                           | 1        | Concord       | Josiah Bartlett Rd.          | G. & R. Lang              |
| 06-25                           | 1        | Bedford       | Everett Turnpike             | R. Quinn                  |
| 07-05                           | 2        | Newmarket     | off Bay Rd.                  | S. Mirick                 |
| 07-11                           | 1        | Sutton        | Cascade Marsh                | K. Elkins                 |
| <b>Glossy Ibis</b>              |          |               |                              |                           |
| 07-17                           | 11       | Rye           | Eel Pond                     | A. & B. Delorey           |
| 07-17                           | 8        | Rye           | Pilot House Restaurant       | A. & B. Delorey           |
| 07-21                           | 40       | Durham        | Adams Point                  | S. Mirick                 |



# Waterfowl through Hawks

The 10 Brant seen on June 2 were typical of late spring, but the two birds seen in Hampton Harbor in late July were much more unusual given that their fall migration is normally in October and November.

The 10 Mute Swans reported represent an ominous sign: these birds have become a nuisance in southern New England. A photograph of a Bar-headed Goose with a flock of Canada Geese left no doubt about the identification, but the origin of this foreign species has to be suspect. The American Wigeon at the coast during July may have been there for the same reasons as the Horned Grebe, but that is just supposition on my part.

Local nesting waterfowl species were thinly reported, with only one Ring-necked family, no teal at all, and an unusual (for summer) coastal Common Goldeneye. The Common Eider in Hampton Harbor was out of place since they are normally found on the open ocean.

The Endangered Species Program (ESP) monitored the successful fledging of two young Bald Eagles from the traditional site at the northern end of Lake Umbagog. The team also observed two adult eagles at the southern end of the lake during July, but there was no evidence of nesting. The ESP recorded a record-high 23 active Osprey nests, including two in the Great Bay area and the first modern documentation of an Osprey nest in Pittsburg, where the species has been seen regularly for years. Wandering Ospreys and Bald Eagles complemented the nesting successes.

A Sharp-shinned Hawk in a Seabrook saltmarsh represents an unusual location for the species; the report contained no details. A Cooper's Hawk pair successfully raised young and were veritable "yard" birds, often perching on the observers' TV antenna. The observers noted that this was the ninth consecutive summer for this pair, although this was the first time they were reported to ASNH. Another nesting pair of Cooper's Hawks seen virtually in someone's yard at Squam Lake was relayed in person to this editor and was apparently well-known to a number of people, but the sighting was not formally reported.

The ESP noted nine Northern Harrier breeding territories, all in the North Country this year. New Hampshire's 11 young Peregrine Falcons contributed to a regionwide (NH, ME, VT) increase of 45% over 1992, which had seen an increase of 25% over 1991. Good show! After three consecutive years of Merlin sightings at Lake Umbagog, this summer yielded just one "falcon species" in the area.

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|------------------|----------|-------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Mute Swan</b> |          |             |                             |                    |
| 06-30            | 10       | Newmarket   | Newmaket Landing            | S. Mirick          |
| <b>Brant</b>     |          |             |                             |                    |
| 06-02            | 10       | Rye         | Concord Point, Wallis Sands | N. McFarland       |
| 07-24            | 2        | Seabrook    | Seabrook Harbor             | A. & B. Delorey    |

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| <b>Canada Goose</b>           |          |                |                              |                      |
| 06-04                         | 4        | Weare          | marsh on Rt. 77              | R. Suomala           |
| 06-10                         | 40       | Canterbury     | Baptist Hill Rd.             | R. Quinn             |
| 06-12                         | 6        | Chester        | Rt. 102                      | M. Sudak             |
| 07-01                         | 30       | Milford        | Osgood Pond and Clinton St.  | A. Ames              |
| <b>Bar-headed Goose</b>       |          |                |                              |                      |
| 07-07                         | 1        | Jackson        | pond at residence            | H. & B. Heistand     |
| <b>Wood Duck</b>              |          |                |                              |                      |
| 06-09                         | 10       | Whitefield     | airport marsh                | A. & B. Delorey      |
| 07-04                         | 1        | Sutton         | Cascade Marsh                | A. & B. Delorey      |
| 07-05                         | 13       | Exeter         | water treatment plant        | A. & B. Delorey      |
| 07-18                         | 10       | Springfield    | McDaniels Marsh              | K. Elkins            |
| <b>American Black Duck</b>    |          |                |                              |                      |
| 07-28                         | 3        | Errol          | Umbagog Lake at Leonard Pond | S. Turner            |
| <b>Mallard</b>                |          |                |                              |                      |
| 07-28                         | 3        | Errol          | Umbagog Lake at Leonard Pond | S. Turner            |
| <b>American Wigeon</b>        |          |                |                              |                      |
| 07-24                         | 1        | Rye            | Eel Pond                     | A. & B. Delorey      |
| 07-24                         | 3        | Rye            | pools s. of Odiorne Pt.      | S. Mirick, R. Moore  |
| <b>Ring-necked Duck</b>       |          |                |                              |                      |
| 07-28                         | 9        | Errol          | Umbagog Lake at Leonard Pond | S. Turner            |
| <b>Common Eider</b>           |          |                |                              |                      |
| 06-24                         | 14       |                | Star Is., Isles of Shoals    | A. & B. Delorey      |
| 07-10                         | 5        | Rye            | s. of Jenness Beach          | A. & B. Delorey      |
| 07-31                         | 6        | Seabrook       | Seabrook Harbor              | A. & B. Delorey      |
| <b>White-winged Scoter</b>    |          |                |                              |                      |
| 07-24                         | 1        | Rye            | off Rt. 1A                   | S. Mirick, D. Abbott |
| <b>Common Goldeneye</b>       |          |                |                              |                      |
| 06-12                         | 1        | Rye            | Seal Rocks                   | S. Mirick            |
| <b>Hooded Merganser</b>       |          |                |                              |                      |
| 06-15                         | 1        | New London     | The Old Meadow               | R. Vernon            |
| 07-04                         | 6        | Sutton         | Cascade Marsh                | A. & B. Delorey      |
| 07-10                         | 4        | Andover        | pond, Potter Place           | K. Elkins            |
| 07-16                         | 8        | Dummer         | Pontook Reservoir            | R. Suomala           |
| <b>Common Merganser</b>       |          |                |                              |                      |
| 06-01                         | 8        | Moultonborough | Shaker Jerry Rd.             | B. & L. Schulten     |
| 06-02                         | 1        | Sunapee        | Lake Sunapee                 | B. Burdett           |
| 06-26                         | 8        | Moultonborough | Poplar Is.                   | L. Schulten          |
| 07-28                         | 8        | Errol          | Umbagog Lake at Leonard Pond | S. Turner            |
| <b>Red-breasted Merganser</b> |          |                |                              |                      |
| 06-12                         | 2        | Hampton        | N. Hampton St. Beach         | S. Mirick            |

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**Turkey Vulture**

|       |    |           |                      |                      |
|-------|----|-----------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 06-03 | 25 | Ashland   | I-93 at Exit 24      | C. Martin, M. Amaral |
| 07-31 | 12 | Rochester | Salmon Falls Landing | B. Julin             |

**Osprey**

|       |   |              |                 |                                   |
|-------|---|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 06-07 | 1 | Whitefield   | Forest Lake     | M. Cook                           |
| 06-11 | 1 | Concord      | Audubon House   | I. MacLeod                        |
| 06-19 | 1 | Freedom      | Berry Bay       | G. & A. Robbins                   |
| 07-03 | 1 | Dunbarton    | Gorham Pond     | L. Kayward                        |
| 07-05 | 1 | Sanbornton   | Pemigewasset R. | L. Kantar, J. Boyle,<br>J. Kolias |
| 07-14 | 1 | Peterborough | Willard Pond WS | C. Cotila                         |
| 07-22 | 2 | Pittsburg    | Lake Francis    | J. Neskey                         |
| 07-27 | 1 | Manchester   | Merrimack R.    | C. Tentas                         |

**Bald Eagle**

|       |   |             |                      |                      |
|-------|---|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 06-01 | 1 | Durham      | Pond, e. of Dame Rd. | D. Hughes            |
| 06-13 | 1 | Kingston    | Greenwood Pond       | S. Mirick, D. Abbott |
| 06-16 | 1 | Hudson      | Barretts Hill Rd.    | T. McHugh            |
| 06-17 | 1 | Londonderry | Clark Rd.            | A. MacPherson        |
| 06-24 | 1 | Dummer      |                      | W. Staats, T. Tichey |
| 07-01 | 1 | Concord     | Concord Heights      | K. Murray            |

**Sharp-shinned Hawk**

|       |   |          |                       |              |
|-------|---|----------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 06-03 | 1 | Seabrook | Seabrook nature trail | J. Greenspan |
|-------|---|----------|-----------------------|--------------|

**Cooper's Hawk**

|        |   |         |            |              |
|--------|---|---------|------------|--------------|
| (nest) | 5 | Walpole | s. of town | G. & H. Beck |
|--------|---|---------|------------|--------------|

**Northern Goshawk**

|       |   |           |                    |                |
|-------|---|-----------|--------------------|----------------|
| 06-01 | 1 | Wentworth | off East Side Rd.  | T. & P. Sears  |
| 06-25 | 1 | Bartlett  | Slippery Brook Rd. | S. & M. Turner |

**Red-shouldered Hawk**

|       |   |        |                       |            |
|-------|---|--------|-----------------------|------------|
| 06-17 | 1 | Glen   | Rt. 302 & 16 junction | M. Suomala |
| 06-29 | 1 | Gilsum | Hammond Hollow        | M. Wright  |

**Peregrine Falcon**

|       |   |           |                       |             |
|-------|---|-----------|-----------------------|-------------|
| 06-21 | 2 | Benton    | Owls Head             | J. Carreaux |
| 07-10 | 1 | Berlin    | James River plant     | C. Martin   |
| 07-27 | 1 | Haverhill | Bedell Bridge St. Pk. | A. Ports    |
| 07-29 | 1 | Dummer    | Pontook Reservoir     | J. Lanier   |

**Falcon sp.**

|       |   |       |                                      |                                      |
|-------|---|-------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 07-10 | 1 | Errol | Androscoggin R. near<br>Floating Is. | R. Quinn, P. Lescault,<br>B. Janeway |
|-------|---|-------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|





## Grouse through Cuckoos

Reports of migrant shorebirds included a Semi-palmated Plover in Canterbury and, from the coast, a Western Sandpiper, an early White-rumped Sandpiper, Stilt Sandpipers, and two separate dowitcher reports (believed to be Long-billed Dowitchers, which are most unusual in July). These were identified only by plumage, with no comment on vocalizations, which are usually considered the best way to distinguish them from Short-billed. But because they are reasonably common at Plum Island in Massachusetts, it's likely that more Long-billed Dowitchers occur in our state than are reported.

Resident shorebird highlights included as many as 12 Upland Sandpiper nests at Pease International Tradeport (their only known nesting location in the state) and a high count of 32 Willets.

Three Laughing Gulls on July 31 were reported with no details about age or plumage. Juvenile Ring-billed Gulls with full powers of flight were noted in Laconia and Concord. With no known breeding colonies in New Hampshire, where do they come from? The ESP deemed this summer "relatively successful" for Common Terns, with six sites producing a minimum of 35-40 fledglings. A wandering Common Tern at Lake Umbagog on July 17 was noteworthy.

There were more Black-billed Cuckoo reports than usual, but none for the Yellow-billed Cuckoo. A Black-billed found dead under a window on June 21 was puzzling. Was it a migrant, a wanderer, or just an errant night flier?

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|--------------------------|----------|----------------|---|---------------------------|
| <b>Spruce Grouse</b>     |          |                |   |                           |
| 06-08                    | 1        | Lincoln        | Scar Ridge                              | L. Kantar                 |
| 06-09                    | 1        | Franconia      | Garfield Ridge Campsite                 | M. Suomala, T. Wells      |
| 06-19                    | 4        | Pittsburgh     | n. of East Inlet dam                    | R. Quinn, T. Richard      |
| 06-22                    | 1        | Lincoln        | Twinway Trail                           | M. Suomala                |
| 07-08                    | 2        | Beans Purchase | summits of Carter Dome & S. Carter Mtn. | S. Breeser, et al.        |
| 07-10                    | 2        | Errol          | Mollidgewock Brook bog                  | C. Martin                 |
| 07-16                    | 1        | Errol          | Umbagog Lake, Tidswell Pt.              | M. & S. Turner, C. Martin |
| 07-17                    | 2        | Errol          | Eames Camp Rd.                          | C. Martin                 |
| <b>Wild Turkey</b>       |          |                |   |                           |
| 06-13                    | 1        | Wentworth      | Dufour Rd.                              | A. Ports                  |
| <b>Northern Bobwhite</b> |          |                |   |                           |
| 07-20                    | 1        | Farmington     | residence                               | J. Thompson               |
| 07-21                    | 1        | Bow            | residence                               | H. Saltmarsh              |
| 07-23                    | 1        | Windham        | residence                               | C. Crister                |
| 07-29                    | 3        | Rollinsford    | residence                               | B. Daley                  |
| <b>Virginia Rail</b>     |          |                |   |                           |
| 06-09                    | 1        | Whitefield     | airport marsh                           | A. & B. Delorey           |
| 06-10                    | 1        | Sutton         | Cascade Marsh                           | R. Vernon                 |
| 07-05                    | 1        | Seabrook       | next to dog track                       | J. Berry                  |

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|-----------------------------|----------|---------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Sora</b>                 |          |               |                                 |                       |
| 06-07                       | 1        | Canterbury    | sod farm                        | R. Quinn, R. Suomala  |
| 07-20                       | 1        | Canterbury    | sod farm                        | R. Quinn              |
| <b>Black-bellied Plover</b> |          |               |                                 |                       |
| 07-29                       | 1        | Hampton       | Hampton Harbor                  | B. Bradley            |
| <b>Semipalmated Plover</b>  |          |               |                                 |                       |
| 07-18                       | 32       | Seabrook      | Seabrook Harbor                 | A. & B. Delorey       |
| 07-19                       | 1        | Canterbury    | Peverly Meadow                  | R. Quinn              |
| 07-29                       | 54       | Rye           | pools near Odiorne Pt.          | B. Bradley            |
| 07-31                       | 9        | Stratham      | Chapman's Landing               | S. Mirick, R. Suomala |
| 07-31                       | 64       | Seabrook      | Seabrook Harbor                 | A. & B. Delorey       |
| <b>Killdeer</b>             |          |               |                                 |                       |
| 07-10                       | 14       | Hampton       | salt pans near Rts. 1 & 51 jct. | A. & B. Delorey       |
| 07-22                       | 21       | Plymouth      | airport, Quincy Rd.             | A. Ports              |
| 07-22                       | 12       | Canterbury    | Peverly Meadow                  | R. Quinn              |
| <b>Greater Yellowlegs</b>   |          |               |                                 |                       |
| 07-10                       | 2        | Hampton       | salt pans near Rts. 1 & 51 jct. | A. & B. Delorey       |
| <b>Lesser Yellowlegs</b>    |          |               |                                 |                       |
| 07-04                       | 6        | Stratham      | Chapman's Landing               | S. Mirick             |
| 07-14                       | 2        | Canterbury    | Peverly Meadow                  | R., V. & K. Quinn     |
| 07-17                       | 9        | Hampton Falls | Hampton Falls marsh             | A. & B. Delorey       |
| 07-23                       | 24       | Stratham      | Squamscott R.                   | A. & B. Delorey       |
| 07-26                       | 1        | Concord       | Hoit Rd. marsh                  | R. Quinn              |
| <b>Solitary Sandpiper</b>   |          |               |                                 |                       |
| 07-08                       | 1        | Canterbury    | Peverly Meadow                  | R. Quinn              |
| 07-10                       | 1        | Rye           | Eel Pond                        | S. Mirick             |
| 07-22                       | 10       | Canterbury    | Peverly Meadow                  | R. Quinn              |
| 07-23                       | 1        | Rumney        | Quincy Bog                      | A. Ports              |
| 07-24                       | 4        | Concord       | Hoit Rd. marsh                  | K. Elkins             |
| <b>Willet</b>               |          |               |                                 |                       |
| 06-26                       | 7        | Hampton       | Hampton salt marshes            | S. Mirick             |
| 07-24                       | 32       | Seabrook      | Seabrook Harbor                 | A. & B. Delorey       |
| 07-29                       | 14       | Hampton       | Hampton Harbor                  | B. Bradley            |
| <b>Upland Sandpiper</b>     |          |               |                                 |                       |
| 06-04                       | 20       | Newington     | Pease Int'l Tradeport           | A. Tappan             |
| 06-18                       | 27       | Newington     | Pease Int'l Tradeport           | A. Tappan             |
| 07-04                       | 7        | Portsmouth    | Pease Golf Course               | S. Mirick, D. Abbott  |
| 07-30                       | 47       | Newington     | Pease Int'l Tradeport           | A. Tappan             |
| <b>Whimbrel</b>             |          |               |                                 |                       |
| 07-18                       | 2        | Seabrook      | Seabrook Harbor                 | A. & B. Delorey       |
| 07-31                       | 9        | Seabrook      | Seabrook Harbor                 | A. & B. Delorey       |
| <b>Hudsonian Godwit</b>     |          |               |                                 |                       |
| 07-24                       | 1        | Seabrook      | Seabrook Harbor                 | A. & B. Delorey       |
| 07-31                       | 4        | Seabrook      | Seabrook Harbor                 | S. Mirick, R. Suomala |

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| <b>Ruddy Turnstone</b>        |          |                |                                 |                           |
| 07-29                         | 2        | N. Hampton     | First Beach                     | B. Bradley                |
| 07-31                         | 2        | Seabrook       | Seabrook Harbor                 | S. Mirick, R. Suomala     |
| <b>Sanderling</b>             |          |                |                                 |                           |
| 07-31                         | 12       | N. Hampton     | N. Hampton St. Pk.              | A. & B. Delorey           |
| <b>Semipalmated Sandpiper</b> |          |                |                                 |                           |
| 07-10                         | 2        | Rye            | Eel Pond                        | S. Mirick                 |
| 07-18                         | 13       | Seabrook       | Seabrook Harbor                 | A. & B. Delorey           |
| 07-20                         | 38       | Rye            | Eel Pond                        | B. Bradley                |
| 07-26                         | 1        | Concord        | Hoit Rd. marsh                  | R. Quinn                  |
| <b>Western Sandpiper</b>      |          |                |                                 |                           |
| 07-24                         | 1        | Seabrook       | Seabrook Harbor                 | A. & B. Delorey           |
| <b>Least Sandpiper</b>        |          |                |                                 |                           |
| 07-04                         | 7        | Rye            | Rye marshes                     | S. Mirick, D. Abbott      |
| 07-10                         | 40       | Hampton        | off Rt. 51                      | S. Mirick                 |
| 07-10                         | 1        | Errol          | Sweat Meadow                    | R. Quinn, ASNH Field Trip |
| 07-20                         | 1        | Canterbury     | sod farm                        | R. Quinn                  |
| 07-26                         | 3        | Concord        | Hoit Rd. marsh                  | R. Quinn                  |
| <b>White-rumped Sandpiper</b> |          |                |                                 |                           |
| 07-24                         | 1        | Hampton        | Little Jack's Restaurant        | A. & B. Delorey           |
| <b>Stilt Sandpiper</b>        |          |                |                                 |                           |
| 07-17                         | 1        | Hampton        | salt pans, Rts. 1 & 51 jct.     | A. & B. Delorey           |
| 07-31                         | 2        | Rye            | Eel Pond                        | S. Mirick, R. Suomala     |
| <b>Short-billed Dowitcher</b> |          |                |                                 |                           |
| 07-04                         | 2        | Rye            | Rye marshes                     | S. Mirick, D. Abbott      |
| 07-10                         | 33       | Hampton        | salt pans near Rts. 1 & 51 jct. | A. & B. Delorey           |
| 07-11                         | 45       | Hampton        | off Rt. 51                      | S. Mirick                 |
| 07-31                         | 22       | Hampton        | Little Jack's Restaurant        | A. & B. Delorey           |
| <b>Long-billed Dowitcher</b>  |          |                |                                 |                           |
| 07-31                         | 1        | Hampton        | Little Jack's Restaurant        | A. & B. Delorey           |
| <b>Dowitcher sp.</b>          |          |                |                                 |                           |
| 07-04                         | 1        | Rye            | Rye marshes                     | S. Mirick, D. Abbott      |
| <b>Laughing Gull</b>          |          |                |                                 |                           |
| 07-31                         | 3        |                | NH coast                        | S. Mirick, R. Suomala     |
| <b>Bonaparte's Gull</b>       |          |                |                                 |                           |
| 07-25                         | 3        | Seabrook       | Seabrook Harbor                 | S. Mirick                 |
| <b>Ring-billed Gull</b>       |          |                |                                 |                           |
| 06-09                         | 1        | Moultonborough | Shaker Jerry Rd.                | L. Schulten               |
| 07-29                         | 100      | Laconia        | Laconia State Prison            | H. Anderson               |
| 07-29                         | 18       | Concord        | NH Hospital lawn                | R. Quinn                  |
| <b>Common Tern</b>            |          |                |                                 |                           |
| 07-17                         | 1        | Errol          | Lake Umbagog                    | C. Martin, G. Springs     |

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| <b>Black Guillemot</b>     |          |             |                         |                    |
| 06-24                      | 1        | Rye         | just off Star Is.       | A. & B. Delorey    |
| <b>Black-billed Cuckoo</b> |          |             |                         |                    |
| 06-12                      | 1        | Chester     | Derry Rd.               | A. & B. Delorey    |
| 06-15                      | 1        | Loudon      |                         | R. Quinn           |
| 06-21                      | 1        | Hudson      | Gowing Rd.              | B. Glazebrook      |
| 06-26                      | 2        | Exeter      | Phillips Exeter Academy | A. & B. Delorey    |
| 06-30                      | 1        | Durham      | Dame Farm               | S. Mirick          |
| 07-03                      | 2        | Chester     | Derry Rd.               | A. & B. Delorey    |
| 07-12                      | 1        | Thornton    | Rt. 3                   | P. Hunt            |
| 07-13                      | 1        | Windham     | residence               | J. Romano          |

## Owls through Woodpeckers

A Northern Saw-whet Owl was noted calling in the White Mountains on June 5. This species is rarely reported calling after April. Eleven Barred Owl reports is more than usual, even though the species probably nests in every town in the state.

Common Nighthawks in early June can still be spring migrants, but none of this year's birds were noted as such. Dr. Jay Pitoccelli of St. Anselms organized a survey to listen for Whip-poor-wills and he and his students heard 65 in the southern part of the state. Let's give him some help next year!

Most interesting reports of woodpeckers were unusual sightings of common species, such as an aberrantly plumaged Downy that was yellow where it normally is white (this is called xanthochroism) and another Downy noted at a hummingbird feeder. Pileated Woodpeckers have become downright common, but they still are a treat to see. A pair cavorting in clear view for a group in Pittsburg was wonderfully reported by Bill Harris.

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| <b>Barred Owl</b>            |          |             |  |                      |
| 06-03                        | 1        | Chester     | Derry Rd.                                      | A. & B. Delorey      |
| 06-06                        | 1        | Franconia   | Lafayette Place Campground                     | M. Suomala           |
| 06-09                        | 2        | Orford      | upper Baker Pond Rd.                           | A. Ports             |
| 06-13                        | 3        | Easton      | Rt. 112  | A. & C. Ports        |
| 06-24                        | 1        | Gilsum      | Hammond Hollow                                 | M. Wright            |
| <b>Northern Saw-whet Owl</b> |          |             |  |                      |
| 06-05                        | 1        | Lincoln     | jct. of Wilderness Trail<br>& Black Pond Trail | M. Suomala           |
| <b>Common Nighthawk</b>      |          |             |  |                      |
| 06-01                        | 1        | Concord     | Little Turkey Pond                             | R. Suomala, N. Brown |
| 06-03                        | 3        | Haverhill   | over Community Bldg.                           | P. & N. Davis        |
| 06-03                        | 3        | Manchester  | I-293  | C. Martin            |
| 06-07                        | 1        | Wentworth   | residence                                      | A. Ports             |
| 06-21                        | 2        | Keene       | Sun Foods & downtown                           | M. Wright            |
| 06-26                        | 7        | Haverhill   | Woodsville                                     | M. & M. Mullen       |
| 07-14                        | 5        | Concord     | over Main St.                                  | D. Soule             |

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**Whip-poor-will**

|       |   |             |                          |  |
|-------|---|-------------|--------------------------|--|
| 06-02 | 1 | Goffstown   | between Maple Ave. & Elm | St. C. Warfel                          |
| 06-02 | 1 | Brookline   | Spaulding Brook          | M. & C. Neveu                          |
| 06-04 | 1 | Wentworth   | Turner Rd.               | C. & A. Ports                          |
| 06-05 | 1 | Contoocook  | Bohanan Farm             | J. Bohanan                             |
| 06-09 | 1 | Gilsum      | Hammond Hollow           | M. Wright                              |
| 06-09 | 2 | Campton     | Owl St. & Cross Rd.      | S. Bailey, A. Schenck                  |
| 06-15 | 1 | Lee         | residence                | A. Tappan                              |
| 06-26 | 2 | Londonderry | Little Cohas Marsh       | A. & B. Delorey                        |
| 07-05 | 1 | N. Conway   | near Pudding Pond        | M. Chandler                            |
| 07-18 | 2 | Bath        | Rt. 135                  | M. & S. Turner,<br>E. Emery, P. Powers |

**Chimney Swift**

|       |    |             |                     |            |
|-------|----|-------------|---------------------|------------|
| 06-14 | 3  | Gilsum      | Hammond Hollow      | M. Wright  |
| 06-17 | 1  | Jackson     | Meserve Brook       | M. Suomala |
| 07-28 | 18 | Mont Vernon | Town Center, Rt. 13 | R. Suomala |

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird**

|       |   |                |                           |                  |
|-------|---|----------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| 06-06 | 2 | Moultonborough | Shaker Jerry Rd.          | B. & L. Schulten |
| 06-10 | 1 |                | Jefferson Notch Rd., WMNF | A. Ports         |
| 07-10 | 1 | Errol          | Floating Island Bog       | R. Quinn         |

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker**

|       |   |            |  |                 |
|-------|---|------------|--|-----------------|
| 06-05 | 2 | Wentworth  | Atwell Hill Rd.                              | A. Ports        |
| 06-07 | 1 | Pittsburg  | Rt. 3 between 1st &<br>2nd Connecticut Lakes | A. & B. Delorey |
| 06-08 | 1 | Gilsum     | Hammond Hollow                               | M. Wright       |
| 06-11 | 4 | New London | Webb Loop Trail                              | R. Vernon       |
| 07-04 | 1 | Columbia   | Sim's Stream logging road                    | D. Killam       |

**Downy Woodpecker**

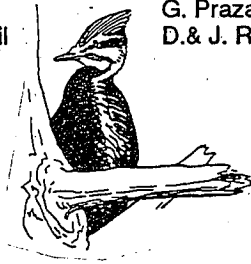
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| 06-14 | 1 | Kingston | at feeder | S. Mirick, D. Abbott |
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**Black-backed Woodpecker**

|       |   |           |                         |                      |
|-------|---|-----------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 06-10 | 1 | Franconia | Garfield Ridge Campsite | M. Suomala, T. Wells |
| 06-11 | 1 | Franconia | Mt. Garfield Trail      | M. Suomala, T. Wells |

**Pileated Woodpecker**

|       |   |                   |                         |                   |
|-------|---|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 06-01 | 1 | Sunapee           | Burkehaven section      | B. Burdett        |
| 06-10 | 2 | Pittsburg         | logging road near Rt. 3 | B. Harris, et al. |
| 06-11 | 1 | Moultonborough    | Shaker Jerry Rd.        | B. & L. Schulten  |
| 06-14 | 4 | Bow               | Dow Rd.                 | D. Griffin        |
| 06-18 | 3 | New London        | auto survey route       | A. & R. Vernon    |
| 06-20 | 1 | Laconia           | Laconia CC              | H. Anderson       |
| 07-15 | 1 | Exeter            | residence               | G. Prazar         |
| 07-24 | 1 | Waterville Valley | McCrislis Trail         | D. & J. Romano    |



# Flycatchers through Swallows

Concentrated studies generate the most scientific data and probably gives the truest picture of the abundance of nesting species. As an example, note the numbers of Yellow-bellied Flycatchers reported by ASNH's White Mountain National Forest (WMNF) field biologists. Most of the flycatchers are normally late-spring migrants; the Olive-sided Flycatcher on June 3 in Chichester would fall into that category, as would the Yellow-bellied Flycatcher in Henniker on the same date.

A good place to study the songs, calls, and plumages of Willow and Alder Flycatchers is the oxbow pond at the sod farm in Canterbury, where both species apparently nest. More than the usual number of Willow Flycatchers were reported, including one on Star Island, where it is not known to nest. A Horned Lark "mingling" with recreational vehicles at Seabrook demonstrates this species' tolerance for human activity, but why are so few reported? Is it that the airports, which are their preferred habitat, are difficult to bird, or are larks truly scarce?

The large colony of Cliff Swallows, a species that has declined as our farmland disappears, must have been an impressive sight in Enfield. Some apparently have moved to the city, as Cook Anderson found them nesting in downtown Laconia.

In Freedom, a new location for Purple Martins was away from the traditional site. No martin reports were received from Laconia, the only other regular spot.

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| <b>Olive-sided Flycatcher</b>    |          |                              |                                      |                               |
| 06-03                            | 1        | Chichester                   | Rt. 28                               | A. Robbins                    |
| 06-08                            | 7        | Pittsburg                    |                                      | A. & B. Delorey               |
| 06-14                            | 1        | Woodstock                    | clearcut off Rt. 112                 | P. Hunt, F. Parent            |
| 07-18                            | 1        | Second College Grant         | near jct. of Swift & Dead Diamond R. | R. Suomala, C. Martin, et al. |
| <b>Eastern Wood-Pewee</b>        |          |                              |                                      |                               |
| 06-11                            | 2        | New London                   | Webb Loop Trail                      | R. Vernon                     |
| 06-12                            | 15       | Nottingham                   | Pawtuckaway St. Pk.                  | A. & B. Delorey               |
| 06-16                            | 1        | Sunapee                      | Burkehaven section                   | B. Burdett                    |
| 06-29                            | 1        | Gilsum                       | Hammond Hollow                       | M. Wright                     |
| <b>Yellow-bellied Flycatcher</b> |          |                              |                                      |                               |
| 06-03                            | 1        | Henniker                     | Old Concord Rd.                      | R. Quinn                      |
| 06-07                            | 15       | Franconia                    | Garfield Trail                       | M. Suomala, T. Wells          |
| 06-09                            | 2        | Thompson & Meserves Purchase | Jefferson Notch                      | A. & B. Delorey               |
| 06-17                            | 9        | Orange                       | Mt. Cardigan                         | P. Hunt, F. Parent            |
| 06-20                            | 6        | Pittsburg                    | Scott Bog Rd. & East Inlet           | R. Quinn, T. Richards         |
| 06-27                            | 6        | Bethlehem                    | off Lend a Hand Trail                | S. Mirick                     |
| 07-05                            | 1        | Lincoln                      | Kinsman Ridge Trail                  | A. Ports                      |

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| <b>Alder Flycatcher</b>              |          |                |                              |                      |
| 06-05                                | 1        | Pittsfield     | Tilton Hill Rd.              | G. & A. Robbins      |
| 06-07                                | 20       | Pittsburg      |                              | A. & B. Delorey      |
| 06-10                                | 2        | Sutton         | Cascade Marsh                | R. Vernon            |
| 06-26                                | 1        | Pelham         | Gage Hill Rd.                | A. & B. Delorey      |
| 07-20                                | 1        | Canterbury     | sod farm                     | R. Quinn             |
| <b>Willow Flycatcher</b>             |          |                |                              |                      |
| 06-05                                | 1        | Bristol        | residence                    | V. Wright            |
| 06-24                                | 1        |                | Star Is., Isles of Shoals    | A. & B. Delorey      |
| 06-26                                | 1        | Londonderry    | Little Cohas Marsh           | A. & B. Delorey      |
| 06-28                                | 1        | Bethlehem      | Beaver Brook Trail           | S. & M. Turner       |
| 07-20                                | 1        | Canterbury     | sod farm                     | R. Quinn             |
| 07-25                                | 1        | Franklin       | Merrimack R. meadow          | K. Elkins            |
| <b>Least Flycatcher</b>              |          |                |                              |                      |
| 06-03                                | 4        | Pittsfield     | Tilton Hill Rd.              | G. & A. Robbins      |
| 06-11                                | 1        | New London     | Webb Loop Trail              | R. Vernon            |
| 06-12                                | 16       | Nottingham     | Pawtuckaway St. Pk.          | A. & B. Delorey      |
| <b>Great Crested Flycatcher</b>      |          |                |                              |                      |
| 06-09                                | 2        | Moultonborough | Shaker Jerry Rd.             | B. & L. Schulten     |
| 06-10                                | 2        | Pittsfield     | Tilton Hill Rd.              | A. Robbins           |
| 06-18                                | 4        | New London     | auto survey route            | A. & R. Vernon       |
| 06-20                                | 2        | Canterbury     | sod farm                     | A. Ports             |
| <b>Eastern Kingbird</b>              |          |                |                              |                      |
| 06-10                                | 2        | Sutton         | Cascade Marsh                | R. Vernon            |
| 06-30                                | 2        | Moultonborough | Sandy Cove, Lake Kanasatka   | B. & L. Schulten     |
| 07-14                                | 3        | Gilsum         | Hammond Hollow               | M. Wright            |
| 07-21                                | 1        | Concord        | residence                    | S. Wheeler           |
| <b>Horned Lark</b>                   |          |                |                              |                      |
| 06-26                                | 1        | Hampton        | Hampton Beach St. Pk.        | S. Mirick            |
| 07-04                                | 2        | Portsmouth     | Pease Golf Course            | S. Mirick, D. Abbott |
| <b>Purple Martin</b>                 |          |                |                              |                      |
| 06-19                                | 9        | Freedom        | Rt. 153                      | A. Robbins           |
| 06-27                                | 6        | Freedom        | off Rt. 153                  | S. Mirick            |
| 06-28                                | 20       | Freedom        | Ossipee Lake, Totem Pole Pk. | P. Dimond            |
| <b>Tree Swallow</b>                  |          |                |                              |                      |
| 06-01                                | 5        | Moultonborough | Shaker Jerry Rd.             | B. & L. Schulten     |
| 06-01                                | 2        | Pembroke       | residence                    | K., B., & S. Palfy   |
| 06-10                                | 10       | Sutton         | Cascade Marsh                | R. Vernon            |
| 06-14                                | 16       | New London     | Low Plain CA                 | R. Vernon            |
| 06-27                                | 18       | Gilsum         | Hammond Hollow               | M. Wright            |
| 07-03                                | 2        | Milford        | Osgood Rd.                   | A. Ames              |
| 07-25                                | 1        | Gilsum         | Hammond Hollow               | M. Wright            |
| <b>Northern Rough-winged Swallow</b> |          |                |                              |                      |
| 06-10                                | 1        | Sutton         | Cascade Marsh                | R. Vernon            |
| 06-18                                | 1        | New London     | auto survey route            | A. & R. Vernon       |

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### Bank Swallow

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|-------|----------|---------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 06-19 | 20 nests | Clarksville   | Bishop Brook Rd.    | R. Quinn        |
| 07-31 | 40       | Hampton Falls | Hampton Falls marsh | A. & B. Delorey |

### Cliff Swallow

|       |     |           |                                 |                 |
|-------|-----|-----------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| 06-07 | 16  | Pittsburg | Rt. 3 near 1st Connecticut Lake | A. & B. Delorey |
| 06-22 | 12  | Rumney    | Rt. 25                          | A. Ports        |
| 07-01 | 18  | Laconia   | Church & Main Sts.              | H. Anderson     |
| 07-10 | 12  | Errol     | Errol Restaurant                | R. Quinn        |
| 07-25 | 250 | Lebanon   | Mascoma Village                 | P. Hunt         |
| 07-25 | 6   | Stark     | Union Church                    | C. Martin       |

## Jays through Nuthatches

Unusually numerous Gray Jay and Boreal Chickadee reports reflect the WMNF biologists' efforts. The Common Crows at the Laconia Country Club seen stealing hot dogs and crackers from unattended golf carts bring two questions to this editor's mind. First, does this practice explain the dramatic increase we have seen for this species the last decade? Second, are these individuals doomed to a life of hypertension?

A Common Raven in Madbury was away from the species' "coastal" stronghold of Pawtuckaway State Park. A Red-breasted Nuthatch on Star Island on June 24 was quite unusual for the date, but the species can be highly migratory. Two Tufted Titmice in Pittsburg were extraordinarily far north.

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| <b>Gray Jay</b> |          |                              |                            |                           |
| 06-03           | 2        | Thompson & Meserves Purchase | Caps Ridge Trail overlook  | M. Suomala                |
| 06-07           | 3        | Pittsburg                    | East Inlet Rd.             | A. & B. Delorey           |
| 06-08           | 2        | Franconia                    | Garfield Ridge Campsite    | M. Suomala, T. Wells      |
| 06-25           | 2        | Lincoln                      | near Mt. Zealand summit    | M. Suomala, T. Wells      |
| 07-08           | 1        | Beans Purchase               | S. Carter Mtn. summit      | S. Breeser, et al.        |
| 07-11           | 3        | Bethlehem                    | Mt. Hale summit            | L. Kling                  |
| 07-13           | 3        | Thompson & Meserves Purchase | Caps Ridge Trail           | P. Marra, J. Barg         |
| 07-16           | 1        | Errol                        | Lake Umbagog, Tidswell Pt. | M. & S. Turner, C. Martin |
| 07-18           | 3        | Bethlehem                    | Mt. Tom                    | H. Hall                   |

### Common Raven

|       |   |             |                          |                      |
|-------|---|-------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 06-13 | 1 | Madbury     | off Town Hall Rd.        | S. Mirick, D. Abbott |
| 06-21 | 5 | Fitzwilliam | Fitzwilliam Depot        | M. Ayers             |
| 06-24 | 5 | Franconia   | near N. Twin Mtn. summit | M. Suomala, T. Wells |
| 07-16 | 3 | Sutton      | Country Club of NH       | H. Anderson          |
| 07-17 | 5 | Hopkinton   | Straw Rd.                | N. Harris            |

### Boreal Chickadee

|       |   |                              |                                  |                 |
|-------|---|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 06-07 | 8 | Pittsburg                    | East Inlet Rd. & Smith Brook Rd. | A. & B. Delorey |
| 06-09 | 1 | Thompson & Meserves Purchase | Jefferson Notch                  | A. & B. Delorey |



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|-------------|----------|-------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| 06-09       | 1        | Franconia         | Garfield Ridge Trail & Gale River Trail jct. | M. Suomala                         |
| 06-10       | 3        | Franconia         | Garfield Ridge Campsite                      | M. Suomala, T. Wells               |
| 06-19       | 3        | Pittsburg         | n.e. of East Inlet dam                       | R. Quinn, T. Richards, J. Verville |
| 06-23       | 2        | Lincoln           | near Summit of Mt. Bond                      | M. Suomala                         |
| 06-24       | 2        | Lincoln           | Twinway Trail                                | M. Suomala, T. Wells               |
| 07-05       | 10       | Lincoln           | Kinsman Ridge Trail                          | A. Ports                           |
| 07-10       | 1        | Errol             | Rt. 16                                       | R. Quinn                           |
| 07-16       | 1        | Errol             | Umbagog Lake, Tidswell Pt.                   | M. & S. Turner                     |
| 07-17       | 1        | Errol             | Eames Camp Rd.                               | C. Martin                          |
| 07-17       | 1        | Cambridge         | Androscoggin R., Seven Is.                   | C. Foss, J. Flanders               |
| 07-18       | 1        | Second College    | Grant Diamond Peaks                          | C. Martin                          |
| 07-24       | 2        | Waterville Valley | McCrislis Trail                              | D. & J. Romano                     |

#### **Tufted Titmouse**

|       |   |           |                       |                   |
|-------|---|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 06-12 | 2 | Pittsburg | Day Rd., Perry Stream | B. Harris, et al. |
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#### **Red-breasted Nuthatch**

|       |   |  |                           |                 |
|-------|---|--|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 06-24 | 2 |  | Star Is., Isles of Shoals | A. & B. Delorey |
|-------|---|--|---------------------------|-----------------|

## **Wrens through Pipits**

Winter Wrens continue to prosper. Note the 50 in Pittsburg and the fact that they were reported from the Massachusetts border up to the timberline on Mount Washington. Winter Wrens are "short-distance" migrants that winter in the southeastern U.S. and are, therefore, susceptible to cold, snowy winters such as that part of the country has experienced lately. So why are their numbers so high this summer, when those for the Eastern Bluebird (another short-distance migrant) were lower than recent years? Are reporters becoming blasé about Bluebirds as they become common?

Interesting Marsh Wren observations included 21 along a tidal river in Stratham and a single bird at Reed's Marsh in Orford on July 10 (after none had been noted there in May and June). Two wrens at Harper's Meadow near Lake Umbagog in Errol on July 17, tentatively identified as Sedge Wrens, are still under review. Although the species is noticeably erratic, it seems strange that no one else at Lake Umbagog saw them.

My impression is that numbers of Brown Thrashers and Gray-cheeked Thrushes were higher than normal, but without systematic historical data it's hard to say what normal is. The WMNF study certainly inflates the thrush total, but it's the kind of study that will help us determine what normal is. June 13 was an ideal day for watching the aerial singing of American Pipits on Mount Washington, as an ASNH field trip discovered.

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| <b>Carolina Wren</b> |          |             |                 |                      |
| 06-08                | 1        | Allenstown  | Rt. 28          | G. & A. Robbins      |
| 07-04                | 1        | Rye         | off Rt. 1A      | S. Mirick, D. Abbott |
| 07-25                | 2        | Nashua      | Clovercrest Dr. | B. & M. Harris       |

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| <b>Winter Wren</b>            |          |                |  |                        |
| 06-01                         | 2        | Sunapee        | Burkehaven section                             | B. Burdett             |
| 06-07                         | 50       | Pittsburg      |  | A. & B. Delorey        |
| 06-25                         | 4        | Wilmot         | Mt. Kearsarge                                  | R. Vernon              |
| 06-30                         | 1        | Durham         | Dame Farm                                      | S. Mirick              |
| 07-05                         | 1        | S. Hampton     | Woodman Rd.                                    | J. Berry, D. Balerviez |
| <b>Marsh Wren</b>             |          |                |  |                        |
| 06-07                         | 1        | Canterbury     | sod farm pond                                  | R. Quinn               |
| 06-10                         | 2        | Sutton         | Cascade Marsh                                  | R. Vernon              |
| 07-05                         | 6        | Exeter         | water treatment plant                          | A. & B. Delorey        |
| 07-10                         | 1        | Orford         | Reeds Marsh                                    | P. Hunt                |
| 07-10                         | 2        | Rye            | Eel Pond                                       | A. & B. Delorey        |
| 07-10                         | 1        | Errol          | Harpers Meadow                                 | R. Quinn               |
| 07-23                         | 21       | Stratham       | Squamscott R.                                  | A. & B. Delorey        |
| <b>Golden-crowned Kinglet</b> |          |                |  |                        |
| 06-10                         | 3        |                | Jefferson Notch Rd., WMNF                      | A. Ports               |
| 06-25                         | 1        | Wilmot         | Mt. Kearsarge                                  | R. Vernon              |
| 06-29                         | 1        | Bethlehem      | Beaver Brook Trail                             | S. & M. Turner         |
| 07-05                         | 25       | Lincoln        | Kinsman Ridge Trail                            | A. Ports               |
| <b>Ruby-crowned Kinglet</b>   |          |                |  |                        |
| 06-10                         | 6        | Franconia      | Garfield Ridge Campsite<br>Alpine Garden Trail | M. Suomala, T. Wells   |
| 06-27                         | 4        | Bethlehem      | Zealand area                                   | S. Mirick              |
| <b>Eastern Bluebird</b>       |          |                |  |                        |
| 06-09                         | 2        | Sunapee        | Burkehaven section                             | B. Burdett             |
| 06-11                         | 1        | Moultonborough | Moultonboro Neck Rd.                           | L. Schulten            |
| 06-12                         | 20       | Deering        | E. Deering Rd.                                 | I. MacLeod             |
| 06-18                         | 8        | Londonderry    | Musquash CA                                    | H. Chary               |
| 07-05                         | 4        | Gilsum         | Hammond Hollow                                 | M. Wright              |
| 07-15                         | 5        | Concord        | Josiah Bartlett Rd.                            | G. & R. Lang           |
| 07-26                         | 4        | Wentworth      | Location Rt. 16, near state line               | C. Martin              |
| <b>Veery</b>                  |          |                |  |                        |
| 06-09                         | 3        | Pittsfield     | Tilton Hill Rd.                                | G. Robbins             |
| 06-12                         | 9        | Nottingham     | Pawtuckaway St. Pk.                            | A. & B. Delorey        |
| 06-18                         | 6        | New London     | auto survey route                              | A. & R. Vernon         |
| 06-30                         | 4        | Gilsum         | Hammond Hollow                                 | M. Wright              |
| <b>Gray-cheeked Thrush</b>    |          |                |  |                        |
| 06-08                         | 4        | Beans Purchase | summit, W. Royce Mtn.                          | B. Janeway             |
| 06-08                         | 6        | Franconia      | Garfield Ridge Trail                           | M. Suomala, T. Wells   |
| 06-10                         | 20       | Franconia      | Garfield Ridge Trail                           | M. Suomala, T. Wells   |
| 06-24                         | 2        | Lincoln        | Guyot Shelter Campsite                         | M. Suomala, T. Wells   |
| 06-27                         | 1        | Bethlehem      | Mt. Hale                                       | S. Mirick              |
| 06-30                         | 1        | Woodstock      | Mt. Jim  | J. Carreaux            |
| 07-05                         | 4        | Lincoln        | Kinsman Ridge Trail                            | A. Ports               |
| 07-14                         | 1        | Lincoln        | near Mt. Hancock summit                        | D. & J. Romano         |
| <b>Swainson's Thrush</b>      |          |                |  |                        |
| 06-06                         | 1        | Benton         | North South Rd.                                | A. Ports               |
| 06-07                         | 3        | Pittsburg      | East Inlet Rd.                                 | A. & B. Delorey        |

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| 06-11       | 1        | New London  | Webb Loop Trail        | R. Vernon          |
| 06-16       | 6        | Jackson     | Meserve Brook          | M. Suomala         |
| 06-18       | 4        | Dixville    | Rt. 26, Dixville Notch | R. Quinn           |
| 06-25       | 1        | Wilmot      | Mt. Kearsarge          | R. Vernon          |
| 07-11       | 1        | Lyman       | Dodge Pond             | S. & M. Turner     |
| 07-14       | 15       | Lincoln     | Mt. Hancock loop trail | D., J. & J. Romano |

### Hermit Thrush

|       |   |            |                     |                 |
|-------|---|------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 06-12 | 6 | Nottingham | Pawtuckaway St. Pk. | A. & B. Delorey |
| 06-17 | 3 | New London | Bunker Loop Trail   | R. Vernon       |
| 06-29 | 5 | Concord    | Silk Farm WS        | J. Greenspan    |
| 07-24 | 2 | Gilsum     | Hammond Hollow      | M. Wright       |

### Wood Thrush

|       |   |            |                     |                 |
|-------|---|------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 06-09 | 1 | Sunapee    | Burkehaven section  | B. Burdett      |
| 06-12 | 6 | Nottingham | Pawtuckaway St. Pk. | A. & B. Delorey |
| 06-17 | 1 | New London | Bunker Loop Trail   | R. Vernon       |
| 06-18 | 7 | New London | auto survey route   | A. & R. Vernon  |
| 07-04 | 2 | Gilsum     | Hammond Hollow      | M. Wright       |

### Gray Catbird

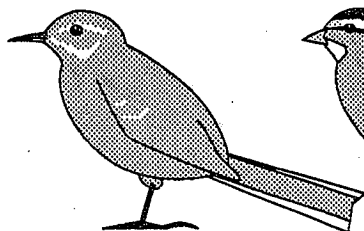
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| 06-02 | 1 | Sunapee    | Burkehaven section | B. Burdett      |
| 06-08 | 1 | Pittsburg  | Young Rd.          | A. & B. Delorey |
| 06-18 | 5 | New London | auto survey route  | A. & R. Vernon  |
| 07-02 | 3 | Gilsum     | Hammond Hollow     | M. Wright       |

### Brown Thrasher

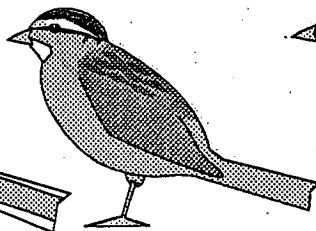
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| 06-01 | 4 | Bristol    |                | V. Wright |
| 06-09 | 2 | Orford     | River Rd.      | A. Ports  |
| 06-09 | 2 | Dunbarton  | N. Dunbarton   | G. Dulude |
| 07-11 | 4 | Gilsum     | Hammond Hollow | M. Wright |
| 07-20 | 2 | Canterbury | sod farm       | R. Quinn  |

### American Pipit

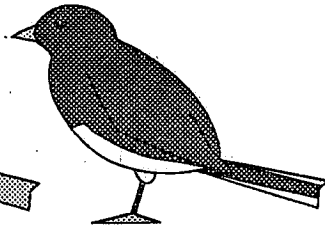
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| 06-13 | 10 | Thompson & Meserves Purchase | Mt. Washington summit cow pasture | B. Janeway |
| 07-14 | 2  | Sargents Purchase            | Mt. Washington                    | A. Ports   |



American Pipit



White-throated Sparrow



Dark-eyed Junco

American Pipit Identification illustration from a flyer prepared for WMNF Pipit Survey volunteers.

# Vireos through Warblers

Without the Breeding Bird Survey, it is very hard to analyze the ups and downs of the warblers. Luckily, we have Bob Vernon's long-term town study in New London. His data and comments indicate a notable increase of Magnolias and Yellow-rumps this year. The Yellow-rumped Warbler is customarily thought of as a bird of the mountains that prefers evergreen habitat, but it nests almost statewide and seems to be increasing. A veritable "colony" of Blue-winged Warblers in Concord, plus singles in Weare and Hanover (for the second summer in a row), is strong evidence of the increase in this species. It used to be restricted to the extreme southeast coastal plain, but nowadays the coastal observers do not even bother to report it because it has become so common.

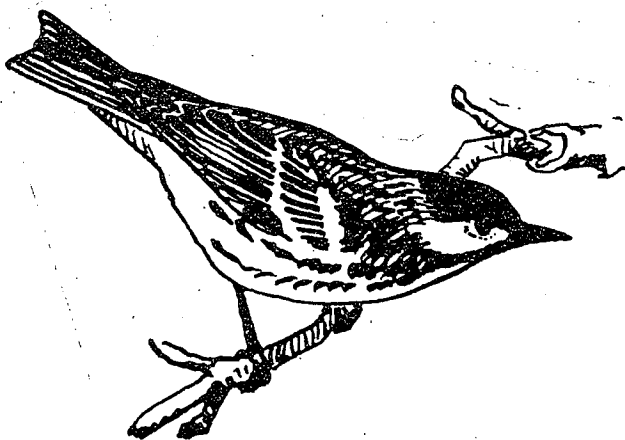
Other warbler highlights include the Cape May in Pittsburg (quite rare as a breeding species now that the Spruce Budworm has almost faded away), a late migrant Blackpoll in Pittsfield June 2, a Prairie unusually far north in Warren (with a description of the habitat, but nothing about the bird except "singing"), and the Palm Warblers at their only documented nesting site: Floating Island Bog in Errol. (However, hearsay evidence has Palm Warblers in at least one other bog in the Errol area.) Peter Hunt noticed migrant Yellow Warblers and Ovenbirds before the end of July.

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| <b>Solitary Vireo</b>        |          |             |                                  |                     |
| 06-10                        | 5        |             | Jefferson Notch Rd., WMNF        | A. Ports            |
| 06-17                        | 5        | New London  | Bunker Loop Trail                | R. Vernon           |
| 06-18                        | 4        | New London  | auto survey route                | A. & R. Vernon      |
| 06-23                        | 1        | Fitzwilliam | West Lake Rd.                    | M. Ayers            |
| 06-24                        | 5        | New London  | Carr Ledge Loop Trail            | R. Vernon           |
| 07-05                        | 3        | Pittsburg   | Perry Stream, Day Rd.            | B. Harris           |
| 07-14                        | 1        | Gilsum      | Hammond Hollow                   | M. Wright           |
| <b>Yellow-throated Vireo</b> |          |             |                                  |                     |
| 06-01                        | 1        | Haverhill   | Bedell Bridge Rd.                | A. Ports            |
| 06-12                        | 2        | Nottingham  | Pawtuckaway St. Pk.              | A. & B. Delorey     |
| 06-25                        | 1        | Canterbury  | Intervale Rd.                    | R. Quinn, K. Murray |
| 07-25                        | 1        | Lebanon     | Mascoma Lake Dam                 | P. Hunt             |
| <b>Philadelphia Vireo</b>    |          |             |                                  |                     |
| 06-06                        | 1        | Pittsburg   | 2nd Connecticut Lake             | R. Andrews          |
| 06-07                        | 2        | Pittsburg   | East Inlet Rd. & Smith Brook Rd. | A. & B. Delorey     |
| 06-27                        | 1        | Bethlehem   | Zealand Trail                    | S. Mirick           |
| <b>Red-eyed Vireo</b>        |          |             |                                  |                     |
| 06-10                        | 5        |             | Jefferson Notch Rd., WMNF        | A. Ports            |
| 06-11                        | 13       | New London  | Webb Loop Trail                  | R. Vernon           |
| 06-12                        | 33       | Nottingham  | Pawtuckaway St. Pk.              | A. & B. Delorey     |
| 06-18                        | 24       | New London  | auto survey route                | A. & R. Vernon      |
| 06-30                        | 5        | Gilsum      | Hammond Hollow                   | M. Wright           |

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|-------------------------------------|----------|-------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Blue-winged Warbler</b>          |          |             |                                   |                                    |
| 06-02                               | 6        | Concord     | Clinton St.                       | R. Quinn, J. Manternach            |
| 06-03                               | 1        | Weare       | Clough St. Pk.                    | R. Suomala                         |
| 06-12                               | 1        | Hanover     | Goodfellow Rd.                    | P. Hunt                            |
| <b>Golden-winged Warbler</b>        |          |             |                                   |                                    |
| 06-13                               | 1        | Durham      | off Packer's Falls Rd.            | S. Mirick, D. Abbott               |
| <b>Nashville Warbler</b>            |          |             |                                   |                                    |
| 06-07                               | 2        | New London  | Philbrick Cricenti Bog            | R. Vernon                          |
| 06-21                               | 1        | Orford      | Rt. 25A                           | A. Ports                           |
| 06-30                               | 2        | Gilsum      | Hammond Hollow                    | M. Wright                          |
| <b>Northern Parula</b>              |          |             |                                   |                                    |
| 06-14                               | 2        | Colebrook   | Beaver Falls                      | B. Harris, et al.                  |
| 07-04                               | 1        | New London  | residence                         | M. & J. Vernon                     |
| 07-05                               | 1        | Woodstock   | Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest | P. Hunt, F. Parent                 |
| 07-05                               | 2        | Pittsburg   | Magalloway Mt. Rd.                | B. & M. Harris,<br>A. & J. Bohanan |
| <b>Yellow Warbler</b>               |          |             |                                   |                                    |
| 06-18                               | 4        | New London  | auto survey route                 | A. & R. Vernon                     |
| 07-14                               | 1        | Gilsum      | Hammond Hollow                    | M. Wright                          |
| 07-25                               | 4        | Lebanon     | Mascoma Lake Dam                  | P. Hunt                            |
| <b>Magnolia Warbler</b>             |          |             |                                   |                                    |
| 06-08                               | 1        | Orford      | Piermont Heights Rd.              | A. Ports                           |
| 06-11                               | 5        | New London  | Webb Loop Trail                   | R. Vernon                          |
| 06-15                               | 3        | New London  | The Old Meadow                    | R. Vernon                          |
| 06-25                               | 2        | Wilmot      | Mt. Kearsarge                     | R. Vernon                          |
| 07-04                               | 1        | Columbia    | Sim's Stream logging road         | D. Killam                          |
| 07-05                               | 4        | Lincoln     | Kinsman Ridge Trail               | A. Ports                           |
| <b>Cape May Warbler</b>             |          |             |                                   |                                    |
| 06-08                               | 1        | Pittsburg   | Day Rd.                           | A. & B. Delorey                    |
| <b>Black-throated Blue Warbler</b>  |          |             |                                   |                                    |
| 06-10                               | 2        | Pittsburg   | near Round Pond                   | B. Harris, et al.                  |
| 06-11                               | 5        | New London  | Webb Loop Trail                   | R. Vernon                          |
| 06-30                               | 2        | Gilsum      | Hammond Hollow                    | M. Wright                          |
| 07-04                               | 2        | Warner      | Mt. Keaisarge                     | A. & B. Delorey                    |
| <b>Yellow-rumped Warbler</b>        |          |             |                                   |                                    |
| 06-06                               | 5        | Benton      | North South Rd.                   | A. Ports                           |
| 06-07                               | 3        | New London  | Philbrick Cricenti Bog            | R. Vernon                          |
| 06-11                               | 1        | Sunapee     | Burkehaven section                | B. Burdett                         |
| 06-11                               | 3        | New London  | Webb Loop Trail                   | R. Vernon                          |
| 06-24                               | 5        | New London  | Carr Ledge Loop Trail             | R. Vernon                          |
| 06-25                               | 7        | Wilmot      | Mt. Kearsarge                     | R. Vernon                          |
| 07-15                               | 1        | Laconia     | Laconia CC                        | H. Anderson                        |
| <b>Black-throated Green Warbler</b> |          |             |                                   |                                    |
| 06-06                               | 2        | Benton      | North South Rd.                   | A. Ports                           |
| 06-10                               | 4        |             | Jefferson Notch Rd., WMNFA        | A. Ports                           |
| 06-11                               | 5        | New London  | Webb Loop Trail                   | R. Vernon                          |

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| 06-24                       | 1        | Waterville Valley            | near cascades                | J. Greenspan         |
| 07-04                       | 2        | Warner                       | Mt. Kearsarge                | A. & B. Delorey      |
| 07-14                       | 2        | Carroll                      | Cherry Mt. Rd.               | A. Ports             |
| <b>Blackburnian Warbler</b> |          |                              |                              |                      |
| 06-16                       | 10       | Jackson                      | Meserve Brook                | M. Suomala           |
| 07-01                       | 4        | Hancock                      | Harris Center                | J. & J. Romano       |
| 07-04                       | 4        | Warner                       | Mt. Kearsarge                | A. & B. Delorey      |
| <b>Pine Warbler</b>         |          |                              |                              |                      |
| 06-10                       | 1        | Sutton                       | Cascade Marsh                | R. Vernon            |
| 06-18                       | 1        | New London                   | auto survey route            | A. & R. Vernon       |
| <b>Prairie Warbler</b>      |          |                              |                              |                      |
| 06-17                       | 1        | Warren                       | clearcut off Rt. 112         | S. & M. Turner       |
| <b>Palm Warbler</b>         |          |                              |                              |                      |
| 07-10                       | 5        | Errol                        | Floating Island Bog          | R. Quinn, B. Janeway |
| <b>Bay-breasted Warbler</b> |          |                              |                              |                      |
| 06-09                       | 4        | Thompson & Meserves Purchase | Jefferson Notch              | A. & B. Delorey      |
| 06-10                       | 2        | Stewartstown                 | Diamond Pond inflow          | C. Martin            |
| 07-05                       | 1        | Lincoln                      | Kinsman Ridge Trail          | A. Ports             |
| <b>Blackpoll Warbler</b>    |          |                              |                              |                      |
| 06-02                       | 1        | Pittsfield                   | Tilton Hill Rd.              | G. Robbins           |
| 06-07                       | 3        | Pittsburg                    | East Inlet Rd. & Scott's Bog | A. & B. Delorey      |
| 06-08                       | 9        | Franconia                    | Garfield Ridge Trail         | M. Suomala, T. Wells |
| 06-09                       | 6        | Thompson & Meserves Purchase | Jefferson Notch              | A. & B. Delorey      |
| 06-10                       | 9        | Franconia                    | Garfield Ridge Trail         | M. Suomala, T. Wells |
| 06-17                       | 23       | Orange                       | Mt. Cardigan, s. half        | P. Hunt, F. Parent   |
| 06-18                       | 2        | Dixville                     | Rt. 26, Dixville Notch       | R. Quinn             |
| 07-05                       | 11       | Lincoln                      | Kinsman Ridge Trail          | A. Ports             |
| 07-14                       | 15       | Lincoln                      | Mt. Hancock Loop Trail       | D., J. & J. Romano   |
| <b>American Redstart</b>    |          |                              |                              |                      |
| 06-06                       | 3        | Benton                       | North South Rd.              | A. Ports             |
| 06-12                       | 16       | Nottingham                   | Pawtuckaway St. Pk.          | A. & B. Delorey      |
| 06-16                       | 6        | Jackson                      | off Green Hill Rd.           | M. Suomala           |
| 06-18                       | 2        | New London                   | auto survey route            | A. & R. Vernon       |
| 06-24                       | 2        | New London                   | Carr Ledge Loop Trail        | R. Vernon            |
| 07-13                       | 1        | Gilsum                       | Hammond Hollow               | M. Wright            |
| <b>Ovenbird</b>             |          |                              |                              |                      |
| 06-11                       | 20       | New London                   | Webb Loop Trail              | R. Vernon            |
| 06-12                       | 28       | Nottingham                   | Pawtuckaway St. Pk.          | A. & B. Delorey      |
| 06-17                       | 14       | New London                   | Bunker Loop Trail            | R. Vernon            |
| 06-18                       | 15       | New London                   | auto survey route            | A. & R. Vernon       |
| 06-24                       | 17       | New London                   | Carr Ledge Loop Trail        | R. Vernon            |
| 06-30                       | 3        | Gilsum                       | Hammond Hollow               | M. Wright            |
| 07-24                       | 6        | Waterville Valley            | McCrillis Trail              | D. & J. Romano       |
| 07-25                       | 1        | Lebanon                      | Mascoma Village              | P. Hunt              |

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|------------------------------|----------|--------------|---|----------------------|
| <b>Northern Waterthrush</b>  |          |              |   |                      |
| 06-02                        | 1        | Canterbury   | Baptist Hill Rd.                          | R. Quinn             |
| 06-07                        | 20       | Pittsburg    |   | A. & B. Delorey      |
| 06-09                        | 1        | Dixville     | Dixville Notch, The Balsams               | J. McIlwaine         |
| 06-13                        | 1        | Kingston     |   | S. Mirick, D. Abbott |
| 06-18                        | 2        | New London   | auto survey route                         | A. & R. Vernon       |
| 07-01                        | 1        | Hancock      | Harris Center                             | J. & J. Romano       |
| <b>Louisiana Waterthrush</b> |          |              |   |                      |
| 06-12                        | 1        | Nottingham   | Pawtuckaway St. Pk.                       | A. & B. Delorey      |
| <b>Mourning Warbler</b>      |          |              |   |                      |
| 06-08                        | 1        | Pittsburg    | Perry Stream Rd.                          | A. & B. Delorey      |
| 06-14                        | 3        | Franconia    | clear cuts near Beaver<br>Brook rest area | M. Suomala           |
| 06-19                        | 1        | Pittsburg    | Scott Bog Rd.                             | R. Quinn             |
| 07-04                        | 2        | Columbia     | Sim's Stream logging road                 | D. Killam            |
| 07-08                        | 1        | Success      | n. branch of Stearns Brook                | C. Martin            |
| <b>Wilson's Warbler</b>      |          |              |   |                      |
| 06-06                        | 1        | Pittsburg    | 2nd Connecticut Lake                      | R. Andrews           |
| 06-07                        | 1        | Pittsburg    | East Inlet Rd.                            | A. & B. Delorey      |
| 06-08                        | 2        | Pittsburg    | Perry Stream Rd.                          | A. & B. Delorey      |
| <b>Canada Warbler</b>        |          |              |   |                      |
| 06-10                        | 1        | Stewartstown | Little Diamond Pond inflow                | C. Martin            |
| 06-15                        | 1        | New London   | The Old Meadow                            | R. Vernon            |
| 07-08                        | 2        | Dummer       | Dummer Pond access trail                  | C. Martin            |
| 07-14                        | 1        | Carroll      | Cherry Mt. Rd.                            | A. Ports             |



# Tanagers through Sparrows

Sparrows created most of this season's excitement with rare sightings of **Grasshopper** and **Clay-colored Sparrows**, both on territory. These two species are interesting because the Grasshopper Sparrow used to be a regular, albeit rare, nester that is hardly ever reported now, and the Clay-colored Sparrow seems to be becoming annual in occurrence and could soon be nesting in our state. There was no sign of a female for this summer's pioneering male Clay-colored Sparrow.

A White-crowned Sparrow on June 1 was another tardy northbound migrant. But a **Lincoln's Sparrow** well south of its known breeding range at Holderness on June 18 is not so easy to explain. The observer has years of experience with the species, but because it was heard only and not seen, it remains under review. The photographic documentation of a Seaside Sparrow in the coastal saltmarshes was a valuable effort even if not a glamorous chore. Photographers, please help provide more photo documentation of rare or unusual sightings.

A juxtaposition of species not usually thought of as occurring together can be found on some hills and small mountains in the southern part of the state. This can be seen in the report of Rufous-sided Towhees (traditionally a "southern" species) and Dark-eyed Juncos (a "northern" species) on Oak Hill in Concord at an elevation of about 1100 feet. This phenomena is even more pronounced in the southwest part of the state on mountains such as the Pack Monadnocks.

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|-----------------------------|----------|-------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Scarlet Tanager</b>      |          |             |                                      |                    |
| 06-08                       |          | Livermore   | Tripoli Rd.                          | L. Kantar          |
| 06-11                       | 3        | New London  | Webb Loop Trail                      | R. Vernon          |
| 06-12                       | 4        | Nottingham  | Pawtuckaway St. Pk.                  | A. & B. Delorey    |
| 06-16                       | 10       | Jackson     | Meserve Brook                        | M. Suomala         |
| 06-17                       | 3        | New London  | Bunker Loop Trail                    | R. Vernon          |
| 07-09                       | 1        | Gilsum      | Hammond Hollow                       | M. Wright          |
| <b>Indigo Bunting</b>       |          |             |                                      |                    |
| 06-25                       | 1        | Wilmot      | Mt. Kearsarge                        | R. Vernon          |
| <b>Rufous-sided Towhee</b>  |          |             |                                      |                    |
| 06-01                       | 2        | Brookline   | residence                            | M. Neveu           |
| 06-11                       | 2        | New London  | Webb Loop Trail                      | R. Vernon          |
| 06-14                       | 1        | New London  | Low Plain CA                         | R. Vernon          |
| 06-18                       | 3        | Gilsum      | Hammond Hollow                       | M. Wright          |
| 06-23                       | 4        | Hopkinton   | residence                            | D. Soule           |
| 06-28                       | 1        | Bethlehem   | Beaver Brook Trail                   | S. & M. Turner     |
| 06-30                       | 1        | Concord     | top of Oak Hill                      | R. Quinn           |
| 07-01                       | 4        | Hancock     | Skatutakee Mt. summit                | J. & J. Romano     |
| <b>Clay-colored Sparrow</b> |          |             |                                      |                    |
| 06-12                       | 1        | Orford      | old Christmas tree farm on River Rd. | P. Hunt            |
| 06-21                       | 1        | Orford      | River Rd.                            | A. Ports           |



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| <b>Field Sparrow</b>          |          |             |  |                                  |
| 06-13                         | 2        | Wentworth   | off Dufour Rd.                               | A. Ports                         |
| 06-15                         | 2        | Wentworth   | off Rt. 25                                   | A. Ports                         |
| 06-30                         | 1        | Gilsum      | Hammond Hollow                               | M. Wright                        |
| 07-07                         | 1        | Lyman       | powerline                                    | E. Emery, P. Powers              |
| <b>Vesper Sparrow</b>         |          |             |  |                                  |
| 06-03                         | 3        | Henniker    | field, Old Concord Rd.                       | R. Quinn                         |
| 06-12                         | 2        | Henniker    | field  | W. Goodwill, K. Woodward         |
| 06-19                         | 1        | Henniker    | field, Old Concord Rd.                       | S. Mirick, D. Abbott             |
| 07-04                         | 4        | Newington   | McIntyre Rd.                                 | S. Mirick, D. Abbott             |
| 07-04                         | 1        | Henniker    | field, Old Concord Rd.                       | A. & B. Delorey                  |
| <b>Savannah Sparrow</b>       |          |             |  |                                  |
| 06-19                         | 8        | Pittsburg   | Back Lake Rd. & Rt. 3<br>jct., Moose Pasture | R. Quinn                         |
| 06-28                         | 3        | Henniker    | field, Old Concord Rd.                       | R. Quinn                         |
| 07-10                         | 6        | Errol       | Floating Island Bog                          | R. Quinn                         |
| 07-20                         | 1        | Canterbury  | sod farm                                     | R. Quinn                         |
| <b>Grasshopper Sparrow</b>    |          |             |  |                                  |
| 06-12                         | 3        | Henniker    | field  | W. Goodwill,<br>R. & K. Woodward |
| 06-19                         | 1        | Henniker    | field, Old Concord Rd.                       | S. Mirick, D. Abbott             |
| 06-19                         | 1        | Henniker    | field, Old Concord Rd.                       | P. Hunt, J. Fisher et al.        |
| 07-04                         | 1        | Henniker    | fields, Old Concord Rd.                      | A. & B. Delorey                  |
| <b>Sharp-tailed Sparrow</b>   |          |             |  |                                  |
| 06-26                         | 30       | Hampton     | Hampton salt marshes                         | S. Mirick                        |
| 07-05                         | 3        | Newmarket   | off Bay Rd.                                  | S. Mirick                        |
| <b>Seaside Sparrow</b>        |          |             |  |                                  |
| 06-26                         | 4        | Hampton     | Hampton salt marshes                         | S. Mirick                        |
| <b>Lincoln's Sparrow</b>      |          |             |  |                                  |
| 06-08                         | 2        | Pittsburg   | Day Rd. & Perry Stream Rd.                   | A. & B. Delorey                  |
| 06-19                         | 6        | Pittsburg   | Scott Bog Rd. & Moose Pasture                | R. Quinn                         |
| 07-10                         | 2        | Errol       | Floating Island Bog                          | R. Quinn                         |
| <b>White-throated Sparrow</b> |          |             |  |                                  |
| 06-06                         | 2        | Benton      | North South Rd.                              | A. Ports                         |
| 06-07                         | 9        | New London  | Philbrick Cricenti Bog                       | R. Vernon                        |
| 06-17                         | 5        | New London  | Bunker Loop Trail                            | R. Vernon                        |
| 06-18                         | 9        | New London  | auto survey route                            | A. & R. Vernon                   |
| 06-20                         | 2        | Gilsum      | Hammond Hollow                               | M. Wright                        |
| <b>White-crowned Sparrow</b>  |          |             |  |                                  |
| 06-01                         | 1        | Gilsum      | Hammond Hollow                               | M. Wright                        |
| <b>Dark-eyed Junco</b>        |          |             |  |                                  |
| 06-06                         | 2        | Benton      | North South Rd.                              | A. Ports                         |
| 06-08                         | 1        | Orford      | Piermont Heights Rd.                         | A. Ports                         |
| 06-10                         | 2        | Sutton      | Cascade Marsh                                | R. Vernon                        |
| 06-24                         | 3        | New London  | Carr Ledge Loop Trail                        | R. Vernon                        |
| 06-25                         | 9        | Wilmot      | Mt. Kearsarge                                | R. Vernon                        |

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| 06-30       | 2        | Concord     | top of Oak Hill | R. Quinn           |
| 07-22       | 1        | Gilsum      | Hammond Hollow  | M. Wright          |

## Blackbirds through Grosbeaks

Interesting sightings in the blackbird family (Icterids) included a surprisingly high number (10) of Eastern Meadowlarks in the air simultaneously and Bobolinks at two different wetlands at Lake Umbagog. The late Vera Hebert (long-time records editor and my mentor for the summer season) believed that Bobolinks traditionally used beaver meadows before the European settlers cleared the forests. Maybe they are going back to that way of life as our fields disappear. Or, is there some other attraction we do not know about? This is an example of why detailed field notes submitted with the report might be helpful.

The Evening Grosbeak is the only finchlike bird worth commenting on this season. It was widely scattered with some sizeable flocks (see listing). In May, this editor saw dozens in Pawtuckaway State Park, including some gathering nesting material. Yet they went unreported from that location during the summer. Was this an oversight, or were the birds secretive later in their nesting cycle? Meade Cadot had interesting comments from Hancock: he has noted a switch in their nesting preference from mature spruce/fir habitat to oak/northern hardwood. Because this species has become fairly common it does not get much attention and, therefore, we have a mystery. Why not try to solve it next summer? Let me know what you find out.

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| <b>Boblink</b>            |          |             |                             |                      |
| 07-03                     | 45       | Deering     | E. Deering Rd.              | I. MacLeod           |
| 07-03                     | 18       | Chester     | Derry Rd.,                  | A. & B. Delorey      |
| 07-09                     | 1        | Errol       | Leonard Marsh, Umbagog Lake | C. Martin            |
| 07-09                     | 1        | Errol       | Harpers Meadow              | C. Martin            |
| <b>Eastern Meadowlark</b> |          |             |                             |                      |
| 06-03                     | 4        | Henniker    | Old Concord Rd.             | R. Quinn             |
| 06-18                     | 1        | Colebrook   | Rt. 26, E. Colebrook        | R. Quinn             |
| 06-28                     | 10       | Henniker    | Old Concord Rd.             | R. Quinn             |
| 07-04                     | 1        | Colebrook   | below Balsams golf course   | D. & B. Killam       |
| <b>Rusty Blackbird</b>    |          |             |                             |                      |
| 06-07                     | 2        | Pittsburg   | Scott Bog Rd.               | A. & B. Delorey      |
| 07-19                     | 8        | Pittsburg   | Scott Bog Rd. & East Inlet  | R. Quinn             |
| <b>Orchard Oriole</b>     |          |             |                             |                      |
| 06-13                     | 1        | Exeter      | off Rt. 85                  | S. Mirick, D. Abbott |
| 06-14                     | 2        | Newmarket   | off Bay Rd.                 | S. Mirick, D. Abbott |
| <b>Northern Oriole</b>    |          |             |                             |                      |
| 06-03                     | 1        | Goffstown   | Joffre St.                  | D. Benner            |
| 06-03                     | 1        | Seabrook    | Seabrook nature trail       | J. Greenspan         |
| 06-08                     | 1        | Sunapee     | Burkehaven section          | B. Burdett           |

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| 06-18       | 6        | New London  | auto survey route | A. & R. Vernon     |
| 06-23       | 1        | Fitzwilliam | West Lake Rd.     | M. Ayers           |
| 07-11       | 3        | Gilsum      | Hammond Hollow    | M. Wright          |

### Purple Finch

|       |   |                |                       |                 |
|-------|---|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 06-07 | 3 | Pittsburg      | Smith Brook Rd.       | A. & B. Delorey |
| 06-08 | 1 | Pittsburg      | Perry Stream Rd.      | A. & B. Delorey |
| 06-12 | 3 | Nottingham     | Pawtuckaway St. Pk.   | A. & B. Delorey |
| 06-17 | 3 | New London     | Bunker Loop Trail     | R. Vernon       |
| 06-24 | 2 | New London     | Carr Ledge Loop Trail | R. Vernon       |
| 07-09 | 4 | Gilsum         | Hammond Hollow        | M. Wright       |
| 07-18 | 2 | Second College | Grant Diamond Peaks   | R. Suomala      |

### Pine Siskin

|       |   |                              |                            |                            |
|-------|---|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 06-19 | 3 | Pittsburg                    |                            | R. Quinn                   |
| 06-27 | 2 | Bethlehem                    | at Zeacliffs               | S. Mirick                  |
| 07-09 | 5 | Livermore                    | Kancamagus Hwy., Lily Pond | R. Quinn                   |
| 07-13 | 2 | Thompson & Meserves Purchase | Caps Ridge Trail           | P. Hunt, F. Parent, A. Dey |

### Evening Grosbeak

|       |    |              |                    |                 |
|-------|----|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 06-01 | 3  | Canterbury   | Baptist Hill Rd.   | R. Quinn        |
| 06-12 | 8  | Hancock      | King's Hgwy.       | M. Cadot        |
| 06-23 | 2  | Gilsum       | Hammond Hollow     | M. Wright       |
| 06-25 | 1  | Wilmot       | Mt. Kearsarge      | R. Vernon       |
| 06-27 | 8  | Mont Vernon  | Francestown Tpk.   | R. & M. Suomala |
| 06-27 | 2  | Candia       | Chester Tpk.       | G. Newton       |
| 06-27 | 4  | Strafford    | Bow Lake           | A. Kimball      |
| 06-30 | 1  | Concord      | Oak Hill           | R. Quinn        |
| 07-08 | 20 | Peterborough | residence          | F. Von Mertens  |
| 07-10 | 3  | Enfield      | Oak Group Cemetery | P. Hunt         |
| 07-14 | 35 | Peterborough | Willard Pond WS    | C. Cotila       |
| 07-14 | 4  | Epsom        | Sanborn Hill Rd.   | A. Clark        |

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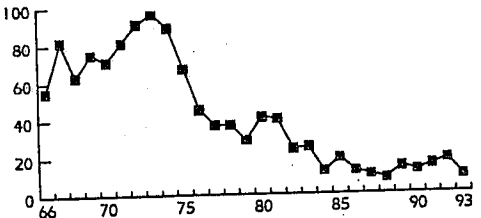
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| Broad-winged Hawk       | Barn Swallow            | Common Yellowthroat     |
| Red-tailed Hawk         | Blue Jay                | Northern Cardinal       |
| Ring-necked Pheasant    | American Crow           | Rose-breasted Grosbeak  |
| Ruffed Grouse           | Black-capped Chickadee  | Chipping Sparrow        |
| Spotted Sandpiper       | White-breasted Nuthatch | Song Sparrow            |
| Common Snipe            | Brown Creeper           | Swamp Sparrow           |
| American Woodcock       | House Wren              | Red-winged Blackbird    |
| Herring Gull            | American Robin          | Common Grackle          |
| Great Black-backed Gull | Northern Mockingbird    | Brown-headed Cowbird    |
| Rock Dove               | Cedar Waxwing           | House Finch             |
| Mourning Dove           | European Starling       | American Goldfinch      |
| Belted Kingfisher       | Warbling Vireo          | House Sparrow           |
| Hairy Woodpecker        | Chestnut-sided Warbler  |                         |

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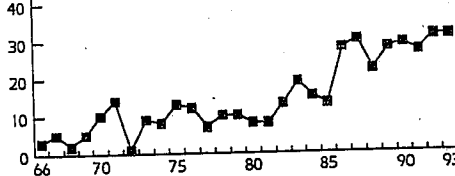
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The next two pages contain graphs showing NH BBS data of selected species. As you can see, there have been obvious increases in a number of species (e.g. Pileated Woodpecker, Tufted Titmouse), while there have been declines in others (e.g. Rufous-sided Towhee, Field Sparrow). Most of these trends can be related to habitat changes. Some species show no explainable trend (e.g. Eastern Wood-pewee, Solitary Vireo). The graphs show the total number of birds detected on all routes each year.

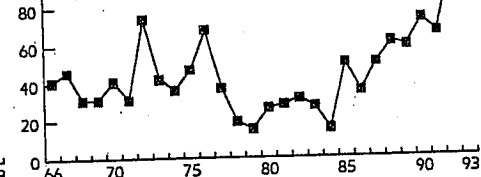
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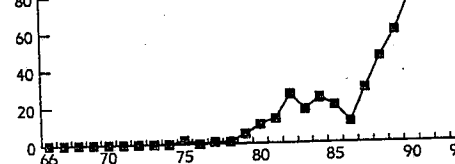
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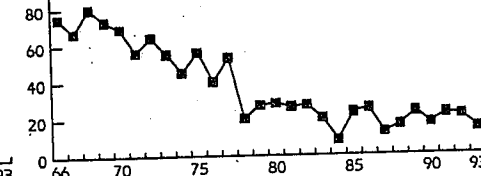
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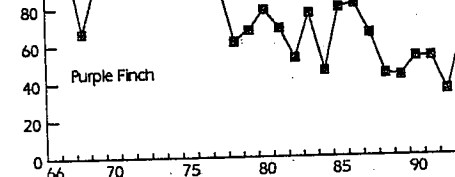
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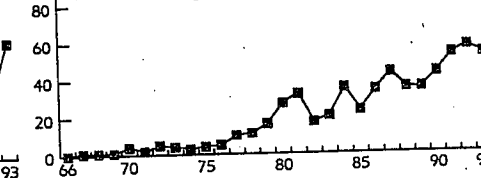
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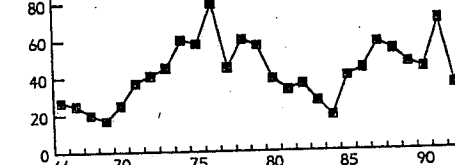
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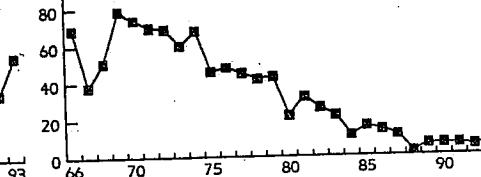
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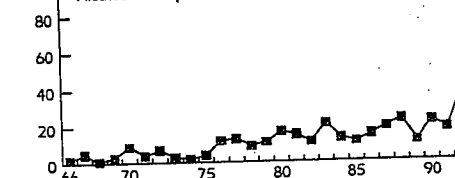
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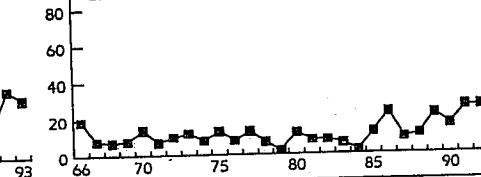
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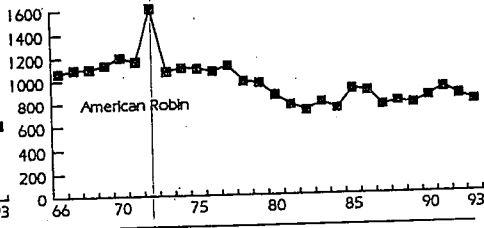
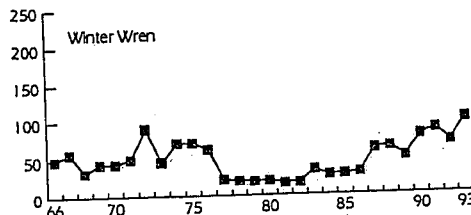
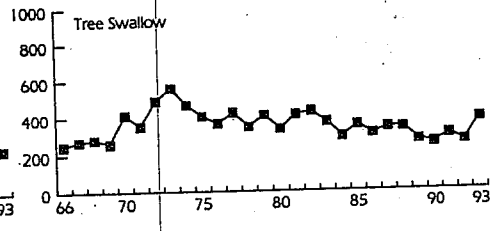
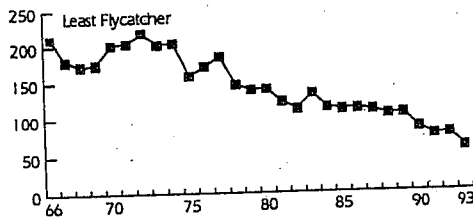
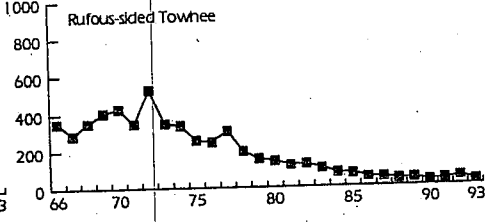
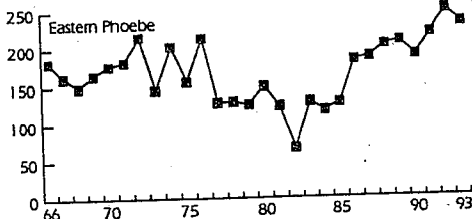
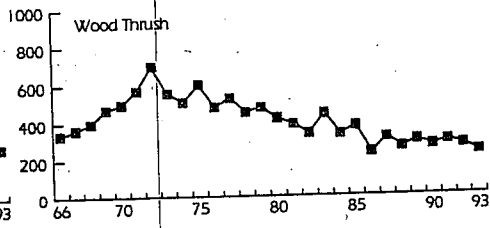
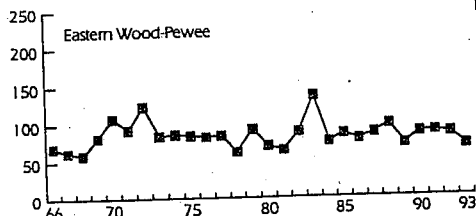
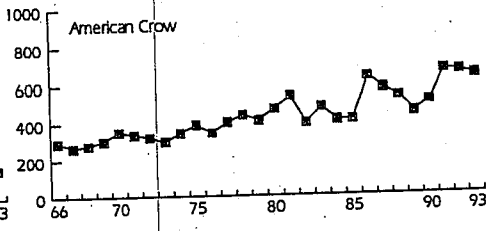
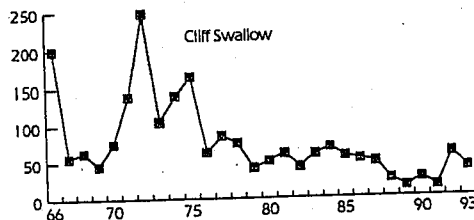
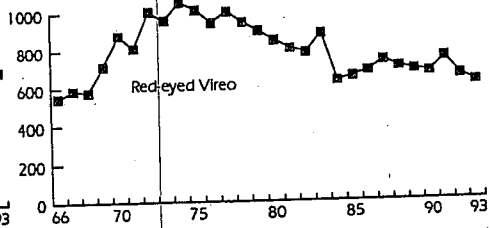
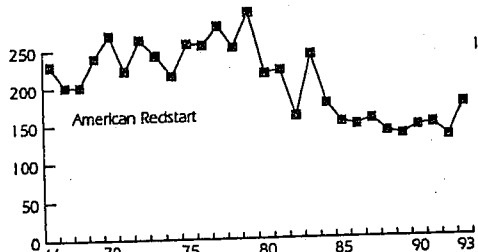


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Eastern Bluebird





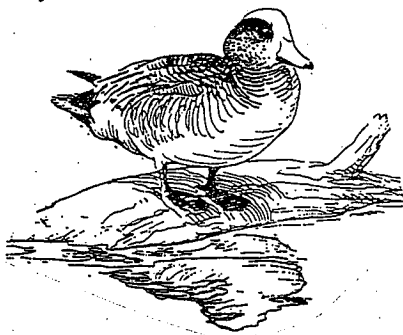
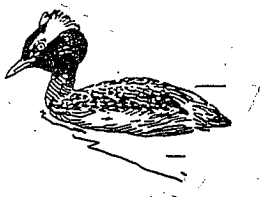
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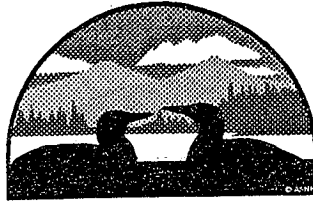
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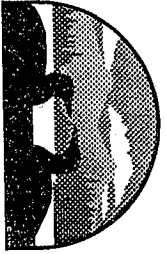
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