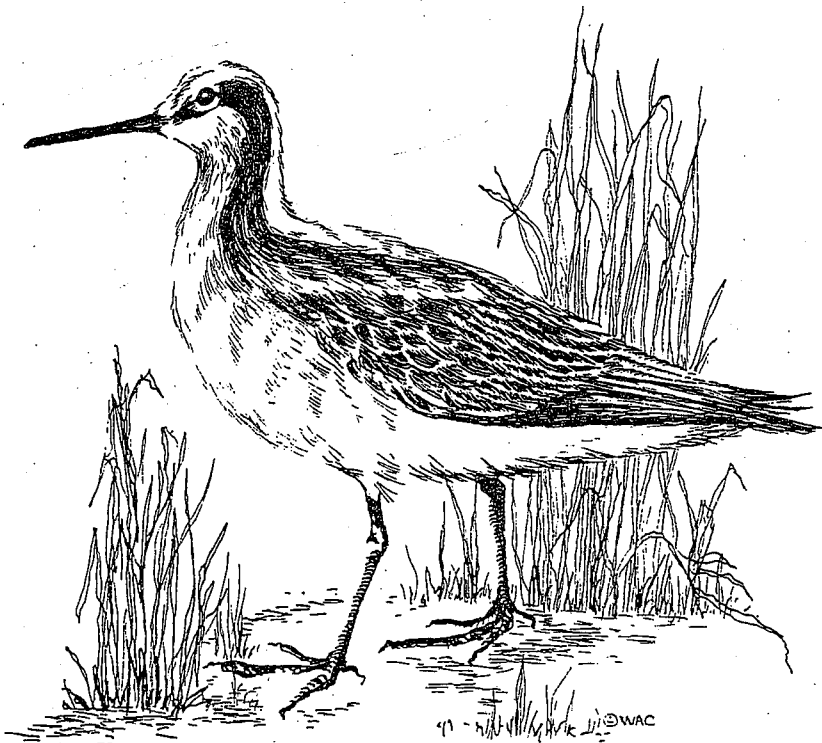


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From the Editor

A heartfelt thank you to Herb Cilley for sponsoring this issue of *New Hampshire Bird Records*. Herb is a long-time supporter of Common Loons in the state and has been very active monitoring their population on Bow Lake. In his honor, we are including a summary of their summer breeding. Please see pages 4 & 28 for more about Herb and New Hampshire's loons.

At our most recent editors' meeting, we discussed the idea of expanding *New Hampshire Bird Records* to include more than the sightings and interpretive summaries. We are exploring the idea of articles and other features that would appeal to our readers, broaden the publication, and promote birdwatching in the state. If you have ideas for something you would like to see in *New Hampshire Bird Records*, please pass them along to any of the editors or send them to me at Audubon House (address on back cover).

The Season Editors of *New Hampshire Bird Records* have been busy with some exciting publications. Spring Editor Peter Hunt has written and illustrated the new *Guide to Winter Gulls of Northern New England*. This pocket-size guide, published by ASNH, helps birders distinguish among the confusing gull plumages most frequently seen in our area, with a few unusual species added and brief notes on summer plumage.

Birders will want to be on the lookout for the new book *A Birder's Guide to New Hampshire*, by Alan Delorey, part of the series published by the American Birding Association. Al is the new Winter Editor for *New Hampshire Bird Records* and has written a brief article for this issue on birding at Pawtuckaway State Park (see page 33).

Steve Mirick's *Birding the New Hampshire Seacoast* has been very popular since its publication early last year. This 20 page booklet details birding hot-spots on the seacoast including specific directions and seasonal tips.

These publications demonstrate the considerable talent and abilities the editors bring to *New Hampshire Bird Records*. Their knowledge and commitment to birding is a tremendous asset to us all. The publications are available at the Audubon Nature Store in Concord, or you may order them by mail. Call 224-9909 for more information.

Becky Suomala
Managing Editor



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Summer Season

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Observers remember the summer of 1995 for its record heat and the severe drought over much of the state through mid-July, but birds found the weather quite conducive to a successful breeding season. Exciting nesting reports included the first apparent state nesting of **Cerulean Warbler**, at least three **Merlin** territories, a territorial pair of **Arctic Terns**, a pair of **Red-headed Woodpeckers** in Moultonborough (with nesting evidence in August), and a singing **Grasshopper Sparrow** and **Acadian Flycatcher**. Non-breeding rarities were two **Black Vultures**, a female **Wilson's Phalarope**, and a **Little Gull**.

A special event this summer was the publication of the *Atlas of Breeding Birds in New Hampshire*. This magnificent book graphically depicts the breeding ranges of all the nesting species recorded during the field work conducted from 1981-1986. I encourage all of you to get a copy and consult it on a regular basis. Mark it up with your own notes and new data, because the study of bird ranges goes on, and someday the Atlas will be updated. The book also indicates which species have declined since the field work was done—and therefore need more field work (e.g., **Purple Martin**, **Rusty Blackbird**).

As a special note, two observers independently surveyed birds at Pawtuckaway State Park this summer by counting singing males of each species. Because each observer probably used slightly different methods and was in the field on a different day, it is impossible to draw any direct conclusions. However, it is fascinating to look at the similarities and differences, and the data leads this editor to hope they will work together to further the study of the birds in this singular area (see page 33 for an article on birding at Pawtuckaway State Park). If you have a special area that you would like to study or have studied, please contact me. In the meantime, enjoy the summer birds.

Robert A. Quinn
Summer Editor

Standard Abbreviations Used

ASNH	Audubon Society of NH	NWR	National Wildlife Refuge
BBC	Brookline Bird Club	R.	River
BBS	Breeding Bird Survey	Rd.	Road
CA	Conservation Area	Rt.	Route
CC	Country Club	St. Pk.	State Park
FT	Field Trip	SPNHF	Society for the Protection of NH Forests, Concord Center
L.	Lake	WMA	Wildlife Management Area
LPC	Loon Preservation Committee	WMNF	White Mountain National Forest
NA	Natural Area	WS	ASNH Wildlife Sanctuary
NHBR	NH Bird Records	~	approximately

1995 Common Loon Field Survey Results

1995 completed 20 years of data collection on the productivity and management of Common Loons in New Hampshire by the Loon Preservation Committee (LPC). Over the last two decades we have watched and analyzed the growth of our native populations and have made strides toward their effective management.

In 1995 we witnessed additional growth in the state-wide populations. The total 1995 Common Loon population was 594 comprised of 507 adults, 84 surviving chicks, and 3 immature loons. A close-up look shows increases in the number of un-mated loons to be the most significant contributor to the overall growth. Theoretically these adults will become contributors to population through successful pairing and breeding in future years.

Eight field territories were monitored in 1995 including four single lake territories (Lake Winnepesaukee, Squam Lake, Lake Massabesic and Lake Umbagog). Of the 594 total population, 402 loons were members of mated pairs, defending 201 territories throughout the state. Of these territorial pairs, 122 built nests, laid eggs, and attempted incubation for some portion of the four week nesting period.

Seventy-nine of these pairs (65%) were successful in hatching eggs, producing 115 chicks. The earliest known hatch occurred on June 9, a relatively late start for New Hampshire loons. The final hatch of the season occurred on August 9, well within the safe time period for successful chick fledging. Chick mortality is common during the first several months of life and late season surveys tallied 84 chicks (73%) in late September 1995.

Artificial nesting islands continue to contribute to Common Loon stability in New Hampshire. Forty artificial nesting islands were floated in 1995, 21 of which were used for nesting. Seventeen of the nests on rafts were successful, hatching a total of 30 chicks, with 21 surviving. When used appropriately, rafts are an effective tool to assist loon productivity. Contact me at LPC for more information on our use of artificial nesting islands.

In all, 1995 appeared to represent a very normal year of loon productivity.

*Betsy Poirier, Senior Biologist
Loon Preservation Committee*

The Loon Preservation Committee is a self-directed, autonomously funded project of the Audubon Society of New Hampshire dedicated to restoring and maintaining a healthy and biologically stable population of Common Loons in New Hampshire. They are located at Lees Mills Road (PO Box 604) in Moultonborough, NH 03254 603-476-LOON.



Loons through Herons

A Red-throated Loon at the coast on June 20 was a rare summer sighting; it was probably a juvenile because it was not in breeding plumage. Conversely, the nine Common Loons on the ocean were not unusual, especially in light of their recent increase in population. The 50 Wilson's-Storm Petrels seen from shore on July 2 surpass any other recent land-based observations. If past records are an accurate indication, early July is the best time of year to see Wilson's-Storm Petrels from shore, but the reason is unclear. None of the Least Bitterns from the spring season was noted in June, so they must have been just migrating through. A good showing of inland Great Egrets this summer reflects their continuing increase along the coast of northern New England.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Red-throated Loon				
06-20	1	Hampton	Hampton Beach	P. Hunt
Common Loon				
06-02	6	Moultonborough	Squam Lake	A. Groth
06-04	3	Auburn	Lake Massabesic	J. Hood
06-11	2	Littleton	Samuel Moore Dam	B. Bradley
06-20	9		NH coast	P. Hunt
06-23	2	Jackson	Mountain Pond	S. & M. Turner
07-07	4	Stewartstown	Diamond Pond	M. Sudak, R. Leclerc
Pied-billed Grebe				
06-06	1	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	R. Vernon
06-18	2	Pittsburg	East Inlet	R. Quinn, T. Richards
06-23	2	Springfield	McDaniels Marsh	P. Hunt
06-25	1	Dummer	w. of Pontook Marsh	J. Brown, J. Ely
Wilson's Storm-Petrel				
06-20	11	Hampton	offshore, towards Isles of Shoals	P. Hunt
07-02	50		offshore	S. Mirick, N. Pease
07-11	200		offshore, ~ 8 to 20 miles	H. Beck
07-13	150		offshore, ~10 miles	P. Hunt, I. Lovette
07-22	35	Rye	offshore, towards Isles of Shoals	S. & R. Mirick
Northern Gannet				
06-07	1	Rye	Jenness Beach	P. Hunt
06-20	5		offshore, towards Isles of Shoals	P. Hunt
06-26	1		offshore	R. Quinn
07-11	1		offshore, ~ 10 to 12 miles	H. Beck
07-13	3		offshore, ~ 10 miles	P. Hunt, I. Lovette
Great Cormorant				
07-22	2	Rye	Square Rock	S. Mirick
Double-crested Cormorant				
06-11	4	Littleton	Samuel Moore Dam	R. Bradley
06-12	1	Pittsburg	East Inlet	D. & A. Strong
06-16	2	Pittsburg	First Connecticut Lake	R. Quinn

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American Bittern				
06-06	1	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	R. Vernon
06-12	2	Pittsburg	East Inlet	D. & A. Strong
06-20	2	Berlin	Dead River Marsh, Rt. 110	K. Dube, P. Moynahan
06-23	1	Springfield	McDaniels Marsh	P. Hunt
06-26	1	Manchester	Massabesic Lake	G. Mitchell
07-03	1	Lyme	Post Pond	P. Hunt, P. Johnstone, P. Ackerson, B. Norman
07-10	1	Whitefield	airport	P. Hunt, D. Crook
07-22	1	Cambridge	Androscoggin R. at Bog Brook outlet	J. Kanter, D. Moore L. Sommer
07-23	1	Enfield	Main St. Pond	P. Hunt
07-28	1	Lancaster	Connecticut R.	S. Walker, R. Cook
Great Blue Heron				
06-02	5	Moultonborough	Long Is., Squam Lake	A. Groth
06-18	42	Hopkinton	Stumpfield Marsh	D. & B. Soule
06-18	5	Auburn	Clark Pond	M. Sudak, S. Boutin
06-23	4	Shelburne	Androscoggin R.	S. & M. Turner
07-06	1	Columbia	Simms Stream	M. Sudak, S. Boutin
07-14	1	Nashua	Everett Tpk., n. of exit 8	B. & J. Ayer
Great Egret				
07-13	3	Hampton Falls	Hampton Marsh	J. Romano, S. Walker
07-27	2	Fitzwilliam	pond on West Lake Rd.	M. Ayers
07-28	1	Concord	Clinton St. at Rt. 89	C. Martin
07-28	1	Nashua	Clovercrest Dr.	B. & M. Harris
07-28	5	Hampton Falls	Depot Rd.	M. Suomala
07-28	1	Nashua	Clovercrest Dr.	M. & B. Harris
07-28	1		Soucook R.	G. Hoffman
07-29	2		NH coast	A. & B. Delorey
Snowy Egret				
07-13	1	Hampton Falls	Hampton Marsh	J. Romano, S. Walker
07-28	2	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	S. Drew
07-29	17		NH coast	A. & B. Delorey
Little Blue Heron				
06-26	3	Rye	marsh s. of Odiorne Pt.	R. Quinn
07-23	1	Rye	pond s. of Odiorne Pt.	D. & T. Donsker
Green Heron				
06-10	2	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	D. Donsker, D. Balerviez Seacoast Chapter FT
06-20	1	New London	Low Plain CA	R. Vernon
06-21	1	Laconia	Laconia CC	H. Anderson
06-23	1	Windham	Nashua Rd. marsh	J. Romano
07-08	1	Windham	E. Nashua Rd.	J. Romano
07-13	1	Hampton Falls	Hampton Marsh	J. Romano, S. Walker
07-15	6	Hampton	Rt. 101 marsh	A. & B. Delorey
07-17	6	Hampton Falls	Depot Rd.	D. & T. Donsker
07-26	2	Salem	Ermer Rd.	L. Lovette

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Black-crowned Night-Heron				
07-08	1	Dover	Cocheco R., 4th St.	D. & B. Killam
07-26	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence	G. Gavutis
Glossy Ibis				
06-03	1	Stratham	Union Rd., n. end	E. Ring
06-15	10	Hampton	Spring Marsh by Rt. 101	G. Sweeney
06-20	18	Hampton	offshore	P. Hunt
07-03	5	Hampton	Hampton Marsh	M. Suomala, S. Mirick
07-29	12	Newington	Great Bay NWR	A. & B. Delorey

Waterfowl through Hawks

Summer produced a lot more waterfowl news than most years. Summer season reports of (in increasing order of rarity) Brant, a coastal Common Goldeneye, and Greater Scaup are unusual. A Green-winged Teal was found for the third time in the last six years in Pittsburg. During the six field years of the Breeding Bird Atlas, this species was never found in Pittsburg. A migrant (or wandering) Green-winged Teal was discovered in Hampton on July 18. Higher than normal numbers of Common Eiders as well as all three species of scoters were tallied along the coast this summer. Some of the scoters appeared to be adults during the time when they should be nesting. Were they sub-adults not ready for breeding? Did the enormous forest fires in northern Canada chase them off their breeding grounds? Will they be along our shore next summer? These are some of the questions that come to mind when birds turn up unexpectedly. Common Merganser families in Enfield and Dublin provided new breeding records for each town. Given that the bird life of Dublin has been studied for almost 90 years, this is particularly significant.

Merlins continued to nest in New Hampshire, with at least three pairs around Lake Umbagog and strong evidence of nesting in Pittsburg. Two **Black Vultures** over Mount Monadnock were only the fifth state record of the species, but three of those records have come in the last year. Other interesting raptor news included record high numbers of Peregrine Falcon territories (11) and fledglings (15), a Turkey Vulture nest in Brookline, the steadily spreading Osprey population, more Northern Harrier territories than in recent years, and several Cooper's Hawks.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Brant				
07-18	1	Rye	offshore from Rye N. Beach	R. Quinn, I. MacLeod
Wood Duck				
06-10	3	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	D. Donsker, D. Balerviez Seacoast Chapter FT
06-14	25	Moultonborough	Unsworth Preserve	A. Groth
06-18	5	Moultonborough	Unsworth Preserve	A. Groth
06-20	3	New London	Low Plain CA	R. Vernon

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Green-winged Teal				
06-11	1	Pittsburg	Scott Bog Rd.	A. Strong
06-12	3	Pittsburg	East Inlet	D. & A. Strong
07-18	1	Hampton	Landing Rd.	R. Quinn, I. MacLeod
Ring-necked Duck				
07-10	10	Jefferson	Little Cherry Pond	P. Hunt, D. Crook
Greater Scaup				
06-02	2	Portsmouth	Piscataqua R., back channel	M. Roth
Common Eider				
06-04	60		NH coast	S. Mirick
06-05	8	Rye	Wallis Sands State Beach	P. Newbern
06-20	150	Rye	White Is.	P. Hunt
07-15	25	N. Hampton	N. Hampton State Beach	A. & B. Delorey
07-15	34	Rye	s. of Odiorne Pt.	A. & B. Delorey
07-29	44		NH coast	A. & B. Delorey
Black Scoter				
06-04	6	Hampton	North Beach	S. Mirick
06-21	10	Hampton	North Beach	S. Mirick
07-02	1	Rye	Wallis Sands State Beach	S. Mirick, N. Pease
Surf Scoter				
06-04	20		NH coast	S. Mirick
06-05	1	Rye	Rye Harbor St. Pk.	P. Newbern
06-07	4	Rye	Jenness Beach	P. Hunt
06-21	5	Hampton	North Beach	S. Mirick
White-winged Scoter				
06-04	20		NH coast	S. Mirick
06-05	12	Rye	Jenness Beach	P. Hunt
06-05	6	Rye	Rye Harbor St. Pk.	P. Newbern
06-21	5	Hampton	North Beach	S. Mirick
07-03	6	Hampton	North Beach	S. Mirick, M. Suomala
Common Goldeneye				
06-05	2	Rye	Rye Harbor St. Pk.	P. Newbern
07-13	2	Errol	Magalloway R. near Lake Umbagog	C. Martin
Common Merganser				
06-04	2	Enfield	Mascoma Lake, Rt. 4A	P. Hunt
06-12	2	Pittsburg	East Inlet	D. & A. Strong
06-18	5	Dublin	Dublin Lake	J. Broyles
Red-breasted Merganser				
07-15	1	Rye	s. of Odiorne Pt.	A. & B. Delorey
Turkey Vulture				
06-08	1	Milan	LaValley Lumber	C. Martin
06-09	4	Brookline	"Stone House" caves	S. Hall, et al.
06-15	2	Stratford	Rt. 3	A. & B. Delorey
06-18	1	Stewartstown		J. Berry, T. Young
06-22	9	Laconia	Laconia CC	H. Anderson

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Black Vulture				
06-04	2	Dublin	Mt. Monadnock, Dublin Trail	A. Greenwood
Osprey				
06-18	1	Pittsburg	East Inlet	R. Quinn, T. Richards
06-24	3	Newington	Great Bay NWR	A. & B. Delorey
06-29	1	Dalton	Connecticut R., Moore Reservoir	C. Martin
06-30	2	Bradford	Bradford Bog	D. Kienholz
07-28	3	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	S. Drew
07-30	1	Concord	Beaver Meadows Village	P. Niswander, et al.
Bald Eagle				
06-01	2	Shelburne	Androscoggin R. near Shelburne powerhouse	J. Gralenski
06-18	1	Pittsburg	East Inlet	R. Quinn, T. Richards
06-20	1	Gilmanton	Rt. 140	B. McBride
07-09	1	Hancock	Spoonwood Pond	R. Smith
07-28	1	Lancaster	Connecticut R.	R. Cook, S. Walker
Northern Harrier				
06-04	1	Haverhill	Bedell Bridge	A. Mudge
06-11	1	Pittsburg	Scott Bog Rd.	D. & A. Strong
06-17	1	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
06-26	1	Pittsburg	Shag Pond	P. Hunt, D. Crook, T. Masters
07-01	2	Clarksville	Rt. 145 s. of Ben Young Hill	R. & J. Carreaux
07-08	2	Jefferson	Cherry Pond	P. Hunt, A. Strong, Mascoma Chapter FT
07-08	1	Orange	Tuttlehill Rd.	G. Stansfield
07-22	1	Milan	Androscoggin R. n. of village	T. McMillan, N. Elcock
07-22	1	Errol	Mollidgewock Brook bog	T. McMillan, N. Elcock
07-22	1	Dummer	Pontook Reservoir	R. Cook, R. Courser
07-23	2	Errol	Harpers Meadow	I. MacLeod, C. Foss, H. Nevers, J. Kanter
07-28	1	Lancaster	Connecticut R. at Lancaster/Dalton town line	R. Cook, S. Walker
Sharp-shinned Hawk				
06-18	1	Pittsburg	East Inlet	R. Quinn, T. Richards
06-25	1	Marlborough	Devan WS	P. Newbern, C. Corwell
07-16	1	Columbia	residence	D. Killam
Cooper's Hawk				
06-27	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence	G. Gavutis
07-04	1	Meredith	Rt. 104 n. of Meredith Center	P. Hunt
07-10	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	P. Hunt, D. Crook
07-22	3	Webster	Gerrish Rd.	H. Chary
Northern Goshawk				
06-04	1	Pittsburg	Scott Bog Rd.	D. & T. Donsker
06-14	1	Sandwich	Bearcamp River Trail	T. Vazzano
06-29	2	Jackson	end of Green Hill Rd.	S. & M. Turner
07-15	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
07-23	1	Shelburne	Dryad Falls	R. Cook

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Red-shouldered Hawk				
06-01	2	Boscawen	Hirst WMA	R. Quinn
06-16	2	Nashua	Clovercrest Dr.	B. & M. Harris, D. Millette
06-17	1	Deering	E. Deering Rd.	I. MacLeod
06-21	1	Andover	Taunton Hill	P. Newbern
07-04	1	Derry	Ballard Marsh	R. & M. Suomala
07-05	1	Andover	Taunton Hill	P. Newbern
Merlin				
06-16	1	Pittsburg	First Connecticut Lake	R. Quinn
06-18	1	Pittsburg	East Inlet	T. Young
06-24	1	Cambridge	Umbagog Lake Campground	R. & J. Carreaux
07-08	1	Errol	Leonard Pond	I. MacLeod, ASNH FT
07-10	2	Errol	Long Pond	I. MacLeod
07-22	5	Cambridge	Umbagog Lake Campground	D. & E. Mills
Peregrine Falcon				
06-05	2	Dixville	The Balsams Resort	D. & T. Donsker
07-06	1	Berlin	James River paper plant	C. Martin



Arctic Terns by Wendy Christensen

Grouse through Alcids

A family of Wild Turkeys at Audubon House was a pleasant sight but no big surprise—the NH Fish and Game Department estimates the population has grown from 5000 to 7000 during the last year thanks to good weather and a bumper crop of acorns. Recently we have had released Bobwhites, and this summer a couple of Chukars escaped or were released to brighten the day of a few bird watchers. An entertaining and somewhat unusual sight in Rye was an adult Virginia Rail feeding on a mud flat with several of its fluffy black chicks.

Noteworthy late-spring migrant shorebirds included a sizable flock of Lesser Yellowlegs and two Black-bellied Plovers in June. Note the shortness of the “summer” for this group—the southbound migration was underway by July 2, when a Solitary Sandpiper was seen. Fall migrant shorebirds were highlighted by a breeding-plumaged female Wilson’s Phalarope that was photographed on July 4. Many other species were seen in July, including an interesting progression of Whimbrels (note the numbers in relation to the dates) and notably early Red Knots and Western Sandpiper. This was the third July of the last six that included a Long-billed Dowitcher report. Both the species and the date are somewhat unusual, but better identification skills and more observers may help to explain this phenomena. After all, the species is downright common just a few miles away at Plum Island, Massachusetts.

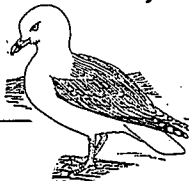
Four different Laughing Gulls kept our state’s gull watchers on their toes, as did a higher than normal number of Bonaparte’s Gulls. One careful observer spotted a Little Gull nearby, but not mixed in with, a flock of Bonaparte’s. This is the third summer record of Little Gull for the state. A pair of Arctic Terns defending a territory in with the Common Terns at the Hampton salt marshes also created excitement; they have not nested in the state since 1967. This pair did not nest, but with luck they’ll be back next year. A juvenile Least Tern at what has become a regular spot for the species in Seabrook was thought to have come from a Massachusetts nest site.

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Spruce Grouse				
06-10	1	Randolph	Air Line Trail, Mt. Adams	D. Publicover
06-16	1	Pittsburg	Golden Eagle Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
06-17	5	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
06-17	3	Pittsburg	Scott Brook Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
06-23	1	Bethlehem	Mt. Field	L. Bunten
06-24	1	Pittsburg	Perry Stream Rd.	D. Skeels, South Shore Birding Club
06-30	1	Thompson & Meserves Purchase	Caps Ridge Trail, Mt. Jefferson	K. Dube, S. Blais
Wild Turkey				
06-05	1	New London	Bunker Loop Trail	R. Vernon
07-07	9	Concord	Audubon House, Silk Farm	WS C. Martin, R. Cook, V. Chase

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07-13	1	Deering	Farrell Hill Rd.	L. Sunderland
07-16	1	Milford	Rt. 101 Bypass	R. & J. Allard
07-19	1	Bow	Knox Rd.	J. Cailler
Northern Bobwhite				
07-10	1	Bristol	River Rd.	M. McGuire
07-15	1	Henniker	Old Concord Rd.	R. Frechette, D. Rowell, D. Richard
07-18	1	Loudon	Presby Ln.	R. Foster
07-22	1	Windham	residence	D. Romano
Chukar				
06-11	1	Windham	Lower Rd.	B. Laferte
07-11	1	Merrimack	Swift Ln., Harris Pond Condo.	C. Johnson
Virginia Rail				
06-10	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	R. Balerviez, D. Finch, D. Donsker, et al.
06-20	2	Dummer	Pontook Reservoir	K. Dube, P. Moynahan
07-04	1	Derry	Ballard Marsh	R. & M. Suomala
07-08	4	Rye	pool s. of Wallis Sands	R. Quinn
Sora				
06-18	1	Dublin	Mud Pond boat launch, Rt. 137	J. Broyles
Black-bellied Plover				
June	1	Boscawen	Merrimack County Nursing Home	H. Miller
06-07	7	Rye	Jønness Beach	P. Hunt
06-09	1	Errol	Leonard Marsh	E. Connors
07-28	20	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	C. & A. Ports
07-29	30	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	P. Hunt
Semipalmated Plover				
06-02	9	Rye	pool s. of Odiorne Pt.	R. Quinn
06-04	5	Seabrook	Rt. 286 pools	S. Mirick
07-02	1	Hampton Falls	Rt. 101 pools	S. Mirick, N. Pease
07-04	2	Hampton	Landing Rd.	P. Hunt
07-13	5	Hampton Falls	Depot Rd.	B. Bradley
07-18	50	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	R. Quinn, I. MacLeod
07-29	140	Hampton Falls	Depot Rd. Marsh	A. & B. Delorey
Killdeer				
06-10	4	New London	auto. survey rt.	A. & R. Vernon
06-13	6	Moultonborough	Unsworth Preserve	A. Groth
06-14	20	Newington	Pease Airfield	D. De Luca
06-20	10	Gorham	Jimtown Rd.	J. Brown, J. Ely
06-20	3	New London	Low Plain CA	R. Vernon
07-29	5	Nashua	Pheasant Lane Mall	B. & J. Ayer
Greater Yellowlegs				
06-05	2	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	P. Hunt
07-02	1	Hampton Falls	Rt. 101 pools	S. Mirick, N. Pease
07-13	4	Hampton Falls	Depot Rd.	R. Bradley
07-22	20	Hampton	Landing Rd.	P. Hunt

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Lesser Yellowlegs				
06-16	106	Stratham	Marsh Pond, Squamscott R., RR trestle	S. Drew
07-02	2	Hampton Falls	Rt. 101 pools	S. Mirick, N. Pease
07-03	7	Hampton	Landing Rd.	M. Suomala, S. Mirick
07-04	15	Hampton	Landing Rd.	P. Hunt
07-13	6	Hampton Falls	Depot Rd.	R. Bradley
Solitary Sandpiper				
07-02	1	Littleton	Glenwood	R. Bradley
07-30	1	Stratham	Sandy Pt.	G. Mitchell
Willet				
06-08	4	Hampton	Hampton Marsh	D. Strong
07-07	10	Hampton	marsh at Fuller Acres	G. Sweeney
07-18	30	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	R. Quinn, I. MacLeod
Upland Sandpiper				
06-05	10	Newington	Pease Airfield	D. De Luca
06-28	26	Newington	Pease Airfield	D. De Luca
07-04	3	Newington	Pease Airfield	P. Hunt
07-24	54	Newington	Pease Airfield	D. De Luca
Whimbrel				
07-15	1	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	A. & B. Delorey
07-18	4	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	R. Quinn, I. MacLeod
07-28	12	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	C. & A. Ports
Hudsonian Godwit				
07-22	1	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	P. Hunt
07-28	2	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	C. & A. Ports
Ruddy Turnstone				
07-28	6	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	C. & A. Ports
Red Knot				
07-15	1	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	A. & B. Delorey
Sanderling				
07-18	3	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor mussel beds	I. MacLeon, R. Quinn
07-18	80	Rye	beach opposite Eel Pond	R. Quinn, I. MacLeod
07-29	58	Rye	Rye Ledges	A. & B. Delorey
Semipalmated Sandpiper				
06-04	15	Seabrook	Rt. 286 pools	S. Mirick
07-08	3	Rye	Ragged Neck	R. Quinn
07-13	14	Hampton	N. Hampton beach	R. Bradley
07-28	320	Hampton	Landing Rd. pools	M. Suomala
07-29	270	Hampton Falls	Depot Rd. Marsh	A. & B. Delorey
Western Sandpiper				
07-28	1	Hampton	Landing Rd. pools	M. Suomala

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Least Sandpiper				
07-02	8	Hampton Falls	Rt. 101 pools	S. Mirick, N. Pease
07-04	10	Hampton	Landing Rd.	P. Hunt
07-05	5	Haverhill	Connecticut R., N. Haverhill	B. Bradley
07-08	108		NH coast	R. Quinn
07-13	82	Hampton	North Beach	B. Bradley
07-22	100	Hampton	Landing Rd.	P. Hunt
Short-billed Dowitcher				
06-07	2	Rye	Jenness Beach	P. Hunt
07-03	1	Hampton	Landing Rd.	M. Suomala, S. Mirick
07-04	4	Hampton	Landing Rd.	P. Hunt
07-08	27	Hampton	Landing Rd.	R. Quinn
07-09	5	Rye	pool s. of Odiorne Pt.	B. Bradley
07-15	17	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	A. & B. Delorey
07-22	40	Hampton	Landing Rd.	P. Hunt
07-30	58	Hampton	Rt. 51 pools	G. Mitchell
Long-billed Dowitcher				
07-28	1	Hampton	Landing Rd.	M. Suomala
Common Snipe				
06-12	4	Pittsburg	East Inlet	D. & A. Strong
06-16	6	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
06-18	2	Dublin	Mud Pond	J. Broyles
07-03	3	Enfield	George Pond	P. Hunt
Wilson's Phalarope				
07-03	1	Hampton	Rt. 101 pools	S. Mirick, M. Suomala
07-04	1	Hampton	Landing Rd.	P. Hunt
Laughing Gull				
06-07	1	Rye	Seal Rocks	P. Hunt
06-13	1	Rye	offshore, Rye North Beach	R. Quinn
06-20	1	Rye	White Is.	P. Hunt
07-20	1	N. Hampton	North Beach	D. & T. Donsker
Little Gull				
07-10	1	Dover	Cedar Pt.	S. Mirick
Bonaparte's Gull				
06-07	3	Rye	Seal Rocks	P. Hunt
07-06	15	Dover	Hilton Park, Piscataqua R.	S. Mirick
07-10	35	Dover	Cedar Point	S. Mirick
07-18	6	Rye	Pulpit Rocks	R. Quinn, I. MacLeod
07-22	1	New London	Pleasant Lake	R. Vernon
Ring-billed Gull				
06-27	23	Littleton	Samuel Moore Dam	R. Bradley
07-02	14	Northumberland	Ammonoosuc R.	B. Bradley
07-08	2	Jefferson	Cherry Pond	P. Hunt, A. Strong, Mascoma Chapter FT



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Common Tern				
06-24	4	Newington	Great Bay NWR	A. & B. Delorey
07-07	30	Hampton	Spring Marsh at Fuller Acres	G. Sweeney
Arctic Tern				
06-14	2	Hampton	Hampton Marsh	D. De Luca, R. Hughes
07-03	2	Hampton	Hampton Marsh	S. Mirick, M. Suomala
Least Tern				
07-28	2	Hampton	pools, e. side of Rt. 1 near Rt. 101	M. Suomala
07-29	2	Seabrook	Rt. 286 pools	P. Hunt
Black Guillemot				
06-22	3	Rye	near White Is.	R. Suomala, C. Martin, J. Kanter

Cuckoos through Larks

Both species of cuckoos were reported in greater numbers than at any other time except during the great outbreak of Gypsy Moths in the early 1980s, and many records came from north of the mountains, where the species is normally quite scarce. It seems noteworthy that this was not a big year for the Gypsy Moths. The Whip-poor-will report was about average for recent years but was highlighted by birds at the northern edge of their range (Milan, Stratford, and Dummer). A pair of Red-headed Woodpeckers in Moultonborough and others in Hollis and Lyme provided a visual treat for the observers, but the rarest woodpecker of the summer was a Three-toed Woodpecker found along the east side of East Inlet in Pittsburg. Even though this species is resident in New Hampshire, it is rarely seen. It is curious that Red-bellied Woodpeckers went unreported, considering their recent history in the state.

An Acadian Flycatcher was heard in Lyndeborough during the running of a Breeding Bird Survey route. This is one of only a handful of summer records for this southern flycatcher. As mentioned in the introduction, please note the flycatcher numbers at Pawtuckaway State Park, especially the apparent amount of song on July 1. Yellow-bellied Flycatchers are regular migrants into early and even mid-June, as shown by the obvious migrants in Hinsdale on June 9 and Newbury on June 14. Therefore, it is possible that some of the birds seen in the mountains and North Country during mid-month were still migrating. Great Crested Flycatcher is not known as being a late-spring migrant, yet two different observers commented on seeing their first of the season in early June. Eastern Kingbirds were starting to wander from their nesting areas as early as July 21 in Hampton.

Horned Larks made news with a family group on July 8 that included a rather young juvenile. This is three weeks beyond the latest date for fledglings as recorded by the Atlas and indicates it was probably from a second brood. (See also three Spring 1995 reports for another family group at the other extreme of the nesting season). A previously unreported population of larks from Pease adds to our knowledge of this scarce species.

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Black-billed Cuckoo				
06-01	2	Kensington	Great Brook & Exeter R.	S. Drew
06-01	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence	G. Gavutis
06-06	1	Monroe	in town	E. Emery
06-06	1	Littleton	logging road	R. Bradley
06-07	1	Monroe	residence	E. Emery
06-10	2	Enfield	"Main St. Pond"	P. Hunt
06-13	1	Lyman	Dodge Pond	S. & M. Turner
06-15	1	Derry	Ballard Marsh	D. Strong
06-16	2	Peterborough	residence	F. Von Mertens
06-19	1	Windham	Foster Pond NA	J. Romano
06-21	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
06-23	1	Lancaster	dump	D. Skeels
06-28	1	Pelham	Gage Hill Rd. powerline	A. Délorey
07-08	1	Sandwich	residence	T. Vazzano
07-09	1	Tamworth	Rt. 113, Chocorua	J. Tewksbury
07-10	1	Whitefield	airport marsh	P. Hunt, D. Crook
07-10	1	Newbury	Hay Reservation	P. Newbern
07-16	1	Columbia	Trask Rd.	B. Killam
07-20	1	Enfield	Rt. 4 residence	P. Hunt
07-30	1	New London	Pingree Rd.	R. Vernon
Yellow-billed Cuckoo				
06-15	2	Derry	Ballard Marsh	D. Strong
06-21	1	Haverhill	Court St., Haverhill Corner	T. Estill, A. Mudge
07-16	1	Peterborough	Nichols Rd.	R. Frechette
07-18	1	Enfield	Rt. 4 residence	P. Hunt
Northern Saw-whet Owl				
06-16	1	Pittsburg	Deer Mtn. Campground	R. Woodward
07-28	1	Kensington	Stumpfield Rd.	S. Mitchell
Common Nighthawk				
06-10	1	Keene	Colony Mill	M. Wright
06-13	1	Andover	Rt. 11, Potter Place	P. Newbern
06-15	2	Newington	Stubbs Pond, Great Bay NWR	D. Hughes
06-16	1	Concord	Old Loudon Rd.	D. Stavros
07-07	1	Keene	Main & Railroad St.	M. Wright
07-09	2	Keene	Central Square	M. Wright
07-11	1	Keene	Vernon St.	M. Wright
07-11	1	Keene	Winchester & Ralson St.	M. Wright
07-13	2	Bartlett	Storyland	J. Brown, J. Ely
Whip-poor-will				
06-01	1	Andover	former landfill	R. Vernon
06-01	2	Canterbury	Intervale Rd.	M. Burt
06-04	2	Brookline	residence	M. & C. Neveu
06-05	1	Hopkinton	Park Ave.	N. Frost
06-07	1	Dummer	Bayview	C. Martin, D. Cash
06-14	1	Hancock	S. Elmwood Rd.	J. Broyles, S. Millett
06-16	2	Stratford		J. Berry, T. Young
06-17	1	Hopkinton	Brockway Rd. farm	L. Deming, S. Gage
06-29	1	Lebanon	W. Lebanon landfill	P. Hunt

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07-10	3	Milan	Rt. 110 and Rts. 110A & 110B	J. Brown, J. & K. Ely
07-10	1	Lee	Steppingstone Rd. residence	A. & J. Tappan

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

06-01	2	Pembroke	residence	K., B. & S. Palfy
06-03	7	Dixville	The Balsams Resort	D. & T. Donsker
06-03	3	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
06-11	4	Brookline	residence	M. & C. Neveu
07-18	3	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence	G. Gavutis
07-31	5	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright

Red-headed Woodpecker

06-09	1	Hollis	Overlook CC	T. Butler
06-28	2	Moultonborough	Moultonborough Neck Rd.	N. Baker
07-01	2	Moultonborough	Moultonborough Neck Rd.	A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT
07-23	1	Lyme	Washburn Hill	J. & T. Wagner

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

06-02	2	Sandwich	residence	T. Vazzano
06-05	1	New London	Bunker Loop Trail	R. Vernon
06-16	4	Sunapee	Dewey Beach	G. Stansfield
06-26	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
07-03	3	Deering	residence	P. & L. Sunderland

Three-toed Woodpecker

06-12	1	Pittsburg	East Inlet	D. & A. Strong
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Black-backed Woodpecker

06-10	2	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	D., A. & J. Strong, L. Nawrocki
06-12	2	Pittsburg	East Inlet	D. & A. Strong
06-18	4	Pittsburg	Mt. Magalloway Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
06-20	1	Errol	Rt. 16, s. of post office	K. Dube, P. Moynahan
07-08	2	Harts Location	Mt. Webster	S. Mirick, ASNH FT
07-19	1	Bethlehem	Trudeau Rd.	P. Hunt, D. Crook
07-22	1	Errol	e. of Errol Hill	C. & F. VonMertens

Olive-sided Flycatcher

06-16	6	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
06-19	6	Pittsburg	Perry Stream Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
06-21	2	Enfield	Bog Rd.	P. Hunt
06-23	1	Springfield	McDaniels Marsh	P. Hunt
07-08	1	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	A. & B. Delorey
07-23	1	Errol	Androscoggin R.	I. MacLeod, C. Foss, H. Nevers, J. Kanter

Eastern Wood-Pewee

06-02	1	Sandwich	residence	T. Vazzano
06-05	9		Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	P. Hunt
06-10	1	New London	auto survey rt.	A. & R. Vernon
06-25	1	Gorham	Jimtown Rd.	J. Brown
07-01	10	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT

Swallows through Gnatcatchers

Most observers who monitor nesting boxes thought that Tree Swallows had a good year; they were flocking by July 22 (see Mary Wright's Gilsum record below). The only Purple Martin reports came from the same two sites as the last several years. Please tell us about sites you know of—the Atlas shows that there has been a significant decrease in the number of colonies during the last 10 years. A lot of birders afield in the right habitat (especially in Pittsburg) contributed to more Gray Jay reports than normal. In Laconia, American Crows are still stealing hot dogs and ice cream bars from golfers at the Country Club, but our observer reports that they “. . . have not learned to deposit the wrappers in the trash cans yet.” Please stay tuned.

Winter Wrens were well reported in the mountains and North Country but seem to be scarcer in the southern part of the state than they were a few years ago. The 25 Marsh Wrens at eight different sites probably represents the true status of New Hampshire's population, but it is hard to be certain. During the six field-years of research for the Atlas, Marsh Wrens were found in only seven blocks, and none were noted north of a line running from Orford to Sandwich. Yet now they are routinely reported from the North Country—is this an actual change or were they missed during the Atlas years?

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Purple Martin				
06-27	12	Freedom	Rt. 153, n. of Ossipee R.	P. Hunt
07-04	10	Laconia	Fun Spot, Weirs Beach	P. Hunt
Tree Swallow				
06-01	30	Sunapee	Burkehaven	B. Burdett
06-05	14	Moultonborough	residence	A. Groth
06-10	14	New London	auto survey rt.	A. & R. Vernon
06-20	15	New London	Low Plain CA	R. Vernon
06-30	10	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
07-22	30	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
Northern Rough-winged Swallow				
07-07	6	Weare	Mt. William Pond	R. Suomala
Bank Swallow				
06-10	6	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	D. Finch, D. Donsker, R. Balerviez, et al.
07-08	25	Andover	dump area sand pits	D. Skeels
07-22	2	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
Cliff Swallow				
06-02	2	Moultonborough	Squam Lake	A. Groth
06-20	24	Shelburne	Androscoggin R.	K. Dube, P. Moynahan
07-03	16	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
07-05	2	Greens Grant	next to Mt. Washington Auto Road	M. Suomala, C. Martin, A. Borrer

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07-09	10	Dixville	The Balsams Resort	I. MacLeod, ASNH FT
07-17	5	Bartlett	Heritage NH	J. Brown
07-22	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
Barn Swallow				
06-05	6	New London	Bunker Loop Trail	R. Vernon
06-28	7	Amherst	Thornton's Ferry Rd.	R. & J. Allard
07-22	50	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
07-25	2	E. Kingston	George St.	S. Drew
Gray Jay				
06-12	10	Pittsburg	East Inlet	D. & A. Strong
06-15	3	Thompson & Meserves Purchase	Caps Ridge Trail	A. & B. Delorey
06-17	2	Pittsburg	Norton Pool	T. Richards, R. Quinn
06-17	2	Pittsburg	Scott Bog Rd.	T. Richards
06-21	1	Beans Grant	Webster Cliff Trail	J. & D. Romano, D. Spurling
07-22	3	Cambridge	Bog Brook bog	J. Kanter, L. Sommer, D. Moore
Fish Crow				
06-24	4	Durham	UNH Campus	D. Strong
07-27	1	Hampstead	jct. Rt. 111 & Island Pond Rd.	G. Gavutis
Common Raven				
06-16	3	Dublin	New Harrisville Rd.	J. Broyles
06-19	4	Newbury	Mt. Sunapee St. Pk. beach	P. Newbern
06-29	6	Littleton	Moore Reservoir	C. Martin
06-29	6	Columbia	residence	B. & D. Killam
07-30	2	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
Boreal Chickadee				
06-04	4	Pittsburg	E. Inlet Rd.	D. & T. Donsker
06-11	5	Pittsburg	Scott Bog	D. & A. Strong
06-15	3	Thompson & Meserves Purchase	Caps Ridge Trail	A. & B. Delorey
06-16	2	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
06-21	2	Beans Grant	Webster Cliff Trail	J. & D. Romano, D. Spurling
07-13	2	Errol	e. of Errol Hill	C. Martin
07-21	4	Errol	Mollidgewock Brook outlet	C. Martin
Brown Creeper				
06-04	1	Pittsburg	Scott Bog Rd.	D. & T. Donsker
06-06	2	Pembroke	residence	K. Palfy
Carolina Wren				
07-22	1	Rye	Star Island	S. Mirick
07-31	2	Nashua	Clovercrest Dr.	B. & M. Harris
Winter Wren				
06-16	19	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
06-19	26	Pittsburg	Perry Stream Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
06-27	4	New London	Webb Loop Trail	R. Vernon, P. Newbern

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06-28	4	New London	Carr Ledge Trail	R. Vernon
06-30	1	Bradford	Bradford Bog	D. Kienholz
07-10	2	Low & Burbanks Grant	Castle Ravine Trail	G. Mitchell
07-12	2	Livermore	Rob Brook bike trail	C. & J. Tewksbury

Marsh Wren

06-06	2	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	R. Vernon
06-09	7	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	P. Hunt
06-14	6	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	J. Romano, S. Walker
06-24	1	Lyme	Post Pond	L. Zeltmann, et al.
07-08	3	Rye	Eel Pond	R. Quinn
07-08	2	Orford	Reed's Marsh	P. Hunt, Mascoma Chapter FT
07-16	3	Hopkinton	Chase WS	R. Woodward
07-23	1	Errol	Leonard Pond	I. MacLeod, C. Foss, H. Nevers, J. Kanter

Golden-crowned Kinglet

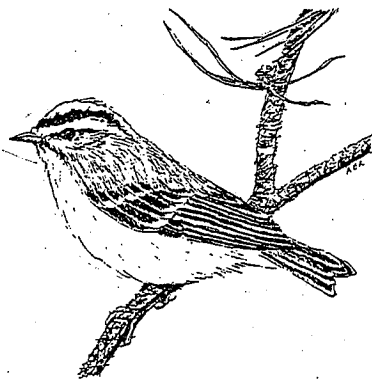
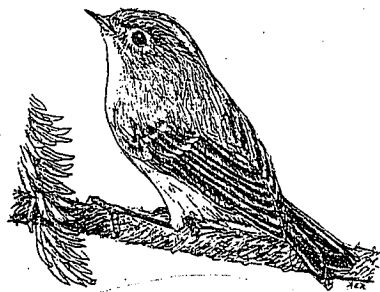
07-15	5	Thompson & Meserves Purchase	Madison Gulf Trail	R. Frechette
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Ruby-crowned Kinglet

06-21	2	Beans Grant	Webster Cliff Trail	J. & D. Romano, D. Spurling
06-27	1	Jefferson	Little Cherry Pond	P. Hunt
07-02	2	Benton	Mt. Moosilauke	P. Hunt, C. Chen, F. Gerhardt
07-10	1	Thompson & Meserves Purchase	Caps Ridge Trail, Mt. Jefferson	P. Hunt, D. Crook

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

06-04	2	Haverhill	Bedell Bridge St. Pk	A. Mudge, T. Estil
06-10	2	Kensington	Kimball Rd.	R. Balerviez, D. Donsker, et al.
06-16	3	Holderness	Pemigewasset R., "marsh 93"	P. Hunt
06-22	2	Haverhill	Bedell Bridge St. Pk.	R. Bradley
07-10	3	Derry	Ballard Marsh	A. Delorey



Thrushes through Vireos

The thrush numbers from Pawtuckaway State Park (Hunt and Delorey) are as thought-provoking as the flycatcher numbers. Presumably Hunt's date was at a "non-song" stage of the breeding cycle for Veery and Hermit, but both observers recorded identical numbers of Wood Thrush. Brown Thrashers were fairly well reported, and my thanks go to those of you who made a special effort to search for this declining species. American Pipits seem to be holding their own on Mount Washington, and I strongly recommend that everyone take the time to experience their marvelous flight song over the flower-covered alpine meadows. They can be easily seen and heard along the Auto Road from mile 6 onward (the cow pasture is a good spot). The Nelson Crag Trail is a rugged but scenic route for those energetic enough to hike into their domain.

The flocks of waxwings on June 2 and June 3 would be north-bound migrants, but I am not sure about the eight birds at an elevation of 4000 feet on July 15 because the species is not known to nest that high. The well-reported Yellow-throated Vireo was found at seven sites during the summer of 1995—sites where they were not found during six summers of Atlas research (they were recorded in a total of 44 atlas blocks).

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Eastern Bluebird				
06-01	16	Sunapee	Rolling Rock Rd.	B. Burdett
06-03	2	Dixville	The Balsams Resort	D. & T. Donsker
06-04	2	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
07-08	5	Pittsfield	Loudon Rd.	J. Ashley
07-16	1	Columbia	Rt. 3	B. Killam
Veery				
06-05	3		Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	P. Hunt
06-06	4	Pembroke	residence	K. Pafty
06-10	2	New London	auto survey rt.	A. & R. Vernon
06-14	1	Brookline	residence	M. & C. Neveu
06-16	13	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
06-20	4	New London	Low Plain CA	R. Vernon
06-27	3	New London	Webb Loop Trail	R. Vernon, P. Newbern
06-30	1	Bradford	Bradford Bog	D. Kienholz
07-01	17	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT
Gray-checked Thrush				
06-15	4	Thompson & Meserves Purchase	Caps Ridge Trail	A. & B. Delorey
06-21	2	Beans Grant	Webster-Jackson Trail	J. Romano, et al.
07-02	2	Benton	Mt. Moosilauke	P. Hunt, C. Chen, F. Gerhardt
07-08	6	Harts Location	Webster-Jackson Trail	S. Mirick, ASNH FT
Swainson's Thrush				
06-03	3	Dixville	The Balsams Resort	D. & T. Donsker
06-15	5	Thompson & Meserves Purchase	Caps Ridge Trail	A. & B. Delorey

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06-16	5	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
07-08	4	Dublin	Dublin Trail, Mt. Monadnock	C. & F. VonMertens

Hermit Thrush

06-05	4		Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	P. Hunt
06-20	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
06-27	3	New London	Webb Loop Trail	R. Vernon, P. Newbern
06-28	4	New London	Carr Ledge Trail	R. Vernon
07-01	10	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT

Wood Thrush

06-05	6		Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	P. Hunt
06-10	8	New London	auto survey rt.	A. & R. Vernon
06-25	1	Exeter	residence	G. Prazar
06-27	3	New London	Webb Loop Trail	R. Vernon, P. Newbern
07-01	6	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT
07-19	6	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright

Northern Mockingbird

June	1	Boscawen	Merrimack County Nursing Home	H. Miller
06-16	1	Colebrook	Hospital Rd.	D. Killam

Brown Thrasher

06-02	1	Merrimack	Bud Brewery	R. & J. Allard
06-06	2	Hill	Old Hill Rd., Franklin Flood Control area	D. Stavros, P. Fairbairn M. Michener
06-10	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	R. Balerviez, et al.
07-01	1	Columbia	residence	D. Killam
07-16	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright

American Pipit

06-26	14	Sargents Purchase	Mt. Washington	M. Pelikan, L. Schaller
07-05	10	Thompson & Meserves Purchase	cow pasture, Mt. Washington	M. Suomala, C. Martin, A. Borror
07-06	1	Sargents Purchase	Nelson Craig Trail	K. & G. Mitchell

Cedar Waxwing

06-01	8	Exeter	Exeter R., near Larry Ln.	S. Drew
06-02	20	Moultonborough	Long Is., Squam Lake	A. Groth
06-03	27	Pembroke	residence	K. Palfy
06-10	1	New London	auto survey rt.	A. & R. Vernon
06-15	2	Amherst	Spring Rd.	R. & J. Allard
07-15	8	Thompson & Meserves Purchase	Mt. Washington Auto Road, 4000 ft.	R. Frechette, D. Rowell, E. Richard

Yellow-throated Vireo

06-03	1	Cornish	Blow-me-down Pond	P. Hunt
06-03	3	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	D. & J. Strong
06-05	2	Deerfield	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	P. Hunt
06-09	1	Hinsdale	Wantastiquet Mtn. State Forest	P. Hunt
06-21	2	Derry	Ballard Marsh	A. Delorey
07-01	1	Lebanon	Mascoma Village	P. Hunt
07-01	3	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT
07-03	1	Lyme	Post Pond	P. Hunt, et al.

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Warbling Vireo

06-17	1	Stratford		J. Berry, T. Young
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Philadelphia Vireo

06-16	1	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
06-19	1	Pittsburg	Perry Stream Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
06-22	1	Lincoln	Osseo Trail	M. Suomala
07-10	1	Livermore	n. slope of Mt. Osceola	M. Suomala

Red-eyed Vireo

06-02	9	Moultonborough	Long Is., Squam Lake	A. Groth
06-05	16		Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	P. Hunt
06-05	13	New London	Bunker Loop Trail	R. Vernon
06-10	31	New London	auto survey rt.	A. & R. Vernon
06-27	14	New London	Webb Loop Trail	R. Vernon, P. Newbern

Warblers

A Golden-winged Warbler was discovered in Hanover, far away from the species' typical coastal haunts. This was the second summer record for Hanover in the last four years. A Tennessee Warbler at Hubbard Brook on June 3 was considered a non-breeder (hence, a late-spring migrant), and a Tennessee in Lebanon on July 23 was an early fall migrant. Northern Parulas in Hanover on June 2 and Lyme on June 4 were probable spring migrants, but one in Canaan June 20 was the first summer record for the observer at that location, and harder to categorize. The pair of Cape May Warblers carrying food for young at Cherry Pond was unusual primarily because of the low elevation (approximately 1000 feet). Some nice counts of Blackburnian Warbler were submitted which is heartening for a species identified by some authorities as a declining neotropical migrant. A Pine Warbler at this editor's residence on July 1 was not a local nester and therefore a precursor to the fall migration. A Prairie Warbler in Enfield was at the northern edge of its breeding range and was the first local record by the observer.

One of this year's highlights was the apparent nesting of Cerulean Warblers at Pawtuckaway State Park. A female was seen gathering nesting material in May and a pair were still in the area in June, adding to our evidence of probable nesting. A wandering male Cerulean Warbler was seen several times in the Enfield area but was not considered a nesting suspect. Ovenbirds, another neotropical migrant, seem to be thriving, with large numbers recorded throughout the state. Pittsburg is the place to go if you want to be sure of hearing Northern Waterthrushes. The Mourning Warblers in New London for the second consecutive year were probably nesting, while the immature in Sandwich July 21 could have been a local or an early migrant.

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Blue-winged Warbler

06-10	1	Kensington	Kimball Rd.	R. Balerviez, D. Donsker, et al.
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Golden-winged Warbler				
06-11	1	Newmarket	Dame Rd.	D. & T. Donsker, R. Balerviez
07-05	1	Hanover	Goodfellow Rd.	P. Hunt
Brewster's Warbler				
07-01	1	Durham	Dame Farm	S. Mirick, N. Pease
Tennessee Warbler				
06-23	1	Woodstock	Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest	J. Arp
07-23	1	Lebanon	near Mascoma Lake Dam	P. Hunt
Nashville Warbler				
06-09	7	New London	Philbrick-Cricenti Bog	R. Vernon
06-10	11	Bethlehem	Trudeau Rd. bogs	R. Bradley
06-16	12	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
07-21	1	Sandwich	residence	T. Vazzano
07-22	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
Northern Parula				
06-02	1	Hanover	Dartmouth College	P. Hunt, P. Marra
06-04	1	Lyme	Cross Rd.	P. Hunt, S. Burson
06-16	16	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
06-20	1	Canaan	W. Farms Rd.	L. Bunten
07-08	4	Bethlehem	Trudeau Rd.	P. Hunt, A. Strong, Mascoma Chapter FT
Magnolia Warbler				
06-05	3	New London	Bunker Loop Trail	R. Vernon
06-10	5	Bethlehem	Trudeau Rd. bogs	B. Bradley
06-15	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
06-16	25	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
06-28	4	New London	Carr Ledge Trail	R. Vernon
Cape May Warbler				
07-08	2	Jefferson	Cherry Pond	P. Hunt, A. Strong, Mascoma Chapter FT
Black-throated Blue Warbler				
06-04	1	Sandwich	residence	T. Vazzano
06-06	3	Littleton	logging road	B. Bradley
06-09	5	Hinsdale	Wantastiquet Mtn. State Forest	P. Hunt
06-27	3	New London	Webb Loop Trail	R. Vernon, P. Newbern
07-10	6	Newbury	Hay Reservation	P. Newbern
Yellow-rumped Warbler				
06-04	1	Pembroke	residence	K. Palfy
06-05	8		Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	P. Hunt
06-05	1	Kensington	residence, Rt. 107	G. Gavustis
06-05	4	New London	Bunker Loop Trail	R. Vernon
06-20	5	New London	Low Plain CA	R. Vernon
Black-throated Green Warbler				
06-05	5	New London	Bunker Loop Trail	R. Vernon
06-06	3	Littleton	logging road	B. Bradley

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06-27	11	New London	Webb Loop Trail	R. Vernon, P. Newbern
06-28	3	New London	Carr Ledge Trail	R. Vernon
07-01	5	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT

Blackburnian Warbler

06-05	7		Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	P. Hunt
06-24	11	Dublin	Pumpelly Trail, Mt. Monadnock	F. Von Mertens
07-01	2	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT
07-10	8	Newbury	Hay Reservation	P. Newbern
07-23	1	Sandwich	residence	T. Vazzano

Pine Warbler

06-02	3	Moultonborough	Long Is., Squam Lake	A. Groth
06-05	4		Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	P. Hunt
06-06	1	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	R. Vernon
07-01	1	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn

Prairie Warbler

06-28	3	Pelham	Gage Hill Rd. powerline	A. Delorey
07-03	4	Chester	Walnut Hill powerline	A. & B. Delorey
07-09	1	Enfield	Daniel's Acres MHP	P. Hunt

Bay-breasted Warbler

06-01	1	Albany	Oliverian Brook Trail	M. Suomala
06-17	3	Colebrook		J. Berry, T. Young
06-19	2	Pittsburg	Perry Stream Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
06-21	1	Beans Grant	Crawford Path	J. & D. Romano, D. Spurling
07-10	2	Thompson & Meserves Purchase	Jefferson Notch area	P. Hunt, D. Crook

Blackpoll Warbler

06-04	3	Pittsburg	Scott Bog Rd., Deer Mtn. Campground	D. & T. Donsker
06-06	1	Littleton	logging road	B. Bradley
06-18	5	Pittsburg	Mt. Magalloway	A. & B. Delorey
06-21	10	Beans Grant	Webster Cliff & Jackson trails	J. & D. Romano, D. Spurling
07-05	2	Greens Grant	Nelson Crag Trail, Mt. Washington	M. Suomala, C. Martin, A. Borrer
07-20	1	Franconia	Owlshead Slide Trail	G. Mitchell

Cerulean Warbler

06-05	2	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk., near Tower Trail	P. Hunt
06-09	2	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk., near Tower Trail	J. Broyles, L. Knowles
06-18	1	Enfield	Rt. 4, w. of village	P. Hunt
06-25	1	Lebanon	near Mascoma Lake Dam	P. Hunt, H. Taliaferro
07-01	1	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT

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Ovenbird

06-05	20		Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	P. Hunt
06-06	9	Littleton	logging road	B. Bradley
06-09	15	Hinsdale	Wantastiquet Mtn. State Forest	P. Hunt
06-10	10	New London	auto survey rt.	A. & R. Vernon
06-20	8	Littleton	Samual Moore Dam area	B. Bradley
06-27	21	New London	Webb Loop Trail	R. Vernon, P. Newbern
06-28	13	New London	Carr Ledge Trail	R. Vernon
07-01	15	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT

Northern Waterthrush

06-10	2	New London	auto survey rt.	A. & R. Vernon
06-10	3	Bethlehem	Trudeau Rd. bogs	B. Bradley
06-16	22	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
06-20	2	New London	Low Plain CA	R. Vernon
06-26	8	Pittsburg	East Inlet area	P. Hunt, D. Crook, T. Masters
07-10	1	Durham	Durham Pt. Rd. marsh	P. Hunt, D. Crook
07-24	1	Sandwich	residence	T. Vazzano

Louisiana Waterthrush

06-01	1	Boscawen	Hirst WMA	R. Quinn
06-07	1	New London	Pingree Rd.	R. Vernon
06-10	1	New London	auto survey rt.	A. & R. Vernon
07-01	1	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT

Mourning Warbler

06-01	1	Albany	Oliverian Brook Trail clear cut	M. Suomala
06-03	1	Columbia	residence	D. Killam
06-18	11	Pittsburg	Mt. Magalloway Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
06-19	8	Pittsburg	Perry Stream Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
06-20	1	Northumberland	logging road off Lost Nation Rd.	M. Suomala
06-24	1	Lyme	Trout Pond	L. Zeltmann, et al.
06-27	2	Jefferson	Cherry Pond	P. Hunt
06-30	1	New London	Bunker Loop Trail logging area	R. Vernon
07-05	1	New London	Carr Ledge Loop	P. Newbern
07-21	1	Sandwich	residence	T. Vazzano

Common Yellowthroat

06-05	2	Moultonborough	residence	A. Groth
06-06	10	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	R. Vernon
06-08	1	Sandwich	residence	T. Vazzano
06-10	10	New London	auto survey rt.	A. & R. Vernon
06-20	9	New London	Low Plain CA	R. Vernon
07-08	1	Pembroke	residence	K. Palfy

Wilson's Warbler

06-11	2	Pittsburg	Scott Bog Rd.	D. & A. Strong
06-12	2	Pittsburg	East Inlet	D. & A. Strong
06-18	2	Pittsburg	East Inlet	J. Berry, T. Young
06-19	2	Pittsburg	Perry Stream Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
06-26	3	Pittsburg	East Inlet, Snag Pond	P. Hunt, D. Crook, T. Masters

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Canada Warbler				
06-16	7	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
06-22	2	New London	"old meadow"	R. Vernon
06-28	3	New London	Carr Ledge Trail	R. Vernon

Tanager through Evening Grosbeak

Two of the Scarlet Tanagers reported this summer were of the bright orange color variant. A Grasshopper Sparrow at Pease was only the third summer record in the last six years and emphasizes the importance of that unique grassland habitat. Several intrepid observers proved again that Seaside Sparrows are out in the coastal salt marshes for those willing to battle the green-headed flies in pursuit of them. Dark-eyed Juncos are so common in the mountains and points north that only birds in the southern part of the state were reported. Thanks to the reporters who helped prove that Eastern Meadowlarks are more widespread than recent summer records would indicate. Now a call for help in determining the status of the Rusty Blackbird. For the last few summers they have been reported only from Pittsburg, yet during the Atlas years (1981-1986) they were found in more than 12 different sites. Please carefully examine any blackbirds around mountain ponds in the northern half of the state and send us your results.

An Orchard Oriole was found again in the most reliable spot for this species (Newmarket), and another adult male was seen on an island in Squam Lake. George Gavutis topped last year's record of three Northern Oriole nests in his yard with five nests in '95. He also noticed the first Purple Finch at his feeder on July 18. Scattered northern finches were noted, and the puzzling Evening Grosbeak did little to clarify its status in New Hampshire: small family groups were seen in the southern part of the state, and a flock of 21 was reported in Enfield on July 9.

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Scarlet Tanager				
06-05	6		Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	P. Hunt
06-06	2	Fitzwilliam	West Lake Rd.	M. Ayers
06-07	1	Hillsboro	residence	D. Kienholz
06-09	1	Brookline	residence	M. Neveu
06-09	1	Sandwich	residence	T. Vazzano
06-10	2	S. Hampton	Brookside WS	R. Balerviez, D. Finch, D. Donsker, et al.
06-11	1	Epping	Boody Farm Rd.	C. Boucher
06-19	1	Merrimack	Tinker Rd.	R. & J. Allard
06-22	1	Sandwich	Bear Camp Pond	M. & C. Pearson
07-01	8	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

06-02	2	Brookline	residence	M. Neveu
06-04	2	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
06-16	2	E. Kingston	residence, overhead	S. Drew

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07-01	7	Concord	Beaver Meadows Village	P. & D. Niswander
07-10	1	Exeter	residence	M. & G. Prazar
07-10	5	Salisbury	Mountain Rd.	L. Deming
07-29	1	Londonderry	Devonshire Ln.	H. Chary

Indigo Bunting

06-04	1	Sandwich	residence	T. Vazzano
06-05	2	Pembroke	Plausawa Golf Course	S. Palfy
06-05	1	Columbia	residence	D. Killam
06-19	2	Merrimack		R. & J. Allard
07-07	2	Andover	old dump sand pits	D. Skeels

Rufous-sided Towhee

06-04	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
06-06	2	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	R. Vernon
06-09	1	Merrimack	woods	R. & J. Allard
06-28	4	Pelham	Gage Hill Rd. powerline	A. Delorey
07-01	1	Deering	residence	L. Sunderland
07-01	3	Concord	Beaver Meadows Village	P. & D. Niswander
07-11	1	Andover	old dump sand pits	D. Skeels
07-14	2	Pittsfield	Loudon Rd.	J. Ashley

Field Sparrow

06-06	2	Sandwich	Guinea Pond Trail powerline	S. & M. Turner
06-16	2	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
06-28	6	Pelham	Gage Hill Rd. powerline	A. Delorey
07-01	2	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT
07-03	3	Chester	Walnut Hill powerline	A. & B. Delorey

Vesper Sparrow

06-14	2	Newington	Pease Airfield	D. De Luca
07-08	1	Henniker	Old Concord Rd. field	A. & B. Delorey

Savannah Sparrow

06-14	20	Newington	Pease Airfield	D. De Luca
07-05	2	Greens Grant	Mt. Washington Auto Road	M. Suomala, C. Martin, A. Borrer
07-08	19	Henniker	Old Concord Rd. field	A. & B. Delorey

Grasshopper Sparrow

06-01	1	Newington	Pease Airfield	D. De Luca, A. Tappan, J. Kanter
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Sharp-tailed Sparrow

06-04	8	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	D. & J. Strong
06-08	10	Hampton	Hampton Marsh	D. Strong
07-02	1	Hampton	Fuller Acres	G. Sweeney

Seaside Sparrow

06-20	3	Hampton	Rt. 101 marshes	P. Hunt
07-03	1	Hampton	Hampton Marsh	M. Suomala, S. Mirick
07-29	2	Hampton	Hampton Marsh	P. Hunt

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Lincoln's Sparrow				
06-12	2	Pittsburg	East Inlet	D. & A. Strong
06-16	1	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
06-17	2	Colebrook		J. Berry, T. Young
06-18	3	Pittsburg	Mt. Magalloway Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
06-18	1	Pittsburg	East Inlet	J. Berry, T. Young
06-19	3	Pittsburg	Perry Stream Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
06-25	1	Colebrook	hospital	D. Killam
07-10	1	Jefferson	Little Cherry Pond	P. Hunt, D. Crook
07-16	1	Columbia	Marshal Hill	D. Killam
Dark-eyed Junco				
06-05	1	Deerfield	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	P. Hunt
06-05	3	New London	Bunker Loop Trail	R. Vernon
06-06	1	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	R. Vernon
06-09	2	Hinsdale	Mt. Wantastiquet	P. Hunt
06-26	1	Pembroke	Cross Country Rd.	K. Paify
06-27	3	New London	Webb Loop Trail	R. Vernon, P. Newbern
06-28	2	New London	Carr Ledge Trail	R. Vernon
07-01	1	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
07-09	2	Tamworth	residence	C. & J. Tewksbury
Bobolink				
06-10	3	New London	auto survey rt.	A. & R. Vernon
06-15	5	Millsfield	farm fields	J. Brown
06-15	1	Jefferson	old Rt. 115 fields	J. Brown
06-15	1	Jefferson	Cherry Mtn. Rd.	J. Brown
07-28	2	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
Eastern Meadowlark				
06-14	30	Newington	Pease Airfield	D. De Luca
06-16	1	Whitefield	Rt. 3	R. Quinn
06-30	1	Colebrook	Rt. 26	B. & D. Killam
07-10	2	Whitefield	airport	P. Hunt, D. Crook
Rusty Blackbird				
06-12	2	Pittsburg	East Inlet	D. & A. Strong
06-17	4	Pittsburg	Scott Bog Rd.	T. Richards, R. Quinn
06-18	4	Pittsburg	Mt. Magalloway Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
06-19	4	Pittsburg	Perry Stream Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
Orchard Oriole				
06-05	1	Newmarket	Bay Rd.	P. Hunt
06-13	1	Sandwich	Otter Cove, Squam Lake	A. Groth
Northern Oriole				
06-02	2	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
06-05	2	Moultonborough	residence	A. Groth
06-10	7	New London	auto survey rt.	A. & R. Vernon
06-25	1	Gorham	Jimtown Rd.	J. Brown, J. Ely
06-25	1	Nashua	Almont & Pine St.	J. Ayer
06-28	15	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence	G. Gavutis
07-26	1	E. Kingston	residence	S. Drew

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Purple Finch

06-03	2	Dixville	The Balsams Resort	D. & T. Donsker
06-05	4		Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	P. Hunt
06-09	1	New London	Philbrick-Cricenti Bog	R. Vernon
06-10	2	Pittsburg	Magalloway Cabins, First Connecticut Lake	B. & M. Harris
06-10	2	New London	auto survey rt.	A. & R. Vernon
06-11	2	Exeter	High St.	E. Ring
07-09	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
07-18	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence	G. Gavutis

Red Crossbill

06-12	18	Pittsburg	East Inlet	D. & A. Strong
06-28	2	Newbury	Hay Reservation	R. Quinn

White-winged Crossbill

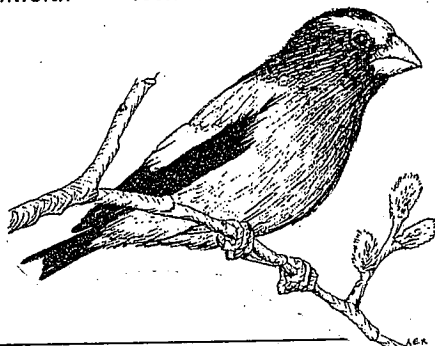
06-04	4	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	D. & T. Donsker
06-21	1	Beans Grant	Webster Cliff Trail	J. & D. Romano, D. Spurling
07-02	3	Benton	Mt. Moosilauke	P. Hunt, C. Chen, F. Gerhardt

Pine Siskin

06-03	6	Dixville	The Balsams Resort	D. & T. Donsker
06-05	7	Columbia	residence	D. & B. Killam
06-17	14	Pittsburg	Scott Bog Rd.	T. Richards, R. Quinn
06-18	18	Pittsburg	behind general store	J. Berry, T. Young
06-21	12	Beans Grant	Webster-Jackson Trail	J. & D. Romano, D. Spurling
07-01	13	Enfield	Main St. Pond	P. Hunt

Evening Grosbeak

06-04	1	Pittsburg	Back Lake Rd.	D. & T. Donsker
06-09	3	Sandwich	residence	T. Vazzano
06-21	6	Columbia	residence	D. Killam
06-28	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
06-29	2	Peterborough	Union St.	M. & R. Johnson
07-01	5	Moultonborough	Moultonborough Neck Rd.	A. & B. Delbrey, BBC FT
07-09	21	Enfield	Lower Mascoma Lake census rt.	P. Hunt
07-10	1	Salisbury	Mountain Rd.	L. Deming
07-15	2	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
07-26	6	Tamworth	residence	C. & J. Tewksbury



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

Mute Swan	Belted Kingfisher	Solitary Vireo
Canada Goose	Downy Woodpecker	Warbling Vireo
American Black Duck	Hairy Woodpecker	Yellow Warbler
Mallard	Northern Flicker	Chestnut-sided Warbler
Hooded Merganser	Pileated Woodpecker	Black-and-white Warbler
Broad-winged Hawk	Eastern Phoebe	American Redstart
Red-tailed Hawk	Eastern Kingbird	Northern Cardinal
American Kestrel	Blue Jay	Chipping Sparrow
Ring-necked Pheasant	American Crow	Song Sparrow
Ruffed Grouse	Black-capped Chickadee	Swamp Sparrow
Spotted Sandpiper	Tufted Titmouse	White-throated Sparrow
American Woodcock	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Red-winged Blackbird
Rock Dove	White-breasted Nuthatch	Common Grackle
Mourning Dove	House Wren	Brown-headed Cowbird
Great Horned Owl	American Robin	House Finch
Barred Owl	Gray Catbird	American Goldfinch
Chimney Swift	European Starling	House Sparrow

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Birding at Pawtuckaway State Park

Located in southeastern New Hampshire, Pawtuckaway State Park attracts a curious blend of northern and southern species and provides good birding from spring through fall. From Rt. 107 south in Deerfield, turn left (right if driving north on 107) onto Reservation Road. Note the small brown Pawtuckaway State Park sign indicating the way to the observation tower. After 1.0 mile the road turns to gravel; in another 0.2 mile bear right at the fork, then drive 1.2 miles to a "T" intersection. Turn left, following the sign to the lookout tower, and proceed 0.3 mile to a large swamp on the right. You've arrived at one of the Park's best areas for birds.

This area attracts a great diversity of nesting species, including some that are usually associated with more northern or higher-elevation habitat. Among these are Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Winter Wren, Black-throated Green Warbler, Northern Waterthrush, Purple Finch, White-throated Sparrow, and Dark-eyed Junco. During migration, practically anything is possible.

You should also find nesting Pileated Woodpeckers, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Least and Great Crested Flycatchers, Brown Creeper, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, thrushes, Solitary and Yellow-throated Vireos, common warblers, Scarlet Tanager, Indigo Bunting, and Swamp Sparrow. You might also find Northern Saw-whet and Barred Owls.

From the swamp, drive another 0.4 mile to the parking area at the trailhead for the observation tower. Cerulean Warblers have been regular in this area in recent years. Listen for its song—similar to that of the Black-throated Blue Warbler, but higher and faster. This is also the southeasternmost location in the state where Evening Grosbeaks are regularly found in summer.

From the tower trailhead, drive another 0.3 mile to a small clearing on the right side of the road. An Acadian Flycatcher spent the summer here in 1991. Drive another 0.3 mile to a spot where the road starts to drop steeply downhill. There will be an uphill slope on the left side of the road. This area has been a hot spot for southern warblers. Several years ago, a singing male Kentucky Warbler was found here in mid-May. In May of 1994, a singing male Worm-eating Warbler was located on this slope.

Continue another 0.2 mile to another T intersection. If you turn right and proceed for 0.5 mile, you will reach the trailhead to Boulder Field, an area of large boulders and cliffs. Listen for Winter Wren and Louisiana Waterthrush along this section of road. In another 0.5 mile, the road dead-ends at Round Pond and the opposite end of the Boulder Trail. The section of road from the T to the pond is very rough. A Hooded Warbler put in a brief appearance near the boulders in late April, 1995.

Turning left at the T (away from the Boulders and Round Pond), proceed for 1.2 miles to the junction with Reservation Road. Turn right on Reservation Road and return 2.2 miles to Route 107.

Alan Delorey

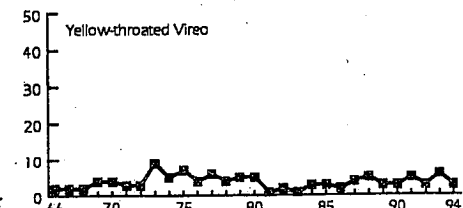
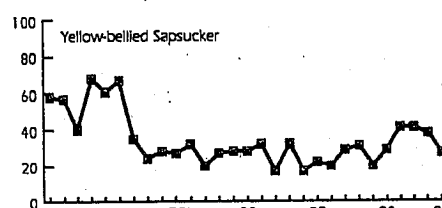
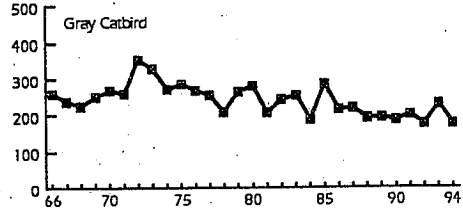
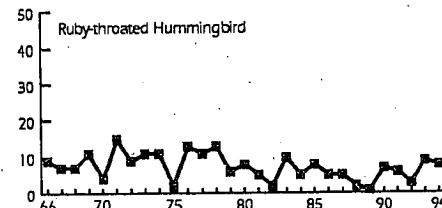
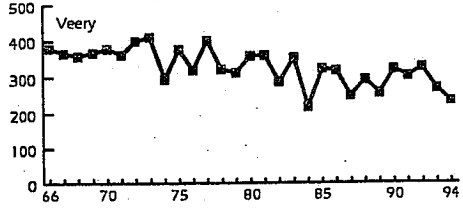
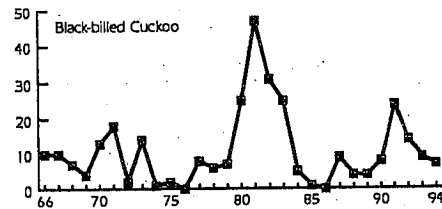
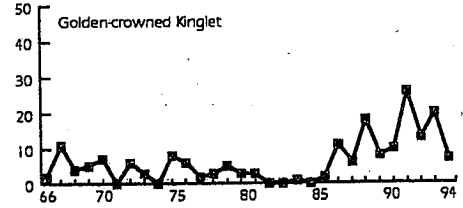
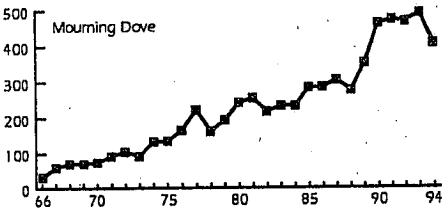
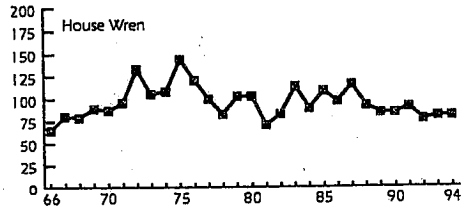
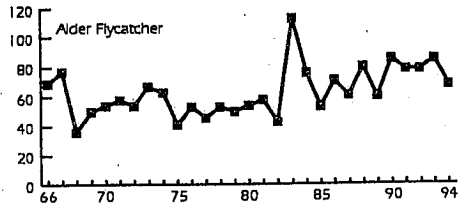
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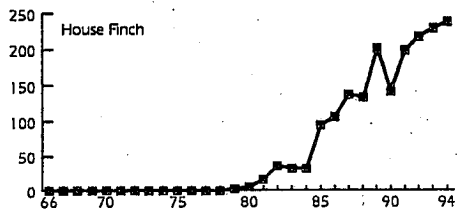
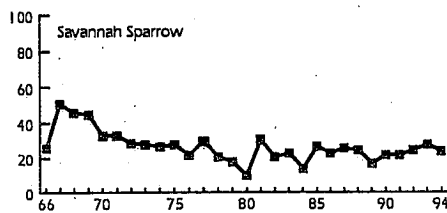
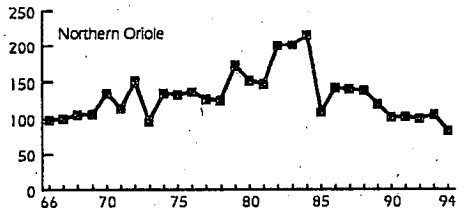
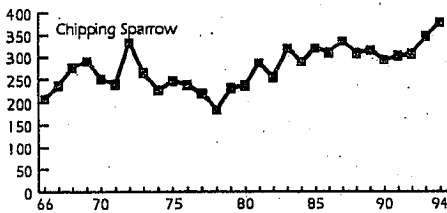
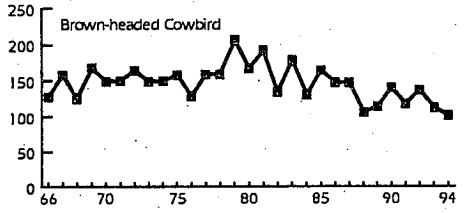
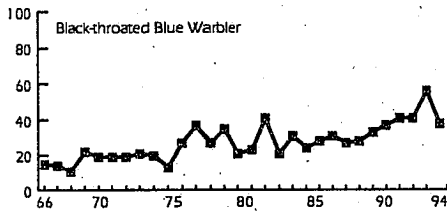
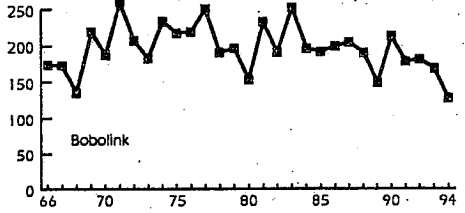
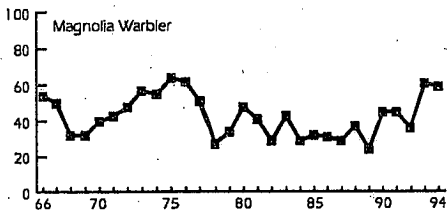
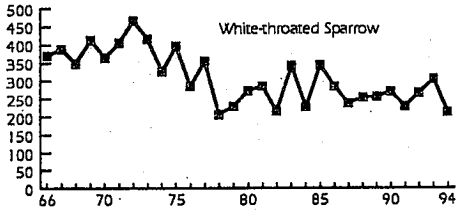
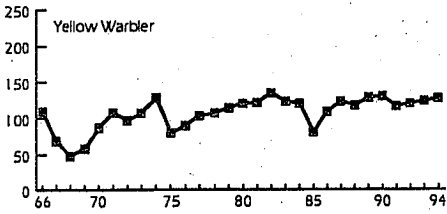
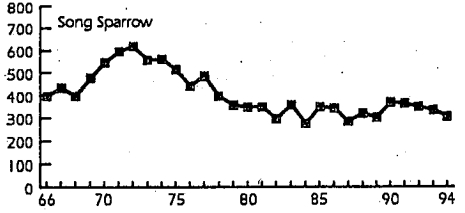
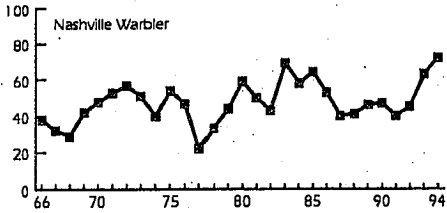
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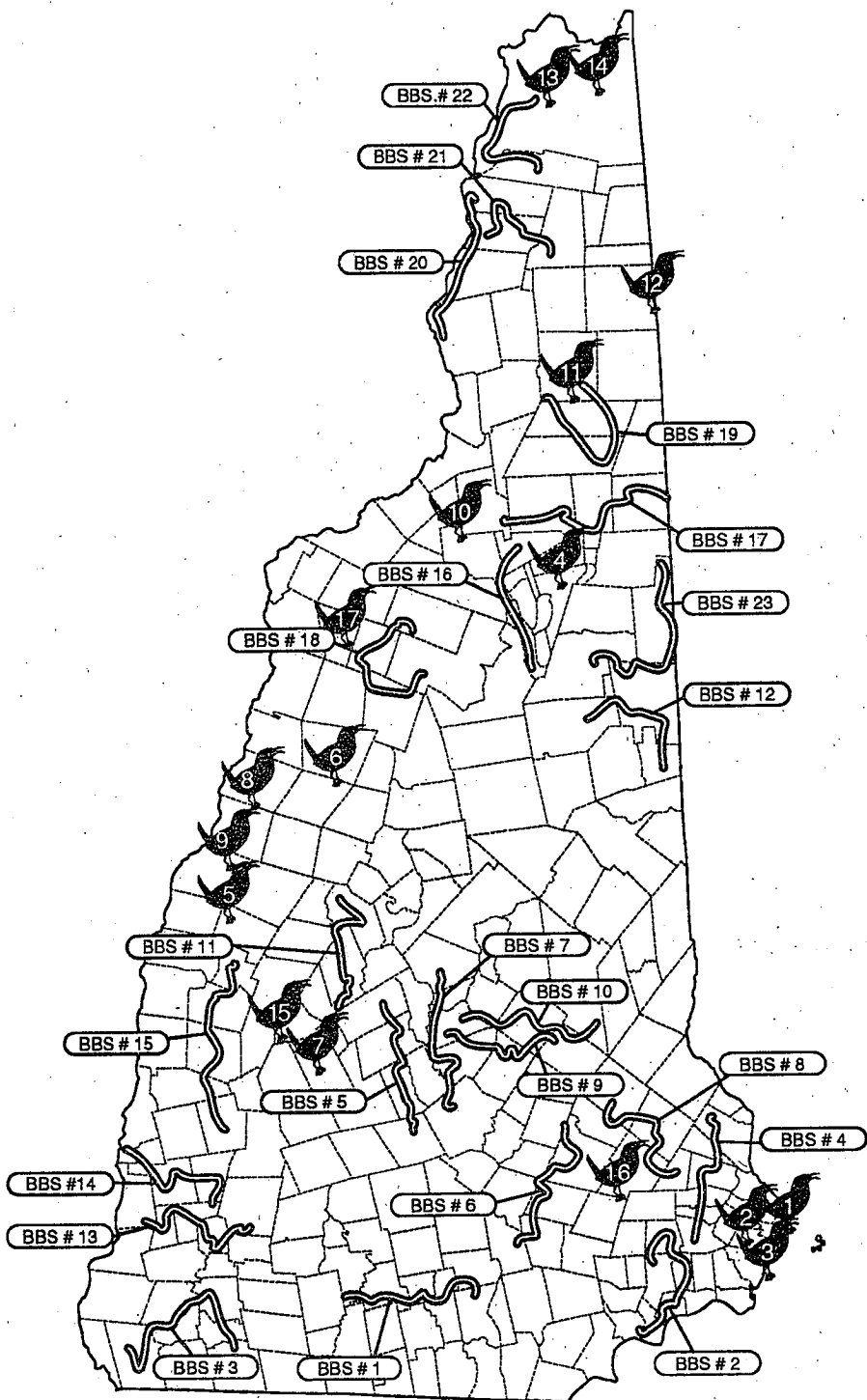
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1. Odiorne Pt. (Rye)
2. Great Bay
3. Eel Pond (Rye)
4. Mount Jefferson (Thompson & Meserves Purchase)
5. Mascoma Lake (Enfield/Lebanon)
6. Mount Moosilauke (Warren)
7. Cascade Marsh (Sutton)
8. Reed's Marsh (Orford)
9. Smarts Mountain (Lyme)
10. Pondicherry Wildlife Refuge (Jefferson/Whitefield)
11. Pontook Reservoir (Dummer)
12. Lake Umbagog (Errol)
13. Lake Francis, Connecticut Lakes (Pittsburg)
14. East Inlet (Pittsburg)
15. Low Plain Conservation Area (New London)
16. Pawtuckaway State Park (Nottingham/Deerfield)
17. Scotland Brook WS (Landaff)



Breeding Bird Survey Routes

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| 1. Peterborough-Merrimack | 12. Albany-Eaton (Mt. Chocorua) |
| 2. Brentwood-Atkinson | 13. Walpole-Stoddard |
| 3. Fitzwilliam-Winchester | 14. Marlow-Charlestown |
| 4. Dover-Exeter | 15. Lempster-Grantham |
| 5. Hopkinton-Andover | 16. Crawford Notch-Harts Location |
| 6. Epsom-Manchester | 17. Jefferson-Shelburne |
| 7. Concord-Sanbornton | 18. Franconia-Lincoln |
| 8. Strafford-Lee | 19. Milan-Dummer |
| 9. Canterbury-Barnstead | 20. Stratford-Stewartstown |
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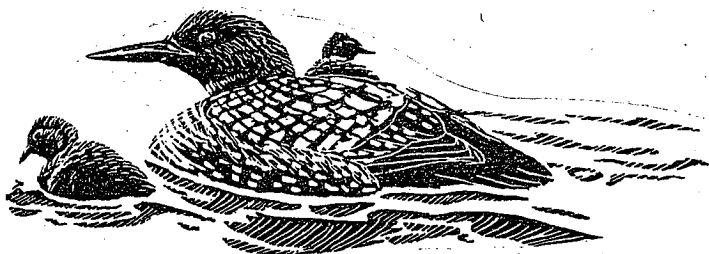


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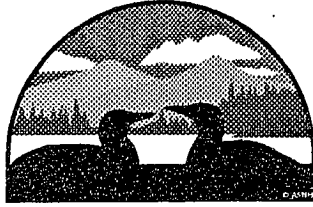
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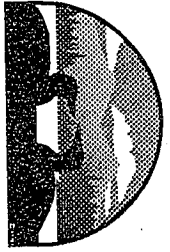
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