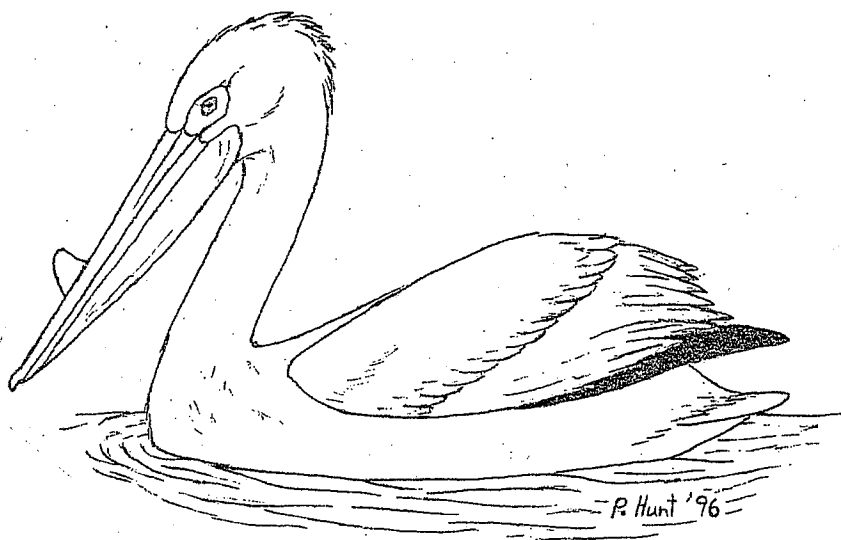


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About the Cover

The American White Pelican is the largest bird in North America, with a wingspan that reaches almost 10 feet. It is found primarily in the western United States and Canada, where it nests in large colonies, often with cormorants or other water birds. In the winter, they travel to the Gulf coast and southern California.

Unlike their brown coastal relatives, American White Pelicans do not dive for their prey. Instead, they capture fish by scooping them out of the water with their bills while swimming. Several pelicans may flock together in this endeavor, effectively herding their prey in front of them for easier capture.

Because they are highly migratory, American White Pelicans regularly occur outside their normal range, including numerous records for the northeastern United States. The species is almost annual in heavily birded states such as New York, New Jersey, and Massachusetts and seems to have increased in frequency in the last 30 years. Most records are in April or May and September to November, which correspond to the main migration period. In May of 1996, one such migrant made its way to Great Bay and became the first documented record of its species for New Hampshire.

Peter Hunt

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Cape May Warbler
by Susan Fogleman

From the Editor

Welcome new subscribers, and thank you to all who have sent in their renewals. If you haven't mailed your renewal yet, please send it in right away so you won't miss any future issues.

We have received many favorable comments on the inclusion of articles in *New Hampshire Bird Records*. Please let us know what you would like to read about. If you are interested in writing an article or have artistic talent and would like to submit a cover illustration, let me know.

Please remember to submit your sightings monthly. We received 3061 sightings for this spring season, an average of 250 per week. When they arrive monthly, it is just manageable, but when the majority arrive at the end of the season, it is nearly impossible to computerize them in time for publication.

The spring season included many exciting reports from the grebe fallout in late April and the great fallout in May. Migrants usually travel in groups during favorable winds and weather. When these groups reach bad weather, spectacular concentrations of migrants often result as they all come down to land. This is known as a fallout in the birding world. Those of us who were fortunate enough to witness the events this spring had an incredible experience. I was lucky enough to see both, and the excitement of counting seven Cape May Warblers in one tree, 37 Solitary Sandpipers by the Merrimack River, and four adult male American Redstarts in my binoculars at once—plus all kinds of other warblers, shorebirds, and sparrows on a single May day—is beyond my power to express!

On May 11 on Appledore Island in the Isles of Shoals, the bird banders observed exhausted birds nearly dropping onto the island. Some even walked into the generator building and banding station in search of warmth and food. It was the kind of amazing bird watching that excites, energizes, and keeps us all coming back for more. I know I'll be looking forward to next spring and watching weather fronts in a way I have never done before.

Becky Suomala
Managing Editor
October, 1996

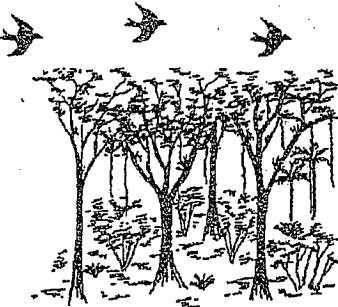
From the Rare Birds Committee

Beginning with the Winter 1995-96 season of New Hampshire Bird Records (NHBR) we began publishing the decisions of the New Hampshire Rare Birds Committee (NHRBC). For many of you this was the first notification you received of the disposition of your sightings. The NHRBC would like to apologize for the impersonal and abrupt nature of this. We are planning to implement a system that will notify submitters of the outcome of their reports in advance of publication.

Several projects are underway to help you better understand how the NHRBC functions. We are working on an official set of by-laws that governs the operation of the NHRBC. The committee is also preparing articles that will appear in upcoming issues of NHBR. One will be a discussion of how to document rare bird sightings and what type of information to provide in these reports, including guidelines on which species need documentation. Another will be an explanation of the NHRBC by-laws and how the committee reaches a decision on rare bird sightings.

All sightings are important to the quality of NHBR. Please continue to submit your sightings with specific details for rare species. We ask that you please bear with us while the NHRBC is still in its formative stages. You will be hearing more from us soon.

Alan Delorey
NH Rare Birds Committee Member



WANTED—experienced birders willing to walk well marked transects in the beautiful Monadnock Region in lovely weather to count returning spring migrants for a good cause. Join the team of volunteers participating in the Conte National Wildlife Refuge Project. If you are interested, please contact Richard Cook, ASNH Wildlife & Wetlands Department, 224-9909. Prizes for all participants!

The Spring Season

In stark contrast to 1995, 1996 was marked by a cold and snowy winter followed by a cold and wet spring. Temperatures in both March and May averaged below normal, while those in April were roughly average. The precipitation was more dramatic, particularly in April, when we received almost twice the normal rainfall and a foot more snow than usual. The wet weather continued into May, when the state received roughly two inches more rain than the 100-year average.

This weather accounted for the late arrival of several species of waterfowl and those landbird migrants which usually arrive early. Many of these species, which normally arrive in the state by late March, did not arrive in numbers (if at all) until early April. Because they winter in the Southeast or Middle-Atlantic states, they may also have been hit hard by the colder-than-average winter in these regions. Increased mortality, especially in the northern parts of the winter range, would result in fewer individuals heading north early.

The most notable events of the spring were two "fallouts," when unusually large numbers of several species occur following weather conditions that make migration difficult. In both cases, a warm southerly flow or warm front brought birds north to New Hampshire, where they encountered a colder northern air mass. Heavy rain resulted, and migrating birds were forced to land in large numbers. The first fallout occurred on April 23 and 24 and consisted primarily of grebes. The second, beginning on May 11, was among the largest in New England birding history. It affected waterfowl, terns, shorebirds, kingbirds, thrushes, warblers, sparrows, bobolinks, and many other species. In addition, unsettled weather persisted for the week following the fallout, keeping many birds around until a warm front allowed them to continue north on May 20.

Scattered through the season were an unusual number of rarities. Topping the list was the first documented **American White Pelican** for the state, videotaped on Great Bay in early May. Other highlights included the **Great Gray Owl** that first appeared in February, two **Sandhill Cranes**, New Hampshire's first **Bullock's Oriole** since it was officially split from Northern Oriole, and a fairly cooperative **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron**. The May fallout included three southern species: **White-eyed Vireo**, **Kentucky Warbler**, and **Summer Tanager**, all of which are recorded in New Hampshire only every four or five years. And that's just the tip of the iceberg—there were several other relatively rare birds and smaller fallouts, but you'll have to read on to find out what they were.

Peter Hunt
Spring Editor

What to Report in the Spring Season (March through May)

Which sightings should *New Hampshire Bird Records* reporters submit? There are no hard and fast rules, but here are some guidelines for the spring season.

First, it is important to understand that even though we do not publish all reports, each plays a valuable role in creating an overall picture of a given season. All sightings become part of a database that provides information on bird distribution for research projects, endangered species reports, and other requests for data.

Always report any birds that are unusual for the state or the time of year. We recommend using *A Checklist of the Birds of New Hampshire*, by Kimball C. Elkins, as a reference (available at ASNH). For spring migrants, focus on arrival dates, high counts, inland sightings of coastal species, hawk flights, and shorebird movements. Note late-lingering winter invaders such as Common Redpolls or other northern finches. Sometimes the common year-round resident species show migratory movements, and these are also of interest.

Reports of species sought by many birders are interesting to all. These are often resident species that are not commonly seen, including boreal, nocturnal, and secretive wetland species. Reports of state endangered and threatened species are always valuable for the database.

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

Red-throated Loon	Mourning Dove	Marsh Wren
Great Blue Heron	Great Horned Owl	Golden-crowned Kinglet
Mute Swan	Barred Owl	Eastern Bluebird
Mallard	Belted Kingfisher	Cedar Waxwing
Common Eider	Downy Woodpecker	European Starling
Hooded Merganser	Hairy Woodpecker	Northern Cardinal
Common Merganser	Black-backed Woodpecker	American Tree Sparrow
Red-breasted Merganser	Pileated Woodpecker	Sharp-tailed Sparrow sp.
Bald Eagle	Horned Lark	Song Sparrow
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Purple Martin	Red-winged Blackbird
Cooper's Hawk	Gray Jay	Eastern Meadowlark
Northern Goshawk	Blue Jay	Common Grackle
Red-tailed Hawk	American Crow	Brown-headed Cowbird
Peregrine Falcon	Common Raven	Purple Finch
Ring-necked Pheasant	Black-capped Chickadee	House Finch
Spruce Grouse	Boreal Chickadee	Red Crossbill
Ruffed Grouse	Tufted Titmouse	White-winged Crossbill
Northern Bobwhite	Red-breasted Nuthatch	American Goldfinch
Willet	White-breasted Nuthatch	European Goldfinch
Ring-billed Gull	Brown Creeper	Evening Grosbeak
Great Black-backed Gull		House Sparrow

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

Spring Sightings

Loons through Ibis

Common Loons were a small part of the May fallout but were not otherwise reported in large numbers away from the coast. Pied-billed Grebes were among the species whose arrival may have been delayed by the cold March. Horned and Red-necked Grebes staged a small fallout on April 16, but this was nothing compared to what happened a week later. The second fallout resulted in reports of 202 Red-necked and 212 Horned Grebes—not as high as some previous counts, but still well above the average numbers.

With the exception of a single bird in Manchester, Double-crested Cormorants were roughly a week late. Most appeared, often in large flocks, on April 23 and 24 and were probably affected by the same weather that grounded the grebes. Five Little Blue Herons is the highest spring total in at least the last 13 years, and Glossy Ibis numbers also continue to climb, with the flock of 85 in Greenland representing the highest number the observer had ever seen.

Chief among rare birds was the American White Pelican that visited Great Bay in Newmarket on May 1. The bird was videotaped, and this evidence makes it the first official record of the species for New Hampshire. Unfortunately, word did not get out about this bird until after it had left. Also of note were a Yellow-crowned Night-Heron that spent roughly three weeks at a small pond in Hampton and a Cattle Egret in Durham.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Common Loon				
03-17	45		NH coast	S. Mirick
05-11	13	Greenland	Great Bay	S. Mirick
05-12	16	Enfield	Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
05-12	7	Tamworth	Chocorua Lake	C. & J. Tewksbury
Pied-billed Grebe				
04-06	1	Walpole	Connecticut R.	P. Hunt, L. Bunten, Mascoma Chapter FT
04-06	3	Claremont	Connecticut R. boat launch	P. Hunt, L. Bunten, Mascoma Chapter FT
04-06	1	Concord		R. Quinn, ASNH FT
04-08	1	Hanover	Wilson's Landing	A. Mudge
04-08	1	Dublin	Mud Pond	B. Elliott
04-13	5	Kingston	Powwow Pond	S. Mirick, J. Anderson, R. Bickford
Horned Grebe				
03-17	57		NH coast	S. Mirick
04-16	2	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	R. Suomala
04-16	13	Lebanon	above Wilder Dam	D. Lacy
04-23	50	Auburn	Lake Massabesic	G. Mitchell
04-24	3	Franklin	Webster Lake	K. Elkins, E. Smith
04-24	6	Concord	Terrill Pk., Merrimack R.	R. Suomala, J. Chapin, M. Johnson

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Horned Grebe (continued)				
04-24	115	Hopkinton	Elm Brook pool & across Rt. 202	T. Richards
04-24	34	Concord	Turkey, Turtle, & Horseshoe Ponds and South End Marsh	T. Richards
04-24	4	New London	Pleasant Lake	R. Vernon
04-28	10	Bristol	Newfound Lake, West Shore Rd.	J. & R. Carreaux
Red-necked Grebe				
03-17	82		NH coast	S. Mirick
04-16	14	Enfield	Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
04-23	70	Auburn	Massabesic Lake	G. Mitchell
04-24	5	Concord	Sugarball, Merrimack R. at Fort Eddy boat launch	R. Suomala, J. Chapin, M. Johnson
04-24	6	Franklin	Webster Lake	K. Elkins
04-24	12	Concord	Terrill Park, Merrimack R.	R. Suomala, J. Chapin, M. Johnson
04-24	25	Concord	Turkey, Turtle, & Horseshoe Ponds and South End Marsh	T. Richards
04-24	82	Hopkinton	Elm Brook pool & across Rt. 202	T. Richards
05-19	3	Rye	off Rt. 1A	S. Mirick, I. MacLeod, G. Robbins
American White Pelican				
05-01	1	Newmarket	Great Bay	D. Fotiades
Great Cormorant				
03-11	38		NH coast	A. & B. Delorey
04-04	1	Exeter	over Philips Exeter Academy fields	R. Aaronian
04-15	1	Enfield	Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
05-19	1	Webster	Walker Rd.	B. Janeway
Double-crested Cormorant				
03-29	1	Manchester	Merrimack River	G. Mitchell
04-12	1	Exeter	Squamscott River	D. Abbott
04-23	70	Littleton	Samuel Moore Dam	B. Bradley
04-24	16	Concord	Little Turkey Pond	T. Richards
04-24	15	Stewartstown	field above Little Horseshoe Pond	D. & B. Killam
04-24	125	Monroe	Connecticut River	E. Emery, P. Powers
American Bittern				
04-03	1	Bow	Bow Center Rd.	P. Morrow
04-18	2	Hebron	Newfound Lake at Hebron Marsh	C. Martin
04-22	2	Dummer	Pontook Marsh	J. Brown, P. Emery
04-23	2	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	R. Suomala, J. Kanter
05-05	2	Rumney	Quincy Bog	C. & A. Ports, G. von Marschall
Great Egret				
03-28	1	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	R. Hughes
04-25	1	Hampton	Hampton Marsh	M. Suomala
04-28	1	Rye	Rt. 1A marsh n. of Little Boar's Head	D. Donsker

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Snowy Egret

04-09	2	Rye	Rt. 1A s. of Odiome Pt.	S. Mirick
04-13	1	Durham	Adams Pt.	D. Strong
04-13	1	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	D. Abbott
04-25	42		NH coast	M. Suomala

Little Blue Heron

04-21	1	Newington	Great Bay NWR	R. & M. Suomala
04-25	2	Rye	pools s. of Rye Harbor	M. Suomala
04-28	1	Rye	Rt. 1A marsh across from Wallis Sands	D. Donsker
05-02	1	Rye	Rye Harbor marsh	D. Abbott

Cattle Egret

04-24	1	Durham	Rt. 155A fields	S. Mirick, M. Medeiros
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Green Heron

04-30	1	Nashua	Clovercrest Dr.	B. & M. Harris
05-01	1	Nashua	Upper Nashua Canal near Mines Falls	B. & M. Harris
05-02	3	Exeter	Nelson Dr.	R. Aaronian

Black-crowned Night-Heron

04-22	1	Keene	Tenant Swamp, jct. of Rts. 9, 10, 12	M. Wright
05-07	1	Hampton	Hampton Marsh	M. Suomala

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

04-27	1	Hampton	Esker Rd.	P. Lacourse, J. Denio, K. Clark
05-19	1	Hampton	residential area	S. Mirick, I. MacLeod, G. Robbins

Glossy Ibis

04-18	11	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	R. Balerviez
04-28	20	N. Hampton	Rt. 1A marshes	D. Donsker
04-28	85	Greenland	Newington Rd.	S. Mirick, P. Lacourse
05-02	33	Hampton	Hampton Marsh	D. Abbott



Glossy Ibis
by Iain MacLeod

Waterfowl

Perhaps because of cold March temperatures, many species of waterfowl arrived slightly late this spring, including Wood Duck, Blue-winged Teal, and American Wigeon. Rarities included an unprecedented total of 16 Gadwall, a Harlequin Duck on Great Bay, and four Northern Shovelers. Ring-necked Ducks continue to be one of the most common species of waterfowl in spring; note especially the progression in numbers at Powwow Pond in Kingston. On May 24, observers noted a flock of Brant and two flocks of scoters migrating north over Durham at dusk.

The same weather that grounded the grebes in April also affected several species of bay and sea ducks. Totals for April 23 and 24 include 72 Greater Scaup (this total includes those reported as "scaup species"), 32 inland Oldsquaw, and over 300 Bufflehead. Scoters and Oldsquaw were also grounded in small numbers during the May fallout.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Snow Goose				
03-16	4	Newmarket	Moody Pt.	A. & B. Delorey
03-25	1	Charlestown	Connecticut River	P. Hunt, L. Bunten, D. Crook
03-28	11	Sandwich	Whiteface Intervale	T. Vazzano
04-06	76	Walpole	Connecticut River	P. Hunt, L. Bunten, Mascoma Chapter FT
04-13	10	Concord	Fort Eddy Rd. boat ramp	R. Quinn
Brant				
03-17	8	Rye	near Concord Pt.	S. Mirick
04-09	2	Rye	pools s. of Odiorne Pt.	S. Mirick
04-12	5	N. Hampton	State Beach	D. Abbott
05-20	32	Rye	offshore from Church Rd.	D. Donsker
05-24	75	Durham	overhead, Packers Falls Rd.	P. Hunt, S. Mirick, M. Suomala
05-24	4	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	P. Hunt, S. Mirick, D. & A. Strong, M. Suomala
05-24	60	Rye	Seal Rocks	D. & A. Strong
Canada Goose				
03-18	60	Kingston	Powwow Pond	K. Folsom
03-25	150	Charlestown	Connecticut River	P. Hunt, L. Bunten, D. Crook
03-25	250	Walpole	Connecticut River	P. Hunt, L. Bunten, D. Crook
03-26	54	Jaffrey	Red Dam, Contoocook R.	B. Elliott
03-26	66	Rindge	Contoocook Marsh	B. Elliott
04-02	300	Dover	Salmon Falls River	R. Quinn
04-06	450	Walpole	Connecticut River	P. Hunt, L. Bunten, Mascoma Chapter FT
Wood Duck				
03-03	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
03-23	3	Pittsfield	Suncook River	A. Robbins
03-25	20	Claremont	Connecticut R. boat launch	P. Hunt, L. Bunten, D. Crook
03-31	20	Dublin	Mud Pond	B. Elliott
04-06	45	Concord	Goodwin Pt.	R. Quinn, ASNH FT
04-10	40	Lyme	River Rd.	D. Crook



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Green-winged Teal				
03-25	2	Claremont	Connecticut R. boat launch	P. Hunt, L. Bunten, D. Crook
03-26	8	Durham	Rt. 155A field	C. Martin
03-26	12	Haverhill	Connecticut River	B. Bradley
03-27	28	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	S. Mirick
04-05	61	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	S. Mirick, J. Anderson
04-15	50	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	D. Abbott
04-23	63	Rye	Little Harbor off Odiorne Pt.	P. Newbern
05-11	4	Enfield	Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
05-11	6	Durham	Great Bay	S. Mirick, J. Matthews
American Black Duck				
03-06	90	Haverhill	Connecticut River	B. Bradley
03-27	160	Haverhill	Connecticut River	B. Bradley
Northern Pintail				
03-26	2	Durham	Rt. 155A field	C. Martin
03-26	3	Haverhill	Connecticut R., N. Haverhill	B. Bradley
03-31	1	Concord	Turtle Pond	K. Elkins
03-31	3	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	S. Mirick
04-01	4	Rindge	Contoocook Marsh	B. Elliott
04-06	5	Concord	Goodwin Pt.	R. Quinn, ASNH FT
Blue-winged Teal				
04-06	1	Concord	Goodwin Pt.	R. Quinn, ASNH FT
04-21	4	Concord	Morrill's fields, Penacook	C. Foss, H. Nevers
04-25	2	Haverhill	Bedell Bridge St. Pk.	A. Mudge
05-15	2	Durham	Rt. 108	S. Mirick
05-27	2	Orford	Connecticut R. backwater	L. Bunten
Northern Shoveler				
04-14	3	Lebanon	above Wilder Dam	D. Crook
05-01	1	Monroe	Connecticut River	E. Emery, P. Powers
Gadwall				
03-17	1	Greenland	off Meloon Rd.	S. Mirick
04-20	3	Greenland	Great Bay	S. Mirick, M. Medeiros, R. Bickford
04-23	5	Hopkinton	Elm Brook Pool	T. Richards
04-23	1	Manchester	Massabesic Lake	G. Mitchell
04-24	4	Franklin	Webster Lake	K. Elkins
05-02	2	Exeter	Nelson Dr., Exeter R.	R. Aaronian
American Wigeon				
03-10	10	Durham	Adams Pt.	A. & B. Delorey
03-27	1	Laconia	Lake Winnisquam, Shore Dr.	H. Anderson
03-30	22		Great Bay	A. & B. Delorey
04-05	32	Greenland	from Sunset Landing	S. Mirick, J. Anderson
04-06	4	Walpole	Connecticut R.	P. Hunt, L. Bunten, Mascoma Chapter FT
04-21	4	Concord	Morrill's fields, Penacook	C. Foss, H. Nevers
Canvasback				
03-01	2	Newmarket	Great Bay	G. Mitchell
03-10	6	Durham	Adams Pt.	A. & B. Delorey

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Ring-necked Duck				
03-15	2	Auburn	Clairs Landing, Lake Massabesic	G. Mitchell
03-18	30	Kingston	Powwow Pond	K. Folsom
03-25	18	Charlestown	Connecticut River	P. Hunt, L. Bunten, D. Crook
03-28	50	Newington	Stubbs Pond, Great Bay NWR	M. Suomala
03-30	280	Kingston	Powwow Pond	A. & B. Delorey
04-02	83	Northwood	Northwood Lake	R. Quinn
04-04	59	Jaffrey	Red Dam, Contoocook R.	B. Elliott
04-06	75	Charlestown	Connecticut R. boat launch	P. Hunt, L. Bunten, Mascoma Chapter FT
04-13	120	Kingston	Powwow Pond	S. Mirick, J. Anderson, R. Bickford
04-18	30	Kingston	Powwow Pond	R. Balerviez
04-19	48	Hopkinton	Elm Brook Pk.	P. Hunt
04-27	38	Littleton	Samuel Moore Dam	B. Bradley
05-04	40	Errol	Leonard Marsh, Lake Umbagog	M. & R. Suomala, C. Martin
05-18	2	Enfield	George Pond	P. Hunt, D. Crook
Greater Scaup				
03-11	2100	Durham	Adams Pt.	A. & B. Delorey
03-17	1100	Greenland	off Meloon Rd.	S. Mirick
04-13	300	Greenland	Great Bay from Sunset Landing	S. Mirick, J. Anderson, R. Bickford
04-23	9	Auburn	Massabesic Lake	G. Mitchell
04-24	18	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	M. Suomala
04-24	10	Enfield	Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
Lesser Scaup				
04-06	1	Walpole	Connecticut R.	P. Hunt, L. Bunten, Mascoma Chapter FT
04-06	2	Charlestown	Connecticut R. boat launch	P. Hunt, L. Bunten, Mascoma Chapter FT
04-09	4	Northwood	Northwood Lake	R. Quinn
04-15	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	D. & T. Donsker
04-20	4	Kingston	Powwow Pond	S. Mirick, M. Medeiros, R. Bickford
04-22	7	Errol	boat landing n. of Errol Dam	J. Brown, P. Emery
04-23	14	Dover	from Cedar Pt.	S. Mirick
04-24	6	Stewartstown	Connecticut R. backwaters	D. & B. Killam
05-11	1	Whitefield	Rt. 142 pond	S. & M. Turner
Harlequin Duck				
05-11	1	Stratham	Great Bay from Sandy Pt. Discovery Center	P. Lacourse
Oldsquaw				
03-11	114		NH coast	A. & B. Delorey
04-24	8	Franklin	Webster Lake	K. Elkins
04-24	4	Enfield	Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
04-24	12	Concord	Turkey Pond	T. Richards
04-24	7	Littleton	Samuel Moore Dam	B. Bradley
04-24	1	Dummer	Magill Bay, Androscoggin R.	C. Foss
05-08	3	Alton	Alton Bay	G. Gavutis
05-19	25	Errol	Lake Umbagog	C. Martin

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Black Scoter

03-17	71	Hampton	off Hampton beaches	S. Mirick
05-19	2	Errol	Lake Umbagog	C. Martin

Surf Scoter

05-11	8	Enfield	Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
05-11	3	Warren	Oliverian Pond	S. & M. Turner

White-winged Scoter

04-24	2	Concord	Turtle Pond	T. Richards
04-24	2	Hopkinton	Elm Brook Pool	T. Richards
04-24	6	Enfield	Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
05-11	2	Enfield	Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
05-11	1	Springfield	McDaniel's Marsh	P. Hunt
05-11	14	Monroe	Comerford Reservoir	S. & M. Turner
05-12	6	Newmarket	Great Bay	S. Mirick
05-19	6	Errol	Lake Umbagog	C. Martin
05-20	3	Springfield	McDaniel's Marsh	P. Hunt
05-20	3	Orford	Upper Baker Pond	S. Thomson
05-22	1	Jefferson	Little Cherry Pond	P. Hunt

Scoter sp.

05-24	300	Durham	overhead, Packer's Falls Rd.	P. Hunt, S. Mirick, M. Suomala
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Common Goldeneye

03-17	130		NH coast	S. Mirick
04-02	50	Errol	Rt. 16 below Errol Dam	K. Dube
04-11	45	Dover	Salmon Falls R.	S. Mirick
05-24	1	Rye	Eel Pond	D. & A. Strong

Barrow's Goldeneye

03-17	2	Stratham	off Depot Rd.	S. Mirick, R. Frechette
03-17	1	Greenland	off Meloon Rd.	S. Mirick, R. Frechette
04-02	2	Errol	Rt. 16 below Errol Dam	K. Dube

Bufflehead

03-14	1	Plainfield	River Rd.	P. Hunt, Mascoma Chapter FT
04-03	10	Concord	Turtle Pond	P. Hunt, M. Suomala
04-11	31	Dover	Salmon Falls R.	S. Mirick
04-23	80	Hopkinton	Elm Brook Pool & across Rt. 202	T. Richards
04-23	110	Auburn	Massabesic Lake	G. Mitchell
04-24	20	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	R. Suomala, J. Chapin, M. Johnson
04-24	12	Concord	South End Marsh	M. Suomala
04-24	40	Franklin	Webster Lake	K. Elkins
04-24	16	New London	Pleasant Lake	R. Vernon
05-01	38	Concord	Turkey Pond	R. Vernon, K. Elkins
05-06	1	Lebanon	Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt



Diurnal Raptors

The cold and rainy spring put a damper on hawk migration, with almost no major movements reported. The only exception was a small movement of Broad-winged Hawks and American Kestrels on April 20 and 21. Total reports of the rarer raptors (Osprey, Bald Eagle, Northern Harrier, Cooper's Hawk, Northern Goshawk, and Red-shouldered Hawk) were similar to those of previous years, and these species have been omitted from the listings in the interest of space. Mid-March marked the last reports of wintering Peregrine Falcons in Manchester and Dover and the first reports at traditional nesting cliffs in the north.

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Turkey Vulture				
03-01	1	Durham	UNH campus	D. Strong
03-01	1	Merrimack	Everett Tpk., Exit 11	D. Tukey
03-03	1	Dover	6th St.	S. Mirick
03-04	1	S. Hampton	Rt. 150, CP Lumber	S. Drew
05-18	2	Pittsburg	Coon Brook Bog Rd.	C. Martin
Osprey				
03-29	1	Stratham	Great Bay from Sandy Pt.	G. Mitchell
03-30	1	Newmarket	Lubberland Creek	A. & B. Delorey
04-03	1	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	J. Romano, S. Walker
04-09	1	Pittsfield	Tilton Hill Rd.	A. Robbins
05-04	14	Errol	Lake Umbagog NWR	M. & R. Suomala, C. Martin
Northern Harrier				
03-17	1	Rye	salt marshes	S. Mirick
03-26	1	Portsmouth	Piscataqua R. at Rt. 95 bridge	C. Martin, D. Hughes
03-29	1	Sunapee	Rt. 103, Wendell Flat	P. Newbern
04-06	1	N. Hampton	Rt. 111, near Rt. 95	D. Donsker
04-06	2	Sutton	Chadwick Meadows & Cascade Marsh	P. Newbern
05-24	1	Seabrook	Seabrook marshes	P. Hunt, S. Mirick, M. Suomala
05-26	1	Haverhill	Bedell Bridge	A. Mudge, et al.
Red-shouldered Hawk				
03-20	1	Kensington	Cottage Hill	G. Gavutis
04-13	1	Brookfield	off Mountain Rd.	D. Abbott
04-14	1	Orford	Reed's Marsh	D. Crook
Broad-winged Hawk				
04-20	10	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	M. & R. Suomala, P. Hunt.
04-21	10	Hopkinton	residence	T. & B. Richards
American Kestrel				
04-20	2	Nashua	Clovercrest Dr.	B. & M. Harris
04-20	6	Mont Vernon	residence	M. Suomala, P. Hunt
Merlin				
03-06	1	N. Hampton	residence	T. Donsker
04-20	1	Newbury	Stoney Brook WS	C. Martin
04-26	2	Errol	Long Pond	C. Martin
05-07	1	Stratham	River Rd.	D. Abbott
05-13	1	Weare	Rt. 77, Sugar Hill Rd. jct.	D. Strong
05-24	1	Hampton	Rt. 101E	P. Hunt, S. Mirick, M. Suomala

Turkey through Terns

A Wild Turkey in Berlin was well north of the species' core range, indicating its continued expansion in the state. Rails were well-reported for a second year in a row, and this year included two sightings of the rare Common Moorhen. Two Sandhill Cranes were seen migrating high over Portsmouth in late March.

After years of insufficient reporting, coastal shorebirds gave birders something to write about this spring. On Memorial Day weekend, hundreds of plovers and sandpipers were tallied at the mussel beds in Hampton Harbor. Most of the birds were Black-bellied and Semipalmated Plovers, Least and Semipalmated Sandpipers, Dunlin, and Short-billed Dowitchers. The total for Short-billed Dowitcher alone eclipses last spring's totals for *all* shorebirds combined! It is not clear why these species occurred in such high numbers, since the weather leading up to the fallout was unremarkable.

Several species of shorebirds occurred inland during the mid-May fallout, but none attracted more attention than the Solitary Sandpiper. Between May 11 and 20, 134 individuals of this species were reported, including some definitely non-solitary ones!

Also in the fallout were inland Bonaparte's Gulls, Common and Arctic Terns, and at least 17 Black Terns. The latter is more than the combined spring totals for the last 13 years. After last fall's influx, it was not surprising that a Little Gull appeared among the Bonaparte's Gulls along the coast this May. Lesser Black-backed Gulls were reported from Manchester and Great Bay, and a third from the coast is still awaiting review by the Rare Birds Committee. A Caspian Tern at the end of April was also unusual, as this species is more likely in the fall.

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Wild Turkey				
03-03	70	Plainfield	River Rd.	D. Crook
04-02	14	Westmoreland	River Rd., Cheshire County Cemetery	R. Ritz
05-23	1	Berlin	mile 6, Kilkenny Loop Rd., WMNF	S. Hale & D. Felch
Virginia Rail				
04-27	1	Durham	off Mast Rd.	S. Mirick, J. Matthews
05-04	2	Greenland	Stratham Ln.	A. & B. Delorey
05-15	1	Portsmouth	marsh near Portsmouth Hospital	S. Mirick
05-17	1	Dummer	Pontook Reservoir	C. Martin
05-18	2	Enfield	George Pond	P. Hunt, D. Crook
05-31	2	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	P. Newbern
Sora				
04-28	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick, P. Lacourse
05-15	1	Portsmouth	marsh near Portsmouth Hospital	S. Mirick
05-26	5	Hopkinton	Chase WS marsh	D. & J. Strong
Common Moorhen				
05-04	1	Errol	Leonard Marsh, Lake Umbagog	M. & R. Suomala, C. Martin
05-24	1	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	D. & A. Strong



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American Coot				
04-13	1	Kingston	Powwow Pond	S. Mirick, J. Anderson, R. Bickford
04-23	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	R. Suomala, J. Kanter
05-11	1	Hollis	Beaver Brook	R. Andrews, et al.
Sandhill Crane				
03-26	2	Portsmouth	Piscataqua R. near Albacore Pk.	C. Martin, D. Hughes
Black-bellied Plover				
05-20	40	Rye	Little Harbor	D. Donsker
05-24	300	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	P. Hunt, S. Mirick, M. Suomala
05-25	1	Concord	E. Concord field	K. Elkins
Semipalmated Plover				
05-19	2	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	D. & A. Strong
05-20	100	Seabrook	Rt. 286 pools	P. Hunt
05-21	3	Sutton	Country Club of NH	H. Anderson
05-24	600	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor and inlet	S. Mirick, P. Hunt, M. Suomala
Killdeer				
03-16	1	Portsmouth	Urban Forestry Center	J. Kegley
03-17	1	Hampton	Island Path	D. Abbott, T. Hall
03-17	1	Rye	Ragged Neck	D. Abbott, T. Hall
Greater Yellowlegs				
03-30	3	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	A. & B. Delorey
04-08	2	Stratham	Chapmans Landing marsh	D. Abbott
04-18	5	Hampton	off Rt. 101	A. Aaronian
04-21	1	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	D. Strong
04-30	20	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	J. Romano, S. Walker
05-04	47		Great Bay	A. & B. Delorey
05-13	9	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	M. Suomala
Lesser Yellowlegs				
05-02	1	Hampton	Henrys Pool	D. Abbott
05-12	3	Durham	Adams Pt.	S. Mirick, J. Anderson
05-13	1	Concord	cornfield behind Post Office	T. Richards
Solitary Sandpiper				
04-25	1	Durham	Rt. 155A fields	S. Mirick
05-11	3	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	M. Suomala, A. Borrer, ASNH FT
05-11	4	Durham	Longmarsh Rd.	P. Lacourse
05-12	7	Haverhill	Bedell Bridge St. Pk.	R. & M. Suomala
05-12	37	Canterbury	opposite sod farm	R. & M. Suomala
05-13	14	Hopkinton	Elm Brook Pk. & other locations	T. Richards
05-13	26	Concord	E. Concord & Post Office fields	T. Richards
05-18	9	Enfield	various locations	P. Hunt, D. Crook
05-24	1	Durham	Rt. 155 fields	P. Hunt, S. Mirick, M. Suomala
Spotted Sandpiper				
04-23	2	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	R. Suomala, J. Kanter
04-25	1	Concord	Terrill Pk.	R. Suomala
05-04	1	Monroe	Connecticut R.	S. & M. Turner, E. Emery
05-05	1	Amherst	Souhegan R. near Milford	M. & R. Suomala
05-13	19	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	M. Suomala

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Upland Sandpiper				
04-21	6	Newington	Pease Airfield runways, n. end	R. & M. Suomala
05-01	1	Stratham	Stuart Farm	J. & L. Merrill
05-15	12	Newington	Pease International Tradeport	S. Mirick
Ruddy Turnstone				
05-24	2	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	P. Hunt, S. Mirick, M. Suomala
Red Knot				
05-24	1	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	P. Hunt, S. Mirick, M. Suomala, D. & A. Strong
Sanderling				
03-11	10	Rye	Rye Ledges	A. & B. Delorey
03-17	15	Rye	Jeness Beach	S. Mirick
04-18	25	Rye	beach	R. & B. Becker
Semipalmated Sandpiper				
05-24	200	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	P. Hunt, S. Mirick, M. Suomala
05-24	2	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	D. & A. Strong
Least Sandpiper				
05-02	2	Hampton	Henrys Pool	D. Abbott
05-11	5	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	P. Lacourse
05-13	120	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	M. Suomala
05-19	60	Durham	Rt. 155A fields	S. Mirick, I. MacLeod, G. Robbins
05-19	20	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	D. & A. Strong
05-24	65	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor flats	D. & A. Strong
White-rumped Sandpiper				
05-24	3	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	P. Hunt, S. Mirick, M. Suomala
Pectoral Sandpiper				
05-02	1	Hampton	Henrys Pool	D. Abbott
Purple Sandpiper				
03-13	75	Hampton	Hampton Beach St. Pk.	J. Romano, S. Walker
04-19	75	Rye	coast s. of Wallis Sands	D. Strong, J. Partridge
05-07	12	Rye	Seal Rocks	M. Suomala
05-18	45	Rye	Rt. 1A next to Wallis Sands	P. Lacourse, D. Donsker
Dunlin				
05-24	25	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor flats	D. & A. Strong
05-26	40	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	S. Mirick
Short-billed Dowitcher				
05-19	34	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	D. & A. Strong
05-24	400	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	P. Hunt, S. Mirick, M. Suomala
05-24	7	Lyman	Dodge Pond	S. & M. Turner
05-26	1000	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	S. Mirick

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Common Snipe				
03-26	1	Durham	off Mast Rd	S. Mirick
04-06	1	Claremont	Connecticut R. boat launch	P. Hunt, L. Bunten, Mascoma Chapter FT
04-09	1	Sutton	Sutton Mills village	C. Martin
04-09	41	E. Kingston	end of Sandborn Rd.	D. Abbott
04-25	10	Durham	Rt. 155A fields	S. Mirick
05-13	7	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	R. Suomala
American Woodcock				
03-14	1	Hudson	Barretts Hill residence	L. Kegley
03-20	3	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
03-20	1	Kensington	Cottage Hill	G. Gavutis
03-21	2	Walpole	Merriam Rd.	R. Ritz
04-20	8	Enfield	Bog Rd.	P. Hunt
Little Gull				
05-24	1	Rye	Seal Rocks off Rt. 1A	S. Mirick, M. Suomala, P. Hunt
Black-headed Gull				
04-12	1	Newmarket	off Bay Rd.	S. Mirick
04-14	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
Bonaparte's Gull				
04-14	1	Lebanon	above Wilder Dam	D. Crook
05-12	28	Enfield	Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
Iceland Gull				
03-03	4	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
03-04	1	Manchester	wastewater treatment plant	G. Mitchell
04-06	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
Lesser Black-backed Gull				
03-20	1	Dover	Cedar Pt. in Royall's Cove	S. Mirick
03-29	1	Manchester	Merrimack R. n. of Black Brook	G. Mitchell
04-06	1	Manchester	wastewater treatment plant	G. Mitchell
Glaucous Gull				
03-05	1	Manchester	Merrimack R. above Amoskeag Dam	G. Mitchell
03-14	1	Lebanon	landfill	P. Hunt, Mascoma Chapter FT
03-19	2	Manchester	Merrimack R.	G. Mitchell
Caspian Tern				
04-30	1	Rye	Eel Pond	J. Romano, S. Walker
Roseate Tern				
05-20	2	Rye	Ragged Neck	D. Abbott
Common Tern				
05-11	2	Enfield	Mascoma Lake	T. Butler
05-13	1	Lyman	Dodge Pond	S. & M. Turner, E. Emery, P. Powers
05-26	65	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	S. Mirick

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Arctic Tern				
05-10	3	Franconia	Joe Coffin Pond	J. McIlwaine
05-12	1	Franconia	Joe Coffin Pond parking lot	R. & C. Hogan
Least Tern				
05-20	2	Seabrook	Rt. 286 pools	P. Hunt
Black Tern				
05-01	1	Concord	Turkey Pond	R. Vernon, K. Elkins, et al.
05-10	2	Stoddard	Provence Lake	B. Kelleher
05-10	1	Washington	May Pond, Pillsbury St. Pk.	H. Golet
05-12	1	Enfield	Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
05-12	7	Littleton	Samuel Moore Dam	B. Bradley
05-14	1	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	J. McIlwaine
05-19	2	Webster	marsh between Walker & Couch Ponds	B. Janeway
05-19	1	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	S. Mirick, I. MacLeod, G. Robbins
05-22	1	Errol	Leonard Pond, Lake Umbagog	C. Lewey

Cuckoos through Woodpeckers

Barely making it into this season was the Great Gray Owl in Rochester, last seen on March 1. There were substantially fewer Northern Saw-whet Owls this spring (perhaps reflecting the less hospitable conditions for nocturnal observers). Reports of both Red-headed and Red-bellied Woodpeckers continue to increase. This year there were three of the former and a spring record of at least 18 of the latter. It will be interesting to see how many of these woodpeckers will continue into the breeding season. Most Northern Flickers were a little late, while a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker on March 31 appears to be a record early date.

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Black-billed Cuckoo				
05-18	1	E. Kingston	George St.	S. & M. Drew
05-19	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	D. Donsker
05-20	1	Pittsfield	Tilton Hill Rd.	A. Robbins
05-21	1	Kensington	Winkley Brook, Rt.107	G. Gavutis
Eastern Screech-Owl				
04-20	1	Kensington	Stumpfield Rd. residence	G. Gavutis
Great Gray Owl				
03-01	1	Rochester	near landfill	S. Drew, G. Mitchell
Northern Saw-whet Owl				
03-09	1	Manchester	Mitchell St. near cemetery	K. Seidel-Slango
03-24	1	Pittsfield	Tilton Hill Rd.	G. Robbins
04-20	1	Enfield	Bear Rd.	P. Hunt
05-14	2	Hillsboro	Fox State Forest	D. & A. Strong
05-24	1	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	P. Hunt, S. Mirick, M. Suomala

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Common Nighthawk

05-14	1	Pittsfield	Tilton Hill Rd.	A. Robbins
05-21	25	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence	G. Gavutis
05-21	1	Londonderry	South Rd.	G. Harrington
05-24	14	Durham	several locations	P. Hunt, S. Mirick, M. Suomala

Whip-poor-will

04-23	1	Canterbury	Boyce Rd.	D. Stavros
04-27	1	Tamworth	residence	J. Tewskbury
05-01	1	Milford	Federal Hill Rd. residence	R. & B. Becker
05-01	1	Rumney	Buffalo Rd.	R. Borti

Chimney Swift

04-28	4	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick, P. Lacourse
04-30	6	Laconia		R. Quinn
05-01	1	Concord	Silk Farm WS	C. Martin
05-02	1	Kensington	Cottage Hill	G. Gavutis
05-02	4	Hopkinton	over Contoocook village	L. Deming
05-09	150	Salem	Mary Queen of Peace Church	K. Folsom
05-16	40	Colebrook	over academy & library	D. Killam

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

05-03	1	Brookline		M. Neveu
05-05	1	Newmarket	Lamprey St.	P. Lacourse
05-05	1	Henniker	Shaker Hill residence	R. Hardy

Red-headed Woodpecker

04-24	1	Pembroke	Fourth Range Rd.	M. & K. York
05-19	1	Campton	residence	J. Fisher
05-25	1	Miltonborough	Moultonborough Neck Rd.	N. Baker

Red-bellied Woodpecker

03-08	1	Rochester	Blue Hills Dr.	S. Tinkham
04-25	1	Raymond	residence	D. Bateman
04-26	1	Milford	residence feeder, Boxwood Circle	J. Gross
04-29	1	E. Kingston	residence	S. Drew
05-09	1	Colebrook	residence feeder	D. Killam, A. Woodard
05-10	1	Meredith	Water St.	L. McCarthy
05-19	1	Chester	Old Sandown Rd.	B. Nash

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

03-31	1	Canaan	West Farms Rd.	L. Buntin
04-12	1	Salisbury	Mountain Rd.	L. Deming
04-13	1	Brookfield	off Mountain Rd.	D. Abbott
04-13	1	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
04-13	5	Hancock	Kings Hgwy.	M. Cadot

Northern Flicker

03-06	1	Raymond	Nancy Ln. residence	G. Mitchell
03-31	1	Pembroke	Dearborn St.	W. Goodwill
04-05	1	Exeter	Buzell Ave. near Exeter Hospital	G. Prazar
04-15	1	New London	Pingree Rd.	A. Vernon
04-15	1	Enfield	Oak Grove Cemetery	P. Hunt
04-21	28	Newington	Great Bay NWR	R. & M. Suomala, J. Kanter, L. Sommer
04-23	25	Rye	Odiorne Pt.	P. Newbern

Flycatchers through Wrens

The flycatcher migration was uneventful with the exception of Eastern Kingbirds. At least 40 kingbirds were reported during the fallout week in mid-May. Swallow arrivals and numbers were similarly normal, but note the high numbers of Tree Swallows in late April and at the start of the mid-May fallout. Fish Crows continue to establish themselves in the Merrimack River Valley, and this spring a single bird made it all the way up to Sanbornton. Observers in the southern Connecticut River Valley should be keeping their ears open for this expanding species. Finally, there was only one Carolina Wren reported this year, strong evidence that this species did not fare well over the harsh winter.

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Olive-sided Flycatcher				
05-20	1	New London	Bunker Loop Trail	R. Vernon
05-20	1	Dunbarton	Flintlock Farm Rd.	D. & J. Strong
05-21	1	Bradford	Bradford Bog	D. Kienholz
05-21	2	Cambridge	Androscoggin R.	D. & B. Killam
05-21	1	Tamworth	residence	J. Tewksbury
Eastern Wood-Pewee				
05-20	1	Hampton	Brookside Sanctuary	D. Donsker
05-20	1	Nashua	Deerhaven Dr.	R. Andrews
05-22	1	Bradford	Bog Rd.	D. Kienholz
05-28	1	Pembroke	corner of Church & 4th Range Rds.	W. Goodwill
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher				
05-21	1	Errol	Androscoggin R.	D. & B. Killam
05-22	3	Jefferson	Little Cherry Pond	P. Hunt
05-22	4	Thompson & Meserves Purchase	Caps Ridge Trail, Mt. Jefferson	P. Hunt
05-23	1	Enfield	Bog Rd.	P. Hunt
Alder Flycatcher				
05-18	1	Hollis	Beaver Brook	R. Andrews
05-20	2	Rye	Ragged Neck	D. Abbott, D. Finch
05-22	1	Keene	Krif Rd.	A. Greenwood
05-23	12	Enfield	Bog Rd.	P. Hunt
Willow Flycatcher				
05-11	1	Merrimack	Thorntons Landing	R. Andrews
05-21	4	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	D. Strong
05-23	3	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	D. Abbott
05-24	2	Durham	Packers Falls Rd. marsh	P. Hunt, S. Mirick, M. Suomala
Least Flycatcher				
04-28	2	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	A. & B. Delorey
05-05	1	Amherst	Souhegan R. floodplain near Milford	M. & R. Suomala
05-08	5	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	M. Suomala
05-11	21	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	A. & B. Delorey
05-18	40	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	D. & A. Strong

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Eastern Phoebe				
03-26	1	Durham	Adams Pt.	R. Hughes
03-27	1	Nashua	Nashua CC	R. Allard
03-27	1	Kensington	Rt 107 residence ponds	G. Gavutis
03-28	4	Newington	Great Bay NWR	M. Suomala
Great Crested Flycatcher				
04-24	1	Wentworth	Rt. 25	D. Brown
05-02	2	Kensington	Winkley Brook	G. Gavutis
05-03	5	Keene	Ashuelot River-Pk.	A. Greenwood, et al.
05-03	1	Durham	Foss Farm	S. Mirick, J. Matthews
Eastern Kingbird				
04-26	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	D. Strong
05-01	1	Kensington	residence	G. Gavutis
05-02	1	Amherst	Boston Post Rd.	R. Andrews
05-04	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	D. & T. Donsker, M. Resch
05-12	7	Wentworth	Rt. 25 field just s. of town	R. & M. Suomala
05-12	16	Durham	Rt. 155A fields	S. Mirick
05-14	9	Keene	Krif Rd.	A. Greenwood
Tree Swallow				
03-18	3	Kingston	Powwow Pond	K. Folsom
03-25	1	Westmoreland	River Rd.	R. Ritz
03-26	17	Concord	Turtle Pond	K. Elkins
04-04	35	E. Kingston	Rt. 108 pond	A. Aaronian
04-07	150	Manchester	Merrimack R.	G. Mitchell
04-17	300	Manchester	S. Concord St. boat ramp	M. Suomala
04-23	200	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	R. Suomala, J. Kanter
04-28	500	Springfield	McDaniels Marsh	P. Hunt, D. Crook
04-28	103		Lower Mascoma Lake census rt.	P. Hunt, D. Crook
04-28	150	Enfield	George Pond	P. Hunt, D. Crook
05-11	800	Springfield	McDaniels Marsh	P. Hunt
05-12	150	Littleton	Samuel Moore Dam	B. Bradley
Northern Rough-winged Swallow				
04-23	2	Rochester	Coheco R. by wastewater treatment plant	R. Suomala, J. Kanter
04-24	1	Concord	SPNHF	P. Newbern
04-25	4	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	M. Suomala
05-17	15	Springfield	McDaniels Marsh	P. Hunt, T. Butler
Bank Swallow				
04-25	1	Kensington	over Winkley Brook	G. Gavutis
04-28	1	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	P. Newbern
05-05	10	Manchester	Massabesic Lake	R. Andrews
05-25	40	Rumney	Baker R. between Rumney & Plymouth	A. Greenwood, ASNH FT

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Cliff Swallow				
04-26	3	Lebanon	Mascoma village	P. Hunt
05-01	1	Concord	Turkey Pond	E. Baron, M. Johnson, K. Palfy, R. & M. Suomala
05-04	2	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	D. & T. Donsker, M. Resch
05-17	16	Franconia	Dow Academy Apartments	J. McIlwaine
05-19	37		Lower Mascoma Lake census rt.	P. Hunt, N. Rutter

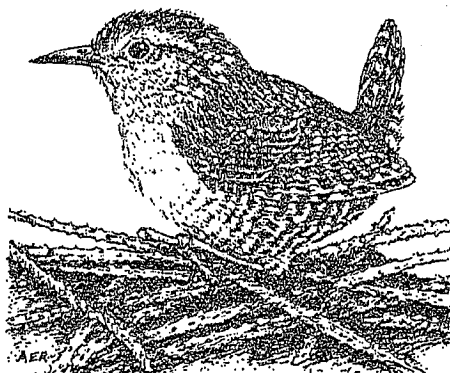
Barn Swallow				
04-21	3	Newington	Great Bay NWR	J. Kanter, L. Sommer, R. & M. Suomala
04-22	1	Milan	near Rt. 110B, W. Milan	J. Brown, P. Emery
04-23	3	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	R. Suomala, J. Kanter
04-24	1	Concord	Horseshoe Pond fields	M. Suomala

Fish Crow				
03-14	3	Durham	UNH campus	D. Strong
03-15	1	Concord	Pleasant St.	A. Stavros
03-31	2	Nashua	residence	R. & J. Allard
04-06	6	Somersworth	Willand Pond	S. Mirick
04-19	2	Sanbornton	Black Brook, w. side Winnesquam Lake	G. Gavutis
05-19	4	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	D. & A. Strong

Carolina Wren				
03-28	1	Nashua	Clovercrest Dr.	B. & M. Harris

House Wren				
04-23	1	Rye	Odiome Pt.	P. Newbern
04-23	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
04-27	1	Durham	off Mast Rd.	S. Mirick, J. Matthews
05-01	1	Nashua	Brintons Landing	R. Andrews

Winter Wren				
04-12	1	Newbury	Stoney Brook WS	C. Martin
04-19	1	Lyman	Dodge Pond	S. & M. Turner
04-20	1	Salisbury	Mountain Rd.	L. Deming
04-21	1	New London	Pingree Rd.	R. Vernon
04-25	6	Enfield	Bog Rd.	P. Hunt



Winter Wren
by Andrea Robbins

Kinglets through Vireos

There were no large numbers of Ruby-crowned Kinglets this spring, and the species tended to arrive a little late as well. Blue-gray Gnatcatchers, on the other hand, averaged slightly early. Reports of Eastern Bluebirds were down (from 100 birds to 60), and several observers commented on their lateness, leading me to suspect that they were also adversely affected by the winter cold. Thrushes and vireos were included in the mid-May fallout, although their numbers were less than those of other passerines. Arriving during the fallout period was the first of several southern species that rarely show up in New Hampshire: a White-eyed Vireo in Hollis. American Pipits are more likely to occur in large numbers in the fall, so this season's total of over 180 is remarkable. Most of them occurred, as you might have guessed, during the mid-May fallout.

Northern Mockingbirds were reported from two locations north of the notches. Brown Thrashers were a little late, with the exception of one that spent the winter at Bob Vernon's feeder in New London. This bird stayed until March 8, when it became a meal for a Northern Shrike! Speaking of shrikes, there were 18 reported this spring, not surprising considering the invasion that started in the fall of 1995. Also lingering from winter invasions were two large flocks of Bohemian Waxwings in early March.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				
04-19	3	Newbury	Stoney Brook WS	C. Martin
04-19	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
04-20	15	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	M. & R. Suomala, P. Hunt
04-25	7	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	P. Newbern
04-26	6	New London	Esther Currier WMA, Low Plain	P. Newbern
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				
04-25	1	Dover	Cocheco R. behind County Courthouse residence	R. Cook
04-27	1	Newbury		P. Newbern
04-28	4	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	S. Mirick, P. Lacourse
05-05	9	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	A. & B. Delorey
05-08	2	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	M. Suomala
05-11	3	Concord	SPNHF	R. Quinn
05-29	1	Haverhill	Bedell Bridge St. Pk.	P. Hunt
Veery				
04-28	1	Hollis	Beaver Brook Association	R. & J. Allard
05-04	1	Salisbury	Mountain Rd.	L. Deming, S. Gage
05-05	1	Mont Vernon	Black Brook s. of Francestown Tpk.	M. & R. Suomala
05-05	1	Walpole	Merriam Rd.	R. Ritz
05-11	2	Hollis	Beaver Brook	R. Andrews
05-11	5	Portsmouth	WBBX radio station	D. Abbott
05-12	3	Newbury	Stoney Brook WS	C. & C. Martin
05-13	2	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	M. Suomala
Bicknell's Thrush				
05-19	1	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	D. Donsker, M. Resch

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Swainson's Thrush				
05-11	1	Newington	Great Bay NWR	P. Lacourse
05-11	1	Portsmouth	WBBX radio station	D. Abbott
05-11	1	Hollis	Beaver Brook	R. Andrews
05-14	4	Nashua	Spitbrook Rd.	A. Delorey
05-22	3	Thompson & Meserves Purchase	Caps Ridge Trail, Mt. Jefferson	P. Hunt
Hermit Thrush				
04-18	2	Brookline	residence	M. Neveu
04-19	8	Waterville Valley	Sabbaday Falls Trail, WMNF	S. & M. Drew
04-19	1	Rye	Odorne Pt. St. Pk.	D. Strong, J. Partridge
04-21	9	Newington	Great Bay NWR	R. & M. Suomala, J. Kanter, L. Sommer
Wood Thrush				
04-22	1	Lee	elementary school, Rt. 155	R. Cook, A. Tappan
05-01	2	Kensington	Winkley Brook residence	G. Gavutis
05-01	1	Amherst	Pond Parrish Rd.	R. Andrews
05-02	1	Enfield	Rt. 4	P. Hunt
05-02	1	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
American Robin				
04-03	54	Lisbon	golf course	B. Bradley
04-03	32	Haverhill	Bedell Bridge St. Pk.	B. Bradley
04-03	86	Bath	farm field	B. Bradley
04-07	50	Mont Vernon	corner of Beech Hill Rd. & Francestown Tpk.	M. Suomala
04-07	53		Lower Mascoma Lake census rt.	P. Hunt, D. Crook
04-08	30	Londonderry	Devonshire Ln.	H. Chary
04-12	205	Weare	Rt. 77 fields near Sugar Hill Rd.	R. Suomala
04-13	175	Lebanon	Sachem Village	D. Crook
04-14	61	Mont Vernon	residence	M. & R. Suomala
04-15	45	Goffstown	Rt. 13 near Dunbarton line	R. & M. Suomala
04-16	30	Gilsum	field near recycling center	M. Wright
Gray Catbird				
05-01	1	Bow	Turkey R. near Rt. 89	M. Suomala
05-01	2	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	D. Strong
05-02	1	E. Kingston	residence	S. Drew
05-02	1	Amherst	Boston Post Rd.	R. Andrews
Northern Mockingbird				
05-22	1	Jefferson	Rt. 115A near Israel R.	P. Hunt
05-23	1	Stark	village	S. Turner
Brown Thrasher				
03-08	1	New London	Pingree Rd.	A. Vernon
04-28	1	Pembroke	Riverview-way	W. Goodwill
05-01	1	Brentwood	Pine Rd.	D. Strong
05-01	1	Nashua	Beazer East Toxic Waste Site	R. Andrews
05-02	2	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright

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American Pipit				
04-25	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	M. Suomala
05-12	75	Haverhill	Bedell Bridge St. Pk.	R. & M. Suomala
05-13	60	Weare	Rt. 77, Sugar Hill Rd. jct.	D. Strong
05-19	40	Durham	Rt. 155A fields	S. Mirick, I. MacLeod, G. Robbins
Bohemian Waxwing				
03-08	75	Pittsfield	Loudon Rd.	J. Ashley, M. Boisvert, J. Kolias
03-09	62	Rochester	Old Ox Rd. residence	R. & L. Bickford
Northern Shrike				
03-03	1	Warren	Rt. 25	A. Ports
03-11	1	Epsom	off Rt. 4 near traffic circle	S. Mirick
03-22	2	Dorchester		M. Varano
04-08	1	Hancock	Harris Center, Kings Highway	M. Cadot
04-13	1	Newmarket	Moody Pt.	A. & B. Delorey
04-21	1	Lebanon	near Mascoma Lake dam	P. Hunt
White-eyed Vireo				
05-11	1	Hollis	Beaver Brook	R. Andrews
Solitary Vireo				
04-20	1	Windham	residence	J. Romano
04-20	1	Mont Vernon	residence	M. & R. Suomala, P. Hunt
04-20	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence	G. Gavutis
04-20	1	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	M. & R. Suomala, P. Hunt
05-05	8	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	A. & B. Delorey
05-11	10	Portsmouth	WBBX radio station	D. Abbott
05-14	10	Northwood	Northwood Meadows St. Pk.	R. Quinn
05-19	2	Enfield	Lower Mascoma Lake census rt.	P. Hunt, N. Rutter
Yellow-throated Vireo				
05-07	2	Derry	Ballard Marsh	A. Delorey
05-11	7	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	A. & B. Delorey
05-11	3	Hollis	Beaver Brook	R. Andrews
05-19	2	Enfield	near Shaker Bridge	P. Hunt, N. Rutter
05-20	1	Wentworth	residence	A. Ports
Warbling Vireo				
05-05	1	Amherst	Souhegan R. near Milford	M. & R. Suomala
05-12	1	N. Hampton	Nature's Outpost Store	D. Abbott
05-14	2	Lyman	residence	S. & M. Turner
05-15	1	Wilmot	center of Wilmot Flat	R. Vernon
Philadelphia Vireo				
05-18	1	Swanzey	Franklin Mtn.	R. Frechette
05-23	3	Berlin	York Rd.	S. Hale
Red-eyed Vireo				
05-03	1	Keene	Ashuelot River Pk.	A. Greenwood, et al.
05-09	1	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	M. Suomala, A. Borrer
05-11	9	Hollis	Beaver Brook	R. Andrews
05-11	1	Portsmouth	WBBX radio station	D. Abbott

Warblers

Of the 27 species of warblers regularly reported this spring, 18 of them were included in the mid-May fallout. Most common were the following (including the total number between May 11 and 19): Northern Parula (75+), Magnolia (60+), Black-throated Blue (70+), Yellow-rumped (130+) Black-throated Green (55+), Black-and-white (70+), and Ovenbird (150+). Less common, but still more abundant than in most springs, were Tennessee, Nashville, Chestnut-sided, Cape May, Blackburnian, American Redstart, Common Yellowthroat, and Wilson's Warbler. In total, almost 1000 warblers were reported statewide during that week! A Kentucky Warbler made an appearance in Bedford during this warbler extravaganza.

Not all the warbler news came from the middle of May, however. Along with above-average numbers of Blue-winged and Golden-winged Warblers, there were several reports of hybrids between the two. Three Brewster's Warblers were reported from the southern part of the state, and a rare Lawrence's Warbler was photographed in Bradford. A pair of Pine Warblers appeared to be on territory at Lake Umbagog in late May, representing a significant northward extension of their range (next closest site in the *Atlas of Breeding Birds in New Hampshire* is near Crawford Notch). Cerulean Warblers returned to Pawtuckaway State Park this year, where a cooperative female built a nest right over the road where several observers got to see it. Two well-described Palm Warblers at a feeder on March 30 represent a record early date for the state and are especially unusual if one considers the weather conditions at the time (but then, perhaps that's why they sought out a feeder!).

date	#	town	location	observer(s)
Blue-winged Warbler				
05-02	2	Lee	Stepping Stone Rd. residence	A. Tappan
05-03	2	Kensington		R. Aaronian
05-04	1	Lee	Rt. 155	D. Strong
05-04	1	Dublin	Monadnock-Sunapee Trail	R. Andrews
05-11	1	Walpole	Scovill Rd.	R. Ritz
05-11	1	Portsmouth	WBBX radio station	D. Abbott
Golden-winged Warbler				
05-11	1	Portsmouth	WBBX radio station	D. Abbott
05-17	1	Dunbarton	Gorham Pond Rd.	D. Dunn
05-20	2	Swanzy	Keene sewage treatment plant, Ashuelot R.	R. Cook
05-21	1	Hanover	Goodfellow Rd.	P. Hunt
05-23	1	Enfield	Bog Rd.	P. Hunt
05-23	3	Durham		P. Lacourse, K. Zurek
05-27	1	Hillsboro	Fox State Park	A. Greenwood
Brewster's Warbler - hybrid				
05-04	1	Exeter	RR tracks, near wastewater treatment plant	D. & T. Donsker, M. Resch
05-27	1	Lee	w. side of Lee Hook Rd.	M. Suomala
05-31	1	Durham	Packers Falls Rd.	A. & B. Delorey

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Lawrence's Warbler - hybrid

05-15	1	Bradford	Fairgrounds Rd.	N. Whittier
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Tennessee Warbler

05-11	1	Newmarket	Lamprey St.	P. Lacourse
05-12	1	Enfield	Oak Grove Cemetery	P. Hunt
05-14	3	Nashua	Deerhaven Dr.	R. Andrews
05-16	1	Kensington		R. Aaronian
05-20	1	Hampton	Brookside	D. Donsker
05-21	2	Hanover	Dogford Rd.	P. Hunt
05-21	3	Cambridge	Androscoggin River	D. & B. Killam

Nashville Warbler

05-04	1	Dublin	Monadnock-Sunapee Trail	R. Andrews
05-08	1	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	M. Suomala
05-08	1	Brentwood		A. Woolf
05-08	1	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
05-13	9	Northwood	Northwood Meadows St. Pk.	R. Quinn
05-17	19	Enfield	Bog Rd.	P. Hunt, T. Butler

Northern Parula

05-01	1	Exeter	Gilman Pk.	D. Abbott
05-04	1	Exeter	RR tracks near wastewater treatment plant	D. & T. Donsker, M. Resch
05-09	2	Exeter	Gilman Pk.	R. Aaronian
05-09	5	Rye	Odiome Pt. St. Pk.	P. Newbern
05-11	8	Durham	Longmarsh Rd.	P. Lacourse
05-11	6	Newington	Great Bay NWR	P. Lacourse
05-11	1	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	M. Suomala, A. Borrer, ASNH FT
05-11	2	Concord	SPNHF	R. Quinn
05-11	3	Rochester	Old Ox Rd. residence	R. & L. Bickford
05-11	7	Portsmouth	WBBX radio station	D. Abbott
05-12	1	Londonderry	Devonshire Ln.	H. Chary
05-12	3		Lower Mascoma Lake census rt.	P. Hunt
05-14	7	Northwood	Northwood Meadows St. Pk.	R. Quinn
05-14	12	Durham	Foss Farm	J. Romano
05-15	15	Nashua	Spitbrook Rd.	A. Delorey

Yellow Warbler

05-01	7	Derry	Ballard Marsh	A. Delorey
05-03	1	Keene	Krif Rd.	A. Greenwood, et al.
05-03	1	Durham	off Rt. 155A	S. Mirick, J. Matthews
05-04	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	D. & T. Donsker, M. Resch
05-13	12	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	R. & M. Suomala

Chestnut-sided Warbler

05-03	1	Durham	Foss Farm	S. Mirick, J. Matthews
05-08	2	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	M. Suomala
05-09	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
05-11	2	Walpole	Scovill Rd.	R. Ritz
05-11	5	Portsmouth	WBBX radio station	D. Abbott
05-22	16	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	P. Newbern
05-23	12	Enfield	Bog Rd.	P. Hunt

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Magnolia Warbler

05-11	5	Stratham	Sandy Pt. Discovery Center	P. Lacourse
05-11	4	Windham	residence	J. Romano
05-11	5	Portsmouth	WBBX radio station	D. Abbott
05-14	8	Northwood	Northwood Meadows St. Pk.	R. Quinn
05-14	20	Durham	Foss Farm	J. Romano, S. Walker
05-15	10	Nashua	Spitbrook Rd.	A. Delorey
05-19	4	Hanover	River Rd.	A. Mudge, Mascoma Chapter FT

Cape May Warbler

05-11	4	Newmarket	Lamprey St.	P. Lacourse
05-11	2	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
05-12	2	Lebanon	Mascoma L. Campground	P. Hunt
05-12	7	Canterbury	sod farm	R.& M. Suomala
05-13	2	Concord	residence	R. Woodward
05-19	3	Lebanon	Mascoma village	P. Hunt, N. Rutter
05-19	2	Nashua	Deerhaven Dr.	R. Andrews
05-22	3	Jefferson	Cherry Pond	P. Hunt

Black-throated Blue Warbler

05-03	1	Salisbury	Mountain Rd.	S. Gage
05-05	2	Amherst	Joe English CA	M.& R. Suomala
05-05	1	Moultonborough	Unsworth Preserve	A. Groth
05-11	7	Newington	Great Bay NWR	P. Lacourse
05-11	6	Durham	Longmarsh Rd.	P. Lacourse
05-11	8	Stratham	Sandy Pt. Discovery Center	P. Lacourse
05-11	9	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	A.& B. Delorey
05-12	3	Rochester	Old Ox Rd. residence	R.& L. Bickford
05-14	10	Durham	Foss Farm	J. Romano, S. Walker
05-15	8	Nashua	Spitbrook Rd.	A. Delorey

Yellow-rumped Warbler

04-15	1	Enfield	Shaker Bridge	P. Hunt
04-20	8	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	M.& R. Suomala, P. Hunt
04-21	3	Newbury	Stoney Brook WS	C. Martin
04-25	30	Windham	Fosters Pond NA	J. Romano, S. Walker
04-25	12	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	P. Newbern
04-27	45	Hinsdale	RR tracks n. of Hinsdale Bluffs	A. Greenwood
04-28	20	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	P. Newbern
05-02	25	Enfield	Bog Rd.	P. Hunt, D. Crook
05-04	50	Moultonborough	Squam Lake	A. Groth
05-05	43		Lower Mascoma Lake census rt.	P. Hunt, D. Crook
05-11	100	Durham	Longmarsh Rd.	P. Lacourse
05-11	12	Portsmouth	WBBX radio station	D. Abbott

Black-throated Green Warbler

04-25	1	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	P. Newbern
04-28	6	Dunbarton	Mansion Rd.	D. Strong
05-02	3	Kensington	Horse Hill	G. Gavutis
05-02	4	Northwood	Northwood Meadows St. Pk.	R. Quinn
05-11	19	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	A.& B. Delorey
05-11	3	Windham	residence	J. Romano
05-14	12	Northwood	Northwood Meadows St. Pk.	R. Quinn
05-14	12	Durham	Foss Farm	J. Romano, S. Walker

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Blackburnian Warbler

05-11	2	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	M. Suomala, A. Borrer, ASNH FT
05-11	3	Windham	residence	J. Romano
05-11	2	Concord	SPNHF	R. Quinn
05-11	1	Woodstock	Elbow Pond Trail	S. & M. Turner
05-11	2	Stratham	River Rd.	D. Abbott
05-12	5	Lebanon	Mascoma L. Campground	P. Hunt
05-14	5	Nashua	Spitbrook Rd.	A. Delorey

Pine Warbler

04-19	1	Hopkinton	Elm Brook Pk.	P. Hunt
04-19	1	Hancock	residence	N. Clark
04-20	3	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	R. & M. Suomala, P. Hunt
04-21	14	Newington	Great Bay NWR	J. Kanter, L. Sommer, R. & M. Suomala
05-19	2	Errol	Metallak Is., Umbagog Lake	C. Martin

Prairie Warbler

05-04	1	Rochester	Old Ox Rd. residence	R. & L. Bickford
05-04	1	Madbury	Pudding Hill Rd.	D. Strong
05-08	1	Brentwood		A. Woolf
05-17	2	Merrimack	Budweiser Plant along RR tracks	J. & R. Allard
05-18	2	Exeter	industrial park off Epping Rd.	D. Donsker
05-31	2	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	A. & B. Delorey

Palm Warbler

03-30	2	Pembroke	Littlefield condos	W. Goodwill
04-20	3	Keene	Ashuelot River Pk.	A. Greenwood
04-20	1	Dummer	Pontook Reservoir	J. Brown, J. Ely
04-20	4	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	M. & R. Suomala, P. Hunt
04-20	2	Brookfield	off Mountain Rd.	D. Abbott
04-21	21	Newington	Great Bay NWR	J. Kanter, L. Sommer R. & M. Suomala
04-27	25	Hinsdale	RR tracks n. of Hinsdale Bluffs	A. Greenwood
04-29	8	Derry	Ballard Marsh	A. Delorey

Bay-breasted Warbler

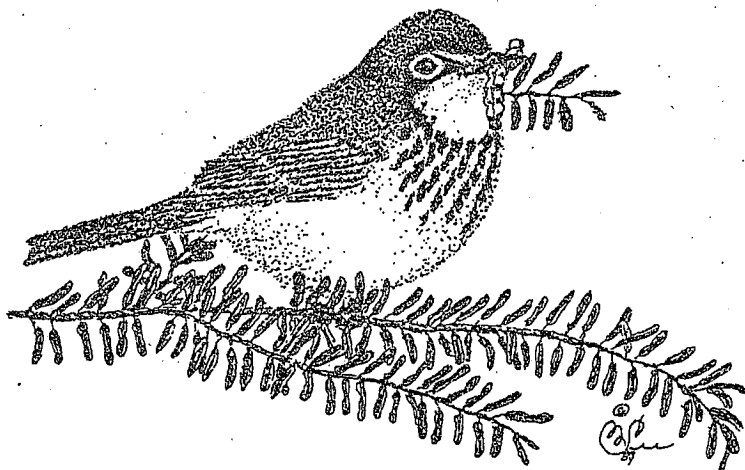
05-20	1	Hampton	Brookside, S. Hampton	D. Donsker
05-20	1	Newbury	residence	P. Newbern
05-22	1	Rochester	Old Ox Rd. residence	R. Bickford
05-26	1	Tamworth	residence	J. Tewksbury

Blackpoll Warbler

05-18	1	Rochester	Old Ox Rd. residence	R. Bickford
05-19	3		Lower Mascoma Lake census rt.	P. Hunt, N. Rutter
05-20	6	Hampton	Brookside, S. Hampton	D. Donsker
05-20	1	Moultonborough	residence	A. Groth
05-21	1	Hanover	Dogford Rd.	P. Hunt
05-22	6	Thompson & Meserves	Caps Ridge Trail, Mt. Jefferson Purchase	P. Hunt

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Cerulean Warbler				
05-11	1	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	A. & B. Delorey
05-18	3	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	D. Balerviez, D. Donsker, P. Lacourse
05-31	4	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	A. & B. Delorey
Black-and-white Warbler				
04-22	1	Salisbury	Mountain Rd.	L. Deming
04-23	1	Rye	Odiome Pt.	P. Newbern
04-23	2	Rochester	Cocheco R. near Gonic golf course	R. Suomala, J. Kanter
05-08	10	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	M. Suomala
05-11	18	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	A. & B. Delorey
05-11	15	Portsmouth	WBBX radio station	D. Abbott
05-12	10		Lower Mascoma Lake census rt.	P. Hunt
05-14	15	Northwood	Northwood Meadows	R. Quinn
American Redstart				
05-04	1	Dublin	Monadnock Trail	R. Andrews
05-11	3	Newington	Great Bay NWR	P. Lacourse
05-13	11	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	R. Suomala
05-22	16	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	P. Newbern
05-31	32	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	A. & B. Delorey
Ovenbird				
05-02	1	Strafford	Province/Caverly Rd.	J. Kanter
05-02	1	Kensington	Horse Hill	G. Gavutis
05-02	2	Newbury	Stoney Brook WS	C. Martin
05-03	1	Mont Vernon	residence	M. & R. Suomala
05-11	11	Durham	Longmarsh Rd.	P. Lacourse
05-11	55	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	A. & B. Delorey
Northern Waterthrush				
04-18	1	Warner	Joppa Rd. East	R. Cook
04-22	1	Kensington	Winkley Brook	G. Gavutis
05-02	3	Enfield	Bog Rd.	P. Hunt, D. Crook
05-02	1	Hampton	Bonair Rd.	D. Abbott
05-11	6	Durham	Longmarsh Rd.	P. Lacourse
Louisiana Waterthrush				
04-20	2	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	M. & R. Suomala, P. Hunt
04-22	1	Salisbury	Mountain Rd.	L. Deming
04-28	1	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	A. & B. Delorey
05-01	1	Brentwood	Pine Rd.	D. Strong
Kentucky Warbler				
05-11	1	Bedford	Pulpit Rd.	S. Dugan
Mourning Warbler				
05-20	1	Hancock	Kings Hgwy.	M. Cadot
05-21	1	Dunbarton	Blackbrook Rd. marsh	D. Strong
05-22	1	Berlin	York Pond Rd.	M. Suomala
05-22	2	Jefferson	Rt. 115	P. Hunt
05-24	1	Manchester	Stark Pk.	D. & A. Strong

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Common Yellowthroat				
04-25	1	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	P. Newbern
05-03	1	Keene	Krif Rd.	A. Greenwood, et al.
05-03	1	Hollis	Beaver Brook Association	R. Andrews
05-11	15	Portsmouth	WBBX radio station	D. Abbott
05-13	16	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	R. & M. Suomala
05-23	14	Enfield	Bog Rd.	P. Hunt
Wilson's Warbler				
05-11	1	Concord	SPNHF	R. Quinn
05-11	1	Portsmouth	Maple Av.	D. O'Brien
05-11	1	Portsmouth	WBBX radio station	D. Abbott
05-13	2	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	R. Suomala
05-14	1	Northwood	Northwood Meadows St. Pk.	R. Quinn
Canada Warbler				
05-14	2	Northwood	Northwood Meadows St. Pk.	R. Quinn
05-16	1	Exeter	Bell Ave. along Exeter R.	R. Aaronian
05-17	1	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	D. Strong
05-20	4	New London	Bunker Loop Trail	R. Vernon
05-20	1	Moultonborough	residence	A. Groth



Canada Warbler
by Susan Fogleman

Tanagers through Finches

Several species in this group were also major components of the May fallout. Topping the list were Scarlet Tanager (20+), Rose-breasted Grosbeak (70+), Indigo Bunting (15+), Lincoln's Sparrow (20+), White-crowned Sparrow (170+), Bobolink (200+), and Baltimore Oriole (100+). As usual, some grosbeaks and buntings arrived in late April, well before their usual arrival date. Included in the April arrivals was one of the season's four Blue Grosbeaks, another of which was part of the May fallout. Other fallout-related sightings include a breeding-plumaged Lapland Longspur on May 13 and a Summer Tanager on May 20.

Earlier in the season, there were over 50 Fox Sparrows reported, many more than in most years. Vesper Sparrows were also well-reported, with all this spring's sightings from non-traditional locations. Dark-eyed Juncos were reported in large flocks in late April, possibly associated with a slight warm spell. There were no large blackbird flocks reported this spring, although one of the smaller ones contained a Yellow-headed Blackbird. Other rarities from the west were a singing male Dickcissel in late May and the state's first Bullock's Oriole (at least since that species was split from the Northern Oriole).

Finch reports were highlighted by invaders from the previous winter. Pine Grosbeaks lingered into mid-March, while large flocks of Common Redpolls stayed through mid-April. Included in the latter were two Hoary Redpolls. Other finches were usually reported in normal or lower-than normal numbers.

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Summer Tanager				
05-20	1	Moultonborough	Yard Is., Squam Lake	A. Groth
Scarlet Tanager				
05-10	1	Sunapee		B. Burdett
05-11	2	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	M. Suomala, A. Borrer, ASNH FT
05-11	2	Milford	Federal Hill Rd. residence	R. & B. Becker
05-11	4	Rochester	Old Ox Rd. residence	R. & L. Bickford
Rose-breasted Grosbeak				
04-23	4	Keene	Hilltop Drive	A. Greenwood
04-29	2	Milford	Federal Hill Rd. residence	R. & B. Becker
05-02	2	Walpole.	Scovill Rd.	R. Ritz
05-02	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence	G. Gavutis
05-02	1	Salisbury	Mountain Rd.	L. Deming, S. Gage
05-11	5	Peterborough	Union St.	M. & R. Johnson
05-11	3	Concord	Gallen Dr.	B. Kronlund
05-11	14	Portsmouth	WBBX radio station	D. Abbott
Blue Grosbeak				
04-20	1	Hudson	Musquash Rd.	D. & S. Jurkowski
05-11	1	Londonderry	Mammoth Rd.	L., M. & A. Tate
05-26	1	Haverhill	Bedell Bridge approach road	A. Mudge
05-28	1	Wentworth	Rt. 25 residence	R. & J. Carreaux, et al.

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Indigo Bunting				
04-20	1	Londonderry		M. Ham
05-08	1	Columbia	residence	B. & D. Killam
05-09	1	Nashua	Clovercrest Dr.	B. & M. Harris
Dickcissel				
05-27	1	Amherst	Souhegan R. floodplain near Milford	M. & R. Suomala
Eastern Towhee				
04-20	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence	S. Gavutis
04-21	3	Newington	Great Bay NWR	R. & M. Suomala, J. Kanter, L. Sommer
04-22	1	Londonderry	Londonderry CC	J. Romano
04-22	1	Walpole	Scovill Rd.	R. Ritz
Chipping Sparrow				
04-18	1	Peterborough	Nichols Rd.	R. Frechette
04-20	1	Milford	Federal Hill Rd. residence	B. Becker
04-21	1	Newington	Great Bay NWR	R. & M. Suomala, J. Kanter, L. Sommer
04-21	2	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
04-21	3	Littleton		B. Bradley
Field Sparrow				
03-18	1	Rochester	Ten Rod Rd.	D. Abbott, D. Hubbard
04-06	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence	G. Gavutis
04-20	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
04-20	1	Columbia	residence	B. & D. Killam
04-21	5	Newington	Great Bay NWR	R. & M. Suomala, J. Kanter, L. Sommer
Vesper Sparrow				
04-23	1	Dover	Bellamy River WMA	R. Suomala, J. Kanter
04-27	1	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	D. & A. Strong
05-01	2	Nashua	Beazer East Toxic Waste Site, n. of Greeley Pk.	R. Andrews
05-11	1	Haverhill	Rt. 116, e. of town center	S. & M. Turner
05-18	1	Newington	Pease International Tradeport	D. & A. Strong
05-29	1	Orford	River Rd.	P. Hunt
Savannah Sparrow				
04-19	3	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	D. Donsker
04-20	12	Durham	Rt. 155A fields	D. Strong
04-22	2	Concord	Silk Farm WS	C. Martin, R. Cook
05-13	39	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	M. Suomala
Fox Sparrow				
03-18	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
03-25	4	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
03-28	6	Newington	Great Bay NWR	M. Suomala
04-04	2	Exeter	Granite St.	A. Aaronian
04-09	2	Peterborough	Union St.	M. & R. Johnson
04-15	2	N. Hampton	Woodland Rd.	D. & T. Donsker
04-17	1	Tamworth	residence	C. & J. Tewksbury

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04-19	2	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
04-27	1	Newbury	Stoney Brook WS	C. Martin
04-30	10	Kensington	Rt 107 residence	G. Gavutis
Lincoln's Sparrow				
05-11	2	Stratham	Sandy Pt. Discovery Center	P. Lacourse
05-11	3	Portsmouth	WBBX radio station	D. Abbott
05-13	4	Durham	Foss Farm	S. Mirick
05-14	3	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	R. Woodward
Swamp Sparrow				
03-28	2	Newington	Great Bay NWR	M. Suomala
04-20	1	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	M. & R. Suomala, P. Hunt
04-20	1	Mont Vernon	Horton Pond	M. Suomala
04-20	1	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	P. Newbern
04-26	10	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	P. Newbern
05-07	12	Enfield	Bog Rd.	P. Hunt, T. Butler
White-throated Sparrow				
04-18	1	Salisbury	Mountain Rd.	S. Gage
04-19	2	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
04-19	1	New London	Pingree Rd.	R. Vernon
05-11	70	Portsmouth	WBBX radio station	D. Abbott
White-crowned Sparrow				
05-03	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
05-08	1	Hopkinton	residence	J. Bohanan
05-08	1	Columbia	residence	B. & D. Killam
05-11	10	Newington	Great Bay NWR	P. Lacourse
05-11	12	Manchester	Mammoth Rd.	M. Sudak
05-12	12		Lower Mascoma Lake census rt.	P. Hunt
05-12	30		Great Bay	S. Mirick
05-13	10	Wentworth	residence	A. Ports
05-18	3	Concord	residence	R. Woodward
Dark-eyed Junco				
04-13	28	Walpole	Merriam Rd.	R. Ritz
04-16	80	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
04-18	63	Keene	Hilltop Dr.	A. Greenwood
04-19	80	Hopkinton	Elm Brook Pk.	P. Hunt
04-20	50	Newbury	Stoney Brook WS	C. Martin
Lapland Longspur				
05-13	1	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	M. Suomala
Bobolink				
05-06	1	Canterbury	Shaker Village	R. Quinn
05-09	4	Weare	South Sugar Hill Rd.	M. Suomala, A. Borrer
05-11	30	Haverhill	Rt. 116	S. & M. Turner
05-12	50	Wentworth	Rt. 25 s. of town	R. & M. Suomala
05-12	35	Lyme	River Rd.	L. Bunten
05-12	14	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge	T. Vazzano
05-13	30	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	M. Suomala
Yellow-headed Blackbird				
03-27	1	E. Kingston	George St. residence	S. Drew

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Rusty Blackbird				
03-17	3	Rochester	Ten Rod Rd.	D. Abbott, D. Hubbard
04-04	2	Exeter	Nelson Dr.	A. Aaronian
04-08	1	Pittsfield	Tilton Hill Rd.	G. Robbins
04-13	1	Concord	Turtle Pond	R. Suomala, R. Quinn
04-18	10	Keene	road behind airport	C. Foss, R. Cook
04-23	1	Salisbury	Mountain Rd.	S. Gage
05-02	1	Enfield	Bog Rd.	P. Hunt, D. Crook
05-18	2	Pittsburg	Scott Bog Rd.	C. Martin
Orchard Oriole				
05-14	1	Chester	Hillside Haven	A. & B. Delorey
05-19	1	Rye	Odiome Pt. St. Pk.	S. Mirick, G. Robbins, I. MacLeod
05-25	1	Enfield	near Shaker Bridge	P. Hunt
Baltimore Oriole				
05-01	1	Nashua	Clovercrest Dr.	B. & M. Harris
05-02	2	Strafford	Province/Caverly Rd.	J. Kanter
05-11	5	Pittsfield	Loudon Rd.	J. Ashley, J. Kolias
05-11	7	Newmarket	Lamprey St.	P. Lacourse
05-11	10	Concord	SPNHF	R. Quinn
05-13	10	Concord	residence	R. Woodward
05-14	15	Exeter	Guinen Rd. residence	R. Aaronian
05-18	11	Hudson	Barretts Hill	J. Kegley
Bullock's Oriole				
05-05	1	Pembroke	Littlefield Condominiums	W. & K. Goodwill
Pine Grosbeak				
03-03	7	Concord	Eastman St., E. Concord	S. Eaton
03-04	15	Concord	S. Concord Meadows	D. & T. Donsker
03-06	1	Tamworth	Great Hill Rd. residence	B. Steele
03-13	3	Hanover	downtown	S. Fradkin, E. Moss
03-15	1	Errol	Rt. 16, n. of Errol	K. Dube
Common Redpoll				
03-17	50	Rochester	Ten Rod Rd.	D. Abbott, D. Hubbard
03-20	100	Hancock	Kings Hgwy.	M. Cadot
03-24	100	New Boston	McCurdy Rd. residence	F. & G. Sandford
03-31	75	Sugar Hill	residence off Pearl L. Rd.	D. & A. Strong
04-02	75	Berlin	Argonne St.	K. Dube
04-06	100	Rochester	Old Ox Rd. residence	R. & L. Bickford
04-09	50	Salisbury	Mountain Rd.	L. Deming, S. Gage
04-11	75	Rochester	Salmon Falls Rd.	D. Abbott
04-14	150	Hancock	Kings Hgwy. feeder	M. Cadot
04-18	50	New London	Pingree Rd.	A. & R. Vernon
04-18	50	Lyman	Dodge Pond	S. Turner
Heary Redpoll				
04-11	1	Rochester	Salmon Falls Rd., E. Rochester	D. Abbott
04-25	1	Littleton		H. McDade
Pine Siskin				
03-14	28	Laconia	Chapin Terrace	P. Nordman
04-10	90	Nottingham	Flutter St.	R. & S. Mooney

Eastern Phoebe Found in Coastal NH (or A Big Day Saved)

by Peter Hunt

It was the evening of May 23, 1996, and Steve Mirick, Mark Suomala, and myself had just picked up a dozen doughnuts and filled Steve's thermos with coffee. You guessed it, another New Hampshire Big Day is in the works. After acquiring this critical morning fodder, we proceeded to Woodstock to crash for the night. The plan was to get up around 3:00, find a Barred Owl in Woodstock, and blast north to Cherry Pond for the serious morning birding.

Yes, folks, the nearly famous Northern Route was about to be tested in spring for the first time. The stakes were particularly high this time around, as another team had just shattered the previous record by finding 160 species the previous Sunday. Over the years, it has proved worthwhile to delay my Big Days by a week or so, if only so that I know the current number to beat! But given that this northern route can yield 141 species in mid-July, I was confident that 160 was achievable, especially if some of the goodies from last Sunday were still around.

The Barred Owls were easy in Woodstock, and we were off through Franconia Notch, where a stop for possible Great Horned Owl revealed no birds. We noticed that the wind seemed particularly strong. Hoping it was just localized "notch weather," we continued north, and found, after ticking off woodcock and snipe, that the wind had not died down all that much. This was going to make things a little difficult.

Despite the wind (at least the bugs weren't bad), most of the expected landbirds were singing as we made our way into Cherry Pond, but there were essentially no birds on the pond itself. On to Little Cherry Pond, where territorial Black-backed Woodpeckers were calling two days previously, and where we expected to pick up several other boreal species. Boreal Chickadee was a bonus, Yellow-bellied Flycatchers and Ring-necked Ducks were easy, but the woodpeckers refused to reveal themselves, even to a tape. Lincoln's Sparrows were similarly uncooperative, and we headed out of the ponds with more gaps, such as Winter Wren, than we might have hoped. A check at a back-up Lincoln's Sparrow spot netted us hummingbird, and, thanks to Mark's wandering a ways down the road, a non-singing Lincoln's Sparrow. But our hopes were deflated once again when there were no Mourning Warblers in a clear cut where they had been during scouting. It was probably the wind.

At this point in previous northern Big Days, our intrepid heroes have had the audacity to climb part of the way up Mount Jefferson in search of Bicknell's Thrush. This time, however, there were none there while scouting, so we headed straight for Trudeau Road, a back-up Black-backed Woodpecker spot. It was not there, of course, although we did add Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Pine Siskin, Swainson's Thrush, and, at last, a Winter Wren.

We were off back south through the notch, where a brief Peregrine Falcon scan revealed nothing but Common Mergansers and a black bear grazing on a ski slope. As we left the mountains, Mark posited the idea of hitting a second Peregrine spot that was

slightly off the route, and after much hemming and hawing, we opted instead to get to the southern part of the state sooner. On the way we picked up Purple Martin at 40 mph.

Given the state of affairs at Pawtuckaway State Park, we realized that we should have gone after the Peregrines. Things were dead quiet for the most part, although we did manage to pick up most of the expected species. Most frustrating, however, was the absence of Cerulean Warbler. A nest had been found the previous weekend, and we watched it for some time in hopes that one of the birds would show up. They didn't, and we left Pawtuckaway with only 105 species. Needless to say, our spirits were not high, and 161 seemed astronomically far away. To put things in perspective, it was 1:30 and we had yet to find an Eastern Phoebe, Downy Woodpecker, Wood Thrush, House Wren, or Eastern Bluebird.

On the way to the coast, a side trip into Exeter finished off our sweep of the swallows but failed to turn up a Willow Flycatcher or Marsh Wren. Things were certainly not improving as we inched our way east. There were no shorebirds at Landing Road in Hampton, and we began to fear that our decision to skip low tide—which had been way back at 11:00 anyway—had doomed us. The species total was now hovering around 120, far from a record-breaking pace (and we were still missing a phoebe).

And then it happened. We pulled over to scan the mostly wet Hampton Harbor and saw literally hundreds of shorebirds on the far shore. Many were Black-bellied Plovers, but Steve thought many also looked "interesting" (meaning they might have been something good, such as knots). Thoughts of the Big Day were actually temporarily put on hold (gasp!) as we considered heading over to the other side of the harbor and walking in to the shorebirds. After all, we were still well below the record at 3:30 (and, of course, hadn't found a phoebe).

As we started to round the harbor, we turned down a side road that took us closer to the shorebirds. Standing around scanning the marshes, we saw more and more birds fly into view as the incoming tide set them aloft. In about half an hour of watching, we picked up essentially every species we could have expected, and even some we couldn't have. Included in the list were a Red Knot, Dunlin, a few Ruddy Turnstones, and literally hundreds of Black-bellied and Semipalmated Plovers, Semipalmated Sandpipers, and Short-billed Dowitchers. We all agreed this was the best spring shorebirding we had ever had in New Hampshire, and the Big Day was back on track.

Scattered stops elsewhere along the southern part of the coast yielded Salt Marsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow and Red-throated Loon, but not the staked-out Least Tern and Yellow-crowned Night-Heron. By the time we reached Rye, we had also added most of the sea ducks and Purple Sandpiper. Then, while scanning through a large flock of Bonaparte's Gulls, we found our first rarity of the day, an immature Little Gull. We tore ourselves away and headed inland. It was almost 6:00 and, you guessed it, we still didn't have a phoebe.

On the way to Durham, Sora, Virginia Rail, Upland Sandpiper, Horned Lark, and (finally) Field Sparrow fell in quick succession, and things were looking better. We felt competitive, despite the lack of you-know-who. And then the mad-scramble phase of the Big Day began. We pulled into Durham, and in quick succession, visited spots for Fish Crow, House Wren, Solitary Sandpiper, Pine Warbler, and Carolina Wren. We got

all but the latter, and at the same time picked up some notable rarities: Wood Thrush, White-breasted Nuthatch, Downy Woodpecker, and *Eastern Phoebe*.

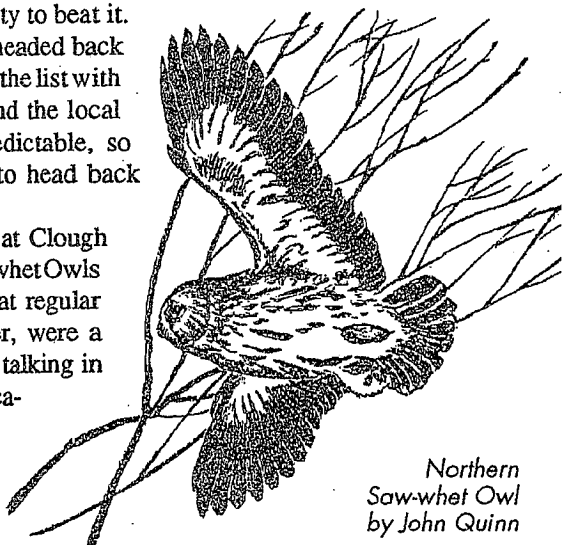
We suddenly realized that, in the space of half an hour, we had recouped essentially all of our previous losses—beating the record had become a definite possibility. The next stop, for Blue-winged Warbler, was silent (after all, it was almost 8:00!), and we headed south for an easy Osprey. Along Route 108, Steve saw a large bird flying over the distant treeline. Hoping for Osprey, we stopped, only to identify it as a Great Blue Heron. But while watching it, a real Osprey appeared, along with several Common Nighthawks. We had bought a few minutes more daylight. Those minutes were spent finding an Eastern Bluebird, then beating the bushes, successfully, at another Blue-winged Warbler spot. Time to look for nightbirds.

Another Virginia Rail called along Longmarsh Road, but the excitement there centered on a Pied-billed Grebe, Steve's first for that location. In a less aesthetic sense, the grebe bought us a half hour by removing the need to drive to Cascade Marsh by midnight. Onward to a marsh along Packer's Falls Road. Along the way, however, we saw a flock of waterfowl flying north in the distance. Stopping to scope them out, we found they were scoters, including some obvious white-wingeds. If only Black Scoters were identifiable at night when a couple of miles away! After two flocks of roughly 150 scoters each, we were treated to a flock of 75 or so Brant. Along with the shorebirds, this was certainly the avian spectacle of the day.

Once we reached the marsh, Marsh Wrens were easy, and shortly thereafter, a long-forgotten Willow Flycatcher began to sing, and kept singing, until we left at 8:45. Where were they during the day? The light almost gone, a pair of Great Horned Owls began calling in the distance, and my repeated scanning of the marsh finally paid off: a brief glimpse of an American Bittern moving through the cattails.

At this point, a gas station tally revealed 160 species. We had tied the record, and with a least one supposedly guaranteed species left to go, we were confident in our ability to beat it. But first, since we had the time, we headed back towards the coast in an attempt to pad the list with a screech-owl. It was still windy, and the local screech-owls are notoriously unpredictable, so the list remained unpadded. Time to head back inland.

Roughly an hour later, we were at Clough State Park, tooting for Northern Saw-whet Owls and playing a Whip-poor-will tape at regular intervals. The only sounds, however, were a Great Horned Owl and some people talking in the distance. There was also no indication of any nocturnal passerine flight. What were we to do? The owl was supposedly a given, and Whip-poor-wills are common at Clough. Mark



Northern
Saw-whet Owl
by John Quinn

knew of another Whip-poor-will spot at the opposite side of the park, but just before we got into the car, we heard one calling faintly in the distance. 161! We had done it!

Rather than driving across the park, we went a short distance down the road and tried for the owl again. Almost immediately, it responded vocally and soon made two brief excursions over the road to give us 162, not to mention a much more satisfying last bird of the day.

The record was ours: an owl at either end and 160 species in the middle. Against all odds (particularly the deadness at Pawtuckaway and disfavor of the phoebe gods), we had beaten the newly established record with species to spare. Our only rarity was the Little Gull, our main misses were Brown Creeper, Black-backed Woodpecker, and Cerulean Warbler, and with a little better timing we could have added things like Peregrine Falcon and Red-bellied Woodpecker. We were back at my house by 12:30 am, and while drifting off to sleep I mentally counted up the list. In the process, I had a suspicion that I had failed to check off Red-throated Loon, but was too close to unconsciousness to bother checking at the time. I checked first thing in the morning, however (6:00, if you believe it!), and confirmed my suspicions. The old record had fallen with the bittern at Packer's Falls Marsh, and our final tally stood firmly at 163. Next stop 170.

Birding Ethics

by Alan Delorey

From time to time we all need a reminder about proper birding etiquette. There are numerous cases where poor behavior has cost birders access to some fine birding areas. We want to be careful not to let this happen in New Hampshire.

We all need to be very cautious about taking other people, especially large groups, into areas that are not public property and not really open to public recreation. These places include golf courses, waste water treatment plants, condominium communities with common areas, farm fields, orchards, etc. While such places may tolerate small groups of well-behaved birders, they will not endure large, unruly groups or even small groups of ill-behaved birders. Access to such places can be denied at any time.

Obviously, when there is an unusual bird in the state, we all want to hear about it and observe it. However, we must make certain that our conduct is above reproach.

Behavior by excited birders anxious to get a closer look or better photograph can disturb not only the birds but also the other birders watching nearby. At least one observer of the Great Gray Owl in Rochester last winter was very upset by the behavior of other birders. He felt they were harassing the bird by chasing it to get a closer look. He questioned the ethics of even reporting such a sighting to the general birding community if it could harm the bird.

The following is adapted from The American Birding Association's "Birding Code of Ethics." This discussion focuses on aspects of the code that are the most pertinent for New Hampshire birding.

Birders must always act in ways that do not endanger the welfare of birds.

This includes keeping your distance from birds when you observe and photograph them. You should never approach a bird so closely as to flush or disturb it.

Birders must always act in ways that do not harm the natural environment.

This means staying on existing trails and not trampling hay fields, crops, or fragile habitat.

Birders must always respect the law and the rights of others.

The biggest issue here is respect for private property. Never trespass on posted property. Always obtain permission from the landowner before entering private lands. If property is fenced off or gated, then it is safest to assume that the landowner does not want intruders. Never assume that it is acceptable to enter private lands.

Always be careful about where and how you park your car. Never park on someone's lawn or in anyone's driveway. Never block a gate, woods road, path, or other access.

Lack of proper respect for the rights and privacy of others is what causes the biggest problems in our area. Please consider all of your actions carefully—will they promote good will between birders and landowners?

Group birding, whether organized or impromptu, requires special care.

Limit group sizes in areas that are not conducive to large crowds. If you need to, divide your throng into smaller groups. Take care not to be noisy or unruly. Never do anything that will make birders unwelcome.

Proper birding etiquette is just common sense. However, sometimes in our excitement over a rare bird, we forget our manners. We can easily become complacent and assume that such guidelines are not necessary in a rural state like New Hampshire. In order to ensure future access to birding areas and to promote good will with local residents and landowners, we must all remember that when we are bird watching, we represent the entire birding community.

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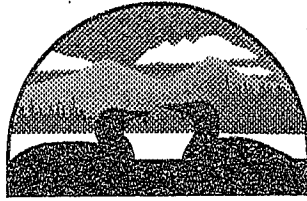
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BBC	Brookline Bird Club	R.	River
BBS	Breeding Bird Survey	Rd.	Road
CA	Conservation Area	Rt.	Route
CC	Country Club	St. Pk.	State Park
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