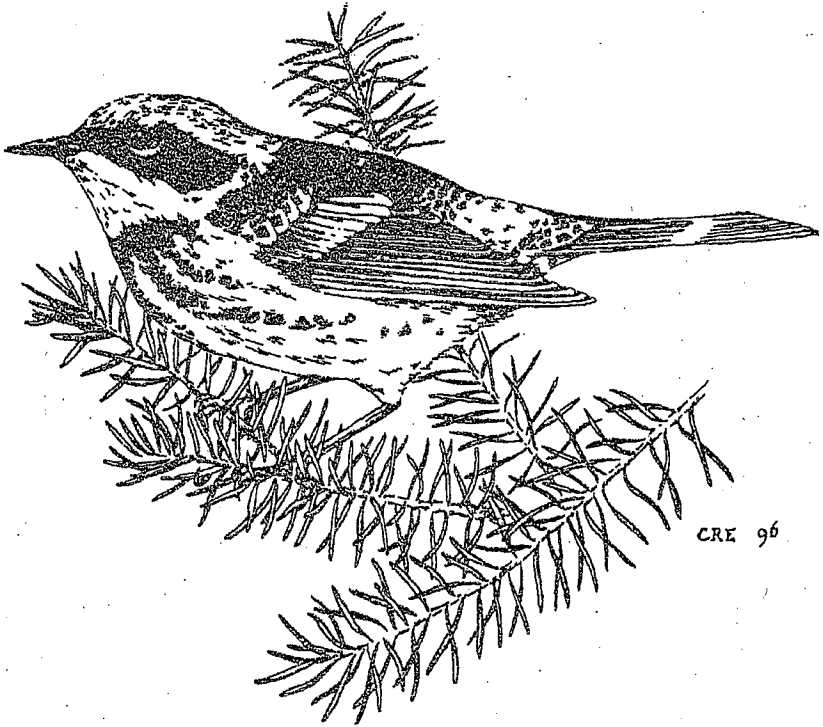


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## About the Cover

The Magnolia Warbler by biologist Carleton Eyster is a common resident of the spruce-fir forests. See his article on page 37 about his experience as a field researcher watching these and other birds of the north woods.

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## From the Editor

We are very grateful to Herb Cilley for sponsoring this issue of *New Hampshire Bird Records*. Herb has always been interested in birds and dedicated to the protection of Common Loons in the state. Special thanks also to the authors for their contributions to this issue, and to Carleton Eyster for his illustrations from the northern forests. I encourage anyone interested in contributing to *New Hampshire Bird Records* to contact me.

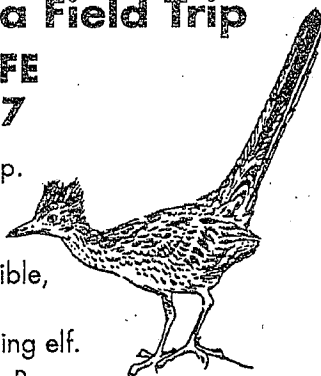
As the contents of this publication has expanded, we have added a Table of Contents on the back cover. A quick glance will tell readers what's inside each issue and where to find it. We encourage readers who have a question about a season or the sightings that are published to contact the Season Editor. In many cases, they can provide more information than we are able to include in each issue.

Save the date of April 12 for *Birds at the Crossroads—A Call to Action*, a conference at the Lake Morey Inn in Fairlee, Vermont. This first New Hampshire-Vermont Partners in Flight Bird Conservation Conference has the makings of a terrific event for anyone interested in birds and their habitats. *New Hampshire Bird Records* subscribers will be receiving more information, a complete agenda, and a registration form in early March. I look forward to seeing you there.

Becky Suomala  
Managing Editor

### **Southeastern Arizona Field Trip** **BIRDS & WILDLIFE** **May 21-31, 1997**

- \* Over 160 species of birds possible on this trip.
- \* Zone-tailed hawk, elegant trogon, rose-throated becard, olive warbler, etc.
- \* Up to twelve species of hummingbirds possible, including lucifer.
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# What to Report for the Summer Season

Which sightings should *NHBR* reporters submit? There are no hard and fast rules, but here are some guidelines to help reporters focus their efforts during the summer season.

First, it's important to understand that even though we do not publish all reports, each one plays a valuable role in creating an overall picture of a given season. All sightings also 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 for 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). Report late spring migrants such as some warblers and flycatchers that are still moving during the first week of June, and early fall migrants. Adult shorebirds can be headed south as early as July 4, for instance, and some landbirds begin moving in late July.

Report colonial nesting bird sites such as Great Blue Heron rookeries or Bank Swallow burrows. Reports of erratic species such as cuckoos and crossbills are of interest, as are grassland nesting birds, which are of concern due to shrinking habitat.

Species that are confirmed to be breeding at an unusual time or location are very valuable—refer to the *Atlas of Breeding Birds in New Hampshire* for the known distribution of breeding birds in the state (available in the ASNH store and library). Unusual behavior or breeding of a species unusual for your local area is of interest.

Reports of species sought by many birders are interesting to all. These include pelagic species and resident species that are present but not commonly seen, such as boreal, nocturnal, and secretive wetland birds. 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

Wood Duck	Hairy Woodpecker	Solitary Vireo
Broad-winged Hawk	Northern Flicker	Yellow Warbler
Ring-necked Pheasant	Eastern Wood-Pewee	Black-throated Blue
Northern Bobwhite	Tree Swallow	Warbler
Virginia Rail	Barn Swallow	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Spotted Sandpiper	Blue Jay	Black-and-white Warbler
American Woodcock	American Crow	Common Yellowthroat
Ring-billed Gull	Common Raven	Northern Cardinal
Herring Gull	Black-capped Chickadee	Chipping Sparrow
Rock Dove	Tufted Titmouse	Song Sparrow
Mourning Dove	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Swamp Sparrow
Great Horned Owl	White-breasted Nuthatch	White-throated Sparrow
Barred Owl	Brown Creeper	Red-winged Blackbird
Common Nighthawk	House Wren	Common Grackle
Chimney Swift	Hermit Thrush	Brown-headed Cowbird
Belted Kingfisher	American Robin	House Finch
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Gray Catbird	American Goldfinch
Downy Woodpecker	European Starling	House Sparrow

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

## Summer Season June 1-July 31, 1996

In contrast to the hot and dry summer of 1995, this year offered cool and wet weather. June was very close to normal temperature and precipitation, with no extreme weather, which was good for most of our nesting birds. In July, temperatures were 2.5° cooler than normal, and rainfall was 5.62 inches above normal. Neither month had a day that reached 90°.

The major event of the season was the passage of Tropical Storm Bertha on July 13. This extraordinarily early (for New England) tropical storm produced moderate east winds (30-40 mph) and up to 4.75 inches of rain, with the worst conditions occurring along the coast. The most noticeable effect on birds was the sighting from shore of dozens of Wilson's Storm-Petrels and two **Manx Shearwaters**. One or two **Royal Terns** also may have been storm-related.

Other non-breeding rarities appeared this season, with a **Pacific Loon** in alternate (breeding) plumage being the most outstanding. Other unexpected species included **Cattle Egret**, **American Oystercatcher**, several **Little Gulls**, and a **Blue Grosbeak**.

Potential breeding species did not disappoint, either. Included in the season's reports were **Common Moorhen**, **Arctic Tern**, **Three-toed Woodpecker**, a veritable colony of **Cerulean Warblers**, **Clay-colored Sparrow**, **Grasshopper Sparrow**, and, most remarkable of all, a **Fox Sparrow**.

Thanks to you it was an exciting season for birds and birding in New Hampshire. Your summer season reports have tripled in number since 1986, vastly improving this publication and our knowledge of the state's birds. Keep up the great work.

*Robert A. Quinn*  
*Summer Editor*



*Grasshopper Sparrow*  
by *Andrea Robbins*

# Loons through Herons

Two **Red-throated Loons** along the coast were unusual as they are not seen every summer. An alternate (breeding) plumaged **Pacific Loon** is an unprecedented summer record and one of only a few ever reported for the state. The excellent details from two separate observers seem to rule out the even more unlikely **Arctic Loon**. A **Common Loon** flying over New London on June 6 could have been either a late migrant or a local bird.

More pelagic species were reported inshore than during most summers. In particular, the numbers of **Wilson's Storm-Petrels** seen from shore are some of the highest ever (shore-based numbers the previous six summers: 50, 0, 30, 6, 0, 0). Two **Greater Shearwaters** seen from shore on June 4 during good weather are quite unusual. During **Bertha** there were two **Manx Shearwaters** and dozens of petrels. **Gannet** numbers are higher than recent summers also (5, 15, 3, 0, 1, 4). Inland cormorants are no longer a surprise, but an immature **Great Cormorant** in Lyme was unusual. The **Cattle Egret** seen on July 1 is a rare summer sighting. An **American Bittern** nesting in a hay field (Hollis) was an unusual site for this marsh denizen.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
<b>Red-throated Loon</b>				
06-01	2		NH coast	S. Mirick
<b>Pacific Loon</b>				
06-14	1	Rye	off Rye Ledges	D. Abbott, et al.
<b>Common Loon</b>				
06-06	1	New London	Bunker Loop Trail	R. Vernon
06-14	2	Salisbury	Tucker Pond	G. Mock
06-21	10	Errol	Androscoggin R., Harpers & Sweat Meadows, Chewonki Marsh	B. & H. Janeway
06-24	3	Dummer	Pontook Reservoir	J. Brown, J. Ely
06-25	3	Webster	Walker Pond	B. Bird
06-29	2	Canaan	Goose Pond	E. & S. Bunten
07-03	2	Stewartstown	Big Diamond Pond	M. Sudak, R. LeClerc
<b>Pied-billed Grebe</b>				
06-01	1	Jefferson	Little Cherry Pond	A. Strong, L. Nawrocki
06-10	2	Pittsburg	East Inlet	D., J., D. & G. Strong
06-11	1	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	R. Vernon
07-07	1	Piermont	Lily Pond	A. Ports
<b>Greater Shearwater</b>				
06-04	2	Rye	Pulpit Rocks	P. Hunt, D. Strong, T. Johansen
07-12	4		Jeffrey's Ledge	P. Hunt
<b>Sooty Shearwater</b>				
07-12	12		Jeffrey's Ledge	P. Hunt
<b>Manx Shearwater</b>				
07-13	2	Rye	Pulpit Rocks	S. Mirick
07-14	1	Rye	Jeffrey's Ledge	S. Mirick, D. Abbott

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<b>Wilson's Storm-Petrel</b>				
06-22	17	Rye	Rye Ledges	R. Woodward
06-26	100		between Portsmouth & Isles of Shoals	B. Palmer
07-14	64	Rye	offshore just s. of Odiorne Pt.	D. & T. Donsker
07-14	8	Hampton	North Beach	S. Mirick, D. Abbott
07-14	194		Rye Harbor to Jeffrey's Ledge	D. Abbott, S. Mirick
07-22	85		past Isles of Shoals	T. Vazzano
<b>Northern Gannet</b>				
06-13	24		NH coast	P. Hunt
07-12	4		Jeffrey's Ledge	P. Hunt
07-13	8	Rye	Pulpit Rocks	S. Mirick
07-22	8		past Isles of Shoals	T. Vazzano
<b>Great Cormorant</b>				
07-20	1	Lyme	Wilder Marsh	D. Crook
<b>Double-crested Cormorant</b>				
06-10	5	Northwood	Northwood Lake	R. Quinn
06-14	1	Milford	Souhegan R., below bridge e. of dam	R. & B. Becker
06-15	2	Pittsburg	over Scott Bog Rd.	R. Quinn, ASNH FT
06-25	4	Gorham	Androscoggin R. near dam	J. Brown
07-12	1	Randolph	Durand Pond	J. Brown, J. Ely
07-27	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence ponds	G. Gavutis
07-30	11	Berlin	Androscoggin R.	P. Hunt, M. Garvey
<b>American Bittern</b>				
06-08	1	Hollis	Dow Rd.	B. Hall
06-29	2	Canaan	near Canaan St. Lake	P. Hunt, L. Reitsma, et al.
07-04	1	Lyman	Dodge Pond	S. & M. Turner
07-05	1	Nottingham	Little River	D. Strong
07-09	1	Errol	Mile & Harpers Meadow, Androscoggin R.	B. Janeway
07-17	1	Enfield	Bog Rd.	P. Hunt
07-22	1	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	C. & G. Martin
<b>Great Blue Heron</b>				
06-05	37	Hopkinton	Stumpfield Marsh	D. & B. Soule
06-16	45	Durham	off Dame Rd.	S. Mirick
06-29	20	Canaan	Beaver Pond near Canaan St. Lake	P. Hunt, L. Reitsma, et al.
07-30	20	Newmarket	Great Bay	S. Mirick
<b>Great Egret</b>				
06-13	1	Durham	Mill Pond	S. Mirick
07-31	2	Bow	Turee Pond	S. Fitzpatrick
<b>Snowy Egret</b>				
07-24	1	Hampton	Landing Rd. pools	G. Mitchell
07-30	10	Newmarket	Great Bay	S. Mirick
<b>Cattle Egret</b>				
07-01	1	Newington	Great Bay Farm, Newington Rd.	P. Lacourse
<b>Green Heron</b>				
06-19	1	Concord	Clinton St.	C. Martin
07-02	1	Fitzwilliam	West Lake Rd. swamp	M. Ayers

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**Green Heron (continued)**

07-18	1	Lebanon	Etna Rd.	P. Hunt
07-27	5	Hampton	marsh	A. & B. Delorey

**Black-crowned Night-Heron**

06-08	1	New Castle		R. Quinn, ASNH FT
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**Glossy Ibis**

06-16	21	Rye	Rye Ledge	D. Abbott
06-17	9	Stratham	Scammon's Barn	D. Abbott
07-13	1	Rye	Pulpit Rocks	R. Woodward

## Waterfowl through Hawks

Canada Geese numbers in the North Country (north of the White Mountains) indicate the continued spread of the non-migratory subspecies. Both teal species and Ring-necked Ducks nest in small numbers in the North Country but are reported less than annually. The Green-winged Teal in Jefferson, the Blue-wing Teal in Durham, and the Ring-necks in Conway are unusual for the locations, but not unprecedented. We usually have a few scoters and Red-breasted Mergansers along the coast in the summer, but the Oldsquaws were unusual—none have been seen during the summer for over a decade. An immature Common Goldeneye at the coast on July 13 is a little more common.

The Endangered Species Program monitored two chicks from our only Bald Eagle nest (at Lake Umbagog). Ospreys continue to do well; the core of a couple of dozen nests at Umbagog has been boosted with at least one nest in Pittsburg and four nests at Great Bay. The handful of nesting Northern Harriers apparently were dispersed by the high water levels this spring and summer and produced fewer young than in the past year or two. After two consecutive years of confirmed Merlin nests around Lake Umbagog, there were only two incidental reports this summer (Pittsburg and Conway). We still want any and all breeding season reports for this species. Peregrine Falcons made news by successfully re-nesting at one of their eyries. Overall, 13 young Peregrines were fledged, a record high number.

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<b>Canada Goose</b>				
06-07	32	Keene	Ashuelot River Pk.	A. Greenwood, ASNH FT
06-15	8	Pittsburg	Scott Brook, East Inlet Rd.	R. Quinn
06-15	30	Columbia	residence	D. & B. Killam
06-21	10	Errol	Mile Meadow, Androscoggin R.	B. & H. Janeway
06-25	16	Woodstock	Rt. 118	S. & M. Turner
07-09	4	Keene	Beaver Brook dam near jct. Rts. 9&10	M. Wright

**Green-winged Teal**

06-04	1	Jefferson	Little Cherry Pond	P. Hunt, D. Strong, T. Johansen
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**American Black Duck**

06-10	4	Pittsburg	East Inlet	D., J., D.& G. Strong
06-21	4	Errol	Leonard Pond	B.& H. Janeway
06-23	2	Livermore	Nancy Pond	D., J.& A. Strong, L. Nawrocki
07-12	4	Randolph	Durand Pond	J. Brown, J. Ely
07-30	37	Newmarket	Great Bay	S. Mirick

**Mallard**

06-10	11	Bath	Rt. 10 cornfields	J. McIlwaine
06-14	50	Milford	Souhegan R., below bridge e. of dam	R.& B. Becker

**Blue-winged Teal**

06-16	1	Durham	off Rt. 108	S. Mirick
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**Ring-necked Duck**

06-04	3	Jefferson	Little Cherry Pond	P. Hunt, D. Strong, T. Johansen
06-07	2	Pittsburg	Scott Bog	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-11	4	Conway	Pudding Pond, N. Conway	T. Richards
06-15	6	Pittsburg	SPNHF Mud Pond	R. Quinn, T. Richards, ASNH FT
06-26	9	Conway	Pudding Pond, N. Conway	T. Richards
07-09	3	Errol	Androscoggin R.	B. Janeway

**Common Eider**

06-18	16	Rye	Rye Ledge	R. Quinn
07-05	24	Rye	Seal Rocks	A.& B. Delorey

**Oldsquaw**

06-01	1	Rye	Seal Rocks	S. Mirick
06-04	4	Rye	Concord Pt.	P. Hunt, D. Strong, T. Johansen

**Black Scoter**

06-04	2	Rye	Concord Pt.	P. Hunt, D. Strong, T. Johansen
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**Surf Scoter**

06-01	19		NH coast	S. Mirick
06-04	3	Rye	Concord Pt.	P. Hunt, D. Strong, T. Johansen

**White-winged Scoter**

06-01	48		NH coast	S. Mirick
06-14	11	Rye	Rye Ledge	D. Abbott
07-28	7	Hampton	North Beach	S. Mirick

**Common Goldeneye**

06-07	2	Pittsburg	Scott Bog	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-15	1	Pittsburg	First Connecticut Lake	R. Quinn
07-13	1	Rye	off North Beach	S. Mirick, D. Abbott

**Hooded Merganser**

06-07	1	Pittsburg	Day Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-07	1	Pittsburg	Scott Bog	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet

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**Hooded Merganser (continued)**

06-21	3	Nottingham	Reservation Rd., Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	D. Abbott, D. Finch
06-27	1	New London	the Old Meadow	R. & J. Vernon
07-03	1	Sandwich	residence	T. Vazzano

**Common Merganser**

06-10	4	Pittsburg	East Inlet	D., J., D. & G. Strong
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**Red-breasted Merganser**

06-01	15	Rye	off Rye Ledge	S. Mirick
06-16	4	Rye	Rye Ledge	D. Abbott
06-18	3	Rye	ocean	R. Quinn

**Turkey Vulture**

06-02	1	Wentworths Location;	Rt. 16 near Magalloway R.	C. Martin
06-06	1	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-14	1	Northumberland		R. Quinn
06-15	2	New London	auto survey route	A. & R. Vernon
06-21	1	Carroll	Rt. 302, Twin Mtn.	S. & D. Abbott
06-26	1	Columbia	residence	D. Killam
07-05	2	Salisbury	Smiths Corner fields	M. Suomala
07-12	3	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright

**Osprey**

06-06	1	Andover	Blackwater R. at Rt. 11	K. Wohlfort
06-06	1	Pittsburg	The Glen	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-06	1	Pittsburg	Moose Falls, Rt. 3	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-10	1	Pittsburg	East Inlet	D., J., D. & G. Strong
06-14	1	Weare	s. end of Lake Horace, s. of Abijah Bridge Rd.	K. Wohlfort
06-17	1	Pittsfield	Wild Goose Pond	R. Seavey
06-18	1	Piermont	Rt. 25C over Lake Tarleton	B. Poirier
06-22	1	Auburn	Massabesic Lake	G. Mitchell
06-24	1	Bedford	Merrimack R. at Cohas Brook	K. Dempsey
06-24	1	Enfield	George Pond	P. Hunt
07-02	1	Hill	old Rt. 3A	M. Suomala
07-21	1	Concord	Contoocook R. near Broad Cove	K. Murray, P. Verville
07-24	1	Piermont	Lake Tarleton	P. LaRose

**Bald Eagle**

06-05	4	Errol	Leonard Pond, Lake Umbagog	C. Martin, K. Taylor, E. Connors
06-06	1	Shelburne	above power dam	J. & N. Ely
06-08	1	Auburn	Browns Is., Massabesic Lake	G. Mitchell
06-13	1	Millsfield	Millsfield Pond	C. Martin
06-16	2	Pittsburg	East Inlet	R. Quinn
07-17	1	Londonderry	jct. of High Range & Littlefield Rds.	J. Ashley

**Northern Harrier**

06-04	1	Whitefield	airport	P. Hunt, D. Strong, T. Johansen
06-17	1	Lancaster	Wesson Rd. residence	D. Skeels
06-19	1	Dover	NH Fish & Game property	P. Hunt
07-05	1	Stewartstown	Creampoke Rd.	C. Martin

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07-11	1	Columbia	residence	B. Killam
07-20	1	Errol	Clear Stream	P. Allen
07-21	1	Whitefield	airport	G. Gavutis

### Sharp-shinned Hawk

06-04	1	Pittsburg	Rt. 3, First Connecticut Lake	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-17	1	Columbia	residence	D. Killam

### Cooper's Hawk

06-08	1	Enfield	Lower Shaker Village	L. Bunten
06-14	1	Sanbornton	Shaw Cove Rd.	M. Suomala

### Northern Goshawk

06-03	1	Hanover	Goodfellow Rd.	P. Hunt
06-05	1	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-13	1	Salisbury	Blackwater R. behind dam	R. Cook
06-18	1	Chester	Hillside Haven	B. Delorey
06-30	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence	G. Gavutis

### Red-shouldered Hawk

06-02	2	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	M. & R. Suomala
06-02	1	Deerfield	Reservation Rd. powerline	P. Newbern
06-16	1	Amherst	jct. of Buckridge & Woodland Dr.	M. & S. Suomala, E. Norsell
06-16	1	Mont Vernon	Francetown Tpk. w. of Rt. 13	M. & R. Suomala
06-27	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
07-05	1	Salisbury	Little Hill Rd.	M. Suomala

### American Kestrel

06-11	2	Haverhill	Grafton County Farm	P. Hunt
06-16	3	Pittsburg	Rt. 3 near First Connecticut Lake dam & East Inlet	R. Quinn
07-02	1	Colebrook	Diamond Pond Rd.	M. Sudak, R. Leclerc
07-07	1	Danbury	Rt. 4 near Grafton town line	R. Quinn

### Merlin

06-05	1	Pittsburg	Perry Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-29	1	Conway	Rt. 16, just s. of Dahl WS	R. Quinn, A. Borrer, et al.

### Peregrine Falcon

06-11	1	Thompson & Meserves Purchase; head of Burt Ravine		L. Deming
07-11	1	Berlin	Crown Vantage Mill	C. Martin



# Turkey through Guillemot

The American Oystercatcher seen at the coast is only the third or fourth New Hampshire record. However, since the species has expanded its nesting range into Maine, we can expect more reports of this striking species. ASNH's grassland bird study discovered two Upland Sandpipers at a traditional site in Dover that apparently has not had any activity for many years. The Pease International Tradeport Uppies had their best year ever, with 12 to 15 pairs nesting at the airfield and two pairs on nearby lands. Perhaps this indicates the species is starting a modest comeback.

Migrant shorebirds of note included one Short-billed Dowitcher on June 1 (after the same observer had seen over 1000 the week before). This is a good example of how brief and concentrated the spring shorebird migration is compared to the fall migration. Note the July dowitchers, which are south-bound migrants (including several flocks seen miles offshore during a whale watch). Refer to the spring and fall seasons for more shorebird data. The flock of 49 Killdeer is a pre-migration gathering of local nesters. A Pectoral Sandpiper on July 27 is at the early range of dates for that species.

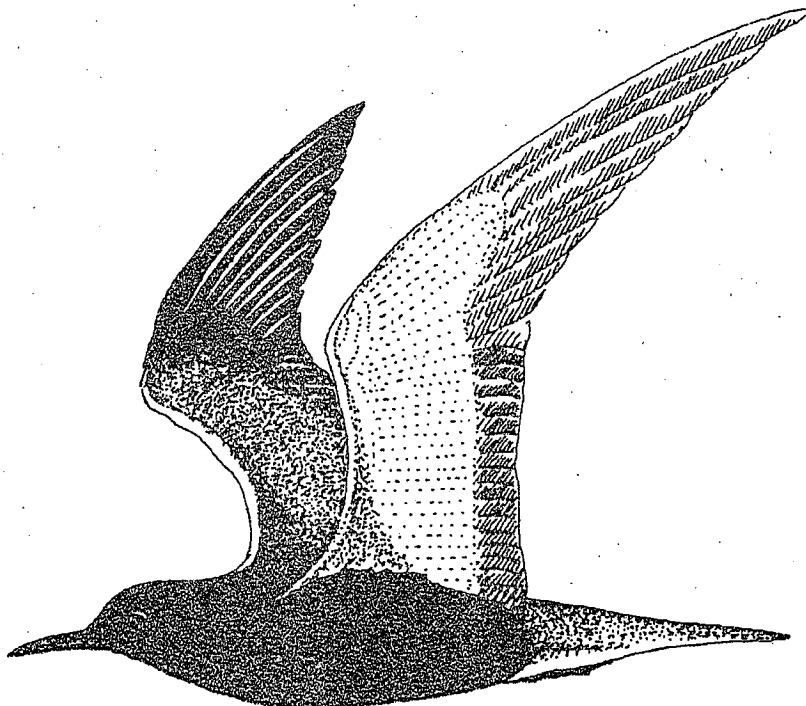
This season saw more Laughing, Bonaparte's, and Little Gulls and Roseate and Black Terns than in a normal summer. The explanation for these increases can only be guessed at but it is unlikely that they are related reasons. The Black Terns were apparently "leftovers" from a big spring flight. The Little Gulls constitute only the fourth time the species has been recorded during the summer season in New Hampshire, but now it has been two summers in a row. The Little Gulls probably came along with the Bonaparte's, but why so may Boney's? Why were the Laughing Gulls concentrated in Great Bay? One or two Royal Terns were most unusual, especially since one of them was seen several days before Tropical Storm Bertha. Both were in full breeding plumage, and we will never know if it was one or two, or if they were definitely storm-related.

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<b>Wild Turkey</b>				
06-03	2	Pembroke	N. Pembroke Rd.	B. Palfy
06-09	10	Newington	Great Bay NWR	M. & R. Suomala
06-11	1	Franconia	Rt. 93	S. & M. Turner
<b>Common Moorhen</b>				
06-01	1	Jefferson	Little Cherry Pond	A. Strong, L. Nawrocki
<b>Black-bellied Plover</b>				
06-01	57		NH coast	S. Mirick
07-28	2	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	S. Mirick, J. Matthews
<b>Semipalmated Plover</b>				
06-01	16		NH coast	S. Mirick
07-10	1	Hampton Falls	Depot Rd.	R. Quinn
07-24	60	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	G. Mitchell
<b>Killdeer</b>				
06-14	4	Clarksville	Bishop Brook Rd.	R. Quinn
07-20	49	Canaan	Potatoe Rd.	P. Hunt

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<b>American Oystercatcher</b>				
07-09	1	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	G. Mitchell
<b>Greater Yellowlegs</b>				
07-10	5		NH coast	R. Quinn
07-24	6	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	G. Mitchell
<b>Lesser Yellowlegs</b>				
07-10	2	Hampton Falls	Depot Rd.	R. Quinn
07-28	15	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	S. Mirick
<b>Solitary Sandpiper</b>				
07-28	2	Newmarket	off Bay Rd.	S. Mirick
<b>Willet</b>				
07-10	24	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	R. Quinn
07-24	14	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	G. Mitchell
<b>Upland Sandpiper</b>				
06-07	2	Dover	Strafford County Farm	P. Hunt
06-20	42	Newington	Great Bay NWR	A. Tappan
<b>Whimbrel</b>				
07-10	9	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	R. Quinn
07-26	3	Rye	Ragged Neck	D. Abbott
07-27	11	Seabrook	harbor	A. & B. Delorey
<b>Hudsonian Godwit</b>				
07-20	3	Seabrook	harbor	A. & B. Delorey, G Mitchell
<b>Ruddy Turnstone</b>				
06-14	1	Rye	Rye Ledge	D. Abbott
07-26	15	Rye	end of Washington Rd.	D. Abbott
<b>Sanderling</b>				
07-13	45	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	D. Abbott
07-28	25	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	S. Mirick
<b>Semipalmated Sandpiper</b>				
06-01	2	Rye	pools s. of Odiome Pt.	S. Mirick
07-10	4	Hampton Falls	Depot Rd.	R. Quinn
07-14	7	Rye	Rt. 1A pond just s. of Odiome Pt.	D. & T. Donsker
07-18	30	Hampton Falls	marsh at end of Depot Rd.	J. Romano, S. Walker
07-24	125	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	G. Mitchell
07-27	302		NH coast	A. & B. Delorey
07-28	100	Rye	Jenness Beach	S. Mirick, J. Matthews
<b>Least Sandpiper</b>				
07-14	3	Rye	Rt. 1A pond just s. of Odiome Pt.	D. & T. Donsker
<b>Pectoral Sandpiper</b>				
07-27	1	N. Hampton	N. Hampton State Beach	A. & B. Delorey

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<b>Short-billed Dowitcher</b>				
06-01	1	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	S. Mirick
07-10	20		NH coast	R. Quinn
07-14	30	Hampton	marshes behind Little Jacks	D. & T. Donsker
07-14	30		Jeffrey's Ledge	D. Abbott, S. Mirick
07-18	12	Hampton Falls	marsh at end of Depot Rd.	J. Romano, S. Walker
<b>Common Snipe</b>				
06-10	4	Pittsburg	East Inlet	D., J., D. & G. Strong
06-18	1	Salisbury	Smiths Corner	B. Janeway
06-26	1	Haverhill	Grafton County Farm	P. Hunt
07-05	1	Enfield	George Pond	P. Hunt, L. Bunten
07-20	1	Enfield	Main St. Pond	D. Crook
<b>Red-necked Phalarope</b>				
07-22	3	Rye	Jeffrey's Ledge	T. Vazzano
<b>Laughing Gull</b>				
06-08	4	Rye	approx. 1 mi. off shore	R. Quinn, ASNH FT
06-13	6	Newington	Fox Pt.	D. Hughes
06-13	1	Rye	Jeness Beach	P. Hunt
06-25	1	Rye	Rye Ledge	D. Abbott
07-13	1	Hampton	Hampton Beach	A. & B. Delorey
07-13	1	Rye	Rye Harbor	R. Quinn
07-22	1		past Isles of Shoals	T. Vazzano
<b>Little Gull</b>				
06-20	1	Rye	Jeness Beach	S. Mirick
07-14	2	Hampton	Hampton Beach, North Beach	S. Mirick, D. Abbott
07-20	1	N. Hampton	N. Hampton State Beach	B. & A. Delorey, G. Mitchell
07-20	1	Rye	just n. of Foss Beach	B. & A. Delorey, G. Mitchell
<b>Bonaparte's Gull</b>				
06-13	7	Rye	Jeness Beach	P. Hunt
06-18	30	Rye	coast	R. Quinn
06-20	60	Rye	Jeness Beach	S. Mirick
07-13	19	Rye	Seal Rocks	D. Abbott
07-13	10	N. Hampton	N. Hampton State Beach	D. Abbott
07-13	34	Hampton	North Beach	D. Abbott
07-14	85	Rye	North Beach	S. Mirick, D. Abbott
07-20	30	N. Hampton	N. Hampton State Beach	A. & B. Delorey, G. Mitchell
07-24	9	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	G. Mitchell
<b>Royal Tern</b>				
07-10	1	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	R. Quinn
07-17	1	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	G. Mitchell
<b>Roseate Tern</b>				
07-13	5	Rye	Pulpit Rocks	S. Mirick
07-14	2	Hampton	North Beach	S. Mirick, D. Abbott

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<b>Common Tern</b>				
07-24	30	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	G. Mitchell
07-27	75	Seabrook	harbor	A. & B. Delorey
07-28	30	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	S. Mirick
<b>Arctic Tern</b>				
06-12	2	Hampton	Hampton Marsh	D. Strong, et al.
<b>Forster's Tern</b>				
07-09	1	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	G. Mitchell
<b>Least Tern</b>				
07-15	4	Seabrook	pools n. of Rt. 286	D. & T. Donsker
07-28	2	Seabrook	Rt. 286 pools	S. Mirick, J. Matthews
<b>Black Tern</b>				
06-09	1	Westmoreland	Connecticut R.	S. Spangenberg, A. Greenwood
07-01	1	Lebanon	exit 17 off Rt. 89	P. Newbern
<b>Black Guillemot</b>				
06-26	3	Rye	Star Is., Isles of Shoals	B. Palmer



*Black Tern*  
by Iain C. MacLeod

# Cuckoos through Waxwing

Nine Whip-poor-wills in Webster was the only high number for this species of concern, but no one was doing a coordinated survey. A well described **Three-toed Woodpecker** was seen in Pittsburg for the second summer in a row. An Alder Flycatcher at Horseshoe Pond in Concord on June 4 was probably a migrant, as could have been some of the birds in Enfield on June 8. The Yellow-bellied Flycatcher in Hampton on June 1 was definitely a migrant, and quite a few of the others reported from further north during the first two weeks of June could have included migrants. More than the usual number of Fish Crows were reported. They have been annual in Concord for the seven or eight years. McDaniel's Marsh is a new site for Marsh Wren. Only a handful of Bluebirds were reported this year, but this does not mean it was a bad year for them.

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<b>Black-billed Cuckoo</b>				
06-02	1	Dummer	sw. of Cow Mtn.	C. Martin
06-02	1	Durham	Foss Farm	P. Newbern
06-03	1	Enfield	Rt. 4 residence	P. Hunt
06-07	1	Keene	Ashuelot River Pk.	A. Greenwood, ASNH FT
06-08	1	Lyman	residence	M. Turner
06-11	1	Haverhill	Grafton County Farm	P. Hunt
06-11	1	Newington	Great Bay NWR	M. Suomala
06-16	3	Brentwood	BBS route	A. & B. Delorey
06-19	2	Dover	NH Fish & Game property	P. Hunt
06-21	1	Kensington	Great Brook	D. Strong
07-07	4	Dummer	Androscoggin R near Pontook Reservoir	C. Martin, et al.
07-08	1	New London	Hilltop Place	H. & P. Damon
07-08	2	Sanbornton	Shaw Cove Rd.	M. Suomala
07-10	1	Tamworth	Great Hill Rd.	B. Steele
07-10	1	Rye	Long John Rd.	R. Quinn
07-12	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
07-25	1	Newbury	Stoney Brook WS	C. & C. Martin
07-30	1	New London	Pingree Rd.	R. Vernon
<b>Yellow-billed Cuckoo</b>				
06-02	1	Enfield	Lower Shaker Village	P. Hunt
06-05	1	Dunbarton	Mansion Rd.	D. Strong
06-09	1	Lebanon	Mascoma village	P. Hunt
06-09	1	Hopkinton	Kast Hill Rd.	R. Woodward
06-19	1	Dover	Strafford County Farm	P. Hunt
06-21	2	Kensington	Great Brook	D. Strong
06-25	1	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Bluffs	A. Greenwood
07-08	2	Sanbornton	Shaw Cove Rd.	M. Suomala
07-11	1	Hill	old Rt. 3A	M. Suomala
07-21	1	Sandwich	residence	T. Vazzano, S. Wiley
<b>Whip-poor-will</b>				
06-09	4	Milan	Jodrie Ln. & Cogswell Rd.	K. Dube, S. Blair, O. Leclerc
06-10	1	Tamworth	Great Hill Rd.	B. Steele
06-15	2	Canaan	West Farms Rd.	L. Bunten



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06-21	2	Hancock	Elmwood Rd.	R. & T. Frechette
06-24	2	Milan	Milan Hill, near state park	J. Brown, J. Ely
07-05	1	Milford	Federal Hill Rd. residence	B. Becker
07-05	2	Webster	powerline near Pleasant St.	B. Janeway
07-10	7	Webster	Deer Meadow Rd., Little Pond Brook	B. Janeway
07-14	1	Lyndeborough	Chase Rd. area	J. Broyles, S. Millett
07-14	1	Newbury	residence	P. Newbern
07-18	1	Hudson	Daniel Webster Dr. residence	C. Laffin

### **Ruby-throated Hummingbird**

06-03	3	Newbury	residence	P. Newbern
06-10	3	Windham	residence	J. Romano
07-18	1	Hales Location	White Mtn. Hotel by White Horse Ledge	B. Ayer
07-20	7	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
07-21	8	Gorham	Jimtown Rd. residence	J. Brown

### **Three-toed Woodpecker**

06-09	1	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	D. G., A. & D. Strong, L. Nawrocki
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### **Black-backed Woodpecker**

06-01	2	Bethlehem	Trudeau Rd.	A. Strong
06-03	1	Bethlehem	Twinway between Zeacliff & Zeeland	D. Romano, J. Romano
06-06	1	Pittsburg	Moose Falls, Rt. 3	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-08	1	Pittsburg	Moose Pasture	D., J. & A. Strong, L. Nawrocki
06-09	1	Pittsburg	Garfield Falls Rd.	D., A., G. & J. Strong
06-14	1	Columbia	Rt. 3 tree farm, just s. of Colebrook	D. Donsker
06-21	1	Pittsburg	Middle Pond	A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT
06-22	2	Pittsburg	Mt. Magalloway	A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT
06-23	1	Livermore	Nancy Pond Trail	D. & A. Strong
06-23	1	Livermore	Nancy Pond Trail	A., D. & J. Strong, L. Nawrocki
06-28	1	Lincoln	Twinway Trail	C. Martin, D. Diguineio
06-29	1	Thompson & Meserves Purchase	Halfway House, Mt. Washington Auto Rd.	R. Quinn, A. Borrer, et al.

### **Pileated Woodpecker**

06-10	3	Pittsburg	Rt. 3	D., J., D. & G. Strong
06-27	1	Columbia	residence	B. & D. Killam
07-06	1	Errol	Bear Pond Rd.	M. Sudak, R. Leclerc

### **Olive-sided Flycatcher**

06-01	1	Stoddard	SPNHF Peirce Reservation	R. Quinn, D. Anderson
06-02	2	Dummer	Dummer Ponds	C. Martin
06-21	2	Errol	along Androscoggin R.	B. Janeway
06-22	11	Pittsburg		A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT
07-03	1	Enfield	Bog Rd.	P. Hunt
07-05	2	Springfield	McDaniels Marsh	P. Hunt, L. Bunten
07-20	1	Cambridge	Mud Pond	R. Suomala, J. Kanter, L. Sommer

### **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher**

06-01	1	Hampton	off Rt. 101 near church	S. Mirick
06-02	2	Dummer	Dummer Ponds road	C. Martin
06-05	12	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet

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### **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (continued)**

06-08	23	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-13	1	Millsfield	Millsfield Pond Rd., near Rt. 16	C. Martin
06-15	20	Thompson & Meserves Purchase; Jefferson Notch		A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT
07-06	2	Livermore	off Nancy Pond Trail	P. Newbern

### **Alder Flycatcher**

06-04	1	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	R. Suomala, J. Kanter
06-06	1	Dover	NH Fish & Game property	P. Hunt
06-07	8	Pittsburg	Scott Bog Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-08	9	Enfield	Bog Rd.	P. Hunt
06-09	1	Newington	Great Bay NWR	M. Suomala
06-11	2	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	R. Vernon
06-22	5	Pittsburg		A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT
07-11	2	Hill	old Rt. 3A	M. Suomala

### **Willow Flycatcher**

06-06	5	Dover	NH Fish & Game property	P. Hunt
06-11	3	Newington	Great Bay NWR	M. Suomala
06-12	2	Newington	Great Bay NWR	M. Suomala
07-07	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
07-08	1	Sanbornton	Shaw Cove Rd.	M. Suomala

### **Least Flycatcher**

06-02	19	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	S. Mirick
06-04	4	Pittsburg	Big Brook Bog Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-05	3	Canterbury	Foster Rd.	R. Quinn
06-06	6	Pittsburg	Moose Falls, Rt. 3	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-08	2	New London	Low Plain CA	R. Vernon
06-29	12	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	A. & B. Delorey

### **Great Crested Flycatcher**

06-07	6	Keene	Ashuelot River Pk.	A. Greenwood, ASNH FT
06-26	2	Salisbury	South Rd.	M. Suomala
07-04	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright

### **Eastern Kingbird**

06-06	1	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-08	3	Pittsburg	Perry Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-15	1	New London	auto survey route	A. & R. Vernon
06-21	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
06-30	1	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	J. Greenspan
07-12	2	Randolph	Durand Pond	J. Brown, J. Ely
07-27	2	Nashua	residence	J. Ayer

### **Purple Martin**

06-23	5	Laconia	Funspot	D. & J. Strong
07-16	3	Wentworth	residence	A. Ports

### **Northern Rough-winged Swallow**

07-10	2	Rye	Wallis Sands	D. Donsker, L. Beattie
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<b>Bank Swallow</b>				
06-01	45	Milan	Berlin Airport	C. Martin, D. Heasley
06-11	17	Wentworth	Wentworth Transfer Station	A. Ports
07-11	100	Sanbornton	along Pemigewasset R.	M. Suomala
<b>Cliff Swallow</b>				
06-01	8	Dixville	Balsams Resort	C. Martin
06-02	4	Errol	Errol Restaurant	C. Martin
06-06	30	Pittsburg	Tabor Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
07-05	40	Pittsburg	Pittsburg School	C. Martin, et al.
07-08	10	Northumberland	Lost Nation	B. Janeway
07-12	5	Randolph	Durand Pond	J. Brown, J. Ely
<b>Gray Jay</b>				
06-01	1	Errol	Long Pond boat access	C. Martin
06-08	2	Pittsburg	Moose Pasture	D., D., J. & A. Strong, L. Nawrocki
06-10	2	Bethlehem	Mt. Willey	C. Martin, D. Diguineio
06-15	4	Pittsburg	e. side of East Inlet	R. Quinn, ASNH FT
06-22	4	Pittsburg	Perry Stream Rd.	A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT
07-06	2	Thompson & Meserves	Purchase Caps Ridge Trail, Mt. Jefferson	R. & T. Frechette, D. Powell, F. Doyle, S. Spangenberg
<b>Fish Crow</b>				
06-02	1	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	S. Mirick
06-07	6	Dover	Strafford County Farm	P. Hunt
06-08	1	Raymond	Shop & Save parking lot	S. Mirick, J. Anderson
06-13	2	Durham	UNH Campus	D. Strong
06-14	1	Londonderry	Rt. 102, Londonderry Common Mall	H. Chary
06-14	1	Concord	Shaws Supermarket, Fort Eddy Rd.	C. Martin
06-20	1	Londonderry	Devonshire Ln. residence	H. Chary
07-20	1	Salem	Rt. 97, Spicket R.	G. Gavutis
07-26	4	Durham	UNH Campus	D. Strong
<b>Boreal Chickadee</b>				
06-05	4	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-06	1	Pittsburg	Moose Falls, Rt. 3	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-07	1	Pittsburg	Scott Bog Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-09	6	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	D., D., J. & A. Strong, L. Nawrocki
06-15	2	Thompson & Meserves	Purchase; Jefferson Notch	A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT
06-16	4	Pittsburg	Back Lake Rd., Rt. 3	R. Quinn
07-06	3	Livermore	Nancy Brook Trail	P. Newbern
07-17	3	Benton	Gorge Brook Trail	J. & D. Romano
07-30	12	Pittsburg	East Inlet, Scott Bog	P. & M. Garvey
<b>Winter Wren</b>				
06-14	3	New London	Carr Ledge	R. Vernon
06-15	3	New London	auto survey route	A. & R. Vernon
06-21	3	Thompson & Meserves	Purchase Caps Ridge Trail, Mt. Jefferson	S. & D. Abbott
06-22	23	Pittsburg		A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT

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**Winter Wren (continued)**

07-06	5	Thompson & Meserves Purchase	Caps Ridge Trail, Mt. Jefferson	R. & T. Frechette, D. Powell, F. Doyle, S. Spangenberg
07-07	2	Albany	Brook Trail, Mt. Chocorua	C. & J. Tewksbury
07-11	1	Hillsboro	E. Washington Rd.	P. & D. Kienholz

**Marsh Wren**

06-26	1	Canterbury	sod farm	R. Woodward
07-05	1	Springfield	McDaniels Marsh	P. Hunt, L. Bunten
07-07	6	Dummer	Pontook Reservoir	C. Martin, et al.
07-22	3	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	C. & G. Martin

**Golden-crowned Kinglet**

06-05	11	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
07-17	5	Enfield	Bog Rd.	P. Hunt
07-17	8	Woodstock	Asquam-Ridge Trail	J. & D. Romano
07-21	6	Newbury	Hay NWR	P. Newbern

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet**

06-05	6	Pittsburg	Perry Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-07	6	Pittsburg	Scott Bog Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
07-02	2	Bethlehem	Trudeau Rd.	P. Hunt

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher**

06-16	5	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	D. & S. Abbott, et al.
06-18	2	Hill	Old Rt. 3A	M. Suomala
07-28	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence	G. Gavutis

**Eastern Bluebird**

06-01	2	Kensington	Giles Rd.	R. Aaronian
06-08	2	Pittsburg	First Connecticut Lake dam	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-26	3	Hollis	N. Pepperell Rd.	J. & R. Allard
06-27	2	Pembroke	Third Range Rd.	C. Saltmarsh

**Veery**

06-04	1	Sandwich	residence	T. Vazzano
06-15	2	New London	auto survey route	A. & R. Vernon
06-19	2	New London	Webb Loop Trail	R. Vernon
06-29	10	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	J. Greenspan
07-14	2	Gilsium	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright

**Bicknell's Thrush**

06-15	1	Franconia	Cannon Mtn.	A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT
06-30	1	Thompson & Meserves Purchase;	Caps Ridge Trail	D., J. & A. Strong
07-06	1	Livermore	Nancy Pond Trail	P. Newbern

**Swainson's Thrush**

06-08	19	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-15	20	Thompson & Meserves Purchase;	Jefferson Notch	A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT
07-02	3	Bethlehem	Trudeau Rd.	P. Hunt
07-06	6		Nancy Pond Trail, WMNF	P. Newbern
07-07	2	Orange	Mt. Cardigan, Southridge Trail	R. Quinn
07-07	3	Albany	Brook Trail, Mt. Chocorua	C. & J. Tewksbury
07-12	2	Albany	Cabin Trail, Mt. Paugus	C. & J. Tewksbury

**Wood Thrush**

06-02	1	Sandwich	residence	T. Vazzano
06-03	1	Exeter	residence	G. Prazar
06-15	1	New London	auto survey route	A. & R. Vernon
06-16	3	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
06-29	10	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	A. & B. Delorey
06-29	1	Columbia	residence	D. Killam
07-01	10	Bethlehem	Beaver Brook	S. & M. Turner

**Northern Mockingbird**

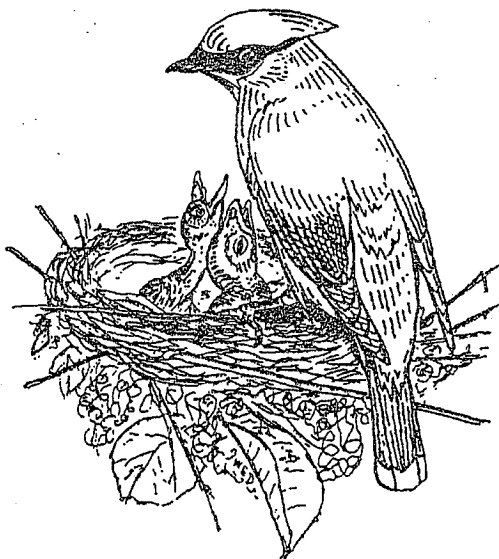
06-05	1	Fitzwilliam	Fitzwilliam Depot, Rt. 119	M. Ayers
06-08	1	Pittsburg	The Glen	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet

**Brown Thrasher**

06-09	2	Newington	Great Bay NWR	M. & R. Suomala
06-18	3	Hill	old Rt. 3A	M. Suomala
06-24	2	Merrimack	wastewater treatment plant	R. Allard
06-25	1	Keene	jct. of Park Ave. & West St.	M. Wright
06-29	1	Columbia	residence	B. & D. Killam
07-08	4	Sanbornton	Shaw Cove Rd.	M. Suomala
07-12	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
07-17	1	Enfield	Bog Rd.	P. Hunt

**Cedar Waxwing**

06-01	7	Exeter		R. Aaronian
06-05	5	Seabrook	dunes	S. & D. Abbott
06-15	7	Fitzwilliam	One Mile Drive	M. Ayers
06-15	3	New London	auto survey route	A. & R. Vernon
06-25	10	Gorham	Jimtown Rd.	J. Brown
07-02	2	Colebrook	Mohawk River	M. Sudak
07-03	1	Dixville	Rt. 26	M. Sudak
07-14	6	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright



*Cedar Waxwing*  
by William E. Davis

# Vireos through Warblers

A canoe trip on the Connecticut River on June 9 resulted in some significant totals of Warbling Vireos and Red-eyed Vireos. The **Golden-winged Warbler** in Hanover was the third sighting there in the last five years—quite a distance from Durham, which is the traditional location for the species. Other warbler news included two **Cape May Warblers** in Jefferson for the second summer in a row; a **Pine Warbler** at the northern edge of its range in Landaff; late migrant **Blackpoll Warblers** in Seabrook, Enfield, and probably the single bird in Sandwich on June 18 (and maybe even others—see the comment under **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher**); **Mourning Warbler** apparently on territory in Hill and Enfield (although **Mourning**s can be found migrating often into mid-June).

The large number of **American Redstarts** at Pawtuckaway State Park on June 2 could easily have included late migrants, too. **Cerulean Warblers** have established a small colony at Pawtuckaway State Park in Nottingham. Six individuals were noted this year, including four singing males and an incubating female for our second consecutive nesting record.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
<b>Yellow-throated Vireo</b>				
06-01	2	Canterbury	Shaker Village	M. & R. Suomala
06-02	1	Lee	Lee Hill Rd. near powerline	P. Newbern
06-09	3	Westmoreland	Connecticut R.	A. Greenwood, ASNH FT
06-17	4	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	D. Abbott, D. Finch
06-26	1	Haverhill	Grafton County Farm	P. Hunt
07-09	1	New Hampton	Coolidge Woods Rd.	M. Suomala
07-12	2	Randolph	Durand Pond	J. Brown
07-29	2	Derry	Ballard Marsh	A. Delorey
<b>Warbling Vireo</b>				
06-06	1	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-09	50	Westmoreland	Connecticut R.	A. Greenwood, ASNH FT
06-13	3	Kensington	Kimball Rd.	J. Romano, S. Walker
06-23	3	Sanbornton	Shaw Cove Rd.	M. Suomala
06-25	3	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Bluffs	A. Greenwood
07-31	1	Sandwich	residence	T. Vazzano
<b>Philadelphia Vireo</b>				
06-08	2	Pittsburg	Moose Pasture	D., D., J. & A. Strong, L. Nawrocki
06-22	5	Pittsburg		A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT
06-23	1	Harts Location	Nancy Pond Trail	D., J. & A. Strong, L. Nawrocki
06-23	1	Livermore	Nancy Pond Trail	A., D. & J. Strong, L. Nawrocki
07-20	1	Woodstock	Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest	D. Ziolkowski
<b>Red-eyed Vireo</b>				
06-06	11	New London	Bunker Loop Trail	R. Vernon
06-09	45	Westmoreland	Connecticut R.	A. Greenwood, ASNH FT
06-11	11	Newington	Great Bay NWR	M. Suomala
06-14	8	New London	Carr Ledge Trail	R. Vernon

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06-15	24	New London	auto survey route	A. & R. Vernon
06-21	4	Keene	Robin Hood Pk.	A. Greenwood, ASNH FT
06-29	15	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	A. & B. Delorey

### **Blue-winged Warbler**

06-02	6		Durham & Lee	P. Newbern
06-09	4	Newington	Great Bay NWR	M. & R. Suomala
06-11	4	Newington	Great Bay NWR	M. Suomala
06-13	1	Kensington	Kimball Rd.	J. Romano, S. Walker
06-16	4	Brentwood	BBS Route	A. & B. Delorey
06-17	2	Hanover	Goodfellow Rd.	P. Hunt
06-29	1	Concord	behind White Farm	R. Quinn

### **Golden-winged Warbler**

06-03	1	Hanover	Goodfellow Rd.	P. Hunt
06-13	1	Durham	powerline off Packers Falls Rd.	R. Frechette

### **Brewster's Warbler - hybrid**

06-02	1	Lee	Lee Hill Rd. powerline	P. Newbern
06-13	1	Durham	Parkers Falls Rd.	R. Frechette

### **Tennessee Warbler**

06-15	1	Thompson & Meserves Purchase;	Jefferson Notch	A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT
06-22	1	Pittsburg	Perry Stream Rd.	A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT

### **Nashville Warbler**

06-05	12	Pittsburg	Perry Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-07	12	Pittsburg	Scott Bog Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-08	2	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
06-08	10	Enfield	Bog Rd.	P. Hunt
06-08	15	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-12	4	New London	Philbrick-Cricenti Bog	R. Vernon
06-22	23	Pittsburg		A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT
06-27	1	Pembroke	residence	K. Palfy

### **Northern Parula**

06-24	5	Enfield	Bog Rd.	P. Hunt
06-27	1	Columbia	residence	B. & D. Killam
07-02	2	Bethlehem	Trudeau Rd.	P. Hunt

### **Chestnut-sided Warbler**

06-02	1	Sandwich	residence	T. Vazzano
06-08	11	Enfield	Bog Rd.	P. Hunt
06-14	7	New London	Carr Ledge Trail	R. Vernon
06-18	1	Fitzwilliam	One Mile Drive	M. Ayers

### **Magnolia Warbler**

06-01	2	Jaffrey	Dublin Trail, Mt. Monadnock	A. Greenwood
06-01	1	Stoddard	SPNHF Peirce Reservation	R. Quinn, D. Anderson
06-05	12	Pittsburg	Perry Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-05	12	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-06	4	New London	Bunker Loop Trail	R. Vernon
06-06	1	Durham	Foss Farm	S. Mirick
06-08	31	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-14	5	New London	Carr Ledge Trail	R. Vernon

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<b>Magnolia Warbler (continued)</b>				
06-26	1	Salisbury	Littles Hill Rd.	M. Suomala
07-17	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
<b>Cape May Warbler</b>				
06-01	2	Jefferson	Cherry Pond	A. Strong, L. Nawrocki
06-05	1	Pittsburg	Day Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-14	1	Pittsburg	Timberland Lodge, First Connecticut Lake	R. Quinn
06-22	1	Pittsburg	Perry Stream Rd.	A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT
<b>Black-throated Green Warbler</b>				
06-06	3	New London	Bunker Loop Trail	R. Vernon
06-11	2	Newington	Great Bay NWR	M. Suomala
06-19	8	New London	Webb Loop Trail	R. Vernon
06-28	1	Columbia	residence	D. Killam
07-12	1	Albany	Kelley Trail, Paugus Pass	C. & J. Tewksbury
<b>Blackburnian Warbler</b>				
06-19	3	Salisbury	Glines Rd.	M. Suomala
06-26	1	Webster	Cogswell Rd.	M. Suomala
07-07	1	Albany	Brook Trail, Mt. Chocorua	C. & J. Tewksbury
07-14	5	Newbury	Hay NWR	P. Newbern
<b>Pine Warbler</b>				
06-09	5	Newington	Great Bay NWR	M. & R. Suomala
06-21	5	Keene	Robin Hood Pk.	A. Greenwood, ASNH FT
06-26	2	Landaff	Mill Brook Rd.	P. Hunt
06-29	5	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	A. & B. Delorey
07-14	6	Newbury	Hay NWR	P. Newbern
<b>Prairie Warbler</b>				
06-02	2	Deerfield	Reservation Rd. powerline	P. Newbern
06-09	2	Newington	Great Bay NWR	M. & R. Suomala
06-27	8	Chester	Walnut Hill powerline	A. Delorey
06-29	4	Mason	Wilton Rd. powerline	R. & N. Frechette
07-02	1	Hill	old Rt. 3A	M. Suomala
07-31	2	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence	G. Gavutis
<b>Bay-breasted Warbler</b>				
06-05	8	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-07	3	Pittsburg	Scott Bog Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-08	2	Pittsburg	Moose Pasture	D., D., J. & A. Strong, L. Nawrocki
06-08	2	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-17	1	Thompson & Meserves Purchase; Jefferson Notch Rd.		A. Strong, et al.
06-22	5	Pittsburg	Perry Stream Rd.	A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT
<b>Blackpoll Warbler</b>				
06-01	1	Dixville	Abeniki Mtn. summit	C. Martin
06-05	1	Seabrook	dunes inside Rt. 1A	S. & D. Abbott
06-07	17	Pittsburg	Scott Bog Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-08	17	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-09	1	Enfield	Shaker Bridge	P. Hunt
06-15	20	Thompson & Meserves Purchase; Jefferson Notch		A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT
06-18	1	Sandwich	Kiah Pond	P. Hunt



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06-21	10	Thompson & Meserves Purchase	Caps Ridge Trail, Mt. Jefferson	S. & D. Abbott
06-22	3	Pittsburg	East Inlet	A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT
06-25	3	Franconia	Cannon Mtn.	T. Vazzano
07-06	12	Thompson & Meserves Purchase	Caps Ridge Trail, Mt. Jefferson	R. Frechette, D. Powell, S. Spangenberg, et al.
07-07	2	Orange	Mt. Cardigan	R. Quinn
07-17	4	Benton	Gorge Brook Trail	J. & D. Romano

### **Cerulean Warbler**

06-02	3	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	P. Newbern
06-08	6	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	S. Mirick, ASNH FT
06-16	5	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	S. Mirick

### **American Redstart**

06-02	42	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	S. Mirick
06-09	50	Westmoreland	Connecticut R.	A. Greenwood, ASNH FT
06-11	2	Newington	Great Bay NWR	M. Suomala
06-15	1	New London	auto survey route	A. & R. Vernon
06-18	1	Fitzwilliam	One Mile Drive	M. Ayers
07-14	2	Pembroke	residence	K. Palfy

### **Ovenbird**

06-01	5	Jaffrey	Dublin Trail, Mt. Monadnock	A. Greenwood
06-02	32	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	S. Mirick
06-06	10	New London	Bunker Loop Trail	R. Vernon
06-14	14	New London	Carr Ledge Trail	R. Vernon
06-19	17	New London	Webb Loop Trail	R. Vernon
06-29	18	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	A. & B. Delorey

### **Northern Waterthrush**

06-01	1	Stoddard	SPNHF Peirce Reservation	R. Quinn, D. Anderson
06-07	9	Pittsburg	Scott Bog Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-08	4	Enfield	Bog Rd.	P. Hunt
06-08	2	Pittsburg	Canadian border area	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-08	5	Pittsburg	Rt. 3, First Connecticut Lake, East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-15	2	New London	auto survey route	A. & R. Vernon
06-26	1	Derry	Ballard Marsh	A. Delorey
07-07	1	Lebanon	near Mascoma Lake dam	P. Hunt
07-12	1	Webster	Cogswell Woods Rd.	M. Suomala

### **Louisiana Waterthrush**

06-15	1	New London	auto survey route	A. & R. Vernon
06-24	1	New Hampton	Coolidge Woods Rd.	M. Suomala

### **Mourning Warbler**

06-01	4	Jefferson	Cherry Pond	A. Strong, L. Nawrocki
06-02	1	Enfield	Rt. 4 residence	P. Hunt
06-02	1	Durham	Foss Farm	P. Newbern
06-04	2	Pittsburg	Big Brook Bog Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-05	1	Pittsburg	Perry Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-06	1	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-06	1	Pittsburg	Moose Falls, Rt. 3	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-09	1	Pittsburg	Garfield Falls Rd.	D., D., J. & A. Strong

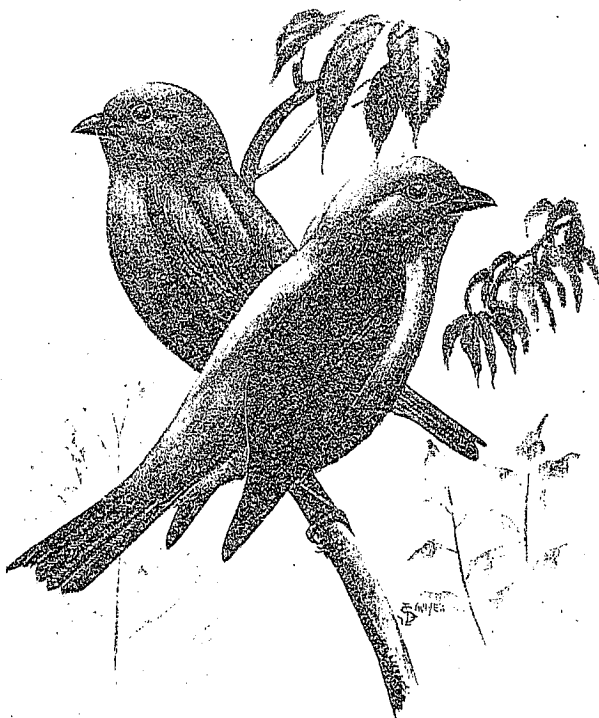
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<b>Mourning Warbler</b>				
06-11	1	Haverhill	Grafton County Farm	P. Hunt
06-13	2	Millsfield	Millsfield Pond Rd.	C. Martin
06-19	1	Hill	old Rt. 3A	M. Suomala
06-22	7	Pittsburg		A.& B. Delorey, BBC FT
06-24	1	Enfield	Rt. 4A, near Grafton line	P. Hunt
07-08	1	Sanbornton	Shaw Cove Rd.	M. Suomala

### Wilson's Warbler

06-04	1	Pittsburg	Big Brook Bog Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-08	1	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	D., A. & D. Strong
06-15	1	Pittsburg	Moose Falls Flowage	R. Quinn, ASNH FT
06-16	1	Pittsburg	Rt. 3 between First & Second Connecticut L.	R. Quinn
06-22	3	Pittsburg		A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT

### Canada Warbler

06-09	1	Nottingham		P. Lacourse, J. Michael
06-14	3	New London	Carr Ledge Trail	R. Vernon
06-15	1	New London	auto survey route	A. & R. Vernon
06-19	4	Salisbury	Glines Rd.	M. Suomala
06-22	10	Pittsburg		A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT
07-31	1	Sandwich	residence	T. Vazzano



*Scarlet Tanager* by E.J. Sawyer for  
*The American Natural History* by William T. Hornaday

# Tanager through Evening Grosbeak

An excellent description of a male Blue Grosbeak left no doubt about its identity, but why it was in Jackson on June 21 is a mystery. This species is a very rare bird in New Hampshire at best, and if seen at all it is normally found in the southern part of the state during spring or fall migration. Grassland birds were reported in better than average numbers due to the survey conducted by ASNH. Highlights were four Grasshopper Sparrows and two Clay-colored Sparrows.

An agitated Lincoln's Sparrow in Enfield (with food in its bill that it was presumably carrying to young) provides strong evidence of nesting. This would extend the known nesting range of this species about 45 miles farther to the south and west.

Probably the highlight of the breeding birds this summer was the apparently territorial male Fox Sparrow discovered in Pittsburg. Not only was this bird very well described, but its song was tape-recorded. This is only the second breeding season record for the state that I am aware of, both from Pittsburg.

An Orchard Oriole in Concord was away from the species' usual haunts near the coast, and the canoe trip on the Connecticut River tallied a substantial number of Baltimore Orioles. A pair of Evening Grosbeaks was unusual in Rochester since Pawtuckaway State Park is the only regular place for them in southeastern New Hampshire.

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<b>Scarlet Tanager</b>				
06-01	2	Jaffrey	Dublin Trail, Mt. Monadnock	A. Greenwood
06-08	2	New London	Low Plain CA	R. Vernon
06-09	7	Westmoreland	Connecticut R.	A. Greenwood, ASNH FT
06-09	12	Newington	Great Bay NWR	M. & R. Suomala
06-12	2	Fitzwilliam	West Lake Rd. residence	M. Ayers
06-14	1	New London	Carr Ledge Trail	R. Vernon
06-16	1	Pittsburg	Back Lake Rd.	R. Quinn
06-27	1	Pembroke	residence	K. Palfy
06-29	5	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	A. & B. Delorey
06-29	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	S. Morris, R. Suomala
06-30	19	Jackson	Meserve Brook	S. & M. Turner
<b>Rose-breasted Grosbeak</b>				
06-04	2	Pittsburg	Big Brook Bog Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-06	1	Pittsburg	Moose Falls, Rt. 3	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-06	1	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-09	2	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
07-14	1	Pembroke	residence	K. Palfy
07-27	5	Milford	Federal Hill Rd. residence	B. Becker
<b>Blue Grosbeak</b>				
06-21	1	Jackson	residence	P., N. & M. Howe
<b>Indigo Bunting</b>				
06-02	2	Plymouth	Beech Hill Rd.	A. Greenwood
06-02	1	Sandwich	residence	T. Vazzano
06-24	1	Merrimack	wastewater treatment plant	R. Allard
06-29	5	Conway	Dahl WS	R. Quinn, T. Richards, et al.

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**Indigo Bunting (continued)**

07-08 1 Hillsboro residence P. Kienholz  
 07-27 1 Merrimack Wasserman Pk. R. & J. Allard  
 07-30 1 Derry Brady Ave. K. Gifford

**Eastern Towhee**

06-02 4 Durham Foss Farm P. Newbern  
 06-11 1 Sutton Cascade Marsh R. Vernon  
 06-11 4 Newington Great Bay NWR M. Suomala  
 06-12 3 Newington Great Bay NWR M. Suomala  
 06-27 6 Chester Walnut Hill powerline A. Delorey  
 07-15 1 Hillsboro E. Washington Rd. P. & D. Kienholz  
 07-24 6 Amherst Ponemah Bog R. Andrews

**Clay-colored Sparrow**

06-08 1 Lee off Rt. 155 S. Mirick, D. Abbott  
 06-14 1 Lee off Rt. 152 P. Hunt  
 06-27 1 Haverhill Oliverian Valley Farm P. Hunt

**Field Sparrow**

06-27 4 Chester Walnut Hill powerline A. Delorey  
 07-23 2 Gilsum Hammond Hollow M. Wright  
 07-24 1 Monroe powerline S. & M. Turner

**Vesper Sparrow**

06-19 1 Newington Pease Tradeport runways S. Mirick, J. Anderson  
 07-10 1 Nashua Beezer East, n. of Greeley Pk. R. Andrews

**Savannah Sparrow**

06-03 4 Enfield Lower Shaker Village P. Hunt  
 06-07 10 Dover Strafford County Farm P. Hunt  
 06-11 2 Piermont River Rd. P. Hunt  
 06-15 1 New London auto survey route A. & R. Vernon  
 06-24 11 Stratham Stuart Farm P. Hunt  
 06-25 4 Brentwood Rockingham County Farm P. Hunt  
 06-26 8 Landaff Mill Brook Rd. P. Hunt  
 06-27 4 Haverhill Oliverian Valley Farm P. Hunt  
 07-08 2 Northumberland Lost Nation B. Janeway  
 07-10 1 Errol Leonard Marsh, Lake Umbagog C. Martin

**Grasshopper Sparrow**

06-02 2 Amherst off Merrimack Rd. S. Mirick, M. Suomala  
 06-03 1 Enfield Lower Shaker Village P. Hunt  
 07-10 1 Merrimack Anheuser-Busch Brewery, field by Merrimack R. R. Andrews

**Sharp-tailed Sparrow sp.**

07-28 5 Newmarket off Bay Rd. S. Mirick

**Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow**

06-14 1 Stratham Chapmans Landing R. Frechette  
 06-22 25 Hampton Hampton salt marshes S. Mirick, P. Lacourse  
 07-05 20 Hampton Rt. 101 marsh A. & B. Delorey

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<b>Seaside Sparrow</b>				
06-22	4	Hampton	Hampton salt marshes	S. Mirick, P. Lacourse
<b>Fox Sparrow</b>				
06-06	1	Pittsburg	off Rt. 3, near Canadian border	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
<b>Lincoln's Sparrow</b>				
06-07	4	Pittsburg	Scott Bog Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-08	1	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	D., D., J. & A. Strong, L. Nawrocki
06-09	2	Pittsburg	Garfield Falls Rd.	D., D., J. & A. Strong
06-22	7	Pittsburg		A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT
06-24	1	Enfield	Bog Rd.	P. Hunt
<b>Dark-eyed Junco</b>				
06-05	1	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
06-06	2	New London	Bunker Loop Trail	R. Vernon
07-28	2	New London	Bunker Loop Trail	R. Vernon
<b>Bobolink</b>				
06-01	7	Kensington	Giles Rd.	R. Aaronian
06-03	16	Enfield	Lower Shaker Village	P. Hunt
06-06	3	Pittsburg	Tabor Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-07	35	Dover	Strafford County Farm	P. Hunt
06-11	20	Piermont	River Rd.	P. Hunt
06-13	1	Whitefield	Rt. 3 s. of town center	C. Martin
06-14	3	Sanbornton	Shaw Cove Rd.	M. Suomala
06-15	2	New London	auto survey route	A. & R. Vernon
06-19	26	Dover	NH Fish & Game property	P. Hunt
06-25	37	Brentwood	Rockingham County Farm	P. Hunt
06-26	22	Salisbury	Smith Corner fields	M. Suomala
06-27	44	Piermont	River Rd.	P. Hunt
07-05	27	Salisbury	Smiths Corner fields	M. Suomala
07-12	44	Salisbury	Smiths Corner fields	M. Suomala
07-23	11	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
<b>Eastern Meadowlark</b>				
06-07	9	Dover	Strafford County Farm	P. Hunt
06-09	1	Newington	Great Bay NWR	M. Suomala
06-11	5	Piermont	River Rd.	P. Hunt
06-11	1	Newington	Great Bay NWR	M. Suomala
06-13	1	Whitefield	Rt. 3 s. of town center	C. Martin
06-14	1	Franconia	Rt. 116 just n. of Easton	R. Quinn
06-19	2	Dover	NH Fish & Game property	P. Hunt
06-25	4	Brentwood	Rockingham County Farm	P. Hunt
06-27	2	Haverhill	Oliverian Farm	P. Hunt
07-10	3	Merrimack	Anheuser-Busch Brewery	R. Andrews
<b>Rusty Blackbird</b>				
06-06	1	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-07	2	Pittsburg	Perry Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-07	2	Pittsburg	Scott Bog Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-08	2	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	D., J., D., G. & A. Strong, L. Nawrocki

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**Rusty Blackbird (continued)**

06-15	2	Pittsburg	Scott Bog Rd. near small pond	R. Quinn
06-16	1	Pittsburg	Rt. 3 between First & Second Connecticut L.	R. Quinn
06-22	5	Pittsburg		A.& B. Delorey, BBC FT
06-25	1	Woodstock	Rt. 118	S.& M. Turner

**Orchard Oriole**

06-03	1	Hanover	Goodfellow Rd.	P. Hunt
06-04	1	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	R. Suomala, J. Kanter
06-04	2	Greenland	Portsmouth CC	P. Hunt, D. Strong, T. Johansen

**Baltimore Oriole**

06-01	5	Keene	Ashuelot River Pk.	A. Greenwood
06-04	2	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
06-06	1	New London	Bunker Loop Trail	R. Vernon
06-09	45	Westmoreland	Connecticut R.	A. Greenwood, ASNH FT
06-17	1	Hillsboro	residence	P.& D. Kienholz
07-23	2	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright

**Purple Finch**

06-15	2	New London	auto survey route	A.& R. Vernon
06-19	3	New London	Webb Loop Trail	R. Vernon
06-27	8	Columbia	residence	B.& D. Killam
07-05	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
07-12	1	Randolph	Durand Pond	J. Brown
07-18	2	Conway	West Side Rd., N. Conway	B.& J. Ayer

**Red Crossbill**

06-16	5	Bethlehem	Trudeau Rd.	A. Strong, et al.
07-06	1	Errol	Long Pond boat ramp	C. Martin, et al.
07-06	2	Livermore	Nancy Pond Trail	P. Newbern
07-11	2	Orange	Mt. Cardigan	P. Hunt
07-30	3	Pittsburg	East Inlet	P. Hunt, M. Garvey

**White-winged Crossbill**

07-21	1	Second College	Grant; near Swift Diamond R.	M. Suomala
07-30	12	Pittsburg	East Inlet, Scott Bog	P.& M. Garvey

**Pine Siskin**

06-01	20	Bethlehem	Trudeau Rd.	A. Strong
06-01	1	Concord	residence	R. Woodward
06-15	6	Pittsburg		R. Quinn
06-23	1	Henniker	Shaker Hill Rd. residence	C. Johnston, R. Hardy
06-25	1	Woodstock	Rt. 118	S.& M. Turner
07-18	5	Conway	West Side Rd., N. Conway	B.& J. Ayer
07-21	4	Wentworth	residence	A. Ports

**Evening Grosbeak**

06-08	7	Pittsburg	Canadian border area	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
06-12	1	Deering	residence	L. Sunderland
06-13	2	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
06-17	2	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	D. Abbott, D. Finch
06-27	6	Columbia	residence	B.& D. Killam
06-29	2	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	J. Greenspan

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
06-30	1	Salisbury	Province Rd.	M. Suomala
07-03	1	Deering	residence	L. Sunderland
07-03	1	Hillsboro	Windsor Rd.	L. Sunderland
07-07	5	Colebrook	Rt. 26, Kitterville	M. Sudak
07-07	2	Temple	Mansfield Rd.	B. Palmer
07-17	2	Conway	West Side Rd., N. Conway	J. Ayer
07-22	2	Rochester		M. Jones
07-22	2	New London	Hilltop Place	P. Damon
07-29	4	Hancock	Kings Hgwy. near Old Dublin Rd. jct.	M. Cadot

## Corrections

The following corrections were found after the issue was published. Minor typos are not included. In the future, we hope to publish corrections in each issue for the previous season, but we have a backlog since the last set of corrections was published in the Summer 92 issue. We will be including corrections chronologically as space allows until we are caught up.

Please let us know of any major inaccuracies you find in any issue. Those which involve sighting records will be corrected in the computer data file to improve accuracy.

### Winter 91-92, Vol. 10, No. 4

p. 12 The Laughing Gull was accepted as possible only and will be reviewed by the NH Rare Birds Committee

p. 14 Doves through Woodpeckers.

The end of the first sentence should read "record highs for Mourning Doves: Hanover-Norwich by more than 200"

In the 2nd paragraph the Snowy Owl entangled in the razor wire was at the State Prison in Concord

### Spring 92, Vol. 11, No. 1

p. 6 Waterfowl summary, second sentence should read "Also notable were two Tundra Swans"

p. 19 The Tree Sparrow listed in Pittsfield should be a Tree Swallow

### Summer 92, Vol. 11, No. 2

p. 4 Loons through Herons - the possible new sites for Pied-billed Grebes should list Chatham instead of Jackson

p. 16 Boreal Chickadee listed on 07-07 in Woodstock was at a beaver pond off Rt. 118

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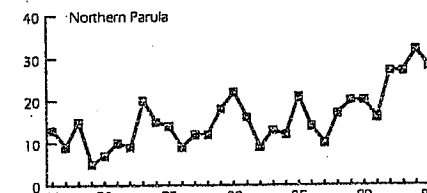
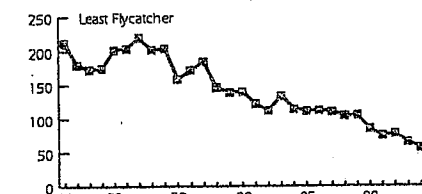
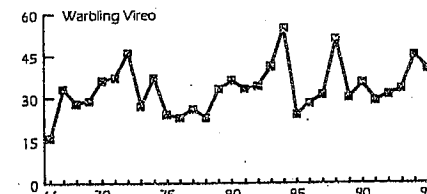
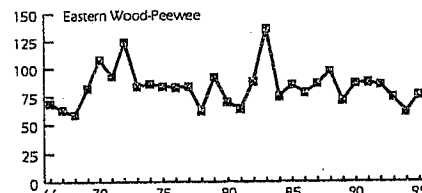
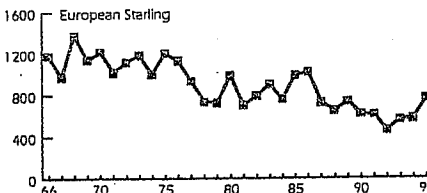
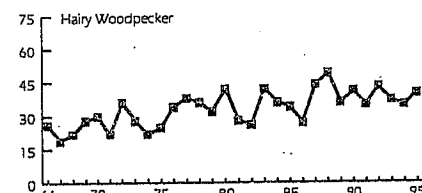
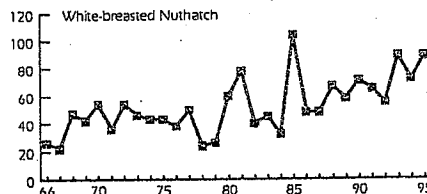
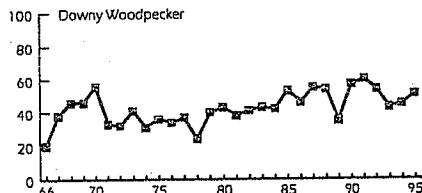
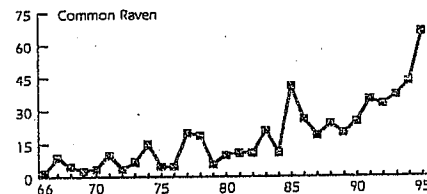
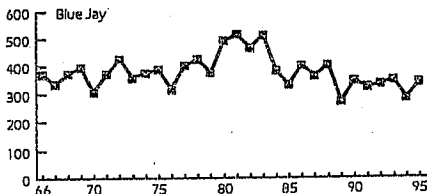
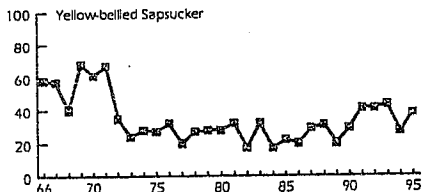
p. 13 Olive-sided Flycatcher

p. 21 Tennessee Warbler

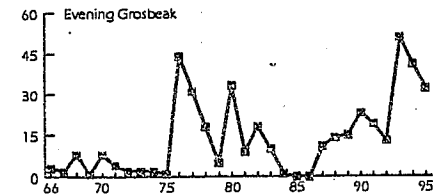
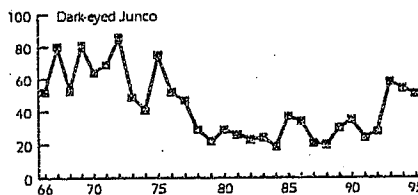
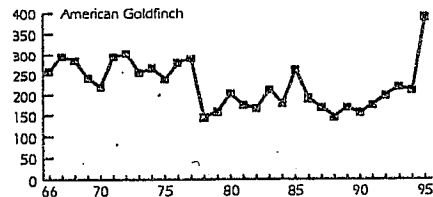
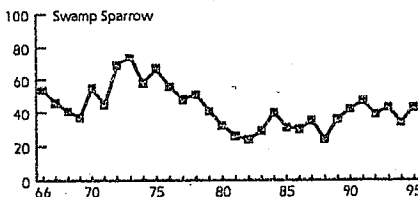
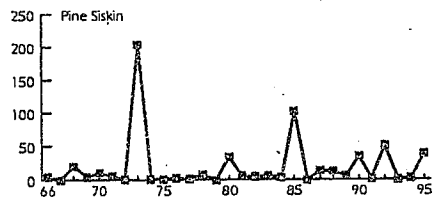
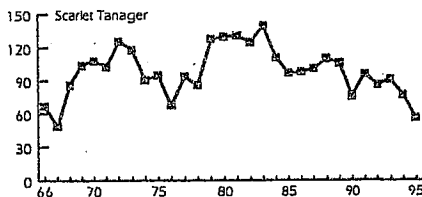
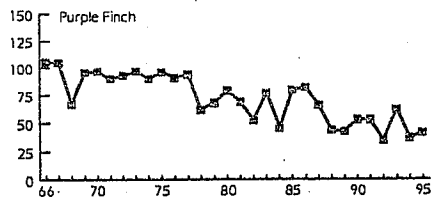
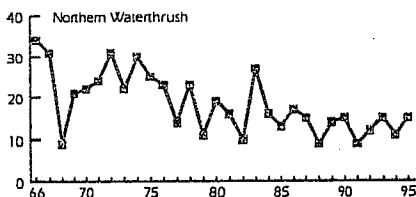
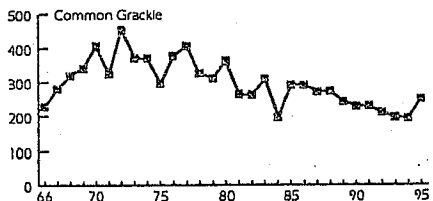
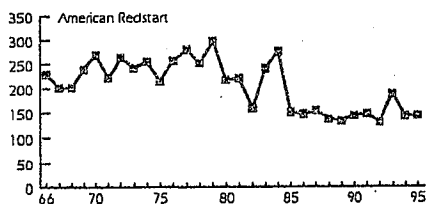
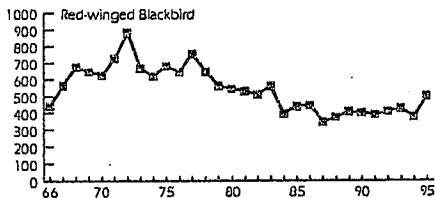
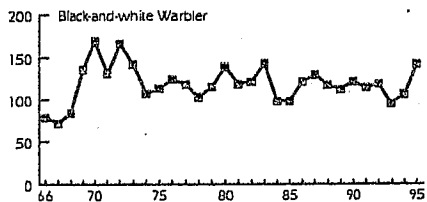
p. 22 Louisiana Waterthrush

# Breeding Bird Survey (1966-1995)

The following graphs show the total number of birds detected on all New Hampshire routes each year. The 1996 data did not arrive in time to be included here.

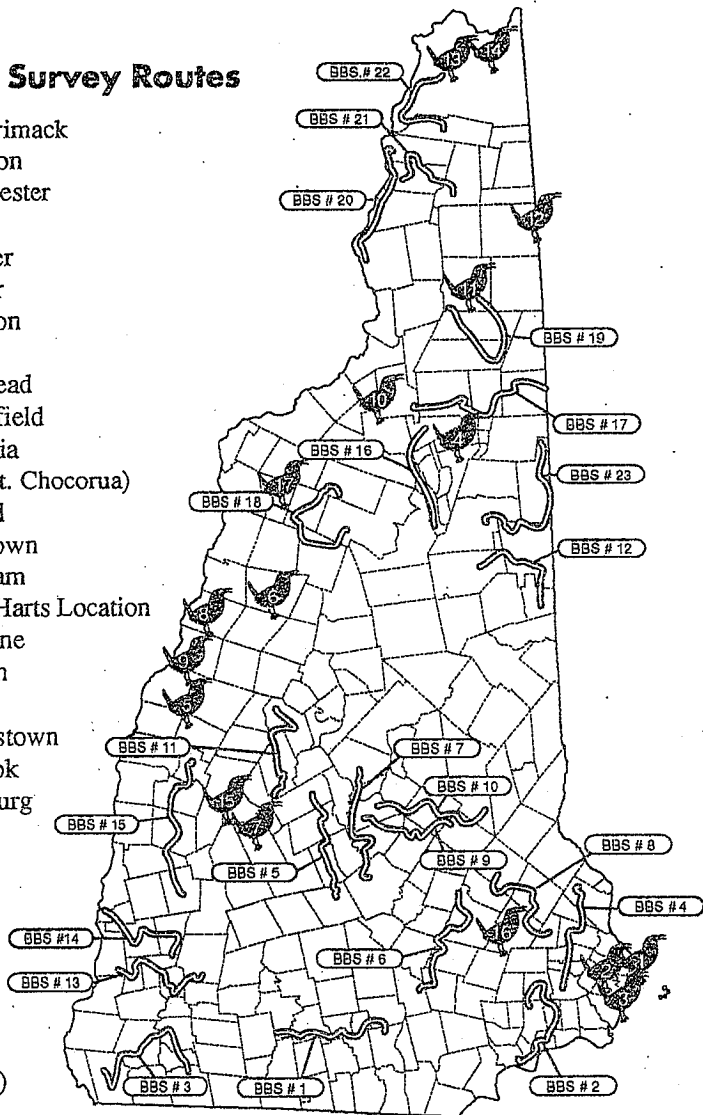






## Breeding Bird Survey Routes

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



## Birding Hot Spots

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Odiorne Pt. (Rye)</li> <li>2. Great Bay</li> <li>3. Eel Pond (Rye)</li> <li>4. Mount Jefferson (Thompson &amp; Meserves Purchase)</li> <li>5. Mascoma Lake (Enfield/Lebanon)</li> <li>6. Mount Moosilauke (Warren)</li> <li>7. Cascade Marsh (Sutton)</li> <li>8. Reed's Marsh (Orford)</li> <li>9. Smarts Mountain (Lyme)</li> <li>10. Pondicherry Wildlife Refuge (Jefferson/Whitefield)</li> <li>11. Pontook Reservoir (Dummer)</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12. Lake Umbagog (Errol)</li> <li>13. Lake Francis, Connecticut Lakes (Pittsburg)</li> <li>14. East Inlet (Pittsburg)</li> <li>15. Low Plain Conservation Area (New London)</li> <li>16. Pawtuckaway State Park (Nottingham/Deerfield)</li> <li>17. Scotland Brook WS (Landaff)</li> </ol> |
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# New Hampshire Loon Report

Each year, the Loon Preservation Committee's field program manages and collects data on Common Loons in New Hampshire. By dividing the state into four geographical territories, as well as four single-lake territories, loon population numbers and productivity are monitored and recorded, adding to 21 years of historical data.

The totals for the geographical territories and single-lake territories were: North Country, 94; Lake Umbagog, 72; Lakes Region, 101; Squam, 46; Winnepesaukee, 41; Monadnock, 87; Seacoast, 83; Massabesic, 14.

Tallying of the field data for 1996 showed a total population of 538 Common Loons. Of these, 398 were in pair bonds, establishing and defending 199 territories. Of the 134 incubating pairs, over half (62.6%) produced chicks, yielding a total of 120 chicks. As of this report, 88 chicks are surviving (73.3%).

The 1996 total loon count of 538 birds suggests a 9.4% decrease from last year's record high population. Preliminary analyses indicate a drop in the number of unmated loons, but this is not yet substantiated. Territorial pairs, nesting pairs, chicks hatched, and chicks surviving were consistent with, if not surpassing, last year's numbers—a noteworthy comparison considering the record high water levels that challenged returning loons.

This summer also brought a significant increase in the number of jet-ski complaints to LPC. With the classification of three- and four-person jet skis as boats, usage in areas previously banned to these crafts increased. Although there is very little documented evidence on the negative impacts of ski craft on loons, the potential of harm rises with their increased presence on New Hampshire's lakes and ponds.

Artificial nesting islands, or rafts, can be used as nesting platforms for incubating pairs in those cases where natural nesting attempts have been unsuccessful. Specifically, when successive failure is due to water level fluctuations or predation, the site may be considered for a raft. Rafts do not serve to attract loons to a water body. The Loon Preservation Committee strictly monitors the construction, placement, and use of all rafts under the authority of the State of New Hampshire.

The use of rafts continues to be a successful management tool. Of the 44 rafts floated this year, 27 were used as nesting platforms, resulting in a success rate of 70.3%. From these platforms 29 chicks were hatched, comprising 24.1% of the total productivity.

*Adapted from the 1996 Field Program Report in the Loon Preservation Committee News, Winter 1996.*



*Illustration by John Quinn*

# Studying the Birds of Spruce-Fir Forests

*After 17 years with the Audubon Society of New Hampshire, Carol Foss began studies toward a Ph.D. in Wildlife Ecology at the University of Maine in 1993, although she has remained connected to ASNH as a consulting biologist. Carleton Eyster is a biologist from California who joined Carol's research crew last summer. After completing a graduate program in science illustration, he plans to assist Carol with a fledgling identification manual.*

## The Researcher's Reasoning

*by Carol Foss*

My experiences in the ASNH Wildlife Department directly influenced the research questions I chose to pursue after returning to school. During the early 1980s, I watched the same Osprey nests fail year after year and saw coastal tern colonies that increased in size yet failed to produce any young. These situations made it clear to me that knowing the numbers of nesting pairs isn't enough; we really need to know whether bird populations are nesting successfully.

While osprey, tern, and even peregrine nestlings are relatively easy to observe and count, forest birds are another matter. Monitoring efforts for forest songbird populations have relied heavily on counts of singing males during the early weeks of the breeding season. However, with populations of some species declining and habitats for many shrinking, monitoring forest songbird nesting success has become increasingly important in recent years.

Ornithologists have used two main tools to address this issue. One, nest searching and monitoring, involves locating as many nests as possible on a given study area and then observing them every few days until they fail or fledge young. The other approach, constant-effort mist netting, involves capturing and banding birds in a standardized array of mist nets during specific time periods throughout the nesting season. Each method provides data that contribute to understanding bird populations, but each has biases and limitations as well. I hoped to develop another approach that would complement these existing tools and be practical and cost effective to apply over large areas of land.

After some experimenting, I have come up with two different techniques, both of which rely on observations of bird behavior. One involves a combination of point counts and fledgling surveys; the other I call behavior mapping. The point counts of singing males are made during June at consistent points along walking routes, or transects. Fledgling surveys entail walking along the transects twice each week during July and early August and documenting all agitated adults, adults carrying food, family groups, and fledglings. By comparing data from the point counts and fledgling surveys for different species, one can assess the relative abundance of nesting attempts and successful nests in relation to the number of singing males.

The behavior-mapping technique provides more details on how different species are distributed and their breeding status. Behavior mapping involves walking a grid of transects in an established study area twice each week from late May into mid-August and documenting the location and behavior of each bird detected. We document about

40 different behaviors, from singing and calling to courtship, agitation, and feeding fledglings. After each field survey, we transcribe the data to composite maps for each species. At the end of the field season, the home ranges of different pairs of White-throated Sparrows, for example, show up as clusters of Xs on the White-throated Sparrow map. After drawing lines on the map to separate the home ranges, we look at the behaviors observed within each home range to determine breeding status.

For example, if we detected a family group within or near a cluster, the home range status would be "successful fledging." If we never saw fledglings but observed an adult carrying food, the status would be "nesting attempt." A cluster with a singing male detected on most May and June visits but no evidence of a female, much less of breeding, indicates only an established home range.

I am using the behavior-mapping technique to address another major research question: How does partial cutting in spruce-fir forests affect breeding bird abundance, species composition, and nesting success? I settled on this question for several reasons. I had fallen in love with spruce-fir forests during years of searching for Osprey nests in the Lake Umbagog area and knew that I wanted to work in that habitat. But there were practical reasons as well. Spruce and fir are commercially valuable species, and most spruce-fir forests in Maine and New Hampshire are actively managed for forest products. Cutting patterns in these forests have been changing from large clearcuts to smaller patch cuts in recent years, and no one knows how these habitat changes might affect breeding birds.

My study areas include sites that haven't been cut for many years, sites that have been thinned to leave a fairly uniform density of trees, and sites with cut patches and patches of intact forest. In addition to the behavior mapping data, I have also collected detailed information on tree species, sizes, and densities within each study area. The bird and habitat data from these diverse sites will help us understand the effects of different forest practices on breeding bird communities in spruce-fir forests. By comparing habitat data from unoccupied areas and from successful and unsuccessful home ranges, we also will learn a great deal about habitat needs of different species.

## Life on the Field Crew

by Carleton Russell Eyster

As a West Coast biologist accustomed to a rather dry climate, I took careful note of Carol's considered forewarnings regarding the wet nature of a summer season in the spruce-fir forest. Still, it took several pairs of boots and countless afternoons huddled around the heater in early June before I could truly appreciate those marvelously damp forests along the Androscoggin River. Yet, driven by a long-standing desire to encounter a jewel like the Blackburnian Warbler in its summer home, I persevered.

Largely unfamiliar with the sights and sounds of the northern forest in summer, I quickly learned that any avian encounter usually starts with a keen ear. This was fortunate, as I found my gaze invariably fixed on the ground, carefully navigating the blown-down "steeplechase" before me. With firm footing secured, a glance skyward rewarded me with either a fleeting glimpse of a darting *Dendroica* or an eyeful of

raindrops, which had managed to linger on the fir branches until the very moment I ceased rustling. At which point I would hear a melodic string of clear notes somewhat resembling a Common Yellowthroat and would set off in haste, hopeful of documenting what was certain to be a male Canada Warbler proclaiming his arrival. Fantastic—except that my next step would have me plunging into the sphagnum up to my waist!

Pausing to empty one's boots on these occasions was not only a welcome but an essential element of every behavior-mapping survey. For this is often when the more surprising aspects of the spruce-fir forest would appear. Out of the stillness and quiet, a lone Nashville Warbler would surface, or a family of Gray Jays would descend stealthily upon the scene.

All the members of the field crew felt that working with Carol was like having a second family. She was either worrying about us if we were at the notorious Low Aziscohos, or we were anxious for her return from Long Pond, which seemed to inexplicably detain her for untold hours. Once safely home, however, we always enjoyed the exchange of stories and insights, whether it was a close encounter with a bull moose in a wet bog or a new Blackburnian song heard from the highest, most distant spruce branch in the old growth of Rand Brook.



*Blackburnian Warbler by Carleton R. Eyster*

# Birding in New London

by Bob Vernon

An Acadian Flycatcher in New London, New Hampshire? Not every year, certainly, but once I did see, hear, and record one in New London.

For those who want to do some birding in New London, here are some thoughts. My favorite birding place in New London is the Esther Currier Wildlife Management Area at Low Plain. Shortly after entering New London from the east on Route 11, you will see the Elkins cemetery on the right. The entrance to Low Plain is directly opposite the cemetery, on the left. A mile-long trail bisects the area and ends on Mountain Road. Many side trails branch off. Close to Route 11 you will see a beaver pond. Besides the usual water birds like Wood Ducks and Hooded Mergansers, Green Herons nest there. Pileated Woodpeckers and Great Crested Flycatchers are found around the pond and Common Yellowthroats, Chestnut-sided Warblers, and Ovenbirds are heard just about anywhere. River Otters as well as beavers are found regularly.

The Philbrick-Cricenti Bog on the west side of town has a board walk and guided trail maps. From exit 12 off I-89, head about one mile towards New London and look for a wide shoulder on the right by the 30 mph road sign. This is the parking area for the bog. As you walk into the bog you can see the progression of plant life from the more typical New Hampshire plants to a community more like that 1000 miles north, with Leather Leaf, Pitcher Plants, Cotton Grass, and Bog Rosemary. In summer there are many White-throated Sparrows and Nashville Warblers in this area, and occasionally in July, there are singing Tennessee Warblers, which perhaps have been unsuccessful at nesting farther north where they may have been thwarted by the spruce tree blight.

For birding or hiking in New London, you would do well to acquire the map "Footpaths in New London and Vicinity, Revised October, 1994." It can be purchased at the town library in the center of town or at the information booth, also in the center of town. This map shows not only the Low Plain area and the Philbrick-Cricenti Bog but also the Great Brook Trail and the Bunker Loop.

For boreal habitat, the Great Brook Trail is good. At the north end of Pleasant Street, where it joins Lakeshore Road, there is a bridge over Great Brook. A trail leaves this point in an easterly direction. After about 100 feet the Great Brook Trail starts on the left. The trail follows Great Brook for nearly two miles to the "old meadow," a beaver pond labeled as "Devil's Half Acre Pond" on the map. About a quarter of a mile before you get to the pond is a trail to the west (part of the Webb Loop trail) that goes up Morgan Hill and joins Old County Road. Near the junction of this trail and the Great Brook Trail, a singing Swainson's Thrush was found every year until 1994.

The Bunker Loop is a popular two-mile hike through woods along a logging road and past a farm where Barn and Tree Swallows are conspicuous. There is a junction off the Bunker Loop Trail with the Great Brook Trail not far from the end of Pleasant Street, as described above. Ovenbirds and Red-eyed Vireos are abundant, and Veeries and Wood and Hermit Thrushes are often heard. Magnolia and Blackburnian Warblers also frequent this area.

New London may not be a birding hot spot, but the lakes and the many miles of maintained hiking trails make it an enjoyable place to visit.

# The New Hampshire Rare Birds Committee

by Robert A. Quinn

Why do we need a Rare Birds Committee? The Audubon Society of New Hampshire (ASNH) is currently the only comprehensive source of information on bird sightings in the state. Sightings are collected and published through *New Hampshire Bird Records (NHBR)* and used for many research projects.

To have a credible publication and an accurate database of bird sightings, quality control is essential. Unusual sightings that become a permanent part of the ornithological history of New Hampshire must be able to stand up to future review by people who may no longer know the observers of the day or other pertinent events which were taking place.

Most states have rare bird committees that review unusual sightings, both past and present. After decades of individual *NHBR* editors making decisions on unusual bird reports, the four current *NHBR* editors began the process of forming a New Hampshire Rare Birds Committee in early 1995.

What does the committee do? The New Hampshire Rare Birds Committee (NHRBC) is an independent Technical Advisory Committee to *NHBR*. It reviews unusual sightings in an effort to maintain accuracy and scientific integrity for both *NHBR* and the historical database of bird sightings maintained by ASNH.

The purpose of the NHRBC is to:

- review the reports of unusual birds and accept or reject those records based upon the adequacy of the documentation.
- inform the observer of the results of the evaluation of his or her record and publish those results in *NHBR*.
- coordinate this review process with the publication of *NHBR*.
- improve the quality of documentation by educating the birding community about what requires documentation and how it should be documented.

The bylaws and guidelines of Texas, Maryland, and Massachusetts were used in designing the rules for the NHRBC. However, they were modified to fit New Hampshire's needs (e.g., one New Hampshire criterion is to keep up with each season rather than vote on an entire year's records at one time). The NHRBC bylaws are in their final draft.

The NHRBC is a group of volunteers with seven voting members, including the four *NHBR* season editors plus three at-large members: Dennis Abbott, Al Delorey (*NHBR* winter editor), Pete Hunt (*NHBR* spring editor), Steve Mirick (*NHBR* fall editor), Bob Quinn (*NHBR* summer editor), Andrea Robbins (former *NHBR* winter editor), and George Robbins.

The NHRBC is an independent body not affiliated with ASNH. This independence helps foster impartiality and maintain scientific credibility and standards in the review of sightings. However, there is an obvious informal association with ASNH because of the close work with *NHBR*.



What happens when we receive an unusual sighting? In understanding the workings of the committee it is important to be aware of the steps that your individual rare bird report goes through. All bird sightings go first to the Managing Editor of *NHBR*, Becky Suomala at ASNH. Based on criteria established by the NHRBC, documentation is requested for unusual sightings, often in consultation with the particular *NHBR* season editor.

All unusual bird documentation reports go to the season editor, who decides which reports go to the NHRBC. The editor, as a member of the NHRBC, has the flexibility to make a decision on sightings of more common species (as determined by the NHRBC) and those which do not have adequate descriptive details of the bird. A full list of all documented sightings goes to the NHRBC for review. All records that are sent to the NHRBC are circulated to each member, who makes an initial decision independently of the other members. All members then meet and vote as a group on each record.

**A record must have a 7-0 or 6-1 vote to be accepted by the committee.** This strict voting procedure ensures there is little or no question about what is accepted as a bona fide record. If a record gets two or more dissenting votes, there is a group discussion and then a second or even a third round of voting. If there are still two or more dissenting votes, the record is classified as "not accepted." All sightings are assigned a unique number and may be re-visited if other evidence appears.

The accepted records are included in the *NHBR* issue for the appropriate season. A summary of all records from the calendar year that were reviewed by the NHRBC appears in the Winter Season issue of *NHBR*, with appropriate explanations.

There are more stringent criteria for first state records as stated in the NHRBC bylaws. To accept a first state record, one of the following criteria must be met in addition to a unanimous vote by the committee:

- separate documentation from at least three observers
- a specimen
- a photograph or video recording
- a voice recording

It is worth noting several points about this procedure. Because of the strict voting guidelines, there are probably some legitimate records that do not get accepted (including some reports from committee members). **Votes are based upon the evidence provided by the reporter.** The observer's familiarity with the species, habitat, behavior, viewing conditions and optics used, weather, and the time of year are also considered. Personalities are not involved. The NHRBC was designed to be an independent body for this very reason—so that political pressure could not be brought to bear that would influence the validity of the state's bird records.

Adequate documentation is the key to whether a report is accepted. In the next issue of *NHBR*, there will be an article discussing how to provide good documentation and outlining which sightings require documentation.

The NHRBC is still in its formative stages and welcomes your thoughts and questions. Feel free to contact me if you would like more information:

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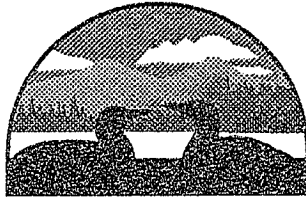
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BBC	Brookline Bird Club	R.	River
BBS	Breeding Bird Survey	Rd.	Road
CA	Conservation Area	Rt.	Route
CC	Country Club	St. Pk.	State Park
FT	Field Trip	SPNHF	Society for the Protection of NH Forests, Concord
L.	Lake	WMA	Wildlife Management Area
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