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## About the Cover

The juvenile Long-billed Dowitcher on the cover of this issue was photographed by Stephen Mirick at the Rochester Wastewater Treatment Plant in September, 1998. Note the lack of internal buff-colored markings on the back feathers and tertials (the feathers that cover the tail). Also, note that the black bars on the tail are wider than the white. For more information see the fall season write-up and the article on page 5.

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## In Remembrance of Elisabeth W. Phinney

Those of us who knew Betty were much saddened to learn of her death recently. She was for many years one of New Hampshire's keenest birders, and an active promoter of Audubon interests in the state. From 1972 to 1974 she served the society as Secretary, and from 1968 to 1973 she was Seasonal Editor of spring bird reports appearing in the Quarterly. Like many of us, she was inspired by the enthusiasm and birding expertise of ASNH President Bob Smart, and she benefited as well from the skillful tutelage of Arthur Borrer at UNH. Her field abilities developed rapidly, and after a period as subpermittee under Roger Lawrence she also became a licensed birdbander, working in particular at Odiorne Point and Star Island, as well as at Appledore Island where she collaborated with David Holmes.

Leading frequent field trips along the New Hampshire coast as well as in the White Mountains, she also participated in many Christmas Bird Counts, among them those that most test one's resolve, Errol and Pittsburg, which she endured without complaint from 1969 to 1978, and the Isles of Shoals, a count that she founded and with her husband Leon compiled for a number of years. Active in many other areas, she was as keen as any of us for the challenge of a New Hampshire "Big Day" and took part in several including one that held the record for a period. In fair weather or foul she was invariably a passenger on the sea trips sponsored by the society in those years, the "Viking" voyages with Arnold Whitaker to Jeffreys Ledge, an era of pelagic birdwatching that today seems positively heroic. She was equally devoted to hawkwatching, her sites of preference being Little Round Top in Bristol and Blue Job in Farmington, and in addition she faithfully ran her Breeding Bird Survey routes in Franconia and Strafford, using skills of auditory recognition learned from Bob Smart and Vera Hebert. She and particularly Leon were assiduous in photographically documenting the rare birds that they found, and among these were several first state records. Betty was without doubt an important figure in New Hampshire field ornithology for more than three decades, and contributed significantly to this exciting and memorable period in our society's history.

*Dennis J. Abbott III and Davis W. Finch*

Betty was one of those unforgettable characters that we all have in our lives. She "took me under her wing" at a time when competent and assertive female birders were rare in New Hampshire. Her natural curiosity, aptitude for detail and extraordinary gifts of seeing and hearing won her admiration.

An able teacher, many benefitted from her gentle ways of explaining identification tips and problem solving as well as other ornithological and natural history lore. She seemed happiest helping novice birders improve their skills.

Almost constantly in the field until her later years, her contributions to our knowledge of avian distribution in this state are enormous. One of the best times I ever had was when we were Big Day partners (achieving a record that now pales by comparison to the successes of Hunt, Mirick, et al.). Life's exigencies prevented us from ever trying it again.

She shared so much with me — her knowledge, patience, and opportunities to learn more and see new birds. I am thankful to have been her friend.

*Susan A. Fogleman*

# What to Report

## Fall Season: August through November

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

First, it's 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 fall migrants, focus on arrival dates, peak numbers, late lingerers, inland sightings of coastal waterfowl, hawk flights, and shorebird peaks. Late nesting reports are of interest for any species. For the common year-round residents, report unusually high numbers or sightings that indicate a migration (resident birds do migrate in some years).

Reports of species sought by many birders are interesting to all. These are often resident species that are not commonly seen: boreal species like Gray Jay and Spruce Grouse, owls and goatsuckers, or secretive wetland birds such as rails and bitterns. Also, reports of state endangered and threatened species are always valuable for the database.

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### Reports for the following species were received but not listed

American Bittern	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	European Starling
Great Blue Heron	Belted Kingfisher	Warbling Vireo
Mallard	Downy Woodpecker	Yellow Warbler
Turkey Vulture	Hairy Woodpecker	Ovenbird
Red-shouldered Hawk	Pileated Woodpecker	Canada Warbler
Ring-billed Gull	Great Crested Flycatcher	Northern Cardinal
Herring Gull	Tree Swallow	Eastern Towhee
Great Black-backed Gull	Blue Jay	Field Sparrow
Mourning Dove	American Crow	House Finch
Great Horned Owl	Black-capped Chickadee	American Goldfinch
Barred Owl	Tufted Titmouse	House Sparrow
Whip-poor-will	White-breasted Nuthatch	

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

August 1 through November 30, 1998

*Tundra Swans**Photo by Stephen Mirick*

The fall season was slightly warmer than normal for each of the four months and precipitation varied, but was slightly below normal. There weren't any strong coastal storms with strong easterly winds during the fall of 1998 and as a result, pelagic birds seen from the coast weren't noteworthy. In September, warm southwest winds shifted into the northwest with a cold front early on the 12<sup>th</sup> and the biggest migration of Broad-winged Hawks passed through the state. On October 3, a strong cold front passed through with brisk northwest winds. This is usually a good time of year and weather condition for a good hawk migration along the coast, and hawkwatchers had a good day at Odiorne Point State Park. A small cold front passed through the state early on October 25 and may have triggered the flight of Black Scoters which flew over that evening and then "fellout" in good numbers on several inland bodies of water in New Hampshire on the 26<sup>th</sup> North and northwest air flows dominated the weather from October 29 through the first week of November. Despite these northerly winds, a Cliff Swallow lingered until November 5, and a **Purple Gallinule** flew up from the southeastern United States to show up in Hanover on the 9<sup>th</sup>! A storm on November 26 brought up to ten inches of snow in the mountains, but only rain along the coast and no noteworthy birds were reported.

Bird highlights for the fall season include the famous **Little Egret** which stayed from the summer season, an immature Purple Gallinule, a **Leach's Storm-Petrel**, a **Red Phalarope**, two **Lesser Black-backed Gulls**, ten **Tundra Swans**, another adult male **Rufous Hummingbird**, and the bird of the season, potentially the first state record of **Eared Grebe**. Read on for all the details.

*Stephen Mirick, Fall Editor*

# Loons through Ibis

Loons were poorly reported for the fall with not a single report of Common Loon from the coast. This species is fairly common during the fall and can be seen in large numbers in November migrating south along the coast. This year's lack of reports is probably not attributable to a shortage of birds, but rather due to lack of reporting.

A very early record of a Red-necked Grebe along the coast in Rye on August 7 was probably an over-summering bird. The **Eared Grebe** that showed up in Rochester at the wastewater treatment plant ponds on September 14 remained for several days and was last seen on September 23. This bird was cooperative and seen by many birders. Ironically however, as of this writing, there are no good photos of this bird, and because there was only one documentation form submitted, it will not be accepted officially as a "first state record" until further documentation is received. First state records demand more thorough documentation for acceptance by the New Hampshire Rare Bird Committee.

Numbers of shearwaters and gannets were way down from last year; a reflection of the lack of fall storms along the seacoast. Two reports of Manx Shearwaters, one from along the coast and another off-shore, were nice finds. A **Leach's Storm-Petrel** seen from a boat inside the Isles of Shoals was also an unusual sighting of this rare pelagic species. However, no reports of the more common Wilson's Storm-Petrels were received for the season.

There were good numbers of Great Egrets reported from inland locations, but remarkably only three birds were reported from the coast. The famous **Little Egret** seen by hundreds of birders on Great Bay in Newmarket and first reported on June 30, remained until it was last reported on August 14. A Glossy Ibis seen migrating south along the coast on October 18 is probably the latest record ever for New Hampshire.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
<b>Red-throated Loon</b>				
10-17	8		NH coast	A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT
11-15	1	Newmarket	Great Bay	S. Mirick, T. Donsker
11-21	10		NH coast	A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT
11-23	1	Littleton	Samuel Moore Dam	B. Bradley
<b>Common Loon</b>				
11-15	2	Ashland	Little Squam Lake from town beach	J. Williams
11-18	4	Errol	Lake Umbagog	R. Quinn, T. Richards, P. Casey
11-22	2	Holderness	Big Squam Lake, from Rt. 25/3	J. Williams
11-25	1	Jefferson	Cherry Pond	D. Govatski
11-28	1	Littleton	Samuel Moore Dam	B. Bradley
11-29	1	Monroe	Connecticut R.	B. Bradley
<b>Pied-billed Grebe</b>				
08-23	1	Piermont	Lily Pond	B. Bradley
09-13	3	Exeter	Powder House Pond	G. Prazar
09-20	4	Jefferson	Cherry Pond	D. Govatski
10-11	3	Landaff	Chandler Pond	B. Bradley

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10-13	2	Exeter	Powder House Pond	T. Vazzano
10-15	3	Derry	Beaver Lake	A. Delorey
10-19	2	Moultonborough	Unsworth Preserve	T. Vazzano
10-24	15	Kingston	Powwow Pond	K. Folsom
10-24	2	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	R. Woodward
11-01	3	Durham	Packers Falls Rd. marsh	P. Hunt, S. Mirick, M. Krenitsky, M. Hosner
11-21	1	Littleton	Connecticut R.	B. Bradley
11-23	2	Salem	World End Pond	K. Folsom
11-25	7	Kingston	Powwow Pond	A.& B. Delorey
11-29	1	Exeter	Powder House Pond	K., A.& G. Prazar
<b>Horned Grebe</b>				
09-13	5	Newmarket	Great Bay	S. Mirick
09-24	1	Holderness	Squam Lake	C. Martin
10-12	9	Littleton	Samuel Moore Dam	B. Bradley
10-13	2	Lyme	Post Pond	A. Mudge
10-23	1	Moultonborough	Squam Lake	T. Vazzano
10-26	3	New London	Pleasant Lake	P. Hunt
11-10	18	Newmarket	Great Bay	S. Mirick
11-14	7		NH coast	A.& B. Delorey
11-23	2	New London	Pleasant Lake	P. Newbern
<b>Red-necked Grebe</b>				
08-07	1	Rye	Wallis Sands Beach	S. Mirick
09-10	2	Jefferson	Pondicherry WS, Big Cherry Pond	K. Dube
09-20	1	Littleton	Samuel Moore Dam	B. Bradley
09-24	1	Moultonborough	Squam Lake	C. Martin
09-29	2	Andover	Bradley Lake	D. Skeels
10-11	4	Enfield	Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
10-23	2	Sandwich	Squam Lake	T. Vazzano
10-26	2	Canaan	Canaan St. Lake	P. Hunt
11-13	6	Littleton	Samuel Moore Dam	B. Bradley
11-14	32		NH coast	A.& B. Delorey
11-22	3	Newmarket	Great Bay	S. Mirick
11-28	2	Chesterfield	Spofford Lake	R. Quinn
<b>Greater Shearwater</b>				
08-22	1	Rye	offshore	P. Hunt, et al.
<b>Manx Shearwater</b>				
08-29	1	Rye	Ragged Neck	D. Donsker, M. Resch
09-18	1	Seabrook	15 mi. se. of Isles of Shoals	T. Vazzano
<b>Leach's Storm-Petrel</b>				
09-18	1	Hampton	10 mi. se. of Isles of Shoals	T. Vazzano
<b>Northern Gannet</b>				
08-22	2	Rye	offshore	P. Hunt, et al.
08-29	2	Rye	coast	M. Suomala, P. Hunt, ASNH FT
08-31	6	Rye	White Is.	S. Mirick, J. Kanter, et al.
11-07	100	N. Hampton	N. Hampton State Beach	A.& B. Delorey, Amoskeag Chapter FT
11-14	93		NH coast	A.& B. Delorey

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<b>Great Cormorant</b>				
09-01	6	Rye	Seavey & Duck Is.	S. Mirick, et al.
09-29	2	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Suomala
10-24	1	Greenland	Sunset Farm	S. Mirick, et al.
<b>Double-crested Cormorant</b>				
08-17	27	Monroe	Connecticut R.	E. Emery, P. Powers
09-08	22		Lake Winnepesaukee	J. & B. Ayer
09-29	300	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Suomala
11-18	1	Londonderry	Kendall Pond	A. Delorey
11-28	1	Chesterfield	Spofford Lake	R. Quinn
<b>Great Egret</b>				
08-01	2	Haverhill	Connecticut R., s. of Bedell Bridge	A. Mudge
08-07	1	Bedford	Stowell Pond	L. Drewett
08-13	1	Durham	Colby Marsh	S. Mirick, B. Suomala
08-14	2	Haverhill	Connecticut R., N. Haverhill	B. Bradley
08-15	1	Seabrook	mud flats	R. Vernon, Soo-Nipi Chapter FT
08-31	1	Hopkinton	Hopkinton Lake	C. Martin, D. Geiger, M. Currin
09-01	1	Manchester	Massabesic Lake	R. Andrews
09-04	1	Derry	Dexter St.	A. Anthony
09-17	1	Windham	wetland on Nashua Rd.	M. Hyatt
09-19	1	Dummer	Sessions Brook	R. & K. Quinn
10-04	2	Hopkinton	Elm Brook Pk.	R. Woodward
<b>Snowy Egret</b>				
08-08	26	Hampton Falls	Depot Rd.	R. Woodward
08-15	12	Newmarket	Great Bay	R. Vernon, Soo-Nipi Chapter FT
08-29	11	Durham	Adams Pt.	R. & S. Snyder
09-27	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	A. Strong
10-13	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
<b>Little Egret</b>				
08-01	1	Newmarket	Lubberland Creek Marshes	S. Mirick
08-13	1	Newmarket	along Bay Rd.	B. & B. Taffe, S. Mirick, L. Deming, R. Stevens
<b>Little Blue Heron</b>				
08-12	1	Newmarket	off Bay Rd.	P. Hunt, L. Zeltmann
<b>Green Heron</b>				
08-27	2	Hampton	Landing Rd. pools	M. Suomala
08-31	3	Monroe	Connecticut R.	B. Bradley
09-20	4	Exeter	Powder House Pond	G. Prazar
09-25	1	Hopkinton	pool at Elm Brook Pk.	B. & T. Richards
10-01	1	Exeter	Powder House Pond	M. Suomala, R. Hardy



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<b>Black-crowned Night-Heron</b>				
08-13	1	Seabrook	Seabrook Harbor	B. & B. Taffe
09-07	5	Exeter	Powder House Pond	G. Prazar
09-20	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	M. Suomala, ASNH FT
10-01	3	Exeter	Powder House Pond	G. Prazar
11-09	1	Exeter	Powder House Pond	A. & B. Delorey
<b>Glossy Ibis</b>				
08-02	12	Newmarket	Lubberland Creek Marshes	S. Mirick
10-18	1	Rye	Jeness Beach	S. Mirick, J. Matthews

## Waterfowl and Hawks

**A Tundra Swan** “fallout” in various parts of New England in mid-November included 8 birds on Great Bay and 2 birds up near the Connecticut River in Orford. One swan remained through the season on Great Bay. Wigeon numbers on Great Bay continue to grow and continue to amaze this editor. The following table of maximum fall totals on Great Bay illustrates their growth since the first big year of wigeon in 1994. The numbers from 1998 must represent highest state totals ever for these two species. All of the Eurasian Wigeons identified so far have been males, however it would be reasonable to think that there might be females in this flock. Unfortunately, however, identification of female wigeon is difficult.

	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
American Wigeon	303	215	104	76	70
Eurasian Wigeon	5	3	2	1	1

King Eiders were reported once again this fall with between 3 and 5 individual females reported. Amazingly, however, there were no reports received at all for Common Eiders! Black Scoters experienced another inland “fallout” this year with October 26th being the big day. Once again Common Mergansers were found staging in impressive numbers up on Lake Umbagog. This year’s total of 1,600 on November 18 is quite similar to last year’s impressive count of 2,000 on November 20.

Seven Ospreys in Hill on August 1 included a family group with 3 chicks at a nest site, and 7 Bald Eagles in Errol on August 2 includes 2 fledged chicks. It can’t be too long before New Hampshire gets another pair of nesting eagles. In migration, Iain MacLeod had good luck with Bald Eagles and had at least 18 individuals migrating past Peter Wood Hill in September. Coastal hawk migration was relatively uneventful, however 36 Northern Harriers and 13 Peregrine Falcons from Odiorne Point State Park on October 3 were impressive totals for these species. The Broad-winged Hawk flight can best be summarized by the peak flights at two manned hawk watch locations; Peter Wood Hill in Deering, and Pack Monadnock in Peterborough.

September	12	13	14	17	18
Deering	573	1,047	369	228	1,195
Peterborough	122	2,372	72	265	232

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<b>Tundra Swan</b>			
11-12	2 Wentworth	Lower Baker Pond	D. Bischoff
11-14	2 Orford	Upper Baker Pond, nw. end of Prettyman Rd.	J. Williams, S. & W. Fogleman, et al.
11-15	8 Newmarket	off Bay Rd. near Durham/ Newmarket town line	S. Mirick, et al.
11-21	1 Stratham	Sandy Pt.	A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT
11-22	2 Orford	Lower Baker Pond	B. & B. Taffe
11-30	1 Newmarket	Great Bay	S. Mirick
<b>Mute Swan</b>			
11-25	39 Newmarket	Great Bay	S. Mirick
<b>Snow Goose</b>			
10-04	30 Nashua	over Deerhaven Dr.	R. Andrews
10-21	39 Plymouth	Pine Gate Rd.	J. Williams
11-06	5 Newmarket	Great Bay	S. Mirick
11-09	5 Stratham	Stratham Agway Pond	A. & B. Delorey
11-16	100 Hanover		M. Choukas
11-17	20 Concord	Clinton St. corn field n. of Rt. 89	R. Moore, S. McLane
11-17	360 Littleton	Samuel Moore Dam	B. Bradley
11-24	7 Greenland	Sandy Pt.	R. Crowley
<b>Brant</b>			
10-25	20 Hampton	Hampton Beach St. Pk.	M. Suomala, ASNH FT
10-27	1 Rye	Ragged Neck	S. Mirick, et al.
11-09	1 Greenland	Sunset Landing	A. & B. Delorey
11-14	50 Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	A. & B. Delorey
11-27	100 Monroe	Connecticut R.	P. Powers, E. Emery
<b>Canada Goose</b>			
09-10	120 Nashua	residence, overhead	J. Ayer
09-11	130 Bedford		S. Saidel-Goley
10-03	200 Lyman	Dodge Pond	S. Turner
10-04	218 Weare	Clough St. Pk., overhead	R. & M. Suomala
10-05	320 Loudon	Bee Hole Rd.	C. Dodge
10-05	371 Bedford		S. Saidel-Goley
10-09	112 Monroe	Connecticut R.	B. Bradley
10-21	237 Piermont	Lily Pond	B. Bradley
11-18	200 Chatham	Lower Kimball Pond	R. Crowley
11-25	3000 Newmarket	Great Bay	S. Mirick
11-27	200 Monroe	Connecticut R.	P. Powers
11-28	300 Chesterfield	Spofford Lake	R. Quinn
<b>Wood Duck</b>			
09-07	20 Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	G. Prazar
09-09	18 Piermont	Lily Pond	B. Bradley
09-16	58 Springfield	McDaniels Marsh	P. Hunt
09-17	50 Lancaster	lagoons	S. & M. Turner, E. Emery, P. Powers
10-11	36 Landaff	Chandler Pond	B. Bradley
10-12	14 Sugar Hill	Peckett Pond	B. Bradley
10-21	16 Kensington	Rt. 107, residence ponds	G. Gavutis
11-05	4 Salem	World End Pond	K. Folsom

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<b>Green-winged Teal</b>				
08-05	2	Newmarket	Great Bay	S. Mirick
09-07	5	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	G. Prazar
09-18	20	Newmarket	Great Bay	S. Mirick
10-04	3	New London	Pleasant Lake	P. Newbern
10-05	20	Newmarket	Great Bay	S. Mirick
10-13	8	Derry	wastewater treatment plant	A. Delorey
10-21	9	Hill	Pemigewasset R.	G. Gavutis
10-30	17	Canterbury	Kimball Pond	R. Quinn
11-02	4	Littleton	Connecticut R.	B. Bradley
11-15	5	Lancaster	treatment plant	B. Bradley
11-16	5	Kensington	Great Brook beaver pond	G. Gavutis
11-18	53	Dalton	Forest Lake	B. Bradley
11-22	3	Holderness	Squam Lake boat launch	J. Williams
11-27	4	Greenland	Sunset Landing	A.& B. Delorey
<b>American Black Duck</b>				
11-20	30	Enfield	Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
11-25	1000	Newmarket	Great Bay	S. Mirick
11-29	60	Littleton	Connecticut R.	B. Bradley
<b>Northern Pintail</b>				
09-06	14	Seabrook	1 mi. offshore	G. Gavutis
09-17	5	Newmarket	Great Bay	S. Mirick
09-28	2	New London	Pleasant Lake	P. Hunt
10-13	1	Derry	wastewater treatment plant	A. Delorey
10-31	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	T. Vazzano, R. Duddy, L. Woodward
11-09	1	Greenland	Sunset Landing	A.& B. Delorey
11-17	2	Newmarket	off Bay Rd	S. Mirick
<b>Blue-winged Teal</b>				
09-07	3	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	G. Prazar
09-28	1	New London	Pleasant Lake	P. Hunt
10-04	5	New London	Pleasant Lake	P. Newbern
<b>Teal sp.</b>				
10-04	70	Newmarket	Great Bay	S. Mirick
<b>Northern Shoveler</b>				
09-15	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick, et al.
10-01	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
11-24	2	Derry	wastewater treatment plant	A. Delorey
<b>Gadwall</b>				
10-05	2	New London	Pleasant Lake	P. Newbern
<b>Eurasian Wigeon</b>				
10-04	1	Greenland	Sunset Farm	S. Mirick
10-24	4	Greenland	Sunset Farm on Great Bay	S. Mirick, et al.
11-14	5	Greenland	Sunset Landing	A.& B. Delorey
11-27	5	Greenland	Sunset Landing	A.& B. Delorey

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<b>American Wigeon</b>				
09-08	2	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
09-09	2	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
09-28	1	New London	Pleasant Lake	P. Hunt
10-11	3	Exeter	Powder House Pond	G. Prazar
10-13	210	Greenland	Sunset Farm on Great Bay	T. Vazzano
10-13	1	Derry	wastewater treatment plant	A. Delorey
10-24	303	Greenland	Sunset Farm on Great Bay	S. Mirick, et al.
11-14	301	Greenland	Sunset Landing	A.& B. Delorey
11-18	9	Dalton	Forest Lake	B. Bradley
11-21	4	Monroe	Connecticut R.	E. Emery, P. Powers
11-27	220	Greenland	Sunset Landing	A.& B. Delorey
<b>Ring-necked Duck</b>				
08-18	2	Conway	Pudding Pond	T. Richards
10-05	18	Tamworth	Jackman Pond	T. Vazzano
10-21	60	Lyman	Round Pond	M. Turner
10-25	66	Moultonborough	Unsworth Preserve	T. Vazzano
11-03	100	Gilford	Lily Pond	T. Vazzano
11-04	92	Derry	Beaver Lake	A. Delorey
11-05	100	Salem	World End Pond	K. Folsom
11-23	16	Salem	World End Pond	K. Folsom
11-29	1	Gilmanton	Crystal Lake, Gilmanton Iron Works	W. Arms
11-29	1	Exeter	Powder House Pond	K.& A. Prazar
<b>Greater Scaup</b>				
10-13	83	Stratham	Sandy Pt.	T. Vazzano
10-16	2	New London	Pleasant Lake	P. Newbern
11-05	1	Sandwich	Sandwich Bay, Squam Lake	T. Vazzano
11-13	8	Springfield	McDaniels Marsh	P. Hunt
11-14	200	Greenland	Sunset Landing	A.& B. Delorey
<b>Lesser Scaup</b>				
10-21	6	Whitefield	Samuel Moore Dam	B. Bradley
11-06	10	Littleton	Samuel Moore Dam	B. Bradley
11-24	6	Derry	wastewater treatment plant	A. Delorey
11-29	8	Monroe	Connecticut R.	B. Bradley
<b>Scaup sp.</b>				
11-18	4	Errol	Lake Umbagog	R. Quinn, T. Richards, P. Casey
<b>King Eider</b>				
11-04	3	Rye	Odiorne Pt.	S. Mirick, D. Hopkins
11-16	1	N. Hampton	N. Hampton State Beach	R. Quinn, M. Haig, J. Allen
11-28	1	Rye	Rye Harbor	A.& B. Delorey
<b>Oldsquaw</b>				
10-25	16	Littleton	Samuel Moore Dam	B. Bradley
10-26	2	Enfield	Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
11-07	1	Newmarket	Great Bay	S. Mirick
11-22	4	Newmarket	Great Bay	S. Mirick
11-25	1	Newmarket	Great Bay	S. Mirick
11-28	2	Chesterfield	Spofford Lake	R. Quinn

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<b>Black Scoter</b>				
10-10	30	Enfield	Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
10-25	120	Littleton	Samuel Moore Dam	B. Bradley
10-26	45	Canaan	Canaan St. Lake	P. Hunt
10-26	170	Enfield	Crystal Lake	P. Hunt
10-26	150	Canaan	Goose Pond	P. Hunt
10-26	20	Enfield	Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
10-26	150	Littleton	Samuel Moore Dam	B. Bradley
11-07	120	Littleton	Samuel Moore Dam	B. Bradley
11-28	35	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	A.& B. Delorey
<b>Surf Scoter</b>				
08-01	2	Rye	Jeness Beach	S. Mirick
10-17	50	Hampton	Bicentennial Pk.	A.& B. Delorey, BBC FT
10-26	3	Enfield	Crystal Lake	P. Hunt
10-26	10	Enfield	Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
<b>White-winged Scoter</b>				
08-01	5	Rye	Jeness Beach	S. Mirick
08-29	4	Rye	Ragged Neck	D. Donsker, M. Resch
09-12	2	Durham	Adams Pt.	S. Mirick, M. Medeiros, R. Stevens
10-10	2	Enfield	Crystal Lake	P. Hunt
10-11	3	Enfield	Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
10-17	40	Hampton	Bicentennial Pk.	A.& B. Delorey, BBC FT
10-17	1	Hebron	west side of Newfound Lake	J.& R. Williams
10-23	14	Littleton	Samuel Moore Dam	B. Bradley
10-26	3	Enfield	Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
10-26	20	Salem	World End Pond	K. Folsom
11-17	14	Littleton	Samuel Moore Dam	B. Bradley
11-18	1	Errol	Magalloway R.	R. Quinn, T. Richards, P. Casey
<b>Common Goldeneye</b>				
08-02	5	Errol	Bear Brook Pond	T. Richards
10-24	2	Rye	Pulpit Rocks	S. Mirick, et al.
11-10	21	Chatham	Lower Kimball Pond	R. Crowley
11-16	12	Littleton	Connecticut R.	B. Bradley
11-25	25	Newmarket	Great Bay	S. Mirick
<b>Bufflehead</b>				
10-25	18	Littleton	Samuel Moore Dam	B. Bradley
11-08	14	Dalton	Forest Lake	B. Bradley
11-08	18	Lancaster	wastewater treatment plant	B. Bradley
11-08	15	Littleton	Samuel Moore Dam	B. Bradley
11-11	15	Ashland	Squam R.	J. Williams
11-13	13	Enfield	Crystal Lake	P. Hunt
11-13	32	Enfield	Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
11-22	16	Ashland	Squam R., River St.	J. Williams
11-30	48	Newmarket	Great Bay	S. Mirick



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<b>Hooded Merganser</b>				
10-25	12	Moultonborough	Unsworth Preserve	T. Vazzano
11-02	22	Jefferson	Meadows Pond	D. Govatski
11-04	18	Brookfield	Rt. 109 marsh by Lake Wentworth	J. LaBelle
11-09	25	Middleton	Sunrise Lake	S. Snyder
11-18	14	Chatham	Lower Kimball Pond	R. Crowley
11-19	100	Belmont	Silver Lake, Lochmere	W. Arms
11-29	15	Monroe	Connecticut R.	B. Bradley
11-30	30	Newmarket	Great Bay	S. Mirick
<b>Common Merganser</b>				
11-02	35	Errol	Rt. 16, Androscoggin R.	K. Dube
11-18	40	Chatham	Lower Kimball Pond	R. Crowley
11-18	1600	Errol	Lake Umbagog	R. Quinn, T. Richards, P. Casey
11-21	50	Stratham	Sandy Pt.	A.& B. Delorey, BBC FT
11-22	90	Orford	Upper Baker Pond	B. Taffe
11-27	50	Dublin	Howe Reservoir	M. Johnson
<b>Red-breasted Merganser</b>				
08-01	10	Rye	Rye Ledges	S. Mirick
<b>Ruddy Duck</b>				
10-13	2	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	T. Vazzano
10-24	5	Greenland	Sunset Farm	S. Mirick
10-27	1	Jefferson	Big Cherry Pond	S.& M. Turner
11-01	3	Exeter	Powder House Pond	G. Prazar
11-05	30	Salem	World End Pond	K. Folsom
11-07	10		Great Bay	A.& B. Delorey, Amoskeag Chapter FT
11-25	1	Exeter	Powder House Pond	R. Crowley
11-25	14	Kingston	Powwow Pond	A.& B. Delorey
<b>Duck sp.</b>				
08-05	435	Newmarket	Great Bay	S. Mirick
<b>Turkey Vulture</b>				
08-17	5	Berlin	Hutchins St. bark piles	K. Dube
08-18	14	Berlin	Argonne St.	K. Dube
09-30	7	Lisbon	treatment plant	B. Bradley
10-01	4	Littleton	Glenwood	B. Bradley
10-03	1	Jefferson	Rt. 2 & North Rd. jct.	G. Gavutis
10-10	1	Lancaster	Lost Nation	G. Gavutis
10-18	5	Conway	East Conway Rd.	R.& S. Crowley
<b>Osprey</b>				
08-01	7	Hill	Foster Swamp	I. MacLeod
09-18	16	Deering	Peter Wood Hill	I. MacLeod
10-03	45	Rye	Odiome Pt. hawk watch	S. Mirick, P. Lacourse
10-28	1	Brookfield	Lake Wentworth	J. LaBelle
11-02	1	Errol	Rt.16 s. of Errol	K. Dube

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<b>Bald Eagle</b>				
08-02	7	Errol	Umbagog Lake	S. Turner, C. Martin, et al.
08-03	1	Boscawen	over Rt. 4, Merrimack R.	M. Broderick
08-04	1	Sandwich	Bearcamp Pond	M. Pearson
08-05	1	Durham	Adams Pt.	S. Mirick
08-07	1	Andover	Bradley Lake	D. Skeels
08-08	1	Holderness	Squam Lake near Duck Is.	P. Walcott
09-12	4	Deering	Peter Wood Hill	I. MacLeod
09-13	6	Deering	Peter Wood Hill	I. MacLeod
09-18	5	Deering	Peter Wood Hill	I. MacLeod
<b>Northern Harrier</b>				
08-07	3	Pittsburg	Halls Stream valley	C. Martin, R. & M. Heald
08-07	4	Clarksville	sw. of Murphy Dam	D. Govatski, L. Jones
08-24	3	Errol	Harpers Meadow, Androscoggin R.	C. Martin, S. Johnson, D. Burke
09-05	3	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	I. MacLeod, et al.
09-13	4	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	M. Suomala, S. Mirick
09-14	3	Deering	Peter Wood Hill	I. MacLeod
09-18	4	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	C. & J. Carr
10-03	36	Rye	Odiorne Pt. hawk watch	S. Mirick, P. Lacourse
11-28	1	Seabrook	Seabrook Marsh	A. & B. Delorey
11-28	1	Rye	Pulpit Rocks	A. & B. Delorey
<b>Sharp-shinned Hawk</b>				
09-10	38	Rye	Odiorne Pt. hawk watch	S. Mirick, P. Lacourse
09-13	22	Deering	Peter Wood Hill	I. MacLeod
09-13	55	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	M. Suomala, S. Mirick
09-16	20	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	F. Von Mertens
09-17	23	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Sunderland, M. Suomala
09-17	21	Deering	Peter Wood Hill	I. MacLeod
09-18	29	Deering	Peter Wood Hill	I. MacLeod
10-03	85	Rye	Odiorne Pt. hawk watch	S. Mirick, P. Lacourse
<b>Cooper's Hawk</b>				
09-13	3	Deering	Peter Wood Hill	I. MacLeod
09-13	4	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	M. Suomala, S. Mirick
09-16	2	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	F. Von Mertens
09-20	2	Deering	Peter Wood Hill	I. MacLeod
11-14	2	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	R. & J. Quinn
<b>Northern Goshawk</b>				
09-05	2	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	I. MacLeod, et al.
09-13	6	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	M. Suomala, S. Mirick
09-17	3	Deering	Peter Wood Hill	I. MacLeod
09-18	2	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	C. & J. Carr
11-09	1	Exeter	Powder House Pond	A. & B. Delorey
11-13	1	Hampton	High St.	C. Driscoll

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<b>Broad-winged Hawk</b>				
09-12	122	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	M. & R. Suomala
09-12	573	Deering	Peter Wood Hill	I. MacLeod
09-13	1047	Deering	Peter Wood Hill	I. MacLeod
09-13	2372	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	M. Suomala, S. Mirick
09-14	369	Deering	Peter Wood Hill	I. MacLeod
09-16	176	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	F. Von Mertens
09-17	265	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Sunderland, M. Suomala
09-17	228	Deering	Peter Wood Hill	I. MacLeod
09-18	1195	Deering	Peter Wood Hill	I. MacLeod
09-18	232	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	C. & J. Carr
10-03	70	Rye	Odiorne Pt. hawk watch	S. Mirick, P. Lacourse
<b>Red-tailed Hawk</b>				
09-08	6	Lebanon	airport	P. Hunt
09-14	4	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Sunderland, M. Suomala
09-17	7	Lebanon	airport	P. Hunt, et al.
09-17	4	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Sunderland, M. Suomala
09-18	5	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	C. & J. Carr
<b>Rough-legged Hawk</b>				
10-13	1	Milan	Nansen Wayside Pk.	C. Martin, L. Houghton
<b>Golden Eagle</b>				
10-22	1	Moultonborough	Markus WS	T. Vazzano
<b>American Kestrel</b>				
08-15	13	Pittsburg	east branch of Dead Diamond	H. Laramie
09-05	8	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	I. MacLeod, et al.
09-13	10	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	M. Suomala, S. Mirick
09-14	5	Deering	Peter Wood Hill	I. MacLeod
09-17	7	Deering	Peter Wood Hill	I. MacLeod
09-17	9	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Sunderland, M. Suomala
09-18	15	Deering	Peter Wood Hill	I. MacLeod
09-23	27	Rye	Odiorne Pt. hawk watch	S. Mirick, P. Lacourse
10-03	32	Rye	Odiorne Pt. hawk watch	S. Mirick, P. Lacourse
<b>Merlin</b>				
08-01	3	Errol	Long Pond	I. MacLeod
09-10	11	Rye	Odiorne Pt. hawk watch	S. Mirick, P. Lacourse
10-03	14	Rye	Odiorne Pt. hawk watch	S. Mirick, P. Lacourse
11-04	1	Hampton	Hampton marshes	S. Mirick, D. Hopkins
11-09	1	Manchester	Victory Park	C. Martin
<b>Peregrine Falcon</b>				
10-03	13	Rye	Odiorne Pt. hawk watch	S. Mirick, P. Lacourse
11-07	1	Rye	Ragged Neck	S. Mirick
11-09	1	Manchester	Hampshire Plaza Bldg.	C. Martin, R. Vallieres
11-09	1	Greenland	Sunset Landing	A. & B. Delorey
11-16	1	Plymouth	Quincy Rd.	A. Ports
11-27	1	Concord	Rt. 93 & Loudon Rd., mall area	C. Cushing



# Pheasant through Terns

One of the best birds of the season was an immature **Purple Gallinule**, found along the side of Rt. 10 in Hanover on November 9. Purple Gallinules are southern birds, which nest in the southeastern United States and are very rare in the northeast. This is the first record in many years in New Hampshire. The bird had apparently been hit by a car and was brought to the Vermont Institute of Natural Sciences where it was rehabilitated and then given a free airplane ticket to Florida where it was released back in its normal range.

George Robbins had tremendous luck with Spruce Grouse this fall with four individual adult males from three different hikes in the mountains. The Spruce Grouse is locally found at higher altitudes of the White Mountains and also, more rarely, in far northern New Hampshire at lower altitudes. This editor has not seen one in the last ten years, despite having spent many days hiking in appropriate habitat.

Stilt Sandpipers were reported for the first time since 1993 and in impressive numbers. Eight of them from Rochester on September 2 were highly unusual away from the coast. A juvenile Long-billed Dowitcher also seen in Rochester was very unusual away from the coast and was very cooperative and approachable. It was seen by many birders and easily photographed. Sanderlings are rarely seen away from coastal beaches so seven birds in Littleton on September 4 are noteworthy, as was a single bird on Great Bay on August 26. A **Red Phalarope** was a very unusual find in Exeter on October 12 and 20 American Woodcock were found in Hill along the Pemigewasset River using a trained dog.

A Parasitic Jaeger seen on a whale watch offshore was a nice find. Two different **Lesser Black-backed Gulls** were reported for the fall. This European species is being reported more regularly in the last five years and should be looked for anywhere large concentrations of gulls are found. A flock of at least 40 Bonaparte's Gulls was an excellent total for Lake Umbagog, where they are a rare fall migrant. The tern re-introduction program coordinated by ASNH on Seavey Island was successful again this year. About 45 pairs of terns nested on the island in 1998 (the second year of the project) with at least 70 fledged chicks. High counts from the island on August 31 included 120 Common Terns and six Roseate Terns. No Least Terns were reported for the fall and no Black Terns were reported for the first time since 1990.

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<b>Ring-necked Pheasant</b>				
10-23	3	Jefferson	Waumbeck Jct. near Cherry Pond	D. Govatski
<b>Spruce Grouse</b>				
08-02	1	Shelburne	on Mt. Moriah	G. Robbins
08-02	1	Beans Purchase	on Wildcat Mtn.	G. Robbins
08-08	1	Beans Purchase	Wildcat Ridge Trail, B-C Col	D. Govatski
08-16	1	Franconia	Galehead Mtn.	G. Robbins
10-18	1	Lincoln	North Kinsman Mtn.	G. Robbins

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<b>Wild Turkey</b>				
09-05	16	Washington	Rt. 31, s. of Pillsbury St. Pk.	J. & M. Vermette
09-06	17	Plymouth	fields along Tenny Mtn. Hgwy.	J. Williams
09-2	110	Goshen	along Rt. 10	P. Newbern
09-24	21	Surry	Old Walpole Rd.	N. & R. Ritz
09-24	16	Littleton	Samuel Moore Dam	B. Bradley
09-24	44	Walpole	Crehore Rd.	N. & R. Ritz
10-24	12	Newington	Great Bay NWR	S. Mirick, et al.
11-29	19	Lisbon	cornfield	B. Bradley
<b>Northern Bobwhite</b>				
08-27	6	Berlin	Argonne St.	K. Dube
<b>Chukar</b>				
08-03	1	Acworth	Lufkin Rd.	J. & D. Netsch
<b>Virginia Rail</b>				
08-05	7	Jefferson	Pondicherry WS marsh on old RR	R. Crowley
09-14	3	Jefferson	Big Cherry Pond	J. McIlwaine
10-16	1	Jefferson	Pondicherry WS marsh on old RR	R. Suomala, M. Levin, D. Govatski
<b>Purple Gallinule</b>				
11-09	1	Hanover	Rt. 10, near Mink Brook	S. Faccio, M. Cox, et al.
<b>Common Moorhen</b>				
08-27	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	M. Suomala
09-08	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
09-21	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
<b>American Coot</b>				
09-21	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
09-24	1	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	R. & J. Quinn
11-01	4	Exeter	Powder House Pond	G. Prazar
11-01	5	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	G. Prazar
11-14	1	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	R. Quinn
11-22	10	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
11-23	1	Moultonborough	Unsworth Preserve	T. Vazzano
11-27	69	Kingston	Powwow Pond	A. & B. Delorey
11-29	7	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	K., A. & G. Prazar
11-29	2	Exeter	Powder House Pond	K., A. & G. Prazar
<b>Black-bellied Plover</b>				
08-12	25	Seabrook	harbor	R. Crowley
08-15	25	Seabrook	mud flats	R. Vernon, Soo-Nipi Chapter FT
08-29	82	Seabrook	Blackwater R. from Rt. 286	M. Suomala, P. Hunt, ASNH FT
09-17	1	Lebanon	airport	P. Hunt, et al.
09-20	60	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	M. Suomala, ASNH FT
10-04	5	Portsmouth	Pease Int'l. Tradeport	A. & B. Delorey
10-13	1	Pittsburg	Second Connecticut Lake	I. MacLeod
10-31	1	Brookfield	Lake Wentworth	J. Labelle
11-15	40	Seabrook	Blackwater R. near Rt. 286	M. Suomala, ASNH FT

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<b>American Golden-Plover</b>				
08-13	3	Seabrook	Seabrook Harbor salt flats	B. & B. Taffe
08-26	1	Durham	Adams Pt.	S. Mirick
09-17	1	Lebanon	airport	P. Hunt, et al.
09-17	7	Portsmouth	Pease Golf Course	S. Mirick
09-26	14	Portsmouth	Pease Golf Course	S. Mirick
10-01	2	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
10-04	25	Portsmouth	Pease Int'l. Tradeport	A. & B. Delorey
10-24	7	Portsmouth	Pease Golf Course	S. Mirick, et al.
11-01	1	Portsmouth	Pease Int'l. Tradeport	P. Hunt, S. Mirick, M. Krenitsky, M. Hosner

### Semipalmated Plover

08-05	300	Hampton Falls	Depot Rd.	T. Vazzano
08-06	70	Greenland	Portsmouth Country Club	S. Mirick, D. Green, D. Abbott
08-11	300	Hampton Falls	pans on n. side of Depot Rd.	R. Crowley
08-18	1	Bartlett	gravel co., Rts. 16 & 302	T. Richards
08-27	5	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
09-13	75	Hampton	Plaice Cove	R. Aaronian
10-28	3	Seabrook	Seabrook Harbor	R. Crowley

### Piping Plover

08-01	2	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	S. Mirick
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### Killdeer

08-21	37	Littleton	Samuel Moore Dam rest area	B. Bradley
08-27	25	Canterbury	sod farms	A. Ports
09-02	24	Laconia	lawn at the former prison	J. Williams
10-04	63	Portsmouth	Pease Int'l Tradeport	A. & B. Delorey
11-01	8	Chester	Hillside Haven	B. Delorey
11-09	1	Manchester	downtown	C. Martin



*Killdeer*  
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### Greater Yellowlegs

08-12	4	Enfield	Bog Rd.	P. Hunt
08-30	3	Concord	Merrimack R.	R. Woodward
09-12	6	Errol	Harpers Meadow, Androscoggin R.	C. & C. Martin
09-17	4	Hopkinton	Elm Brook Pk.	R. Quinn
10-19	9	Seabrook	Rt. 286 pans	R. Crowley
11-02	2	Canterbury	Kimball Pond	R. Quinn
11-07	2	Stratham	Sandy Pt.	A. & B. Delorey, Amoskeag Chapter FT
11-12	1	Littleton	Connecticut R.	B. Bradley
11-18	1	Newmarket	off Bay Rd.	S. Mirick

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<b>Lesser Yellowlegs</b>				
08-27	15	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
09-17	6	Hopkinton	Elm Brook Pk.	R. Quinn
10-20	5	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
10-25	1	New London	Pleasant Lake	P. Newbern
10-30	2	Brookfield	Lake Wentworth	J. LaBelle
11-04	1	Hampton	Hampton marshes	S. Mirick, D. Deifik, D. Hopkins
<b>Solitary Sandpiper</b>				
08-04	5	Lyman	Flagg Pond	B. Bradley
08-11	4	Littleton	Dodge Bog, Old St. Johnsbury Rd.	B. Bradley
08-21	3	Campton	gravel pit, W. Compton	T. Richards
09-28	3	New London	Pleasant Lake	P. Hunt
<b>Spotted Sandpiper</b>				
09-26	5	New London	Pleasant Lake	R. Vernon, R. Healy
10-11	2	Lebanon	Mascoma Lake Dam	P. Hunt
10-20	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
10-28	1	New London	Pleasant Lake	P. Hunt, F. Sladen
11-28	1	Chesterfield	Spofford Lake	R. Quinn
<b>Upland Sandpiper</b>				
08-29	4	Portsmouth	Pease Int'l. Tradeport	M. Suomala, P. Hunt, ASNH FT
<b>Whimbrel</b>				
08-07	9	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	S. Mirick
08-26	1	Durham	Adams Pt.	S. Mirick
08-29	2	Rye	Ragged Neck	D. Donsker, M. Resch
09-03	8	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	M. Suomala
09-09	2	Rye	Star Is.	L. Ring, A. Pike, et al.
09-09	2	Hampton	Hampton Beach St. Pk.	R. & V. Quinn
09-20	1	Rye	Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	R. Suomala, D. Wingate, D. Haywood, et al.
10-03	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	S. Mirick, ASNH FT
<b>Hudsonian Godwit</b>				
08-07	2	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	S. Mirick
08-08	4	Hampton Falls	Depot Rd.	R. Woodward
<b>Ruddy Turnstone</b>				
08-29	8	Rye	coast	P. Hunt, M. Suomala, ASNH FT
09-13	7	Hampton	Plaice Cove	R. Aaronian
<b>Sanderling</b>				
08-07	100	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	S. Mirick
08-26	1	Newmarket	Great Bay	S. Mirick, D. Fotiades
09-04	7	Littleton	Berry Meadows	B. Bradley
09-13	25	Hampton	Plaice Cove	R. Aaronian
10-17	90	Rye	Rye town beach	A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT
11-28	20	Hampton	Hampton Beach St. Pk.	A. & B. Delorey

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<b>Semipalmated Sandpiper</b>				
08-06	30	Newmarket	Lubberland Creek Marsh	S. Mirick
08-06	110	Greenland	Portsmouth Country Club	S. Mirick, D. Green, D. Abbott
08-11	100	Hampton Falls	pans on n. side of Depot Rd.	R. Crowley
08-18	1	Bartlett	gravel co., Rts. 16 & 302	T. Richards
08-23	1	Piermont	Lily Pond	B. Bradley
08-27	50	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
09-13	55	Hampton	Plaice Cove	R. Aaronian
10-01	20	Rye	n. of Rye Beach	G. Prazar
10-01	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
10-17	3	Rye	Ragged Neck	D. & T. Donsker
10-27	6	Seabrook	Rt. 286 salt pans	R. Crowley
11-01	1	Rye	Rye Ledge	P. Hunt, S. Mirick, M. Krenitsky, M. Hosner
<b>Western Sandpiper</b>				
08-19	2	Newmarket	Lubberland Creek Marsh	S. Mirick
09-03	1	Rye	Rt. 1A pools s. of Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	M. Suomala
09-10	1	Hampton	Hampton Beach	R. Quinn
<b>Least Sandpiper</b>				
08-02	9	Haverhill	Connecticut R., N. Haverhill	B. Bradley
08-06	150	Newmarket	Lubberland Creek Marsh	S. Mirick
08-07	10	Littleton	Berry Meadows	B. Bradley
08-18	12	Bartlett	sand & gravel co., Rts. 16 & 302	T. Richards
08-27	50	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
09-13	10	Hampton	Plaice Cove	R. Aaronian
10-01	3	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
<b>White-rumped Sandpiper</b>				
08-05	5	Hampton	Depot Rd.	T. Vazzano
08-27	1	Rye	marsh across from Hemingways Restaurant	D. Donsker
09-20	2	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	M. Suomala
10-24	2	Rye	Ragged Neck	S. Mirick, et al.
11-01	2	Rye	Rye Ledge	P. Hunt, S. Mirick, M. Krenitsky, M. Hosner
<b>Baird's Sandpiper</b>				
09-18	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	A. & B. Delorey
<b>Pectoral Sandpiper</b>				
08-02	1	Newmarket	Lubberland Creek Marsh	S. Mirick
08-27	3	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
09-17	1	Portsmouth	Pease Golf Course	S. Mirick
09-25	6	Hopkinton	Elm Brook Pk. pool	T. Richards
10-09	4	New London	Pleasant Lake	P. Newbern
11-02	1	Littleton	Connecticut R.	B. Bradley
11-08	1	Littleton	Connecticut R.	B. Bradley
<b>Purple Sandpiper</b>				
11-21	10	Rye	Rye Ledge	A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT

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<b>Dunlin</b>				
09-26	1	New London	Pleasant Lake	R. Vernon, R. Healy
11-14	15	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	A. & B. Delorey
11-15	80	Seabrook	Blackwater R. near Rt. 286	M. Suomala, ASNH FT
<b>Stilt Sandpiper</b>				
08-05	1	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	T. Vazzano, B. Bruni
08-27	6	Rye	Rt. 1A, pools behind Hemingways Restaurant,	M. Suomala
08-27	2	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
08-29	4	Rye	Rt. 1A, pools behind Hemingways Restaurant	M. Suomala, P. Hunt, ASNH FT
08-29	1	Rye	marsh behind Hemingways Restaurant	D. Donsker, M. Resch
09-02	8	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
09-03	4	Rye	Rt. 1A, pools behind Hemingways Restaurant	M. Suomala
09-03	1	Rye	mud flats n. of Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	M. Suomala
<b>Buff-breasted Sandpiper</b>				
08-26	4	Portsmouth	Pease Golf Course	S. Mirick
08-27	1	Canterbury	sod farm	A. Ports
09-17	2	Portsmouth	Pease Golf Course	S. Mirick
<b>Short-billed Dowitcher</b>				
08-15	4	Seabrook	mud flats	R. Vernon, Soo-Nipi Chapter FT
08-27	6	Rye	Rt. 1A, pools behind Hemingways Restaurant	M. Suomala
09-27	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	P. Hunt, A. & D. Strong, M. Krenitsky, et al.
<b>Long-billed Dowitcher</b>				
08-14	1	Hampton	Henry's Pool	A. & B. Delorey, D. Abbott
09-14	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick, et al.
<b>Common Snipe</b>				
08-12	1	Newmarket	off Bay Rd.	P. Hunt, L. Zeltmann
09-09	4	Piermont	Lily Pond	B. Bradley
09-17	12	Hopkinton	Elm Brook Pk.	R. Quinn
10-06	5	Jefferson	Pondicherry WS	K. Dube, North Country Chapter FT
10-27	15	Littleton	Connecticut R.	B. Bradley
11-07	12	Littleton	Connecticut R.	B. Bradley
11-16	5	Littleton	Connecticut R.	B. Bradley
11-18	13	Littleton	Connecticut R.	B. Bradley
<b>American Woodcock</b>				
10-21	20	Hill	Pemigewasset R.	G. Gavutis
11-18	1	Concord	Silk Farm WS	R. Suomala, et al.
11-19	2	Jefferson	North Rd.	G. Gavutis
11-21	1	Chester	Hillside Haven	A. Delorey
11-22	6	Lancaster	Gore Rd., WMNF	G. Gavutis

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<b>Red-necked Phalarope</b>				
08-22	50	Rye	s. of Isles of Shoals	P. Hunt, M. Krenitsky, et al.
<b>Red Phalarope</b>				
10-12	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	M. Medeiros
<b>Sandpiper sp.</b>				
08-18	900	Exeter	Squamscott R.	R. Aaronian
<b>Parasitic Jaeger</b>				
08-22	1	Rye	between Isles of Shoals & mainland	P. Hunt, M. Krenitsky
<b>Laughing Gull</b>				
08-29	3	Rye	Ragged Neck	D. Donsker, M. Resch
08-29	2	Rye	coast	M. Suomala, P. Hunt, ASNH FT
09-06	2	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	G. Gavutis
<b>Bonaparte's Gull</b>				
08-02	15	Errol	Umbagog Lake, between Pine Pt. & Leonard Pond	C. Martin, P. Matson
08-02	40	Errol	n. end of Lake Umbagog	J. Fox
09-07	5	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	G. Prazar
11-07	190	Rye	Ragged Neck	A. & B. Delorey, Amoskeag Chapter FT
11-22	51	Newmarket	Great Bay	S. Mirick
<b>Iceland Gull</b>				
11-01	1	Rye	Jeness Beach	P. Hunt, S. Mirick, M. Krenitsky, M. Hosner
11-15	1	Rye	s. of Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	M. Suomala, ASNH FT
<b>Lesser Black-backed Gull</b>				
09-18	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
11-21	1	Rye	off Odiorne Pt.	A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT
<b>Black-legged Kittiwake</b>				
08-29	1	Rye	Ragged Neck	M. Resch
<b>Roseate Tern</b>				
08-31	6	Rye	Seavey Is.	S. Mirick, R. Cook, R. Suomala, et al.
<b>Common Tern</b>				
08-15	10	Seabrook	mud flats	R. Vernon, Soo-Nipi Chapter FT
08-31	120	Rye	Seavey Is.	S. Mirick, J. Kanter, R. Cook, et al.
09-12	6	Durham	Adams Pt.	S. Mirick
<b>Forster's Tern</b>				
09-27	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	P. Hunt, A. & D. Strong, M. Krenitsky, et al.

# Alcids through Shrike

Twenty-one Black-billed Cuckoos is considerably higher than normal. This was helped in part by nocturnal censusing in Enfield where 11 of the birds were heard, including six birds calling as they flew over on the night of August 16.

For the fifth fall out of the last six, an adult male **Rufous Hummingbird** was found in New Hampshire. This fall's bird showed up at a feeder in Londonderry in October and refused to migrate south. It stayed through many cold days and nights and was still coming to the feeder as of November 25. At this time, realizing that the bird would eventually die from the cold, appropriate state and federal permits were obtained and the bird was captured. Ironically, the bird was placed in a greenhouse in Massachusetts to spend the winter with a female Rufous Hummingbird which also had been captured for the winter. Instead of being welcomed by the female, however, the female ended up killing the male Rufous Hummingbird in defending her territory in the greenhouse!

A **Western Kingbird** was a rare find in Concord on October 28, but in general, flycatchers were not well reported. A flock of 300 Horned Lark in Concord was the highest fall total in the state in many years. Purple Martins were found to be nesting at the Portsmouth Country Club in Greenland, and the colony is probably the only one in southeastern New Hampshire! It is highly unusual to see swallows in November, but a very late Barn Swallow and a record late Cliff Swallow were seen feeding and flying together along the coast in Rye on November 7. Cliff Swallows usually leave the state by mid-September, but ironically there is one other record for a Cliff Swallow on November 7, when a bird was seen along the coast on this date in 1993.

Thrush migration was relatively uneventful, however very late Swainson's Thrushes were recorded in November, including one on November 15.

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<b>Black Guillemot</b>				
11-01	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt.	P. Hunt, S. Mirick, M. Krenitsky, M. Hosmer
11-07	3	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	A.& B. Delorey, Amoskeag Chapter FT
11-07	4		NH coast	S. Mirick
11-16	1	Hampton	Hampton R., near bridge	R. Quinn, M. Haig, J. Allen
11-28	5	Rye	Pulpit Rocks	A.& B. Delorey
<b>Black-billed Cuckoo</b>				
08-02	2	Concord	residence	R. Woodward
08-04	1	Wentworth	Rowantown Cross Rd.	A. Ports
08-10	1	Lyman	Dodge Pond	S.& M. Turner
08-15	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
08-16	6	Enfield	Rt. 4	P. Hunt
08-25	2	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
09-01	2	Enfield	Rt. 2	P. Hunt
09-05	1	Plymouth	Beech Hill Rd.	J.& R. Williams
09-11	2	Enfield	Rt. 4	P. Hunt
09-12	1	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
09-20	1	Enfield	Rt. 4	P. Hunt
10-05	1	N. Hampton	Shiprock Rd.	D.& T. Donsker



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<b>Yellow-billed Cuckoo</b>				
09-09	1	Rye	Star Is.	L. Ring, A. Pike, et al.
09-30	2	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
<b>Short-eared Owl</b>				
11-21	1	Chester	Hillside Haven	A.& B. Delorey
<b>Common Nighthawk</b>				
08-24	70	Concord	residence	R. Woodward
08-25	50	Bedford	Ministerial Rd.	S.& J. Sidel-Goley
08-28	10	Hopkinton	over residence, w. of village	B.& T. Richards
08-31	14	Kensington	Rt.107 residence	G. Gavutis
09-03	1	Lancaster	over Britson's Market	D. Killam
09-04	2	Keene	Roxbury St.	M. Wright
09-04	7	Nashua	Deerhaven Dr.	R. Andrews
<b>Chimney Swift</b>				
08-11	75	Nashua	Auburn St.	B. Ayer
09-03	40	Manchester	downtown	R. Vallieres, C. Martin
09-08	400	Nashua	Main St.	R. Andrews, et al.
09-16	16	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	S. Mirick
09-27	1	Concord	residence	R. Woodward
10-13	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
<b>Rufous Hummingbird</b>				
10-30	1	Londonderry	Mammoth Rd.	L. Tate, A. Delorey
11-03	1	Londonderry	Mammoth Rd.	H. Chary, D. Fitch, R. Fox, D. Duxbury
11-25	1	Londonderry	Mammoth Rd	J. Munier
<b>Red-bellied Woodpecker</b>				
10-06	1	Nashua	Spit Brook Rd.	A. Delorey
10-15	2	Raymond	Lincoln Dr.	E. Makin
11-09	1	Loudon	Bee Hole Rd.	R. Keniston
11-09	1	Dover	Back Rd., near WTSN radio station	J. Gerstenclatt
<b>Yellow-bellied Sapsucker</b>				
10-04	3	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	A.& B. Delorey
10-05	2	Rye	Odiorne Pt.	D. Donsker
10-13	2	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
<b>Black-backed Woodpecker</b>				
08-08	1	Beans Purchase	Wildcat Ridge Trail, "Wildcat B"	D. Govatski
08-13	1	Bethlehem	Trudeau Rd. bog	B. Bradley
08-22	1	Pittsburg	Deer Mtn. Campground	D. Govatski
08-28	1	Jefferson	near Little Cherry Pond	D. Govatski
09-19	1	Livermore	Nancy Pond Trail	M. Suomala
10-13	1	Pittsburg	Garfield Falls	I. MacLeod

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<b>Northern Flicker</b>				
09-19	6	Livermore	Nancy Pond Trail	M. Suomala
09-22	10	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
09-29	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Suomala
10-11	5	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
10-13	4	Middleton	residence	S. Snyder
<b>Olive-sided Flycatcher</b>				
08-12	1	Enfield	George Pond	P. Hunt
08-17	1	Success	1 mi. w. of Success Pond	K. Dube
<b>Eastern Wood-Pewee</b>				
09-25	1	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
09-26	1	Lebanon	near Mascoma Lake dam	M. Hossner
<b>Yellow-bellied Flycatcher</b>				
08-19	2	Bartlett	off of A-Z trail	S. Mirick, J. Matthews
10-03	1	Chester	Hillside Haven	A. & B. Delorey
<b>Least Flycatcher</b>				
10-03	1	Amherst	Souhegan R. fields off Merrimack Rd.	M. & R. Suomala
<b>Eastern Phoebe</b>				
09-12	6	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
10-12	2	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
10-13	1	Holderness	wetlands s. of Rt. 175A	J. Williams
10-25	1	Middleton	residence	S. Snyder
<b>Western Kingbird</b>				
10-28	1	Concord	Old Orchard Trail, Silk Farm WS	R. Suomala, C. Johnson
<b>Eastern Kingbird</b>				
08-04	4	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
08-22	4	Exeter	near Exeter Hospital	G. Pazar
09-10	1	Rye	Concord Pt.	R. Quinn
<b>Horned Lark</b>				
09-19	8	Whitefield	field next to airport pond	J. McIlwaine
10-04	11	Portsmouth	Pease Int'l. Tradeport	A. & B. Delorey
10-06	10	Jefferson	Pondicherry WS	K. Dube, North Country Chapter FT
11-04	25	Chester	Hillside Haven	B. Delorey
11-07	40	Hampton	Hampton Beach St. Pk.	A. & B. Delorey, Amoskeag Chapter FT
11-07	100	Portsmouth	Pease Golf Course	S. Mirick, J. & L. Piper
11-12	300	Concord	Horsehoe Pond	R. Suomala, J. Kanter
11-12	12	Sandwich	fairgrounds	T. Vazzano
11-22	60	Haverhill	cornfield, North Haverhill	B. Bradley
<b>Purple Martin</b>				
08-04	6	Greenland	Portsmouth Country Club	S. Mirick
<b>Bank Swallow</b>				
08-27	20	Seabrook	Cross Beach Rd. near Seabrook Marsh	M. Suomala

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<b>Cliff Swallow</b>				
11-07	1	Rye	along Rt. 1A near Rye Ledge	S. Mirick, J.& L. Piper
<b>Barn Swallow</b>				
08-04	50	Gilford	Glendale	D. Donsker
08-11	50	Monroe	North Monroe farm fields	B. Bradley
08-12	30	Littleton	Berry Meadows	B. Bradley
10-25	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	M. Suomala, ASNH FT
11-04	1	Hampton	North Beach	S. Mirick
11-07	1	Rye	Rt. 1A s. of Rye Ledge	S. Mirick, J.& L. Piper
<b>Gray Jay</b>				
08-01	1	Beans Purchase	Wildcat D	R. Jones
08-10	3	Kilkenny	Mt. Waumbek summit	R. Jones
08-23	5	Pittsburg	Mt. Magalloway summit	D. Govatski, S. Sherman
09-04	3	T&M Purchase	1 mi. up Caps Ridge Trail	S.& R. Crowley
09-19	3	Lincoln	Nancy Pond Trail	M. Suomala
10-12	1	Dummer	n. of Pontook Reservoir	C. Martin, L. Houghton
10-13	4	Pittsburg	Garfield Falls	I. MacLeod
11-02	1	Cambridge	Rt. 16, 2 mi. s. of 7 Islands Bridge	K. Dube
11-19	1	Woodstock	Mt. Tecumseh summit	S. Mirick
<b>Common Raven</b>				
09-04	2	T&M Purchase	Mt. Jefferson summit	S.& R. Crowley
09-11	4	T&M Purchase	Jewel Trail above tree line	S.& R. Crowley
09-17	5	Conway	over the Green Hills	R. Crowley
09-24	12	Conway	Black Cap Mtn. summit	R. Crowley
10-13	15	Pittsburg	Second Connecticut Lake	I. MacLeod
10-19	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence	G. Gavutis
10-22	2	Newton	Wilders Grove Rd.	B. Card
10-24	3	Albany	over Mt. Chocorua	J.& J. Romano
11-14	2	Conway	Black Cap Mtn.	R.& S. Crowley
<b>Boreal Chickadee</b>				
08-02	5	Errol	Mollidgewock Brook outlet	C. Martin
08-08	3	Beans Purchase	Wildcat Ridge Trail	D. Govatski
08-10	2	Franconia	North Twin summit	R. Jones
08-22	4	Clarksville	TNC Hurlburt Swamp	D. Govatski
08-22	3	Pittsburg	Deer Mtn. campground	D. Govatski
08-22	4	T&M Purchase	Caps Ridge Trail, Jefferson Notch	M.& R. Suomala
08-23	2	Bartlett	Iron Mtn.	M.& R. Suomala
09-19	3	Livermore	Nancy Pond Trail	M. Suomala
10-12	5	Dummer	Island Brook drainage	C. Martin, L. Houghton
11-19	4	Woodstock	Mt. Tecumseh Trail	S. Mirick
<b>Red-breasted Nuthatch</b>				
09-26	23	Enfield	Bog Rd.	P. Hunt
<b>Brown Creeper</b>				
09-29	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Suomala
10-10	3	Lyman	Ogontz	S. Turner
10-12	4	Easton	Reel Brook Trail	S.& M. Turner

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<b>Carolina Wren</b>				
08-04	2	Stratham	River Rd	S. Mirick, D. Abbott
08-15	1	Bethlehem	Cross Rd.	L.& S. Plotnick
10-29	1	Monroe	Emery residence	E. Emery, S. Turner
<b>House Wren</b>				
10-03	1	Amherst	Souhegan R. fields off Merrimack Rd.	M.& R. Suomala
10-12	3	New London	Pingree Rd.	R. Vernon
<b>Winter Wren</b>				
08-23	3	Pittsburg	Fourth Connecticut Lake	D. Govatski
11-01	1	Durham	marsh along Durham Point Rd.	P. Hunt, S. Mirick, M. Krenitsky, M. Hosner
11-06	1	Livermore	near East Pond Trail	J. Williams
11-08	1	Candia	Chester Tpk.	L. Churchill
11-22	1	Durham	off Longmarsh Rd	S. Mirick
<b>Marsh Wren</b>				
09-07	2	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	G. Prazar
11-29	2	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	K., A.& G. Prazar
<b>Golden-crowned Kinglet</b>				
Sept.	27		Lake Umbagog Region	R. Quinn, T. Richards
08-02	8	Randolph	Crescent Ridge Trail	J.& D. Romano
08-13	55	Bethlehem	Trudeau Rd.	T. Vazzano, B. Bruni
08-13	50	Pittsburg	East Inlet area	T. Vazzano, B. Bruni
10-07	5	New London	along Pleasant Lake	P. Newbern
10-13	12	Nashua	Spit Brook Rd.	A. Delorey
10-26	5	Concord	Silk Farm WS	R. Suomala et al.
11-25	10	Middleton	residence	S. Snyder
<b>Ruby-crowned Kinglet</b>				
09-12	1	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
09-13	1	Newbury	residence	P. Newbern
09-19	10	Livermore	Nancy Pond Trail	M. Suomala
09-20	12	Sandwich	Thompson WS	T. Vazzano, Lakes Region Chapter FT
10-03	12	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
10-04	9		Lower Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
10-09	8	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
10-13	12	Sandwich	Mead Base Camp	J.& D. Romano
11-08	1	Bethlehem	trail s. of Trudeau Rd.	B. Taffe
11-19	1	Nashua	Farley Meadows WS	R. Andrews
11-24	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt.	R. Crowley
<b>Blue-gray Gnatcatcher</b>				
08-31	1	Enfield	Main St. Pond	P. Hunt
09-27	2	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	P. Hunt, A.& D. Strong, M. Krenitsky, et al.
10-06	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright

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<b>Eastern Bluebird</b>				
08-24	13	Plymouth	Beech Hill Rd.	J. Williams
08-24	10	Canterbury	Shaker Village	R. Quinn
09-01	11	Dummer	Hill Rd.	R. Quinn, T. Richards
10-26	10	Milford	Monson	M. Neveu
11-03	3	Rye	Garland Rd	B. & H. Blanchard
11-04	2	N. Hampton	Woodland Rd	B. & H. Blanchard
11-06	1	Chester	Hillside Haven	B. Delorey
11-08	9	Rye	West Rd., West Rye	B. & H. Blanchard
<b>Veery</b>				
09-01	8	Enfield	Rt. 4	P. Hunt
09-20	4	Enfield	Rt. 4	P. Hunt
10-06	1	Nashua	Mine Falls Pk.	R. Andrews
<b>Gray-cheeked/Bicknell's Thrush sp.</b>				
09-12	1	Enfield	Rt. 4	P. Hunt
<b>Swainson's Thrush</b>				
08-23	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
09-11	7	Enfield	Rt. 4	P. Hunt
09-20	9	Enfield	Rt. 4	P. Hunt
10-05	3	Sandwich	Thompson WS	T. Vazzano
11-08	1	Plymouth	Pine Gate Village	J. Williams
11-15	1	Enfield	Oak Grove Cemetery	P. Hunt
<b>Hermit Thrush</b>				
09-01	15	Enfield	Rt. 4	P. Hunt
09-11	23	Enfield	Rt. 4	P. Hunt
09-20	14	Enfield	Rt. 4	P. Hunt
10-05	3	Sandwich	Thompson WS	T. Vazzano
10-12	9	Easton	Reel Brook Trail	S. & M. Turner
10-13	20	Sandwich	Wentworth & Mead Trails	J. & D. Romano
10-15	6	Chatham	Green Hill Rd. residence	R. Crowley
11-07	2	Rye	Odiorne Pt.	S. Mirick
11-08	1	Plymouth	Pine Gate Village	J. Williams
11-13	1	Milford	Federal Hill Rd. residence	B. Becker
<b>Wood Thrush</b>				
09-12	1	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
10-04	1	Nashua	Deerhaven Dr.	R. Andrews
<b>American Robin</b>				
10-13	200	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
10-16	50	Jefferson	Pondicherry WS	R. Suomala, M. Levin, D. Govatski
10-28	100	Concord	Silk Farm WS	R. Suomala, et al.
11-19	70	Woodstock	Mt. Tecumseh Trail	S. Mirick
11-27	18	Haverhill	Rt. 25, E. Haverhill	J. Williams
<b>Thrush sp.</b>				
09-01	34	Enfield	Rt. 4	P. Hunt
09-11	65	Enfield	Rt. 4	P. Hunt
09-14	13	Enfield	Rt. 4	P. Hunt
09-20	36	Enfield	Rt. 4	P. Hunt

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<b>Gray Catbird</b>				
09-01	3	Bedford		S., I. & G. Saidel-Goley
09-12	9	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
09-20	3	Whitefield	airport bogs	B. Bradley
09-24	9	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	M. Suomala
10-05	2	Concord	Silk Farm WS	R. Suomala, et al.
10-11	2	Middleton	residence	S. Snyder
<b>Brown Thrasher</b>				
09-28	1	Nashua	Trout Brook Dr., Jensens Mobile Park	M. & W. Harris
10-05	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt.	D. Donsker
10-10	1	Enfield	Rt. 4	P. Hunt
<b>American Pipit</b>				
08-29	1	Rye	coast	P. Hunt, M. Suomala, ASNH FT
09-02	1	Errol	over village	R. Quinn
09-06	1	Wilmot	Mt. Kearsarge	C. Foss, F. Nevers
09-17	44	Hopkinton	Elm Brook Pk.	R. Quinn
09-17	34	Lebanon	airport	P. Hunt, et al.
09-24	140	Canterbury	sod farm	R. Quinn
09-28	60	Hopkinton	Elm Brook Pk.	I. MacLeod, C. Martin
10-12	25	Concord	Goodwin Pt.	F. Nevers
10-28	12	New London	Pleasant Lake	P. Hunt, F. Sladen
10-31	22	Canterbury	Kimball Pond	R. Quinn
<b>Cedar Waxwing</b>				
08-30	375	Holderness	marsh fields s. of Rt. 175A	J. Williams
10-07	60	Concord	Silk Farm WS	R. Suomala, et al.
11-26	39	Holderness	Plymouth State College Field House	J. Williams
<b>Northern Shrike</b>				
10-17	1	Whitefield	Whitefield airport, near hangers	D. Govatski
10-31	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
11-07	1	Newbury	Stoney Brook WS	C. Martin
11-15	1	Wentworth	Rt. 25	T. Vazzano
11-18	1	Errol	village	R. Quinn, T. Richards

## Vireos through Indigo Buntings

Pam Hunt in Lebanon identified an “**Audubon’s**” **Warbler** on October 16. This is currently listed as the western race in the Yellow-rumped Warbler complex. However, it is very different in its calls and appearance. This is the first state record for this form in many years. At least four different Orange-crowned Warblers were reported for the fall. This is more than usual for this common western warbler, which is rarely seen in New Hampshire. **Connecticut Warblers** are always very difficult to find, although probably regular in migration in the state in September. This year, a bird was found in Amherst on September 26.

Bob Quinn seems to have good warbler days during the fall, and this year he had another great one on September 12. His totals included: nine Blackpoll, five Black-throated Green, five Black-throated Blue, three Northern Parulas, three Chestnut-sided, six Nashville, four Magnolia, and five Tennessee Warblers, all found along his road in Canterbury. Late warblers include a Chestnut-sided Warbler in Jefferson on October 6, a Northern Parula in Lebanon on October 16, and a Nashville Warbler in Concord on October 28.

Scarlet Tanagers were reported in good numbers from mid-September, and a very late bird was reported in Enfield in mid-October.

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<b>Blue-headed Vireo</b>				
09-10	4	Moultonborough	Unsworth Preserve	T. Vazzano, B. Bruni
09-13	6		Lower Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
09-24	4	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	M. Suomala
09-30	3	Newbury	residence	P. Newbern
10-16	1	Lebanon	near Mascoma Lake Dam	P. Hunt
10-17	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	D.& T. Donsker
10-19	1	Concord	Silk Farm WS	R. Suomala, et al.
<b>Philadelphia Vireo</b>				
08-06	1	Livermore	mountainside along Tripoli Rd.	J. Williams
09-09	1	Enfield	Bog Rd.	P. Hunt
09-24	1	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	M. Suomala
09-25	1	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
<b>Red-eyed Vireo</b>				
09-06	24		Lower Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
10-01	2	Newington	Great Bay NWR	M. Suomala, R. Hardy
10-02	1	Concord	Silk Farm WS	R. Suomala, et al.
10-17	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	D.& T. Donsker
<b>Blue-winged Warbler</b>				
08-31	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
10-03	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	S. Mirick
<b>Tennessee Warbler</b>				
08-25	1	Newbury	residence	P. Newbern
08-31	2	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
09-02	1	Enfield	Bog Rd.	P. Hunt
09-09	1	Enfield	Bog Rd.	P. Hunt
09-12	5	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
09-13	1	Newbury	residence	P. Newbern
<b>Orange-crowned Warbler</b>				
09-24	1	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	M. Suomala
10-11	1	Enfield	Main St. Pond	P. Hunt
10-16	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	S. Mirick
10-17	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	D.& T. Donsker
11-01	1	Seabrook	near jct. of Rts. 286 and 1A	S. Mirick, P. Hunt, M. Krenitsky, M. Hosner

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<b>Nashville Warbler</b>				
09-09	1	Windham	residence	J. Romano
09-12	6	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
09-13	1	Newbury	residence	P. Newbern
09-17	1	Conway	below Black Cap Mtn. summit	R. Crowley
09-25	3	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
09-26	2	Amherst	Souhegan R. fields off Merrimack Rd.	M. & R. Suomala
10-03	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	S. Mirick, ASNH FT
10-05	1	Auburn	Massabesic Audubon Center	R. Suomala
10-16	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	S. Mirick
10-28	1	Concord	Silk Farm WS	R. Suomala, et al.
<b>Northern Parula</b>				
09-12	3	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
09-13	3	Newbury	residence	P. Newbern
09-26	2	Amherst	Souhegan R. fields off Merrimack Rd.	M. & R. Suomala
10-16	1	Lebanon	near Mascoma Lake Dam	P. Hunt
<b>Chestnut-sided Warbler</b>				
08-15	4	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
09-12	3	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
09-27	1	Newbury	residence	P. Newbern
10-06	1	Jefferson	Pondicherry WS, RR track e. side of pond	D. & B. Killam, D. Skeel, K. Dube
<b>Magnolia Warbler</b>				
08-25	3	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
09-09	6	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
09-09	7	Enfield	Bog Rd.	P. Hunt
09-10	8		Lower Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
09-12	4	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
09-20	6	Sandwich	Thompson WS	T. Vazzano, Lakes Region Chapter F.T.
10-05	1	N. Hampton	Shiprock Rd.	D. Donsker
<b>Cape May Warbler</b>				
09-01	1	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
09-12	2	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	M. & R. Suomala, ASNH hawk watch
09-27	2	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	P. Hunt, A. & D. Strong, M. Krenitsky, et al.
10-03	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	S. Mirick, A. Maley, ASNH FT
<b>Black-throated Blue Warbler</b>				
09-12	5	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
09-29	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Suomala
10-05	1	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
10-13	1	Lyman	Dodge Pond residence	S. Turner



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<b>Yellow-rumped Warbler</b>				
09-20	37	Whitefield	airport bogs	B. Bradley
09-24	45	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	M. Suomala
10-06	20	Keene	Water St.	P. Hunt
10-13	36	Nashua	Spit Brook Rd.	A. Delorey
10-16	88		Lower Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
11-14	1	Rye	Eel Pond	A.& B. Delorey
<b>Yellow-rumped Warbler - Audubon's subspecies</b>				
10-16	1	Lebanon	near Mascoma Lake Dam	P. Hunt
<b>Black-throated Green Warbler</b>				
09-02	15	Enfield	Bog Rd.	P. Hunt
09-12	5	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
09-20	24		Lower Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
09-25	5	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
10-02	2	Nashua	Spit Brook Rd.	A. Delorey
10-04	1	Mont Vernon	Francetown Tpk.	R. Suomala
10-05	1	N. Hampton	Shiprock Rd.	D.& T. Donsker
10-18	1	Enfield	Oak Grove Cemetery	P. Hunt
<b>Blackburnian Warbler</b>				
09-13	1	Newbury	residence	P. Newbern
09-20	1	Whitefield	airport bogs	B. Bradley
09-26	1	Amherst	Souhegan R. fields off Merrimack Rd.	M.& R. Suomala
<b>Pine Warbler</b>				
09-24	7	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	M. Suomala
09-26	1	Enfield	Bog Rd.	P. Hunt
10-14	1	Concord	Silk Farm WS	R. Suomala, et al.
11-15	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	M. Suomala, ASNH FT
<b>Prairie Warbler</b>				
08-31	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
<b>Palm Warbler</b>				
09-11	2	Bethlehem	Trudeau Rd. bog	B. Bradley
09-20	10	Sandwich	Thompson WS	T. Vazzano, B. Bruni
09-26	4	Amherst	Souhegan R. fields off Merrimack Rd.	M.& R. Suomala
10-03	3	Amherst	Souhegan R. fields off Merrimack Rd.	M.& R. Suomala
10-03	3	Weare	along Piscataquog R.	A.& B. Delorey
10-13	5	Plymouth	wetlands s. of Rt.175A	J. Williams
10-13	3	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
11-01	1	Seabrook	intersection Rts. 286 & 1A	P. Hunt, M. Krenitsky
<b>Bay-breasted Warbler</b>				
09-07	2	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
09-10	6	Moultonborough	Unsworth Preserve	T. Vazzano, B. Bruni
09-14	2	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	M. Suomala
09-24	1	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	M. Suomala

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<b>Blackpoll Warbler</b>				
09-12	9	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
09-13	1	Newbury	residence	P. Newbern
09-14	25	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	M. Suomala
09-15	5	Farmington	Blue Job Mtn.	R. & J. Quinn
09-20	6		Lower Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
09-24	14	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	M. Suomala
09-25	4	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
09-26	12	Amherst	Souhegan R. fields off Merrimack Rd.	M. & R. Suomala
09-27	15	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	P. Hunt, A. & D. Strong, M. Krenitsky, et al.
10-02	1	Concord	Silk Farm WS	R. Suomala, et al.
10-03	1	Amherst	Souhegan R. fields off Merrimack Rd.	M. & R. Suomala
10-10	2		Lower Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
<b>Black-and-white Warbler</b>				
08-31	1	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	M. Suomala
10-01	1	Newington	Great Bay NWR	M. Suomala, R. Hardy
<b>American Redstart</b>				
08-22	2	T&M Purchase	Caps Ridge Trail, Jefferson Notch	M. & R. Suomala
09-25	1	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
10-16	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	S. Mirick
10-17	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	T. Donsker
<b>Connecticut Warbler</b>				
09-26	1	Amherst	Souhegan R. fields off Merrimack Rd.	R. & M. Suomala
<b>Mourning Warbler</b>				
08-12	1	Pittsburg	Scott Bog	T. Vazzano, B. Bruni
09-13	1	Whitefield	airport bogs	B. Bradley
09-15	1	Newbury	residence	P. Newbern
09-25	1	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
09-29	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Suomala
<b>Common Yellowthroat</b>				
09-24	7	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	M. Suomala
09-29	2	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Suomala
10-19	1	Holderness	Outback Driving Range	J. Williams
11-22	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
<b>Wilson's Warbler</b>				
08-31	4		Lower Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
09-10	5		Lower Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
09-20	2	Whitefield	airport bogs	B. Bradley
10-04	1	Lebanon	Rt. 4A	P. Hunt
<b>Warbler sp.</b>				
08-13	24	Enfield	Rt. 4	P. Hunt
09-11	316	Enfield	Rt. 4	P. Hunt

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09-14	137	Enfield	Rt. 4	P. Hunt
09-20	282	Enfield	Rt. 4	P. Hunt
09-24	94	Enfield	Rt. 4	P. Hunt
Scarlet Tanager				
09-15	12	Farmington	Blue Job Mtn.	R. & J. Quinn
09-20	14		Lower Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
10-03	1	Weare	along Piscataquog R.	A. & B. Delorey
10-05	1	Concord	Silk Farm WS	R. Suomala, et al.
10-15	1	Enfield	Rt. 4 residence	P. Hunt
Rose-breasted Grosbeak				
09-10	10		Lower Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
09-14	5	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence	G. Gavutis
Indigo Bunting				
09-18	4	Haverhill	Bedell Bridge St. Pk.	B. Bradley
09-20	5		Lower Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
09-29	2	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	R. Suomala
10-02	1	Concord	Silk Farm WS	R. Suomala, et al.
10-05	1	N. Hampton	Shiprock Rd.	D. & T. Donsker
10-06	1	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn

## Sparrows, Blackbirds and Finches

Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrows were reported from Great Bay and the seacoast. However, details were not submitted for all of the sightings and some could not be published. It is important to submit details for Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrows until we can sort out its status in the state. It appears that we have a few pairs of Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrows on Great Bay nesting next to Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrows, and that Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrows can be fairly common migrants locally along the coast in October. A rare Seaside Sparrow in the Hampton marshes was less confusing and gave some fine looks to birders who had three species of "saltmarsh" sparrows in the marshes of Hampton on November 1. Thirty-five Lincoln's Sparrows were reported for the fall, which is much higher than normal.

Eleven Lapland Longspurs in Concord was nice total away from the coast, and a Bobolink in Concord on October 7 was about a week late on its journey to South America. Rusty Blackbirds are not often reported, so several small flocks this fall is noteworthy. It was not an invasion year for finches. Redpolls and both species of crossbills were reported, but only in small numbers, and goldfinches, siskins and Evening Grosbeaks were also reported in small numbers only. Only one House Finch was reported for the fall. Are numbers declining, or are birders just not reporting these common birds?

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American Tree Sparrow				
10-16	3		Lower Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
10-16	1	Jefferson	Pondicherry WS	R. Suomala, M. Levin, D. Govatski

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American Tree Sparrow (continued)				
10-17	9	Hebron	Hebron Marsh	J. & R. Williams
10-25	28		Lower Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
10-28	30	Concord	Silk Farm WS	R. Suomala, et al.
11-14	23	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	R. & J. Quinn
11-18	12	Derry	wastewater treatment plant	A. Delorey
Chipping Sparrow				
08-23	15	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
09-03	10	Windham	residence	J. Romano
11-05	1	Enfield	along Rt. 4	P. Hunt
11-29	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	K. Prazar
Savannah Sparrow				
10-04	15	Portsmouth	Pease Int'l. Tradeport	A. & B. Delorey
Savannah Sparrow - Ipswich subsp.				
11-01	3	Rye	Ragged Neck	S. Mirick, P. Hunt, et al.
11-07	2	Rye	Ragged Neck	A. & B. Delorey, Amoskeag Chapter FT
Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow				
08-04	3	Greenland	Portsmouth Country Club	S. Mirick
08-04	4	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	S. Mirick
11-04	1	Hampton	Hampton salt marshes	S. Mirick, D. Deifik, D. Hopkins
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow				
11-01	3	Hampton	Rt. 1A Hampton Beach marshes	P. Hunt, S. Mirick, M. Krenitsky, M. Hosner
Seaside Sparrow				
11-01	1	Hampton	saltmarsh grasses	S. Mirick, P. Hunt, M. Krenitsky, M. Hosner
Fox Sparrow				
10-04	1	Lebanon	near Mascoma Lake Dam	P. Hunt
10-22	3	Hill	near Pemigewasset R.	G. Gavutis
10-29	2	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
11-07	2	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	A. & B. Delorey, Amoskeag Chapter FT
11-18	2	Kensington	w. end Moulton Ridge	G. Gavutis
Song Sparrow				
11-18	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
Lincoln's Sparrow				
08-21	2	Jefferson	Pondicherry WS	R. & S. Crowley
09-10	2	Sandwich	Thompson WS	T. Vazzano, B. Bruni
09-12	2	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
09-13	2	Holderness	Plymouth State College fields	J. Williams
09-13	4		Lower Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
09-24	4	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	M. Suomala
09-25	4	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
10-02	2	Chester	Hillside Haven	B. Delorey
10-03	2	Amherst	Souhegan R. fields off Merrimack Rd.	M. & R. Suomala
10-09	3	Haverhill	Bedell Bridge St. Pk.	B. Bradley

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10-28	1	Concord	Silk Farm WS	R. Suomala, et al.
11-08	1	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
<b>Swamp Sparrow</b>				
09-29	2	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Suomala
10-11	13		Lower Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
10-15	5	Concord	Silk Farm WS	R. Suomala, et al.
11-11	1	Canterbury	Kimball Pond	R. Quinn
11-22	2	Durham	off Longmarsh Rd	S. Mirick
<b>White-throated Sparrow</b>				
09-24	15	Weare	Clough St. Pk. residence	M. Suomala
09-27	25	Newbury		P. Newbern
09-29	10	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Suomala
10-05	30	Concord	Silk Farm WS	R. Suomala, et al.
10-13	25	Sandwich	Wentworth & Mead Trails	J. & D. Romano
<b>White-crowned Sparrow</b>				
09-11	1	T&M Purchase	Jewel Trail above tree line	S. & R. Crowley
10-04	6	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	M. & R. Suomala
10-05	8	Sandwich	Henderson Rd.	T. Vazzano
10-05	10	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
10-08	5	Chester	Hillside Haven	A. & B. Delorey
10-11	11	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
10-11	15		Lower Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
10-13	7	Derry	wastewater treatment plant	A. Delorey
10-16	7	Jefferson	Pondicherry WS	R. Suomala, M. Levin, D. Govatski
10-25	2	New London	along Pleasant Lake	P. Newbern
<b>Dark-eyed Junco</b>				
10-24	30	Chatham	Langdon Brook & Mountain Rds.	R. Crowley
10-26	75	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
11-28	24	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
<b>Lapland Longspur</b>				
11-01	2	Rye	Ragged Neck	P. Hunt, S. Mirick, M. Krenitsky, M. Hosner
11-01	1	Durham	Rt. 155A fields	P. Hunt, S. Mirick, M. Krenitsky, M. Hosner
11-10	1	Sandwich	fairgrounds	T. Vazzano
11-14	11	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	R. Quinn
<b>Snow Bunting</b>				
10-17	4	Rye	Pulpit Rocks	A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT
10-23	10	Greenfield	top of North Pack	L. Peck
10-25	65	Hampton	Hampton Beach St. Pk.	M. Suomala, ASNH FT
10-28	160	Hampton	Hampton Beach St. Pk.	R. Vallieres, C. Martin
10-31	30	Milan	Rt. 16	K. Dube
11-05	30	Sandwich	fairgrounds	T. Vazzano
11-12	70	Sandwich	fairgrounds	T. Vazzano
11-15	40	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	M. Suomala, ASNH FT
11-16	60	Littleton	over Connecticut R. marsh	B. Bradley
11-20	29	Piermont	Lake Tarleton	J. Williams

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**Bobolink**

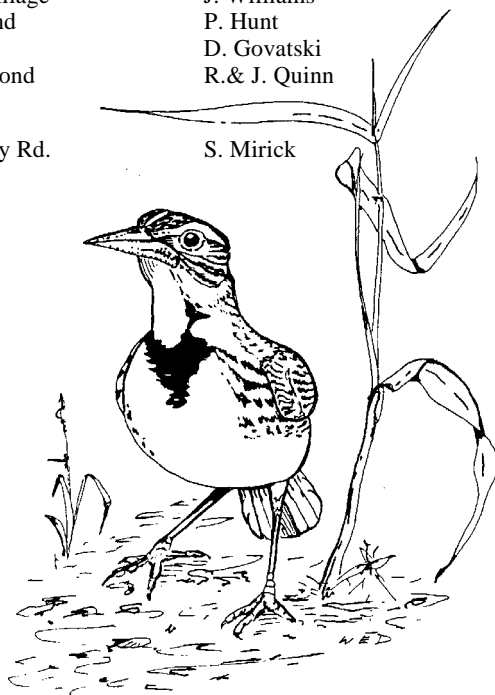
08-16	24	Littleton	Berry Meadow	B. Bradley
09-16	21		Lower Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
09-20	2	Enfield	Main St. Pond	P. Hunt
09-24	2	Canterbury	sod farm	R. Quinn
10-07	1	Concord	Silk Farm WS	R. Suomala, et al.

**Red-winged Blackbird**

10-10	70	Plymouth	Pine Gate Village	J. Williams
11-05	25	Enfield	Main St. Pond	P. Hunt
11-06	14	Jefferson	Cherry Pond	D. Govatski
11-14	11	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	R. & J. Quinn

**Eastern Meadowlark**

08-02	13	Newmarket	fields off Bay Rd.	S. Mirick
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*Eastern Meadowlark*  
by William E. Davis

**Rusty Blackbird**

09-25	10	Middleton	residence	S. Snyder
09-29	12	Chatham	shore of Lower Kimball Pond	R. Crowley
10-03	20	Amherst	Souhegan R. fields off Merrimack Rd.	M. & R. Suomala
10-18	37	Plymouth	jct. of Fairground & Loon Lake Rd.	J. Williams
10-24	20	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	R. Woodward
11-14	13	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	R. & J. Quinn

**Common Grackle**

10-04	707		Lower Mascoma Lake	P. Hunt
10-15	5000	Chester	Hillside Haven	A. & B. Delorey
10-23	2000	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn

**Brown-headed Cowbird**

09-29	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. Suomala
10-29	70	Lebanon	Airport Rd., W. Lebanon	P. Hunt

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
<b>Baltimore Oriole</b>				
08-20	2	Pembroke	N. Pembroke Rd.	K. Palfy
08-24	3	Berlin	Argonne St.	K. Dube
09-03	2	Windham	residence	J. Romano
09-05	5	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence	G. Gavutis
09-24	1	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	M. Suomala
<b>Pine Grosbeak</b>				
10-28	2	Monroe	Rt.135, village	P. Powers, E. Emery
<b>Purple Finch</b>				
09-28	2	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
10-03	2	Weare	along Piscataquog River	A.& B. Delorey
10-18	1	Plymouth	jct. Fairgrounds & Loon Lake Rds.	J. Williams
10-20	1	Chester	Hillside Haven	A.& B. Delorey
11-18	6	Errol	village	R. Quinn, T. Richards
11-22	1	Plymouth	Pine Gate Rd.	J. Williams
11-22	15	Dummer	jct. River & Hill Rds.	K. Dube
<b>Red Crossbill</b>				
08-15	2	Wentworths Location	Magalloway R. bank	R. Crowley
08-17	2	Wentworths Location		R. Crowley
<b>White-winged Crossbill</b>				
08-11	5	Carroll	Mt. Eisenhower Wayside, Rt. 302	D. Govatski
08-13	6	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	T. Vazzano, B. Bruni
08-24	3	Cambridge	Rt. 16	K. Dube
08-24	9	Dummer	Magill Bay	K. Dube
10-13	4	Pittsburg	near Magalloway Mtn.	I. MacLeod
10-24	12	Albany	Liberty Trail	J.& J. Romano
<b>Common Redpoll</b>				
10-28	3	Milford	Federal Hill Rd. residence	R. Becker
11-28	6	Canaan	Prospect Hill Rd.	L. Reitsma
<b>Pine Siskin</b>				
10-08	2	Henniker	residence	R. Hardy
10-09	2	Lyman	Round Pond	S. Turner
10-23	16	Livermore	nw. slope of Mt. Tecumseh	J. Williams
11-01	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	P. Hunt, S. Mirik, M. Krenitsky, M. Hosner
<b>Evening Grosbeak</b>				
08-14	1	Alton	Hall's Hill Rd.	K. Palfy
09-11	1	Chatham	Province Pond Trail	R. Crowley
10-19	8	Lyman	Hurd Hill Rd.	S.& M. Turner
11-13	2	Livermore	near East Pond Trail	J. Williams
11-14	54	Middleton	residence	S. Snyder

# Identification of Dowitchers

by Stephen R. Mirick

Identification of shorebirds is sometimes quite a challenge. Several species are very similar in size and shape, and, to make matters worse, in fall migration most species can be seen in three different plumages; breeding plumage, juvenile plumage, and winter plumage! The Short-billed and Long-billed Dowitchers are two species of shorebirds which migrate south along the New Hampshire seacoast in the fall, and pose one of the most difficult identifications. The Short-billed Dowitcher is, by far, the more common of the two species in the state. They annually show up in small numbers along the coast from early July through September, with occasional reports of up to several dozen. The Long-billed Dowitcher is much less common, and frequently goes unreported in the fall. Both species are rarely seen away from the coast. Unfortunately, despite their names, the bill lengths of these two species overlap and CANNOT usually be used as a key field mark. Below are a few points to consider when trying to separate these two species.

## Bill Length and Size of Bird

This is not a safe way to identify birds. Bill lengths overlap between the two species in most individuals. Female Long-billed Dowitchers will sometimes have a significantly longer bill than any Short-billed Dowitcher, but this can be difficult to tell unless there is a group of birds for comparison. The same rule applies for the size of birds. In general, Long-billed Dowitchers are larger birds with longer legs, but there is overlap with the Short-billed Dowitcher.

## Voice

The voice can be diagnostic, but sometimes birds are notoriously quiet. Long-billed Dowitchers have a higher pitched “keek” or “keek-keek-keek”, while the Short-billed Dowitcher has a lower pitched sound which is similar to a Lesser Yellowlegs. More of a “tu” or “tu-tu-tu”.

## Adult Birds in Breeding Plumage

When adults first arrive in July, they still have much of their breeding plumage. The Long-billed Dowitcher is a darker reddish-orange on the breast with much more extensive color extending down to the lower belly and the vent area. The race of the Short-billed Dowitcher that we usually see on the New Hampshire seacoast shows a paler orange color, with much more white on the lower belly and vent area.

## Winter Plumage

This is usually in October and November around here. Birds look nearly identical and can't be safely identified except by voice. In general, Long-billed Dowitchers will stay later than Short-billed Dowitchers, so if you see a dowitcher after mid-October, the chances are better that it may be a Long-billed Dowitcher.

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# The 1998 Autumn Hawk Migration

by Susan Fogleman

Watchers logged over 460 hours across New Hampshire during Fall 1998 and recorded over 14,000 migrating hawks. Project Hawktrack's successful volunteer recruitment program resulted in consecutive day monitoring at five sites. Project Hawktrack was started in 1998 to study hawk migration as it passes through New Hampshire. Coordinators Iain MacLeod and Susan Fogleman selected strategically-located sites across the state in a rough transect that runs perpendicular to the general direction of the flights. In 1998 four sites were covered daily: Little Round Top with 104 hours, Pack Monadnock with 99.8, Blue Job with 61.3, and Deering with 40.3.

New to watch efforts and the fifth site with consecutive day coverage, Weeks State Park (Prospect Mountain) in Lancaster added to our growing body of knowledge about hawk migration in this state. Watchers there, headed by Sandy and Mark Turner, logged 93.25 hours, providing valuable information on the hitherto unknown situation of the upper Connecticut Valley. It is suspected that hawks migrating through and out of Quebec's Eastern Townships may have been slipping down through northwestern New Hampshire unnoticed. This new watch at Weeks may help answer many questions.

Because of its location in the middle of the coastal "plain," Blue Job Mountain in Farmington/Strafford may be the most important site in the state – and hardest to get to! Nevertheless, leader Don Green (with able assistance from Art LeClair, Al and Linda Maley, Richard Bickford, and others) logged an outstanding 48 hawks per hour! With increased time investment that number can be even larger. Often counters have had to leave the site before any late afternoon push could be recorded! Don and company are eager to have additional eyes, especially those that can commit to staying after 3 p.m. Many sites have had huge kettles of Broad-wingeds appear late in the afternoon, often descending to roost nearby as the sun drops toward the horizon. Moral: never give up!

Pack Monadnock and Deering logged about 40 hawks per hour (hph) each. Little Round Top, now in its 31st year of monitoring, logged a mere 22 hph as watchers there were not blessed with the numerous big kettles they sometimes see. Little Round Top did manage to record the state's only Golden Eagle this fall, as a beautiful adult sailed by late one afternoon, even dropping below eye level to show off its golden hackles.

Although watching at Odiorne Point was sporadic until the end of September and first days of October, observers there tallied 688 birds, mostly Ospreys, Sharp-shinned, and Kestrels, with 42 Merlins and 21 Peregrine Falcons thrown in for good measure. Site leaders Steve Mirick and Paul Lacourse like to pick their days, as the conditions that can produce flights of these usually coastal migrants are fairly predictable. With a total of 32 hours invested for the entire season, the Odiorne watchers hit 21 hph.

For a complete list of hawk watch sites in New Hampshire and how to reach them, contact Iain MacLeod at the Massabesic Center, or send a SASE to Susan Fogleman, RR #1 Box 2011, Plymouth, NH 03264. If you'd like to contribute your efforts to this effort let Iain or Susan know. A workshop for volunteers will be held in early September.

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# Watching the Weather

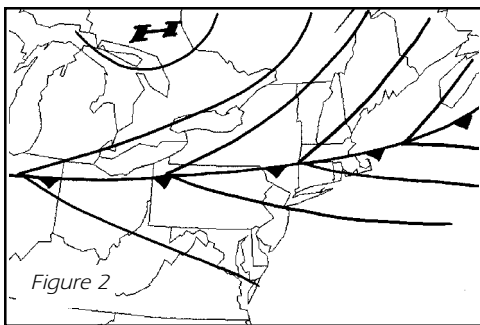
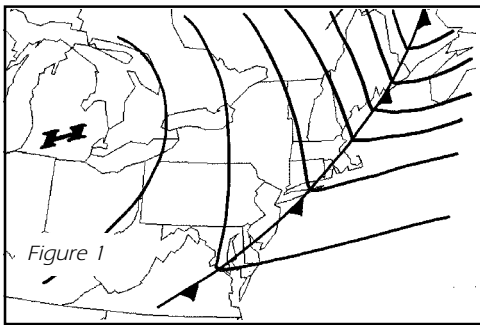
by Tony Vazzano

Birds and weather sometimes move together, especially during migration. Birders can optimize their time spent in the field by being aware of the weather around them and attaining a basic knowledge of weather fronts. Knowing on a Friday in the middle of May that a warm front will move through during the weekend can help you plan both when and where to bird on those days. Maybe you will even discover a local fallout! As a meteorologist and birder, I can't imagine planning a day of birding without considering recent weather events and wind. A spring cold front preceded by a strong south wind may cause a fallout as birds migrating northward fly into the frontal zone and come down for food, shelter and rest rather than fly against the front. Cold fronts followed by northwest winds in fall and warm fronts followed by south winds in spring often aid migrating birds. Sometimes winds off the ocean help push pelagic species close to shore; these winds are often associated with approaching low pressure and frontal systems.

With a myriad of sources of weather information now available to birders via the media and the Internet, it is difficult to know what to choose and what to believe. The

best bet for most birders is to find a television weathercast or an Internet weather page that shows frontal positions and isobars (lines of equal pressure) for the next day or two. These two features will help you determine what the overall wind flow will be, which often determines when birds will be moving. Winds usually follow a path close to the isobars on the weather map and flow clockwise around high pressure and counter-clockwise around low pressure. When the isobars are tightly packed, the wind will be strong because this pressure differential helps create some of the wind.

There are several different types of cold fronts that move through New Hampshire. The two most typical to look for in the spring and fall are depicted here. **Figure 1** shows a cold front that has recently come from the west and moved past us. The position of this high pressure center west of the front will produce a northwest



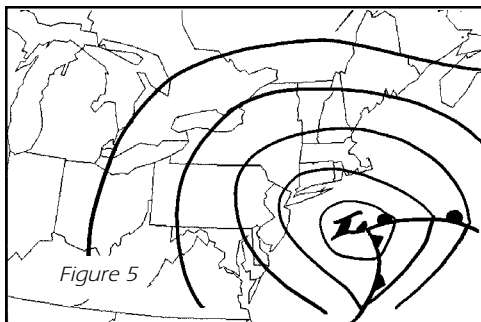
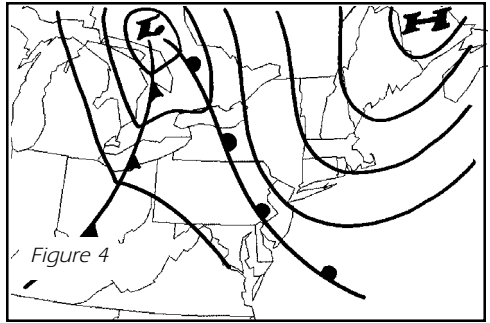
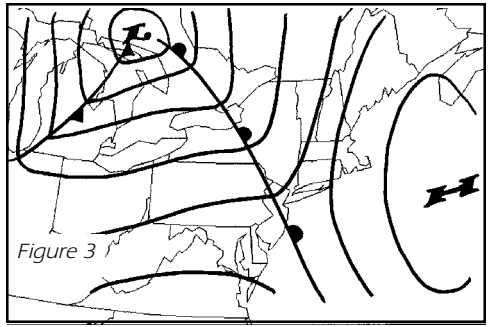
wind for New Hampshire. The cold front in **figure 2** has moved through from the north. The high pressure center is now in a different position; one that will cause a north wind that may eventually become northeast as the high pressure moves to our north, across Canada. This wind will usually not be as strong as the wind created from the type of front shown in figure 1.

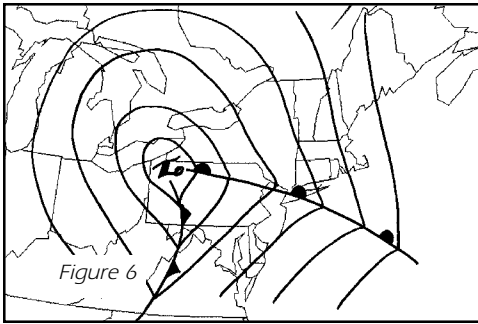
Warm fronts normally move our way from the south or the west. Winds behind warm fronts are usually from the southwest and this type of front can seem to be the easiest to determine as it approaches. However, high pressure to the north can serve as a block in the lowest levels of the atmosphere making it difficult for some warm fronts to ever move through New Hampshire in spring.

**Figure 3** shows a warm front with an associated isobaric pattern that will move through New England fairly quickly after a high pressure area has passed to our south while **figure 4** depicts a front that will have difficulty moving through because of the location of the high pressure. The figure 4 type pattern produces northeast to southeast winds that help inhibit the front's northward progress through our region. Often, these fronts will come in close enough so that the migrant birds spill into New Hampshire on south winds just above ground level. This was the scenario on May 11, 1996 when New England had one of its biggest fallouts.

The fall, winter and spring seasons produce strong low pressure areas, or storm systems, that often move near New England. They can produce winds strong enough

to push pelagic species close to shore. East, northeast and southeast winds can all be helpful, but different areas of the coast are most productive in different winds. In New Hampshire, it may be that a southeast wind is most beneficial because of the location of Stellwagen Bank. **Figure 5** shows a classic northeaster. While the isobars are indicating an east wind, other forces are also at work and





the wind direction will be from the northeast.

The path of the center of these storms is to the south and east of New Hampshire, moving near Cape Cod or Nantucket. The birding problem with these storms is that they are usually accompanied by heavy snow or heavy rain and sometimes coastal winds can be gale force. These storms can come from either the Midwest or

the Mid-Atlantic regions. Storms systems that bring southeast winds can also come out of either region. The storm in **figure 6** will move either directly toward or to the west and north of New Hampshire bringing southeast winds as it does so and probably snow turning to freezing rain and then rain or drizzle. The isobars are the key in determining wind flow, but in these storms the influence of high pressure to our north or east combined with other forces will again cause a cross isobar wind so that what would appear to be a south wind will actually be southeast. Most of our large-scale storms are variations of these two types.

The most frustrating aspect of this will be finding a weather forecast and forecast maps that you can rely on and are comfortable using. Persistence should pay off, however, and once you find a reliable source for the information you need, your birding time will become more productive and more enjoyable.

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## Identification of Dowitchers (continued)

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### Tail Barring

Both species of dowitchers have black and white barring on the tail which can vary somewhat and is difficult to see in the field, but which can also be helpful for identification. In most Long-billed Dowitchers, the black tail bands are distinctly broader than the white bands, while Short-billed Dowitchers usually have distinctly broader white bands on the tail.

### Juvenile Plumage

Young Short-billed Dowitchers, when they show up on August, are colorfully marked with broad buff-colored feather edges and buff-colored internal markings to the feathers of the back, scapulars, and tertial feathers, which cover the tail. Young Long-billed Dowitchers, when they first show up a bit later in mid-September, have darker feathers narrowly edged in buff without the internal markings. This distinction is conclusive for identifying young dowitchers.

by Francie Von Mertens

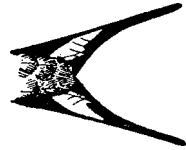
## Monogamy in songbirds — more social than genetic

There are degrees of monogamy. While biologists once believed that up to 94% of all bird species were monogamous, genetic testing is painting a different picture. Increasingly, a distinction is being made between sexual or genetic monogamy and social monogamy when studying animal behavior, birds included. For most songbird species, spring brings pair formation, nest building, egg incubation, and then tending the resulting young—with shared parenting (“biparenting”) duties throughout.

Genetic testing, however, has shown that the male parent more often than not tends a brood that he did not entirely father. Even bluebirds, apparent paragons of fidelity, share the general tendency to stray beyond the traditional pair bond. Dr. Patricia Adair Gowaty, behavioral ecologist at the University of Georgia, has found that 15%-20% of bluebird chicks are not related to their attentive male parent figure.

In DNA studies of some 180 socially monogamous songbird species, only 10% are truly or genetically monogamous. And, contrary to previously held assumptions, sometimes it’s the female that wanders. Gowaty will be studying bluebirds this coming nesting season to test the hypothesis that females mated with “lesser males” do the wandering; those with top-dog mates do not. Dr. Susan M. Smith of Mt. Holyoke College has found that chickadee females rarely wander, but when they do, it’s for a brief liaison with a male with a rank above their mate’s. Females with dominant males don’t wander.

Studies suggest that superior males claim the best territories, and/or sing the most varied songs. One study of Barn Swallows found that superior males have slightly longer tails—and those are the males that promiscuous females seek.



Researchers attribute the male’s wanderings to an evolutionary explanation or advantage different from the female’s. Females appear to be procuring superior genes for their offspring whereas males, by their extra-pair matings, are spreading their genes more widely, increasing odds of their survival.

As species after species falls by the wayside, their wayward, non-monogamous habits found out through paternity testing, there is one small rodent emerging in the news that may be the world’s only true monogamist. DNA testing consistently shows that the California Mouse not only mates for life, but mates exclusively with its life-long partner. As for humans and monogamy, laboratory screening for inherited diseases finds that on average, 10% of the offspring tested, are not in fact the true offspring of their male parent figure.

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BBS	Breeding Bird Survey	Rt.	Route
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