

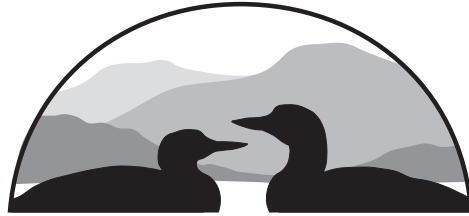
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## About The Cover

The Harris's Sparrow photo on the front cover was taken by Cheryl Johnson. The bird appeared in her yard in Campton on November 16 and stayed for six days. This sparrow is normally found in the mid-western United States but is a rare vagrant in migration and winter throughout much of the country. The most recent sighting in New Hampshire was from Berlin in the winter of 2000-01, but there are no reports between that and the early 1970s when several sightings occurred. For more details on this fall's sighting see the season summary and list of sightings.

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## From the Editor

by Rebecca Suomala

### Bill Taffe Takes Over "Where to Bird" Articles

**B**ill Taffe has taken over the coordination of the "Where to Bird" articles, which will enable this to become a regular feature in *New Hampshire Bird Records*. These articles focus on birding locations in New Hampshire and provide information on what birds are found there, the best times to visit, and directions on how to get there. They are written by a variety of authors, and Bill serves as the coordinator of the articles, the author contact, and the creator of the maps that accompany each article. If you have ideas for locations you would like to see featured or are interested in writing an article on your favorite birding location, please contact Bill at [wjtaffe@adelphia.net](mailto:wjtaffe@adelphia.net).

### Volunteers Needed

**N***ew Hampshire Bird Records* needs your help. Whether it's the season editors, assistants, or special feature writers, volunteers provide incredible time and skills to make the publication what it is today. Consider becoming part of this terrific crew by filling one of the openings below. Please contact me (see inside front cover) if you are interested in either of them.

#### Data Entry

**D**ata entry involves typing bird sightings into the computer from hand-written or printed reports. Although you will be hearing more from us in the future about on-line data entry and other computerized options, we want to continue to provide people the option of sending in written reports, which we then enter. The ideal candidate would be able to come into Audubon House in Concord once a week for half a day and enter records into the database. Attention to detail and accuracy are critical, and at least some computer experience is required, although we will provide training on our database.

#### Production Assistant

**T**his is a new position that will assist the Managing Editor on various aspects of production preparation. It will involve formatting incoming articles and graphs, collecting missing information, preparing reporter and species lists, and contacting authors to assist with deadlines. This position will work primarily on the computer and requires familiarity with different document formats and compatibility, word-processing proficiency in Word, experience creating graphs in Excel, and familiarity with e-mail and attachments. Most work can be done from home, but occasional visits to the Concord office will be necessary for training and final production preparation.

## Fall Season

### August 1 - November 30, 2002

by Stephen R. Mirick, Fall Editor

The fall season started in August with warm and extremely dry weather. A mid-month heat wave brought temperatures to a high of 98°F in Laconia on August 14. September brought more precipitation but the above-normal temperatures continued. Heavy rains on September 15 and 16 preceded a cold front on September 17 and an excellent Broad-winged Hawk flight across the interior of the state. Another cold front on September 22 may have been the reason for a fallout of warblers in Windham on September 23. October was cold and dry, but an interesting result of the weather pattern was extremely late fall foliage season, which peaked a full two weeks later than normal. It is not clear from the data whether this had any impact on the birds. An unprecedented sparrow fallout in early October hit a sorghum field in Concord, where over 1,600 sparrows were estimated on October 6. November saw an early start to winter with extremely cold and wet weather. Laconia saw temperatures 3 degrees colder than normal for the month and a total of 15" of snow! Normally this is the time of year when winter finches start to appear in the state; however, very few were reported this fall. A late Indigo Bunting at a feeder and a Northern Parula in November were the only noteworthy lingering species.

Final nesting data from the Tern Restoration Project on White and Seavey Islands showed continued growth with an estimated 1,687 Common Tern nests, 25 Roseate Tern nests, and a single Arctic Tern nest (see the Summer 2002 issue of *New Hampshire Bird Records*). This led to more record counts for these species during the fall season, as local birds and staging individuals swelled the population of the islands.

Without a doubt, the most extraordinary ornithological event for the fall season was the unprecedented numbers of non-storm-related shearwaters and other pelagic birds seen from shore during the fall. For a couple of weeks in late September and early October, thousands of shearwaters were reported from Cape Ann, Massachusetts, to the lower Maine coast. The exact reason for the presence of these birds so close to shore is a bit of a mystery, although an abundance of bait fish being driven by tuna may be part of the reason. With the large number of shearwaters, it is not surprising that were a couple of pelagic rarities, including two **Cory's Shearwaters** and several jaegers, also reported from shore.

Other rare finds for the season included a **Blue Grosbeak** in Kensington, a **Lark Sparrow** in Seabrook, and several **Dickcissels**, **Connecticut Warblers**, and **Yellow-breasted Chats**. The rare bird of the season, however, was a cooperative **Harris's Sparrow** found at a feeder in Campton.



Dickcissel by Stephen R. Mirick,  
9/15/02, Yankee Fisherman's Coop.,  
Seabrook

## Loons through Cormorants

**A** Red-necked Grebe in Washington was an extremely early migrant, or perhaps more likely, a rare over-summering individual. A large flight of 513 migrating loons, including 453 in one hour, were counted heading south well offshore on November 16. Although the distance was too great to identify the species, it is believed that nearly all of these were Red-throated Loons because there were record numbers reported migrating past Cape Ann in Massachusetts the same day.

As noted earlier, the coastal pelagic “show” this fall was the best ever seen in New Hampshire, and the 5,900 Greater Shearwaters counted on September 28 is probably the highest total ever recorded in the state. This is in contrast to last fall, when zero shearwaters were reported for the entire season! It is also interesting to note that whale-watch boats recorded relatively low numbers of shearwaters from offshore locations such as Jeffrey’s Ledge and Cashes Ledge. Also noteworthy were the



*Northern Fulmar*  
by Stephen R. Mirick

**Northern Fulmars** seen from shore on October 16; they were probably among the only land-based records ever recorded in New Hampshire. Sooty Shearwaters are also rarely seen from shore, and a bird on October 12 is very late for this species, which tends to head south a bit earlier than the Greater Shearwater. As a precursor to the shearwater show, Wilson’s Storm-Petrels showed up along the coast in exceptional numbers during August and early September, with the 375 birds recorded along the coast on August 20 possibly representing the highest-ever land-based count for this pelagic species.

Lastly, Northern Gannets finished the pelagic event with several very high daily totals and some incredible shows from shore. Of the 250 counted from Hampton’s North Beach on November 2, 150 birds were estimated to be swimming and diving within 100 feet of the beach!

For the second time in the last three years, a pelagic bird trip was organized that traveled to Cashes Ledge, which is located approximately 80 miles offshore. The trip traveled through New Hampshire and Massachusetts waters and tallied an impressive number of **Red Phalaropes**, **Leach’s Storm-Petrels**, and other pelagic birds.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
<b>Red-throated Loon</b>				
08-25	1	Seabrook	Blackwater R. n. of Rt. 286	M. Suomala
11-23	114	Rye	Ragged Neck	A.& B. Delorey, BBC FT
<b>Common Loon</b>				
08-04	12		Magalloway R.& n. end of Lake Umbagog	M. Turner, et al.
08-20	1	Rye	Jeness Beach	M. Suomala
09-29	15	Rye	coast & Star Island	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
10-15	4	Windham	Canobie Lake	J. Williams

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11-09	7		Lake Winnisquam	P. Hunt
11-16	7	Bristol	Newfound Lake	J. Williams
11-16	3	Hebron	Newfound Lake	J. Williams
<b>Loon sp.</b>				
11-16	523	Rye	NH coast	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
<b>Pied-billed Grebe</b>				
08-11	1	Exeter	Powder House Pond	G. Prazar
10-13	5	Concord	Turkey Pond	R. Woodward
10-30	8	Kingston	Powwow Pond	K. Folsom
10-30	4	Salem	World End Pond	K. Folsom
10-31	10	Kingston	Powwow Pond	S. Mirick
11-14	12	Kingston	Powwow Pond	K. Folsom
11-24	1	Rye	Eel Pond	R. & M. Suomala
<b>Horned Grebe</b>				
10-17	3	Newmarket	Great Bay, Bay View Dr.	S. Mirick
10-30	17	Greenland	Sunset Farm on Great Bay	S. Mirick
10-31	2	Windham	Canobie Lake	M. Harvey
11-03	6		Newfound Lake, N. Pikes Pt.	J. Williams
11-16	22		Newfound Lake	J. Williams
11-17	1	Lebanon	Wilder Dam	S. Sturup
11-29	16		Newfound Lake	J. Williams
<b>Red-necked Grebe</b>				
08-03	1	Washington	May Pond, Pillsbury St. Pk.	C. Wirzburger, L. Holton
08-25	4	Jefferson	Cherry Pond	G. Govatski & B. Hall
09-29	1	Rye	Star Island	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
09-29	6	Windham	Canobie Lake	M. Harvey
10-13	1	Lebanon	Wilder Dam	S. Sturup
10-16	2	Windham	Canobie Lake	J. Williams
10-17	2	Newmarket	Great Bay, Bay View Dr.	S. Mirick
10-28	9	Littleton	Moore Dam	B. Bradley
11-03	1		Newfound Lake, N. Pikes Pt.	J. Williams
11-16	1	Bristol	Wellington St. Pk. boat ramp	J. Williams
11-28	1	Hebron	Crescent Lake	J. Williams
<b>Northern Fulmar</b>				
09-22	1	Rye	whalewatch, near Isles of Shoals	R. & M. Suomala, J. Smith, S. Lerman
10-07	6		to & from Jeffreys Ledge	J. Berry, D. Green, S. Mirick
10-16	3	Rye	off Ragged Neck	A. Delorey
<b>Cory's Shearwater</b>				
09-21	1	Rye	about 2 mi. offshore from Rye Harbor	S. Mirick, L. Lawrence
10-12	1	Rye	off Ragged Neck	A. Delorey
<b>Greater Shearwater</b>				
08-13	25		offshore	T. Vazzano, R. Crowley, C. Osgood
08-13	3	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M. & R. Suomala
09-01	42	Rye	Jeffreys Ledge	S. Sturup
09-09	105	Seabrook	Cashes Ledge trip	S. Mirick, R. Heil, et al.

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<b>Greater Shearwater—continued</b>				
09-18	550		to & from Jeffreys Ledge	J. Berry
09-21	900	Rye	inside of Isles of Shoals	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
09-22	150	Rye	whalewatch to Jeffreys Ledge	R.& M. Suomala, J. Smith, S. Lerman
09-24	500		NH coast	S. Mirick
09-26	600	Rye	Pulpit Rocks	S. Mirick, S. Abbott
09-27	1000	Hampton	Great Boars Head	S. Mirick, J. O'Shaughnessy
09-28	5900	Hampton	Bicentennial Park	A.& B. Delorey
09-29	700	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
10-05	60	Rye	Ragged Neck	A.& B. Delorey
10-07	5	Rye	offshore	S. Mirick, J. Berry, D. Green
10-12	144	Rye	Ragged Neck	A.& B. Delorey, BBC FT
10-16	49	Rye	Ragged Neck	A. Delorey
<b>Sooty Shearwater</b>				
09-21	4	Rye	inside Isles of Shoals	S. Mirick
09-26	4	Rye	Pulpit Rocks	S. Mirick
10-12	1	Rye	Ragged Neck	A.& B. Delorey, BBC FT
<b>Manx Shearwater</b>				
09-09	2	Seabrook	Cashes Ledge	S. Mirick, R. Heil, et al.
09-21	1	Rye	inside Isles of Shoals	S. Mirick
09-24	4	Rye	Ragged Neck	S. Mirick
10-12	2	Rye	Ragged Neck	A.& B. Delorey, BBC FT
<b>Wilson's Storm-Petrel</b>				
08-01	50	Rye	Pulpit Rock	A.& B. Delorey
08-13	300		offshore	T. Vazzano, R. Crowley, C. Osgood
08-13	100	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	S. Mirick, R.& M. Suomala
08-20	175	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	M. Suomala
08-20	200	N. Hampton	Little Boars Head	M. Suomala
08-20	321		NH coast	S. Mirick
08-24	106	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. Hayward, M. Tarr
08-30	250	Rye	Pulpit Rocks & Odiorne Pt.	R.& M. Suomala
09-01	300	Rye	Jeffreys Ledge	S. Sturup
09-02	80	New Castle	Piscataqua R. between Ft. Stark & Whaleback Light	R.& M. Suomala
09-02	169	Rye	Odiorne Point St. Pk.	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
09-09	260	Seabrook	Cashes Ledge	S. Mirick, R. Heil, et al.
09-22	120	Rye	whalewatch to Jeffreys Ledge	R.& M. Suomala, J. Smith, S. Lerman
<b>Leach's Storm-Petrel</b>				
09-09	20	Seabrook	Cashes Ledge and vicinity	S. Mirick, D. Abbott, R. Heil, BBC FT
<b>Northern Gannet</b>				
09-02	1	Rye	offshore	R.& M. Suomala
09-09	4	Seabrook	Cashes Ledge	S. Mirick, R. Heil, et al.
09-18	250		to & from Jeffreys Ledge	J. Berry
09-24	300	Rye	NH coast	S. Mirick
09-24	300	Rye	Ragged Neck, Rye Harbor St. Pk.	M. Suomala
09-26	200	Rye	Pulpit Rocks	S. Mirick
09-28	300	Hampton	Bicentennial Park	A.& B. Delorey



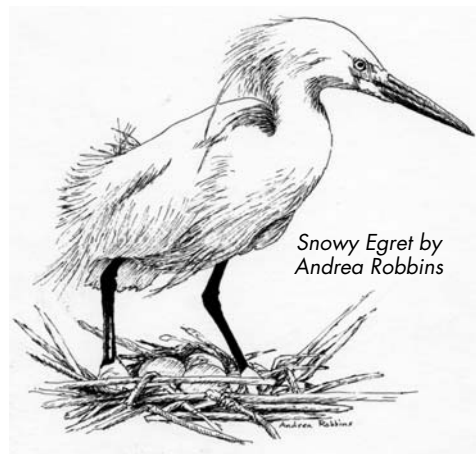
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10-12	600	Rye	Ragged Neck	A.& B. Delorey, BBC FT
10-20	100	Hampton	Bicentennial Park	R.& M. Suomala
11-02	250	Hampton	North Beach	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
11-23	57	Rye	Ragged Neck	A.& B. Delorey, BBC FT
<b>Double-crested Cormorant</b>				
09-29	2150		NH coast	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
10-13	62	Bristol	Newfound Lake, Whittimore Pt.	J. Williams
10-14	500	Rye	Odiorne Point	S. Mirick, P. Lacourse, J. Lawrence
<b>Great Cormorant</b>				
08-13	2	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	M.& R. Suomala
08-21	1	Rye	Lunging Is., Isles of Shoals	R. Suomala
09-15	1	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	R.& M. Suomala
09-29	5	Rye	Star Island	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.

## Bitterns through Hawks

Most of the egrets seen feeding along the New Hampshire coast in the fall spend the evenings roosting at Plum Island in Massachusetts or Appledore Island in the state of Maine. Therefore, the highlight of the fall for herons was the discovery of a rare egret roost along Route 1 in Hampton Falls. The roost was witnessed by several birders and hosted an impressive 80 Great Egrets, 100 Snowy Egrets, an immature **Tricolored Heron**, and an immature Little Blue Heron!

Two **Eurasian Wigeon** were found on Great Bay again this fall associating with modest numbers of American Wigeon. However, a flock of Redhead was more unusual and the first fall record for this species since 1996. A large flock of Green-winged Teal stayed for a few weeks at the Rochester wastewater treatment plant, and a large flock of Lesser Scaup was seen at the Exeter wastewater treatment plant. Bob Bradley checks the Moore Reservoir in Littleton regularly for waterfowl and often has nothing, but he hit the jackpot with a “fallout” on October 28 when he tallied three species of scoters, Long-tailed Ducks, and Red-necked Grebes, all of which are uncommon away from the coast.

Broad-winged Hawk migration peaked on September 17 and September 18 after the passage of a cold-front, when most of the hawks passed through interior portions of the state. No significant flights of other migrating hawks were noted. See page 43 for the fall hawkwatch summary and table of hawk totals.



Snowy Egret by  
Andrea Robbins

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
<b>American Bittern</b>				
08-04	1	Errol	Harpers Meadow marsh	P. Theriault, K. Olson
08-25	1	Hampton	Hampton Marsh	M. Suomala
08-25	1	Sandwich	Thompson WS	T. Vazzano, P.& G. Hoag
09-30	1	Hebron	Hebron Marsh	J. Berry, R. Quinn, et al.
11-05	1	Hampton	w. of Rt. 1A in Hampton Marsh	M. Suomala
<b>Great Blue Heron</b>				
08-01	6	Windham	Mitchell Pond	M. Harvey
08-04	6		Magalloway R. & n. end of Lake Umbagog	M. Turner, et al.
09-29	7	Rye	coast & Star Island	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
<b>Great Egret</b>				
08-07	1	Unity	pond off Coon Brook Rd., E. Unity	C. Wirzburger
08-08	1	Sutton	Stevens Brook Marsh	C. Martin
08-10	1	Enfield	George Pond	P. Hunt
08-10	4	E. Kingston	South Rd.	D. Finch, M. Bott, R. Morales, M. Cault
08-14	1	Sandwich	Rt. 113	R. Van de Poll, T. Vazzano
08-15	6	Newmarket	Bay Rd.	S. Mirick
08-19	1	New London	Goosehole Pond	J. Kirk
08-24	27	Hampton	Rt. 1, jct. with Rt. 101	R.& M. Suomala
08-25	1	Sutton	Stevens Brook Marsh	S. Sturup
08-26	1	Dublin	Mud Pond	R.& M. Suomala
08-29	2	Madbury	Bellamy Reservoir	S. Mirick
08-31	80	Hampton Falls	Rt. 1 pond just s. of Rt. 84	R.& M. Suomala
09-08	6	New Hampton	Pemigewasset R. edge marsh	P. Cote
09-09	1	Lyndeborough	Center Rd. pond	H. Van Ham
09-11	50	Hampton Falls	Dodge Pond Roost	S. Mirick
09-16	2	Madbury	Bellamy Reservoir	S. Mirick
09-28	3	Windham	Deer Leap NA	M. Harvey
09-30	1	New London	Elkins, below Pleasant Lake	T. Tober
10-07	6	Newmarket	Bay Rd.	S. Mirick
10-12	1	Hollis	Beaver Pond off N. Pepperell Rd.	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
<b>Snowy Egret</b>				
08-13	19	Newmarket	Bay Rd.	S. Mirick
08-21	17	Durham	Adams Pt.	S. Mirick
08-22	1	Pinkhams Grant	Pinkham Notch	K. Eisenberg
08-24	29	Hampton	Rt. 1 at jct. with Rt. 101	R.& M. Suomala
08-30	1	Dunbarton	Everett Dam Rd.	D. Orlinski
08-30	100	Hampton Falls	off Rt. 1	S. Mirick
09-11	88	Hampton Falls	Dodge Pond Roost	S. Mirick
09-16	2	Newmarket	Bay Rd.	S. Mirick
09-29	1	Hampton	Rt. 101E pools at pumping station	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
10-12	1	Hollis	beaver pond off N. Pepperell Rd.	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
10-19	1	Hampton	Hampton saltmarshes	S. Mirick
<b>Little Blue Heron</b>				
08-30	1	Hampton Falls	Dodge Pond	S. Mirick
09-11	1	Hampton Falls	Dodge Pond roost	S. Mirick

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<b>Tricolored Heron</b>				
08-20	1	Hampton	Rt. 1A behind Little Jack's restaurant	M. Suomala
08-31	1	Hampton Falls	Rt. 1 pond just s. of Rt. 84	R. & M. Suomala
<b>Green Heron</b>				
08-01	1	Windham	Mitchell Pond	M. Harvey
08-02	1	Kensington	South Rd. residence	G. Gavutis, Jr.
08-02	1	E. Kingston	pond e. of Rts. 107 & 208 jct.	G. Gavutis, Jr.
08-04	1	Errol	Horseshoe Cove on Magalloway R.	J. & G. McKibben
08-10	1	Canterbury	sod farm pond	R. Quinn, R. Woodward, J. Hills, Capital Area Chapter FT
08-31	3	Dover	Bellamy R. WMA	M. Suomala
09-05	1	Kensington	South Rd. residence, Rt. 107	G. Gavutis, Jr.
<b>Black-crowned Night-Heron</b>				
08-21	1	Exeter	Powder House Pond	M. Suomala
08-29	1	Exeter	Brickhouse Pond, Rt. 111	K. Prazar
08-31	1	Dover	Bellamy R. WMA	M. Suomala
09-16	1	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
09-29	1	Rye	Star Island	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
10-20	2	Exeter	downtown	S. Mirick
<b>Turkey Vulture</b>				
08-27	25	Conway	dump	R. Crowley
09-17	17	Goffstown	Uncanoonuc Mtns.	K. Folsom
09-28	36	Lebanon	Lebanon Airport	S. Sturup
10-04	30	Brentwood	Rt. 125 just n. of Kingston line over Rt. 93	G. Gavutis, Jr. D. & B. Soule
10-23	12	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
11-24	1	New Castle	Fort Constitution	R. & M. Suomala
<b>Snow Goose</b>				
09-29	315	Rye	coast & Star Island	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
09-29	51	Kensington	Dingman property, Bartlett Rd.	D. Finch
09-30	20	E. Kingston	South Road	D. Finch
10-08	50	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
<b>Snow Goose - Blue morph</b>				
09-29	1	Rye	Star Island	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
<b>Canada Goose</b>				
10-03	920	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
10-04	1350	Lyman	Dodge Pond	S. & M. Turner
10-06	354	Windham	Canobie Lake	M. Harvey, B. Griffith
10-06	290	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
<b>Brant</b>				
09-29	45	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
10-08	60	Hanover	Dartmouth College campus	S. Sturup
10-20	12	Rye	Jeness Beach	R. & M. Suomala
11-13	1	Concord	water treatment plant, Hutchins St.	P. Myers

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<b>Wood Duck</b>				
09-15	25	Rye	Eel Pond	R. & M. Suomala
10-15	30	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
10-22	30	E. Kingston	Great Brook, e. of Rt. 108	G. Gavutis, Jr.
10-27	7	Bridgewater	Dick Brown Pond	J. Williams
11-11	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis, Jr.
11-29	3	Windham	Cobbetts Pond	M. Harvey
<b>Gadwall</b>				
10-05	1	Windham	Canobie Lake	M. Harvey
10-07	1	Windham	Canobie Lake	J. Williams
<b>Eurasian Wigeon</b>				
11-03	1	Stratham	Sandy Pt.	S. Mirick
11-24	2	Stratham	Sandy Pt.	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
11-30	1	Stratham	Sandy Pt. boat launch	M. Harvey, B. Griffith
<b>American Wigeon</b>				
09-29	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
10-19	17	Stratham	Sandy Pt.	A. & B. Delorey
11-24	124	Stratham	Sandy Pt.	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
<b>Mallard</b>				
11-24	180	Hebron	Hebron Marsh	J. Williams
11-29	260	Windham	Cobbetts Pond	M. Harvey
<b>Blue-winged Teal</b>				
08-29	2	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
09-07	1	Windham	Mitchell Pond	M. Harvey
09-15	2	Rye	Eel Pond	R. & M. Suomala
09-15	8	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	R. & M. Suomala
10-04	1	Windham	Canobie Lake	M. Harvey
10-10	1	Windham	Canobie Lake	J. Williams
<b>Northern Shoveler</b>				
11-26	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	R. & M. Suomala
11-30	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	M. Harvey, B. Griffith
<b>Northern Pintail</b>				
09-13	1	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	S. Mirick
09-22	1	Rye	Rye Harbor St. Pk.	R. & M. Suomala, J. Smith, S. Lerman
10-09	3	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
10-19	3	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	A. & B. Delorey
11-18	2	Kingston	Powwow Pond	M. Harvey
11-26	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	R. & M. Suomala
11-30	1	Kensington	Dingman property, Bartlett Rd.	D. Finch, M. Bott
<b>Green-winged Teal</b>				
08-29	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
09-13	28	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	S. Mirick
09-29	20	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
10-04	15	Windham	Canobie Lake	M. Harvey
10-09	160	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
10-11	41	Windham	Canobie Lake	J. Williams
10-24	210	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick

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11-01	178	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
11-21	50	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
11-24	7	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
11-26	7	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
<b>Ring-necked Duck</b>				
08-04	5	Errol	Mile Long Pond	P. Theriault, K. Olson
09-16	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
09-29	1	Holderness	fields & wetlands s. of Rt. 175A	J. Williams
10-11	18	Derry	Derry Village marsh	A. & B. Delorey
10-18	170	Moultonborough	Unsworth Preserve	T. Vazzano
11-04	35	Concord	Long Pond reservoir	P. Niswander
11-19	285	Salem	World End Pond	K. Folsom
11-27	6	Salem	World End Pond	K. Folsom
<b>Greater Scaup</b>				
09-25	5	Newmarket	Great Bay, Bay View Dr.	S. Mirick
11-11	8	Franklin	Webster Lake	P. Hunt
11-17	10	Lebanon	Wilder Dam	S. Sturup
11-20	1	Windham	Cobbetts Pond	M. Harvey
11-24	300	Stratham	Sandy Pt.	S. Mirick
<b>Lesser Scaup</b>				
09-25	2	Newmarket	Great Bay, Bay View Dr.	S. Mirick
09-29	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
09-29	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	A. & B. Delorey
10-29	1	Rochester	trails at Pickering Ponds	S. Mirick
11-15	4	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
11-18	34	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	M. Harvey
11-22	1	Newmarket	Great Bay, Bay View Dr.	S. Mirick
11-23	8	Gilford	Lily Pond	P. Hunt, et al., Chapter FT
11-26	7	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
11-26	26	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	R. & M. Suomala
<b>Scaup sp.</b>				
10-01	5	Jefferson	Cherry Pond	R. Quinn, J. Berry, et al.
10-28	1	Littleton	Moore Dam	B. Bradley
<b>Common Eider</b>				
08-07	65	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. Hayward, K. Bixler
08-21	160	Rye	Lunging Is., Isles of Shoals	R. Suomala
<b>Harlequin Duck</b>				
11-17	4	Rye	Ragged Neck	D. Donsker, M. Resch
<b>Surf Scoter</b>				
08-30	1	Rye	Wallis Sands State Beach	R. & M. Suomala
09-29	40	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
10-05	1	Windham	Canobie Lake	M. Harvey
10-12	25	Rye	Ragged Neck	A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT
10-28	9	Littleton	Moore Dam	B. Bradley
<b>White-winged Scoter</b>				
08-20	1	Rye	Jeness Beach	M. Suomala
08-20	6	N. Hampton	N. Hampton State Beach	M. Suomala

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<b>White-winged Scoter—continued</b>				
09-12	5	Littleton	small pond by Rt. 93	S. Turner
09-13	17	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	S. Mirick
09-24	30	Rye	Rye Harbor St. Pk.	M. Suomala
09-29	30	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
10-12	40	Rye	Ragged Neck	A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT
10-28	40	Littleton	Moore Dam	B. Bradley
<b>Black Scoter</b>				
08-30	1	N. Hampton	N. Hampton State Beach	S. Mirick
10-12	15	Rye	Ragged Neck	A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT
10-19	9	Littleton	Moore Reservoir	R. Quinn
10-19	7	Greenland	Sunset Landing	A. & B. Delorey
10-22	5	Lebanon	Wilder Dam	S. Sturup
10-23	2	Moultonborough	Squam Lake	T. Vazzano
10-28	220	Littleton	Moore Dam	B. Bradley
10-30	3	Greenland	Sunset Farm on Great Bay	S. Mirick
<b>Long-tailed Duck</b>				
10-28	8	Littleton	Moore Dam	B. Bradley
10-30	10	Greenland	Sunset Farm on Great Bay	S. Mirick
<b>Bufflehead</b>				
10-18	1	Moultonborough	Unsworth Preserve	T. Vazzano
10-21	2	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	R. & M. Suomala
10-22	12	Newmarket	Great Bay, Bay View Dr.	S. Mirick
10-29	25	Newmarket	Great Bay, Bay View Dr.	S. Mirick
10-30	40	Greenland	Sunset Farm on Great Bay	S. Mirick
11-09	18	Windham	Cobbetts Pond	M. Harvey
11-16	2	Hebron	Hebron Marsh	J. Williams
11-17	5	Hanover	Ledyard Bridge	S. Sturup
11-23	5	Belmont	Lake Winnisquam	P. Hunt, et al., Chapter FT
<b>Common Goldeneye</b>				
08-04	6		Magalloway R. & n. end of L. Umbagog	M. Turner, et al.
10-20	1	Hebron	Hebron Marsh	J. Williams
10-31	2	Gilmanton	Crystal Lake	W. Arms
11-03	5	Stratham	Sandy Pt.	S. Mirick
11-09	44		Lake Winnisquam	P. Hunt
11-16	15	Hebron	Hebron Marsh	J. Williams
11-20	15	Windham	Cobbetts Pond	M. Harvey
11-30	18	Stratham	Sandy Pt. boat launch	M. Harvey, B. Griffith
<b>Barrow's Goldeneye</b>				
11-09	1	Laconia	Shore Drive, Lake Winnisquam	P. Hunt
11-23	1	Belmont	Lake Winnisquam	P. Hunt, et al., Chapter FT
11-30	1	Stratham	Sandy Pt. boat launch	M. Harvey, B. Griffith
<b>Hooded Merganser</b>				
11-08	16	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	S. Mirick
11-09	25	Tilton	Silver Lake	P. Hunt
11-11	18		Connecticut R., Hanover/Lyme	S. Sturup
11-19	17	Windham	Canobie Lake	M. Harvey
11-23	28		Silver Lake	P. Hunt, et al., Chapter FT
11-24	11	Hebron	Hebron Marsh	J. Williams

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<b>Common Merganser</b>				
10-05	45	Laconia	Bartlett Beach, Lake Winnisquam	P. Hunt
11-03	20	Bristol	Wellington St. Pk.	J. Williams
11-09	118	Tilton	Lake Winnisquam	P. Hunt
11-16	25	Holderness	White Oak Pond	J. Williams
11-23	87		Silver Lake	P. Hunt, et al. Chapter FT
11-28	200	Holderness	Squam lake	J. Williams
11-30	200	Laconia	Opechee Bay	J. Williams
<b>Red-breasted Merganser</b>				
09-22	1	Rye	Rye Harbor St. Pk.	R.& M. Suomala, J. Smith, S. Lerman
10-10	1	Windham	Canobie Lake	J. Williams
10-30	20	Greenland	Sunset Farm on Great Bay	S. Mirick
11-24	90	Hampton	Bicentennial Pk.	R.& M. Suomala
<b>Ruddy Duck</b>				
09-29	4	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
10-09	3	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
10-31	2	Kingston	Powwow Pond	S. Mirick
<b>Osprey</b>				
08-04	15	Errol		Friends of Umbagog Volunteers
09-12	8	Rye	West Rd.	B.& H. Blanchard
09-14	14	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	I. MacLeod, et al.
09-17	9	Epsom	Fort Mtn.	I. MacLeod, R. Suomala
09-18	9	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	K. Folsom, et al.
11-02	1	Windham	Canobie Lake	M. Harvey
11-05	1	Salem	World End Pond	K. Folsom
<b>Bald Eagle</b>				
08-04	7	Errol	Lake Umbagog	Friends of Umbagog Volunteers
08-28	3	Lyman	Dodge Pond	S.& M. Turner
09-17	2	Epsom	Fort Mtn.	I. MacLeod, R. Suomala
09-18	2	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	K. Folsom, et al.
10-12	2	Moultonborough	Little Loon Is., Squam Lake	T. Vazzano, R. Ridgely
10-22	2	Chatham	Green Hill Rd.	R. Crowley
<b>Northern Harrier</b>				
08-24	1	Hampton	Hampton Marsh	R. Woodward
08-25	2	Jefferson	Cherry Pond	D. Govatski
08-27	1	Plymouth	Pine Gate Rd.	R. Williams
08-31	4	Whitefield	Whitefield Airport	J. Kelly, D. Govatski
09-14	2	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	I. MacLeod, et al.
09-17	2	Epsom	Fort Mtn.	I. MacLeod, R. Suomala
09-18	2	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	K. Folsom, et al.
11-17	1	Lebanon	Wilder Dam	S. Sturup
<b>Sharp-shinned Hawk</b>				
09-14	5	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	I. MacLeod, et al.
09-17	11	Epsom	Fort Mtn.	I. MacLeod, R. Suomala
09-18	5	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	K. Folsom, et al.

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<b>Sharp-shinned Hawk—continued</b>				
09-27	3	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
10-14	27	Rye	Odiorne Pt. hawkwatch	S. Mirick, P. Lacourse, et al.
<b>Cooper's Hawk</b>				
08-01	3	Windham	Mitchell Pond	M. Harvey
09-18	3	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	K. Folsom, et al.
<b>Northern Goshawk</b>				
09-17	1	Chichester	Smith Sanborn Rd.	M. Suomala
09-23	1	Sandwich	Smarts Brook, WMNF	J. Williams
10-07	1	Concord	Loudon Rd., behind Concord PO	M. Suomala
11-02	1	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
11-11	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence	G. Gavutis, Jr.
<b>Red-shouldered Hawk</b>				
08-18	1	Kensington	South Rd. residence	G. Gavutis, Jr.
09-01	1	Hopkinton	Chase WS	R. Woodward
09-01	2	Kensington	South Rd. residence, Rt. 107	G. Gavutis, Jr.
10-13	2	Sandwich	Thompson WS	T. Vazzano, R. Ridgely
11-08	1	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
11-26	1	Kensington	South Rd. residence, Rt. 107	G. Gavutis, Jr.
<b>Broad-winged Hawk</b>				
09-14	220	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	I. MacLeod, et al.
09-17	1939	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	S. Mirick, D.& L. Stokes, F. Von Mertens
09-17	2055	Epsom	Fort Mtn.	I. MacLeod, R. Suomala
09-18	2528	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	K. Folsom, et al.
10-14	2	Rye	Odiorne Pt. hawkwatch	S. Mirick, P. Lacourse, et al.
<b>Red-tailed Hawk</b>				
10-05	12	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
<b>Rough-legged Hawk</b>				
11-10	1	Rye	n. of Ragged Neck	S. Mirick, BBC FT
<b>American Kestrel</b>				
08-31	2	Lyme	Rt. 10	S. Sturup
09-14	5	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	I. MacLeod, et al.
09-18	3	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	K. Folsom, et al.
10-05	2	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
<b>Merlin</b>				
08-04	2	Errol	Sweet Meadow marsh	P. Theriault, K. Olson
08-04	4	Errol	downtown Errol Village	C. Martin
08-10	1	Canterbury	sod farm	R. Quinn, J. Hills, R. Woodward, Capital Area Chapter FT
08-22	1	Pittsburg	First Connecticut lake	E. Nielsen
08-23	1	Lyman	Dodge Pond	S.& M. Turner
08-30	1	Rye	off Rt. 1A	S. Mirick
09-14	3	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	I. MacLeod, et al.
09-29	3	Rye	Star Island	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.



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<b>Peregrine Falcon</b>				
08-03	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. Hayward, K. Bixler, S. Elliot
08-21	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. Hayward
08-24	1	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	R. & M. Suomala
09-13	1	Franklin	downtown	P. Hunt
09-26	1	Concord	NH Statehouse	C. Martin
10-05	3		NH coast	A. & B. Delorey
10-07	1	Gilmanton	Frisbey Hill Rd., Rt. 107	J. Stockwell
10-20	1	Exeter	Powder House Pond	S. Mirick
11-01	1	Concord	Main St.	J. Kanter
11-01	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
11-09	1	Stratham	Sandy Pt.	A. & B. Delorey
11-15	1	Dover	Spaulding Tpk.	S. Mirick

## Grouse through Terns

The now-famous **Sandhill Crane** continued from the summer season and through the fall from along the Connecticut River in Monroe. This individual has now returned each year since the summer of 1999. A determined group of birders, with the assistance of a trained "bird" dog, were able to find seven Sora in the marshes along the Squamscott River on September 29, while Mike Harvey surveyed some local marshes with a tape recorder and found good numbers of Virginia Rail in Windham on August 1. **Common Moorhen** is a declining species in the northeast, so a bird found in Northfield on September 15 was a rare find.

Shorebird rarities for the fall include the **Red Phalaropes** mentioned earlier, two inland **Baird's Sandpipers**, and, for the second summer in a row, over-summering Purple Sandpipers out on the Isles of Shoals. The Dunlin concentration along Seabrook Beach was exceptional this fall, peaking at 1,000 birds in early November and including some lingering Western, Semipalmated, and White-rumped Sandpipers.

Although regularly seen in Massachusetts, jaegers are rarely reported from New Hampshire. The fall of 2002 saw large numbers of **Pomarine** and **Parasitic Jaegers**, including several land-based reports. The 16 jaegers reported this fall is more than the total recorded in fall migration over the last 12 years combined! Five Pomarine Jaegers were seen on one boat trip, two clearly in New Hampshire waters, and three additional ones that were probably not in state waters so do not appear in the listing below.

The tern re-introduction program on White and Seavey Islands continues to exert a tremendous impact on the number of fall tern sightings, and, while there were no large concentrations along the coast, the numbers reported from the islands were astounding.



*Baird's Sandpiper by Stephen R. Mirick,  
8/27/02, Jenness Beach*

The table on the right illustrates peak fall counts from White and Seavey Islands for the last several years:	<b>Fall Season</b>	<b>Common Terns</b>	<b>Roseate Terns</b>
	1997	36	1
	1998	120	6
	1999	500	40
	2000	1,000	11
	2001	2,000	83
	2002	5,500	113

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<b>Spruce Grouse</b>				
08-24	2	Beans Grant	Cloudland Bog, Mt. Jackson	D. Govatski
09-29	5	Beans Grant	near Mizpah Hut	D. Govatski, C. Bretton
<b>Wild Turkey</b>				
08-05	14	Jefferson	Rt. 115 & Cherry Pond overlook	D. Govatski
10-07	20	Enfield	field near Rt. 89	B. Curtiss
11-02	8	Newmarket	Bay Rd.	H. & J. Chary
11-24	19	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
11-30	15	E. Kingston	near Rts. 107 & 108 jct.	G. Gavutis, Jr.
<b>Virginia Rail</b>				
08-01	7	Windham	Mitchell Pond	M. Harvey
09-29	2	Stratham	Squamscott R. marshes	S. Mirick, G. Gavutis, et al.
<b>Sora</b>				
09-15	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	R. & M. Suomala
09-22	1	Rye	Eel Pond	R. & M. Suomala, J. Smith, S. Lerman
09-29	7	Stratham	Squamscott R. marshes	S. Mirick, G. Gavutis, et al.
10-06	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	M. Harvey, B. Griffith
10-07	3	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	R. Suomala
<b>Common Moorhen</b>				
09-15	1	Northfield	marsh near "Deadwood Pond"	P. Hunt
<b>American Coot</b>				
10-30	4	Kingston	Powwow Pond	K. Folsom
10-31	5	Kingston	Powwow Pond	S. Mirick
11-24	1	Exeter	Powder House Pond	S. Mirick
11-26	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
<b>Sandhill Crane</b>				
10-17	1	Monroe	Plains Rd., Rt. 135	E. Emery, J. Cate
<b>Black-bellied Plover</b>				
08-24	85	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	R. & M. Suomala
08-30	25	Rye	Rt. 1A bridge at Odiorne Pt.	R. & M. Suomala
08-30	50	Seabrook	harbor	R. & M. Suomala
09-16	2	Madbury	Bellamy Reservoir	S. Mirick
10-27	100	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
11-02	40	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
11-24	5	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	R. & M. Suomala
<b>American Golden-Plover</b>				
09-06	2	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	S. Mirick
09-13	1	Portsmouth	Pease Int'l. Tradeport	S. Mirick

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09-29	7	Rye	Star Island	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
10-17	1	Durham	Moore fields, Rt. 155A	S. Mirick
10-20	1	Durham	Rt. 155A fields	R. & M. Suomala
<b>Semipalmated Plover</b>				
08-13	30	Rye	Rye Ledges	S. Mirick
08-20	40	Hampton	Landing Rd. pools	M. Suomala
08-20	100	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	M. Suomala
08-23	60	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	M. Suomala
11-02	40	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
11-10	11	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	S. Mirick
<b>Killdeer</b>				
08-28	12		Pemigewasset R. along Rt. 3	J. Williams
08-30	6		Pemigewasset R. along Rt. 3	J. Williams
09-01	12	Ashland	Pemigewasset R. by White Mtn. CC	J. Williams
09-14	16	Windham	Canobie Lake	M. Harvey
10-17	90	Durham	Moore fields, Rt. 155A	S. Mirick
11-01	4	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
<b>Greater Yellowlegs</b>				
08-23	1	Pittsburg	First Connecticut Lake	E. Nielsen
09-02	3	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	M. & G. Prazar
09-08	1	Ashland	Pemigewasset R. by White Mtn. CC	J. Williams
09-29	6	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
10-03	4	Northumberland	Upper Ammonoosuc R., Groveton	R. Quinn, et al.
10-09	20	Madbury	Bellamy Reservoir	S. Mirick
10-10	4	Windham	Canobie Lake	J. Williams
10-17	1	Durham	Moore fields, Rt. 155A	S. Mirick
10-20	1	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	R. & M. Suomala
<b>Lesser Yellowlegs</b>				
08-06	4	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. Hayward, S. Elliot
08-30	2		Pemigewasset R. along Rt. 3	J. Williams
09-02	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	M. & G. Prazar
09-08	1	Ashland	Pemigewasset R. by White Mtn. CC	J. Williams
09-14	2	Windham	Canobie Lake	M. Harvey
09-21	1	Ashland	Pemigewasset R. by White Mtn. CC	J. Williams
09-29	2	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
10-09	2	Madbury	Bellamy Reservoir	S. Mirick
10-26	3	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
<b>Solitary Sandpiper</b>				
08-21	3	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen
09-07	4	Ashland	Pemigewasset R. by White Mtn. CC	J. Williams
09-08	7	Ashland	Pemigewasset R. by White Mtn. CC	J. Williams
09-14	2	Windham	Canobie Lake	M. Harvey
09-21	4	Ashland	Pemigewasset R. by White Mtn. CC	J. Williams
09-29	2	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
10-10	1	Chester	Hillside Haven	A. Delorey
10-17	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis

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<b>Willet</b>				
09-06	3	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	S. Mirick
<b>Spotted Sandpiper</b>				
08-08	20	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. Hayward, K. Bixler
09-01	6	Ashland	Pemigewasset R., R.R. trestle	J. Williams
09-02	3	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	M.& G. Prazar
09-08	2	Ashland	Pemigewasset R. by White Mtn. CC	J. Williams
09-13	5	Temple	Condry Rd. off Rt. 101	B. Harris, et al.
09-14	2	Windham	Canobie Lake	M. Harvey
10-11	3	Windham	Canobie Lake	J. Williams
10-12	1	Sandwich	Squam Lake	T. Vazzano, R. Ridgely
10-24	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
11-18	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	M. Harvey
<b>Whimbrel</b>				
08-01	11	Seabrook	mussel beds	A.& B. Delorey
08-04	26	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. Hayward, K. Bixler, S. Elliot
08-20	18	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. Hayward
08-23	14	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	M. Suomala
09-06	4	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	S. Mirick
<b>Hudsonian Godwit</b>				
08-13	1	Seabrook	mussel beds	T. Vazzano, R. Crowley, C. Osgood
08-24	4	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	R.& M. Suomala
09-02	2	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	R.& M. Suomala
09-03	3	Seabrook	mussel beds	T. Vazzano, R. Crowley
<b>Ruddy Turnstone</b>				
08-04	83	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. Hayward, K. Bixler, S. Elliot
08-09	6	Rye	Foss Beach	A.& B. Delorey
08-10	8	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	J. Kirk
08-12	35	Rye	White Island	S. Mirick, R.& M. Suomala
08-20	2	Rye	Rye Ledges	M. Suomala
08-20	85	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. Hayward
08-23	4	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	M. Suomala
<b>Red Knot</b>				
08-06	2	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. Hayward, S. Elliot
08-09	4	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson, J. Kanter
08-24	2	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	R.& M. Suomala
09-02	4	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	R.& M. Suomala
09-03	8	Seabrook	mussel beds	T. Vazzano, R. Crowley
09-14	7	Seabrook	mussel beds	A.& B. Delorey
<b>Sanderling</b>				
08-13	150	Rye	Rye Ledges	S. Mirick
08-20	10	Rye	Jeness Beach	M. Suomala
09-29	225	Hampton	Bicentennial Park	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
09-29	62	Rye	Jeness Beach	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.

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10-20	200	Rye	Jenness Beach	R. & M. Suomala
<b>Semipalmated Sandpiper</b>				
08-20	25	Rye	Jenness Beach	M. Suomala
08-20	60	Rye	Odiorne Pt. State Park	M. Suomala
08-22	3	Pittsburg	First Connecticut Lake	E. Nielsen
08-23	100	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	M. Suomala
08-23	425	Exeter	Swazey Park	S. Mirick
08-30	8	Salem	World End Pond	K. Folsom
08-30	100	Hampton	Rt. 101E pools by pump station	R. & M. Suomala
09-02	200	Hampton	Rt. 101E pools by pump station	R. & M. Suomala
09-07	2	Ashland	Pemigewasset R. by White Mtn. CC	J. Williams
09-29	20	Hampton	Bicentennial Park	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
10-27	11	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
11-02	6	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
11-10	1	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	S. Mirick
<b>Western Sandpiper</b>				
09-02	1	Hampton	Henry's Pool, Rt. 101E by pumphouse	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
11-02	1	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
<b>Least Sandpiper</b>				
08-07	12	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. Hayward, K. Bixler
08-17	40	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	P. Hunt
08-20	4	Rye	Jenness Beach	M. Suomala
08-23	10	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	M. Suomala
08-23	100	Exeter	Swazey Park	S. Mirick
08-28	17		Pemigewasset R. along Rt. 3	J. Williams
09-01	6	Ashland	Pemigewasset R., R.R. trestle	J. Williams
09-07	17	Ashland	Pemigewasset R. by White Mtn. CC	J. Williams
09-14	10	Windham	Canobie Lake	M. Harvey
09-21	4	Ashland	Pemigewasset R. by White Mtn. CC	J. Williams
09-28	5	Windham	Deer Leap NA	M. Harvey
10-15	1	Windham	Canobie Lake	J. Williams
<b>White-rumped Sandpiper</b>				
08-01	4	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. Hayward, K. Bixler, S. Elliot
08-10	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson, J. Kanter
09-02	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	M. & G. Prazar
11-02	1	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
11-10	1	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	S. Mirick
<b>Baird's Sandpiper</b>				
08-25	1	Rye	Rye Harbor St. Pk. off n. side of Ragged Neck	M. Suomala
08-25	1	Ashland	sandbar along Pemigewasset R.	J. Williams
08-27	2	Rye	Jenness Beach	S. Mirick
09-08	1	Windham	Canobie Lake, nw. corner w. of Hayes Hart Rd.	M. Harvey, B. Griffith
<b>Pectoral Sandpiper</b>				
09-03	2	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey

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09-15	2	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	R. & M. Suomala
09-29	2	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	A. & B. Delorey
10-04	5	Windham	Canobie Lake	M. Harvey
10-09	4	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
10-17	12	Conway	Sherman Farm, E. Conway Rd.	R. Crowley
10-17	5	Durham	Moore fields, Rt. 155A	S. Mirick
10-19	2	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	A. & B. Delorey
10-20	8	Durham	Rt. 155A fields	R. & M. Suomala
10-24	6	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
10-31	1	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	S. Mirick
11-01	2	Meredith	behind Meredith Shopping Center	T. Vazzano
11-01	2	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
11-15	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick, O. Spaulding
<b>Purple Sandpiper</b>				
08-01	2	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. Hayward, K. Bixler, S. Elliot
08-12	1	Rye	White Is.	S. Mirick, R. & M. Suomala
11-17	40	Rye	Ragged Neck	D. Donsker, M. Resch
11-24	30	Hampton	Hampton Beach St. Pk.	R. & M. Suomala
<b>Dunlin</b>				
09-15	1	Hampton	Rt. 101E pools at pump station	R. & M. Suomala
09-29	10	Hampton	Bicentennial Park	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
09-29	1	Rye	Jeness Beach	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
10-18	30	Rye	Jeness Beach	S. Mirick
10-21	645	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	A. Delorey, D. Deifik
10-30	23	Greenland	Sunset Farm on Great Bay	S. Mirick
10-31	29	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	S. Mirick
11-02	750	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
11-09	1000	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	S. Mirick
11-24	160	Hampton	Hampton Beach St. Pk.	R. & M. Suomala
<b>Short-billed Dowitcher</b>				
08-01	18	Hampton	Henry's Pool, Rt. 101E by pumphouse	A. & B. Delorey
08-01	23	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. Hayward, K. Bixler, S. Elliot
08-23	13	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	M. Suomala
<b>Long-billed Dowitcher</b>				
11-03	1	Hampton	s. end of Meadow Pond	S. Mirick
<b>Common Snipe</b>				
08-30	3	Salem	World End Pond	K. Folsom
09-28	1	Windham	Canobie Lake	M. Harvey
09-29	2	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	A. & B. Delorey
10-10	1	Concord	Loudon Rd., behind PO	M. Suomala
10-12	1	Concord	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO	R. & M. Suomala, S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
10-17	1	Conway	Sherman Farm, E. Conway Rd.	R. Crowley
10-20	5	Durham	Rt. 155A fields	R. & M. Suomala
10-20	1	Lyme	Grant Brook	S. Sturup
11-01	1	Meredith	behind Meredith Shopping Center	T. Vazzano

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11-05	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence	G. Gavutis, Jr.
<b>American Woodcock</b>				
11-05	1	Hopkinton	Elm Brook Park	M. Suomala
11-09	1	Concord	residence	R. Woodward
11-10	4	Jefferson	near Hazen Rd. & Rt. 115	G. Gavutis, Jr.
<b>Red-necked Phalarope</b>				
08-13	2		offshore	T. Vazzano, et al.
09-01	18		Jeffreys Ledge	S. Sturup
<b>Red Phalarope</b>				
09-09	100	Seabrook	Cashes Ledge & vicinity	S. Mirick, D. Abbott, R. Heil, et al.
<b>Phalarope sp.</b>				
09-22	7	Rye	whalewatch to Jeffreys Ledge	R. & M. Suomala, J. Smith, S. Lerman
09-29	1	Rye	between Rye Harbor & Star Is.	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
<b>Pomarine Jaeger</b>				
09-09	4	Seabrook	Cashes Ledge & vicinity	S. Mirick, D. Abbott, R. Heil, et al.
09-22	2		on return from Jeffreys Ledge	J. Smith, S. Lerman, R. & M. Suomala
09-26	1	Rye	Pulpit Rocks	S. Mirick, et al.
<b>Parasitic Jaeger</b>				
09-02	2	Rye	Ragged Neck	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
09-26	2	Rye	Pulpit Rocks	S. Mirick, et al.
10-16	1	Rye	off Ragged Neck	A. Delorey
<b>Jaeger sp.</b>				
09-22	1	Rye	off Pulpit Rocks	R. & M. Suomala
<b>Laughing Gull</b>				
08-03	3	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. Hayward, K. Bixler, S. Elliot
08-30	25		NH coast	S. Mirick
09-13	17	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	S. Mirick
09-22	30	Rye	NH coast	R. & M. Suomala, J. Smith, S. Lerman
10-20	1	Rye	Pulpit Rocks	R. & M. Suomala
<b>Little Gull</b>				
09-21	1	Portsmouth	near Portsmouth Fish Pier	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
09-22	1	New Castle	Piscataqua R., Fort Constitution	R. & M. Suomala
10-05	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	S. Mirick, Seacoast Chapter FT
<b>Bonaparte's Gull</b>				
08-18	1	Pittsburg	First Connecticut Lake	E. Nielsen
08-23	70	Hampton	Bicentennial Park	M. Suomala
08-23	30	Rye	near Fairhill Ave. Rt. 1A	M. Suomala

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<b>Bonaparte's Gull—continued</b>				
09-21	150	Portsmouth	Portsmouth Harbor	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
10-17	150	Seabrook	marina	A. & B. Delorey
10-17	25	Newmarket	Great Bay, Bay View Dr.	S. Mirick
10-30	75	Greenland	Sunset Farm on Great Bay	S. Mirick
11-17	40	Rye	Ragged Neck	D. Donsker, M. Resch
<b>Ring-billed Gull</b>				
11-29	500	Windham	Cobbetts Pond	M. Harvey
<b>Iceland Gull</b>				
11-10	1	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	S. Mirick
11-11	4	Rochester	Pickering Ponds trails	S. Mirick
11-15	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
11-17	1	Rye	Ragged Neck	D. Donsker, M. Resch
<b>Lesser Black-backed Gull</b>				
09-09	1	Seabrook	Cashes Ledge	S. Mirick, R. Heil, et al.
11-01	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
11-03	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	R. Quinn, G. Robbins, Capital Area Chapter FT
11-07	1	Durham	Durham Landing	S. Mirick
11-10	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	S. Mirick, BBC FT
11-11	2	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
11-15	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick, O. Spaulding
11-20	1	Durham	Durham Landing	S. Mirick
<b>Black-legged Kittiwake</b>				
09-22	1	Rye	whalewatch, inside Isles of Shoals	R. M. Suomala, J. Smith, S. Lerman
09-24	1	Rye	Rye Harbor St. Pk.	M. Suomala
<b>Gull sp.</b>				
10-29	4000	Rochester	Rochester area	S. Mirick
<b>Caspian Tern</b>				
09-13	1	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	S. Mirick
09-22	2	Rye	Rye Harbor St. Pk.	R. & M. Suomala, J. Smith, S. Lerman
<b>Roseate Tern</b>				
08-01	113	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. Hayward, K. Bixler, S. Elliot
08-28	20	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. Hayward, J. Kelly
<b>Common Tern</b>				
08-02	5500	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. Hayward, K. Bixler, S. Elliot
08-29	600	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. Hayward, J. Kelly
08-30	200	Rye	Rye Ledge	R. & M. Suomala
09-16	2	Newmarket	Great Bay, Bay View Dr.	S. Mirick
09-22	2	Rye	Jeffreys Ledge	R. & M. Suomala, J. Smith, S. Lerman
10-07	2		to & from Jeffreys Ledge	J. Berry, D. Green, S. Mirick
11-02	1	Hampton	Bicentennial Park	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence



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<b>Arctic Tern</b>				
08-03	4	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. Hayward, K. Bixler, S. Elliot
08-25	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. Hayward, M. Tarr
<b>Forster's Tern</b>				
10-17	1	Seabrook	marina	A. & B. Delorey
<b>Black Tern</b>				
08-12	1	Rye	Seavey Island	S. Mirick, R. & M. Suomala

## Alcids through Raven

The only alcids reported for the fall were Razorbills, with a very high count of 84 seen from shore on November 23. Four reports of Yellow-billed Cuckoo were more than normal for the fall; however, a late bird did not make it and was found dead on November 9 in New Boston. Forty Ruby-throated Hummingbirds in Chatham on August 18 must have been a truly incredible site! A nest of Red-bellied Woodpeckers in Windham produced two young for one of the only documented nesting records for this species (see the Summer 2002 issue of *New Hampshire Bird Records* and the upcoming issue).

An interesting report was received of Monk Parakeets from Pelham, where as many as three individuals were present during August and apparently at least a pair had been present since the beginning of April! Monk Parakeets are a popular cage bird; however, they have also established a few small colonies in southern Massachusetts and northern Rhode Island. Presumably, these individuals represent escaped birds from captivity.

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<b>Razorbill</b>				
11-23	77	Rye	Ragged Neck	A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT
11-23	7	Rye	Rye Ledge	A. & B. Delorey, BBC FT
<b>Mourning Dove</b>				
10-07	300	Concord	Loudon Rd., behind PO	M. Suomala
10-12	315	Concord	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO	R. & M. Suomala, S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
<b>Monk Parakeet</b>				
August	3	Pelham	residence	J. Szafran
<b>Black-billed Cuckoo</b>				
08-08	1	Pittsburg	Scott Bog	J. Stockwell
08-20	1	Pittsburg	Magalloway Rd.	E. Nielsen
<b>Yellow-billed Cuckoo</b>				
09-06	1	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
09-29	1	Holderness	fields & wetlands s. of Rt. 175A	J. Williams
09-29	1	Rye	Star Island	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
11-09	1	New Boston		B. Linscott

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<b>Eastern Screech-Owl</b>				
09-10	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
<b>Short-eared Owl</b>				
10-20	1	Rye	Rye Harbor St. Pk.	R. & M. Suomala
11-16	1	Hampton	Hampton Beach St. Pk.	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
<b>Northern Saw-whet Owl</b>				
08-10	1	Exeter	residence	G. Prazar
<b>Common Nighthawk</b>				
08-02	1	Keene	Winchester & Wilson Sts.	M. Wright
08-11	1	Tilton	downtown	P. Hunt
08-21	3	Hanover	Smith Rd.	S. Sturup
08-23	100	Boscawen		C. Swartz
08-25	8	Durham	Rt. 108 near Bennet & Longmarsh Rds.	G. Gavutis, Jr.
08-26	9	Kensington	South Rd. residence	G. Gavutis, Jr.
08-26	25	Rollinsford	Sligo Road	S. Mirick, M. Gowdy
09-06	6	Newmarket	Great Bay, Bay View Dr.	S. Mirick
09-11	2	Rye	Rye Ledge	S. Mirick
09-13	1	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	S. Mirick
<b>Chimney Swift</b>				
08-11	26	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
09-09	23	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
<b>Ruby-throated Hummingbird</b>				
08-18	40	Chatham	Sperling's residence	R. Crowley
08-18	10	Chatham	residence	R. Crowley
09-26	1	Concord	Jennifer Dr.	J. Stockwell
09-30	1	Chichester	Smith Sanborn Rd.	R. & M. Suomala
<b>Red-bellied Woodpecker</b>				
fall	4	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
09-21	2	Windham	Mitchell Pond	M. Harvey, B. Griffith
09-21	1	Hollis	Beaver Brook Assoc., Maple Farm	A. & B. Delorey, D. Deifik, BBC FT
09-25	1	Newmarket	Great Bay, Bay View Dr.	S. Mirick
10-07	1	Windham	Cobbetts Pond	M. Harvey
10-19	1	Rye	Furhill Ave.	J. Raynes
10-27	1	E. Kingston	South Rd.	D. Finch
11-09	1	Stratham	Sandy Pt.	B. & A. Delorey
11-17	1	Exeter	residence	G. Prazar
11-17	1	Windham	residence	K. Freeman
11-28	1	Newmarket	Bay Rd.	H. Chary
11-30	1	Stratham	Sandy Pt. boat launch	M. Harvey, B. Griffith
<b>Yellow-bellied Sapsucker</b>				
08-22	4	Campton	Campton Bay outlet at dam	B. Taffe
09-29	2	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
09-29	3	Rye	Star Island	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
10-06	5	Holderness	wetlands s. of Rt. 175A	J. Williams
10-06	2	Concord	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO	R. & M. Suomala, et al.
10-06	2	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
10-06	3	Hopkinton	Elm Brook Pk.	R. Woodward

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10-14	2	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
11-19	1	Campton	residence	S. Mirick
<b>Black-backed Woodpecker</b>				
08-04	2	Jefferson	Little Cherry Pond	D. Govatski
08-24	1	Beans Grant	near Mizpah Hut	D. Govatski
09-07	1	T&M Purchase	Caps Ridge trail, Pothole Rock	D. Govatski
11-30	2	Beans Grant	Crawford Path, jct. Mizpah Cut-off trail	D. Govatski
<b>Northern Flicker</b>				
09-17	7	Deerfield	Mountain Rd. Ext.	C. & J. Carr
09-29	6	Rye	Star Island	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
10-01	5	Gilmanton	Middle Route	B. Sens
10-04	27	Holderness	US Forest Service office	J. Williams
10-06	5	Holderness	wetlands s. of Rt. 175A	J. Williams
10-06	18	Lyme	Grant Brook	S. Sturup
10-07	10	Concord	Loudon Rd., behind PO	M. Suomala
11-14	1	Nashua	Clovercrest Dr.	B. Harris
11-16	1	Concord	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO	M. Suomala
<b>Olive-sided Flycatcher</b>				
08-19	1	Windham	Mitchell Pond	M. Harvey
08-25	1	Sandwich	Thompson WS	T. Vazzano, P.& G. Hoag
<b>Eastern Wood-Pewee</b>				
08-23	3	Lyman	Dodge Pond	S.& M. Turner
08-27	10	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
08-31	4	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
09-20	1	Kensington	South Rd., Rt. 107 residence	G. Gavutis, Jr.
09-21	1	Concord	Concord Airport	R.& M. Suomala
09-21	1	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
<b>Yellow-bellied Flycatcher</b>				
08-19	1	Pittsburg	Cozzie Brook Rd.	E. Nielsen
08-27	3	Sandwich	Thompson WS	T. Vazzano, J. Skelton
09-18	1	Lebanon	Boston Lot Lake	S. Sturup
09-21	1	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
<b>Alder Flycatcher</b>				
08-10	2	Canterbury	sod farm	R. Quinn, Capital Area Chapter FT
08-18	3	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
<b>Willow Flycatcher</b>				
08-10	3	Canterbury	sod farm	R. Quinn, Capital Area Chapter FT
<b>Empidonax sp.</b>				
09-14	6	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
<b>Eastern Phoebe</b>				
09-21	5	Concord	Concord Airport	R.& M. Suomala
09-21	6	Canterbury	sod farms	R.& M. Suomala
09-22	8	Lyme	Post Pond	S. Sturup
10-24	1	Kensington	Rt.107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis
10-30	1	Newmarket	Bay Rd.	H. Chary

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<b>Eastern Kingbird</b>				
08-04	4		Magalloway R. & n. end of L. Umbagog	M. Turner, et al.
08-04	10	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
08-17	12	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
08-18	3	Wolfeboro	behind Bailey's Restaurant & motel	G. Prazar
09-05	2	Rye	Star Island	T. Chase
<b>Northern Shrike</b>				
10-28	1	Dover	Bellamy R. WMA	M. Suomala
10-30	1	New London	Pingree Rd.	A. & R. Vernon
11-19	1	Chester	Hillside Haven	A. & B. Delorey, B. Goodwin
11-26	1	Sandwich	Rt. 113 at Bunker Hill Rd.	T. Vazzano
<b>Yellow-throated Vireo</b>				
08-16	1	Kensington	South Rd. residence	G. Gavutis, Jr.
09-07	2	Windham	Mitchell Pond	M. Harvey
<b>Blue-headed Vireo</b>				
09-14	30	Dixville	Rt. 26 wildlife viewing area	K. Babbit
09-29	2	Rye	Star Island	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
09-29	3	Lyme	Grant Brook	S. Sturup
10-06	4	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
10-07	2	Hanover	Dartmouth College campus	S. Sturup
11-10	1	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
<b>Warbling Vireo</b>				
09-21	1	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
<b>Philadelphia Vireo</b>				
08-19	1	Pittsburg	Big Brook Bog Rd.	E. Nielsen
09-05	1	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
09-14	1	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
09-18	1	Sandwich	Guinea Pond Trail	T. Vazzano, B. Bruni
09-29	1	Lyme	Grant Brook	S. Sturup
10-13	1	Lebanon	Boston Lot Lake	S. Sturup
<b>Red-eyed Vireo</b>				
08-17	8	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
08-30	6	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
09-23	18	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
09-29	3	Rye	Star Island	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
10-05	1	Durham	Foss Farm	R. Suomala
10-05	1	Plymouth	Hatch Plaza	J. Williams
10-06	1	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
10-07	1	Concord	Loudon Rd., behind PO	M. Suomala
<b>Gray Jay</b>				
08-21	6	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen
08-24	2	Beans Grant	Mount Pierce summit	D. Govatski
09-28	2	Jefferson	Little Cherry Pond	D. Govatski, Ammonoosuc Chapter FT
09-29	2	Beans Grant	Mt. Jackson summit	D. Govatski, C. Bretton
10-02	4	Beans Grant	Mizpah Spring area	M. Suomala, J. Smith
10-14	2	T&M Purchase	Caps Ridge Trail	M. & J. & D. Harvey
11-30	7	Beans Grant	Crawford Path	D. Govatski

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<b>Fish Crow</b>				
08-26	9	Concord	Pleasant St.	R. Quinn
09-13	1	Concord	South Rd.	R. Woodward
09-14	7	Windham	Canobie Lake	M. Harvey
<b>Common Raven</b>				
08-17	2	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
11-24	1	Kensington	Muddy Pond area	G. Gavutis, Jr.
11-30	1	E. Kingston	Hog Hill	G. Gavutis, Jr.

## Horned Lark through Warblers

No large concentrations of swallows were noted for the fall; however, a report of an “entirely white” Tree Swallow was noteworthy from Kensington on August 17. Remarkably, only three Red-breasted Nuthatches were reported, highlighting the poor fall for this sometimes “invasive” species. Carolina Wrens have rebounded in numbers over the last few years and were reported from many areas in the southern part of the state, with a few birds as far north as the Lakes Region and up the Connecticut River into Hanover.

Warbler migration was noteworthy from a few locations for the fall. Blueberry Hill in Hanover saw good numbers of warblers on September 20, with a flock 200 birds believed to be mostly Yellow-rumped Warblers, while flocks in Windham amounted to over 120 warblers on September 23, most of which were believed to be Blackpoll Warblers.

**Yellow-breasted Chats** and **Connecticut Warblers** were reported in above-average numbers for the fall season. The only late warblers reported were a female Black-throated Blue Warbler along the coast and a Nashville Warbler in Northfield, both seen on October 27, and a Northern Parula in Rye on November 3.

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<b>Horned Lark</b>				
08-03	9	Errol	Lake Umbagog	R. Quinn, et al.
10-17	8	Sandwich	Whiteface Intervale	T. Vazzano, G. Dennis
11-16	2	Concord	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO	R. & M. Suomala
11-17	30	Rye	Ragged Neck	D. Donsker, M. Resch
<b>Purple Martin</b>				
08-30	1	Rye	Concord Pt.	R. & M. Suomala
<b>Tree Swallow</b>				
08-17	1	Kensington	South Rd. residence	G. Gavutis, Jr.
09-22	80	Rye	Eel Pond & Ragged Neck	R. & M. Suomala, J. Smith, S. Lerman
<b>Northern Rough-winged Swallow</b>				
08-23	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. Hayward, M. Tarr
<b>Bank Swallow</b>				
08-04	3	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
08-30	2	Rye	Concord Pt.	R. & M. Suomala
09-15	1	Rye	Eel Pond	R. & M. Suomala

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<b>Cliff Swallow</b>				
08-04	30	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
<b>Barn Swallow</b>				
08-04	35	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
08-17	27	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
<b>Boreal Chickadee</b>				
08-18	2	Pittsburg	Metallak Rd.	E. Nielsen
08-23	6	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen
08-23	8	Pittsburg	Perry Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
08-24	5	Beans Grant	Mount Webster summit	D. Govatski
10-02	11	Beans Grant	Mizpah Spring area	M. Suomala, J. Smith
10-14	2	T&M Purchase	Cups Ridge Trail	M. Harvey
11-30	9	Beans Grant	Crawford Path	D. Govatski
<b>Red-breasted Nuthatch</b>				
08-23	3	Lyman	Dodge Pond	S. & M. Turner
<b>Brown Creeper</b>				
09-05	14	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
09-29	3	Rye	Star Island	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
<b>Carolina Wren</b>				
08-04	1	Northfield	Scribner St.	P. Hunt
08-10	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson, J. Kanter
08-18	1	Plymouth	Pine Gate Rd. residence	J. & R. Williams
08-19	1	Nashua	Waters Edge Dr.	J. Thompson
08-25	1	Warner	Rt.103 residence , 1 mi. e.of village	D. & L. Carroll
09-17	1	Kensington	South Rd. residence, Rt. 107	G. Gavutis, Jr.
09-20	1	Lebanon	Alice Peck Day Hospital	S. Sturup
09-29	1	Rye	Star Island	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
09-30	2	Nashua	Clovercrest Dr.	B. Harris
10-07	1	Newmarket	Smith Garrison Rd. residence near Lamprey R.	S. Edwards
10-14	1	Rye	Odiome Pt. St. Pk.	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
10-19	1	Hanover	Smith Rd.	S. Sturup
November	2	Hillsboro	Windsor Rd.	I. MacLeod
11-03	1	Portsmouth	McDonalds, Rt. 1	R. Woodward
11-03	1	Bedford	Liberty Hill	J. Foster
11-11	1	Sandwich	Squam Lake Rd.	P. Merriman, T. Vazzano
11-19	1	Hopkinton	Putney Hill	G. & S. Chase
11-24	1	Nashua	Dublin Rd.	M. Hague
11-30	1	Stratham	Sandy Pt. boat launch	M. Harvey, B. Griffith
11-30	1	Salem	residence	K. Folsom
<b>House Wren</b>				
08-09	4	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
09-07	2	Ashland	Pemigewasset River by White Mtn. CC	J. Williams
09-12	2	Durham	Foss Farm	R. Suomala
09-19	2	Concord	Birch St. community gardens	R. Suomala
09-21	1	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt

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<b>Winter Wren</b>				
09-29	2	Rye	Star Island	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
09-29	2	Lyme	Grant Brook	S. Sturup
11-09	3	Windham	Mitchell Pond	M. Harvey
<b>Marsh Wren</b>				
08-04	1	Errol	Sweet Meadow marsh	P. Theriault, K. Olson
09-29	6	Stratham	Squamscott R. marshes	S. Mirick, J. Berry, D. Finch, et al.
<b>Golden-crowned Kinglet</b>				
08-20	34	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen
08-22	24	Pittsburg	Big Brook Bog Rd.	E. Nielsen
08-23	24	Pittsburg	Perry Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
11-10	6	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
11-29	15	Kensington	w. end of Moulton Ridge	G. Gavutis, Jr.
<b>Ruby-crowned Kinglet</b>				
08-23	1	Lyman	Dodge Pond	S. & M. Turner
09-18	4	Sandwich	Guinea Pond Trail	T. Vazzano, B. Bruni
09-21	1	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
10-04	12	Holderness	US Forest Service office	J. Williams
10-06	15	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
10-28	4	Dover	Bellamy R. WMA	M. Suomala
11-09	2	Windham	Mitchell Pond	M. Harvey
11-17	1	Pittsfield	Concord Hill	B. Droledt
11-21	1	Holderness	US Forest Service lot	J. Williams, J. Turley
<b>Blue-gray Gnatcatcher</b>				
08-01	4	Windham	Mitchell Pond	M. Harvey
08-10	1	Lebanon	mouth of Mascoma R.	P. Hunt
08-10	1	Canterbury	sod farm	R. Quinn, Capital Area Chapter FT
08-28	1	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
<b>Eastern Bluebird</b>				
09-03	28	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
09-21	15	Plymouth	fairgrounds	J. Williams
10-02	19	Jefferson	Valley Rd.	J. Berry, R. Quinn, et al.
10-04	12	Gilmanton	Loon Pond Rd.	J. Stockwell
10-13	10	Plymouth	Fairgrounds Rd.	J. Williams
10-23	22	Francestown	Red House Rd.	B. Hanlon
10-27	50	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
11-04	16	Chester	Hillside Haven	A. & B. Delorey
11-09	35	Windham	Mitchell Pond	M. Harvey
11-15	20	Kensington	South Rd. residence, Rt. 107	G. Gavutis, Jr.
<b>Swainson's Thrush</b>				
09-18	1	Sandwich	Guinea Pond Trail	T. Vazzano, B. Bruni
10-26	1	Plainfield	Croydon Tpk., E. Plainfield	P. Stettenheim
<b>Hermit Thrush</b>				
09-18	9	Sandwich	Guinea Pond Trail	T. Vazzano, B. Bruni
10-07	4	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
10-13	4	Concord	Turkey Pond	R. Woodward

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<b>Hermit Thrush—continued</b>				
10-15	7	Benton	North-South Rd., WMNF	J. Williams
10-20	10	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
10-26	6	New London	Pingree Rd.	A. & R. Vernon
10-27	5	Concord	Turkey Pond	R. Woodward
11-17	1	Concord	Beaver Meadows Village	P. Niswander
11-28	1	Concord	Beaver Meadows Village	P. Niswander
<b>Wood Thrush</b>				
08-11	2	Kensington	South Rd. residence	G. Gavutis, Jr.
08-20	1	Columbia	residence	D. Killam
09-03	1	Chichester	Smith Sanborn Rd.	R. & M. Suomala
09-15	1	Kensington	South Rd. residence, Rt. 107	G. Gavutis, Jr.
10-01	1	Whitefield	Mountain View Rd.	J. Berry
10-03	1	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
<b>American Robin</b>				
08-09	41	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
08-26	50	Jefferson	Pondicherry WS	S. & M. Turner
10-02	40	Deerfield	Mountain Rd. Ext.	C. & J. Carr
10-04	40	Holderness	US Forest Service office	J. Williams
10-17	100	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis
10-28	30	Dover	Bellamy R. WMA	M. Suomala
10-29	56	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
11-09	200	Kensington	South Rd residence, Rt. 107	G. Gavutis, Jr.
11-16	50	Kensington	South Rd residence, Rt. 107	G. Gavutis, Jr.
<b>Gray Catbird</b>				
08-05	6	Kensington	South Rd. residence	G. Gavutis, Jr.
08-11	15	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
09-12	6	Durham	Foss Farm	R. Suomala
09-22	6	Lyme	Post Pond	S. Sturup
09-29	5	Lyme	Grant Brook	S. Sturup
09-29	10	Rye	Star Island	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
10-06	6	Concord	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO	R. & M. Suomala, et al.
10-06	2	Holderness	wetlands s. of Rt. 175A	J. Williams
10-28	1	Chester	Hillside Haven	A. Delorey
10-30	1	Nashua	Clovercrest Dr. residence	B. Harris
<b>Brown Thrasher</b>				
08-10	1	Canterbury	sod farm	R. Quinn, Capital Area Chapter FT
08-31	2	Plymouth	Pine Gate Rd.	J. & R. Williams
09-07	1	Plymouth	Pine Gate Rd.	J. Williams
09-14	1	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
09-21	1	Canterbury	sod farms	R. & M. Suomala
10-06	1	Hopkinton	Elm Brook Pk.	R. Woodward
<b>European Starling</b>				
10-30	40000	Portsmouth	Great Bog blackbird roost	S. Mirick
<b>American Pipit</b>				
09-13	1	Rye	off Rt. 1A	S. Mirick
09-24	6	Concord	Locke Rd. sod farms	R. & M. Suomala



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10-04	60	Concord	Silk Farm WS fields	R. Suomala, P. Hunt
10-12	50	Sandwich	Whiteside Intervale	T. Vazzano, R. Ridgely
10-17	50	Durham	Moore fields, Rt. 155A	S. Mirick
10-20	100	Durham	Rt. 155A fields	R. & M. Suomala
10-20	55	Concord	Turkey Pond	R. Woodward
10-22	80	Concord	Silk Farm WS	R. Quinn
11-11	14	Concord	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO	R. & M. Suomala
<b>Cedar Waxwing</b>				
08-22	32	Pittsburg	Deer Mountain Rd.	E. Nielsen
10-03	150	Plymouth	Hatch Plaza	J. Williams
11-11	75	Concord	Locke Rd. near sod farm	R. & M. Suomala
11-16	110	Chester	Hillside Haven	A. & B. Delorey
11-20	40	Exeter	Exeter Hospital parking lot	G. Prazar
11-24	207	Northfield		P. Hunt
11-30	85	Holderness	Plymouth State College field house	J. Williams
<b>Blue-winged Warbler</b>				
08-31	1	Dover	Bellamy R. WMA	M. Suomala
<b>Tennessee Warbler</b>				
08-20	1	Sandwich	Guinea Pond Trail	T. Vazzano, et al.
09-03	1	Holderness	US Forest Service lot	J. Williams
09-07	3	Windham	Mitchell Pond	M. Harvey
09-12	1	Durham	Foss Farm	R. Suomala
09-14	3	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
09-21	1	Northfield		P. Hunt
10-06	1	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
<b>Orange-crowned Warbler</b>				
10-20	1	Chester	Derry Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
10-20	1	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
<b>Nashville Warbler</b>				
08-19	8	Pittsburg	Big Brook Bog Rd.	E. Nielsen
09-01	2	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
09-14	5	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
09-16	7	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
09-18	5	Lebanon	Boston Lot Lake	S. Sturup
10-04	1	Holderness	US Forest Service office	J. Williams
10-06	1	Concord	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO	R. & M. Suomala, et al.
10-07	1	Hanover	Dartmouth College campus	S. Sturup
10-27	1	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
<b>Northern Parula</b>				
09-12	2	Durham	Foss Farm	R. Suomala
09-14	18	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
09-16	24	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
09-24	1	Concord	Locke Rd. sod farms	R. & M. Suomala
09-29	2	Rye	Star Island	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
10-04	2	Holderness	US Forest Service office	J. Williams
11-03	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	R. Quinn, G. Robbins, Capital Area Chapter FT

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<b>Yellow Warbler</b>				
09-14	1	Concord	Birch St. gardens off Clinton St.	R. & M. Suomala
09-14	2	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
09-15	2	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	R. & M. Suomala
09-15	1	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
09-29	1	Rye	Star Island	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
<b>Chestnut-sided Warbler</b>				
08-22	12	Pittsburg	Big Brook Bog Rd.	E. Nielsen
08-30	6	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
09-03	6	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
09-18	7	Lebanon	Boston Lot Lake	S. Sturup
09-21	1	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
09-24	1	Concord	Locke Rd. sod farms	R. & M. Suomala
<b>Magnolia Warbler</b>				
08-19	37	Pittsburg	Big Brook Bog Rd.	E. Nielsen
09-16	12	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
09-18	4	Lebanon	Boston Lot Lake	S. Sturup
09-18	5	Sandwich	Guinea Pond Trail	T. Vazzano, B. Bruni
09-21	2	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
<b>Cape May Warbler</b>				
08-23	1	Pittsburg	Perry Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
09-16	2	Plymouth	Fairgrounds & Beech Hill Rd.	J. Williams
09-18	1	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
09-23	1	Columbia	residence	D. Killam
09-23	1	Hopkinton	Elm Brook Park	M. Suomala
10-03	1	Jefferson	Cherry Pond	S. & M. Turner
<b>Black-throated Blue Warbler</b>				
08-19	14	Pittsburg	Big Brook Bog Rd.	E. Nielsen
08-31	6	Lyme	Dorchester Rd.	S. Sturup
09-14	7	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
09-18	9	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
09-21	3	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
09-29	7	Rye	Star Island	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
10-27	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
<b>Yellow-rumped Warbler</b>				
09-21	26	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
10-06	65	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
10-13	56	Concord	Turkey Pond	R. Woodward
10-14	50	Kensington	South Rd.	G. Gavutis, Jr.
10-15	50	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis
10-20	45	Concord	Turkey Pond	R. Woodward
10-27	7	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
11-10	6	Concord	Turkey Pond	R. Woodward
<b>Black-throated Green Warbler</b>				
08-22	24	Pittsburg	Big Brook Bog Rd.	E. Nielsen
08-31	6	Lyme	Dorchester Rd.	S. Sturup
09-18	3	Barrington	Al Wood Drive	T. & L. Chase

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09-21	4	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
09-26	4	Holderness	US Forest Service lot	J. Williams, D. Batchelder
09-29	3	Rye	Star Island	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
10-01	2	Hanover	N. Balch St.	S. Sturup
10-03	1	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
<b>Blackburnian Warbler</b>				
08-19	21	Pittsburg	Big Brook Bog Rd.	E. Nielsen
08-20	4	Sandwich	Guinea Pond Trail	T. Vazzano, et al.
08-23	2	Lyman	Dodge Pond	S. & M. Turner
08-31	2	Lyme	Dorchester Rd.	S. Sturup
09-06	2	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
09-10	2	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
09-18	3	Lebanon	Boston Lot L.	S. Sturup
<b>Pine Warbler</b>				
09-14	8	Hanover	Smith Rd.	S. Sturup
09-16	9	Plymouth	Pine Gate & Beech Hill Rds.	J. Williams
09-18	8	Lebanon	Boston Lot Lake	S. Sturup
09-21	4	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
10-06	2	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
10-08	2	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
11-12	1	Hanover	Smith Rd.	S. Sturup
<b>Prairie Warbler</b>				
08-17	5	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
09-15	1	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
09-21	1	Concord	Concord Airport	R. & M. Suomala
09-23	1	Hopkinton	Elm Brook Park	M. Suomala
<b>Palm Warbler</b>				
09-14	2	Concord	Birch St. gardens off Clinton St.	R. & M. Suomala
09-15	2	Sandwich	Thompson WS	T. Vazzano
09-29	5	Rye	Star Island	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
10-06	11	Windham	Landry's Field	M. Harvey, B. Griffith
10-06	25	Concord	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO	R. & M. Suomala, et al.
10-13	10	Concord	Turkey Pond	R. Woodward
10-19	20	Concord	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO	R. & M. Suomala, R. Woodward
10-28	4	Dover	Bellamy R. WMA	M. Suomala
<b>Bay-breasted Warbler</b>				
09-07	1	Windham	Mitchell Pond	M. Harvey
09-14	4	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
09-16	4	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
09-17	1	Chichester	Mason Brook area	R. & M. Suomala
09-17	1	Allenstown	Bear Brook St. Pk.	M. Suomala
09-18	1	Hanover	Smith Rd.	S. Sturup
09-23	2	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
09-26	1	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	M. Suomala
09-29	2	Rye	Star Island	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.

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<b>Blackpoll Warbler</b>				
08-19	12	Pittsburg	Big Brook Bog Rd.	E. Nielsen
09-21	4	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
09-23	2	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
09-23	6	Hopkinton	Elm Brook Park	M. Suomala
09-24	2	Concord	Locke Rd. sod farms	R. & M. Suomala
09-25	3	Hanover	E. Wheelock St.	S. Sturup
09-29	7	Rye	Star Island	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
10-02	5	Hanover	E. Wheelock St.	S. Sturup
10-06	1	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
10-07	2	Hanover	Dartmouth College campus	S. Sturup
10-14	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt.	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
<b>Black-and-white Warbler</b>				
08-11	7	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
08-31	2	Dover	Bellamy R. WMA	M. Suomala
09-03	3	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
09-08	2	Lebanon	Boston Lot Lake	S. Sturup
09-29	1	Rye	Star Island	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
<b>American Redstart</b>				
08-04	4	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
09-12	14	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
09-12	2	Durham	Foss Farm	R. Suomala
09-18	3	Lebanon	Boston Lot Lake	S. Sturup
09-29	3	Rye	Star Island	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
<b>Ovenbird</b>				
08-19	1	Kensington	South Rd. residence	G. Gavutis, Jr.
08-30	2	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
09-24	1	Concord	Locke Rd. sod farms	R. & M. Suomala
09-29	1	Holderness	fields & wetlands s. of Rt. 175A	J. Williams
<b>Northern Waterthrush</b>				
08-05	1	Rye	Star Island	J. Taylor
08-12	1	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
08-17	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	P. Hunt
08-31	1	Dover	Bellamy R. WMA	M. Suomala
09-14	1	Concord	Birch St. gardens, off Clinton St.	R. & M. Suomala
09-15	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	R. & M. Suomala
<b>Connecticut Warbler</b>				
09-15	1	E. Kingston	South Rd.	D. Finch
09-20	1	Windham	Castle Hill & Lancaster Rds. jct.	M. Harvey
09-24	1	Keene	near Keene airport, just off Airport Rd.	J. Smith
<b>Mourning Warbler</b>				
08-18	1	Holderness	wetlands s. of Rt. 175A	J. Williams
08-31	1	Lyme	Dorchester Rd.	S. Sturup
09-05	1	Rye	Star Island	T. Chase

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<b>Common Yellowthroat</b>				
08-11	12	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
09-07	18	Windham	Mitchell Pond	M. Harvey
09-08	11	Lebanon	Boston Lot Lake	S. Sturup
09-14	22	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
09-18	15	Sandwich	Guinea Pond Trail	T. Vazzano, B. Bruni
09-18	18	Lebanon	Boston Lot Lake	S. Sturup
10-28	1	Dover	Bellamy R. WMA	M. Suomala
<b>Wilson's Warbler</b>				
08-18	1	Holderness	wetlands s. of Rt. 175A	J. Williams
08-20	1	Sandwich	Guinea Pond Trail	T. Vazzano, et al.
08-22	2	Pittsburg	Big Brook Bog Rd.	E. Nielsen
08-23	1	Pittsburg	Perry Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
08-24	1	Dorchester	Dorchester Rd.	S. Sturup
08-24	1	Enfield	Cole Pond Trail	S. Sturup
09-14	1	Concord	Birch St. gardens, off Clinton St.	R. & M. Suomala
09-14	1	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
09-15	1	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
09-18	1	Sandwich	Guinea Pond Trail	T. Vazzano, B. Bruni
09-22	1	Holderness	by Outback Driving Range	J. Williams
09-24	1	Hanover	Reservoir Rd.	S. Sturup
09-29	3	Rye	Star Island	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
<b>Canada Warbler</b>				
08-17	1	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
08-19	5	Pittsburg	Big Brook Bog Rd.	E. Nielsen
08-22	5	Pittsburg	Deer Mountain Rd.	E. Nielsen
08-24	1	Dorchester	Dorchester Rd.	S. Sturup
08-25	1	Hanover	Blueberry Hill residence	K. Kluge
09-02	1	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
09-07	1	Tamworth	Tall Pines Rd.	J. Tewksbury
09-08	1	Lebanon	Boston Lot Lake	S. Sturup
<b>Yellow-breasted Chat</b>				
08-20	1	Rye	White and Seavey Is.	D. Hayward, M. Tarr
08-24	1	Rye	White and Seavey Is.	D. Hayward, M. Tarr
09-15	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	R. & M. Suomala
10-01	1	Chester	Derry Rd.	A. Delorey
11-16	1	Seabrook	Beckmans Island	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
<b>Warbler sp.</b>				
09-15	100	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock summit	R. & M. Suomala
09-17	30	Chichester	Mason Brook swamp	R. & M. Suomala
09-23	120	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
09-26	75	Hanover	Blueberry Hill	K. Kluge, T. Rosenmeier
09-28	200	Hanover	Blueberry Hill	K. Kluge, T. Rosenmeier
09-29	30	Hanover	Blueberry Hill	K. Kluge, T. Rosenmeier

## Sparrows, Blackbirds, and Finches

A sorghum field and adjacent corn fields in Concord held a tremendous concentration of sparrows through the fall, including a remarkable total of 600 White-throated Sparrows, 450 Savannah Sparrows, 300 Song Sparrows, and 250 Swamp Sparrows on October 6. All of these totals far exceed any previous high totals in the state over the last 12 years. The sorghum also held at least two of the four **Dickcissels** reported for



*Harris' Sparrow by Sepsen Mirick*

the fall. A juvenile **Lark Sparrow** in Seabrook was a nice find; however, an adult **Harris's Sparrow** in Campton was the rarest bird for the fall. Cheryl Johnson found and photographed this bird at her feeder in Campton on November 17. She got the word out quickly on the internet and was able to share this bird with many birders as it stayed for several days before moving on.

The blackbird roost in Portsmouth was surveyed a couple of times in the fall; however, lesser amounts of Common Grackles were recorded than from the last two falls. An estimated 11,000 blackbirds were tallied in just 15 minutes from Salem, perhaps birds were heading to or from the huge blackbird roost in Methuen, Massachusetts. A couple of nice flocks of Rusty Blackbirds were recorded from Windham, with 129 recorded on October 10 the largest total recorded in the state in many years.

Finches were practically non-existent for the fall, with two Red Crossbills in Sandwich, a White-winged Crossbill in Plymouth, a Common Redpoll in Kensington, and a Pine Siskin in Rye the only "northern" finches reported south of the mountains!

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
<b>Scarlet Tanager</b>				
08-24	1	Enfield	Cole Pond Trail	S. Sturup
09-07	2	Hanover	Smith Rd.	S. Sturup
09-13	1	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
09-15	2	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
09-28	1	Hanover	Smith Rd.	S. Sturup
10-01	1	Hanover	N. Balch St.	S. Sturup
<b>Eastern Towhee</b>				
08-17	27	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
08-24	3	Kensington	South Rd. residence	G. Gavutis, Jr.
08-25	3	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
09-21	1	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
10-11	1	Swanzy	Perry Farm, Taylor Hill	L. Kibler
10-13	1	Chichester	Smith Sanborn Rd.	R. & M. Suomala
10-20	1	Concord	Turkey Pond	R. Woodward
10-27	1	Concord	Turkey Pond	R. Woodward
<b>American Tree Sparrow</b>				
10-13	1	Bridgewater	Dick Brown Rd.	J. Williams
10-19	1	Concord	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO	R. & M. Suomala, R. Woodward

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10-19	20	Concord	Eastside Dr.	B. Soule
10-28	4	Dover	Bellamy R. WMA	M. Suomala
11-01	40	Concord	Birch St. community gardens	R. Suomala
11-09	10	Windham	Mitchell Pond	M. Harvey
11-10	19	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
11-16	25	Concord	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO	R. & M. Suomala
11-18	20	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	M. Harvey
11-28	25	Lebanon	behind BJ's Plaza	S. Sturup
11-30	50	Concord	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO	R. Suomala
<b>Chipping Sparrow</b>				
08-31	35	Lyme	Dorchester Rd.	S. Sturup
09-21	65	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
09-28	35	Plymouth	Beech Hill Rd.	J. Williams
10-12	55	Plymouth	Pine Gate Rd.	J. & R. Williams
10-13	70	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
10-28	3	Hanover	Smith Rd.	S. Sturup
<b>Field Sparrow</b>				
08-17	35	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
10-05	15	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
10-10	4	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
10-19	2	Hanover	Smith Rd.	S. Sturup
11-08	1	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
<b>Vesper Sparrow</b>				
10-09	1	Concord	Loudon Rd., behind PO	M. Suomala
10-19	2	Concord	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO	R. & M. Suomala, R. Woodward
10-21	1	Chester	Hillside Haven	B. Delorey
<b>Lark Sparrow</b>				
09-15	1	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor, Yankee Fisherman's Coop	R. & M. Suomala, S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
<b>Savannah Sparrow</b>				
09-29	4	Rye	Star Island	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
10-05	40	Windham	Johnson's Farm	M. Harvey
10-06	450	Concord	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO	R. & M. Suomala, et al.
10-17	50	Durham	Moore fields, Rt. 155A	S. Mirick
10-29	50	Concord	Loudon Rd., fields behind PO	R. & M. Suomala
11-09	2	Windham	Mitchell Pond	M. Harvey
11-23	3	Concord	Loudon Rd., behind PO	M. Suomala
<b>Savannah Sparrow - Ipswich subsp.</b>				
11-10	2		NH coast	S. Mirick, BBC FT
<b>Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow</b>				
08-20	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	M. Suomala
<b>Fox Sparrow</b>				
10-19	1	Bow	Albin Rd.	L. Denoncourt
10-24	1	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
10-24	1	Chichester	Smith Sanborn Rd.	R. & M. Suomala
10-24	1	Concord	Loudon Rd., behind PO	M. Suomala
10-27	2	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt

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<b>Fox Sparrow—continued</b>				
10-28	2	Concord	residence	R. Woodward
10-28	1	Nashua	Clovercrest Dr. residence	B. Harris
10-29	2	Concord	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO	R. & M. Suomala
10-30	16	New London	Pingree Rd.	A. & R. Vernon
11-01	1	Swanzy	Perry Farm, Taylor Hill	L. Kibler
11-08	1	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
11-18	1	Chichester	Smith Sanborn Rd.	R. & M. Suomala
11-18	1	Milford	Federal Hill Rd.	B. Becker
11-18	1	Kensington	South Rd. residence, Rt. 107	G. Gavutis, Jr.
11-18	1	Chichester	Smith Sanborn Rd.	M. Suomala
11-18	1	Canterbury	Rt. 93, Exit 18	M. Suomala
11-19	1	Salem	residence	K. Folsom
11-20	2	Durham	Durham Point Rd.	S. Mirick
11-24	4	Newmarket	Bay Rd.	H. Chary
<b>Song Sparrow</b>				
10-06	20	Holderness	wetlands s. of Rt. 175A	J. Williams
10-06	300	Concord	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO	R. & M. Suomala, et al.
10-11	13	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
10-13	36	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
11-03	40	Concord	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO	R. & M. Suomala
11-30	25	Concord	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO	R. Suomala
<b>Lincoln's Sparrow</b>				
09-18	3	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
09-29	3	Holderness	fields & wetlands s. of Rt. 175A	J. Williams
09-29	3	Rye	Star Island	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
09-30	4	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
10-06	6	Concord	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO	R. & M. Suomala, et al.
10-17	5	Windham	Landry's Field	M. Harvey
11-03	1	Concord	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO	R. & M. Suomala
<b>Swamp Sparrow</b>				
09-29	2	Rye	Star Island	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
09-30	12	Sandwich	Chicks Corner	T. Vazzano
10-06	250	Concord	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO	R. & M. Suomala, et al.
10-06	11	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
10-13	8	Lebanon	Boston Lot Lake	S. Sturup
10-20	20	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
10-28	10	Dover	Bellamy R. WMA.	M. Suomala
11-11	2	Concord	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO	R. & M. Suomala
<b>White-throated Sparrow</b>				
09-14	30	Wentworths Location	Lake Umbagog NWR	K. Babbit
09-29	30	Holderness	fields & wetlands s. of Rt. 175A	J. Williams
09-29	34	Lyme	Grant Brook	S. Sturup
10-03	33	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
10-04	20	Holderness	US Forest Service office	J. Williams
10-06	600	Concord	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO	R. & M. Suomala, et al.
10-06	108	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
10-10	50	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
10-13	40	Deerfield	Mountain Rd. Ext.	C. & J. Carr



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10-13	110	Lebanon	Boston Lot Lake	S. Sturup
10-20	82	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
10-27	29	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
10-28	20	Dover	Bellamy R. WMA	M. Suomala
11-03	75	Concord	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO	R. & M. Suomala
11-11	50	Concord	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO	R. & M. Suomala
11-30	20	Concord	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO	R. Suomala
<b>Harris's Sparrow</b>				
11-16	1	Campton	Perch Pond Rd. residence	C. Johnson
11-18	1	Campton	Perch Pond Rd. residence	J. Williams
11-19	1	Campton	Perch Pond Rd. residence	S. Mirick
11-22	1	Campton	Perch Pond Rd. residence	C. Johnson
<b>White-crowned Sparrow</b>				
09-29	1	Holderness	fields & wetlands s. of Rt. 175A	J. Williams
09-29	7	Rye	Star Island	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
09-29	1	Plymouth	Fairgrounds Rd. wetlands	J. Williams, D. Batchelder
09-30	4	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
10-01	4	Whitefield	Pondicherry WS access	R. Quinn, J. Berry, et al.
10-05	4	Plymouth	Hatch Plaza	J. Williams
10-06	4	Hopkinton	Elm Brook Pk.	R. Woodward
10-19	10	Concord	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO	R. & M. Suomala, R. Woodward
10-21	3	Columbia	residence	D. & B. Killam
10-22	10	Concord	Birch St. community gardens	R. Suomala
10-24	5	Lee	off Riverside Farm Rd.	S. Mirick, D. Blezard
10-28	10	Dover	Bellamy R. WMA	M. Suomala
11-03	1	Concord	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO	R. & M. Suomala
<b>Dark-eyed Junco</b>				
10-04	28	Bow	Albin Rd.	L. Denoncourt
10-16	27	Surry	near flood control dam	B. Harris, et al.
10-24	27	Chichester	Smith Sanborn Rd.	R. & M. Suomala
10-27	48	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
11-08	60	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
11-18	50	Canterbury	Rt. 93, half mile off exit 18	M. Suomala
11-20	45	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
<b>Lapland Longspur</b>				
10-07	1	Concord	Loudon Rd., behind PO	M. Suomala
10-17	1	Concord	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO	R. Quinn
10-20	1	Durham	Rt. 155A fields	R. & M. Suomala
10-27	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
10-31	8	Gilmanton	Loon Pond	J. Stockwell
11-26	1	Sandwich	Whiteface Intervale	T. Vazzano
<b>Snow Bunting</b>				
11-02	35	Sandwich	Ambrose Gravel Pit	T. Vazzano, R. Bennett
11-03	55	Concord	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO	R. & M. Suomala
11-05	12	Woodstock	Rt. 112 by Lost River WMNF	J. Williams
11-05	19	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	M. Suomala
11-12	2	Littleton	Carl's Sand & Gravel	K. & B. Folsom
11-17	2	Rye	Ragged Neck	D. Donsker, M. Resch

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<b>Snow Bunting—continued</b>				
11-18	19	Plymouth	Quincy Rd. airstrip	M. Suomala
11-28	38	Lebanon	behind BJ's plaza	S. Sturup
<b>Rose-breasted Grosbeak</b>				
08-11	9	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
09-08	2	Ashland	Pemigewasset R. by White Mountain CC.	J. Williams
09-15	2	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
09-25	1	Kensington	South Rd. residence, Rt. 107	G. Gavutis, Jr.
<b>Blue Grosbeak</b>				
09-23	1	Kensington	Dingman property, Bartlett Rd.	D. Finch
<b>Indigo Bunting</b>				
08-25	7	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
08-28	4		Pemigewasset R. along Rt. 3	J. Williams
09-08	5	Ashland	Pemigewasset R. by White Mountain CC.	J. Williams
09-08	2	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
10-06	1	Holderness	wetlands s of Rt. 175A	J. Williams
10-08	2	Concord	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO	R. & M. Suomala, et al.
10-10	1	Concord	Birch St. community gardens	R. Suomala
10-12	2	Concord	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO	R. & M. Suomala, S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
10-12	1	Hollis	North Pepperell Rd.	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
11-11	1	Hanover	Mitchell Lane	V. & R. Lunardini
<b>Dickcissel</b>				
09-15	1	Seabrook	Yankee Fisherman's Coop, Hampton Harbor	R. & M. Suomala, S. Mirick, J. Lawrence
09-29	1	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	S. Mirick, J. Lawrence, D. Finch, et al.
10-06	1	Concord	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO	M. & R. Suomala
10-14	2	Concord	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO	M. Suomala
10-15	1	Kensington	Dingman property, Bartlett Rd.	D. Finch
10-19	1	Concord	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO	R. & M. Suomala
<b>Bobolink</b>				
08-25	4	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
09-13	8	Concord	Birch St. community gardens	R. Suomala
09-20	5	Concord	Birch St. community gardens	R. Suomala
09-29	1	Rye	Star Island	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
10-08	11	Concord	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO	R. & M. Suomala, et al.
10-24	1	Lee	off Riverside Farm Road	S. Mirick, D. Blezard
<b>Red-winged Blackbird</b>				
10-02	150	Lancaster	along Rt. 3	R. Quinn, J. Berry, et al.
10-07	300	Concord	Loudon Rd., behind PO	M. Suomala
11-30	1	Concord	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO	R. Suomala
<b>Eastern Meadowlark</b>				
10-06	2	Hopkinton	Elm Brook Pk.	R. Woodward
10-26	1	Canterbury	field behind post office	R. Quinn
<b>Rusty Blackbird</b>				
09-30	56	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
10-03	70	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
10-04	1	Hollis	Beaver Brook	A. & B. Delorey

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10-07	6	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	R. Suomala
10-10	129	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
10-11	1	Derry	Ballard Marsh	A. & B. Delorey
10-15	2	Exeter	Connor Fam, s. of Rt. 101, w. of Rt. 87	G. Gavutis, Jr.
10-17	2	Kensington	South Rd. residence, Rt. 107	G. Gavutis
11-06	1	Gilmanton	Currier Hill Rd.	J. Stockwell
11-11	1	Concord	W. Portsmouth St.	R. & M. Suomala
11-14	1	Kensington	South Rd. residence, Rt. 107	G. Gavutis, Jr.
<b>Common Grackle</b>				
08-31	240	Dover	Bellamy R. WMA	M. Suomala
09-02	800	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
09-15	250	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
10-29	3000	Deerfield	Mountain Rd. Ext.	C. & J. Carr
10-29	475	Deerfield	Mountain Rd.	H. Chary
10-30	4000	Portsmouth	Great Bog blackbird roost	S. Mirick
11-24	1	Hampton	Hampton Beach St. Pk.	R. & M. Suomala
<b>Brown-headed Cowbird</b>				
09-02	150	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
09-21	200	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
11-21	1	Hanover	Etna Village	K. Kluge, T. Rosenmeier
<b>Orchard Oriole</b>				
08-11	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	J. Kanter, E. Masterson, S. Mirick, R. Suomala
<b>Baltimore Oriole</b>				
08-06	5	Kensington	South Rd. residence	G. Gavutis, Jr.
08-11	12	Northfield	Northfield census route	P. Hunt
08-25	10	Kensington	South Rd. residence	G. Gavutis, Jr.
09-29	7	Rye	Star Island	M. Suomala, R. Woodward, et al.
10-05	1	Durham	Foss Farm	R. Suomala
10-10	1	Windham	Castle Hill Rd.	M. Harvey
11-28	1	Rye	West Rd. residence	B. & H. Blanchard
<b>Blackbird sp.</b>				
10-15	2000	Kensington	South Rd. residence, Rt. 107	G. Gavutis
10-24	11000	Salem	Rt. 28 & North Policy St. jct.	M., J. & D. Harvey
10-30	4000	Portsmouth	Great Bog blackbird roost	S. Mirick
<b>Purple Finch</b>				
08-23	9	Pittsburg	Perry Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
10-13	2	Plymouth	Fairgrounds Rd. by Loon Lake Brook	J. Williams
<b>Red Crossbill</b>				
11-30	2	Sandwich	Stevenson Hill Rd.	R. Ridgely
<b>White-winged Crossbill</b>				
08-18	2	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen
08-20	2	Pittsburg	Metallak Rd.	E. Nielsen
08-22	2	Pittsburg	Deer Mountain Rd.	E. Nielsen
08-23	5	Pittsburg	Perry Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen
09-01	1	Plymouth	old Fairgrounds	J. Williams
10-02	2	Beans Grant	Mizpah Spring area	M. Suomala, J. Smith

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<b>Common Redpoll</b>				
10-22	1	Kensington	South Rd. residence, Rt. 107	G. Gavutis
<b>Pine Siskin</b>				
08-18	4	Pittsburg	Metallak Rd.	E. Nielsen
10-14	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt.	S. Mirick
<b>American Goldfinch</b>				
09-19	70	Concord	Birch St. community gardens	R. Suomala
10-14	35	Kensington	South Rd. residence, Rt. 107	G. Gavutis
<b>Evening Grosbeak</b>				
08-12	1	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
08-19	3	Hanover	Smith Rd.	S. Sturup
08-20	2	Kensington	South Rd. residence	G. Gavutis, Jr.
09-01	4	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
11-05	4	Benton	US Forest Service road	J. Williams, J. Neely
11-18	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
11-19	4	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano



*White-winged Crossbill*  
by Alan Delorey

### Reports for the following species were received in Summer 2002 but not listed.

Mute Swan	Least Flycatcher
American Black Duck	Great Crested Flycatcher
Ring-necked Pheasant	Blue Jay
Ruffed Grouse	American Crow
Baird's Sandpiper	Black-capped Chickadee
Herring Gull	Tufted Titmouse
Great Black-backed Gull	Veery
Great Horned Owl	Northern Mockingbird
Barred Owl	Savannah Sparrow - Ipswich subsp.
Belted Kingfisher	Northern Cardinal
Hairy Woodpecker	House Finch
Pileated Woodpecker	

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

## Reporters for Fall 2002

Jayne Allard	Jane Doherty	Karen Kluge	Stefan Sturup
Widge Arms	David Donsker	Virgil Lunardini	Larry Sunderland
Jenny Ashley	Susan Edwards	Iain MacLeod	Mark Suomala
Jeannine Ayer	Davis Finch	Chris Martin	Rebecca Suomala
Bertram Becker	Kenneth Folsom	Stephen Mirick	Joseph Szafran
Jim Berry	Kellen Freeman	Erik Nielsen	Bill Taffe
Bud Blanchard	George Gavutis, Jr.	Pat Niswander	Jean Tewksbury
Bob Bradley	David Govatski	Greg Prazar	Mark Turner
Chris Carr	Ann Hammond	Robert Quinn	Sandra Turner
Hank Chary	Bill Harris	Jim Raynes	Tony Vazzano
Tom Chase	Michael Harvey	Judy Romano	Robert Vernon
Robert Crowley	Dan Hayward	Brenda Sens	John Williams
Phyllis Curtiss	Pam Hunt	James Smith	Carla Wirzburger
Alan Delorey	Cheryl Johnson	Ruth Smith	Rob Woodward
Barbara Delorey	Lewis Kibler	Dot Soule	Mary Wright
Laura Deming	David Killam	Peter Stettenheim	
Larry Denoncourt	John Kirk	J. R. Stockwell	

## Fall Hawkwatch 2002

by Susan Fogleman

Although the total number of hours invested by New Hampshire hawkwatchers this season was considerably lower than in recent years, many observers did reap some rewards for their efforts. Readers of the NorthEast Hawk Watch Report and Hawk Migration Studies will see that there was a big flight of Broad-winged Hawks in New England on September 17, with a considerable “echo” the following day. Several sites picked up part of those big flights. Numbers were low on Blue Job for these dates, but that may be more reflective of scheduling: observers were present in the morning but not in the late afternoon, when the bulk of the flights took place at other sites.

Robert Vallieres is to be commended for his efforts at Little Round Top—he logged over 64 personal hours! The Weeks State Park (Prospect Mountain) folks are often rewarded with quality views rather than quantity as they continue to contribute to our knowledge about migration in the northwestern part of the state. Twenty-eight Bald Eagles were recorded migrating this fall, twelve of those at Little Round Top. No Golden Eagles were reported.

The complete table of hawk totals from all sites is presented on the following page.

As this was written, those attending the Hawk Migration Association conference in Texas will be learning about efforts in the works for designing standardized watch protocols. Electronic reporting of data via HawkCount is about to become the standard method, eliminating the need for mailing data sheets to editors. Data gathered by this means will be used in developing a Raptor Population Index through joint efforts between Hawk Mountain Sanctuary scientists and the Hawk Migration Association of North America. Stay tuned!

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### New Hampshire 2002 Autumn Hawk Flight Data

Date	Location	Hours	TV	OS	BE	NH	SS	CH	NG	RS	BW	RT	AK	ML	PG	UA	UB	UF	UE	UR	Total
8/27	Prospect	1.0									1	1									2
9/2	Prospect	1.5	35																		35
9/5	Prospect	3.0		1																	1
9/5	LRTop	5.0	5		1		1				6									5	18
9/5	Blue Job	4.0	4				1	1													11
9/6	Prospect	2.0									1		1								2
9/6	LRTop	4.0								1	14				1	1					6
9/7	Prospect	3.0				1	1				4										6
9/8	Prospect	3.0																			0
9/9	LRTop	5.0	7									2									2
9/10	Interlakes	2.0		2			1	1			11						3				18
9/10	LRTop	3.0									7	1									2
9/11	LRTop	2.0	11	3			3						1								6
9/11	Interlakes	2.0					1				1										2
9/12	Prospect	4.0			1		1				43	1	2					1			49
9/12	Interlakes	5.0	6	3	2		4	1			8	1									25
9/12	Blue Job	5.0		5							11		2					1			19
9/12	Uncanoonuc	8.5	11				2				3										16
9/13	Prospect	1.8																			0
9/13	Interlakes	1.0	2		1		1	1			1										6
9/13	LRTop	4.0	7	6						5	8				1					2	29
9/14	Prospect	5.0					2				59										2
9/14	Blue Job	7.0	17	13	2	1	9	3		1	547	6	11	5		5	4	1	1	1	627
9/14	Crotched	7.0		25	1	4	10	5		1	512		7	1		2					568
9/14	Pack Mon	7.0		14		2	5				220		5	3							249
9/17	Prospect	3.3	1								2										3
9/17	LRTop	5.0	5	1		3	4				607	11	4			2					642
9/17	Gould Hill	5.3	4		2	7		3			103	3				1	15				146
9/17	Blue Job	6.5		4	2		11	1			184		1								203
9/17	Fort Mtn	5.6	1	9	2	2	11				2055		3							1	2084
9/17	Uncanoonuc	8.0	17	1				1			6										25
9/17	Pack Mon	8.5		11	2		17	3			1939	2	4								1978
9/18	Prospect	3.0		1	1		2				4										2
9/18	Sug Hill	1.5									1		1								2
9/18	Blue Job		14	8	1	4	11	1	1		583		15	5		2					645
9/18	Pack Mon	9.0	2	9	2	2	5	3			2528		3			1					2555
9/19	Prospect	3.0					1														1
9/19	LRTop	6.8	11	5	2	1	3				475	8			1					6	512
9/20	Blue Job	6.0	17	3			1				9	2	8	1							41
9/22	LRTop	2.0	1	1			7				18	2			1						30
9/23	LRTop	3.0	3		1	1	10				69	8				2	1				98
9/24	LRTop	3.0	12				3		1		108	3				2					133
9/25	LRTop	4.0	19	1			1		1		11	2		2							37
9/26	LRTop	4.0	6	2	2	1	6	1	1	2	17			1	6	1			1		7
10/2	LRTop	3.0	2	3			1				1					2			1		11
10/3	LRTop	3.0	1	6	1		11				7			4	4				1		38
10/8	LRTop	3.0	2		2	2	3			2	1	1	2		2				1		18
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>192.1</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10177</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>11080</b>

- TV—Turkey Vulture
- OS—Osprey
- BE—Bald Eagle
- NH—Northern Harrier
- SS—Sharp-shinned Hawk
- CH—Cooper's Hawk
- NG—Northern Goshawk
- RS—Red-shouldered Hawk
- BW—Broad-winged Hawk
- RT—Red-tailed Hawk
- AK—American Kestrel
- ML—Merlin
- PG—Peregrine Falcon
- UR—Unidentified raptor
- RL—Rough-legged Hawk (none seen)
- GE—Golden Eagle (none seen)

Blue Job Mountain, Strafford/Farmington  
 Crotched Mountain, Franconstown  
 Fort Mountain, Epsom  
 Gould Hill, Hopkinton  
 Interlakes Elementary School, Meredith  
 LRndTop—Little Round Top, Bristol  
 Pack Monadnock Mountain, Miller State Park, Peterborough  
 Mt. Prospect, Weeks State Park, Whitefield  
 Sugar Hill  
 Uncanoonuc Mountains, Goffstown

## Answer to the Summer 2002 Photo Quiz

by David Donsker

Identifying birds with simple plumages simply isn't simple. This issue's Photo Quiz bird is the epitome of simplicity. It really has only one relatively distinct plumage characteristic: a pale supercilium or eyebrow, over its uniformly black eye. That's about it. There are no streaks, stripes, bars, crests, or other strong markings.



*See end of article for photo identification.*

Where can we start? It goes without saying that this small creature is a passerine or perching bird. Its very plainness is, in itself, a type of field mark. It eliminates a host of strongly featured birds and leaves us with a relatively small pool of potential contenders: small flycatchers, vireos, wrens, kinglets, and some warblers and finches.

Despite its rather plain appearance, there are other subtle features that can aid in the identification of this species. Its bill is stout, cylindrical, and proportionally short. Its legs are short. The underparts are uniformly pale and contrast slightly with the somewhat darker upperparts. The space between the eye and the base of the bill, the lores, is dark. A very important feature to look for when identifying small birds is the presence or absence of wing bars. This bird has none.

Although some female finches and buntings are rather plain, all have short conical bills that are different in shape from the bill of this bird. Similarly, even our plainest wrens all have at least some faint barring on the wings and relatively longer, thinner bills that are slightly downcurved, quite unlike this bird's bill.

Neither of our kinglets quite matches this bird. Ruby-crowned Kinglet has a pale eye ring, not a pale eyebrow. Golden-crowned Kinglet has a pale supercilium but has a contrasting black lateral crown stripe above the eyebrow. Both have shorter, smaller, dark bills and fairly prominent wing bars.

Some of our small flycatchers deserve fleeting consideration. But those most likely to be confused with this bird are in the genus *Empidonax*. All of these have distinct wing bars and lack the pale eyebrow of our bird. Additionally, these flycatchers characteristically sit in a vertical or upright posture unlike the horizontal one assumed by this bird.

Some species of warbler are very plain and share some of the field marks shown by the bird in the photograph. This is especially true for those warblers, often females and immatures, which lack streaks or wing bars and add to the confusion of bird identification during fall migration. Of particular interest is Tennessee Warbler, which has a pale eyebrow, dark lore, and a dark postocular (behind the eye) stripe much like the illustrated bird. But in Tennessee Warbler, the postocular stripe is fine and narrow,

much thinner than that shown on our bird. More importantly, warblers have thin, sharply pointed bills. The bill on this bird is stout and rounded towards the tip, particularly along the upper edge, or culmen.

In the final analysis, bill shape is a key feature in properly assigning this bird to its appropriate family. It is a vireo, a member of a family of small, stocky perching birds confined to the New World that all share rather drab and subtle plumage. They prefer dense bush or broadleaf trees, where they feed on berries and glean leaves for adult insects and larvae. Their bills are stout and cylindrical with a slightly hooked tip.

Seven species of vireo have been found in New Hampshire. The five regularly occurring vireos are Red-eyed, Philadelphia, Warbling, Yellow-throated, and Blue-headed. The two casual or accidental species are White-eyed and the much rarer Bell's. The four latter species all have wing bars and "spectacles," which are pale eye rings that are continuous with a short, pale supraloral line that extends from the upper front of the eye ring to just above the base of the bill. The wing-bars and "spectacles" are least defined in Bell's Vireo, but they are there, nonetheless. Our mystery bird, which lacks both of these features, cannot be any of these species.

The three species of vireo that lack wing bars are rather similar in appearance. Perhaps the most distinctive is Red-eyed Vireo. In addition to the pale eyebrow seen in our bird, it also has a dark line that forms the upper border of the brow and separates it from a contrasting gray crown. This distinctive field mark is not present on the bird in the photograph. Red-eyed Vireo has a proportionally longer bill than the one on the mystery bird. Although the red iris is not a useful feature in the field, in this close-up image it would contrast with a darker pupil, thus giving the eye an appearance that is different from the uniformly dark, beady-eyed look of this bird.

Philadelphia and Warbling Vireos are both small, plain-winged vireos that are very similar in appearance to one another. The best way to distinguish these two species cannot be appreciated here: they have completely different voices. Warbling Vireo, as its name suggests, has a languid, warbling voice similar to that of Purple Finch or House Finch. Philadelphia Vireo's voice, by contrast, is extremely similar to the monotonous robin-like voice of Red-eyed Vireo, but is less frequently repeated, slower, and of slightly higher pitch. It is said of Philadelphia Vireo that it "looks like one vireo and sings like another."

If the birds are seen well enough, as in this photograph, an excellent distinguishing field mark is the lores. In Philadelphia Vireo the lores are dark, in Warbling Vireo, pale. This gives Warbling Vireo a "surprised," blank-faced look. Other subtle differences include the tone of the crown and remiges, or flight feathers, of the wings. Warbling Vireo has nearly uniform upperparts and wings. In Philadelphia Vireo the crown is slightly darker than the nape and back and the remiges are dark. Although this cannot be resolved in a black-and-white photograph, Warbling Vireo, even young fall birds with their strongly yellowish underparts, are whitest in the lower throat and upper breast. This area is the most intensely yellow zone of the underparts in Philadelphia Vireo, even in pale individuals.

This small, plain-winged vireo with its pale supercilium that lacks a dark upper border, subtly contrasting crown, and dark lores is a Philadelphia Vireo.



This species is an uncommon fall and rare spring migrant in New Hampshire. In the fall, it can be found from late August to early October, with peak incidence in early to mid-September. Although it may be encountered anywhere within the state during fall migration, Odiorne Point State Park is a fairly reliable locality. It breeds in Canada from northeastern British Columbia east to central Quebec and the Maritimes and in the northern U.S. from North Dakota to northern New England. This species is a rare to uncommon breeder in the North Country and the White Mountains of New Hampshire. It prefers woodland edges, young deciduous growth (especially aspen, birch, and cherry) and willow/alder thickets at the edges of lakes, streams, and rivers. Finding and identifying this species on its breeding grounds or during fall migration is always greatly satisfying.

*The portrait of a Philadelphia Vireo on page 45  
was obtained by Garth McElroy on September 15, 2002,  
in Gilmanton, New Hampshire.*

## Photo Quiz

### Can You Identify This Bird?

*Photos by Joyce Mancarella*



Answer in the next issue of *New Hampshire Bird Records*.  
For the answer to the Summer 2002 photo quiz see page 45.

## Spotlight on Pomarine Jaeger (*Stercorarius pomarinus*)

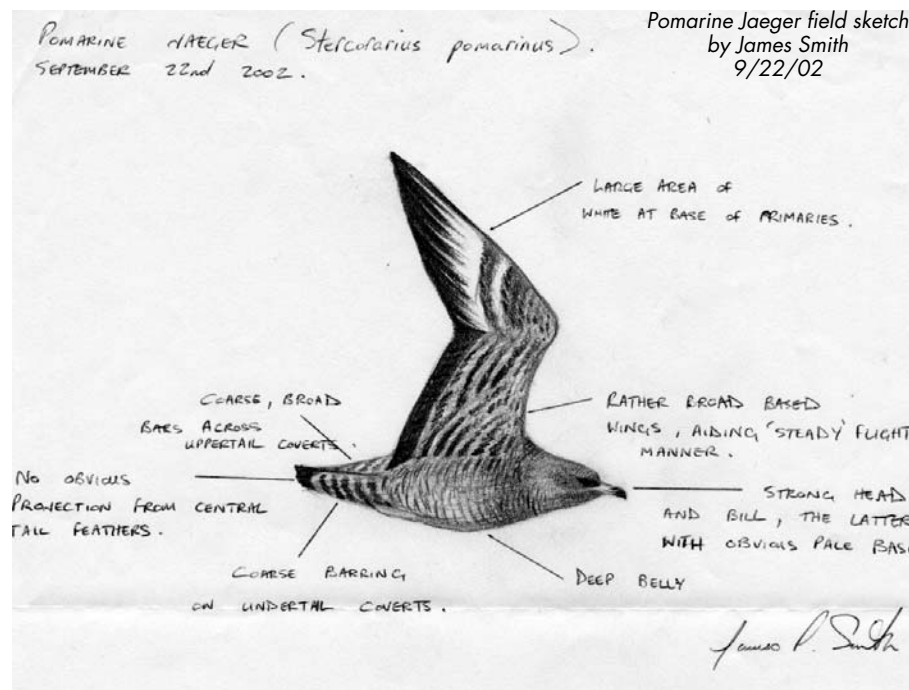
by Eric Masterson

### Background

**P**omarine Jaeger is the largest of the jaegers and is more pelagic than the more commonly seen Parasitic Jaeger. It is named for a lid-like keratin scale on the bill: “pomatos” and “rhinus” are taken from the Greek for lid and nose, respectively. “Jaeger” is taken from the German word “jager,” which means “to hunt” and reflects the feeding habits and behavior of these birds.

### Breeding Status

Pomarine Jaeger has the most restricted breeding range of the three jaegers in North America. It breeds from northern Alaska east to Northern Quebec and southern Baffin Island.



### Occurrence in New Hampshire

There are 19 reported occurrences of Pomarine Jaeger in New Hampshire between 1965 and 2002 (Figure 1). It has been reported primarily in fall, with most records occurring in September (Figure 2). There are a smaller number of spring records, and four intriguing inland records:

Powwow River, Kingston on October 26 & 27, 1969

Lake Winnepesaukee on June 12, 1974

Squam Lake on June 24-27, 1976

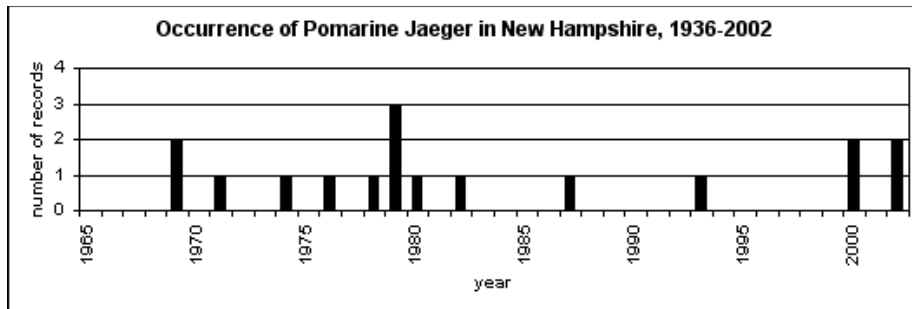
Little Round Top in Bristol on a September 6, 1993 hawkwatch.

Of the remaining 15 sightings, nine were observed from the coast and six were observed offshore (Figure 3).

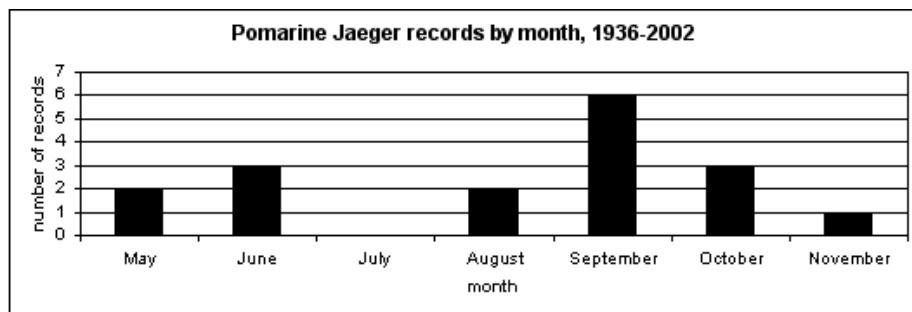
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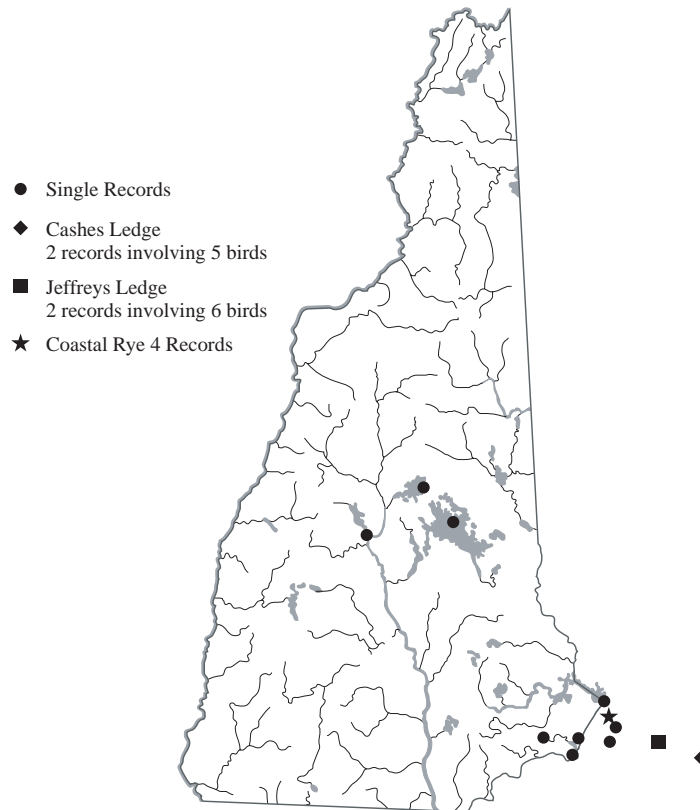
Pomarine Jaeger has occurred once every two-and-a-half to three years in the period under consideration. The pelagic nature of this species is likely a contributing factor to its rarity when compared to the Parasitic Jaeger which is more frequently seen from the coast. As with the European populations of this species, there is some overland migration, and Pomarine, Parasitic, and Long-tailed Jaegers have been observed on Lake Champlain in migration. New Hampshire's fall reports occur during their migration period but the inland June records are more difficult to explain. Jaeger reproductive success and consequent abundance seem to be affected by fluctuations in rodent populations on the breeding grounds. When prey is scarce, productivity is reduced, and some birds have been observed leaving the breeding grounds early. This could cause fluctuations in both the abundance and timing of occurrence of Pomarine Jaeger in New Hampshire waters.

**Figure 1. Occurrence of Pomarine Jaeger by year in New Hampshire**



**Figure 2. Occurrence of Pomarine Jaeger by month in New Hampshire**



**Figure 3. Location of Pomarine Jaeger records in New Hampshire****References and Data Sources**

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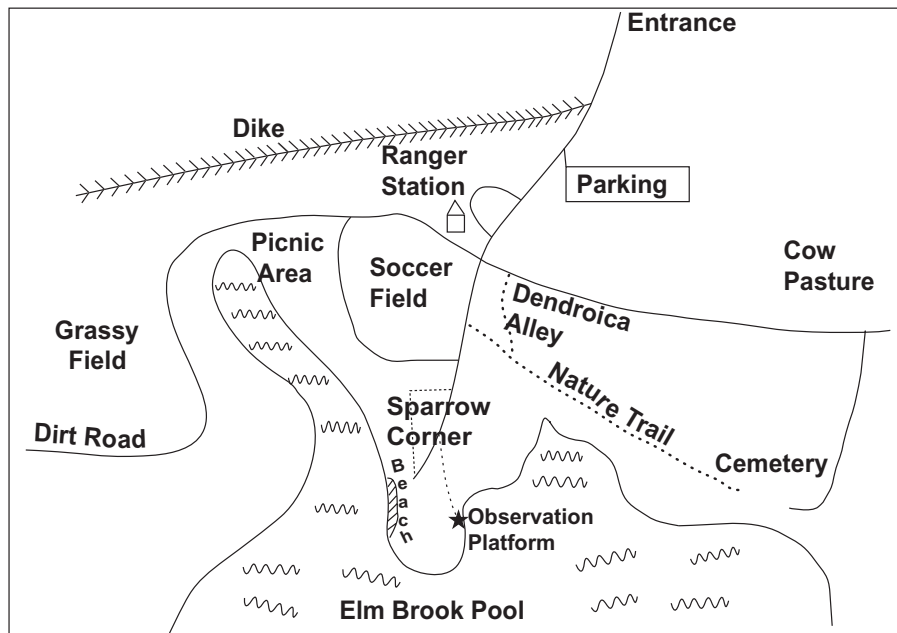
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## Birding Elm Brook Park

by Rob Woodward

**A** good autumn birding location should have lakes and ponds for waterfowl, woods for confusing fall warblers, and a big sky for scanning for raptors. Elm Brook Park in Hopkinton is just such a place. Managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as part of the vast Hopkinton-Everett Flood Control Project, the park comprises several hundred acres out of a total of over 8,000 acres under the Corp's jurisdiction in this immediate area. Constructed in 1962, the Flood Control Project was designed to protect adjacent towns from flooding by the Contoocook River. Like many Corps projects, a portion of the area is set aside as a park for public recreation. Heavy rains and snowmelt may cause large parts of the park to be inundated in the spring, but no such barriers hinder the fall visitor.

Every year, the Capital Area Chapter runs a field trip to Elm Brook in September or October to take advantage of the diversity of habitats available in one location. We usually begin by walking through the entrance and stopping at the first open grassy area on the right. The sumac bushes and surrounding trees are reliable for Eastern Bluebirds, Ruby-crowned Kinglets, and Yellow-rumped Warblers. One year we watched for over an hour as one particular tree displayed dozens of birds of perhaps eight or ten species.



If you can pull yourself away, continue walking down the paved road and turn left at a dirt service road. You are about to enter the best area in the park to search for migrant warblers, "Dendroica Alley." The short trees along this road offer good

opportunities to search for mixed-species, foraging flocks, such as Black-throated Green, Magnolia, Blackpoll, and Nashville Warblers, along with vireos, flycatchers, and tanagers.

A large cow pasture at the end of this road often harbors Palm Warblers in October. Keep your eye on the sky for passing raptors and low-flying Turkey Vultures, who occasionally roost in the nearby pine trees. Be aware that this field is beyond the boundaries of the park and is favored by pheasant hunters, who once showed us their trophies and offered us pheasant tail feathers as souvenirs!

You may return to the park either by walking back down the service road or by taking the interpretive nature trail through the woods. To get to the nature trail, turn left down the dirt road soon after leaving the cow pasture. You will come to the site of an old cemetery that had to be relocated when the Flood Control Project was built. The nature trail is accessible from the other side of the graveyard and across the stream. The Corps has placed several interpretive markers along the trail that describe the natural history of these woods. Part of it is handicapped accessible.

At the end of the trail, walk down the paved road and keep to the left, where you will come to an observation platform that overlooks part of Elm Brook Pool. This is an ideal location from which to scope the lake for waterfowl, such as Wood Duck, Common Merganser, Ring-necked Duck, Green-winged Teal, and Pied-billed Grebe.

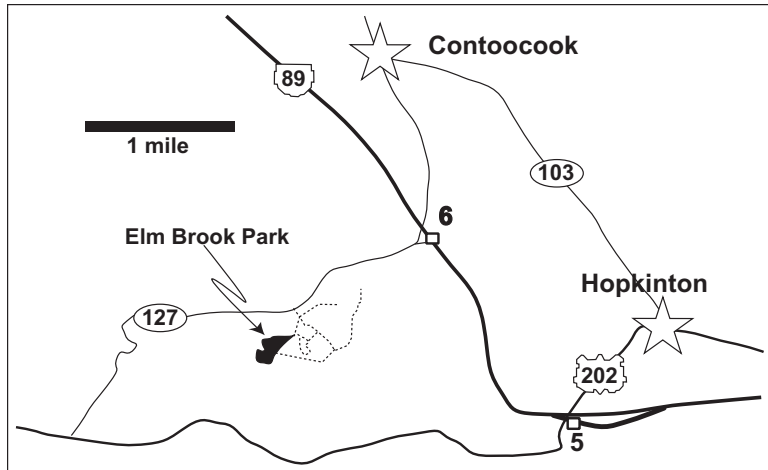
Return to the road and check the beach and surrounding grassy area for shorebirds such as Spotted Sandpiper, Killdeer, and Black-bellied Plover. The lawn behind the beach is a reliable site for White-crowned Sparrow. In October 1998, two Great Egrets perched in the trees on the far side of the lake. Search the patch of weeds between the paved road and the adjacent grassy area. "Sparrow Corner" can be full of sparrows, such as Song, White-throated, Savannah, Swamp, White-crowned, and Lincoln's Sparrows.

A walk through the picnic area under the tall pine trees will undoubtedly turn up more migrant warblers, flycatchers, and kinglets. You may find sparrows, Killdeer, and blackbirds in the adjacent soccer fields. Check the large dike for American Pipit in an area that may remind them of their treeless tundra habitat. Continue walking the dirt road that leads out to a large grassy field. Members of a model airplane club regularly ply their noisy hobby at the far end of this field. Eastern Meadowlarks pass through here on migration, while the wet areas often hide Wilson's Snipe. Here is your chance to search for Ospreys and other raptors in the open sky above. The tall pines are worth checking for owls, or at least their pellets on the ground below the trees.

A walk along the top of the dike can be productive for raptors and ravens and, in late fall, Snow Buntings. The view of the lake and surrounding area is impressive. Access is recommended only from the park entrance road just before the parking lot.

By now you are ready for a rest and a snack. Pull up a chair on the deck of the new ranger station overlooking the soccer fields. One year we saw many Ospreys, Sharp-shinned Hawks, Broad-winged Hawks, and Turkey Vultures pass in a short time.

Autumn is a great time of year to visit Elm Brook Park. A diversity of habitat, open space, and a well-maintained facility combine to make this a recommended destination for an excellent day of birding. Songbirds, shorebirds, waterfowl, and raptors are regular migrants that will easily fill your checklist when you visit this Concord-area hotspot.



To reach Elm Brook Park in Hopkinton, take Exit 6 off I-89 and drive south on Route 127 for one mile. Turn left at the sign and drive straight down the access road to the parking lot. There is a small admission fee to the park in season. You may enter the park even when the fee station is closed after hours and off-season.

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## Ten Years of Banding for MAPS in New Hampton

*by John P. Merrill*



*John P. Merrill banding an Ovenbird*

The 2002 season was my tenth year of banding for MAPS (Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship). MAPS is a project run by the Institute for Bird Populations to analyze bird-banding data collected during the breeding season to identify trends in bird populations. My bird-banding location is off Old Bristol Road in New Hampton. It is a 16-acre wood lot of mixed hardwoods and softwoods with a 100-foot powerline right-of-way across the northern end.

Banding is done using ten 12-meter mist nets in the same location each year. Banding is for six hours, starting within an hour of sunrise and done on any one day of a ten-day period. There are seven ten-day periods from May 31 until August 8.

In ten years we have banded 343 birds of 36 species with 95 recaptures.

Top ten species banded	New	Recaptures*	Recaptures from previous years**
Ovenbird	82	35	17
Wood Thrush	50	17	17
Black-capped Chickadee	24	4	3
Veery	23	17	12
Hermit Thrush	21	4	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	15	5	2
Black-throated Blue Warbler	13	1	
Red-eyed Vireo	12	2	2
Blue Jay	10		
Downy Woodpecker	9		

\* Total birds recaptured during the 10 years.

\*\* Birds recaptured one or more years after initial banding.

Outstanding recaptures:	Banded	Age	Recap.	Age (years)
Black-capped Chickadee	8-17-94	AHY	6-10-00	7+
Red-eyed Vireo	7-30-97	AHY	6-01-02	6+
Ovenbird	6-01-95	AHY	5-29-96	2+
			6-04-97	3+
			6-09-01	7+
			6-19-02	8+

AHY - After Hatch Year

These are probably not record ages, but it is nice to know that some are living to a good old age. The Red-eyed Vireo and the Ovenbird migrate to South America. That is a lot of travel for little birds!

Probably the best bird banded was a Pileated Woodpecker banded 7-30-97, a hatching-year female.

A list of birds encountered, **but not necessarily banded**, on the area was also kept. A total for ten years was 71 species.

- 9 Regular Breeders      Every year.
- 16 Usual Breeders      More than half of the years.
- 17 Occasional Breeders      Less than half of the years.

I would like to thank my helpers: Connie Johnson, who holds a subpermit under me, has helped off and on over the ten years. Kyle Libby has helped run nets for the past four years and has learned to take the birds out of the net. Kyle is thirteen now. Emily Gatehouse has helped run nets this year. We use two-way radios so they can call if they find a bird in a net.

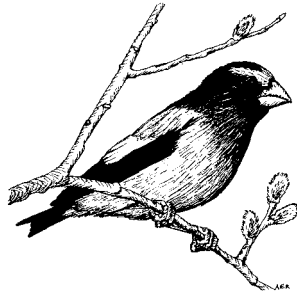
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## Pawtuckaway State Park Breeding Bird Atlas

by Pam Hunt

**M**ost readers of *New Hampshire Bird Records* are probably unfamiliar with the Audubon Society of New Hampshire's "Biodiversity Conservation Project." One goal of this project is to train volunteers to inventory all manner of flora and fauna on the state's conservation lands in order to collect data that may be valuable in the future management of these lands. After a pilot year on a number of Audubon sanctuaries,



*Evening Grosbeak*  
by Andrea Robbins

where work continues, we expanded the project to Pawtuckaway State Park in 2002. Pawtuckaway was chosen because it was also the site of plant and natural-community inventories being conducted by the New Hampshire Natural Heritage Inventory, a division of the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development. Between these two efforts, we are likely to have a very good idea of the park's biodiversity.

Many birders, of course, are already aware of Pawtuckaway's avian diversity. It is the only known breeding site for Cerulean Warblers in the state, has hosted Acadian Flycatchers for several years, and is home to a diverse mix of northern and southern species such as Common Ravens, Evening Grosbeaks, Louisiana Waterthrushes, and Blue-gray Gnatcatchers. There is also a diverse mix of wetlands, ranging from small beaver ponds to Pawtuckaway Lake itself. An intensive survey effort amid such diversity had the potential to turn up some very interesting things indeed.

With all this in mind, I recruited a dozen volunteers and assigned teams of two volunteers each to six of Pawtuckaway's seven "management units." Their task was simple: visit their assigned area several times during the breeding season and document breeding bird activity using the techniques of the *Atlas of Breeding Birds in New Hampshire*. For those of you unfamiliar with atlasing, the basic approach is to use bird behaviors as indicators of their breeding status, ultimately determining each species to be a "Possible," "Probable," or "Confirmed" breeder (in increasing order of certainty).

After almost 500 person hours in the field, these teams turned up an impressive 88 species for the park, 42 of which were confirmed breeders. Most management units contained 60-70 species, a testament to both the observers' tenacity and the rich diversity of forest and wetland habitats at Pawtuckaway. There is certainly not space here to go into the details, so a sampling of highlights will have to suffice. Of those 88 species, 43 were found in five or more management units, and 19 in only one or two. The latter species were either secretive (Whip-poor-will), habitat-specific (Common Loon), or downright rare (Acadian Flycatcher).



*Common Raven* by  
William E. Davis

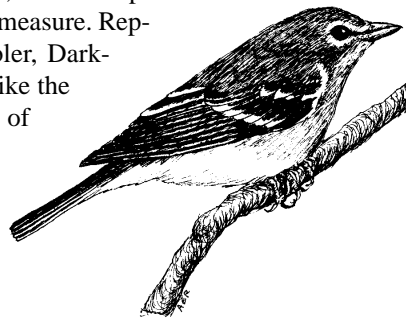
When you look at the data as a whole, Pawtuckaway's reputation as a meeting place for southern and northern species is well-deserved. The Acadian Flycatcher mentioned above was near the site where this southern species has occurred for several years, and which represents the only locality in the state. Not too far away as the crow flies, a pair of Evening Grosbeaks started building a nest, although they apparently did not rear any young in it. This latter sighting represents the southeastern-most nesting record in the state. Pawtuckaway's famous Cerulean Warblers were found in three management units, all in the northwest corner of the park. Between four and six males were resident, but no evidence of breeding was observed (this species was confirmed breeding here in 1995 and 1996).

Southern species that are more widely distributed include Yellow-throated Vireo and Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, with a couple of Red-bellied Woodpeckers thrown in for good measure. Representing the north were Blackburnian Warbler, Dark-eyed Junco, and Northern Parula. The latter, like the Evening Grosbeaks, was observed in the act of nest-building, thus earning the park honors as the state's southernmost nesting site for this species as well. Some other "cool finds" from the summer of 2002 include a small heronry in the northeast corner of the park. These nests are probably the source of the numerous Great Blue Herons found

feeding in various beaver ponds. Whip-poor-wills were heard in the southwest corner when that management unit's team made good use of the park's campground for a weekend. Red-shouldered Hawks, a species of conservation concern in New Hampshire, were reported more often than either their Red-tailed or Broad-winged relatives. Two pairs of loons nested on Pawtuckaway Lake.

I could go on and on, but space is obviously limited. We hope this project will be expanded to other state lands in 2003, so if you're interested in participating please let me know. In addition, it is worth pointing out that projects such as this are closely tied to New Hampshire's new Important Bird Area program (see the Winter 2001-02 issue of *New Hampshire Bird Records*). Potential IBAs will need to be surveyed if data are not already available, and anyone interested in volunteering for such surveys would be welcomed with open arms. It is through projects such as these that our birding avocation can provide important data for conservation, and besides, it gives you an exciting birding project during those summer "doldrums" between spring and fall migration!

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*Yellow-throated Vireo*  
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ASNH	Audubon Society of NH	Rd.	Road
BBC	Brookline Bird Club	Rt.	Route
BBS	Breeding Bird Survey	SF	State Forest
CA	Conservation Area	St. Pk.	State Park
CC	Country Club	SPNHF	Society for the Protection of NH Forests, Concord
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LPC	Loon Preservation Committee	WMNF	White Mountain National Forest
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