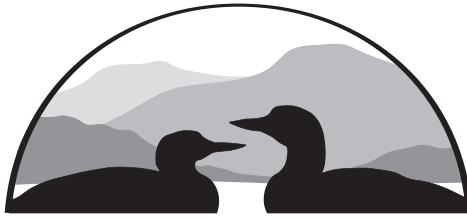


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Squam Lake Bald Eagle by Joe Kabat

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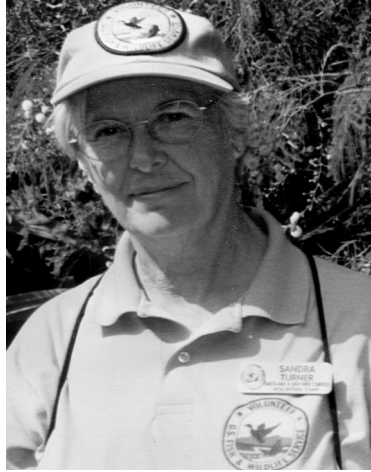
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Photo by Scott Young

2007 Goodhue-Elkins Award

As presented at the New Hampshire Audubon Annual Meeting, June, 2007.

The Goodhue-Elkins Award is given annually by New Hampshire Audubon to recognize an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the study of New Hampshire birds. This award is named for Charles Goodhue, one of New Hampshire's first great birders, and Kimball Elkins, who remains the model for critical observation and insightful record keeping.

This year's recipient is Sandy Turner. Sandy's contribution and commitment to the study and welfare of New Hampshire birds is long and strong. She has been an avid birder here in New Hampshire since the early 1980s. Most importantly, she has transferred that abiding interest into the monitoring and documentation so essential to conservation of our state's bird populations.



Sandy Turner

The list of her contributions is long: winter eagle monitor on Great Bay in the 1980s; participant in New Hampshire Audubon's annual Osprey Weekend; organizer and then president of the Seacoast Chapter; field trip leader who also recruited others to do the same (including Steve Mirick for his first-ever trip!); long-term contributor to *New Hampshire Bird Records*; Regional Coordinator and author for New Hampshire Audubon's Breeding Bird Atlas; and author of *A Year with New England's Birds*.

She and her husband, Mark, were seasonal field biologists for bird surveys in the White Mountain National Forest, for Osprey surveys in the North Country, and eagle monitoring at Lake Umbagog. For the latter, she and Mark took up 24-hour duty soon after Bald Eagles returned to the state to nest after a 40-year DDT-induced absence—returning to the very same nest tree on Lake Umbagog that had, 40 years prior, hosted the state's last pair of nesting eagles. Avid hawk watchers, they also had a hand in setting up the Weeks State Park hawkwatch site, and putting Blue Job on the map as an important hawkwatch site.

Sandy is a longtime Breeding Bird Survey volunteer, with two ongoing routes near her home in Lyman, and she is a longstanding Christmas Bird Count volunteer. Her volunteer work continues with Rusty Blackbird surveys in Pittsburg, and Osprey monitoring along the upper Connecticut River.

Sandy is known for her willingness to step in whenever asked, no matter how short the notice. Carol Foss remembers surveying for endangered species along the proposed Hydro Quebec power lines. One contracted surveyor departed unexpectedly, and Sandy and Mark stepped into the breach, or more exactly into a boat on Moore and Comerford Reservoirs to do eagle surveys. Camping out under the returning eagles was another short-order job. One of Sandy and Mark's rewards for enduring 24-hour bugs and all kinds of weather was a Prothonotary Warbler sighting—in addition

to the thrill of the state's returning eagles. As for the Rusty Blackbirds, Carol was going to do that survey when her husband Flip broke his back. With very short notice, Sandy and Mark took over the survey work.

In recognition of Sandy's contributions to the bird conservation work New Hampshire Audubon is honored to present her with the 2007 Kimball-Elkins Award.

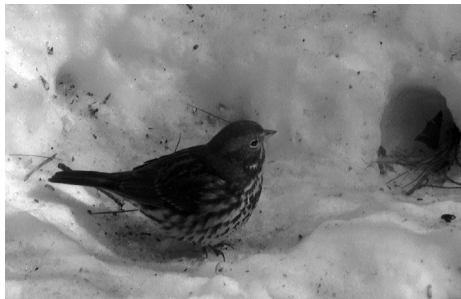
Spring Season

March 1 through May 31, 2007

by Pam Hunt

After a late start to winter, we experienced a colder-than-usual March, almost as if the preceding season felt it hadn't had its fair share of time on the calendar. It was also snowier than normal, and a major storm that began on March 16 was likely behind the remarkable numbers of Fox Sparrows in the southeastern part of the state over the next week (see the article on page 46). Despite largely unseasonable weather, waterfowl migration started gearing up at the end of March, with an amazing concentration of rarities in the lower Connecticut River valley.

April was something of a repeat of March in that it was both colder and snowier than normal. In many parts of the state it was the wettest April in over 100 years, and three major snowstorms brought 30 inches of snow to Sandwich—an unprecedented meteorological event. There was a powerful coastal storm on April 16 bringing flooding or wind damage to several areas of the state. This nor'easter brought **Leach's Storm-Petrels** to Hampton Harbor, and early spring migrants and southeastern vagrants to several locations near the coast. The general cold weather and lack of southerly flows is believed to have retarded the spring arrival of many species. This editor was in western Virginia in late April and noted a similar pattern: both trees and birds were well behind schedule for even that southerly location.



Fox Sparrow by Mark & Roseann Foster, 3/7/07, Alton Bay, NH.



Pam Hunt

May saw a return to something resembling normal weather, whatever that may mean in this era of climate change. There was a particularly warm period on May 9 and 10, which may have helped migrants catch up from their April delays. And then—you guessed it—another period of rain began on May 16. Instead of an intense storm, this time the precipitation was drawn out over several days, and it resulted in a classic “fall-out” of

migrants. Observers who were willing to get wet found large numbers of several species, particularly warblers, that had stopped migrating to rest and feed in the adverse conditions. There were also several inland shorebirds and a remarkable tally of Black Terns, but no repeat of the last two springs' phalarope groundings.

The monthly summaries above provide a good overview of the general trends of the season, but there are always a few notable records that don't quite fit in with these broader seasonal trends. Rather than listing any of the rarities associated with the weather events discussed above, I'll just mention the ones that seem to stand on their own—simple testament to the fact that birds have a tendency to move around and thus show up in unexpected places. This year, the top two birds in this category are **Pacific Loon** and **Prothonotary Warbler**, while **Black Vulture**, **White-eyed Vireo**, and **Clapper Rail** form something of a second tier. For everything else you'll just have to read the species summaries that follow!

Waterfowl

This spring the waterfowl spotlight was on the Connecticut River valley. While it has been generally believed that this westernmost edge of the state was important to ducks and geese in spring, there were relatively few reports to New Hampshire Bird Records to substantiate such claims, especially when compared to the Merrimack River valley and the seacoast. But in 2007, Eric Masterson committed himself to birding more locally, and beginning in February began regular visits to the Connecticut River in Hinsdale. His noteworthy winter finds sparked interest from other birders – both local to the southwest and from elsewhere – and the stage was set for a veritable flood of spring reports.

And what a flood it was. Numbers of waterfowl from the lower Connecticut River in March and early April were simply phenomenal. One of Eric's first finds was an evening roost on the impoundment above Vernon Dam (also known as Lake Wantastiquet*), where presumably birds converged after foraging all day in surrounding fields and wetlands. In a local version of the "Patagonia Picnic Table Effect" (wherein the discovery of a rarity at a location attracts more birders, who in turn find more rarities), the "Hinsdale waterfowl roost" attracted birders who found several notable species in late March, including a **Barnacle Goose**, five **Greater White-fronted Geese**, and two **Cackling Geese**. All three of these species had spent the winter in Rhode Island, and there is a distinct possibility that some or all of the Hinsdale reports are of the same birds on their way north to Arctic breeding grounds. Barnacle Goose is a tricky species here in the Northeast, with many reports attributable to escaped captive birds. However, the species does breed in Greenland and appears to be increasing there. This, plus the possibility of the Rhode Island bird moving north through New Hampshire, makes it likely that the Hinsdale bird will be the first "official" state record for the species. The Greater White-fronted Geese appear to have worked their way north over two weeks, with the last report from Charlestown on March 31. The Connecticut River

* The "Hinsdale setbacks" refers to the lagoons enclosed by phragmites and cattails on the east side of Lake Wantastiquet, above Vernon Dam.



Barnacle Goose by Terry Wright, Connecticut River, Hinsdale, NH.

valley also hosted the bulk of the state's Snow Geese, and impressive numbers of Canada Geese.


Other waterfowl were noted in high numbers in both Hinsdale and upstream in Walpole and/or Charlestown, including Wood Ducks, Gadwall, American Wigeon, and Green-winged Teal. Among the latter were at least two individuals of the Eurasian subspecies, also known as "**Common**" Teal. A male was in Charlestown from March 31 through April 9, while another was in Keene April 9–18. A third "Common Teal" was in East Kingston in mid-March. All of these birds were easily recognized males, and given that waterfowl tend to travel in pairs during spring migration, it's safe to assume there were at least a couple


of females as well, which are identical to the North American females of the species.

There were of course waterfowl elsewhere in the state, and highlights included another **Cackling Goose** in Sandwich, a flock of 22 Brant in Littleton, and an exceptional showing of Northern Shovelers—this year there were at least 13 individuals reported, with four along the Connecticut River and seven in the seacoast area. Ring-necked Ducks congregated as usual at Powwow Pond, but several other water bodies also hosted large flocks, including the Exeter wastewater treatment plant, the Brentwood Mitigation Area wetlands, Pickering Ponds in Rochester, and the Connecticut River in Hinsdale. The only inland sea ducks this spring were a flock of White-winged Scoters on the Moore Reservoir, a smaller flock in Franklin, a single Surf Scoter in Laconia, and four Long-tailed Ducks on Little Squam Lake. Last but not least, the only Ruddy Duck report came from—you guessed it—the Connecticut River. It's worth stressing again how phenomenal the waterfowl migration was in this area. Many thanks to Eric Masterson and Lance Tanino in particular for their meticulous coverage of this area and I hope that the state's western border receives the same exemplary coverage in 2008.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Greater White-fronted Goose				
03-18	5	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
03-22	1	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
03-24	4	Charlestown	Great Meadows	F. Von Mertens
03-31	1	Charlestown	Connecticut R.	E. Masterson
Snow Goose				
03-27	34	Hinsdale	above Vernon Dam, Connecticut R.	S. Mirick, H. Galbraith, et al.
04-07	42	Durham	Rt. 155A fields (Moore)	S. & J. Mirick
04-09	58	Durham	Rt. 155A fields (Moore)	S. Young
04-09	56	Charlestown	Great Meadows	H. Galbraith
04-14	113	Charlestown	Great Meadows	E. Masterson
04-14	1	N. Hampton	Rt. 111A	S. & J. Mirick
05-02	1	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard

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Canada Goose				
03-03	600	Durham	Rt. 155A fields (Moore)	S. & J. Mirick
03-03	500	Stratham	Stuart Farm	S. & J. Mirick
03-09	75	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
03-11	75	N. Hampton	Runnymede Horse Farm	T. Bronson
03-14	350	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	E. Masterson
03-14	270	E. Kingston	Bodwell Farm	S. Mirick
03-18	1600	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
03-23	800	Dover	Strafford County Farm	D. Hubbard
03-24	2500	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
03-27	4000	Hinsdale	above Vernon Dam, Connecticut R.	S. Mirick, H. Galbraith, et al.
03-30	400	Charlestown	wastewater treatment plant & Rt. 12	L. Tanino, A. Clark
03-31	1000	Charlestown	Connecticut River	E. Masterson
03-31	1000	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson, Monadnock Chapter FT
03-31	500	Charlestown	Great Meadows	E. Masterson
03-31	308	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	R. Woodward
04-14	396	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
Cackling Goose				
03-25	2	Hinsdale	above Vernon Dam	T. Wright
04-22	1	Sandwich	Ambrose Gravel Pit, Rt.113	T. Vazzano, S. Wiley
Brant				
03-02	5	Hampton	Hampton Beach St. Pk.	S. Mirick
04-07	7	N. Hampton	North Hampton State Beach	S. & J. Mirick
05-15	28	Rye	Pulpit Rocks	M. & R. Suomala
05-17	22	Monroe	Comerford Dam	B. Bradley
05-22	160	Rye	Ragged Neck	T. Bronson, D. Abbott, M. Pachomski
05-31	4	Hampton	North Beach	S. Mirick
Barnacle Goose				
03-25	1	Hinsdale	Vernon Dam, Connecticut R.	T. Wright, D. Cargill
03-27	1	Hinsdale	above Vernon Dam, Connecticut R.	H. Galbraith, L. Tanino, S. Mirick
Mute Swan				
03-04	20	Portsmouth	Portsmouth Harbor	S. & J. Mirick
03-09	2	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
04-08	1	Concord	Morrill's Farm	P. Hunt
Wood Duck				
03-04	1	Concord	Morrill's Farm	P. Hunt
03-09	7	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
03-18	30	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
03-27	68	Hinsdale	above Vernon Dam, Connecticut R.	S. Mirick, H. Galbraith, et al.
04-04	35	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
04-08	35	Concord	Morrill's Farm	P. Hunt
04-14	121	Walpole	Boggy Meadows	E. Masterson
04-19	40	Canterbury	sod farm off Rt. 93, exit 18	R. & M. Suomala
04-26	48	Concord	Post Office fields	S. Young

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Gadwall				
03-11	2	Tilton	Silver Lake dam	H. Anderson
03-27	6	Hinsdale	above Vernon Dam, Connecticut R.	S. Mirick, H. Galbraith, et al.
04-01	2	Nashua	cove at Millyard	R. Andrews
04-24	1	Concord	Post Office fields	E. Masterson
American Wigeon				
03-11	4	Rye	Rye Harbor area	S. Mirick, R. Suomala, Massachusetts Audubon FT
03-14	7	E. Kingston	Bodwell Farm	S. Mirick
03-15	4	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	E. Masterson
03-17	30	Greenland	Great Bay	S. & J. Mirick
03-24	2	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
03-27	10	Hinsdale	above Vernon Dam, Connecticut R.	S. Mirick, H. Galbraith, et al.
03-28	2	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	D. Hubbard
03-31	1	Westmoreland	River Road	E. Masterson, Monadnock Chapter FT
03-31	2	Charlestown	Connecticut River	E. Masterson
04-03	1	Laconia	Lake Winnisquam from Water St.	H. Anderson
04-14	40	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
04-15	2	Gilford	Lily Pond	H. Anderson
05-01	2	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	S. Young, J. Tyler
American Black Duck				
03-09	100	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
03-27	220	Hinsdale	above Vernon Dam, Connecticut R.	S. Mirick, H. Galbraith, et al.
04-14	24	Charlestown	Rt. 12	E. Masterson
04-14	77	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
04-14	50	Charlestown	Great Meadows	E. Masterson
Mallard/American Black Duck sp.				
03-24	1000	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
Mallard				
03-09	200	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
03-27	102	Hinsdale	above Vernon Dam, Connecticut R.	S. Mirick, H. Galbraith, et al.
04-08	60	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
04-14	26	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
				
				<i>Blue-winged Teal</i> by Scott Young, 4/19/07, Horseshoe Pond, Concord, NH.
Blue-winged Teal				
04-08	1	Concord	Morrill's Farm	P. Hunt
04-17	7	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	E. Masterson
04-18	3	Exeter	Powder House Pond	G. Tillman
04-19	1	Bennington	Contoocook River	E. Masterson
04-19	4	Canterbury	sod farm off Rt. 93, exit 18	R. & M. Suomala
04-21	7	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	R. Woodward
04-23	1	Charlestown	Great Meadows	E. Masterson
05-31	1	Hampton	Meadow Pond	S. Mirick

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<i>Northern Shoveler by Scott Young, 4/10/07, wastewater treatment plant, Exeter, NH.</i>				
Northern Shoveler				
03-23	2	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	G. Tillman
04-08	2	Concord	Morrill's Farm	P. Hunt
04-09	3	Charlestown	Great Meadows	H. Galbraith
04-10	6	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	S. Young
04-11	1	E. Kingston	small pond off Rt. 108	S. Mirick
04-23	2	Charlestown	Great Meadows	E. Masterson
Northern Pintail				
03-09	5	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
03-24	14	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
03-27	1	Durham	Rt. 155A fields (Moore)	R. Suomala, P. Hunt
03-27	44	Hinsdale	above Vernon Dam, Connecticut R.	S. Mirick, H. Galbraith, et al.
03-30	20	Charlestown	wastewater treatment plant & Rt. 12	L. Tanino, A. Clark
04-14	3	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
04-14	6	Charlestown	Great Meadows	E. Masterson
04-17	1	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	E. Masterson
04-19	1	Greenland	Sunset Farm on Great Bay	S. Mirick
Green-winged Teal				
03-04	7	Bennington	Rt. 202	E. Masterson
03-14	3	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	E. Masterson
03-14	12	E. Kingston	Bodwell Farm	S. Mirick
03-15	24	E. Kingston	Bodwell Farm	D. Donsker
03-27	24	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	G. Tillman
03-27	226	Hinsdale	above Vernon Dam, Connecticut R.	S. Mirick, H. Galbraith, et al.
03-31	16	Charlestown	Great Meadows	E. Masterson
03-31	100	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson, Monadnock Chapter FT
04-06	13	Brentwood	Deerhill WMA	T. Bronson
04-08	60	Concord	Morrill's Farm	P. Hunt
04-14	25	Charlestown	Rt. 12	E. Masterson
04-14	120	Charlestown	Great Meadows	E. Masterson
04-23	210	Charlestown	Great Meadows	E. Masterson
05-05	25	Newmarket	Lubberland Creek preserve	S. & J. Mirick, TNC FT
05-05	24	Hampton	Meadow Pond	S. & J. Mirick
Green-winged Teal-Eurasian subsp. "Common Teal"				
03-14	1	E. Kingston	Bodwell Farm	S. Mirick
03-15	1	E. Kingston	Bodwell Farm	D. Donsker
03-31	1	Charlestown	Great Meadows	E. Masterson
04-09	1	Charlestown	Great Meadows	H. Galbraith
04-18	1	Keene	Krif Rd. cornfield wetland	L. Tanino
Canvasback				
04-19	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick

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Ring-necked Duck				
03-09	5	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
03-11	1	Laconia	Winnepesaukee R. behind Martel's Sport Shop	H. Anderson
03-14	125	Kingston	Powwow Pond	S. Mirick
03-15	196	Kingston	Powwow Pond	D. Donsker
03-18	73	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	T. Bronson, L. Medlock
03-18	41	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
03-24	114	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
03-27	124	Brentwood	Deerhill WMA	T. Bronson
03-28	50	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	S. Young
03-28	100	Salem	World End Pond	K. Folsom
03-31	37	Charlestown	Connecticut River	E. Masterson
03-31	60	Northwood	Northwood Lake	S. Young
04-02	58	Northwood	Northwood Lake	S. Young
04-05	27	Surry	Surry Mountain Lake	L. Tanino
04-05	90	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	G. Tillman
04-06	140	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	T. Bronson
04-06	190	Brentwood	Deerhill WMA	T. Bronson
04-08	200	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
04-10	250	Hinsdale	Hinsdale setbacks	H. Galbraith
04-11	140	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
04-17	170	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
04-17	120	Gilford	Lily Pond	H. Anderson
04-20	12	Moultonborough	Unsworth Preserve	T. Vazzano
04-22	41	Dover	Bellamy River WMA	S. Young
04-29	68	Errol	Androscoggin R., between Rt. 16 & Lake Umbagog	M. & R. Suomala
05-05	1	Brentwood	Deerhill WMA	T. Bronson, Seacoast Chapter FT
Greater Scaup				
03-14	340	Stratham	Great Bay, Sandy Pt. Discovery Ctr.	S. Young
04-05	2	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	E. Masterson
04-15	5	Gilford	Lily Pond	H. Anderson
04-15	7	N. Hampton	Little Boars Head	S. & J. Mirick
04-17	1	Bennington	flooded field, Rt. 202	E. Masterson
04-29	1	Errol	Sweat Meadows	M. & R. Suomala
04-30	3	Rye	Eel Pond	T. Bronson
05-26	1	Hampton	North Beach	S. & J. Mirick
Lesser Scaup				
03-13	4	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	S. Young
03-18	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	T. Bronson, L. Medlock
03-18	3	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
04-07	2	Rye	Eel Pond	S. & J. Mirick
04-17	14	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
04-29	6	Errol	Sweat Meadows	R. & M. Suomala
King Eider				
04-07	1	Hampton	Bicentennial Park	S. & J. Mirick
Common Eider				
03-04	127		NH coast	S. & J. Mirick
05-28	74	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. & M. Hayward

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Surf Scoter				
03-04	173		NH coast	S. & J. Mirick
04-15	1	Laconia	Lake Opechee	H. Anderson
05-22	225	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. & M. Hayward
05-31	50	Hampton	most off North Beach	S. Mirick
White-winged Scoter				
03-04	214		NH coast	S. & J. Mirick
05-18	120	Monroe	Comerford Dam	E. Emery
05-19	14	Franklin	Webster Lake	R. Quinn
05-31	50	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. & M. Hayward, S. Burbidge
Black Scoter				
03-04	29		NH coast	S. & J. Mirick
05-31	75	Hampton	most off North Beach	S. Mirick
Long-tailed Duck				
03-04	64		NH coast	S. & J. Mirick
04-27	50	Hampton	s. of Great Boars Head	T. Bronson
05-18	4	Ashland	Little Squam Lake	I. MacLeod
05-31	1	Hampton	North Beach	S. Mirick
Bufflehead				
03-04	40		NH coast	S. & J. Mirick
04-29	10	Errol	Androscoggin R., between Rt. 16 & Lake Umbagog	M. & R. Suomala
05-02	16	Manchester	Lake Massabesic	E. Masterson
Common Goldeneye				
03-04	63		NH coast	S. & J. Mirick
03-04	107	Concord	Sewalls Falls	P. Hunt
03-09	114	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
03-15	196	Kingston	Powwow Pond	D. Donsker
03-24	100	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
04-19	30	Errol	below Androscoggin R. dam	D. Killam
04-29	25	Errol	Androscoggin R. dam	M. & R. Suomala
Barrow's Goldeneye				
03-04	1	Concord	Sewalls Falls	P. Hunt
03-15	1	Manchester	Stark Landing, Merrimack R.	L. Hansche
04-07	1	Rye	Foss Beach, north end	S. & J. Mirick
Hooded Merganser				
03-09	71	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
03-14	11	Kingston	Powwow Pond	S. & J. Mirick
03-22	16	Auburn	Clairs Landing, Lake Massabesic	T. Bronson
03-24	50	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
04-08	4	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
04-11	12	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
Common Merganser				
03-09	20	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
03-14	18	Kingston	Powwow Pond	S. Mirick
03-24	50	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
03-28	21	Northwood	Northwood Lake	S. Young
04-08	38	Concord	Morrill's Farm	P. Hunt

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Common Merganser—continued				
04-13	25	Swanzey	Wilson Pond	L. Tanino
04-17	24	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
04-28	11	Chesterfield	Spofford Lake	E. Masterson
05-09	14	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	P. Newbern
Red-breasted Merganser				
03-04	36		NH coast	S. & J. Mirick
04-14	89		NH coast	S. & J. Mirick
05-27	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. & M. Hayward
Ruddy Duck				
05-18	1	Hinsdale	Hinsdale setbacks	G. Seymour

Loons through Cranes

A highlight for a few lucky coastal birders was a breeding-plumaged **Pacific Loon** in Rye, providing the state with its first spring record. The first inland Common Loon of the season was earlier than usual in late March. There were no large concentrations of this species inland. After no inland reports last spring, Horned and Red-necked Grebes were again reported away from the coast. High counts for the former came from Lake Massabesic and Spofford Lake, a traditional waterfowl location that hadn't received much coverage until the recent increase in reporting from the southwest. The winter's **Eared Grebe** lingered into March, although it appears to have shifted north from the Seal Rocks location it frequented through mid-February.

The strong coastal storm in mid-April forced five **Leach's Storm-Petrels** into Hampton Harbor, where several stalwart birders were able to see and photograph them in the rain. This species is usually seen far out to sea, and most New Hampshire records are from the fall. Tern biologists on the Isles of Shoals reported both a Manx Shearwater and two Wilson's Storm-Petrels in mid-May at this location where such pelagic species are more expected. Terry Bronson was once again on the coast for significant northward movements of Double-crested Cormorants, this time in late April and late May. Last year he recorded 205 on May 4, and an impressive 1,006 on May 27, 2005.

A Great Egret in Rye on March 11 set a new record early date for the state. While the Snowy Egret on April 7 was not a record, it is indicative of a trend toward earlier arrival in this species as well. This year's Cattle Egret was, appropriately enough, in southwestern New Hampshire, as was the only documented **Black Vulture**. Two other Black Vultures were reported without details, and while both are likely, documentation is still critical for this species as sightings continue to increase in the state. Hawks don't usually make much news in spring, since they don't occur in migrating groups anywhere near as large as in the fall. A clear exception was a **Mississippi Kite** flying over a road in Kensington, marking the fourth report in the last four years. This bird was quite likely brought to the state by the April nor'easter. This species appears to be increasing in the southeastern U.S. and occurs with some regularity as a spring vagrant in Massachusetts. Like the previous records in New Hampshire, this bird was

seen by only one observer, and thus remains on the state's "hypothetical" list (as per the guidelines of the state Rare Birds Committee). A Rough-legged Hawk migrating over Center Harbor was in a part of the state with few spring records.

Rails were again reported in good numbers from several parts of the state. Topping the list was a **Clapper Rail** in the Hampton salt marshes, but a Virginia Rail on the Isles of Shoals is a close second. The increasingly scarce Sora had an exceptional showing, with eight birds from six locations. The only Common Moorhen this year spent a week in Concord, and two American Coots had extended stays in Hinsdale and Brentwood. The still-single Sandhill Crane returned to Monroe for a ninth year, and others were reported from Portsmouth, Gilmanon, and Hillsborough.



Common Moorhen, by Mark Suomala, Horseshoe Pond, Concord, 2007.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Red-throated Loon				
03-04	6		NH coast	S. & J. Mirick
05-20	16		NH coast	S. & J. Mirick
Pacific Loon				
05-15	1	Rye	Pulpit Rocks	D. Finch, R. Rickard, S. Mirick, M. & R. Suomala
Common Loon				
03-04	123		NH coast	S. & J. Mirick
03-24	1	Tilton	Lake Winnisquam	M. Schultz
04-11	5	Auburn	Lake Massabesic	E. Masterson
04-13	2	Concord	Turtle Pond	P. Hunt
04-14	3	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
04-14	49		NH coast	S. & J. Mirick
Pied-billed Grebe				
03-17	1	Kingston	Powwow Pond	S. & J. Mirick
04-06	2	Brentwood	Deerhill WMA	T. Bronson
04-10	2	Hinsdale	Hinsdale setbacks	H. Galbraith
04-11	1	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
04-13	1	Concord	South End Marsh	P. Hunt
04-15	1	Laconia	Lake Winnisquam, off Fenton Ave.	H. Anderson
04-25	8	Brentwood	Deerhill WMA	S. Young
04-29	1	Errol	Lake Umbagog, Chewonki Marsh	R. & M. Suomala
05-13	1	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	P. Newbern
05-27	1	Northwood	Doles Marsh	S. Young
Horned Grebe				
03-04	25		NH coast	S. & J. Mirick
04-14	58		NH coast	S. & J. Mirick
04-26	1	Northwood	Northwood Lake	S. Young
04-28	11	Chesterfield	Spofford Lake	E. Masterson
05-02	1	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	M. Amaral
05-02	13	Manchester	Lake Massabesic	E. Masterson
05-29	1	Rye	NH coast	G. Tillman

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Red-necked Grebe				
03-04	66		NH coast	S. & J. Mirick
04-07	110		NH coast	S. & J. Mirick
04-11	1	Auburn	Lake Massabesic	E. Masterson
04-15	1	Laconia	Lake Opechee	H. Anderson
04-19	1	Hinsdale	Connecticut R. above Vernon Dam	H. Galbraith
04-25	3	Hinsdale	Hinsdale setbacks	H. Galbraith
04-29	2	Errol	Lake Umbagog	R. & M. Suomala
05-02	1	Manchester	Lake Massabesic	E. Masterson
05-20	1	Laconia	Lake Winnisquam	I. MacLeod
05-26	1	Rye	Rye Ledge	S. & J. Mirick
Eared Grebe				
03-14	1	Rye	Pulpit Rocks	B. Griffith
Manx Shearwater				
05-17	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. & M. Hayward
Wilson's Storm-Petrel				
05-18	2	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. & M. Hayward
Leach's Storm-Petrel				
04-16	5	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	S. Mirick, E. Masterson, J. O'Shaughnessy
Double-crested Cormorant				
03-30	6	Rye	Eel Pond	T. Bronson
03-30	1	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	S. Mirick
03-31	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	D. Donsker, NHA FT
04-14	3	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
04-14	3	Concord	Morrill's Farm	P. Hunt
04-15	201	N. Hampton	Little Boars Head	S. & J. Mirick
04-15	14	Gilford	Lily Pond	H. Anderson
04-18	150	Exeter	Swampscott R. & Powder House Pond	T. Bronson
04-22	403		NH coast	S. & J. Mirick
04-28	2	Cambridge	Androscoggin R.	M. & R. Suomala
04-30	1419		NH coast	T. Bronson
05-01	5	Northumberland	Connecticut R. backwaters	D. Killam
05-22	1050		NH coast	T. Bronson, D. Abbott, M. Pachomski
Great Cormorant				
03-04	26		NH coast	S. & J. Mirick
04-21	1	Hinsdale	Hinsdale setbacks	H. Galbraith
04-28	1	Concord	Post Office fields	R. Quinn
American Bittern				
04-14	1	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	S. & J. Mirick
04-19	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	H. Chary
04-29	1	Weare	Sugar Hill Rd. South	P. Newbern
Great Egret				
03-11	1	Rye	Rye Harbor area	S. Mirick, R. Suomala, Massachusetts Audubon FT
04-07	5		NH coast	S. & J. Mirick
05-09	1	Hopkinton	Elm Brook Pk.	M. & R. Suomala

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05-20	1	Whitefield	Airport Marsh	B. Bradley
05-23	1	Concord	South End Marsh	R. Quinn

Snowy Egret

04-07	1	Rye	marsh off Rt. 1A	S. & J. Mirick
05-03	1	Fremont	Martin Rd.	T. Bronson

Little Blue Heron

04-28	2	Rye	Awcomin Marsh	S. & J. Mirick
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Cattle Egret

04-24	1	Keene	Keene State Athletic facility rd.	L. Tanino
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Green Heron

04-25	1	Brentwood	Deerhill WMA	S. Young
04-29	1	Rye	small pond near Cable Rd.	D. & T. Donsker
05-05	3	Newmarket	Lubberland Creek Preserve	H. Chary, TNC FT
05-12	2	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard, Seacoast Chapter FT
05-12	2	Keene	Target parking lot	C. Seifer
05-26	2	Hinsdale	Hinsdale setbacks	L. Tanino, K. Klapper, C. Seifer, T. Wansleben

Black-crowned Night-Heron

04-07	1	Seabrook	off Worthely Road	S. & J. Mirick
04-20	1	Concord	Contoocook Island	P. Hunt
05-12	1	Hampton	Meadow Pond	S. & J. Mirick, A. Ablowich
05-20	1	Charlestown	Rt. 12	E. Masterson
05-26	1	Hinsdale	Hinsdale setbacks	C. Seifer, L. Tanino



Glossy Ibis by Carolyn Kelleher, 4/16/07, Portsmouth, NH.

Glossy Ibis

04-16	5	Portsmouth	Peverly Hill Road	S. Mirick
04-18	1	Epping	Martin Rd. at Fremont Rd.	T. Bronson
04-21	6	Greenland	Sunset Farm on Great Bay	S. Mirick, NHA FT
05-09	4	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	G. Tillman

Black Vulture

04-17	2	Hinsdale	over woods to s. of Hinsdale	H. Galbraith
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Osprey

03-30	1	Newmarket	Bay Road nest site	S. Mirick
03-30	1	Greenland	soaring over Rt. 133	S. Mirick
03-31	1	Derry	Ezekiel Pond	P. & A. Margum
03-31	2	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	D. Donsker, NHA FT
04-01	1	Keene	North Court St. ballfields	L. Tanino

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Mississippi Kite				
04-24	1	Kensington	Rt. 108, about 0.1 mi. s. of Rt. 150	D. Finch
Northern Harrier				
03-11	1	Barrington	Warren Farm	S. Young
03-14	1	S. Hampton	Highland Rd.	G. Gavutis Jr.
03-14	1	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	S. Young
04-07	1	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
04-08	2	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
04-08	1	Concord	Morrill's Farm	P. Hunt
04-11	2	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	S. Young
04-18	2	E. Kingston	South Rd. & Rt. 108 s. of Sanborn Rd.	T. Bronson
04-21	1	Swanzy	Dillant-Hopkins Airport	L. Tanino, C.& C. Seifer
04-29	1	Errol	near Sweat & Harpers Meadows	M.& R. Suomala
05-05	1	Columbia	residence	D. Killam
Red-shouldered Hawk				
03-17	1	Merrimack	YMCA	T. Young, A. Tarry
03-19	1	Fremont	Taylor Lane	T. Bronson
03-20	1	Hampton	Island Path	T. Bronson
03-23	1	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
03-24	1	Windham	Nottingham Rd.	J. Romano
Broad-winged Hawk				
03-31	1	Westmoreland	River Road	E. Masterson, Monadnock Chapter FT
04-30	10	Concord	NHA McLane Center	R. Suomala, C. Martin, et al.
05-01	6	Brentwood	Deerhill WMA	S. Young, J. Tyler
Rough-legged Hawk				
03-04	1	Seabrook	Rt. 286	S.& J. Mirick
04-04	1	Center Harbor	Coe Hill Rd.	J. Merrill
Golden Eagle				
03-08	1	Westmoreland	River Rd. along Connecticut R.	R. Ritz
American Kestrel				
03-01		Chester	Town Farm Rd.	B. Folsom
03-17	1	Greenland	Great Bay Road	S.& J. Mirick
03-18	1	Charlestown	wastewater treatment plant	E. Masterson
03-22	1	Westmoreland	Rt. 63 & Goodruns Crossroad	R. Ritz
Merlin				
03-15	2	Keene	S. Lincoln & Church Sts.	D. Moon
04-28	1	Errol	near cemetery in town center	M.& R. Suomala
05-12	1	Concord	Horseshoe Pond loop	R. Quinn
05-16	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D.& M. Hayward
Clapper Rail				
05-19	1	Hampton	Little Jack's Restaurant	J. O'Shaughnessy
05-20	1	Hampton	Little Jack's Restaurant	G. Tillman, L. Medlock, R. Frechette
05-22	1	Hampton	Little Jack's Restaurant	T. Bronson, D. Abbott, M. Pachomski
05-25	1	Hampton	Little Jack's Restaurant	M.Suomala, et al.

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Virginia Rail				
04-21	1	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	S. Mirick, NHA FT
05-03	1	Hinsdale	Hinsdale setbacks	H. Galbraith
05-05	2	Newmarket	Lubberland Creek preserve	S.& J. Mirick, TNC FT
05-09	1	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
05-13	1	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	A.& M. Vernon
05-13	2	Concord	South End Marsh loop	R. Quinn
05-16	2	Canterbury	sod farm wetland off Rt. 93, exit 18	M. Suomala
05-17	1	Raymond	rail trail marsh e. of powerline	T. Bronson
05-22	1	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	T. Bronson, D. Abbott, M. Pachomski
05-22	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D.& M. Hayward
05-25	2	Sandwich	Thompson WS	R. Ridgley, T. Vazzano
05-26	1	Concord	Locke Road marsh	P. Hunt, J. Kanter
05-27	1	Peterborough	marsh on Rt. 202 north	R. Frechette, S. Spangenberg
05-28	2	Lee	Gile Rd. marsh	S. Young
Sora				
05-12	2	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard, Seacoast Chapter FT
05-20	1	Brentwood	Deerhill WMA	S. McGrath, Newburyport Birders FT
05-26	1	Hinsdale	Hinsdale setbacks	L. Tanino, C. Seifer
05-26	1	Epping	North River Rd. beaver bog	G. Tillman
05-27	1	Peterborough	marsh on Rt. 202 north	R. Frechette, S. Spangenberg
05-29	2	Whitefield	Pondicherry WS	S. Young
Common Moorhen				
04-25	1	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	E. Masterson
05-01	1	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	E. Masterson
American Coot				
03-09	1	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
03-22	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
04-17	2	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
05-12	1	Rye	Eel Pond	S.& J. Mirick, A. Ablowich
05-14	1	Brentwood	Deerhill WMA	T. Bronson
05-28	1	Brentwood	Deerhill WMA	G. Prazar
Sandhill Crane				
03-31	1	Monroe	Plains Rd.	
04-14	2	Portsmouth	over Pease Golf Course	S.& J. Mirick
04-24	1	Gilmanton	Halls Hill Rd. cornfield	B.& N. Abbott, M.& A. McCullough
04-27	1	Gilmanton	Halls Hill Rd. cornfield	H. Anderson
05-01	1	Gilmanton	Halls Hill Rd. cornfield	B.& N. Abbott, M.& A. McCullough
05-21	1	Hillsborough	over Hillsborough landfill	M. Marchand

Shorebirds through Alcids

A combination of rain and increased coverage in the southwest portion of the state resulted in several noteworthy records of inland shorebirds. These include a Black-bellied Plover in Charlestown, Semipalmated Plovers in several locations, lots of Lesser Yellowlegs in the Connecticut River valley, two sightings of Semipalmated Sandpiper, Short-billed Dowitcher in the Lakes Region, and a remarkable three Dunlin. Upland Sandpipers were reported from the state's only known breeding area at the Pease International Tradeport, but more notable were reports of single individuals, presumably migrants, from three other locations in the state. Along the coast, shorebird migration was relatively uneventful, albeit punctuated by a single Red Knot.



Upland Sandpiper by Barbara Delorey, 4/23/07, Chester, NH.

It was an excellent spring for the **American Oystercatcher**, a species that is slowly increasing in the Gulf of Maine and which has become almost annual in New Hampshire. The first was reported from the Hampton Harbor flats on May 20, and another observer reported two (although without details) from Great Boars Head later the same day. At the end of the month the same or different "pair" made an appearance at the Isles of Shoals. During the first half of April, birders in southern New Hampshire reported some impressive single-flock counts of Wilson's Snipe.

At least two Little Gulls were reported on the coast. Neither age nor plumage was noted for the bird at Odiorne Point State Park, making it impossible to determine if it was that same bird seen at Jenness Beach a few days earlier. The only Black-headed Gull reported was the first-year bird that spent the winter at the Rochester wastewater treatment plant. The spring total for Lesser Black-backed Gull was around five, all but one of which was an adult. A Black-legged Kittiwake at the Isles of Shoals at the end of May is a late date for this northern-breeding species. It was nicely juxtaposed with the season's only Caspian Tern, a southern species, at the same location a few days earlier.

But the big tern news came from inland. During the rainy period in mid-May, a remarkable 24 Black Terns were reported across the state, with the majority from the northern portion of the state. A Common Tern in Concord was remarkably the first record for the city, despite extensive historical coverage by the likes of F.B. White and Tudor Richards and a current cadre of locals committed to covering the capital city as thoroughly as possible. A Razorbill lingered until late May at the Isles of Shoals, but the alcid of the spring was a Thick-billed Murre that spent most of May off Great Boars Head in Hampton.

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Black-bellied Plover				
05-14	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. & M. Hayward
05-17	14	Seabrook	Rt. 286	S. Young
05-20	1	Charlestown	Great Meadows	E. Masterson
05-20	20	Seabrook	Yankee Fisherman's Coop.	G. Tillman, M. Hatfield, D. Wendelken, L. Medlock
05-29	1	Charlestown	Great Meadows	L. Tanino
Semipalmated Plover				
05-15	7	Seabrook	Cross Beach Rd.	T. Bronson
05-15	5	Rye	Ragged Neck	T. Bronson
05-15	2	Concord	Post Office fields	R. Quinn
05-18	3	Surry	Surry Mountain Lake	L. Tanino
05-20	3	Charlestown	Great Meadows	E. Masterson
05-20	1	Ashland	wastewater treatment plant	I. MacLeod
05-22	100	Seabrook	Seabrook Harbor	T. Bronson, D. Abbott, M. Pachomski
05-24	6	Deering	Second NH Turnpike Rd.	E. Masterson
05-26	7	Surry	Surry Mountain Lake	L. Tanino, K. Klapper, C. Seifer, T. Wansleben
05-26	1	Hopkinton	Elm Brook Park	R. Quinn, S. Parkinson
05-26	25	Seabrook	Cross Beach Rd.	E. Masterson
Piping Plover				
03-31	1	Hampton	Hampton Beach St. Pk.	S. & J. Mirick
04-30	3	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	T. Bronson
Killdeer				
03-03	1	Kingston	Little River Rd. dairy farm	T. Bronson
03-03	4	Durham	Rt. 155A fields (Moore)	S. & J. Mirick
03-13	1	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	E. Masterson
03-14	9	Fremont	Martin Rd.	T. Bronson
03-16	15	Concord	Post Office fields	E. Masterson
03-30	21	Concord	Post Office fields	E. Masterson
04-10	30	N. Hampton	Runnymede Farm	D. Donsker
04-18	17	Keene	Krif Road	L. Tanino
American Oystercatcher				
05-20	2	Hampton	Great Boars Head, s. side	D. Wendelken, G. Tillman, L. Medlock
05-20	1	Seabrook	s. side of Hampton Harbor	S. & J. Mirick
05-31	2	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. & M. Hayward, S. Burbidge
Greater Yellowlegs				
03-30	1	Seabrook	Rt. 286 pans	P. McKinley
04-16	2	Greenland	Portsmouth Ave. w. of Rt. 33	T. Bronson
04-16	8	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	E. Masterson
04-24	1	Concord	Post Office fields	E. Masterson
04-25	1	Keene	Krif Road	L. Tanino
04-28	1	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
Lesser Yellowlegs				
04-16	1	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	E. Masterson
04-24	1	Concord	Post Office fields	E. Masterson

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Lesser Yellowlegs—continued				
04-24	1	Keene	Krif Road	L. Tanino
04-28	2	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
04-28	4	Keene	Krif Road	L. Tanino
05-02	12	Exeter	Swampscott River	T. Bronson
05-09	2	Hopkinton	Elm Brook Pk.	M.& R. Suomala
05-12	5	Surry	Joslin Road quarry	L. Tanino, C. Seifer
05-16	1	Deering	Second NH Turnpike Rd.	E. Masterson
Solitary Sandpiper				
04-28	3	Keene	Krif Road	L. Tanino
05-02	1	Lee	Gile Rd. marsh	S. Young
05-06	1	Washington	Pillsbury St. Pk.	P. Newbern
05-08	6	Surry	Surry Mountain Lake	C. Seifer
05-13	2	Whitefield	airport, road to e. end of runway	R. Suomala, J. Klett
Willet				
04-28	1	Rye	Awcomin Marsh	S.& J. Mirick
05-20	2	Hampton	Yankee Fisherman's Coop	G. Tillman, M. Hatfield, D. Wendelken, L. Medlock
05-29	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D.& M. Hayward
Spotted Sandpiper				
04-26	1	Auburn	Massabesic Lake	R. Andrews
04-28	1	Concord	Post Office fields	R. Quinn
05-01	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	S. Young, J. Tyler
05-03	2	Nottingham	Mulligan Forest	S. Young
05-03	3	Epping	Two Rivers CA	G. Tillman
Upland Sandpiper				
04-23	1	Chester	Hillside Haven	A.& B. Delorey
04-28	2	Portsmouth	Pease Int'l. Tradeport	S.& J. Mirick
04-30	1	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	R. Quinn, M.& R. Suomala
05-16	1	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	E. Masterson
05-17	3	Newington	Great Bay NWR	S. Young
05-20	1	Dover	Bellamy R. WMA	M. Suomala, L. Burton
Ruddy Turnstone				
05-22	4	Rye	Ragged Neck	T. Bronson, D. Abbott, M. Pachomski
05-26	1	Seabrook	south of Cross Beach Rd.	E. Masterson
Red Knot				
05-26	1	Rye	near Rt. 1A wooden bridge	S.& J. Mirick
Sanderling				
04-30	10	Hampton	Hampton Harbor inlet s. side	T. Bronson
05-01	50	Hampton	Hampton Harbor inlet s. side	S. Mirick
Semipalmated Sandpiper				
05-09	9	Fremont	Martin Rd.	T. Bronson
05-11	1	N. Hampton	Little River Salt Marsh	S. Young, J. Tyler
05-20	2	Ashland	wastewater treatment plant	I. MacLeod
05-26	30	Seabrook	Cross Beach Rd.	E. Masterson
05-26	1	Hopkinton	Elm Brook Park	R. Quinn, S. Parkinson

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Least Sandpiper				
04-30	2	Hampton	Henry's pool, Rt. 101E by pumphouse	T. Bronson
05-02	1	Exeter	Swampscott River	T. Bronson
05-02	1	Concord	Post Office fields	E. Masterson
05-08	2	Surry	Surry Mountain Lake	C. Seifer
05-09	25	Hopkinton	Elm Brook Pk.	M.& R. Suomala
05-11	8	Surry	Surry Mountain Lake	L. Tanino
05-16	17	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	E. Masterson
05-17	80	Rye	Rye Harbor area	S. Young
05-20	27	Charlestown	Great Meadows	E. Masterson
05-22	30	Hampton	Great Boars Head, n. side	T. Bronson, D. Abbott, M. Pachomski
05-22	20	Keene	Krif Road	L. Tanino
05-30	2	Deering	Second NH Turnpike Rd.	E. Masterson



Purple Sandpiper
by Scott Young, 5/17/07,
Rye Harbor, NH.

Purple Sandpiper

03-31	106		NH coast	S.& J. Mirick
05-01	100	Hampton	Hampton Harbor inlet s. side	S. Mirick
05-17	220	Rye	Rye Harbor area	S. Young
05-31	12		NH coast	S. Mirick

Dunlin

03-04	180	Hampton	Bicentennial Park	S.& J. Mirick
05-01	225	Hampton	Hampton Harbor inlet s. side	S. Mirick
05-19	1	Hopkinton	Elm Brook Park beach area	T.& B. Richards
05-20	1	Keene	Krif Road	E. Masterson
05-20	3	Charlestown	Rt. 12	E. Masterson

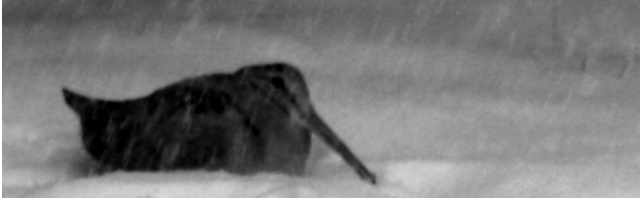
Short-billed Dowitcher

05-20	1	Seabrook	Yankee Fisherman's Coop	G. Tillman, M. Hatfield, D. Wendelken, L. Medlock
05-22	1	Charlestown	Lower & Great Meadows	L. Tanino, A. Clark
05-22	10	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	T. Bronson, D. Abbott, M. Pachomski
05-24	2	Holderness	Squam Lake (Loon Island)	I. MacLeod

Wilson's Snipe

03-04	1	Bennington	Route 202	E. Masterson
03-14	6	Fremont	Martin Rd.	T. Bronson
03-27	3	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	E. Masterson
03-31	14	Greenland	off Newington Road	S.& J. Mirick
04-05	24	Keene	Krif Road	L. Tanino
04-09	49	N. Hampton	Runnymede Farm	D.& T. Donsker
04-11	53	Greenland	Great Bay Farm vicinity	S. Mirick, R. Suomala
04-13	31	Fremont	Martin Rd.	T. Bronson
04-17	52	N. Hampton	Little River Salt Marsh	S. Young

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*American Woodcock by
Tom & Sherri Larson,
3/16/07, Goffstown, NH.*

American Woodcock

03-14	1	Chester	Hillside Haven	A. & B. Delorey
03-16	1	Goffstown		T. & S. Larson
03-24	1	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
03-25	3	Gilsum	Hammond Hill Rd.	M. Wright
03-27	5	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano

Laughing Gull

04-16	1	Portsmouth	wastewater treatment plant, Corporate Dr.	T. Bronson
04-16	1	N. Hampton	Little Boars Head	D. & T. Donsker
04-19	1	Rye	Jeness Beach	S. Mirick

Little Gull

04-16	1	N. Hampton	Rt. 1A cove at Rye town line	E. Masterson
05-20	1	Rye	Jeness Beach	S. & J. Mirick
05-26	1	Rye	Odiorne Point St. Pk.	S. & J. Mirick

Black-headed Gull

03-06	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	L. & P. Sunderland
04-11	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	D. Hubbard

Bonaparte's Gull

04-16	250		NH coast	E. Masterson
04-19	160	Rye	Jeness Beach	S. Mirick
04-26	1	Manchester	Lake Massabesic	E. Masterson
04-27	1	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	E. Masterson
04-29	3	Chesterfield	Spofford Lake	L. Tanino, C. Seifer
05-02	1	Manchester	Lake Massabesic	E. Masterson
05-13	3	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
05-16	1	Deering	Second NH Turnpike Rd.	E. Masterson
05-19	1	Franklin	Webster Lake	R. Quinn
05-22	200	New Castle	Piscataqua River	T. Bronson, D. Abbott, M. Pachomski

Iceland Gull

03-02	1	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor parking lot	S. Mirick
03-04	1	Nashua	Salmon Brook	E. Masterson
03-22	5	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
04-22	1	Exeter	Powderhouse Pond	S. & J. Mirick
04-30	3	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	D. Hubbard

Lesser Black-backed Gull

03-18	1	Newmarket	Town Landing	T. Bronson
04-04	1	Madbury	Bellamy Reservoir	S. Mirick
04-19	3	Rochester	Pickering Ponds & wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
04-24	1	Rye	Frost Point, Odiorne Point St. Pk.	S. Mirick

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Glaucous Gull				
04-11	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	D. Hubbard
Black-legged Kittiwake				
05-27	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D.& M. Hayward
Caspian Tern				
05-24	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D.& M. Hayward
Roseate Tern				
05-14	2	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D.& M. Hayward
05-30	50	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D.& M. Hayward
Common Tern				
05-13	1500	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D.& M. Hayward
05-16	6000	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D.& M. Hayward
05-18	1	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	E. Masterson, et al.
05-18	5000	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D.& M. Hayward
05-20	1	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
Arctic Tern				
05-20	2	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D.& M. Hayward
05-31	10	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D.& M. Hayward, S. Burbidge
Black Tern				
05-16	4	Tamworth	Jackman Pond	T. Vazzano, N. Beecher
05-16	4	Sandwich	Squam Lake, Sandwich beach	T. Vazzano
05-16	2	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D.& M. Hayward
05-17	9	Littleton	Moore Dam	B. Bradley
05-17	1	Seabrook	Rt. 286	S. Young
05-18	2	Hinsdale	Hinsdale setbacks	G. Seymour
05-18	1	Littleton	Wal-Mart drainage pond	E. Emery, P. Powers
05-20	1	Littleton	Moore Dam	B. Bradley
Thick-billed Murre				
05-07	1	Hampton	off Bicentennial Pk.	S. Mirick
05-12	1	Hampton	cove n. of Great Boars Head	S.& J. Mirick, A. Ablowich
05-25	1	Hampton	Great Boars Head	J. O'Shaughnessy
Razorbill				
04-16	3		NH coast	E. Masterson
05-22	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D.& M. Hayward

Cuckoos through Chickadees

An extremely cooperative Eastern Screech-Owl in Greenland was observed by countless birders for at least half the season, and perhaps sparked local interest in the species in general. We know it occurs in southeastern New Hampshire, but don't know much about its overall distribution and abundance. With this in mind, Rebecca Suomala undertook a more comprehensive survey in the area. Using a playback, she and two co-conspirators tallied four of these small owls along 3.5 miles of railroad track on the evening of April 21, adding the roosting owl on Portsmouth Avenue for a total



Eastern Screech-Owl by Dennis Skillman, 4/29/07, Greenland, NH.

of five owls in Greenland. At the opposite side of the state, another bird was found in Hinsdale. Also in the southwest was a very rare report of two Short-eared Owls from the Keene airport. The **Long-eared Owl** is even rarer in the state, and unfortunately the most recent record was of a road killed individual found in Deerfield on March 14. An owl seen near dusk in Hinsdale could have been either of the preceding two species, but was not seen well enough to identify conclusively.

All Common Nighthawk reports came from the period of May 22–28. With the exception of some of the Keene and Concord birds, all of these were migrants, since those two cities are the only urban areas where the species is known to nest. Red-headed Woodpeckers were reported from Hillsborough, the Isles of Shoals, and Dalton where an adult

visited a feeder several times over a three week period. The only Red-bellied Woodpecker away from traditional areas in the south was an overwintering bird in Sandwich. Eastern Phoebes arrived on the early side, perhaps a result of the early March warm spell, but in April they experienced repeated unseasonal snow and cold, and multiple observers reported mortality of this species. Time will tell if this spring's weather will have any effect on local breeding populations. In mid-April, observers in Concord noted their seasonal high counts of phoebes, probably a result of birds concentrating near water where more food (emerging insects) was available.

Vireos arrived on time, and a **White-eyed Vireo** in Chester was the only unusual sighting from this family. Seven Northern Shrikes lingered from the winter, about average for recent years. Concord continues to be something of a hot spot for Fish Crow, although this is largely a result of very high coverage. The only report of this species away from the southeast was of a bird in Keene, perhaps the first recent record for southwestern New Hampshire. Horned Larks were reported in higher numbers than usual, including an impressive count of 200 from the Connecticut River valley in Westmoreland. A Tree Swallow in Exeter on March 14 set a new record early date for the state, but it wasn't until later that month that high numbers were first reported. The bulk of reports of large flocks came at the end of April.

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Black-billed Cuckoo				
05-11	1	Chester	Hillside Haven	A. & B. Delorey
05-14	2	Hinsdale	e. of Vernon Dam spillway	G. Seymour
05-25	1	Freedom	Trout Pond CA	T. Vazzano, R. Ridgely
05-26	1	Rochester	Fowler Farm, Salmon Falls Rd.	D. Hubbard, R. Bickford, P. Redmond, A. Kimball

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Yellow-billed Cuckoo				
05-14	1	Kensington	Moulton Ridge, near Rt. 108	G. Gavutis Jr.
05-21	1	Barrington	Warren Farm	S. Young
05-24	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis Jr.
05-26	1	Epping	North River Rd. beaver bog	G. Tillman
05-31	1	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
Eastern Screech-Owl				
03-30	1	Greenland	Portsmouth Ave.	T. Bronson
04-21	5	Greenland	evening survey	R. & M. Suomala, L. Herlihy
05-05	1	Strafford	Lakeview Drive	S. Young
05-22	1	Raymond	residence	S. Moody
05-26	1	Hinsdale	Hinsdale setbacks	L. Tanino, K. Klapper, C. Seifer, T. Wansleben
05-26	1	Greenland	near Bracketts Point	S. & J. Mirick
05-27	2	Stratham	Sandy Point Discovery Center	I. MacLeod, G. Robbins, R. Woodward
Long-eared Owl				
03-14	1	Deerfield	dead on road	J. Kanter, et al.



*Dead Long-eared Owl
by John Kanter, 3/14/07,
Deerfield, NH.*

Short-eared Owl				
04-19	2	Swanzy	Dillant-Hopkins Airport	L. Tanino
Northern Saw-whet Owl				
03-24	1	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
05-24	1	Concord	Mast Yard State Forest	P. Hunt, R. Woodward, R. Quinn
05-26	1	Concord	Broken Ground, S. Curtisville Rd.	R. Quinn, S. Parkinson
Owl sp.				
03-09	1	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
Common Nighthawk				
05-22	6	Brentwood	Deerhill WMA	T. Bronson, D. Abbott, M. Pachomski
05-22	1	Exeter	over Washington St.	R. Aaronian
05-23	4	Concord	Contoocook Is., Penacook	P. Hunt
05-23	3	Surry	Surry Mountain Lake	L. Tanino
05-23	5	Pittsfield	Loudon Rd.	J. Klett
05-23	4	Epping	Two Rivers CA	G. Tillman
05-24	1	Keene	Court St., north end	L. Tanino
05-26	17	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	S. & J. Mirick
05-28	13	Concord	residence	R. Woodward

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Whip-poor-will

04-28	1	Brookline	N. Mason Rd.	M. Anne
05-01	1	Hancock	Antrim Road	E. Masterson
05-24	7	Concord	Mast Yard State Forest	P. Hunt, R. Woodward, R. Quinn
05-26	1	Hinsdale	Hinsdale setbacks	L. Tanino, K. Klapper, C. Seifer, T. Wansleben
05-26	1	Swanzey	Oliver Hill Road	L. Tanino, K. Klapper, C. Seifer, T. Wansleben

Chimney Swift

04-27	1	Rochester	Pickering Ponds trails	S. Mirick
04-28	1	Concord	Post Office fields	R. Quinn
04-30	1	Concord	NHA McLane Center	R. Suomala, C. Martin, et al.
05-01	2	Exeter	Elm St.	G. Prazar
05-01	4	Brentwood	Deerhill WMA	S. Young, J. Tyler
05-14	50	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	S. Young, J. Tyler

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

05-03	1	Brookline	N. Mason Rd.	M. Anne
05-04	1	Chester	Hillside Haven	A. & B. Delorey
05-04	1	Gilmanton	Crystal Lake	W. Arms
05-04	1	Newmarket	Bay Rd.	H. Chary

Red-headed Woodpecker

03-10	2	Hillsborough	Rt. 31 north	R. Thiet
05-20	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. & M. Hayward
05-22	1	Dalton	residence	J. & D. Cashman

Red-bellied Woodpecker

03-23	1	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
04-14	1	Surry	Surry town	L. Tanino, K. Klapper, C. Seifert, T. Wansleben
04-23	6	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
05-17	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. & M. Hayward

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

04-01	1	Rochester	Ten Rod Road residence	D. Hubbard
04-10	1	Keene	Dickinson Road	L. Tanino, M. Smith
04-11	1	Swanzey	Mt. Caesar wetland	L. Tanino
04-12	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hill Rd.	M. Wright
04-28	6	Dummer	Pontook Reservoir marsh area, Rt. 16	M. & R. Suomala
05-26	4	Concord	Broad Cove Road	P. Hunt, J. Kanter



Black-backed Woodpecker by Michael Walker, 3/4/07, Beans Grant, NH.

Black-backed Woodpecker

03-04	1	Beans Grant	above Carter Notch at 4000'	S. Walker
05-18	1	Lancaster	Martin Meadow Pond boat launch	E. Emery, P. Powers

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Northern Flicker				
03-11	1	Barrington	Warren Farm	S. Young
03-14	3	Fremont	Martin Rd.	T. Bronson
03-18	1	Westmoreland	River Road	E. Masterson
04-28	16	Errol	Rt. 26	M. & R. Suomala
Olive-sided Flycatcher				
05-14	1	Lyman	Dodge Pond Rd.	S. & M. Turner
05-15	1	Rye	Odiorne Point St. Pk.	S. Mirick
05-21	1	Newington	Great Bay NWR	G. Tillman
05-22	1	Chester	Hillside Haven	A. & B. Delorey
05-22	1	Epping	Two Rivers CA	G. Tillman
Eastern Wood-Pewee				
05-12	1	Lancaster	Martin Meadow Pond	D. Killam
05-14	1	Chester	Hillside Haven	A. & B. Delorey
05-14	1	E. Kingston	Moulton Ridge near Great Brook	G. Gavutis Jr.
05-15	1	Concord	Post Office fields	R. Quinn
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher				
05-09	1	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
05-23	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. & M. Hayward
05-24	1	Bethlehem	Trudeau Rd.	S. & M. Turner
05-28	1	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
05-31	1	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
Alder Flycatcher				
05-23	1	Concord	River Hill	P. Hunt
05-25	2	Lyman	Under the Mountain Rd.	S. & M. Turner
05-26	1	Winchester	off Rt. 119	C. Seifer, L. Tanino
05-26	8	Lyman		S. & M. Turner
05-28	12	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
Willow Flycatcher				
05-14	1	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	E. Masterson
05-16	3	Canterbury	sod farms wetland w. of Rt. 93, exit 18	M. Suomala
05-21	2	Barrington	Warren Farm	S. Young
05-23	1	Hinsdale	Hinsdale setbacks	C. Seifer
Least Flycatcher				
05-03	5	Nottingham	Mulligan Forest	S. Young
05-05	5	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	M. & R. Suomala
05-07	1	Walpole	Black Jack Crossing Rd.	R. Ritz
05-07	1	Barrington	Warren Farm	S. Young
05-08	34	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk., Middle Mtn.	S. Young
Eastern Phoebe				
03-14	1	Brentwood	Deerhill WMA	T. Bronson
03-14	1	Fremont	Martin Rd.	L. Medlock
03-15	1	Ashland	Sanborn Road	I. MacLeod
03-17	1	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	S. & J. Mirick
03-18	2	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
03-18	1	Rye	off Rt. 1A	S. & J. Mirick
04-14	7	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
04-14	14	Concord	Locke Rd. sod farm & access road	R. & M. Suomala
04-15	10	Concord	Contoocook Island	P. Hunt

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Great Crested Flycatcher				
05-07	3	Barrington	Warren Farm	S. Young
05-08	1	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk., Middle Mtn.	S. Young
05-08	2	Newmarket	Bay Rd.	H. Chary
Eastern Kingbird				
04-25	1	Swanzy	Airport Road	L. Tanino
05-01	1	Danville	rail trail s. of Fremont town line	T. Bronson
05-07	3	Exeter	Squamscott River Trail	T. Bronson
05-08	1	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	M.& R. Suomala
Northern Shrike				
03-03	1	Durham	off Rt. 155A	S.& J. Mirick
03-05	1	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
03-14	1	Fremont	Martin Rd.	L. Medlock
03-25	1	Rye	Rt. 1A near Fairhill Ave.	N. Nelson
04-05	1	Hancock	Antrim Road	E. Masterson
04-05	1	Barrington	Warren Farm	S. Young
04-08	1	Canaan	Potato Rd. s. of rail trail	J. Granton
White-eyed Vireo				
05-23	1	Chester	Hillside Haven	A. Delorey
Yellow-throated Vireo				
05-05	1	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	M.& R. Suomala
05-09	2	Hinsdale	rail trail s. of Lake Wantastiquet boat ramp	G. Seymour
05-15	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis Jr.
05-20	1	Ashland	Sanborn Road	I. MacLeod
05-26	1	Concord	Shaker Road	R. Quinn, S. Parkinson
05-28	1	Exeter	residence	G. Prazar
05-30	2	Northwood	Doles Marsh	S. Young
Blue-headed Vireo				
04-23	1	Keene	Dickinson Road rail trail	L. Tanino
04-23	1	Chichester	Smith Sanborn Rd.	R. Suomala
04-24	1	Swanzy	Partridgeberry Lane	L. Tanino, M. Smith
04-25	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis Jr.
04-26	1	Hancock	Antrim Road	E. Masterson
04-26	1	Newbury	residence	P. Newbern
05-05	15	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	M.& R. Suomala
Warbling Vireo				
05-01	1	Nashua	cove at Millyard	R. Andrews
05-02	1	Concord	Post Office fields	E. Masterson
05-05	1	Exeter	Phillips Exeter Academy by Exeter R.	R. Aaronian
05-07	2	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	R. Suomala
05-07	2	Lyman	Dodge Pond residence	S.& M. Turner
05-12	13	Concord	Horseshoe Pond loop	R. Quinn
05-23	15	Concord	railroad tracks from Hannah Dustin monument to Sewalls Falls	P. Hunt
Philadelphia Vireo				
05-20	2	Rye	Myrica Avenue	S.& J. Mirick

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Red-eyed Vireo				
05-09	3	Peterborough	trail below Pack Monadnock	J. Romano
05-10	1	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk., North Mtn.	S. Young
05-11	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hill Rd.	M. Wright
05-11	1	Chichester	Smith Sanborn Rd.	M. Suomala
05-12	1	Keene	Dickinson Rd. rail trail	L. Tanino
05-12	1	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	P. Newbern
05-23	13	Concord	Penacook census	P. Hunt
05-28	17	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
Fish Crow				
03-11	2	Hampton	Island Path	T. Bronson
03-25	3	Concord	Morrill's Farm	P. Hunt
03-27	5	Concord	Post Office fields	E. Masterson
05-02	1	Keene	Dickinson Rd. rail trail	L. Tanino
05-12	6	Concord	Fort Eddy Pond	R. Woodward
Horned Lark				
03-03	60	Stratham	Stuart Farm	S. & J. Mirick
03-03	50	E. Kingston	Bodwell Farm	S. & J. Mirick
03-04	45	Concord	Morrill's Farm	P. Hunt
03-14	50	Concord	Post Office fields	E. Masterson
03-18	120	Westmoreland	River Road	E. Masterson
03-21	20	Hampton	Hampton Beach St. Pk.	T. Bronson, D. Hubbard, M. Pachomski
03-31	30	Newington	Pease Int'l. Tradeport runways	D. Donsker, NHA FT
04-01	50	Concord	Horseshoe Pond fields	R. Quinn, Capital Area Chapter FT
04-14	14	Westmoreland	White Road	E. Masterson
04-14	200	Walpole	Boggy Meadows	E. Masterson
04-21	10	Durham	Rt. 155A fields (Moore)	R. Suomala, L. Herlihy
05-25	1	Concord	Concord Airport	P. Hunt
Purple Martin				
05-25	14	Freedom	Route 153	T. Vazzano, R. Ridgely
Tree Swallow				
03-14	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
03-18	5	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
03-27	2	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	E. Masterson
03-27	50	Hinsdale	above Vernon Dam, Connecticut R.	S. Mirick, H. Galbraith, et al.
03-31	100	Exeter	Powder House Pond	S. & J. Mirick
04-14	300	Exeter	Powder House Pond	S. & J. Mirick
04-25	90	Brentwood	Deerhill WMA	S. Young
04-28	80	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	S. Young
04-28	300	Whitefield	Airport Marsh	M. & R. Suomala
04-29	500	Chesterfield	Spofford Lake	L. Tanino, C. Seifer
Northern Rough-winged Swallow				
04-19	2	Nashua	cove at Millyard	R. Andrews
04-23	2	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
04-25	4	Swanzy	Airport Road	L. Tanino
04-28	2	Whitefield	Airport Marsh	M. & R. Suomala
04-30	2	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard

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Bank Swallow				
05-08	20	Rochester	Fowler Farm, Salmon Falls Rd.	D. Hubbard
05-09	2	Hopkinton	Elm Brook Pk.	M. & R. Suomala
05-12	15	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard, Seacoast Chapter FT
05-12	5	Surry	Surry Town, north end	L. Tanino, C. Seifer
05-12	3	Epping	Two Rivers CA	G. Tillman
Cliff Swallow				
04-30	1	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
05-14	6	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	S. Young, J. Tyler
05-17		Dover	old General Sullivan Bridge	C. Peterka
05-17	2	Rye	Eel Pond	S. Young
05-17	1	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	R. Quinn
Barn Swallow				
04-18	2	Exeter	Powder House Pond	T. Bronson
04-22	1	Hampton	North Beach	D. & T. Donsker
04-24	2	Dunbarton	Winslow Rd. wetland by Rt. 13	R. Suomala
04-24	3	Chester	Hillside Haven	A. & B. Delorey
Swallow sp.				
05-09	120	Hopkinton	Elm Brook Pk.	M. & R. Suomala
05-19	750	Hinsdale	Hinsdale setbacks	H. Galbraith
Boreal Chickadee				
03-13	11	Pittsburg	various	R. Heil
03-23	1	Jefferson	Pondicherry WS	A. Johnson
04-01	1	Lincoln	Osseo Trail, 3600'	J. Stockwell
04-01	3	Franconia	Mt. Lafayette e. side, 3700'	J. Stockwell

Wrens through Tanagers

Although Carolina Wren sightings are not listed below, there was certainly no absence of reports of this increasingly common species. The majority continue to come from areas south and east of Concord, although there were also sightings in Keene and Surry in the southwest and Ashland in the Lakes Region. Marsh Wrens are expected in the southeast, and also known to occur in the Hinsdale marshes above Vernon Dam, but the birds at New Hampshire Audubon's Thompson Sanctuary in Sandwich were something of a surprise. All the early Hermit Thrushes were from inland areas. Does this reflect actual migration routes or is it simply an artifact of reporter coverage at the right time to detect the movement? A **Varied Thrush** that appeared in Dublin on February 20 stayed through April 17. Brown Thrashers overwintered in Rye and Chichester.



Palm Warbler by Scott Young, 4/25/07, Brentwood Mitigation Area, Brentwood, NH.

Warbler migration was a mixed bag in 2007. Early arriving species such as Yellow-rumped, Pine, and Palm Warblers actually came on the early side, but in all three cases the bulk of the migration didn't occur until several days later, roughly on time. The majority of other species were on the late side, and this tardiness was likely the result of cold weather with unfavorable winds through much of the eastern United States in April. But then, when rainy weather stalled over the state for several days in mid-May, birders experienced one of the better warbler fallouts in recent memory. The listings below capture only a portion of the story, as many reports were never submitted to *New Hampshire Bird Records* or the NH.birds email list, but numerous birders commented on both the number and diversity of migrants. Note in particular the reports from Canterbury, Dover, and Exeter during this period. In Sandwich, Tony Vazzano found a single flock of 60 warblers representing 18 species on May 16. Among the typical migrants were more records than usual of three northern species, the Tennessee, Cape May, and Bay-breasted Warblers.

By far the most noteworthy songbird record this season was a **Prothonotary Warbler** seen and heard in Epping. Like many previous records of this southern swamp dweller (last reported in 1994 from Lebanon) this bird was a "one-day wonder" and not found subsequently despite the efforts of several birders. A Scarlet Tanager in Rochester on April 27 set a new early date for the state. Along with a Rose-breasted Grosbeak and multiple Indigo Buntings, this bird was probably brought north early by a strong coastal storm mid-month that originated in the southeastern United States. The same system was presumably responsible for the **Summer Tanager** that spent several days at a North Hampton feeder at the end of April, where it was enjoyed by numerous birders. Many thanks go to Ken and Helen Lidstone for their hospitality during the bird's visit. Another rare tanager was a **Western Tanager** reported from Goffstown on May 16.



Summer Tanager by Len Medlock, 4/29/07, Hampton, NH.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
House Wren				
04-28	1	Rye	near Rye Harbor	S. & J. Mirick
05-03	1	Dover	Strafford County Farm	D. Hubbard
05-07	2	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis Jr.
05-08	1	Center Harbor	Coe Hill Rd.	J. Merrill
05-08	1	Wilmot	Campground Rd.	P. Newbern
Winter Wren				
03-22	1	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
04-11	1	Swanzey	Mount Caesar area	L. Tanino
04-19	1	Keene	Goose Pond Forest	L. Tanino
04-19	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hill Rd.	M. Wright
04-20	1	Concord	Contoocook Island	P. Hunt
04-28	2	Errol	Mountain Pond Rd.	M. & R. Suomala
04-28	3	Dummer	Pontook Reservoir Marsh area, Rt. 16	M. & R. Suomala

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Marsh Wren				
05-01	1	Rye	Odiorne Point St. Pk.	S. Young, J. Tyler
05-01	2	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	S. Young, J. Tyler
05-13	5	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
05-14	1	Stratham	Jewell Hill Brook, Beaver Pond	G. Gavutis Jr.
05-22	3	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	T. Bronson, D. Abbott, M. Pachomski
05-23	6	Hinsdale	Hinsdale setbacks	C. Seifer
05-25	2	Sandwich	Thompson WS	R. Ridgley, T. Vazzano
Golden-crowned Kinglet				
05-20	1	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				
04-14	1	Concord	Sewalls Falls	P. Hunt
04-21	1	Swanzy	Dillant-Hopkins Airport	L. Tanino, C.& C. Seifer
04-21	1	Chichester	Smith Sanborn Rd.	R. Suomala
05-18	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D.& M. Hayward
05-19	1	Strafford	Lakeview Drive	S. Young
05-20	1	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
05-21	1	Center Harbor	Coe Hill Rd.	J. Merrill
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				
04-24	1	Seabrook	dune scrub	S. Mirick
04-27	2	Rochester	Pickering Ponds trails	S. Mirick
04-28	6	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
05-05	4	Concord	NH Tech. Institute	R. Woodward
05-09	3	Chesterfield	Pisgah St. Pk., Horseshoe Rd. trailhead	C. Seifer
Veery				
05-08	3	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk., Middle Mtn.	S. Young
05-09	2	Keene	Beech Hill Preserve	L. Tanino
05-11	1	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
05-17	1	Lyman	Under the Mountain Rd.	S.& M. Turner
Swainson's Thrush				
05-14	1	Center Harbor	Coe Hill Rd.	J. Merrill
05-14	1	Kensington	Moulton Ridge	G. Gavutis Jr.
05-17	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D.& M. Hayward
05-21	1	Concord	White Park	R. Quinn
Hermit Thrush				
03-31	1	Merrimack	Trowbridge Dr.	T.& C. Young, A. Tarry
04-01	1	Hancock	Antrim Road	E. Masterson
04-15	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hill Rd.	M. Wright
04-18	1	Swanzy	Dillant-Hopkins Airport	L. Tanino
04-20	1	Concord	Contoocook Island	P. Hunt
Wood Thrush				
05-04	1	Epping	North River Rd.	G. Tillman
05-05	2	Strafford	Lakeview Drive	S. Young
05-06	1	Chichester	Smith Sanborn Rd.	R.& M. Suomala
05-07	1	Walpole	Merriam Rd.	R. Ritz
05-07	1	Rochester	Ten Rod Road residence	D. Hubbard

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Varied Thrush				
03-01	1	Dublin	Burpee Rd.	G. & F. Bartlett
04-17	1	Dublin	Burpee Rd.	G. & F. Bartlett
Gray Catbird				
05-05	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis Jr.
05-06	1	Newmarket	Bay Rd.	H. Chary
05-07	1	Exeter	Phillips Exeter Academy athletic fields	T. Bronson
05-07	2	Keene	Krif Road rail trail	L. Tanino
Brown Thrasher				
03-18	1	Rye	Harbor Road	S. & J. Mirick
03-20	1	Chichester	Canterbury Rd.	M. Reinhardt message
04-25	3	Brentwood	Deerhill WMA	S. Young
04-27	1	Rochester	Ten Rod Road residence	D. Hubbard
04-28	1	Brentwood	Deerhill WMA	T. Bronson
04-28	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hill Rd.	M. Wright
04-28	1	Whitefield	Airport Marsh	M. & R. Suomala
American Pipit				
03-30	5	Concord	Post Office fields	E. Masterson
03-31	1	Westmoreland	River Road	E. Masterson, Monadnock Chapter FT
04-24	4	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	E. Masterson
05-02	17	Concord	Post Office fields	E. Masterson
05-12	9	Durham	Rt. 155A fields (Moore)	S. & J. Mirick, A. Ablowich
Blue-winged Warbler				
05-09	1	Chester	Hillside Haven	A. & B. Delorey
05-09	1	Hinsdale	Hinsdale setbacks	C. Seifer
05-09	1	Charlestown	Oxbrook Rd.	P. Newbern
05-09	2	Brentwood	Rowell Rd.	R. Aaronian
05-10	8	Dover	Bellamy River WMA	M. Suomala
05-24	1	Warner	Birch Hill Road	C. House
Tennessee Warbler				
05-12	1	Concord	Fowler Street	P. Hunt
05-12	1	Keene	Dickenson Rd.	C. Seifer
05-13	1	Lyman	Under the Mountain Rd.	S. & M. Turner
05-16	1	Keene	forest trail parallel with Court St.	L. Tanino
05-17	1	Lyman	Dodge Pond residence	S. & M. Turner
05-19	2	Concord	Hall St., Rollins Pk.	R. Woodward
05-19	1	Exeter	Linden Street	P. Lacourse
05-20	1	Newmarket	Piscassic Street	K. Dorsey
05-20	1	Newmarket	Neal Mill Road	K. Dorsey
05-24	1	Rochester	Fowler Farm, Salmon Falls Rd.	D. Hubbard
Nashville Warbler				
05-05	1	Brentwood	Deerhill WMA	T. Bronson, Seacoast Chapter FT
05-05	1	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	M. & R. Suomala
05-06	1	Concord	Bog Road	P. Hunt
05-07	1	Center Harbor	Coe Hill Rd.	J. Merrill
05-07	1	Barrington	Warren Farm	S. Young
05-13	15	Jefferson	Pondicherry WS pond & access trail	R. Suomala, J. Klett

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Nashville Warbler—continued				
05-13	16	Northwood	Saddleback Mtn.	S. Young
05-25	8	Freedom	Trout Pond CA	T. Vazzano, R. Ridgely
Northern Parula				
05-05	1	Brentwood	Deerhill WMA	T. Bronson, Seacoast Chapter FT
05-05	1	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	M. & R. Suomala
05-05	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis Jr.
05-06	1	Exeter	residence	G. Prazar
05-19		Exeter	Linden Street	P. Lacourse
05-20	14	Dover	Bellamy River WMA	M. Suomala, L. Burton
Yellow Warbler				
05-02	1	Lee	Gile Rd. Marsh	S. Young
05-02	3	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	S. Young
05-03	1	Keene	Krif Road	L. Tanino
05-03	1	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	E. Masterson
05-08	23	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk., Middle Mtn.	S. Young
05-08	13	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	M. & R. Suomala
05-14	37	Brentwood	Deerhill WMA	T. Bronson
05-16	31	Canterbury	sod farms wetland w. of Rt. 93, exit 18	M. Suomala
05-20	8	Dover	Bellamy River WMA	M. Suomala, L. Burton
05-22	18	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
Chestnut-sided Warbler				
05-06	1	Washington	Pillsbury St. Pk.	P. Newbern
05-08	2	Westmoreland	River Rd.	R. Ritz
05-08	1	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	M. & R. Suomala
05-09	3	Keene	Keene State WMA	L. Tanino
05-09	2	Brentwood	Rowell Rd.	R. Aaronian
05-09	1	Sutton	Baker Rd.	P. Newbern
05-20	8	Dover	Bellamy River WMA	M. Suomala, L. Burton
Magnolia Warbler				
05-08	3	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk., Middle Mtn.	S. Young
05-09	2	Wilmot	Campground Rd.	P. Newbern
05-12	1	Keene	Dickinson Rd. rail trail	L. Tanino, C. Seifer
05-12	4	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard, Seacoast Chapter FT
05-12	2	Concord	Penacook census	P. Hunt
05-19		Exeter	Linden Street	P. Lacourse
05-20	10	Dover	Bellamy River WMA	M. Suomala, L. Burton
05-21	10	Concord	White Park	R. Quinn
Cape May Warbler				
05-13	1	Sandwich	Thompson WS	T. Vazzano, et al.
05-14	1	Lyman	Dodge Pond Rd.	S. & M. Turner
05-16	1	Sandwich	Thompson WS	T. Vazzano, N. Beecher
05-17	1	Lyman	Dodge Pond residence	S. & M. Turner
05-20	1	Keene	Court St.	L. Tanino
05-20	1	Newmarket	Neal Mill Road	K. Dorsey

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Black-throated Blue Warbler				
04-30	1	Keene	Thompson Rd. rail trail	L. Tanino
05-02	2	Keene	Dickinson Rd. rail trail	L. Tanino
05-06	5	Washington	Pillsbury St. Pk.	P. Newbern
05-07	2	Swanzy	Oliver Hill Road	L. Tanino
05-19	10	Exeter	Linden Street	P. Lacourse
05-20	10	Dover	Bellamy River WMA	M. Suomala, L. Burton
Yellow-rumped Warbler				
03-18	1	Greenland	Hillside Drive	S. & J. Mirick
03-24	3	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
03-31	1	Concord	Post Office fields edge	R. Quinn
04-04	1	Newmarket	Bay Rd.	H. Chary
04-14	4	Concord	Locke Rd. sod farm & access road	R. & M. Suomala
04-24	30	Exeter	Powder House Pond	D. Donsker
04-25	60	Brentwood	Deerhill WMA	S. Young
04-25	70	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
04-26	150	Hinsdale	Hinsdale setbacks	H. Galbraith
04-27	75	Rochester	Pickering Ponds trails	S. Mirick
04-28	100	Brentwood	Deerhill WMA	T. Bronson
04-29	100	Chesterfield	Spofford Lake	L. Tanino, C. Seifer
05-01	40	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	S. Young, J. Tyler
05-05	45	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	M. & R. Suomala
05-06	100	Washington	Pillsbury St. Pk.	P. Newbern
05-16	63	Canterbury	sod farms wetland w. of Rt. 93, exit 18	M. Suomala
Black-throated Green Warbler				
04-29	1	Keene	Goose Pond Forest	L. Tanino
05-01	3	Keene	Drummer Hill	L. Tanino
05-02	1	Chichester	Smith Sanborn Rd.	R. Suomala
05-03	12	Swanzy	Mount Caesar	L. Tanino
05-03	9	Nottingham	Mulligan Forest	S. Young
05-06	33	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
05-19	10	Exeter	Linden Street	P. Lacourse
05-20	3	Dover	Bellamy River WMA	M. Suomala, L. Burton
Blackburnian Warbler				
05-05	3	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	M. & R. Suomala
05-09	3	Sutton	Baker Rd.	P. Newbern
05-10	2	Keene	Old Gilsum Rd., Drummer Hill	L. Tanino
05-10	1	Milton	Briar Ridge Rd. residence	P. Watts
05-19	8	Exeter	Linden Street	P. Lacourse
05-20	3	Chichester	Smith Sanborn Rd.	M. Suomala
05-20	1	Newmarket	Piscassic Street	K. Dorsey
Pine Warbler				
04-01	1	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
04-04	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hill Rd.	M. Wright
04-05	1	Hancock	Antrim Road	E. Masterson
04-19	1	Keene	Gunn Road	L. Tanino
05-06	20	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
05-08	27	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk., Middle Mtn.	S. Young

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Prairie Warbler				
04-28	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hill Rd.	M. Wright
05-03	1	Nottingham	Mulligan Forest	S. Young
05-05	1	Brentwood	Deerhill WMA	T. Bronson, Seacoast Chapter FT
05-08	2	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	M. Pachomski
05-08	2	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	M. & R. Suomala
05-20	6	Brentwood	Deerhill WMA	S. McGrath, Newburyport Birders FT
05-21	13	Barrington	Warren Farm	S. Young
Palm Warbler				
04-08	1	Concord	Morrill's Farm	P. Hunt
04-10	2	Nashua	cove at Millyard	R. Andrews
04-14	3	Concord	Locke Rd. sod farm & access road	R. & M. Suomala
04-21	2	Swanzy	Dillant-Hopkins Airport	L. Tanino, C. & C. Seifer
04-22	12	Dover	Bellamy River WMA	S. Young
04-25	100	Brentwood	Deerhill WMA	S. Young
04-27	40	Rochester	Pickering Ponds trails	S. Mirick
04-28	5	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
05-19	1	Concord	Basin St.	R. Woodward
Bay-breasted Warbler				
05-16	1	Sandwich	Thompson WS	T. Vazzano, N. Beecher
05-16	2	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. & M. Hayward
05-19	1	Concord	Rollins Pk.	R. Woodward
05-19	1	Epping	Flag Hill Winery	G. Tillman
05-19	5	Exeter	Linden Street	P. Lacourse
05-20	2	Dover	Bellamy River WMA	M. Suomala, L. Burton
05-20	4	Newmarket	Piscassic Street	K. Dorsey
05-20	2	Newmarket	Neal Mill Road	K. Dorsey
05-23	1	Concord	Penacook Street near old RR station, Penacook	P. Hunt
Blackpoll Warbler				
05-10	1	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk., North Mtn.	S. Young
05-13	3	Jefferson	Pondicherry WS pond & access trail	R. Suomala, J. Klett
05-14	1	Kensington	Moulton Ridge	G. Gavutis Jr.
05-15	1	Hinsdale	Hinsdale setback boat ramp parking lot	G. Seymour
05-16	1	Canterbury	sod farms wetland w. of Rt. 93, exit 18	M. Suomala
05-17	5	Hinsdale	Hinsdale setbacks	L. Tanino
05-19	many	Exeter	Linden Street	P. Lacourse
Black-and-white Warbler				
04-20	1	Newington	Great Bay NWR	S. Young, J. Taylor
04-22	1	Rye	Odiorne Point St. Pk.	S. & J. Mirick
04-24	1	Swanzy	Partridgeberry Lane	M. Smith
04-25	3	Swanzy	Talbot Hill Road	L. Tanino
05-20	15	Dover	Bellamy River WMA	M. Suomala, L. Burton
American Redstart				
05-05	3	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	M. & R. Suomala
05-08	11	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk., Middle Mtn.	S. Young
05-09	1	Newbury	Newbury Center, Rt. 103	P. Newbern
05-12	2	Surry	Dort Road	L. Tanino, C. Seifer

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05-12	1	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard, Seacoast Chapter FT
05-13	2	Jefferson	Pondicherry WS pond & access trail	R. Suomala, J. Klett
05-20	4	Dover	Bellamy River WMA	M. Suomala, L. Burton
05-21	8	Concord	White Park	R. Quinn
05-22	9	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard

Prothonotary Warbler

05-26	1	Epping	Mast Rd. & Birch Rd.	G. Tillman
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Ovenbird

05-02	1	Westmoreland	River Rd.	R. Ritz
05-03	2	Swanzy	Mount Caesar	L. Tanino
05-04	1	Epping	North River Rd.	G. Tillman
05-05	4	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	M. & R. Suomala
05-05	2	Strafford	Parker Mtn.	S. Young, J. Tyler
05-10	18	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk., North Mtn.	S. Young
05-12	22	Concord	Penacook census	P. Hunt
05-28	19	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward

Northern Waterthrush

04-28	3		New London, Sutton, Wilmot	P. Newbern
04-29	2	Concord	Bog Road	P. Hunt
04-29	2	Weare	Sugar Hill Rd. South	P. Newbern
05-04	5	Lyman	Dodge Pond Rd.	S. & M. Turner
05-05	3	E. Kingston	off Bartlett Road	S. & J. Mirick
05-13	2	Jefferson	Pondicherry WS pond & access trail	R. Suomala, J. Klett
05-13	1	Lyman	Under the Mountain Rd.	S. & M. Turner
05-16	8	Canterbury	sod farms wetland w. of Rt. 93, exit 18	M. Suomala

Louisiana Waterthrush


04-23	1	Epping	North River Rd.	G. Tillman
04-29	1	Westmoreland	South Village Road	L. Tanino, C. Seifer
04-30	1	Keene	Thompson Road rail trail	L. Tanino
05-03	1	Nottingham	Mulligan Forest	S. Young
05-05	1	Chester	Hillside Haven	A. & B. Delorey
05-05	2	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	M. & R. Suomala
05-12	1	Sandwich	Chicks Corner wetland	T. Vazzano
05-13	1	Lyman	Under the Mountain Rd.	S. & M. Turner

Mourning Warbler

05-20	1	Charlestown	Rt. 12	E. Masterson
05-20	1	Hopkinton	Elm Brook Park	R. Suomala, R. Quinn
05-22	1	Concord	Silk Farm WS	R. Woodward
05-24	2	Bethlehem	Trudeau Rd.	S. Turner
05-26	1	Durham	Foss Farm	S. & J. Mirick
05-26	1	Epping	North River Rd. beaver bog	G. Tillman
05-30	1	Northwood	Doles Marsh	S. Young
05-30	1	Center Harbor	Coe Hill Rd.	J. Merrill

Common Yellowthroat

05-07	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	T. Bronson
05-07	1	Keene	Krif Road rail trail	L. Tanino
05-07	3	Barrington	Warren Farm	S. Young
05-07	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis Jr.

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Common Yellowthroat—continued				
05-16	22	Canterbury	sod farms wetland w. of Rt. 93, exit 18	M. Suomala
05-20	15	Brentwood	Deerhill WMA	S. McGrath, Newburyport Birders FT
05-20	25	Dover	Bellamy River WMA	M. Suomala, L. Burton
05-21	10	Barrington	Warren Farm	S. Young
Wilson's Warbler				
05-12	1	Surry	Dort Road	L. Tanino, C. Seifer
05-12	5	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard, Seacoast Chapter FT
05-12	1	Concord	Horseshoe Pond loop	R. Quinn
05-14	1	Concord	Contoocook Island, Penacook	P. Hunt
05-15	1	Hinsdale	Hinsdale setbacks	C. Seifer
05-16	6	Canterbury	sod farms wetland w. of Rt. 93, exit 18	M. Suomala
05-17	4	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	R. Quinn, R. Suomala
05-19	4	Hinsdale	Hinsdale setbacks	H. Galbraith
05-29	1	Whitefield	Pondicherry WS	S. Young
Canada Warbler				
05-12	1	Keene	Dickinson Rd. rail trail	L. Tanino, C. Seifer
05-13	1	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
05-13	1	Lyman	Under the Mountain Rd.	S. & M. Turner
05-14	1	Fitzwilliam	Rhododendron St. Pk.	L. Tanino
05-16	3	Rye	Odiorne Point St. Pk.	S. Mirick
05-16	3	Sandwich	Thompson WS	T. Vazzano, N. Beecher
05-16	1	Canterbury	sod farms wetland w. of Rt. 93, exit 18	M. Suomala
Summer Tanager				
04-28	1	Hampton	Wheaton Lane Terrace	K. & H. Lidstone, A. & B. Delorey
04-29	1	Hampton	Wheaton Lane Terrace	K. & H. Lidstone, S. & J. Mirick, D. & T. Donsker
04-30	1	Hampton	Wheaton Lane Terrace	T. Bronson
				
<p><i>Scarlet Tanager by Steve Mirick, 4/28/07, Pickering Ponds, Rochester, NH.</i></p>				
Scarlet Tanager				
04-27	1	Rochester	Pickering Ponds trails	S. Mirick
05-08	1	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk., Middle Mtn.	S. Young
05-09	1	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
05-09	1	Chester	Hillside Haven	A. & B. Delorey
05-09	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis Jr.
Western Tanager				
05-16	1	Goffstown	Tirrell Hill Rd.	B. Peabody

Sparrows through Finches

A singing **Clay-colored Sparrow** in Laconia is yet another indication of this species' gradual eastward range expansion. In all likelihood it will be found breeding in the state at some point during the next 5–10 years. Another was reported in Exeter on May 6, but information was never submitted to *New Hampshire Bird Records*. There were more reports of Vesper Sparrows than usual, and it is worth checking any of the localities listed for potential breeding in the future. Unlike other rare grassland birds, Vespers don't seem to be restricted to airports, and summer records often occur in the same places that migrants appear in spring. The three March reports of Savannah Sparrows represent over-wintering birds, and the total of nine is high relative to recent years.



Clay-colored Sparrow by Iain MacLeod, 5/20/07, Laconia Airport, Gilford, NH.

The story of the season with respect to sparrows was the flood of Fox Sparrow reports, particularly near the seacoast. A full analysis is in Terry Bronson's article on page 46, but a brief summary is in order. In mid-March, birders began reporting multiple Fox Sparrows at feeders, and when people started looking, the number of individual birds easily surpassed 100. In early April, there was something of a second wave at inland locations, although far fewer birds were involved. In the listings below only the highest counts are included. The last Fox Sparrow of the season was a relatively late individual in Seabrook. During the first Fox Sparrow "fallout," there were a couple of large counts of Song Sparrows, but otherwise the phenomenon did not appear to apply to other members of this group.

Note that the White-crowned Sparrows in Rochester had been present for most of March. Given that the next report for the state wasn't until early May, the Rochester birds had probably wintered in the area. Larger than usual numbers of Dark-eyed Juncos moved through the state during the first half of April. In late March, a male "**Oregon**" Junco (the western subspecies of the widespread Dark-eyed Junco) made a brief appearance in Epping. Several large flocks of Snow Buntings were reported from areas away from the coast, where the majority of records usually occur.

A Rose-breasted Grosbeak and several Indigo Buntings were brought to the state in late April on the heels of a strong coastal storm. A **Blue Grosbeak** in Bristol in early May might also have been part of the same event, but just not detected until a little later. The Baltimore Oriole in March was most likely an overwintering bird rather than an exceptionally early migrant. After a very good winter for the species, White-winged Crossbills continued in small numbers into April, but there was only a single report of Red Crossbill. Purple Finches were widespread, but nothing compares to the

numbers that Rick Heil estimated on a mid-March trip to the far northern tip of the state. American Goldfinches were also more common than usual at feeders in the first few weeks of April. Evening Grosbeaks were reported from 28 different towns, spread across the state throughout the season with no definable pattern.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Eastern Towhee				
04-22	1	Dover	Bellamy River WMA	S. Young
04-23	1	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
04-24	6	Rye	Odiorne Point St. Pk.	S. Mirick
04-24	1	Nashua	Clovercrest Dr.	B. Harris
04-24	1	Epping	Two Rivers CA	G. Tillman
American Tree Sparrow				
04-14	40	Concord	Locke Rd. sod farm & access road	R. & M. Suomala
04-20	1	Newmarket	Bay Rd.	H. Chary
04-20	3	Concord	Post Office fields	R. Quinn
04-21	4	Durham	Rt. 155A fields (Moore)	R. Suomala, L. Herlihy
04-22	2	Brentwood	Deerhill WMA	T. Bronson
Chipping Sparrow				
04-06	1	Chichester	Smith Sanborn Rd.	M. Suomala
04-09	1	Laconia	Ledgecroft Pl.	H. Anderson
04-09	1	Gilmanton	Currier Hill Rd.	J. Stockwell
04-12	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hill Rd.	M. Wright
Clay-colored Sparrow				
05-20	1	Gilford	Laconia Airport	I. MacLeod
Field Sparrow				
04-10	1	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
04-17	2	Concord	Contoocook Island	P. Hunt
04-22	2	Brentwood	Deerhill WMA	T. Bronson
04-25	1	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
04-25	1	Westmoreland	River Rd.	R. Ritz
Vesper Sparrow				
04-28	2	Milan	Nansen Wayside Park	M. & R. Suomala
05-12	1	Newington	McIntyre Road	S. & J. Mirick, A. Ablowich
05-13	1	Tamworth	Pine Hill Rd. gravel pit	T. Vazzano, et al.
05-23	2	Concord	Morrill's Farm, Penacook	P. Hunt
05-25	2	Concord	Concord Airport	P. Hunt
05-25	1	Freedom	Trout Pond CA	T. Vazzano, R. Ridgely
05-26	1	Swanzy	Dillant-Hopkins Airport	L. Tanino, K. Klapper, C. Seifer, T. Wansleben
05-28	3	Canterbury	Canterbury Sod Farms	M. Suomala, L. Burton
Savannah Sparrow				
03-03	7	Stratham	Stuart Farm	S. & J. Mirick
03-10	1	Salem	residence	K. Folsom
03-21	1	Hampton	Hampton Beach St. Pk.	T. Bronson, D. Hubbard, M. Pachomski
04-06	1	Exeter	Rt. 85 & Swasey Pkwy.	T. Bronson
04-13	1	Concord	West Portsmouth St.	E. Masterson, R. Vallieres, C. Woodbury
04-13	2	Dover	Stafford County Farm	D. Hubbard

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
04-14	6	Walpole	Boggy Meadows	E. Masterson
04-19	5	Swanzy	Dillant-Hopkins Airport	L. Tanino
04-24	18	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	E. Masterson
05-01	28	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	S. Young, J. Tyler
05-16	150	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	E. Masterson
05-18	200	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	E. Masterson

Grasshopper Sparrow

05-17	2	Newington	Great Bay NWR	S. Young
05-25	5	Concord	Concord Airport	P. Hunt
05-30	1	Swanzy	Dillant-Hopkins Airport	L. Tanino

Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow

05-25	4	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	M. Suomala, et al.
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Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow

05-20	4	Hampton	Hampton Marsh	S. & J. Mirick
05-25	2	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	M. Suomala, et al.

Fox Sparrow

03-16	6	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis Jr.
03-16	7	Durham	residence	D. Keefe
03-18	45		Seabrook to Greenland	S. & J. Mirick
03-18	6	Exeter	Rt. 85 residence	P. Chamberlin
03-19	8	Kensington	Rt. 84	D. Sevigny
04-05	6	Hancock	residence	S. Smith
04-06	5	Concord	Silk Farm WS	P. Brown
04-06	6	Lebanon	residence	D. Jorgensen
04-06	19	Gilsum	Hammond Hill Rd.	M. Wright
04-22	1	Seabrook	wastewater treatment plant feeder	S. & J. Mirick

Song Sparrow

03-18	432		Seabrook to Greenland	S. & J. Mirick
03-18	100	Westmoreland	River Road	E. Masterson

Lincoln's Sparrow

04-26	1	Chester	Hillside Haven	A. & B. Delorey
05-09	1	Hinsdale	Hinsdale setbacks	H. Galbraith
05-12	1	Durham	Mill Road plaza parking lot	S. & J. Mirick, A. Ablowich
05-12	1	Concord	Bog Road	P. Hunt

Swamp Sparrow

04-25	4	Brentwood	Deerhill WMA	S. Young
04-28	1	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
04-28	1	Whitefield	Airport Marsh	M. & R. Suomala
04-28	1	Dummer	Pontook Reservoir Marsh area, Rt. 16	M. & R. Suomala
04-28	1	Errol	near Androscoggin R. dam	M. & R. Suomala
04-29	17	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward

White-throated Sparrow

04-24	75	Rye	Odiorne Point St. Pk.	S. Mirick
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White-crowned Sparrow

03-27	2	Rochester	Ten Rod Road residence	D. Hubbard
05-04	1	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	R. & M. Suomala, J. Klett, P. Hunt
05-06	1	Keene	Court St.	L. Tanino, A. Clark

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
White-crowned Sparrow—continued				
05-08	2	Lyman	Dodge Pond residence	S. & M. Turner
05-09	1	Barrington	residence	M. DiMambro
05-09	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hill Rd.	M. Wright
Dark-eyed Junco				
03-02	105	Fremont	Ingalls Lane	T. Bronson
04-01	100	Pittsfield	Loudon Rd.	J. Klett
04-05	100	Strafford	Lakeview Drive	S. Young
04-14	40	Concord	Mill Stream	R. & M. Suomala
04-14	183	Concord	Penacook census	P. Hunt
04-14	100	Chichester	Smith Sanborn Rd.	R. Suomala
04-22	85	Gilsum	Hammond Hill Rd.	M. Wright
Dark-eyed Junco - Oregon subsp.				
03-25	1	Epping	Riverslea Farm, North River Rd.	G. Tillman, S. Senior
Lapland Longspur				
03-13	2	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	E. Masterson
03-17	1	Portsmouth	Pease Golf Course parking lot	S. & J. Mirick
03-18	1	Hampton	Island Path	S. & J. Mirick
Snow Bunting				
03-03	10	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	S. & J. Mirick
03-03	20	E. Kingston	Bodwell Farm	S. & J. Mirick
03-04	80	Milford	N. River Rd. farm fields	J. Broyles
03-13	3	Pittsburg	Route 3 near Second Lake	R. Heil
03-18	10	Westmoreland	River Road	E. Masterson
03-25	9	Concord	Morrill's Farm	P. Hunt
04-16	2	Hampton	Hampton Beach St. Pk.	T. Bronson
Rose-breasted Grosbeak				
04-29	1	Brookline	N. Mason Rd.	M. Anne, E. Nickerson
04-30	1	Windham	residence	J. Romano
05-01	1	Newmarket	Hamel Farm Dr.	P. Hendrickx
05-02	1	Bradford	West Rd. residence	D. Halsted
05-02	1	Newbury	residence	P. Newbern
05-12	11	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard, Seacoast Chapter FT
05-15	10	Columbia	residence	D. Killam
Blue Grosbeak				
05-08	1	Bristol	Hemphill Rd.	B. Barrett
Indigo Bunting				
04-19	1	New Castle	Vennard's Court	C. White
04-22	1	Seabrook	wastewater treatment plant feeder	S. & J. Mirick
04-24	1	Seabrook	wastewater treatment plant feeder	S. Mirick
05-05	1	Bradford	West Rd. residence	M. & D. Halsted
05-08	1	Center Harbor	Coe Hill Rd.	J. Merrill
Bobolink				
05-04	3	Chester	Hillside Haven	A. & B. Delorey
05-05	1	Concord	RR tracks n. of Horseshoe Pond	R. Woodward
05-09	3	Fremont	Martin Rd.	T. Bronson
05-12	5	Dover	Strafford County Complex	T. Bronson

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
05-12	11	Surry	Dort Road	L. Tanino, C. Seifer
05-12	1	Strafford	Lakeview Drive	S. Young
05-18	80	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	E. Masterson
05-20	20	Dover	Bellamy River WMA	M. Suomala, L. Burton
05-26	15	Lyman		S. & M. Turner
Red-winged Blackbird				
03-04	300	Portsmouth	Great Bog blackbird roost	S. & J. Mirick
03-13	70	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	E. Masterson
03-15	60	Hopkinton	Upper Straw Rd.	N. Needham
03-20	75	Kingston	Old Coach Rd. at Mill Rd.	T. Bronson
04-10	53	Surry	Surry Mountain Lake	L. Tanino
04-27	85	Fremont	Martin Rd.	T. Bronson
Eastern Meadowlark				
03-14	1	Fremont	Martin Rd.	T. Bronson
03-23	4	Dover	Strafford County Farm	D. Hubbard
03-23	1	Surry	Surry Mountain Lake Recreation Area	L. Tanino
03-26	1	Chester	Hillside Haven	A. & B. Delorey
04-09	4	Durham	Rt. 155A fields (Moore)	S. Young
Rusty Blackbird				
03-14	3	Concord	Post Office fields	E. Masterson
03-25	1	Keene	Krif Rd.	L. Tanino, A. Clark
04-04	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hill Rd.	M. Wright
04-07	1	Exeter	Powder House Pond	T. Bronson, Capital Chapter FT
04-13	3	Hancock	Kings Hgwy., Harris Center	F. Von Mertens
04-14	15	Kensington	Bartlett Road	S. & J. Mirick
04-14	10	Concord	Morrill's Farm	P. Hunt
04-21	2	Canaan	rail trail w. of Potato Rd.	J. Granton
04-21	1	Swanzy	Dillant-Hopkins Airport	L. Tanino, C. & C. Seifer
04-29	6	Concord	Bog Road	P. Hunt
Common Grackle				
03-04	300	Portsmouth	Great Bog blackbird roost	S. & J. Mirick
03-14	100	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis Jr.
04-02	100	Rochester	Ten Rod Road residence	D. Hubbard
04-18	100	Exeter	Powder House Pond	T. Bronson
Brown-headed Cowbird				
03-09	10	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
03-14	5	Fremont	Martin Rd.	T. Bronson
03-15	4	Windham	residence	J. Romano
03-16	29	Greenland	Holly Lane	T. Bronson
Orchard Oriole				
05-09	2	Hinsdale	Vernon Dam	G. Seymour
05-09	1	Nashua	cove at Millyard	R. Andrews
05-10	1	Dover	Bellamy River WMA	M. Suomala
05-12	1	Exeter	Powder House Pond	S. & J. Mirick, A. Ablowich
05-14	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis Jr.
05-22	1	Concord	Burrough Rd., Penacook	P. Hunt
05-24	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis Jr.
05-26	1	Brentwood	Deerhill WMA	S. & J. Mirick

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Baltimore Oriole				
03-22	1	Fitzwilliam	Putney Rd.	C. Rocheleau
05-02	1	Newmarket	Hamel Farm Dr.	P. Hendrickx, C. Fisher
05-03	1	Keene	Ashuelot River Park	L. Tanino
05-05	2	Chester	Hillside Haven	A.& B. Delorey
05-06	1	Concord	East Side Dr.	D.& B. Soule
05-07	3	Exeter	Gilman Park, Phillips Exeter Academy athletic field	T. Bronson
Purple Finch				
03-13	110	Columbia	Route 3 feeder	R. Heil
03-13	90	Pittsburg	village center	R. Heil
03-13	100	Clarksville		R. Heil
Red Crossbill				
03-12	2	Whitefield	Pondicherry WS trailhead, Airport Rd.	R. Heil
White-winged Crossbill				
03-12	9	Jefferson/Whitefield	trail to Cherry Pond	R. Heil
03-14	2	Bethlehem	near top of Mt. Tom	S. Walker
03-19	2	Low & Burbanks Grant	Quay Lowe's Path	J.& K. Stockwell
03-23	5	Jefferson	Pondicherry WS	A. Johnson
03-25	3	Wentworths Location	last house before ME state line	A. Johnson
04-01	1	Franconia	Mt. Lafayette, east side, 4200'	J. Stockwell
04-01	1	Lincoln	Mt. Flume summit	J. Stockwell
04-07	15	Benton	Mt. Moosilauke	N. Kotovich
04-28	2	Dummer	Pontook Reservoir Marsh area, Rt. 16	M.& R. Suomala
Pine Siskin				
03-23	5	Jefferson	Pondicherry WS	A. Johnson
03-23	4	Milan	Chickwolnepy Rd.	A. Johnson
03-25	1	Columbia	residence	D. Killam
04-29	10	Errol	along Rt. 16	M.& R. Suomala
05-14	1	Lyman	Dodge Pond Rd.	S.& M. Turner
American Goldfinch				
04-01	200	Pittsfield	Loudon Rd.	J. Klett
04-17	100	Claremont	Bank Ave.	H. Burke, et al.
04-19	80	Fremont	Ingalls Lane	T. Bronson
04-19	500	Claremont	Main St. wetland near Coca-Cola plant	H. Burke, et al.

Personal Notes:

Reporters for Spring 2007

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H. Cook Anderson
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Marie Anne
Nick Arancio
Widge Arms
Bill Barrett
Gail Bartlett
Joy Bockius
Dick Boulanger
Mary Boulanger
Bob Bradley
Terry Bronson
Susie Burbidge
Helen Burke
Hank Chary
Tom Chase
David Crowe
Cathlin Daley-Meinhardt
Alan Delorey
Barbara Delorey
Laura Deming
Jane Doherty
David Donsker
Patrick Downing
Barry Doyle
Davis Finch
Kenneth Folsom
Rich Frechette
Hector Galbraith
Susan Galt
George Gavutis, Jr.
David Govatski
John Granton

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Phil Hendrickx
Lindsay Herlihy
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Dot Soule
J.R. Stockwell
Carol Stonemetz
Larry Sunderland
Mark Suomala
Rebecca Suomala
Lance Tanino
Rachel Thiet
Greg Tillman
Sandra Turner
Fred Tyrrell
Tony Vazzano
Susan Walker
Pat Watts
Audrey Wiita
Rob Woodward
Mary Wright
Terrance Wright
Scott Young
Tom Young

Some sightings were taken directly from the NH.Birds list serve.

Reports for the following species were received in Spring 2007 but not listed.

Snow Goose – Blue morph
Mallard-American Black Duck hybrid
Ring-necked Pheasant
Ruffed Grouse
Wild Turkey
Northern Bobwhite
Northern Gannet
Great Blue Heron
Turkey Vulture
Bald Eagle
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk
Northern Goshawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Peregrine Falcon
Ring-billed Gull
Herring Gull

Great Black-backed Gull
Black Guillemot
Rock Pigeon
Mourning Dove
Great Horned Owl
Barred Owl
Belted Kingfisher
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Pileated Woodpecker
Gray Jay
Blue Jay
American Crow
Common Raven
Black-capped Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch

Brown Creeper
Carolina Wren
Eastern Bluebird
American Robin
Northern Mockingbird
European Starling
Cedar Waxwing
Northern Cardinal
House Finch
Evening Grosbeak
House Sparrow

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

The 2007 Fox Sparrow Fallout

by Terry Bronson



Fox Sparrow by Susanne Lewis,
3/8/07, Durham, NH.

In mid-March 2007, all over New England, many people began reporting Fox Sparrows (*Passerella iliaca*) at their feeders and along roadsides, with many of the sightings being of three or more birds. It soon became clear that a major fallout of this species was occurring as a result of a snowstorm on March 16 that dumped a foot or more of snow on much of New England at a time when these birds were migrating through to their Canadian nesting grounds. This article deals with New Hampshire only, but a glance at the listservs of other New England states indicated a similar phenomenon occurred in them also.

The Fox Sparrow, at seven inches long and 1.1 ounces, is one of our largest sparrows, with only the towhees, buntings, Harris's, White-crowned, and Golden-crowned Sparrows in the *Emberizidae* family being similar or larger in length or weight.

Of the four currently-recognized subspecies, the Red or Taiga (*Passerella iliaca iliaca*) is the one seen in the East. Its predominantly rusty-red appearance, with gray on the face, cheeks, nape, and back, and white on the heavily-streaked underparts, is distinctive.

Fox Sparrows are listed as rare to very rare during the winter in southern New Hampshire in *A Checklist of the Birds of New Hampshire* and they are typically absent in the northern part of the state. Occasionally a handful manage to overwinter in the southern part of the state, depending on feeders and the rare patches of ground not snow-covered. Their normal winter range stretches from the Connecticut, Rhode Island, and southern Massachusetts coasts west to the Ohio Valley and Missouri, and south to Georgia and Texas.

By mid-March, the birds begin to move north into the southern part of New Hampshire and, about April 1, into the northern part of the state. They only rise to the uncommon-to-fairly-common level for the first three weeks of April in the south and the last two weeks of April and the first week of May in the north. Thereafter, only a few are seen in May, and they are gone by late May, not returning south until October for about two months on their way to their wintering grounds.

Three caveats must be stated regarding the data presented in this article: southeast New Hampshire numbers may be slightly inflated, as towns such as Hampton and Greenland had multiple reports that may have included some double-counting. Because birders are heavily concentrated in southeast New Hampshire, there is proba-

bly some undercounting in southwest, central, and northern New Hampshire. Finally, only the maximum count reported for a location is used, though there were gaps of several days between reports for some locations, implying that the later birds were actually different birds.

Sightings in 2007 appeared to be right in line with that migration schedule. Only four Fox Sparrows had been reported in the three days prior to the March 16 snowstorm. As significant numbers of birds were reported in the next few days, I posted a request on the NH.Birds listserv asking that all Fox Sparrow sightings be reported to document the extent of the fallout. By the time all reports had filtered in, 30 new birds were reported on March 16, 41 on March 17, and 75 on March 18, including an amazing 45 seen along the Seacoast by Steve and Jane Mirick (Figure 1). From then on only a handful of birds per day were reported, except from April 5–7, when the birds were moving into the southwestern and northern parts of the state in line with their typical schedule (Figure 2). Especially noteworthy in that second wave were the 19 seen by Mary Wright at her home in Gilsum on April 6, the highest one-location total reported by anyone. Because the southwest is predominantly a rugged area of small mountains and hills, it is more similar to the White Mountains and the northern part of the state than to the flatlands of southeast New Hampshire, with snow lingering longer, perhaps accounting for the later push of birds into that region.

“Newly-reported” as used in the following figures and tables includes only the birds that were first reported on that specific date.

Figure 1. Number of newly-reported Fox Sparrows by date in New Hampshire in March, 2007.

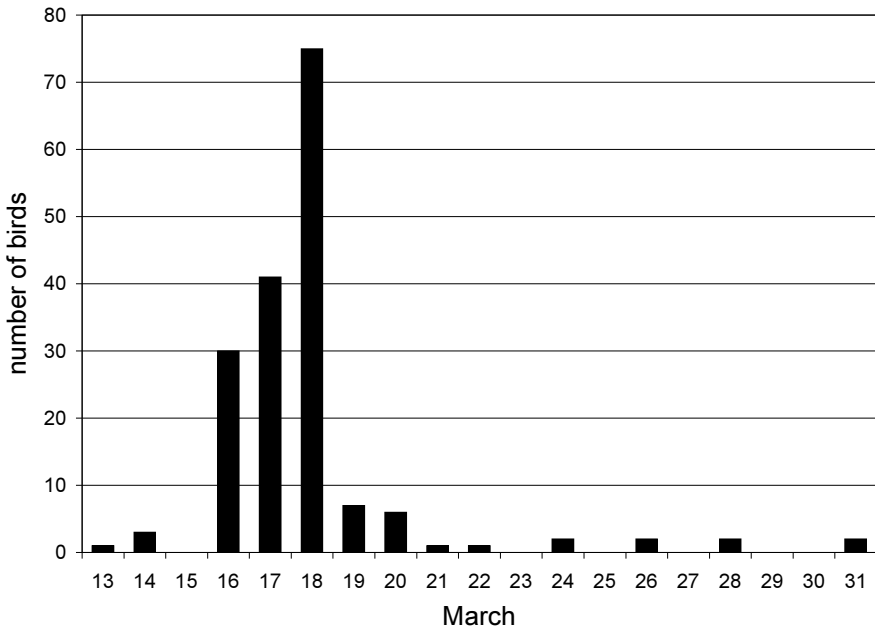
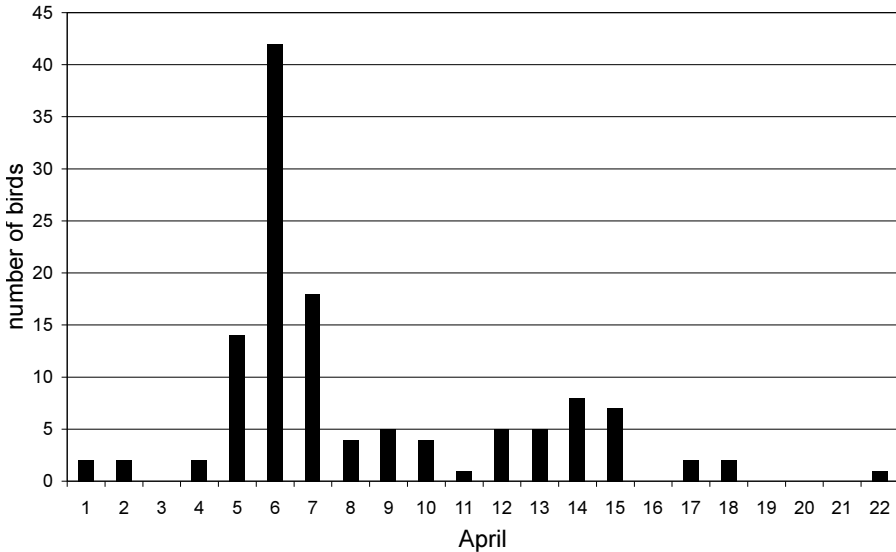


Figure 2. Number of newly-reported Fox Sparrows by date in New Hampshire in April, 2007.



The fallout clearly occurred only in the southern part of the state from March 16–18 when 124 Fox Sparrows were reported in southeast New Hampshire and 20 in southwest New Hampshire, while only two were noted in central and northern New Hampshire (Table 1). This makes sense, as the birds were not supposed to be that far north as of those dates.

Table 1. Summary of newly-reported Fox Sparrows in New Hampshire in 2007. Southeast NH: Rockingham and Strafford Counties, cities of Manchester and Nashua. Southwest NH: Cheshire, Hillsborough (excluding Manchester and Nashua), Merrimack, and Sullivan Counties. Central/Northern NH: Belknap, Carroll, Coos, and Grafton Counties.

Dates	Southeast	Southwest	Central/Northern	Total
March 13-15	2	1	1	4
March 16	26	3	1	30
March 17	33	7	1	41
March 18	65	10	0	75
March 19-31	18	4	1	23
April 1-11	12	69	12	93
April 12-22	8	13	10	31
Total	164	107	26	297

The numbers in Table 1 include 162 birds reported directly to *New Hampshire Bird Records* and 135 reported only to the NH.Birds listserv, so it appears that the sightings request posted on that listserv may have more than doubled the number of birds that would ordinarily have been reported. Still, the 162 reported directly to *New Hampshire Bird Records* for 2007 dwarfs the numbers reported since 1986, which have ranged from 3 to 42 per year.

Prior to 1986, there were fewer birders and far fewer reports in New Hampshire. Some numbers are available, however, for Massachusetts. Pre-1960 numbers in Essex County, just across the border from Rockingham County, indicate that huge counts occasionally occurred: 300–400 in 1937, 300 in 1939, 400 in 1940, 580 in 1950, and 1,150 in 1956. In the Sudbury River valley west of Boston, there were 700 in 1959.

The 297 Fox Sparrows reported in 2007 in New Hampshire, while certainly far fewer than the 600 to 1,150 reported in the 1950s in Massachusetts, is not too much different from the 300 to 400 birds reported in the 1930s and 1940s from that state. Perhaps the population increased in the 1950s and later returned to earlier levels; perhaps those 1950s numbers were aberrations due to extraordinary weather-related events. We'll never know.

Breeding Bird Survey data for the *iliaca* subspecies seen in the East are of little help in determining whether or not this species is increasing or declining in numbers, as most nesting occurs in remote and impenetrable forests of Quebec, Ontario, and the Maritime Provinces and very little data are collected as a result (Weckstein, et al. 2002). One can only speculate that factors such as habitat loss in Canada due to timber and mining operations, urban sprawl in the wintering grounds in the southern United States, weather during migration, and variation in coverage of the species by birders may all play a part in determining the numbers of birds observed over time.

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Backyard Birder

Wild Turkey Behavior

by Peter Stettenheim

Wild Turkeys are common in the mixed forests and fields of New Hampshire's Upper Valley region, but they seldom come close to houses. I was therefore surprised to see an adult male turkey in my yard on March 3, 2007, only the third or fourth such occurrence in the more than 34 years that I have lived here. My home is in a hilly, rural area of East Plainfield, amidst second-growth hardwood-coniferous woodland. It had snowed the day before and snow on the ground was 14–16 inches deep. The turkey walked back and forth scratching and scrounging for sunflower seeds and corn fallen from my bird feeders. He returned early the next morning and, as I watched (with 8x40 binoculars), seized a small mammal in his beak. He dropped his prey as it wriggled, but immediately picked it up again, adjusted its position, and devoured it! From start to finish the capture took only a few seconds. I was able to identify the animal as a southern red-backed vole, *Clethrionomys gapperi*.

Turkeys are said to eat almost anything they can swallow. Their diet is about 90% plant matter and 10% animal matter. In winter, Wild Turkeys in New England consume chiefly acorns, American Beech nuts, wild black cherries, and White Ash seeds. They may also eat other seeds, buds, leaves, and other plant material. At other seasons and in other parts of the country, they feed mainly on other kinds of seeds, fruits, and foliage. Animals reported in their diet include insects (mainly dragonflies, grasshoppers, and caterpillars), millipedes, snails, worms, salamanders, and occasional small lizards, snakes, and frogs. Ted Walski, Turkey Project Biologist with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, informed me (letter, March 12, 2007) that he has seen turkeys feeding on dead Coho Salmon along the banks of the Lamprey River in Newmarket, as well as on amphibians and reptiles.

This appears to be the first report of a Wild Turkey eating a mammal. No mammals are listed in the diet sections of the references I checked, listed below. Replying to my queries, both Eaton and Walski told me that they had never seen or heard of such prey.

My sighting is a reminder not to assume that everything is known about the natural history of our local animals. When watching even a familiar creature, pay attention to any behavior that seems unusual and check it out. You may have seen something new.

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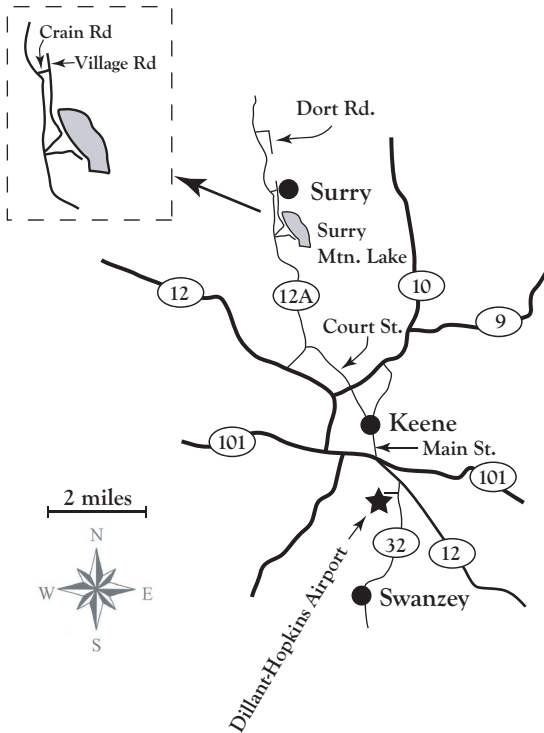
Spring Birding in Southwestern New Hampshire: Swanzey, Keene, and Surry

by Lance Tanino

Birding from March 1 through May 31 in New Hampshire means it's time to listen to those bird song compact discs again, reminding ourselves of each spring migrant's song. Isn't it amazing how difficult it is to stay in bed late? For a birder, what could be a better way to start your spring day than to listen to the Yellow Warbler's song, "sweet – sweet – sweet – I'm – so – sweet", or the "zee – zee – zee – zoo – zee" song of the Black-throated Green Warbler, or "pleased – pleased – pleased – to – meet – you" from a Chestnut-sided Warbler outside your bedroom window?

Around southwest New Hampshire—Swanzey, Keene, and Surry—you can find a number of scenic birding hotspots that are easy to get to.

In the spring, the Ashuelot Valley region of southwest New Hampshire is not frequented by birders as much as the New Hampshire coastline. This article is my contribution and way of giving back to the birding community of New Hampshire, with whom I have had the pleasure of birding since I moved to Keene in the spring of 2005. Here are my favorite areas to look for spring migrants, none more than a 15 minute drive from the center of Keene.



Swanzey

Airport Road – Dillant-Hopkins Airport

Grasslands, wetlands, and mixed conifer/hardwood forests can be found along this 1.5 mile stretch of road. Over 70 species were seen in Spring 2006 and 2007. The grasslands along the runways attract grassland bird species—Grasshopper and Vesper Sparrow, and Eastern Meadowlark—that are uncommon in southwestern New Hampshire.

Directions: Drive south on Main Street from Central Square in Keene for about .8 miles. Continue south across the intersection with Route 101, onto Route 12. After driving southeast for about one mile on Route 12, turn right onto Route 32. Drive about .2 miles and turn right onto Airport Road. Continue on Airport Road for about .4 miles and you will see a large parking lot on the left side of the road. There is an entry gate at the start of the road that is usually closed on weekends, but the public is allowed to walk or bicycle around the gate. It ends about 1.5 miles away at a wastewater treatment plant. On weekdays, be aware of speeding trucks making their way to and from the treatment plant.

Keene

Krif Road / Keene State College Wildlife Management Area

Krif Road, a tiny oasis of cornfields surrounded by businesses, and the Keene State College Athletic Facility can be very rewarding areas. The south end of the cornfields closest to Krif Road provides stopover habitat for small numbers of migratory shorebirds (i.e. Wilson's Snipe, Least Sandpiper, Solitary Sandpiper, Semipalmated Plover, Dunlin, Greater Yellowlegs and Lesser Yellowlegs) and waterfowl (Mallard, Green-winged Teal, Wood Duck, Canada Goose) if water is present. A male Eurasian Green-winged Teal or Common Teal (a rare subspecies of Green-winged Teal from Eurasia) was seen in Spring 2007 feeding with American Green-winged Teals. In the same season, a Cattle Egret in breeding plumage also frequented the area.

Keene State Wildlife Management Area's short loop and nearby rail trails are both worth checking out during the entire spring. Although the Silver Maple forest is a tiny fragment, bird diversity is high throughout the season. Raptors (Northern Harrier), warblers (Wilson's Warbler), sparrows (White-crowned, White-throated, and Field Sparrow) can be seen. Brown Thrashers are early arrivals but unfortunately don't stay around for very long before moving on with their migration.

Directions reprinted from "Spring Birding on the Lower Connecticut and Ashuelot Rivers" by Wendy Ward, *New Hampshire Bird Records* Spring 2004 (Vol. 23, No. 1).

Directions: From Route 101 in Keene, take Route 10 south for about 1/4 mile. Krif Road is on the left at the Owl Stadium sign. Bird from your car or on foot. The open areas are hay and corn fields where temporary ponds form in early spring. You can park your car at the end of Krif Road. The gate to the playing fields may or may not be open but the public is welcome to walk the athletic grounds anytime. There is a wonderful loop trail that is part of Keene State College's cross country running route that brings you through a small field under the power lines and then next to the Ashuelot River in a beautiful Silver Maple floodplain forest. You will emerge at the back of the baseball field and can turn left to get back to the road. The loop is about a one-mile flat walk. In early spring, however, it may be flooded as it is in the floodplain of the river.

Greater Goose Pond Forest

Mixed conifer and hardwood forests, a lake, and streams make up more than 1,000 acres in this town preserve. Warblers, thrushes, woodpeckers and, occasionally, Common Loons have been seen here. In Spring 2006 and 2007, over 60 species including thirteen species of warblers were recorded.

Directions: From Central Square in Keene, drive about 2.2 miles north on Court Street. Turn right onto East Surry Road and continue for about a mile where you will see a small parking lot on the right. This parking lot is the main trailhead into the Greater Goose Pond Forest trail system.

Greenlawn Cemetery

This “central park” of Keene is a cemetery that provides multiple uses; many people can be seen walking, running, and birding. The diversity of bird species seen here has the ability to match or surpass all the birding locations that I describe in this article. This tiny birding oasis near the center of Keene gives visitors the solitude of birding while taking a break for those doing business just down the street in Central Square.

Directions: Drive north on Main Street in Keene, staying right at the round-about in Central Square where the street becomes Washington Street. About a mile north of Central Square, turn right onto Greenlawn Street. The street quickly becomes an access road that winds its way through the grounds. The best place to park is next to the green shed in the middle of the cemetery.

Surry

Surry and Surry Mountain Lake

Surry provides both birding and scenic views. The north end of Village Road takes you onto dirt roads and trails that wind north until you reach Dort Road. Along those roads and trails, wetlands, forests, and fields come alive with a variety of bird species, from raptors in the high sky to warblers and flycatchers in the trees, waterthrushes and Ruffed Grouse on the ground, and bobolinks and bluebirds in the fields. Surry Mountain Lake offers a scenic view and provides habitat for migrating waterfowl, waders, and shorebirds. Over 90 species, including sixteen warbler species, were seen in Spring 2006 and 2007.

Directions: From Central Square in Keene, drive north on Court Street for about 2.5 miles until you reach the intersection at Route 12A and Court Street. Turn right onto Route 12A and drive north for three miles, then turn right at the entrance to the Surry Mountain Beach for scenic views of the lake and Surry Mountain. Drive another mile past the Surry Mountain Beach sign (four miles north of the Route 12A and Court Street intersection); turn right onto Crain Road and then left onto Village Road in Surry. The best place to park is at the north end parking lot. From the parking lot, walk past the gate and explore the dirt roads and trails. To reach Dort Road, continue along Rte. 12A another 1.5 miles (going north) from where you turned onto Crain Road. Turn right onto Dort Road and head down the dirt road past an Army Corps of Engineers gate (hours are posted next to the gate). Park in the lot on the left.

Lance Tanino, a field biologist and a life-long birder, is originally from Hawaii but now lives in Keene, NH. He is finishing his graduate studies at Antioch University New England specializing in Conservation Biology. His thesis research is looking at how suburban development may affect songbird distribution during spring migration and the early breeding season in Cheshire County.

Photo Gallery

Spring on Squam Lake

by Kathie Palfy

Just as the Common Loons return to Squam Lake each spring so does Joe Kabat. Joe and his wife Sheila live in Nashua but when the weather warms they return to their camp on Squam Lake. Joe spends countless hours keeping an eye on the birds that also make their summer home on Squam Lake. Joe has kept tally on the loons for years and now he keeps watch on the nesting Bald Eagles as well. It is volunteers like Joe and many others – watching, counting, and reporting, that are helping to protect New Hampshire's environment for wildlife and people.

All photos taken by Joe Kabat on Squam Lake, NH.



Setting out the buoys to protect Common Loon nesting sites.



Female and juvenile Bald Eagle in tree on Squam Lake.



Waiting patiently for hatching.



It's all worth it when you get a loon chick!

Volunteers and Research

Northern Goshawk Research in New Hampshire

by *Chris Costello and Mariko Yamasaki*



*Angel Kartedes and Mariko Yamasaki banding a Northern Goshawk chick.
Photo by Ken Dudzik.*

On February 26, 2007, Jim Calder discovered a dead Northern Goshawk next to his garage in Auburn and brought it to New Hampshire Audubon's Massabesic Center. This bird was of particular interest because it was banded on both legs: one a standard 9-digit band from the Bird Banding Lab, the other a black band with the silver letters, 4D. Also of interest was the condition of the bird when found, a nearly decapitated head and a very prominent keel. The latter condition indicates that the goshawk was probably close to starvation and likely made it more vulnerable to its ultimate fate. In this case the decapitated head may suggest an untimely encounter with a great horned owl, a known predator of other raptors that has a reputation of decapitating the heads of its prey.

After reporting the discovery to the Bird Banding Lab, we were contacted by Chris Martin of New Hampshire Audubon

and were able to confirm that the bird was one of the goshawks from the study we were conducting. It was a male, banded in Benton, New Hampshire, as a nestling in 2006, and part of an ongoing study on goshawks by the US Forest Service Northern Research Station based in Durham. This recovered goshawk is the first instance of a relocated banded nestling since we began the process in 2003 and provides us with valuable information on juvenile dispersal.

The Northern Goshawk currently breeds throughout the state; however, it is designated as a species of greatest conservation concern in the New Hampshire Wildlife Action Plan because of its association with large tracts of forests and the rate at which forest habitat is being converted to other uses in this state. New Hampshire is the fastest-growing state in New England, and forestland has declined by 134,500 acres (-2.7 percent) since 1983. Changes in ownership patterns and land use conversion continue to subdivide forestland into smaller parcels which can compromise goshawk habitat by reducing the number and distribution of available nest sites as well as the abundance of important prey species.

There is very little historical or contemporary data on the status, reproductive success, and nesting habitat characteristics of Northern Goshawks in the northeast. To address this information gap, biologists from the Northern Research Station have been locating nests, banding birds, and describing habitat in the White Mountain National Forest region for several years and have recently expanded this effort to a state-wide level. The bulk of our research thus far has been dedicated to collecting data on vegetative structure and topographic characteristics of nesting habitat. We have located nest trees representing 44 territories between 1993 and 2006 using several methods: broadcast surveys (originally conducted by New Hampshire Audubon), goshawk "wanted" posters, directed searches, and sightings.

When feasible, adults and nestlings in this study are fitted with two types of leg bands. One leg band is a United States Fish and Wildlife Services aluminum band, which has a unique number used to track the bird's movements and age. The other leg band is a colored sex-specific band (black for males and green for females) with a two-character letter-number combination engraved on it. This band is used in the study area to identify individual birds without the need to recapture them.

Most recently, in 2006, we conducted a pilot study to assess mercury levels in blood samples from goshawk adults, nestlings, and fledglings; results suggest that further assessment of mercury levels in this top-level terrestrial avian predator is warranted. Our ultimate goal is to develop locally based habitat management and conservation guidelines for this raptor on both protected and unprotected lands in the northeast.

Preliminary analysis of nesting habitat data in New Hampshire reveals that nest sites occur in forest-dominated landscapes and are often a component of managed stands. These stands tend to contain medium to large diameter trees, and have relatively dense canopies and open understories. Nest sites are generally situated on lower gentle slopes, and are often located close to some type of forest opening. Goshawks will often maintain one to eight alternate nests within their nesting areas, either refurbishing an old one or building a new one each year.

Nests are constructed in large pole to sawtimber-sized trees with dominant and co-dominant positions in the canopy, but are not necessarily the largest trees within the stand. White pine is often chosen as a nesting tree in New Hampshire; however, various species of hardwood trees are also used. A nest tree must contain a branching structure suitable for holding a large bulky nest up to four feet in diameter. In white pine this is typically against the trunk on horizontal limbs, whereas large primary forks are used in hardwoods. In both situations, nests are placed close to the base of the live crown. Although the goshawk is a fairly secretive bird for most of the year, it is best known for its practice of boldly defending its nest from intruders with loud vocalizations and aerial attacks. From monitoring nest sites in New Hampshire, we've learned that goshawks are typically on their breeding territories by March and perhaps as early as February in some parts of the state.

Locating new goshawk nesting territories can be quite challenging and time consuming, so we rely heavily on help from the public. Many of our goshawk nesting areas are located simply by accident when unsuspecting hikers, mountain bikers, timber markers, or birders, venture too close to an undiscovered nest site and find themselves running for cover from the aggressive attacks of the larger female goshawk.

If you have any goshawk encounters this spring or summer, we'd love to hear about it! We are also interested in receiving information on any sightings of banded goshawks as this could provide valuable information on longevity, adult nest site fidelity, seasonal movements, and juvenile dispersal.

Please contact either Christine Costello at 603-374-2494 (e-mail: ccostello@fs.fed.us) or Mariko Yamasaki at 603-868-7659 (e-mail: myamasaki@fs.fed.us) with any information that may help us better understand and protect this raptor in New Hampshire. Thank you for your help!

Mariko Yamasaki and Christine Costello are wildlife biologists for the U.S. Forest Service, Northern Research Station. Their research focuses on the influences of silvicultural practices and land capability on species habitat relationships in northern forest ecosystems. Species of interest include songbirds, raptors, salamanders, small mammals and bats.

Spring Arrival Dates Revisited

by Pam Hunt

In the Spring 1998 issue of *New Hampshire Bird Records*, I presented a summary of arrival data for some of our common spring migrants. It has been almost a decade since that summary, and in the intervening years there have been several new early arrival dates recorded, including in the Spring 2007 season. In an era of increased awareness of global climate change, it seems appropriate to provide an update on how bird migration patterns have changed in New Hampshire in just the last nine years. A more comprehensive analysis of this data is being proposed that would also incorporate meteorological data, so this update will primarily focus on changes since the original listing and an overall summary.

The format in Table 1 is the same as in 1998. For each species I have sorted through over 40 years of spring data and extracted the first obvious reports of migrating birds. After gathering all the dates, I simply sorted them using a spreadsheet and had the software find the earliest date, the median date, and the first and third quartiles. The quartiles bracket the range of dates when 50% of arrivals occurred, and can thus be considered the normal arrival period for a given species. You will note that this range can vary from only a few days in the case of some warblers to much longer periods in many waterbirds. In the arrival table, the earliest record is presented first and underlined, while the median is boldfaced and located between the two quartiles. Let's use Pied-billed Grebe as an example. Half the time, this species should first appear in New Hampshire between March 19 and April 5, and the record early date is March 6. A first spring sighting on March 17 would thus be relatively early, and one on April 10 would be relatively late.

In most cases this is a straightforward process, but a handful of species are increasingly arriving in February or overwintering in the state, and are thus reported at otherwise "unusual" dates. Turkey Vulture and Common Grackle are among the better

examples. For these species the data are a little more difficult to interpret, and are also acknowledged as somewhat incomplete. For these reasons many such species were not included in the first summary of arrival dates, but I've included them this time to provide a baseline for future comparison.

The key thing to look at when studying arrival dates is the overall change with time, not individual years. One way to do this is to compare the dates between two similar lengths of time: 1) data compiled for almost 20 years in the 1960s and 1970s by Robert Smart and 2) *New Hampshire Bird Records* data from 1988 to the present. In Table 1, the final column represents the difference in the **median** between these two periods. A negative number means that a species is now arriving that many days *earlier* than it did 30–40 years ago. A positive number indicates a trend toward later arrivals. For a shorter-term comparison, I've also included a column that compares the more recent medians with those presented in the first arrival date article (1960s–1997).

Taken all together, 28 species are now arriving at least five days earlier than they did in the 1970s, while 10 are arriving at least five days later. Most of the latter are species that have shown declines in recent years, such as most grassland birds, and the later arrivals probably reflect this. With fewer birds around, fewer are likely to be detected by birders until later in the season. The earlier-arriving species are a mixed bag, and include many “short distance migrants.” These are birds that winter in the southeastern United States and thus don't have as far to fly each spring. They are probably also more adaptable in the face of climate change, because the weather in the south is a better predictor of the weather in New Hampshire. A warbler wintering down in South America, on the other hand, would have no clue whatsoever about the weather in New England until well after it headed north. These species are probably more cued in to factors such as day length to time their migrations. For an additional comparison, I also looked at how the new arrival means differ from those presented only nine years ago. Even in this much shorter time frame, seven species are arriving at least five days earlier, while three are arriving later. I'll leave it to you to look for patterns.

The key question of course is whether climate change is really the main factor behind the trend for early arrival in some species. The fact that most species are not arriving that much earlier suggests that there are several factors involved in addition to those mentioned above. Changes in land use, in the distribution and activity level of birders, and actual bird distributions may also contribute to any observed variation. We can explain earlier arrivals with warmer temperatures, but this doesn't mean it's the principal cause. And then there are the potential consequences of early arrival, such as potentially higher mortality as a result of late spring snow storms, but I'll have to save that for another day.

In addition to its scientific value, data on spring arrival is a valuable tool for birders. You can use the table below to help determine whether the bird you identify should really be here at the date you see it. Many misidentifications occur simply because observers are unfamiliar with the normal arrival schedule of common species. For instance, a brownish-gray flycatcher on March 30 is far more likely to be an Eastern Phoebe than an Eastern Wood-Pewee or *Empidonax* flycatcher. As a final note, keep in mind that some of these species occasionally winter in small numbers in the southern part of the state, in which case these dates represent the time when birds first appear away from these local wintering areas.

Table 1. Arrival periods for spring migrants in New Hampshire, 1960s-2007. The final two columns compare median arrival dates; negative numbers represent earlier arrivals; positive numbers represent later arrivals. NHBR 1-2 compares data from the Spring 1998 article in *New Hampshire Bird Records* (1960s-1997 data), and the data below. Smart-NHBR compares 1960s and 1970s data compiled by Robert Smart, and *New Hampshire Bird Records* data from 1988 to May 31, 2007.

Species	Earliest date recorded	1st Quartile	Median	3rd Quartile	NHBR 1-2 Change	Smart-NHBR Change
Snow Goose	Mar-1	Mar-19	Mar-27	Apr-1	-3	-9
Wood Duck	Mar-1	Mar-5	Mar-16	Mar-23	-5	-17
American Wigeon	Mar-7	Mar-15	Mar-26	Apr-2	-10	-17
Blue-winged Teal	Mar-7	Apr-2	Apr-7	Apr-10	0	0
Green-winged Teal	Mar-3	Mar-14	Mar-25	Mar-31	-3	-15
Ring-necked Duck	Mar-1	Mar-6	Mar-10	Mar-13	-2	
Pied-billed Grebe	Mar-6	Mar-19	Mar-28	Apr-5	-1	-3
Double-crested Cormorant	Mar-2	Mar-29	Apr-5	Apr-14	0	-3
American Bittern	Mar-27	Apr-10	Apr-16	Apr-22	0	-2
Great Egret	Mar-11	Mar-31	Apr-20	May-3		-19
Snowy Egret	Mar-27	Apr-7	Apr-13	Apr-20	-5	-7
Green Heron	Apr-4	Apr-27	Apr-30	May-2	2	0
Black-crowned Night-Heron	Apr-2	Apr-14	Apr-22	May-2	3	12
Glossy Ibis	Mar-29	Apr-8	Apr-18	Apr-22	-2	-13
Turkey Vulture	Mar-1	Mar-3	Mar-9	Apr-17		-49
Osprey	Mar-10	Mar-29	Apr-4	Apr-8	-3.5	-10
Northern Harrier	Mar-2	Mar-17	Mar-25	Mar-28	0	-1
Red-shouldered Hawk	Mar-1	Mar-8	Mar-14	Mar-19	0.5	-6
Broad-winged Hawk	Mar-30	Apr-10	Apr-16	Apr-18	0	-2
American Kestrel	Mar-3	Mar-9	Mar-15	Mar-23	2	6
Merlin	Mar-6	Mar-22	Apr-11	Apr-19	-1	-17
Virginia Rail	Mar-31	Apr-23	Apr-27	May-11	-2	-3
Black-bellied Plover	Apr-17	May-11	May-14	May-17		-1
Semipalmated Plover	May-4	May-13	May-15	May-19	0	0
Killdeer	Mar-2	Mar-4	Mar-9	Mar-16	-2	-3
Greater Yellowlegs	Mar-21	Apr-2	Apr-9	Apr-18	-2	-2
Lesser Yellowlegs	Apr-8	Apr-26	May-4	May-12	0	1
Solitary Sandpiper	Apr-16	Apr-28	May-4	May-7	-1	0
Spotted Sandpiper	Apr-20	Apr-25	Apr-29	May-3	-2	-2
Semipalmated Sandpiper	May-4	May-12	May-17	May-20	3	6
Least Sandpiper	Apr-30	May-8	May-12	May-17	1	1
Short-billed Dowitcher	Apr-29	May-16	May-18	May-19	0	1
Wilson's Snipe	Mar-3	Mar-26	Apr-1	Apr-5	-3	-2
American Woodcock	Mar-1	Mar-8	Mar-14	Mar-20	-2	-10
Common Tern	Apr-26	May-5	May-9	May-14	-1.5	-3

Species	Earliest date recorded	1st Quartile	Median	3rd Quartile	NHBR 1-2 Change	Smart-NHBR Change
Least Tern	May-7	May-20	May-21	May-23	1	1
Black Tern	May-1	May-8	May-16	May-21	-2	-3
Black-billed Cuckoo	Apr-25	May-14	May-17	May-21	0	1
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	May-6	May-14	May-18	May-27	-1.5	-1
Common Nighthawk	Apr-15	May-10	May-15	May-18	0	4
Whip-poor-will	Apr-17	Apr-25	Apr-30	May-2	2	4
Chimney Swift	Apr-9	Apr-23	Apr-28	Apr-29	1	3
Ruby-thr. Hummingbird	Apr-10	May-2	May-5	May-9	-4	-6
Belted Kingfisher	Mar-4	Mar-15	Mar-22	Apr-1	-1	3
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Mar-25	Apr-2	Apr-8	Apr-10	-1	-7
Northern Flicker	Mar-1	Mar-12	Mar-20	Apr-1	-9.5	-19
Olive-sided Flycatcher	May-4	May-12	May-14	May-16	0	3
Eastern Wood-Pewee	May-1	May-9	May-13	May-19	2.5	6
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	May-9	May-17	May-20	May-22	0	-2
Traill's Flycatcher (Alder/Willow)	May-10	May-17	May-19	May-23		-2
Alder Flycatcher	May-11	May-15	May-20	May-23	0	
Willow Flycatcher	May-4	May-13	May-17	May-20	1	
Least Flycatcher	Apr-21	Apr-28	May-1	May-3	0	3
Eastern Phoebe	Mar-3	Mar-18	Mar-24	Mar-28	-2.5	-8
Great Crested Flycatcher	Apr-23	May-2	May-6	May-7	0	-1
Eastern Kingbird	Apr-13	Apr-26	May-1	May-3	0	-1
Yellow-throated Vireo	Apr-29	May-4	May-6	May-10	-2	-2
Blue-headed Vireo	Mar-31	Apr-19	Apr-22	Apr-25	-1	-3
Warbling Vireo	Apr-21	May-1	May-4	May-5	0	-2
Philadelphia Vireo	May-1	May-16	May-18	May-22	-0.5	2
Red-eyed Vireo	May-2	May-5	May-10	May-11	0	-4
Purple Martin	Apr-6	Apr-17	Apr-27	May-3	9	14
Tree Swallow	Mar-14	Mar-23	Mar-26	Mar-30	-2	-4
N. Rough-winged Swallow	Apr-3	Apr-12	Apr-19	Apr-21	0	-8
Bank Swallow	Apr-19	Apr-25	Apr-27	Apr-30	2	4
Cliff Swallow	Apr-8	Apr-22	Apr-27	May-2	4	8
Barn Swallow	Mar-28	Apr-11	Apr-16	Apr-20	0	1
House Wren	Apr-20	Apr-26	Apr-28	Apr-30	0	-1
Winter Wren	Mar-1	Mar-17	Mar-25	Mar-30	7	
Marsh Wren	Apr-25	May-4	May-13	May-18	0	-1
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Mar-10	Mar-16	Apr-3	Apr-9	-2.5	-10
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Mar-30	Apr-8	Apr-13	Apr-17	0	-2
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Apr-13	Apr-21	Apr-27	May-5	-7	-17
Veery	Apr-21	Apr-28	May-5	May-7	0	-3
Bicknell's Thrush	Apr-28	May-14	May-19	May-21		2
Swainson's Thrush	Apr-21	May-7	May-11	May-15	1	2
Hermit Thrush	Mar-14	Apr-5	Apr-8	Apr-13	-3	-5
Wood Thrush	Apr-4	Apr-29	May-1	May-3	-1	-3

Species	Earliest date recorded	1st Quartile	Median	3rd Quartile	NHBR 1-2 Change	Smart-NHBR Change
Gray Catbird	Apr-26	Apr-30	May-3	May-5	-1	-3
Brown Thrasher	Apr-5	Apr-20	Apr-24	Apr-27	0	0
American Pipit	Mar-17	Apr-2	Apr-11	Apr-29	-9	
Blue-winged Warbler	Apr-28	May-3	May-7	May-13	-5.5	-11
Golden-winged Warbler	May-5	May-10	May-12	May-17	1	6
Tennessee Warbler	May-1	May-9	May-12	May-14	0	1
Nashville Warbler	Apr-23	Apr-27	Apr-30	May-3	0	1
Northern Parula	Apr-19	Apr-30	May-3	May-5	-0.5	3
Yellow Warbler	Apr-22	Apr-30	May-2	May-4	0	-4
Chestnut-sided Warbler	Apr-29	May-2	May-4	May-6	0	0
Magnolia Warbler	Apr-25	May-4	May-6	May-9	0	-1
Cape May Warbler	May-4	May-6	May-9	May-12	2.5	5
Black-thr. Blue Warbler	Apr-23	Apr-30	May-2	May-6	-1	4
Yellow-rumped Warbler	Mar-2	Apr-7	Apr-13	Apr-18	-1	-7
Black-thr. Green Warbler	Apr-20	Apr-27	Apr-29	Apr-30	0	1
Blackburnian Warbler	Mar-30	May-3	May-5	May-6	0	1
Pine Warbler	Mar-27	Apr-3	Apr-10	Apr-15	-2	-11
Prairie Warbler	Apr-25	May-4	May-7	May-11	-2.5	-5
Palm Warbler	Mar-30	Apr-9	Apr-14	Apr-17	-2	-6
Bay-breasted Warbler	May-1	May-10	May-13	May-16	0	1
Blackpoll Warbler	May-8	May-12	May-15	May-17	1	1
Black-and-white Warbler	Apr-15	Apr-22	Apr-25	Apr-27	-1	-1
American Redstart	Apr-26	May-4	May-5	May-7	-1	-1
Ovenbird	Apr-27	Apr-30	May-2	May-4	-1	-1
Northern Waterthrush	Apr-12	Apr-22	Apr-27	Apr-30	0	2
Louisiana Waterthrush	Apr-5	Apr-16	Apr-20	Apr-22	1	3
Mourning Warbler	May-12	May-19	May-22	May-26	0	2
Common Yellowthroat	Apr-18	May-2	May-4	May-6	-1	-1
Wilson's Warbler	Apr-22	May-10	May-11	May-14	0	-1
Canada Warbler	Apr-29	May-9	May-11	May-14	1	4
Scarlet Tanager	Apr-27	May-4	May-7	May-10	-1	-2
Eastern Towhee	Apr-7	Apr-15	Apr-19	Apr-22	1	1
Chipping Sparrow	Mar-29	Apr-7	Apr-11	Apr-17	-3	-6
Field Sparrow	Mar-18	Mar-28	Apr-5	Apr-12	0	2
Vesper Sparrow	Mar-30	Apr-7	Apr-15	Apr-22	7	16
Savannah Sparrow	Mar-15	Mar-31	Apr-8	Apr-14	0	11
Saltmarsh Sharp-t. Sparrow	May-4	May-19	May-21	May-23	0	-2
Fox Sparrow	Mar-2	Mar-11	Mar-17	Mar-23	1	-7
Lincoln's Sparrow	Apr-26	May-6	May-10	May-13	-3	-7
Swamp Sparrow	Mar-23	Apr-7	Apr-14	Apr-19	1.5	4
White-crowned Sparrow	Apr-18	Apr-29	May-2	May-4	1.5	4
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Apr-15	Apr-27	Apr-30	May-3	-3	-6
Indigo Bunting	Apr-6	May-2	May-7	May-12	-3	-8

Species	Earliest date recorded	1st Quartile	Median	3rd Quartile	NHBR 1-2 Change	Smart NHBR Change
Bobolink	May-2	May-5	May-6	May-8	-1	-2
Red-winged Blackbird	Feb-23	Mar-1	Mar-2	Mar-6		-1
Eastern Meadowlark	Mar-2	Mar-11	Mar-17	Mar-25	2	9
Rusty Blackbird	Mar-1	Mar-14	Mar-22	Mar-27	1	2
Common Grackle	Feb-26	Mar-3	Mar-8	Mar-15		-4
Orchard Oriole	Apr-25	May-8	May-11	May-17	-4	-4
Baltimore Oriole	Apr-18	May-1	May-2	May-4	-2	-3
	# of species arriving at least 5 days early				7	28
	# of species arriving at least 5 days later				3	10
	# of species arriving 2 days early				34	
	# of species arriving 2 days later				13	

Answer to the Photo Quiz

by David B. Donsker

One of the pleasures of birding in the spring is that the birds we are watching are in breeding plumage...the plumages that are most familiar to us from illustrations in our field guides. For many birds, these plumages are in vivid color and we use color as a substantial aid in making our identifications. Some beginner's bird guides even use color as an initial category for dividing birds into smaller identifiable groups. But even in springtime, color can elude us. Nothing can be more frustrating, for example, than trying to identify a small bird, backlit by the sun, high in the crown in a tall tree, or watching a bird in the dark undergrowth where colors are dimmed and muted. Under these circumstances, we must instead use other clues including behavior, song, structure, and plumage pattern. This black-and-white photograph requires the analysis of structure and plumage pattern to reach a proper identification of our Photo Quiz subject.

This is a small perching bird with a sharp, pointed bill, short neck, and proportionally short tail. On closer examination, we note that the bill is bicolored; that is, it has a dark upper half or mandible and a pale lower mandible. Like so many birds, it is rather uniformly dark above and pale below with the exception of a darker upper breast. Its most notable features are two prominent wide wing bars and a "broken" eye-ring that forms a short crescent above and below the eye—the only striking marking on its otherwise plain head and face.

Several groups of small birds share the combination of double wing bars and some sort of eye-ring. These include some of our flycatchers, kinglets, vireos, and wood warblers.

Like this bird, the confusing *Empidonax* flycatchers (Least, Yellow-bellied, Alder, Willow, and Acadian) also have bicolored bills. But any similarities largely stop there. These small flycatchers are proportionally larger-headed, with generally smaller, much less sharply pointed, broad-based bills. They usually assume a vertical posture when perched. Their wing bars are less broad and all have fairly contrasting pale edges on their wing feathers. Their eye-rings are either complete or bold, as in Least and Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, or narrow to non-existent as in the other three.

The small, short-tailed Ruby-crowned Kinglet differs from the quiz bird in having a much smaller, diminutive bill and, as in the flycatchers, more contrasting pale edges on its wing feathers. Its upperparts and underparts are more uniform. Most importantly, the eye-ring of Ruby-crowned Kinglet is completely different. It has a complete eye-ring that is wider in front of and behind the eye. So its eye-ring is actually bolder in the exact areas where there are gaps in the broken eye-ring of this bird.

A quick glance at our subject might bring to mind several of our vireo species, in particular, Blue-headed and Yellow-throated, which have two prominent wing bars. But the resemblance is only superficial. All vaguely similar vireos have prominent "spectacles" formed by a bold eye-ring that merges with a similar bold loreal area in front of the eye and behind the bill. This is quite unlike the broken eye-ring of this bird. The vireo bill is very different. Rather than thin and sharply pointed, it is fairly stout with a distinctive hook at the tip of the upper mandible.

That leaves the wood warblers. Species in the genus *Vermivora*, in particular, share the short tail and sharply pointed bill that are so striking in this bird. But Tennessee and Orange-crowned Warblers lack both bold wing bars and an eye-ring. Nashville Warbler has an eye-ring, but it is a complete one, and its wings are plain. Golden-winged Warbler has a complex facial pattern and a bold wing patch. Although Blue-winged Warbler has two bold wing bars, it differs from this bird in having a pale crown and a black line through the eye.

Both Mourning Warbler and MacGillivray's Warbler (recorded, but hypothetical in our state) are short-tailed species. In addition, MacGillivray's Warbler has a bold, broken eye-ring like our quiz bird, with short white crescents above and below the eye. Young and rare adult Mourning Warblers can have a thin, broken eye-ring reminiscent of MacGillivray's. But neither species has wing bars.

Several species of the large genus *Dendroica* have bold wing bars: Chestnut-sided, Cerulean, Yellow-rumped, Black-throated Green, Bay-breasted, Blackpoll, Yellow-throated, and Pine. But the adults of virtually all of these species have striped breasts or are otherwise boldly marked. The duller Pine Warbler can show a faint, broken eye-ring, but it has faint flank stripes, a contrasting dark cheek patch, and a longish tail. The quite different-looking Yellow-throated has a proportionally much longer bill. None of these species has a bicolored bill.

The only wood warbler found in our state that combines the features of short tail; two bold, broad wing bars; a broken eye-ring; and a sharply pointed, bicolored bill is Northern Parula. Not appreciated in the photograph is that Northern Parula is one of our smallest warblers as well. Although it is hard to mistake an adult Northern Parula

with its bluish upperparts, yellow throat, and rufous breast band for any other species, birds seen in poor light, drab females and young birds can be confusing. Under these circumstances the bicolored bill is an under-recognized field mark. No other similar warbler has it.



This adult male Northern Parula was photographed by Scott Young at Pickering Ponds in Rochester on May 14, 2007.

Northern Parula is a fairly common breeding bird in forests throughout eastern North America. It favors two strikingly different habitats. In the southern lowlands, it is a bird of cypress swamps and moist woodlands where the trees are laden with Spanish moss, its favorite nesting material. In the north, it breeds in moist boreal forest dominated by spruce, hemlock, and balsam fir. It also breeds in hemlock forest in the higher elevations of the Appalachians. These forests abound in bearded lichen, which is the preferable nesting material in this particular habitat. In New Hampshire it can be most readily found breeding in the coniferous forests in the northern part of the state and in valleys and on the lower slopes in the White Mountains. They return to New Hampshire from their wintering grounds in the West Indies and Central America in late April to early May when they may be found passing through southern New Hampshire. In passage they seem to prefer deciduous trees where they are usually found in the high or mid canopy, methodically foraging on branches or twigs, often hanging upside down like a chickadee or clambering like a nuthatch.

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Abbreviations Used

BBC	Brookline Bird Club	Rd.	Road
BBS	Breeding Bird Survey	Rt.	Route
CA	Conservation Area	SF	State Forest
CC	Country Club	St. Pk.	State Park
FT	Field Trip	SPNHF	Society for the Protection of NH Forests, Concord
L.	Lake	T&M	Thompson & Meserves (Purchase)
LPC	Loon Preservation Committee	TNC	The Nature Conservancy
NA	Natural Area	WMA	Wildlife Management Area
NHA	New Hampshire Audubon	WMNF	White Mountain National Forest
NHBR	New Hampshire Bird Records	WS	NHA Wildlife Sanctuary
NHRBC	NH Rare Birds Committee	~	approximately
NWR	National Wildlife Refuge		
PO	Post Office		
R.	River		

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A Burst of Spring Color

by Kathie Palfy



Spring is all about color and one of the most brilliantly colored birds made a visit to the home of Helen and Ken Lidstone in Hampton. A beautiful male Summer Tanager spent the morning of April 28 in their backyard. After they posted their sighting to the NH.Birds listserv other

birders were able to enjoy this spring burst of color. We thank them for sharing this find with the birding community and for their gracious hospitality as the bird was only visible from inside their home. It was last seen on May 1, 2007.

Photos by Jim Block, 5/1/07, Hampton, NH.



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