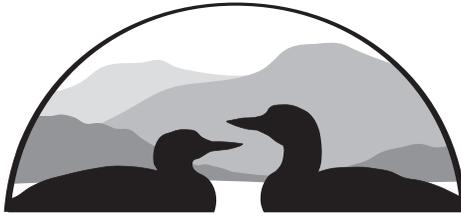


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Bill Ayer Jr.

T*his issue of New Hampshire Bird Records, with its color cover, is sponsored by Jeannine Ayer in memory of her husband. Bill was a long time member of New Hampshire Audubon. He loved the birds and kept the feeders stocked every day no matter what the weather. He is greatly missed by all.*



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by Rebecca Suomala, Editor

I am honored to have this issue sponsored by Jeannine Ayer in memory of her husband, Bill. They have both been members of New Hampshire Audubon since 1979 and taken part in many of the Nashua-Hollis Christmas Bird Counts. Jeannine began volunteering for *New Hampshire Bird Records* in 1993 and it was not long before Bill also began lending a hand. He did woodworking and made shelves for the office that we still use today. Bill often accompanied Jeannine to her volunteer job at the McLane Center in Concord, helping out with mailings and membership work or hiking the sanctuary trails to Turkey Pond. He was a wonderful presence in the office and always willing to help. I am grateful to both Bill and Jeannine for all they have done for me and for *New Hampshire Bird Records*. Bill is greatly missed but his writings remind us of his presence and his connection with the natural world.

Nature's Ways

by Bill Ayer, Jr.

I wish I knew how birds do so gracefully fly,
 And how the ocean's fish do ply.
 How do the busy bees their golden honey make?
 What purpose has the lowly snake?
 Nature's complex world is truly magnificent.
 Her ways? Indeed beneficent.

Why is the imposing giraffe so very tall?
 Or the intrusive ant so small?
 Or the large-horned caribou so gregarious?
 And the porpoise so curious?
 Do humans see their plight stereotypical?
 Or is that overcritical?

Why is the frolicsome otter so mischievous?
 And the beaver so ambitious.
 Why do nesting birds their territories defend?
 The skunk's singular scent offend?
 These queries arise out of genuine concern,
 As wildlife problems we discern.

The other species of the world are so unique,
 They harbor a matchless mystique,
 That, to us and our issue, should never be lost.
 It would but happen at great cost.
 What will we have to pass on to our offspring?
 If we don't do the conscientious thing?

Photo Quiz



Can You Identify This Bird?

Answer on page 62
Photo by Scott Young.

Fall Season

August 1 through November 30, 2007

by Stephen R. Mirick

August started the fall season with slightly warmer than normal temperatures and it was considerably drier than normal with about 50% of the normal precipitation. September was warmer and wetter than normal with a high temperature of 95° F on September 7. A series of small cold fronts passed through on September 12 and 15 and led to the majority of Broad-winged Hawks migrating through the state on September 16 and 17. A southwesterly airflow was replaced by northwest winds after a cold front on the morning of September 28. This led to a tremendous coastal flight of land birds over the next two nights. A fortunate group of birders on Star Island on September 30 witnessed a great fallout of birds that included many hundreds of sparrows, juncos and warblers.



Steve Mirick

October was warmer and slightly wetter than normal. On October 7, a “backdoor” cold-front moved southward through New Hampshire, bringing clearing skies. Riding the edge of the front was a memorable migration of birds along the coast with 16 species of waterfowl documented, including the state’s second record of **Barnacle Goose**. November was significantly warmer than normal and was the warmest November on record in Concord. It was also wetter than normal, although there was no significant snowfall during the month. Despite the warm temperatures, not many lingering birds were reported. A low-pressure system passed offshore early on November 6 and brought relatively strong southeast winds and a decent migration of waterfowl along the coast.

For the third fall in a row, birding coverage in the state was enhanced by a full-time hawkwatcher at Pack Monadnock in Peterborough. In addition, three birding day-trips to Star Island at the Isles of Shoals were organized by Eric Masterson. The last organized fall trip there was in 2002 and this is the first time that three fall trips have been offered in over 25 years.



Western Kingbird, by Mark Suomala, 9/16/07, wastewater treatment plant, Exeter, NH.

Bird highlights for the fall season include **Barnacle Goose**, **Greater White-fronted and Cackling Goose**, **Sabine’s Gull**, **Pacific Loon**, **Western Kingbird**, **Cave Swallow**, **Painted Bunting**, **Rufous Hummingbird**, and **Sedge Wren**. Read on for more details!

Waterfowl

Incredibly, all six species of geese that have ever been seen in the state were reported this fall. Highlights were the state's second record of **Barnacle Goose** as well as rare sightings of **Greater White-fronted Goose** and **Cackling Goose**. The Barnacle Goose, seen by just two observers from Rye on October 7, was migrating in a southwesterly direction with a flock of Canada Geese. A few days after this sighting, a Barnacle Goose, possibly the same one, was discovered approximately 40 miles southwest of Rye in Concord, Massachusetts, where it stayed and was seen by scores of birders.



Cackling Goose by Stephen R. Mirick, 11/16/07, Rt. 4, Rollinsford, NH.

Generally, waterfowl were reported in above average numbers for the fall season with two noteworthy flights of migrating ducks and geese seen moving south along the coast. On October 7, over 4,000 scoters, 23 Northern Pintails, and 151 American Black Ducks were seen moving south. On November 6, 302 Long-tailed Ducks, 728 Surf Scoters, and 149 Greater Scaup were counted migrating south along the coast. In the fall of 2006, Hooded Mergansers were found in large numbers roosting on Long Pond in Concord. In the fall of 2007, a remarkable count of 350 birds was reported returning to roost for the evening on November 12 and may be one of the highest records for the state.

A very rare September record of Harlequin Duck was first reported on September 30 and was intermittently reported throughout the fall season. Likely the same bird was joined by two other birds and all three were seen in a tidal creek of Awcomin Marsh on the inland side of Rt. 1A in Rye on November 24. This is an unusual location for this species which is rarely seen away from the pounding surf along the immediate coast. Other rare ducks reported for the fall included Eurasian Wigeon, Redhead, and King Eider.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Greater White-fronted Goose				
11-24	1	Portsmouth	Urban Forestry Center	S.& J. Mirick
Snow Goose				
10-06	1	Laconia	Elm St., Laconia CC	H. Anderson
10-07	1	Rye	Rye Harbor St. Pk.	S.& J. Mirick
11-11	1	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
11-11	1	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
11-14	2	Stratham	Great Bay Discovery Center	S. Young
Snow Goose - Blue morph				
11-24	2	Newmarket	Great Bay	B. Griffith, M. Harvey

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Barnacle Goose				
10-07	1	Rye	Ragged Neck	S. & J. Mirick
Cackling Goose				
11-16	1	Rollinsford	Rt. 4 fields	S. Mirick, B. Griffith
Canada Goose				
08-16	100	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
09-24	431	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Tanino
10-07	200	Laconia	Elm St., Laconia CC	H. Anderson
10-07	376	Rye	Rye Harbor St. Pk.	S. & J. Mirick
10-08	350	Greenland	Sunset Farm on Great Bay	B. Griffith
11-02	830	Newmarket	Great Bay	T. Bronson
11-16	500	Rollinsford	off Rt. 4	S. Mirick, B. Griffith
11-21	3000		Great Bay	B. Griffith, M. Harvey
Brant				
10-24	90	Greenland	Sunset Farm on Great Bay	S. Mirick
11-21	1	Newmarket	Great Bay	B. Griffith, M. Harvey
Wood Duck				
08-07	36	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
08-13	25	Lee	Gile Rd. marsh	S. Young
08-25	17	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
09-16	21	Barnstead	Tasker Property-Blue Hills Foundation	S. Young
10-04	40	Stratham	College Rd., Rt. 108	G. Gavutis Jr.
Gadwall				
10-20	3	Greenland	Sunset Farm on Great Bay	S. & J. Mirick
11-24	3	Greenland	Sunset Farm on Great Bay	S. & J. Mirick
Eurasian Wigeon				
10-24	1	Greenland	Sunset Farm on Great Bay	S. Mirick
11-24	1	Greenland	Sunset Farm on Great Bay	S. & J. Mirick
American Wigeon				
09-03	2	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	S. & J. Mirick
09-29	2	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	B. Griffith
10-07	18	Rye	Rye Harbor St. Pk.	S. & J. Mirick
10-08	50	Greenland	Sunset Farm on Great Bay	B. Griffith
10-24	192	Greenland	Sunset Farm on Great Bay	S. Mirick
11-06	26	N. Hampton	Little Boars Head	S. Mirick
11-18	120	Greenland	Sunset Farm on Great Bay	S. & J. Mirick, M. Suomala
11-22	2	Hampton Falls	Dodge Pond	S. & J. Mirick
American Black Duck				
10-07	151	Rye	Rye Harbor St. Pk.	S. & J. Mirick
10-13	40	Hampton	Lamprey Pond	S. & J. Mirick
10-20	575		Great Bay	S. & J. Mirick
10-24	306	Greenland	Sunset Farm on Great Bay	S. Mirick
11-06	57	N. Hampton	Little Boars Head	S. Mirick
11-22	59	Hampton Falls	Dodge Pond	S. & J. Mirick
11-30	75	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	D. Hubbard
Mallard				
09-29	300	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	B. Griffith
10-04	300	Stratham	College Rd., Rt. 108	G. Gavutis Jr.

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10-08	400	Greenland	Sunset Farm on Great Bay	B. Griffith
10-27	200	Keene	field between Krif Rd and Rt. 101	C. Seifer
11-30	425	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	D. Hubbard
Blue-winged Teal				
08-18	3	Surry	Surry Mountain Lake	L. Tanino
08-21	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
08-31	7	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
09-02	1	Concord	Morrill's Farm	P. Hunt, M. Suomala
09-11	10	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
09-12	17	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	D. Hubbard
10-22	2	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Young
11-24	1	Rye	Eel Pond	S. & J. Mirick
Northern Shoveler				
09-05	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	M. Suomala
09-14	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	T. Vazzano, B. Crowley
10-01	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	B. Griffith
10-20	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	B. Griffith
Northern Pintail				
09-02	1	Hampton	Lamprey Pond	S. & J. Mirick
09-05	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	D. Hubbard
09-23	13	Rye	trip to Star Island	S. Mirick, E. Masterson, NHA FT
10-07	23	Rye	Rye Harbor St. Pk.	S. & J. Mirick
10-08	4	Greenland	Sunset Farm on Great Bay	B. Griffith
10-24	12	Greenland	Sunset Farm on Great Bay	S. Mirick
11-08	3	Concord	Turkey Pond	E. Masterson
11-11	1	Concord	Contoocook Island, Penacook	P. Hunt
11-11	1	Boscawen	Eel Street	P. Hunt
11-11	2	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
Green-winged Teal				
08-12	1	Rye	Rye Ledge	S. Mirick
08-21	5	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
08-31	7	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
09-29	60	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	B. Griffith
09-30	100	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
10-07	40	Rye	Rye Harbor St. Pk.	S. & J. Mirick
10-26	84	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	D. Hubbard
11-10	65	Kingston	Powwow Pond	S. & J. Mirick
11-30	3	Swanzy	Wilson Pond	L. Tanino
Redhead				
10-08	2	Greenland	Sunset Farm on Great Bay	B. Griffith
Ring-necked Duck				
09-11	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
09-27	5	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
10-18	65	Cambridge	Umbagog Lake	C. Martin
10-26	125	Salem	World End Pond	K. Folsom
11-11	64	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
11-12	40	Concord	Long Pond	P. Hunt, R. Woodward
11-15	47	Gilford	Lily Pond	P. Hunt

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Greater Scaup				
09-11	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
09-26	2	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	D. Hubbard
10-08	100	Greenland	Sunset Farm on Great Bay	B. Griffith
10-20	125	Newmarket	Great Bay, Bay View Dr.	S.& J. Mirick
11-06	149	N. Hampton	Little Boars Head	S. Mirick
Lesser Scaup				
09-12	1	Brentwood	Deer Hill WMA	T. Bronson
10-20	5	Newmarket	Great Bay, Bay View Dr.	S.& J. Mirick
10-25	1	Manchester	Lake Massabesic	E. Masterson
10-30	2	Concord	Turkey Pond	E. Masterson
11-11	6	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
King Eider				
09-09	1	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	D.& S. Casey
Common Eider				
08-13	106	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D.& M. Hayward
09-30	500	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson, NHA FT
10-06	300	Rye	whalewatch	B. Griffith
10-30	124		NH coast	T. Bronson
				
<i>Harlequin Duck by Stephen R. Mirick, 11/24/07, Awcomin Marsh, Rye, NH.</i>				
Harlequin Duck				
09-30	1	Rye	Rye Harbor St. Pk.	B. Griffith, L. Medlock, J. O'Shaughnessy
10-13	1	Rye	Rye Ledge	S.& J. Mirick
11-04	1	Rye	Odiorne Point St. Pk.	B. Griffith, J. Williams
11-04	1	Rye	Rye Harbor	S.& J. Mirick, BBC Trip
11-24	3	Rye	Rye Harbor	S.& J. Mirick
Surf Scoter				
08-01	1	Hampton	North Beach	S. Mirick
08-12	1	Rye	Rye Ledge	S. Mirick
10-07	633	Rye	Rye Harbor St. Pk.	S.& J. Mirick
10-09	3	Greenland	Sunset Farm on Great Bay	S. Mirick, D. Abbott, B. Ake
10-24	12	Greenland	Sunset Farm on Great Bay	S. Mirick
10-25	1	Manchester	Merrimack R. at Amoskeag Bridge	E. Masterson
10-25	30	Manchester	Lake Massabesic	E. Masterson
10-31	1	Manchester	Lake Massabesic	E. Masterson
11-03	10	Dublin	Howe Reservoir	E. Masterson
11-06	728	N. Hampton	Little Boars Head	S. Mirick
White-winged Scoter				
08-01	3	Hampton	North Beach	S. Mirick
08-16	4	Hampton	North Beach	E. Masterson
10-07	500	Rye	Rye Harbor St. Pk.	S.& J. Mirick

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10-12	1	Livermore	Lily Pond, Kancamagus Hgwy.	J. & J. Williams
10-14	3	Jefferson	Pondicherry NWR	J. Williams, Pemigewasset Chapter FT
10-17	252	Hampton	NH coast	T. Bronson
10-20	1		Great Bay	S. & J. Mirick
10-25	6	Ashland	Little Squam Lake	C. O'Leary
10-25	25	Manchester	Lake Massabesic	E. Masterson
10-27	2	Laconia	Lake Winnisquam behind Cheapo Depot	H. Anderson
11-02	2	Holderness	Squam Lake	T. Vazzano, J. Cooley
11-06	96	N. Hampton	Little Boars Head	S. Mirick
11-15	1	Sanbornton	Lower Bay Rd., Lake Winnisquam	H. Anderson



Black Scoters by Mary Fran Loggans, 10/20/07, Scobie Pond (Haunted Lake), Frankestown, NH.

Black Scoter

08-01	7	Hampton	North Beach	S. Mirick
08-19	7	Rye	Jeness Beach	S. & J. Mirick
10-20	17	Frankestown	Scobie Pond	M. Loggans
10-24	24	Lyme	Post Pond	J. Williams
10-24	18	Greenland	Sunset Farm on Great Bay	S. Mirick
10-25	407	Manchester	Lake Massabesic	E. Masterson
10-25	200	Strafford	Bow Lake	S. Young
10-25	45	Manchester	Merrimack R. at Amoskeag Bridge	E. Masterson
10-25	40	Pittsfield	Lily Pond off Shaw Rd.	M. McCulland, E. Regan
10-29	1	Concord	Turkey Pond	E. Masterson
11-05	200	Hampton	North Beach	T. Bronson
11-08	2	Swanzy	Wilson Pond	L. Tanino
11-09	2	Concord	Turkey Pond	E. Masterson
11-18	3	Chesterfield	Spofford Lake	L. Tanino

Long-tailed Duck

09-30	1	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson, NHA FT
10-07	5	Rye	Rye Harbor St. Pk.	S. & J. Mirick
10-24	5	Greenland	Sunset Farm on Great Bay	S. Mirick
10-25	17	Manchester	Lake Massabesic	E. Masterson
11-02	3	Holderness	Squam Lake	T. Vazzano, J. Cooley
11-06	302	N. Hampton	Little Boars Head	S. Mirick

Bufflehead

10-17	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	E. Masterson
10-24	12	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	D. Hubbard
10-25	58	Manchester	Lake Massabesic	E. Masterson
10-25	32	Strafford	Bow Lake	S. Young
11-02	24	Newmarket	Great Bay	T. Bronson
11-02	16	Portsmouth	Urban Forestry Center	T. Bronson

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Common Goldeneye				
11-02	1	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
11-17	30	Hinsdale	bluffs	L. Tanino, A. Clark, D. Cohen, G. Jones
Hooded Merganser				
11-08	18	Strafford	Bow Lake	S. Young
11-09	19	Barrington	Swains Lake	S. Young
11-12	350	Concord	Long Pond	P. Hunt, R. Woodward
11-21	80	Northwood	Northwood Lake	S. Young
11-23	80	Barrington	Swains Lake	S. Young
Common Merganser				
08-07	23	Pittsburg	Second Connecticut Lake picnic area	C. Martin
09-25	31	Franconia	Profile Lake	R. Suomala
11-04	47	Sanbornton	Lake Winnisquam, off Water St.	H. Anderson
11-09	35	Dublin	Howe Reservoir	L. Tanino
11-17	62	Swanzy	Wilson Pond	L. Tanino, A. Clark, D. Cohen, G. Jones, J. Friedlander, M. Walter
11-18	52	Surry	Surry Mountain Lake	L. Tanino
11-29	100	Moultonborough	Lake Kanasatka	F. Tyrrell
Red-breasted Merganser				
10-07	45	Rye	Rye Harbor St. Pk.	S. & J. Mirick
10-25	8	Manchester	Lake Massabesic	E. Masterson
11-06	116	N. Hampton	Little Boars Head	S. Mirick
11-30	56	Rye	Odiorne Point St. Pk.	T. Bronson
Ruddy Duck				
10-24	2	Lyme	Post Pond	J. Williams
10-24	22	Greenland	Sunset Farm on Great Bay	S. Mirick
10-28	26	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	D. Hubbard
10-31	2	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	T. Bronson, D. Abbott
10-31	14	Kingston	Powwow Pond	S. Mirick
10-31	4	Orford	Indian Pond	J. Williams
11-01	25	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	D. Hubbard
11-02	92	Newmarket	Great Bay	T. Bronson
11-12	10	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick, B. Griffith
11-21	7	Newmarket	Great Bay	B. Griffith, M. Harvey

Grouse through Gannets



Wild Turkeys by Erik Nielsen, 8/18/07, Magalloway Rd., Pittsburg, NH.

A total of 371 Wild Turkeys were reported for the fall with sightings coming from throughout the state, including 21 in Pittsburg. Along with the tremendous coastal flight of waterfowl on October 7 came a wonderful

flight of migrating Common Loons, with 322 counted moving south. For the second fall in the last three, a **Pacific Loon** was reported, this one from Rye on October 20. The state's second ever **Eared Grebe**, which was first discovered last winter, returned this fall to the same precise location where it spent most of last winter, in a very small area close to shore near Seal Rocks in Rye.

Adult and young Pied-billed Grebes were once again reported in excellent numbers from the Deer Hill Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in Brentwood; lowered water levels on Powwow Pond in Kingston resulted in concentrating the birds in open water where 36 grebes, a very high total, were counted on October 31. Pelagic birds were reported in modest numbers, with the exception that no storm-petrels were reported for the second fall in a row! This is in stark contrast to the abnormally high numbers recorded from shore during summer and early fall from 2001 to 2005 when counts of 200–300 were not uncommon.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Spruce Grouse				
09-08	1	Lincoln	Franconia Ridge near Mt. Flume summit	J. McKenzie
09-30	1	Wentworths Location		Lake Umbagog NWR trail R. Suomala
Red-throated Loon				
10-15	1	Rye	Jeness State Beach	T. Bronson
10-20	17	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	S. & J. Mirick
10-20	2	Greenland	Great Bay	S. & J. Mirick
10-30	20		NH coast	T. Bronson
Pacific Loon				
10-20	1	Rye	Pulpit Rocks	B. Griffith
Common Loon				
10-05	38	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson
10-06	20	Rye	whalewatch	B. Griffith
10-07	322	Rye	Rye Harbor St. Pk.	S. & J. Mirick
10-20	26	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	S. & J. Mirick
Pied-billed Grebe				
08-10	16	Brentwood	Deer Hill WMA	T. Bronson
08-21	23	Brentwood	Deer Hill WMA	T. Bronson
10-12	11	Kingston	Powwow Pond	S. Mirick
10-31	36	Kingston	Powwow Pond	S. Mirick
11-03	10	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
11-30	1	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	E. Masterson
Horned Grebe				
08-01	1	Rye	Foss Beach	S. Mirick
08-28	1	Rye	Foss Beach	M. Suomala, K. Dorsey
10-13	1	Chesterfield	Spofford Lake	E. Masterson, C. Seifer
10-14	2	Jefferson	Pondicherry	J. Williams, Pemigewasset Chapter FT
10-18	1	Holderness	Squam Lake	T. Vazzano
10-25	5	Manchester	Lake Massabesic	E. Masterson
10-30	9		NH coast	T. Bronson
10-31	1	Orford	Indian Pond	J. Williams

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Horned Grebe—continued				
11-02	3	Newmarket	Great Bay	T. Bronson
11-02	2	Holderness	Squam Lake	T. Vazzano, J. Cooley
Red-necked Grebe				
08-16	2	Hampton	Hampton Beach	E. Masterson
09-21	1	Holderness	Squam Lake	I. MacLeod
10-13	1	Chesterfield	Spofford Lake	E. Masterson, C. Seifer
10-25	3	Manchester	Lake Massabesic	E. Masterson
10-25	4	Strafford	Bow Lake	S. Young
11-02	1	Holderness	Squam Lake	T. Vazzano, J. Cooley
11-26	16	Rye	Jeness Beach	T. Bronson
Eared Grebe				
11-17	1	Rye	Seal Rocks	S. & J. Mirick, D. Abbott
11-30	1	Rye	Seal Rocks	T. Bronson
Northern Fulmar				
10-05	1	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson
10-06	6	Rye	whalewatch	B. Griffith
Greater Shearwater				
09-09	7	Rye	offshore pelagic trip	S. Mirick, B. Gette, MAS FT
09-19	1	Offshore waters	beyond Isles of Shoals	T. Bronson, D. Abbott
09-22	8	Rye	whalewatch	B. Griffith
09-30	1	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson, NHA FT
10-05	12	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson
10-06	60	Rye	whalewatch	B. Griffith
11-06	4	N. Hampton	Little Boars Head	S. Mirick
Manx Shearwater				
08-13	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. & M. Hayward
09-22	1	Rye	whalewatch	B. Griffith
Northern Gannet				
08-01	2	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. & M. Hayward, S. Burbidge
08-16	1	Hampton	North Beach	E. Masterson
10-05	100	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson
10-07	113	Rye	Rye Harbor St. Pk.	S. & J. Mirick
10-20	640	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	S. & J. Mirick
10-27	360	N. Hampton	Little Boars Head	S. & J. Mirick
11-06	200	N. Hampton	Little Boars Head	S. Mirick
11-27	5	Hampton	Seabrook Beach	S. Mirick

Cormorants through Cranes

Once again, the migration of Double-crested Cormorants was well documented with most of the published records indicative of migrating birds along the coast. The 7,117 birds counted migrating south on October 7 represents the highest daily total this editor could find for the state.

For the third consecutive fall, the Pack Monadnock Raptor Migration Observatory had complete coverage with Lance Tanino serving as the official counter for the site

this year. Similar to last year's numbers, over 10,000 raptors were tallied (please read Lance's report with all the data on page 48). Notable was the big Broad-winged Hawk flight that occurred on September 16 and September 17 when over 5,000 were counted at Pack Monadnock. Six Rough-legged Hawks is a good total for the fall and signified the start of a modest winter incursion of this species in the region. Along the tail end of the "backdoor" cold front on October 6, a nice flight of 15 Peregrine Falcons was spotted moving south along the coast in Rye. This included at least three birds coming in off the ocean at dawn in a heavy mist.

For the second fall in a row, a Common Moorhen was located, this time in the southwestern part of the state along the Connecticut River in Hinsdale. For the ninth consecutive fall season, a Sandhill Crane was reported from the Connecticut River near Monroe.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Double-crested Cormorant				
09-08	298		NH coast	S. & J. Mirick
09-23	764	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	NHA FT
09-30	1200	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson, NH Audubon FT
10-07	7117	Rye	Rye Harbor St. Pk.	S. & J. Mirick
10-20	997		NH coast	S. & J. Mirick
10-28	2475	Seabrook	NH coast	S. & J. Mirick
10-30	1701		NH coast	T. Bronson
11-27	1	Hampton	Seabrook Beach	S. Mirick
Great Cormorant				
09-08	1	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
10-05	40	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson
10-13	2	Concord	Merrimack R. at Morrill's Farm	P. Hunt, C. Foss
11-08	1	Northwood	Northwood Lake	S. Young
11-21	1	Northwood	Northwood Lake	S. Young
11-24	19	Rye	Concord Point	S. & J. Mirick
American Bittern				
08-09	1	Surry	Surry Mountain Lake	L. Tanino
08-12	1	Lisbon	Cole Plain	S. & M. Turner
08-19	1	Surry	Surry Mountain Lake	L. Tanino
09-18	1	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	S. Mirick
10-05	1	Hampton	Hampton Saltmarsh	S. Mirick
10-14	1	Hampton Falls	Depot Road saltmarsh	S. & J. Mirick, J. Regan
Great Blue Heron				
10-05	15		NH coast	T. Bronson
10-07	32	Rye	Rye Harbor St. Pk.	S. & J. Mirick
10-14	15	Hampton Falls	Depot Road saltmarsh	S. & J. Mirick, J. Regan
11-11	11		NH coast	S. & J. Mirick
Great Egret				
08-02	1	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
08-05	3	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	J. & J. Williams, F. & N. Benham, M. Byrne
08-15	1	Exeter	Swasey Park	S. Mirick
08-16	52	Hampton	marsh and estuary	E. Masterson
08-29	1	Surry	Surry Mountain Lake	L., C. & J. Tanino

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Great Egret—continued				
08-31	1	Canterbury	Gold Star Sod Farm	E. Masterson
09-03	2	Brentwood	Deer Hill WMA	T. Bronson
09-07	1	Canterbury	Merrimack River	E. Masterson
09-11	1	Peterborough	Rt. 202 swamp below EMS	M. Johnson, et al.
10-12	16		Hampton Harbor area	S. Mirick
Snowy Egret				
08-16	52	Hampton	marsh and estuary	E. Masterson
08-28	51	Rye	Rt. 1A pools s. of Rye Harbor	M. Suomala, K. Dorsey
08-28	22	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	M. Suomala, K. Dorsey
10-15	1	New Castle	Goat Island pulloff on Rt. 1B	T. Bronson
				
<i>Little Blue Heron by Stephen R. Mirick, marshes along Rt. 1A, 8/23/07, Rye, NH.</i>				
Little Blue Heron				
08-19	1	Seabrook	Rt. 286	S. & J. Mirick
08-23	1	Rye	pools south of Rye Harbor	S. Mirick
Cattle Egret				
09-11	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	D. Hubbard
09-15	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. & J. Mirick, R. Suomala
Green Heron				
08-10	12	Brentwood	Deer Hill WMA	T. Bronson
08-12	10	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
08-13	5	Lee	Gile Rd. Marsh	S. Young
09-05	4	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	M. Suomala
09-06	6	Hampton	Lamprey Pond	S. Mirick
10-04	1	Brentwood	Deer Hill WMA	G. Gavutis Jr.
10-12	1	Brentwood	Deer Hill WMA	G. Gavutis Jr.
Black-crowned Night-Heron				
08-15	3	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
08-31	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis Jr.
09-15	2	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	S. & J. Mirick, R. Suomala
Glossy Ibis				
08-03	1	Rye	marsh south of Rye Harbor	E. Masterson
08-11	1	Rye	Rt. 1A	S. & J. Mirick
08-26	2	Rye	Rt. 1A	S. & J. Mirick
09-02	2	Seabrook	Rt. 1A	S. & J. Mirick
Turkey Vulture				
08-12	41	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
08-30	30	Ashland	Rt. 93 near Exit 24	J. & L. Tanino
09-26	40	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	D. Hubbard
10-23	19	Laconia	Lakeport Square	H. Anderson
11-24	10	Newmarket	Bass St.	K. Dorsey

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Osprey				
09-13	22	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Tanino, et al.
09-16	13	Durham	Rt. 155A fields (Moore)	S. & J. Mirick
09-16	18	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Tanino, et al.
09-23	22	Rye	Ragged Neck	S. & J. Mirick, B. Griffith
11-01	1	Dublin	Howe Reservoir	E. Masterson
11-06	1	Surry	Surry Mountain Lake	L. Tanino, A. Clark
11-11	1	Rye	Odiorne Point St. Pk.	B. Griffith
11-17	1	Gilmanton	Crystal Lake	J. Stockwell
Bald Eagle				
08-02	1	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
08-02	1	Strafford	Bow Lake	S. Young
08-07	2	Pittsburg	Back Lake	C. Martin
08-08	2	Surry	Surry Mountain Lake	L. Tanino
Northern Harrier				
08-06	5	Stewartstown	Creampoke Rd.	C. Martin
08-11	1	Rumney	Quincy Bog	J. & J. Williams
08-16	1	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	E. Masterson
08-16	1	Hampton	marsh and estuary	E. Masterson
11-11	1	Westmoreland	Chickering Farm, White Rd.	E. Masterson
Sharp-shinned Hawk				
09-13	87	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Tanino, et al.
09-16	18	Concord	Carter Hill Orchard	R. Suomala, P. Hunt, P. Brown
09-16	44	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Tanino, et al.
09-17	38	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Tanino, T. Egbert
09-28	68	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Tanino, B. Kamp, N. & J. Grohosky
10-07	45	Ashland	Sanborn Road	I. MacLeod
10-14	42	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Tanino, et al.
10-21	38	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Tanino, et al.
Red-shouldered Hawk				
10-26	22	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Tanino, et al.
11-02	17	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Tanino, K. Klapper
Turkey Vulture				
10-26	22	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Tanino, et al.
11-02	17	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Tanino, K. Klapper
11-14	1	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	S. Young
11-17	1	Hinsdale	bluffs	L. Tanino, A. Clark, D. Cohen, G. Jones
11-29	1	Salem	residence	K. Folsom
Broad-winged Hawk				
09-13	1352	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Tanino, et al.
09-14	570	Concord	Carter Hill Orchard	R. & J. Quinn
09-16	519	Concord	Carter Hill Orchard	R. Suomala, P. Hunt, P. Brown
09-16	2676	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Tanino, et al.
09-17	2480	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Tanino, T. Egbert

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Rough-legged Hawk				
11-11	1	Concord	Penacook village	P. Hunt
11-16	1	Rochester	fields e. of Pickering Ponds	B. Griffith
11-23	1	Hampton	Hampton Marsh	M. Suomala
11-23	1	Durham	Rt. 155A fields (Moore)	K. Dorsey
11-25	1	Concord	Morrill Farm, Penacook	C. Foss
11-30	1	Stratham	Swampscott River n. of Rt. 101	T. Bronson
Golden Eagle				
10-17	1	Ashland	Sanborn Road	S. & D. MacLeod
11-01	1	Swanzy	Airport Road	B. Griffith
11-01	1	Walpole	River Road	B. Griffith
American Kestrel				
09-09	22	Swanzy	Dillant-Hopkins Airport	T. Pirro
09-10	17	Swanzy	Dillant-Hopkins Airport	L. Tanino
09-16	8	Durham	Rt. 155A fields (Moore)	S. & J. Mirick
Merlin				
08-12	1	Piermont	Lily Pond	J. & J. Williams
08-14	1	Rochester	Fowler Farm, Salmon Falls Rd.	D. Hubbard
08-14	1	Canterbury	Gold Star Sod Farm	E. Masterson
08-16	1	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
08-19	1	Pittsburg	Magalloway Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
09-02	3		NH coast	E. Masterson, J. O'Shaughnessy
10-07	4	Rye	Rye Harbor St. Pk.	S. & J. Mirick
11-11	1	Westmoreland	Chickering Farm, White Rd.	E. Masterson
11-11	1	Concord	Morrill's Farm	P. Hunt
11-30	1	Seabrook	Rt. 1A & Rt. 286	T. Bronson
Peregrine Falcon				
08-10	1	Lyman	Dodge Pond	S. & M. Turner
08-28	1	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	M. Suomala, K. Dorsey
10-07	15	Rye	Rye Harbor St. Pk.	S. & J. Mirick
11-22	1	Plymouth	Rt. 3 by Common Man Inn	J. Williams
11-30	1	Portsmouth	w. of Portsmouth traffic circle	T. Bronson
Virginia Rail				
08-07	2	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
Sora				
10-03	1	Hampton	Hampton Saltmarsh	S. Mirick
Common Moorhen				
09-18	1	Hinsdale	Hinsdale setbacks	H. Galbraith
09-24	1	Hinsdale	Hinsdale setbacks	H. Galbraith
American Coot				
09-29	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	B. Griffith
10-28	16	Rye	Eel Pond	S. & J. Mirick
10-31	151	Kingston	Powwow Pond	S. Mirick
10-31	7	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	T. Bronson, D. Abbott
11-02	4	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
11-03	6	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
11-10	132	Kingston	Powwow Pond	S. & J. Mirick

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11-17	4	Rollinsford	Salmon Falls River	S. & J. Mirick, D. Abbott
11-18	16	Rye	Eel Pond	S. & J. Mirick, M. Suomala

Sandhill Crane

08-04	1	Monroe	Connecticut R.	J. Cate
10-14	1	Monroe	Plains Rd.	J. Williams, Pemigewasset Chapter FT

Shorebirds through Terns

Most of the usual species of shorebirds were reported in average or better numbers. Ruddy Turnstones were reported again in exceptional numbers from the Isles of Shoals where 360 were reported on August 4. Rarities included an Upland Sandpiper in Concord and a Red Phalarope at the Rochester wastewater treatment plant (wwtp). Late shorebirds included three different sightings of inland Stilt Sandpipers in October, including one on October 24. Along the coast, a Short-billed Dowitcher lingered until October 24 and a White-rumped Sandpiper was photographed on a frozen salt panne on November 24.



Red Phalarope by Clint Lapierre, 9/14/07, wastewater treatment plant, Rochester, NH.

Certainly the gull highlight of the fall was an adult **Sabine’s Gull** reported from a whalewatch offshore, but over New Hampshire waters. This is a very rare, but probably regularly occurring, species well offshore in New England during migration. Few birders get out on boats offshore in the fall and this species has yet to be fully documented in New Hampshire. This report will need review by the New Hampshire Rare Birds Committee. At least four different Little Gulls were reported for the season. Two Black-headed Gulls including an adult and an immature appeared at the Rochester wwtp. The adult is believed to be the same bird that spent last winter at the plant as an immature. One of the more interesting gull sightings for the fall was that of a young Black-legged Kittiwake at the Rochester wwtp. Normally a pelagic species, it is rarely reported away from the immediate coastline. This is the 13th species of gull that has been recorded at this site, which is located near the Turnkey Landfill, the largest landfill in the state and the “premier” gull spot in New Hampshire.



Caspian Tern by Leonard Medlock, 8/14/07, Swasey Parkway, Exeter, NH.

Caspian Terns are rare, but annual in small numbers along the coast in September; however, an inland bird was a rare find in Exeter on August 13 and August 14, and a flock of 14 resting on the Hampton Harbor mudflats on September 25 was an extraordinary sighting. An inland Black Tern from Pittsburg on August 25 was also a noteworthy sighting for this uncommon coastal fall migrant.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Black-bellied Plover				
08-16	75	Rye	wooden bridge on Rt. 1A	E. Masterson
09-08	68	Seabrook	harbor and beach	S. & J. Mirick
09-11	1	Canterbury	Gold Star Sod Farm	E. Masterson
10-08	100	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	B. Griffith
10-24	117	Hampton	Hampton Harbor area	S. Mirick
11-26	2	Hampton	Hampton Beach s. of Great Boars Head	T. Bronson
American Golden-Plover				
09-11	2	Swanzy	Dillant-Hopkins Airport	L. Tanino
09-11	1	Concord	Locke Road	E. Masterson
09-12	4	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	D. Hubbard
09-14	1	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Tanino
09-15	5	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	R. Woodward
09-16	10	Portsmouth	Pease Int'l. Tradeport	S. & J. Mirick
09-25	8	Portsmouth	Pease Int'l. Tradeport by golf course	T. Bronson, B. Griffith
10-01	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	D. Hubbard
10-13	1	Hampton	Hampton Marsh	S. & J. Mirick
Semipalmated Plover				
08-05	300	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	L. Tanino, C. Seifer
08-16	225	Rye	wooden bridge on Rt. 1A	E. Masterson
08-19	1	Pittsburg	Second Connecticut Lake	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
08-31	1	Amherst	Ponemah Bog	P. Hunt, P. Brown
08-31	400	Seabrook	Yankee Fisherman's Coop.	S. Mirick
09-10	500	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	S. Mirick
09-11	1	Concord	Locke Road	E. Masterson
09-13	1	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	S. Young
10-12	100	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	S. Mirick
10-27	40	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	S. & J. Mirick
11-22	2	Hampton	Hampton Beach	S. & J. Mirick
Killdeer				
08-08	45	Canterbury	Gold Star Sod Farm	E. Masterson
08-31	30	Canterbury	Gold Star Sod Farm	E. Masterson
09-10	80	Concord	Locke Road	E. Masterson
09-16	40	Portsmouth	Pease Int'l. Tradeport	S. & J. Mirick
11-10	2	Durham	Rt. 155A fields (Moore)	S. & J. Mirick
11-11	13	Walpole	Vincent Malnati Farm	E. Masterson
11-17	1	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	R. Woodward
Greater Yellowlegs				
08-03	10	N. Hampton	Little River Saltmarsh	E. Masterson
08-19	130	Hampton	Meadow Pond	S. & J. Mirick
09-06	135	Hampton	Meadow Pond	S. Mirick
09-06	75	Hampton	pools south of Rye Harbor	S. Mirick
10-28	50	Hampton	Lamprey Pond	S. & J. Mirick
11-11	29		NH coast	S. & J. Mirick
11-24	1	Hampton	Landing Road	S. & J. Mirick
Lesser Yellowlegs				
08-03	30	N. Hampton	Little River Saltmarsh	E. Masterson
08-19	14	Hampton	Meadow Pond	S. & J. Mirick
09-03	8	Brentwood	Deer Hill WMA	T. Bronson
09-11	8	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick

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09-11	8	Canterbury	Gold Star Sod Farm	E. Masterson
09-30	12	Rye	Star Island	E. Masterson, NHA FT
10-30	1	Dublin	Howe Reservoir, Charcoal Rd.	T. Warren

Solitary Sandpiper

08-13	5	Stratham	Jewell Brook beaver pond mudflats	G. Gavutis Jr.
08-21	11	Brentwood	Deer Hill WMA	T. Bronson
09-03	18	Brentwood	Deer Hill WMA	T. Bronson
10-14	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Road	G. Gavutis Jr.
10-18	1	Brentwood	Deer Hill WMA	G. Gavutis Jr.
10-20	1	Hampton	Lamprey Pond	S. & J. Mirick

Willet

08-04	17	Hampton	Hampton Harbor area	S. & J. Mirick
08-26	11	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	S. & J. Mirick
09-06	2	Hampton	Meadow Pond	S. Mirick

Spotted Sandpiper

08-01	24	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. & M. Hayward, S. Burbidge
08-21	8	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
08-26	7	Boscawen	Merrimack River	T. Bronson, N. Nelson
11-07	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	D. Hubbard
11-10	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	S. & J. Mirick

Upland Sandpiper

08-21	1	Portsmouth	Pease Golf Course	S. Mirick
08-27	1	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	E. Masterson
08-28	6	Portsmouth	Pease Int'l. Tradeport	M. Suomala, K. Dorsey
09-03	4	Portsmouth	Pease Int'l. Tradeport	S. & J. Mirick, L. Medlock
09-18	1	Conway	East Conway Rd. fields	R. Ridgely, T. Vazzano

Whimbrel

08-01	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. & M. Hayward, S. Burbidge
08-11	6	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	S. & J. Mirick
09-15	2	Rye	wooden bridge on Rt. 1A	S. & J. Mirick, R. Suomala
10-05	4	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson

Hudsonian Godwit

08-20	2	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	B. Griffith
10-12	2	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	S. Mirick
10-24	1	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	S. Mirick



*Marbled Godwit by Stephen R. Mirick,
8/19/07, Meadow Pond,
Hampton, NH.*

Marbled Godwit

08-19	1	Hampton	Meadow Pond	S. & J. Mirick
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Ruddy Turnstone				
08-01	25	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. & M. Hayward, S. Burbidge
08-04	360	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. & M. Hayward
08-16	80	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. & M. Hayward
09-10	12	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	S. Mirick
11-22	1	Hampton	Hampton Beach	S. & J. Mirick



*Red Knot by Stephen R. Mirick,
8/23/07, Meadow Pond,
Hampton, NH.*

Red Knot

08-23	1	Hampton	Meadow Pond	S. Mirick
09-03	3	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	S. & J. Mirick

Sanderling

08-03	37	Rye	Jeness Beach	T. Bronson
09-06	40	Seabrook	Yankee Fisherman's Coop.	S. Mirick
10-05	100	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson
10-08	100	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	B. Griffith
10-20	110	Rye	Jeness Beach	S. & J. Mirick

Semipalmated Sandpiper

08-01	500	Hampton	Landing Rd.	S. Mirick
08-13	430	Hampton	Landing Rd.	T. Bronson
08-13	400	Seabrook	Yankee Fisherman's Coop.	T. Bronson
08-16	180	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	E. Masterson
08-31	600	Seabrook	Yankee Fisherman's Coop.	S. Mirick
09-06	800	Seabrook	Yankee Fisherman's Coop.	S. Mirick
09-10	1300	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	S. Mirick
10-27	2	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	S. & J. Mirick
10-30	3	Hampton	Landing Rd.	T. Bronson

Western Sandpiper

08-26	1	Hampton	Rt. 101E pools by pumping station	S. & J. Mirick
08-31	9	Hampton	various locations	S. Mirick
09-02	4	Hampton	Plaice Cove	E. Masterson, J. O'Shaughnessy
09-10	2	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	S. Mirick
10-12	1	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	S. Mirick
10-27	1	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	S. & J. Mirick

Least Sandpiper

08-03	100	N. Hampton	Little River Saltmarsh	E. Masterson
08-15	200	Exeter	Swasey Park	S. Mirick
08-16	180	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	E. Masterson
08-20	20	Surry	Surry Mountain Lake	L. Tanino

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08-26	30	Boscawen	Merrimack River	T. Bronson, N. Nelson
08-29	20	Canterbury	Gold Star Sod Farm	E. Masterson
09-25	4	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
09-29	4	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	B. Griffith
10-03	2	Hampton	Hampton Saltmarsh	S. Mirick
White-rumped Sandpiper				
08-05	1	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	L. Tanino, C. Seifer
09-05	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	M. Suomala
09-05	2	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	T. Vazzano
09-06	2	Seabrook	Yankee Fisherman's Coop.	S. Mirick
10-12	7	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	S. Mirick
11-17	6	Hampton	Landing Road	S. & J. Mirick
11-18	3	Hampton	Landing Road	S. & J. Mirick
11-24	1	Hampton	Landing Road	S. & J. Mirick
Baird's Sandpiper				
08-28	1	Rye	pools e. of Rt. 1A & s. of Rye Harbor	M. Suomala, K. Dorsey
Pectoral Sandpiper				
08-21	1	Hampton	Meadow Pond	S. Mirick
09-11	7	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
09-18	9	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	S. Mirick, R. Quinn
Purple Sandpiper				
11-17	3	Hampton	Bicentennial Park	S. & J. Mirick
11-24	22	Rye	Rye Ledge	
Dunlin				
09-02	1	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	E. Masterson, J. O'Shaughnessy
10-12	400	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	S. Mirick
10-24	492	Hampton	Hampton Harbor area	S. Mirick
11-11	285		NH coast	S. & J. Mirick
11-18	190	Hampton	NH coast	S. & J. Mirick, M. Suomala
Stilt Sandpiper				
08-19	1	Hampton	Meadow Pond	S. & J. Mirick
08-21	2	Hampton	Meadow Pond	S. Mirick
10-09	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick, D. Abbott, B. Ake
10-14	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	S. & J. Mirick, J. Regan
10-24	1	Greenland	Sunset Farm on Great Bay	S. Mirick
Buff-breasted Sandpiper				
09-25	2	Portsmouth	Pease Int'l. Tradeport	M. Suomala
Short-billed Dowitcher				
08-11	59		NH coast	S. & J. Mirick
09-02	25	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	E. Masterson, J. O'Shaughnessy
09-08	36	Seabrook	harbor and beach	S. & J. Mirick
09-17	88		Hampton Harbor from Yankee Fisherman's Coop.	T. Bronson
10-12	9	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	S. Mirick
10-24	2	Hampton	Hampton Harbor area	S. Mirick

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<i>Long-billed Dowitcher by Stephen R. Mirick, 11/01/07, Hampton Harbor, NH.</i>				
Long-billed Dowitcher				
11-01	1	Hampton	Hampton Marsh	S. Mirick
Wilson's Snipe				
08-08	5	Surry	Surry Mountain Lake	L. Tanino
10-12	5	Brentwood	Deer Hill WMA	G. Gavutis Jr.
10-18	25	Brentwood	Deer Hill WMA	G. Gavutis Jr.
11-08	2	Concord	Turkey Pond	E. Masterson
American Woodcock				
09-16	2	Derry	Germantown Rd. by Island Pond	P. Haggarty
10-02	2	Jefferson	Conte NWR	G. Gavutis Jr.
11-02	1	Meredith	Old Center Harbor Rd.	F. Tyrrell
11-28	1	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
Red-necked Phalarope				
08-19	1	Rye	Rye Ledge	S. & J. Mirick, J. O'Shaughnessy
09-09	2	Rye	offshore pelagic trip	S. Mirick, B. Gette, MAS FT
Red Phalarope				
09-14	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	D. Coleman, T. Vazzano, B. Crowley
Parasitic Jaeger				
09-09	4	Rye	offshore pelagic trip	S. Mirick, B. Gette, MAS FT
10-20	1	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	S. & J. Mirick
Jaeger sp.				
09-22	1	Rye	whalewatch	B. Griffith
Laughing Gull				
09-15	10		NH coast	S. & J. Mirick, R. Suomala
09-30	6	Rye	Star Island	E. Masterson, NHA FT
10-07	6	Rye	Rye Harbor St. Pk.	S. & J. Mirick
10-14	1	Rye	Odiorne Point St. Pk.	G. Tillman
Little Gull				
09-30	1	Rye	Rye Harbor St. Pk.	B. Griffith, L. Medlock
10-06	1	Rye	Foss Beach	S. Mirick, NHA FT
10-20	1	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	S. & J. Mirick
10-20	1	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	S. & J. Mirick
10-24	1	Greenland	Sunset Farm on Great Bay	S. Mirick
Black-headed Gull				
11-15	2	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	B. Griffith
11-30	2	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	D. Hubbard

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*Immature Bonaparte's Gull
by Erik Nielsen, 8/19/07,
First Connecticut Lake,
Pittsburg, NH.*

Bonaparte's Gull

08-02	2	Sandwich	Squam Lake	T. Vazzano, R. Ridgely
08-17	1	Surry	Surry Mountain Lake	L. Tanino
08-19	3	Pittsburg	First Connecticut Lake	E. Nielsen
09-15	220	Hampton	Hampton Harbor inlet	S.& J. Mirick
09-30	150	Rye	Rye Harbor St. Pk.	B. Griffith, L. Medlock
10-12	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	D. Hubbard
10-12	235	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	S. Mirick
10-20	200	Greenland	Sunset Farm on Great Bay	B. Griffith
11-10	97	Rye	n. end of Foss Beach	T. Bronson

Ring-billed Gull

08-19	29	Pittsburg	First Connecticut Lake	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
09-27	350	Manchester	Lake Massabesic	E. Masterson
10-22	235	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	T. Bronson
10-27	93	Laconia	prison grounds, N. Main St.	H. Anderson

Iceland Gull

11-12	1	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
11-13	2	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	B. Griffith, S. Mirick

Lesser Black-backed Gull

09-11	2	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick
09-30	1	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson, NHA FT
10-06	1	Rye	Frost Point, Odiome Point St. Pk.	S. Mirick, NHA FT
10-13	1	Rye	wooden bridge on Rt. 1A	S.& J. Mirick
10-28	2	Rye	Odiome Point St. Pk.	T. Bronson
11-21	3	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	B. Griffith, M. Harvey

Glaucous Gull

11-16	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	B. Griffith, S. Mirick
11-30	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	D. Hubbard

Sabine's Gull

09-22	1	Rye	whalewatch	B. Griffith
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Black-legged Kittiwake

10-06	1	Rye	whalewatch	B. Griffith
11-06	6	N. Hampton	Little Boars Head	S. Mirick
11-13	1	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	S. Mirick, B. Griffith

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Caspian Terns by Stephen R. Mirick, 9/25/07, Hampton Harbor, NH.

Caspian Tern

08-13	1	Exeter	Swasey Park	I. Malo
08-14	1	Exeter	Phillips Exeter Academy boathouse	T. Bronson, D. Abbott, L. Medlock, G. Tillman, J. O'Shaughnessy
09-10	5	Rye	Rye Harbor	D. & S. Casey
09-22	6	Rye	Odiorne Point St. Pk.	S. & J. Mirick
09-25	14	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	S. Mirick

Roseate Tern

08-01	190	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. & M. Hayward, S. Burbidge
08-04	100	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. & M. Hayward
08-13	50	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. & M. Hayward
08-19	3	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	S. & J. Mirick

Common Tern

08-01	6500	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. & M. Hayward, S. Burbidge
08-04	3500	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. & M. Hayward
08-08	2500	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. & M. Hayward
08-19	100	Hampton	Hampton Harbor	S. & J. Mirick
08-19	1500	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. & M. Hayward
09-22	6	Rye	whalewatch	B. Griffith
11-06	1	N. Hampton	Little Boars Head	S. Mirick

Arctic Tern

08-01	15	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. & M. Hayward, S. Burbidge
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Black Tern by Lillian Stokes, 8/23/2007, Powdermill Pond, Hancock, NH.

Black Tern

08-16	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. & M. Hayward
08-23	2	Hancock	Powdermill Pond	D. & L. Stokes
08-25	1	Pittsburg	above Moose Falls, Connecticut R.	M. Suomala

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Dovekie				
11-06	1	N. Hampton	Little Boars Head	S. Mirick
11-26	1	Rye	Odiorne Point St. Pk.	T. Bronson
Razorbill				
11-27	1	Hampton	Seabrook Beach	S. Mirick
Black Guillemot				
08-11	1	Rye	Odiorne Point St. Pk.	S.& J. Mirick
10-05	3	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson
10-28	1	Rye	Odiorne Point St. Pk.	T. Bronson
11-24	1	Rye	Pulpit Rocks	S.& J. Mirick

Alcids through Raven

There were relatively few Razor-bills this fall with only one bird reported; however, two Dovekies were reported, creating the first fall records since 2000. A juvenile Black Guillemot was an intriguing find from Odiorne Point State Park on the early date of August 11. This species is not known to nest along the mainland of New Hampshire, although it does nest at the Isles of Shoals.

Cuckoos were reported in good numbers with 11 Yellow-billed Cuckoos being the highest fall total in recent history. No Short-eared Owls were reported for the fall, and the only Snowy Owl reported was a bird flying overhead at Wallis Sand's State Beach in Rye.

Many folks enjoyed an excellent migration of Common Nighthawks this fall. The peak nights appeared to be from August 27 through August 30 and the migration was best witnessed along the Merrimack and Connecticut River corridors. Among the nighthawks reports was one of five flying along the coast on the late date of September 23. An adult male **Rufous Hummingbird** made an appearance in Westmoreland on October 23. This is a western species, which was formerly quite rare, but is now being seen in much greater numbers in the east over the last 20 years. The bird was banded as part of nationwide hummingbird study (see page 53).

Black-backed Woodpeckers are extremely rare away from their immediate breeding grounds in northern New Hampshire and the higher elevations of the White Mountains. Therefore, two or possibly three reports of this species from the southern-central



Common Nighthawk in flight, by Lillian Stokes.

parts of the state are very noteworthy. A rare (and cooperative) **Western Kingbird** was photographed in Exeter on the morning of September 15; however, it vanished in the afternoon and was not seen again.

Northern Shrikes had an excellent fall with a total of 32 reports received. This is the highest fall total since 1999. White-eyed Vireos also had a good fall this year with three different birds reported from Odiorne Point State Park. These are the first fall records of this species since 2001.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Alcid sp.				
10-12	1	Rye	Rye Harbor St. Pk.	B. Griffith
11-27	3	Hampton	Seabrook Beach	S. Mirick
Black-billed Cuckoo				
08-01	2	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
08-11	1	Lyman	Dodge Pond	S. & M. Turner
09-10	1	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	D. & S. Casey
09-23	1	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
09-29	1	Rumney	Rt. 25, West Rumney	J. Williams
Yellow-billed Cuckoo				
08-10	1	Tuftonboro	Lower Beech Pond	B. & D. Fox
09-09	1	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	D. & S. Casey
09-17	1	Durham	West Foss Farm	M. Suomala
09-22	2	Rye	Odiorne Point St. Pk.	S. & J. Mirick
09-23	1	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	S. Mirick, E. Masterson, NHA FT
09-30	2	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson, NHA FT
10-05	1	Hampton	Hampton Marsh	S. Mirick
10-14	1	Rye	Odiorne Point St. Pk.	E. Masterson, G. Tillman, L. Medlock
10-20	1	Portsmouth	Urban Forestry Center	S. & J. Mirick
Eastern Screech-Owl				
10-04	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Road	G. Gavutis Jr.
11-18	1	Greenland	Postsmouth Ave.	S. & J. Mirick, M. Suomala
Snowy Owl				
11-11	1	Rye	Wallis Sands State Beach	S. & J. Mirick
Northern Saw-whet Owl				
11-18	1	E. Kingston	Rt. 107A	D. Gindlesperger
Common Nighthawk				
08-08	1	Rochester	Ten Rod Road residence	D. Hubbard
08-23	16	Warner	Riverside Park	P. Newbern
08-27	45	Concord	Storrs St.	R. Quinn
08-27	365	Hancock	Powdermill Pond	D. & L. Stokes
08-28	400	Hancock	Powdermill Pond	D. & L. Stokes
08-29	75	Lebanon	Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Ctr.	N. Robertson
08-29	700	Concord	Storrs St.	R. Quinn, P. Brown
08-30	733	Keene	Court Street ball fields	L. & J. Tanino
08-30	459	Warner	Riverside Park	P. Newbern

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
08-30	320	Concord	Storrs St.	R. Quinn, P. Hunt, M. Suomala, P. Brown, et al.
09-02	25	Concord	Storrs St.	R. Quinn
09-07	100	Meredith	Interlakes School	I. MacLeod, B. Roy, M. Gillespie
09-11	14	Concord	Locke Road	E. Masterson
09-21	5	Newington	Great Bay NWR	T. Bronson
09-23	5	Rye	Ragged Neck	S.& J. Mirick, B. Griffith

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

09-05	5	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Tanino
09-07	3	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Tanino
09-12	4	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Tanino, M. Suomala
09-26	1	Rumney	Buffalo Rd. residence, 'Fisherwoods'	J.& J. Williams

Rufous Hummingbird

10-23	1	Westmoreland	Thompson Rd.	L. Gordon
10-28	1	Westmoreland	Thompson Rd.	R. Suomala, A. Hill, M. Wright, et al.

Red-headed Woodpecker

09-09	1	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	D.& S. Casey, E. Ring, N. Cherico
09-14	1	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Ring

Black-backed Woodpecker

08-16	1	T&M Purchase	Mt. Washington, 3800', trail to Tuckerman Ravine	B.& D. Fox
08-19	1	Pittsburg	area near Canadian border	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
08-20	1	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
08-22	1	Pittsburg	Deer Mtn. Rd. (Sophie's Lane)	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
09-01	1	Bethlehem	Trudeau Road	S.& J. Mirick
09-22	1	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	T. Bronson, Capital Area Chapter FT
10-22	1	Benton	Gorge Brook Trail, 1 mi. from Mt. Moosilauke summit	B. Carpenter
11-18	1	Concord	Bog Road	P. Hunt

Am. Three-toed/Black-backed Woodpecker sp.

11-24	1	Hopkinton	Maple St., Contoocook	J. Chapin
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Northern Flicker

09-20	11	Rumney	Berti's christmas tree farm	J. Williams
09-26	10	Center Harbor	Coe Hill Rd.	J. Merrill
09-30	16	Rumney	Buffalo Rd. residence	J.& J. Williams
09-30	40	Rye	Star Island	E. Masterson, NHA FT

Olive-sided Flycatcher

08-19	1	Pittsburg	Deer Mtn. Rd. (Sophie's Lane)	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
09-03	1	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
09-06	1	Chester	Hillside Haven	B. Delorey
09-19	1	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Tanino
09-20	1	Durham	Fogg Dr.	K. Dorsey

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Eastern Wood-Pewee				
09-18	1	Durham	West Foss Farm	T. Bronson
10-05	1	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher				
08-01	1	Rye	White & Seavey Is., Isles of Shoals	D. & M. Hayward, S. Burbidge
08-21	2	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
09-01	1	Jefferson	Pondicherry WS	S. & J. Mirick
09-10	1	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	D. & S. Casey
Least Flycatcher				
09-16	1	Concord	Contoocook Island, Penacook	P. Hunt
Eastern Phoebe				
10-23	1	Strafford	Lakeview Drive	S. Young
10-24	1	Concord	Post Office fields	E. Masterson
Western Kingbird				
09-15	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	M. Suomala, P. Chamberlin
Eastern Kingbird				
08-02	9	Strafford	Bow Lake	S. Young
08-10	10	Brentwood	Deer Hill WMA	T. Bronson
08-19	57	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
Northern Shrike				
10-17	1	Rochester	Fowler Farm, Salmon Falls Rd.	D. Hubbard
10-24	1	Lyme	Post Pond	J. Williams
10-25	1	Rochester	Ten Rod Road residence	D. Hubbard
10-26	1	Strafford	Bow Lake	S. Young
10-31	1	Rumney	Berti's christmas tree farm	J. & J. Williams
White-eyed Vireo				
10-06	1	Rye	Odiorne Point St. Pk.	S. Mirick, Seacoast Chapter FT
10-14	1	Rye	Odiorne Point St. Pk.	E. Masterson, G. Tillman, P. Chamberlin
10-20	1	Rye	Odiorne Point St. Pk.	B. Griffith
Yellow-throated Vireo				
08-20	1	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	T. Bronson
09-22	1	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	T. Bronson, Capital Area Chapter FT
Warbling Vireo				
09-02	7	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
09-25	1	Dover	County Farm Road fields	S. Mirick



Philadelphia Vireo by Erik Nielsen, August 2007, Pittsburg, NH.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Philadelphia Vireo				
08-17	1	Pittsburg	Smith Brook Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
08-19	1	Pittsburg	Deer Mtn. Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
08-20	1	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
09-02	2	Rye	Odiorne Point St. Pk.	S.& J. Mirick
09-09	1	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	D.& S. Casey
09-16	1	Stratham	Turnberry Drive farm fields	S.& J. Mirick
09-16	1	Concord	Thirty Pines, Penacook	P. Hunt, P. Brown
09-18	1	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
09-21	1	Newington	Great Bay NWR	T. Bronson
10-06	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Road	G. Gavutis Jr.
Red-eyed Vireo				
08-19	10	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
08-20	10	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	T. Bronson
09-02	10	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
10-06	2	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
10-06	1	Concord	Penacook census route	P. Hunt
10-13	1	Seabrook	Seabrook dunes	S.& J. Mirick
10-14	1	Rye	Odiorne Point St. Pk.	E. Masterson, G. Tillman, P. Chamberlin

Jays through Warblers

Blue Jays often go through a fall season with little notice; however, this species migrates regularly during the day. Not all individuals migrate, and the reasons and extent of migration are poorly understood, however band recoveries have shown that birds captured in Massachusetts have been recorded as far south as Georgia and the Carolinas! (Tarvin and Woolfenden, 1999. Blue Jay. The Birds of North America Online, A. Poole, Ed.) This fall, Blue Jay migration was noted in mid-September with small flocks seen moving through the central part of the state.

In what is now almost an annual event, a **Cave Swallow** was reported in November along the coast. This year, a bird was seen moving south on November 4 in Hampton, much to the delight of a group from the Brookline Bird Club. This species has now been reported in at least four out of the last five fall seasons. Another swallow, seen in Hampton on November 17, could not be conclusively identified as either Cliff or Cave Swallow, although it was almost certainly a Cave Swallow, based on the late date.

Sedge Wrens are a secretive and declining species in the region. Therefore a bird discovered and photographed on Star Island was a rare find for a select few birders on October 21. This is only the second fall record in the state during the last 25 years.

Although American Pipits are fairly common fall migrants, the totals reported this fall exceeded prior totals from the state in recent years. A total of 600 birds were reported from several farm fields along the Connecticut River on October 13 and a flock of over 200 was remarkable from Durham in mid-October. The previous high daily totals I could find for the state are in the vicinity of 150 birds from October 1965!

Bohemian Waxwings are erratic nomadic visitors from the northwest, and this fall they descended upon the state, presaging a large winter incursion for this species. Previous "invasion" years occurred during 1993, 1999, and 2003.

Warblers were reported in average to above average numbers for the fall. Rarities included four Yellow-breasted Chats, six Orange-crowned Warblers, and two Connecticut Warblers. An extremely late Yellow Warbler was reported from Concord on November 11.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Gray Jay				
08-25	2	Pittsburg	Scott Bog Road	M. Suomala
09-24	2	Errol	Long Pond Road	M. Suomala
09-25	2	Pittsburg	Ramblewood Campground	F. Tyrrell, J. Connolly
11-11	1	Livermore	Signal Ridge 4300'	J. Stockwell
11-18	2	Bethlehem	Mt. Willey summit	J. Stockwell
11-18	1	Bethlehem	Avalon Trail 3800'	J. Stockwell
11-25	2	Beans Grant	Mt. Jackson summit	J. Stockwell
Blue Jay				
09-18	251	Center Harbor	over Coe Hill Rd.	J. Merrill, F. Tyrrell
09-23	102	Concord	Penacook census route	P. Hunt
09-23	146	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
Fish Crow				
08-11	1	Concord	Thirty Pines, Penacook	P. Hunt
09-03	19	Concord	Fort Eddy Plaza	R. Quinn
09-07	1	Concord	Locke Road	E. Masterson
Common Raven				
10-25	45	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Tanino
Horned Lark				
09-30	3	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson, NHA FT
10-07	25	Durham	Rt. 155A fields (Moore)	S. & J. Mirick
11-04	300	Conway	E. Conway Rd. fields	T. Vazzano, S. Wiley
11-10	150	Durham	Rt. 155A fields (Moore)	S. & J. Mirick
11-11	200	Concord	Morrill's Farm	P. Hunt
11-11	150	Westmoreland	Chickering Farm, White Rd.	E. Masterson
Purple Martin				
08-10	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis Jr.
Tree Swallow				
08-16	3000	Hampton	marsh and estuary	E. Masterson
08-21	3000		NH coast	S. Mirick
09-12	30	Brentwood	Deer Hill WMA	T. Bronson
09-23	3	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	S. Mirick, E. Masterson, NHA FT
10-13	2	Seabrook	Rt. 286	S. & J. Mirick
Northern Rough-winged Swallow				
08-07	6	Rochester	wastewater treatment plant	D. Hubbard
08-12	2	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard

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Cliff Swallow				
09-23	1	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	S. Mirick, E. Masterson, NHA FT
Cave Swallow				
11-04	1	Hampton	Bicentennial Park	S. Mirick, BBC FT
Cave/Cliff Swallow sp.				
11-17	1	Hampton	Bicentennial Park	S. & J. Mirick
Barn Swallow				
09-16	1	Durham	Rt. 155A fields (Moore)	S. & J. Mirick
09-18	1	Conway	East Conway Rd. fields	T. Vazzano, R. Ridgely, B. Crowley
Boreal Chickadee				
08-19	21	Pittsburg	Deer Mtn. Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
08-21	18	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
08-21	14	Pittsburg	Scotts Bog Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
09-23	1	T&M Purchase	Jefferson Notch Road	M. Suomala
11-10	1	Bethlehem	Trudeau Road	B. Griffith
Red-breasted Nuthatch				
09-23	50	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	NHA FT
Brown Creeper				
09-30	12	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson, NHA FT
10-05	12	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson
Carolina Wren				
08-18	2	Strafford	Lakeview Drive	S. Young
09-13	1	Barrington	Al Wood Drive residence	L. Chase
10-13	1	Boscawen	Commercial Street	P. Hunt
10-13	2	Concord	Penacook St. near Hannah Duston monument	P. Hunt
10-16	1	Pittsfield	Tilton Hill Rd.	G. Robbins
10-31	5	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	E. Masterson
House Wren				
08-31	5	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis Jr.
09-02	5	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
09-06	5	Concord	Penacook census route	P. Hunt
09-16	3	Durham	Rt. 155A fields (Moore)	S. & J. Mirick
10-05	1	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson
Winter Wren				
09-30	6	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson, NHA FT
10-05	8	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson
Sedge Wren				
10-21	1	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson, B. Griffith, M. Iliff, S. & J. Mirick
Marsh Wren				
08-07	3	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	M. Suomala
09-05	2	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	M. Suomala
09-23	1	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	NHA FT
10-04	2	Stratham	College Rd., Rt. 108	G. Gavutis Jr.
10-05	1	Amherst	Ponemah Bog	P. Hunt

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Marsh Wren—continued

10-08	2	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
10-13	1	Rye	Odiorne Point St. Pk.	S. & J. Mirick
11-02	2	Portsmouth	Rt. 33 powerline	T. Bronson
11-02	1	Stratham	Great Bay Discovery Center	T. Bronson



Golden-crowned Kinglet by Stephen R. Mirick, 10/21/07, Star Island, Rye, NH.

Golden-crowned Kinglet

09-30	60	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson, NHA FT
10-05	40	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson
10-21	30	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson, B. Griffith, M. Iliff, S. & J. Mirick

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

09-23	1	Concord	Penacook census route	P. Hunt
09-30	15	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson, NHA FT
10-13	12		NH coast	S. & J. Mirick
10-13	9	Concord	Penacook census route	P. Hunt
10-21	10	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson, B. Griffith, M. Iliff, S. & J. Mirick
10-21	8	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
11-11	1		NH coast	S. & J. Mirick
11-11	1	Concord	Contoocook Island, Penacook	P. Hunt

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

08-07	2	Windham	rail trail s. of Depot Rd.	T. Bronson
08-07	1	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
08-11	1	Concord	Morrill's Farm	P. Hunt
08-18	1	Concord	Contoocook Island, Penacook	P. Hunt
08-19	1	Hampton	Meadow Pond	S. & J. Mirick

Eastern Bluebird

10-13	9	Center Harbor	Coe Hill Rd.	J. Merrill
10-14	8	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
10-17	14	Barrington	Warren Farm	S. Young
10-22	18	Barrington	Warren Farm	S. Young
11-10	8	Durham	Adams Point WMA	T. Bronson
11-30	3	Surry	Dort Rd.	L. Tanino

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08-25	8	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
09-22	1	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	T. Bronson, Capital Area Chapter FT

Gray-cheeked/Bicknell's Thrush sp.

09-30	1	Rye	Star Island	E. Masterson, NHA FT
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Swainson's Thrush				
09-28	3	Strafford	Lakeview Drive	S. Young
10-02	3	Center Harbor	Coe Hill Rd.	J. Merrill
Hermit Thrush				
10-02	9	Center Harbor	Coe Hill Rd.	J. Merrill
10-13	6	Concord	Penacook census route	P. Hunt
10-17	5	Rochester	Fowler Farm, Salmon Falls Rd.	D. Hubbard
American Robin				
10-06	142	Concord	Penacook census route	P. Hunt
10-08	250	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
10-19	100	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
11-14	2400	Stratham	Chapmans Landing	S. Young
Gray Catbird				
08-10	35	Brentwood	Deer Hill WMA	T. Bronson
08-11	14	Concord	Penacook census route	P. Hunt
08-12	17	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
08-21	8	Canterbury	Rt. 93 exit 18 sod farms	M. Suomala
09-30	10	Rye	Star Island	E. Masterson, NHA FT
11-24	1	Rye	Odiorne Point St. Pk.	B. Griffith, M. Harvey
American Pipit				
09-11	10	Canterbury	Gold Star Sod Farm	E. Masterson
09-18	35	Conway	East Conway Rd. fields	T. Vazzano, R. Ridgely, B. Crowley
09-29	20	Hollis	Rt. 122 fields	B. Griffith
10-07	225	Durham	Rt. 155A fields (Moore)	S. & J. Mirick
10-09	70	Concord	Post Office fields, Loudon Road	M. Suomala
10-13	300	Westmoreland	Chickering Farm	C. Seifer, E. Masterson
10-13	600	Walpole	Connecticut River	E. Masterson, C. Seifer
10-14	200	Durham	Rt. 155A fields (Moore)	S. & J. Mirick, J. Regan
10-20	75	Concord	Morrill's Farm	P. Hunt
10-22	80	Rollinsford	off Rt. 4	S. Mirick
11-01	80	Durham	Rt. 155A fields (Moore)	S. Young
11-11	50	Westmoreland	Chickering Farm, White Rd.	E. Masterson
11-23	2	Durham	Rt. 155A fields (Moore)	K. Dorsey
Bohemian Waxwing				
10-06	1	Effingham	Huntress Bridge Rd.	A. & G. Robbins
10-18	10	Cambridge	Umbagog Lake boat ramp	C. Martin
10-28	4	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
10-29	30	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
10-31	45	Orford	Indian Pond Rd.	J. Williams
11-03	10	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
11-09	40	Sandwich	fairgrounds	T. Vazzano
11-21	200	Plymouth	Plymouth State Univ. by Rounds Hall	J. Williams
11-28	55	Holderness	Squam Lakes Natural Science Center	I. MacLeod
11-30	240	Holderness	Plymouth State Univ. physical plant	J. Williams
Cedar Waxwing				
09-02	100	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
10-31	100	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	E. Masterson
11-25	100	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis Jr.

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Blue-winged Warbler				
08-07	1	Rochester	Ten Rod Road residence	D. Hubbard
08-07	1	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
08-10	1	Brentwood	Deer Hill WMA	T. Bronson
08-26	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis Jr.
09-03	1	Brentwood	Deer Hill WMA	T. Bronson
09-14	1	Hinsdale	Hinsdale setbacks	H. Galbraith
Tennessee Warbler				
08-24	3	Center Harbor	Coe Hill Rd.	F. Tyrrell, J. Merrill
09-23	2	Rye	Star Island	NHA FT
09-26	1	Merrimack	Trowbridge Dr. residence	T. Young
09-30	1	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
09-30	2	Rye	Star Island	E. Masterson, NHA FT
10-01	1	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
Orange-crowned Warbler				
09-29	1	Center Harbor	Coe Hill Rd.	J. Merrill
09-30	1	Whitefield	Airport Marsh area	R. Suomala
10-02	1	Concord	Post Office fields, Loudon Road	M. Suomala
10-08	1	Durham	Rt. 155A fields (Moore)	B. Griffith
11-22	1	Rye	Odiorne Point St. Pk.	S. & J. Mirick
11-22	1	Hampton	Island Path	S. & J. Mirick
Nashville Warbler				
09-24	7	Center Harbor	Coe Hill Rd.	J. Merrill
10-08	1	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
10-08	1	Newbury	John Hay NWR	P. Newbern
10-20	1	Hampton	church parking lot off Rt. 101	S. & J. Mirick
Northern Parula				
10-08	1	Rochester	Ten Rod Road residence	D. Hubbard
10-09	2	Strafford	Lakeview Drive	S. Young
10-14	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	J. Mirick, J. Regan
10-19	1	Concord	Contoocook Island, Penacook	P. Hunt
Yellow Warbler				
09-25	2	Dover	County Farm Road fields	S. Mirick
09-26	1	Concord	community gardens	E. Masterson
09-30	2	Rye	Star Island	E. Masterson, NHA FT
10-05	4	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson
11-11	1	Concord	Abbott Road stump dump	P. Hunt
Chestnut-sided Warbler				
08-14	9	Rumney	Buffalo Rd.	J. & J. Williams
08-20	5	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
08-20	4	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
09-23	1	Concord	Sewalls Falls Rd. at railroad tracks	P. Hunt
Magnolia Warbler				
08-20	13	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
09-16	4	Concord	Penacook census route	P. Hunt, P. Brown
09-24	10	Center Harbor	Coe Hill Rd.	J. Merrill
10-05	1	Center Harbor	Coe Hill Rd.	J. Merrill
10-13	1	Hampton Falls	Applecrest Farm	S. & J. Mirick

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10-14	2	Westmoreland	River Road South	M. Suomala, D. Drachman
10-14	1	Concord	Contoocook Island, Penacook	P. Hunt
Cape May Warbler				
08-16	1	T&M Purchase	Mt. Washington, 3500', Tuckerman Ravine Trail	B.& D. Fox
08-25	1	Colebrook	Route 26 near The Balsams	M. Suomala
09-09	1	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	D.& S. Casey
09-23	1	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	S. Mirick, E. Masterson, NHA FT
09-24	1	Hinsdale	Hinsdale setbacks	H. Galbraith
10-05	1	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson
10-14	1	Whitefield	Pondicherry NWR trail	J. Williams
10-21	1	Concord	Thirty Pines, Penacook	P. Hunt
Black-throated Blue Warbler				
10-05	6	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson
10-12	1	Hampton	church parking lot off Rt. 101	S. Mirick
10-21	2	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson, B. Griffith, M. Iloff, S.& J. Mirick
10-24	1	Strafford	Lakeview Drive	S. Young
Yellow-rumped Warbler				
09-29	35	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	B. Griffith
09-30	30	Bethlehem	Trudeau Road trails	M. Suomala, L. Burton
09-30	50	Rye	Star Island	E. Masterson, NHA FT
10-05	50	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson
10-10	85	Surry	Surry Mountain Lake	L. Tanino
10-17	57	Barrington	Warren Farm	S. Young
10-21	40	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson, B. Griffith, M. Iloff, S.& J. Mirick
10-22	50	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	T. Bronson
11-22	2	Seabrook	wastewater treatment plant	S.& J. Mirick
11-29	1	Strafford	Lakeview Drive	S. Young
Black-throated Green Warbler				
08-20	18	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
09-03	5	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
09-04	5	Sandwich	Sandwich Notch Rd.	T. Vazzano
09-16	6	Concord	Penacook census route	P. Hunt, P. Brown
10-12	1	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
10-13	1	Concord	Penacook census route	P. Hunt
10-14	1	Durham	fields off Rt. 155A	S.& J. Mirick, J. Regan
10-21	2	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson, B. Griffith, M. Iloff, S.& J. Mirick
Blackburnian Warbler				
08-20	9	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
09-22	1	Newbury	residence	P. Newbern
09-23	1	Merrimack	Trowbridge Dr. residence	T. Young, A. Tarry
09-23	1	Rye	Star Island	NHA FT
Pine Warbler				
08-28	9	Allenstown	Bear Brook St. Pk.	T. Bronson
09-02	14	Concord	Penacook census route	P. Hunt
10-06	18	Effingham	Huntress Bridge Rd.	A.& G. Robbins

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Prairie Warbler				
10-05	1	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson
Palm Warbler				
09-16	1	Concord	Bog Road, Penacook	P. Hunt, P. Brown
09-25	10	Concord	community gardens	E. Masterson
09-30	20	Rye	Star Island	E. Masterson, NHA FT
09-30	12	Barrington	Warren Farm	S. Young
10-06	12	Concord	Penacook census route	P. Hunt
10-13	8		NH coast	S. & J. Mirick
10-15	15	Concord	community gardens	E. Masterson
10-17	81	Barrington	Warren Farm	S. Young
11-10	1	Barrington	Warren Farm	S. Young
11-22	1	Hampton	Great Boars Head	S. & J. Mirick
Bay-breasted Warbler				
08-19	1	Pittsburg	Deer Mtn. Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
09-01	1	Jefferson	Pondicherry WS	S. & J. Mirick
09-04	3	Sandwich	Sandwich Notch Rd.	T. Vazzano
09-10	1	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	D. & S. Casey
09-21	1	Newington	Great Bay NWR	T. Bronson
Blackpoll Warbler				
09-16	31	Concord	Penacook census route	P. Hunt, P. Brown
09-19	10	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Tanino
09-22	12	Rye	Odiorne Point St. Pk.	S. & J. Mirick
09-23	10	Rye	Star Island	NHA FT
10-14	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment plant	S. & J. Mirick, J. Regan
10-14	1	Rye	Odiorne Point St. Pk.	G. Tillman
10-14	1	Durham	fields off Rt. 155A	S. & J. Mirick, J. Regan
Black-and-white Warbler				
08-28	3	Allenstown	Bear Brook St. Pk.	T. Bronson
09-02	3	Rye	Odiorne Point St. Pk.	S. & J. Mirick
09-30	1	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
09-30	1	Rye	Star Island	E. Masterson, NHA FT
10-21	1	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson, B. Griffith, M. Iliff, S. & J. Mirick
American Redstart				
08-16	4	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
08-20	3	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	T. Bronson
09-01	3	Jefferson	Pondicherry WS	S. & J. Mirick
09-02	8	Rye	Odiorne Point St. Pk.	S. & J. Mirick
09-02	3	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
10-05	1	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson
Ovenbird				
10-02	1	Center Harbor	Coe Hill Rd.	J. Merrill
Northern Waterthrush				
08-10	1	Brentwood	Deer Hill WMA	T. Bronson
09-23	1	Rye	Star Island	NHA FT
09-30	1	Rye	Star Island	E. Masterson, NHA FT

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Louisiana Waterthrush				
08-12	1	Salisbury	Blackwater River near Mill Road	P. Hunt, L. Deming
09-01	1	Concord	Contoocook Island, Penacook	P. Hunt
Connecticut Warbler				
09-18	1	Concord	Post Office fields, Loudon Road	S. Mirick
09-19	1	Concord	Post Office fields, Loudon Road	M. Suomala
09-23	1	Durham	Fogg Dr.	K. Dorsey
Mourning Warbler				
08-05	1	Columbia	Fish Pond Rd.	D. Killam
08-19	1	Concord	Contoocook Island, Penacook	P. Hunt
08-19	1	Pittsburg	Magalloway Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
Common Yellowthroat				
08-04	15	Northwood	Wallman Conservation Easement	S. Young
08-17	28	Pittsburg	Smith Brook Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
09-02	19	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
09-30	30	Rye	Star Island	E. Masterson, NHA FT
10-22	1	Barrington	Warren Farm	S. Young
10-25	1	Concord	Storrs St.	R. Quinn
Wilson's Warbler				
09-18	4	Hinsdale	Hinsdale setbacks	H. Galbraith
09-30	2	Rye	Star Island	E. Masterson, NHA FT
10-05	4	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson
Canada Warbler				
08-16	4	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
08-20	3	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
Yellow-breasted Chat				
09-15	1	Rye	Odiorne Point St. Pk.	S. & J. Mirick, R. Suomala
09-30	1	Rye	Star Island	E. Masterson, NHA FT
10-04	1	Durham	Fogg Dr.	K. Dorsey
11-24	1	Rye	Odiorne Point St. Pk.	B. Griffith, M. Harvey

Tanagers through Finches

A female **Painted Bunting** was a “one-day wonder” in Concord on October 1. It was studied at close range from a feeder for two minutes; however, it didn’t linger and was only seen that day. This may be only the fifth state record for this colorful southern species.

Sparrows were well reported with high numbers for many species. White-crowned Sparrows are usually an uncommon, but regular, species in the state, found in small numbers during the fall. This year a total of 963 were reported around the state with peak daily totals of 40 to 70 birds. The highest daily count over the previous 25 years was only 30 birds! A likely record-high fall total of Lincoln’s Sparrows was reported from Concord on October 3 when 30 birds were tallied. Two species that seem to be increasing in regularity in the state are Clay-colored and Lark Sparrows. This fall, there were two reports of each.

For the first time in several years most of the “winter finches” appeared in excellent numbers during the fall. This was the beginning of an “invasion” winter for several of these irruptive species. Common Redpolls led the way with 35 reports totaling 866 birds. Pine Grosbeaks also had a great fall with 38 reports of 224 individuals. Both Pine Siskins (50 reports of 216 individuals) and Evening Grosbeaks (28 reports of 117 individuals) were also reported in numbers much greater than usual. With the large number of Common Redpolls, it comes as little surprise that three Hoary Redpolls were also reported for the fall. Hoary Redpoll is a rare northern species that often associates with Common Redpolls when it appears in New Hampshire and is difficult to identify with certainty.

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Scarlet Tanager				
09-02	4	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
09-17	4	Rumney	Buffalo Rd. residence	J. & J. Williams
10-01	2	Center Harbor	Coe Hill Rd.	J. Merrill
10-01	1	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
10-12	1	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
Eastern Towhee				
08-04	5	Northwood	Wallman Conservation Easement	S. Young
09-25	6	Brentwood	Deer Hill WMA	T. Bronson
10-12	4	Kensington	Old Amesbury Rd. powerline	T. Bronson
American Tree Sparrow				
10-15	1	Sandwich	Whiteface Intervale	T. Vazzano
10-17	6	Barrington	Warren Farm	S. Young
11-07	30	Concord	Birch St. community gardens	M. Suomala
11-10	26	Stratham	River Road	S. & J. Mirick
11-11	19	Concord	Penacook census route	P. Hunt
Chipping Sparrow				
08-05	50	Northwood	Wallman Conservation Easement	S. Young
09-16	72	Concord	Penacook census route	P. Hunt, P. Brown
09-30	40	Barrington	Warren Farm	S. Young
10-03	150	Concord	community gardens	E. Masterson
10-14	20	Westmoreland	Chickering Road	M. Suomala, D. Drachman
11-02	2	Portsmouth	Urban Forestry Center	T. Bronson
11-18	1	Rochester	Ten Rod Road residence	D. Hubbard
11-25	1	Concord	Riverhill Market, Penacook	P. Hunt
Clay-colored Sparrow				
09-16	1	Stratham	Squamscott & Turnberry Rds.	S. & J. Mirick
09-24	1	Hinsdale	Hinsdale setbacks	H. Galbraith, T. Schottland
Field Sparrow				
10-09	8	Brentwood	Deer Hill WMA	T. Bronson
10-17	8	Barrington	Warren Farm	S. Young
10-21	5	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson, B. Griffith, M. Iliff, S. & J. Mirick
10-22	3	Barrington	Warren Farm	S. Young
Vesper Sparrow				
09-10	1	Swanzy	Dillant-Hopkins Airport	L. Tanino

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10-09	1	Concord	Post Office fields	E. Masterson
10-21	1	Concord	community gardens	P. Hunt
10-25	1	Dover	Cocheco Valley Humane Society	B. Griffith, S. Mirick



Lark Sparrow by Stephen R. Mirick, 11/24/07, Pulpit Rocks, Rye, NH.



Lark Sparrow by Stephen R. Mirick, 10/21/07, Star Island, Rye, NH.

Lark Sparrow

10-21	1	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson, B. Griffith, M. Iliff, S. & J. Mirick
11-24	1	Rye	Pulpit Rocks	S. & J. Mirick, M. Harvey, B. Griffith, J. O'Shaughnessy, et al.

Savannah Sparrow

09-30	80	Rye	Star Island	E. Masterson, NHA FT
10-03	150	Concord	community gardens	E. Masterson
10-08	80	Durham	Rt. 155A fields (Moore)	B. Griffith
10-13	100	Westmoreland	White Road, Chickering Farm	E. Masterson, C. Seifer
10-15	100	Concord	community gardens	E. Masterson

Savannah Sparrow - Ipswich subsp.

10-13	1	Hampton	Yankee Fisherman's Coop.	S. & J. Mirick
10-27	2	Seabrook	Seabrook Beach	S. & J. Mirick
11-04	2	Hampton	Hampton Beach St. Pk.	S. & J. Mirick, BBC FT
11-04	1	Rye	Odiorne Point St. Pk.	T. Bronson

Grasshopper Sparrow

10-05	1	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson
10-21	1	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson, B. Griffith, M. Iliff, S. & J. Mirick

Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow

09-18	1	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	S. Mirick
09-30	1	Rye	Star Island	E. Masterson, NHA FT
10-03	10	Hampton	Hampton Marsh	S. Mirick
10-05	20	Hampton	Hampton Marsh	S. Mirick
10-05	1	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson
10-05	2	Hampton	Hampton Marsh	S. Mirick
10-13	1	Westmoreland	White Road, Chickering Farm	E. Masterson, C. Seifer
10-21	1	Rye	Odiorne Point St. Pk.	S. & J. Mirick, B. Griffith, M. Iliff
11-22	1	Hampton	Island Path	S. & J. Mirick
11-24	3	Hampton	Island Path	B. Griffith, M. Harvey, J. O'Shaughnessy

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Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow				
10-03	10	Hampton	Hampton Marsh	S. Mirick
10-05	20	Hampton	Hampton Marsh	S. Mirick
Sharp-tailed Sparrow sp.				
10-03	35	Hampton	Hampton Marsh	S. Mirick
10-05	60	Hampton	Hampton Marsh	S. Mirick
Fox Sparrow				
10-13	2	Westmoreland	White Rd., Chickering Farm	E. Masterson, C. Seifer
10-17	1	Rochester	Fowler Farm, Salmon Falls Rd.	D. Hubbard
10-17	1	Barrington	Warren Farm	S. Young
11-05	6	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
11-09	9	Derry	residence	B. Horton
11-30	1	Gilsun	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
Song Sparrow				
10-03	100	Concord	community gardens	E. Masterson
10-08	60	Durham	Rt. 155A fields (Moore)	B. Griffith
10-09	100	Concord	Post Office fields	E. Masterson
10-13	100	Westmoreland	White Road, Chickering Farm	E. Masterson, C. Seifer
10-15	150	Concord	community gardens	E. Masterson
10-17	84	Barrington	Warren Farm	S. Young
Lincoln's Sparrow				
09-18	10	Conway	East Conway Rd. fields	T. Vazzano, R. Ridgely, B. Crowley
09-23	8	Concord	Penacook census route	P. Hunt
09-25	7	Dover	County Farm Road fields	S. Mirick
09-30	11	Rye	Star Island	E. Masterson, NHA FT
10-02	10	Concord	Post Office fields, Loudon Road	M. Suomala
10-03	30	Concord	community gardens	E. Masterson
10-13	8	Westmoreland	White Road, Chickering Farm	E. Masterson, C. Seifer
10-15	7	Concord	community gardens	E. Masterson
10-21	1	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson, B. Griffith, M. Iliff, S. & J. Mirick
10-25	1	Concord	Storrs St.	R. Quinn
Swamp Sparrow				
10-03	30	Concord	community gardens	E. Masterson
10-05	30	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson
10-08	30	Durham	Rt. 155A fields (Moore)	B. Griffith
10-09	100	Concord	Post Office fields, Loudon Road	M. Suomala
White-throated Sparrow				
09-30	300	Rye	Star Island	E. Masterson, NHA FT
10-06	226	Concord	Penacook census route	P. Hunt
10-09	200	Concord	Post Office fields	E. Masterson
10-13	185	Concord	Morrill's Farm	P. Hunt, C. Foss
10-13	100	Westmoreland	White Road, Chickering Farm	E. Masterson, C. Seifer
10-15	200	Concord	community gardens	E. Masterson
White-crowned Sparrow				
09-18	1	Conway	East Conway Rd. fields	T. Vazzano, R. Ridgely, B. Crowley
09-21	1	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Tanino

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09-30	18	Whitefield	Airport Marsh area & Hazen Rd.	R. Suomala
09-30	50	Rye	Star Island	E. Masterson, NHA FT
10-02	50	Concord	Post Office fields, Loudon Road	M. Suomala
10-03	60	Concord	community gardens	E. Masterson
10-05	30	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson
10-08	20	Durham	Rt. 155A fields (Moore)	B. Griffith
10-08	40	Plymouth	Hatch Plaza	J. Williams
10-08	37	Berlin	Berlin City Car lot	J. Williams
10-09	50	Concord	Post Office fields, Loudon Road	M. Suomala
10-10	26	Surry	Surry Town Quarry	L. Tanino
10-13	28		NH coast	S. & J. Mirick
10-13	70	Westmoreland	White Road, Chickering Farm	E. Masterson, C. Seifer
10-14	34	Charlestown	Meadow Road	M. Suomala, D. Drachman
10-15	70	Concord	community gardens	E. Masterson
10-18	40	Concord	Birch St. community gardens	R. Suomala
11-17	2	Stratham	River Road	S. & J. Mirick, D. Abbott
Dark-eyed Junco				
09-30	200	Rye	Star Island	E. Masterson, NHA FT
10-10	180	Surry	Surry Mountain Lake	L. Tanino
10-14	300	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
10-17	141	Barrington	Warren Farm	S. Young
10-21	481	Concord	Penacook census route	P. Hunt, R. Suomala, S. Parkinson
10-25	223	Concord	Contoocook Island, Penacook	P. Hunt
10-28	250	Sandwich	fairgrounds	T. Vazzano
Lapland Longspur				
10-07	1	Durham	Rt. 155A fields (Moore)	S. & J. Mirick
11-07	1	Durham	Rt. 155A fields (Moore)	S. Young
11-16	1	Sandwich	Whiteface Intervale	R. Ridgely
11-30	1	Durham	Rt. 155A fields (Moore)	S. Young
Snow Bunting				
10-18	3	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Tanino
10-21	25	Hampton	Hampton Beach St. Pk.	E. Masterson, B. Griffith, M. Iliff, S. & J. Mirick
10-30	430	Hampton	Hampton Beach St. Pk.	T. Bronson
11-01	280	Hampton	Hampton Beach St. Pk.	S. Mirick
11-04	300	Conway	E. Conway Rd. fields	T. Vazzano, S. Wiley
11-11	32	Concord	Murray Farms, River Rd., Penacook	P. Hunt
11-11	45	Keene	Krif Road	E. Masterson
11-11	62	Walpole	Vincent Malnati Farm	E. Masterson
11-11	37	Farmington	Farmington Country Club	S. Young
11-11	542		NH coast	S. & J. Mirick
Rose-breasted Grosbeak				
10-04	1	Stratham	College Rd., Rt. 108	G. Gavutis Jr.
10-04	1	Brentwood	Deer Hill WMA	G. Gavutis Jr.
Indigo Bunting				
08-13	30	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	E. Masterson
09-02	24	Concord	Morrill's Farm	P. Hunt, M. Suomala
09-02	16	Concord	Abbott Road stump dump	P. Hunt
09-23	14	Concord	Morrill's Farm	P. Hunt

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Indigo Bunting—continued				
10-13	2	Rye	Odiorne Point St. Pk.	S. & J. Mirick
10-13	2	Concord	Morrill's Farm	P. Hunt, C. Foss
10-14	1	Stratham	River Road	S. & J. Mirick, J. Regan
10-15	1	Concord	community gardens	E. Masterson
10-25	1	Concord	Storrs St.	R. Quinn
Painted Bunting				
10-01	1	Concord	Clinton St.	R. Woodward
Dickcissel				
09-26	1	Concord	community gardens	E. Masterson
09-30	2	Rye	Star Island	B. Griffith, NHA FT
10-20	1	Concord	Morrill's Farm, Penacook	P. Hunt
Bobolink				
08-05	173	Northwood	Wallman Conservation Easement	S. Young
08-07	25	Stewartstown	Creampoke Rd.	C. Martin
08-13	30	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	E. Masterson
08-31	30	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	E. Masterson
10-03	2	Concord	community gardens	E. Masterson
10-07	12	Durham	Rt. 155A fields (Moore)	S. & J. Mirick
10-14	2	Durham	Rt. 155A fields (Moore)	S. & J. Mirick, J. Regan
10-14	1	Stratham	River Road	S. & J. Mirick, J. Regan
10-21	1	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson, B. Griffith, M. Iliff, S. & J. Mirick
Red-winged Blackbird				
09-27	10190	Hinsdale	Hinsdale setbacks	H. Galbraith
10-13	12000	Hinsdale	Hinsdale setbacks, north end	C. Seifer, E. Masterson
Eastern Meadowlark				
09-03	8	Portsmouth	Pease Int'l. Tradeport	S. & J. Mirick, L. Medlock
09-16	5	Portsmouth	Pease Int'l. Tradeport	S. & J. Mirick
10-21	1	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson, B. Griffith, M. Iliff, S. & J. Mirick
10-25	1	Concord	Storrs St.	R. Quinn
Rusty Blackbird				
08-16	2	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
08-17	2	Pittsburg	Smith Brook Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
08-19	1	Pittsburg	Deer Mtn. Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
08-20	1	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
09-22	4	Nottingham	Pawtuckaway St. Pk.	T. Bronson, Capital Area Chapter FT
09-30	6	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
10-08	8	Durham	Rt. 155A fields (Moore)	B. Griffith
10-15	10	Sandwich	Whiteface Intervale	T. Vazzano
10-20	25	Concord	Morrill's Farm	P. Hunt
11-01	38	Walpole	River Road	B. Griffith
11-06	3	Concord	Bog Road, Penacook	P. Hunt
11-12	3	Concord	Post Office fields	R. Woodward
Common Grackle				
08-18	276	Concord	Penacook census route	P. Hunt
08-19	250	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward

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08-20	300	Lyman	Dodge Pond	S.& M. Turner
08-20	500	Lee	Gile Rd. marsh	S. Young
10-01	600	Stratham	River Road	B. Griffith
10-13	2500	Hinsdale	Hinsdale setbacks, north end	C. Seifer, E. Masterson
10-22	350	Durham	Longmarsh Rd. swamp	T. Bronson
Brown-headed Cowbird				
10-13	120	Seabrook	Rt. 1A and Rt. 286	S.& J. Mirick
10-31	300	Stratham	Stuart Farm	T. Bronson
Baltimore Oriole				
10-05	2	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson
10-21	1	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	M. Iiff
Pine Grosbeak				
11-02	1	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Tanino
11-04	1	Ashland	Sanborn Road	I. MacLeod
11-08	7	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Tanino, J. Tilden
11-10	14	Plymouth	Hatch Plaza, Rt. 25	B. Griffith
11-10	7	Dorchester	Streeter Woods Rd.	S. Hall
11-11	30	Rumney	Quincy Rd. at Plymouth town line	M. Suomala, L. Burton
11-13	20	Colebrook	Bridge St.	D. Killam
11-14	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis Jr.
11-14	1	Durham	Fogg Dr.	K. Dorsey
11-16	16	Rumney	village center	J.& J. Williams
11-17	13	Wentworth	Rt. 25 n. of Rt. 25A junction	J. Williams
11-19	8	Lempster	Goshen-Lempster School	P. Newbern
11-30	12	Surry	Dort Rd.	L. Tanino
Purple Finch				
08-20	22	Lyman	Dodge Pond	S.& M. Turner
08-31	23	Concord	Penacook census route	P. Hunt
09-26	18	Rochester	Ten Rod Road residence	D. Hubbard
09-30	10	Rye	Star Island	E. Masterson, NHA FT
09-30	12	Concord	Turkey Pond survey	R. Woodward
10-05	20	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson
10-13	20	Walpole	Connecticut River	E. Masterson, C. Seifer
10-20	19	Rochester	Ten Rod Road residence	D. Hubbard
Red Crossbill				
10-25	1	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Tanino
10-29	1	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Tanino
10-30	5	Dublin	Charcoal Rd.	T. Warren
11-02	3	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Tanino
11-08	1	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Tanino, J. Tilden
11-11	1	Hinsdale	Lake Wantastiquet	E. Masterson
11-11	1	Westmoreland	Chickering Farm, White Rd.	E. Masterson
11-24	2	Barnstead	Shackfords Corner Rd. residence	R.& R. Gould
White-winged Crossbill				
08-16	18	Pittsburg	Indian Stream Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
08-17	2	Pittsburg	Smith Brook Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
09-25	1	Temple	Pack Monadnock	E. Masterson, L. Tanino
10-16	3	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Tanino
10-17	1	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Tanino

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White-winged Crossbill—continued				
10-25	13	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Tanino
10-26	4	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Tanino
10-30	2	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Tanino
11-02	2	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Tanino
11-10	5	Bethlehem	Trudeau Road	B. Griffith
11-15	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis Jr.
Common Redpoll				
10-16	5	Pittsfield	Tilton Hill Rd.	G. Robbins
10-31	3	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	E. Masterson
11-09	113	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	S. Young
11-10	100	Bradford	West Rd. residence	M. & D. Halsted
11-12	52	Northwood	Northwood Lake	S. Young
11-13	60	Concord	Birch St. community gardens	R. Suomala
11-17	50	Stratham	River Road	S. & J. Mirick, D. Abbott
11-19	100	Concord	Clinton St.	B. Griffith
11-25	50	Plymouth	Route 25	B. Griffith
Hoary Redpoll				
11-25	1	Plymouth	Route 25	B. Griffith
11-26	1	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
11-28	1	Sandwich	Diamond Ledge Rd.	T. Vazzano
Pine Siskin				
08-20	1	Pittsburg	East Inlet Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
08-21	3	Pittsburg	Scott Bog Rd.	E. Nielsen, S. Sweet
09-23	2	Rye	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	S. Mirick, E. Masterson, NHA FT
10-06	20	Keene	Barker Street residence	P. Hunt
10-14	12	Concord	Contoocook Island, Penacook	P. Hunt
10-21	19	Peterborough	Pack Monadnock	L. Tanino
10-29	12	Strafford	Lakeview Drive	S. Young
11-24	2	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis Jr.
11-27	1	Newmarket	Bay Road	H. Chary
American Goldfinch				
10-15	200	Concord	community gardens	E. Masterson
10-31	150	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	E. Masterson
11-15	80	Rochester	Ten Rod Road residence	D. Hubbard
Evening Grosbeak				
08-13	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence, South Rd.	G. Gavutis Jr.
08-21	1	Strafford	Lakeview Drive	S. Young
09-26	4	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
10-19	9	Columbia	residence	D. Killam
10-30	8	Dublin		T. Warren
11-04	10	Goffstown	Maple Ave. residence	A. Varjabedian
11-18	9	Rochester	Pickering Ponds	D. Hubbard
11-27	8	Hancock	Antrim Road	E. Masterson
11-29	27	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright

Reporters for Fall 2007

H. Cook Anderson	Michele Halsted	Cliff Seifer
Marie Anne	Bill Harris	Brenda Sens
Widge Arms	Dan Hayward	Dot Skeels
Jeannine Ayer	Melissa Hayward	John Snow
Sarah Barnum	Phil Hendrickx	Dot Soule
Terry Bronson	Sandie Heuston	Dawn Stavros
Susie Burbidge	Dan Hubbard	J.R. Stockwell
Daniel Casey	Pam Hunt	Don Stokes
James Cavanagh	Margot Johnson	Lillian Stokes
Julie Chapin	Leith Jones	Mark Suomala
Hank Chary	David Killam	Rebecca Suomala
Tom Chase	Mary Fran Loggans	Lance Tanino
David Crowe	Irene Malo	Jean Tewksbury
Bob Crowley	Chris Martin	Sandra Turner
Barbara Delorey	Eric Masterson	Fred Tyrrell
Jane Doherty	Jason McKenzie	Will Urban
Kurk Dorsey	John Merrill	Diane Vaughan
Dana Duxbury-Fox	Steve Mirick	Tony Vazzano
Kenneth Folsom	Susan Mooney	Tom Warren
Carol Foss	Kamalendu Nath	Pat Watts
Hector Galbraith	Peter Newbern	Jody Williams
Susan Galt	Erik Nielsen	John Williams
George Gavutis, Jr.	Pat Niswander	Rob Woodward
Diann Gindlesperger	Richard Nutter	Mary Wright
Robert Gould	Greg Prazar	Scott Young
Ben Griffith	Robert Quinn	Tom Young
Pam Haggarty	Tudor Richards	
Mary Haig	Elizabeth Ring	Some sightings were
Sarah Hall	Robert Ritz	taken directly from the
David Halsted	Andrea Robbins	NH.Birds list serve.

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

Mute Swan	Chimney Swift	White-breasted Nuthatch
Black Swan	Belted Kingfisher	Wood Thrush
Chukar	Red-bellied Woodpecker	Northern Mockingbird
Ring-necked Pheasant	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Brown Thrasher
Ruffed Grouse	Downy Woodpecker	European Starling
Wild Turkey	Hairy Woodpecker	Northern Cardinal
Cooper's Hawk	Pileated Woodpecker	House Finch
Northern Goshawk	Alder Flycatcher	House Sparrow
Red-tailed Hawk	Willow Flycatcher	
Herring Gull	Great Crested Flycatcher	Sightings of the species
Great Black-backed Gull	Blue-headed Vireo	listed above occurred in
Rock Pigeon	American Crow	average numbers at expected
Mourning Dove	Bank Swallow	locations, were discussed in
Great Horned Owl	Black-capped Chickadee	the summaries, or are
Barred Owl	Tufted Titmouse	escaped exotics.

Photo Gallery

"Ship Ahoy!"

Text and photos by Jon Woolf

There are some birds you expect to see when aboard a ship at sea: shearwaters, storm-petrels, gulls, gannets. There are others that you don't expect to see, such as familiar feeder birds. And you certainly don't expect to see normally shy birds perching comfortably on a rail, or a gunwale, or a light fixture. Yet every now and then, that's exactly what you might see....

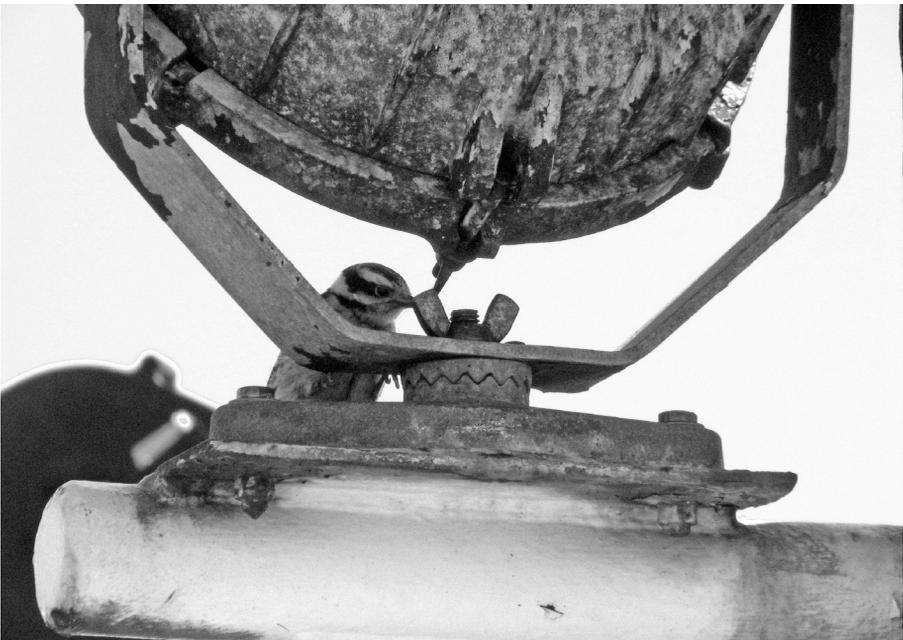


This migrating Red-breasted Nuthatch got blown out to sea and was mighty glad to find the whalewatching boat *Granite State* available as an emergency landing site, some ten miles off the New Hampshire coast.





This young Brown-headed Cowbird spent a few minutes resting aboard the research vessel *Delaware II*, some forty miles at sea off the New Jersey coast.



A Downy Woodpecker appeared from nowhere and tried tapping on one of *Delaware II*'s metal light fixtures. It quickly concluded that metal made for poor hunting, and took off again. How did a woodpecker happen across a ship forty miles from the nearest land? Your guess is as good as mine.

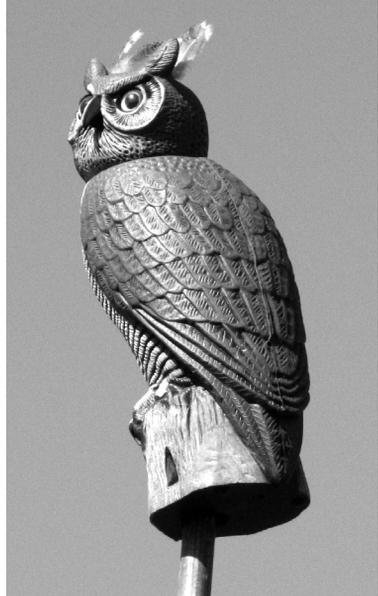
Pack Monadnock Raptor Migration Fall 2007 Report

by Lance Tanino

For the second year in a row, more than 10,000 migrating raptors of 14 species were counted at New Hampshire Audubon's Pack Monadnock Raptor Migration Observatory at Miller State Park located in Peterborough, New Hampshire. This was the third consecutive year that a New Hampshire Audubon seasonal hawk counter/environmental educator has staffed the observatory in September and October.

The weather was relatively warm for most of the season. Counts did not occur on ten days in September and October because of rainy weather, compared with seven and twelve days in 2006 and 2005, respectively.

"Is that an owl?...What's an owl doing there?...What's the owl for?" Those are the most common questions that I overheard people asking each other as they approached the observatory this fall. Most people were surprised to learn that the owl decoy that was set up on a tall metal



Owl decoy used at Pack Monadnock Raptor Observatory, by Jon Woolf.

pole was a very successful raptor attractant. It drew in raptors such as Sharp-shinned Hawks and Merlins closer to the observatory, and even an adult Peregrine Falcon couldn't resist the urge to fly right up to the owl decoy for a good look. Although I can't say for sure, Northern Goshawks and Northern Harriers appeared to react to the owl when they approached close enough to the observatory.

The season unofficially began on August 31 when a single male Northern Harrier was observed gliding south along the western slope of Pack Monadnock between a break in the clouds during a brief 45-minute watch. The following morning, September 1, the start of the season became official when a Cooper's Hawk was observed flying south. The season got off to a roaring start as 43 raptors were counted that day.

Words and phrases associated with Broad-winged Hawks this season included, "Wow", "Whoa", "Oh, my God", "Another huge kettle over here", and "Now, I believe you". The season total of 7,754 Broad-winged Hawks was slightly higher than the 7,571 counted in 2006. Their first big push came on September 13 with 1,352 counted. The incredible peak flight continued on September 16, 17, and 18. In those three days, 5,629 Broad-winged Hawks were counted. The most memorable moment was witnessed by a small group of us an hour before sunset. We had the privilege of watching at least 500 Broad-winged Hawks form a kettle low over North Pack. The low angle of the sun highlighted every single hawk as they slowly circled higher in the

thermal. They could not stay in the thermal for long and we all stood in silence as the entire kettle broke apart. Lower and lower they glided, filling the sky directly overhead with a shower of hawks, as they made their way slowly south over the red spruce tree-tops that surrounded us. Daily totals quickly subsided after the peak flight period. The last Broad-winged Hawk was counted on October 9.

Golden Eagles have continued to prove that the observatory is a reliable location to see them during migration. This season five Golden Eagles (two juveniles, one sub-adult, and two unknown age) were counted, matching the total in 2005, but quite a bit short of the incredible 11 seen in 2006. The first two “goldies” of the season were counted on consecutive days on October 15 and 16. The most memorable “goldie” experience this season occurred on October 26 at 3:25 PM. Jill Rolph, Tracy Egbert, and I had the amazing privilege of watching a juvenile Golden Eagle suddenly show up to the east of North Pack and glide in front of the cliff face and across the southern slope of the mountain. It caught a ride on a thermal as it made large circles up into the sky, showing us its golden head, white wing patches, and white tail base. We continued watching for twenty minutes as it glided low over Peterborough, where it rode another thermal until we could barely see it, at least a couple of thousand feet up in the sky. We last saw it through the field scope as a tiny speck on a straight glide towards the southwest in the direction of the setting sun.

Peregrine Falcons continued their upward trend this season. An incredible 44 were seen, compared with 29 in 2006 and 11 in 2005. The first one of the season was seen on September 4. Daily total counts of six occurred on September 27 and 28. An amazing daily total count of seven occurred on October 3. The weather when most Peregrine Falcons were observed migrating occurred on hazy and southerly wind days. It was encouraging to know that despite poor visibility and southerly winds, it was on those days that Peregrine Falcons made their strong flight appearances. The most memorable experience occurred on October 3. A pair of Peregrine Falcons was spotted riding a thermal over the eastern slope of North Pack Monadnock. As soon as they reached the top of the thermal, they both glided downward to the south in the direction of the observatory. The red spruce trees north of the observatory got in the way of our seeing the pair any longer as they headed southwest towards Peterborough. More than ten minutes had passed when suddenly something approached the observatory out of the west over the horizon. It was a Peregrine Falcon, probably one of the pair we had observed earlier. As it grew closer very quickly, it suddenly made a quick turn toward the Great Horned Owl decoy on the top of the metal pole. The falcon flew in so fast that the wind made a very loud “whoosh” sound through its feathers as it got within a foot of the decoy. A few pumps of its wings were all it needed as it headed toward the west where its mate was waiting, high up in the sky. They both rode the updrafts along Pack Monadnock’s western slope and glided in a southwesterly direction toward the setting sun.

The majority of Bald Eagles observed migrating were between September 16 and 30. Peak daily counts of seven—nowhere near last year’s peak count of 15—occurred twice, on September 16 and on September 23. The season total of 53 is the average for all three seasons (55 in 2006 and 52 in 2005). The Bald Eagle is still one of the most recognizable and most talked about raptors at the observatory. People are surprised to

learn that so many eagles can be seen from Pack Monadnock; it is the most sought after raptor to see during their visits.

Red-shouldered Hawks won the "most improved" season total award. In 2007, a total of 112 were counted, compared with 46 in 2006 and 23 in 2005. This late migrant was absent in September and finally showed up in October and continued into early November. The peak daily high total of 22 occurred on October 26, with a remarkable daily count of 17 on November 2. Prior to the 2007 season, the peak daily high count was six Red-shouldered Hawks both in 2006 and 2005.

The Northern Harrier count for 2007 surpassed the remarkable 2006 season. A record number of 117 Northern Harriers were counted, compared with 77 in 2006. An equal number of Northern Harriers were seen in September and October (57 and 61, respectively). The peak daily count on October 9 was 22.

Turkey Vultures that were seen in small numbers early in the season were mostly non-migrants. They were often observed flying in both northerly and southerly directions along the Wapack Ridge throughout the day. The vultures counted as migrants were flying on a southerly course without the meandering and wandering flight course of non-migrants. A flock of six Turkey Vultures that flew together in late October without any inclination of flying back north was the most satisfying observation because I didn't have to keep an eye on them, in case they were non-migrants.

Ospreys were seen in record numbers this year. In September, 225 Ospreys were counted. Twelve Ospreys were seen in a single day early in the season on September 2. The last Osprey of the season was observed quite late, gliding south along the western slope of Pack Monadnock and in noticeably poor health, emaciated with protruding keel.

Sharp-shinned Hawk season totals in 2007 and 2006 were similar (1,288 in 2007 and 1,253 in 2006). The September total was 855, compared with 593 in 2006 and 520 for the entire 2005 season. They were by far this season's most curious and aggressive raptor toward the owl decoy. For the entire month of September and early October, it was guaranteed that a Sharp-shinned Hawk would show off its flight ability by cruising in very close to the owl decoy at some point during the day.

The Cooper's Hawk 2007 season total of 186 was less than the remarkable 2006 season. Despite a slightly down year, the season totals of the past two years show a positive trend toward the recovery of the species in the Northeast.

Northern Goshawks were seen in good numbers (49) this season despite being slightly down from the 68 counted in 2006. A total of 30 northern goshawks were counted in five days during the peak flight period in mid-October. One of the best looks was of a juvenile non-migrant that flew low over the observatory. It was less than 20 meters away from me as it shot through the Red Spruce forest.

Red-tailed Hawk season totals were slightly more than half of the 2006 totals. On September 24, the monthly peak daily total of 14 was a promising sign for the season. The October monthly total of 200 was slightly lower than the October 2006 total of 235. Five days in November could only account for 32 Red-tailed Hawks, compared with 160 in 2006 over six days. Red-tailed Hawks entertained visitors almost daily when non-migrants as well as migrants showed off their hunting skills and courtship behaviors. Their ability to hunt while kiting and hovering in mid-air was the favorite

of most hawkwatchers. Sky-dancing by the males was observed on at least three occasions this season.

American Kestrel numbers at Pack Monadnock over the past three seasons have yet to show a consistent trend in any direction, compared with declining numbers throughout the east coast. Kestrel totals over the past two seasons—143 and 201 in 2007 and 2006, respectively—continue to show improvement since the 2005 season total of 78. Peak flight days occurred on September 19 and 30 (with counts of 12 and 16, respectively), compared with September 11 and 12 (with 24 and 22) in 2006.

The population expansion of Merlins in the east was quite clear this season at Pack. A total of 90 were counted compared with 48 and 40 in 2006 and 2005, respectively. The peak flight of 12 occurred on September 12. An unforgettable moment this season involved an aggressive Merlin that vocalized prior to each of four to six attacks lasting a couple of minutes toward the owl decoy. It was quite a spectacle.

After 430 hours of observation over 57 days, a grand total of 10,624 migrating raptors were counted and a new season record was set. A total of 55 non-raptor species were also recorded from the observatory. The prediction of an irruptive year predicted for boreal species proved to be correct. An incredible number of six irruptive species were seen including Pine Grosbeak, White-winged and Red Crossbill, Bohemian Waxwing, Northern Shrike, and Pine Siskin.



Panorama looking north from Pack Monadnock Raptor Observatory, by Jon Woolf.

This successful season was made possible thanks in large part to the optimistic and enthusiastic volunteers and visitors. Their positive attitude and team effort made each day incredibly fun.

Thank you very much to Eric Masterson of New Hampshire Audubon (Site Supervisor) for the opportunity and privilege of being the hawk counter this season. I had big shoes to fill left by my hawkwatch mentor, Julie Tilden, last year's counter. I am also grateful to France Von

Mertens for her logistical support and providing a place for me to stay in Peterborough, and to the New Hampshire Division of State Parks (Miller State Park), especially the park manager for her assistance and support. This project would not be possible without the funding provided by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, The Samuel P. Hunt Foundation, The Putnam Foundation, and several generous individuals.

If you would like to relive your visit this season or previous seasons to the Pack Monadnock Raptor Migration Observatory, go to www.hawkcount.org. Hundreds of hawkwatch sites across the country, Canada, and Mexico also enter their daily count data to this Web site. For more information about raptor migration, please visit www.hmana.org.

Table 1. Raptor Migration Data from Pack Monadnock Raptor Migration Observatory, New Hampshire, September 1 through October 31, 2007.

Date	Hrs	TV	OS	BE	NH	SS	CH	NG	RS	BW	RT	GE	AK	ML	PG	UR	Total
9/1	8		1	2		16	6			8			2	4		4	43
9/2	8		12	3	1	26	9			5				3		10	69
9/3	8		1			4				2			1	1		1	10
9/4	8		4			39	4			25			3	1	1	2	79
9/5	8		1	2	2	21				49			2			7	84
9/6	6		7			15							1				23
9/7	6					5				2				1			8
9/8	6					3	1			0							4
9/9	0																0
9/10	0																0
9/11	0																0
9/12	8.5		10		2	44	1			37			7	12		5	118
9/13	10		22	2	2	87	6			1352			9	2	1	4	1487
9/14	8.25		11		3	25	6			379			3	1	1		429
9/15	4.5		1		1	28	8			22			1	4		3	68
9/16	9.5		18	7	1	44	7			2676			3	1		9	2766
9/17	9		4	3		38	7			2480			3	2		6	2543
9/18	9		3	3	2	34	10			473			5	2	1	2	535
9/19	8.5		8		3	33	6			26			12	2		1	91
9/20	7.75		4		2	15	2			14			1	1		2	41
9/21	9		4		3	39	12	1		70			6	2		2	139
9/22	8		5		2	16	2			22			1	2			50
9/23	9.25		10	7	7	98	11	2		51	1		3	8	1		199
9/24	8.75	1	9		2	31	4			2	14		1	1	2		67
9/25	8.75		5		2	6	1							1	2		17
9/26	7.75		13	1		4	1							1			20
9/27	7	1	24	2	2	16	4			48	7		1	1	6	1	113
9/28	6.5	6	23	1	3	68	6			6	1		5	7	6		132
9/29	10.25	1	11	6	3	34	4	1		2	5		7	4		1	79
9/30	9	2	14	2	14	66	3	2		3	3		16	3			128
10/1	7.25	3	12		1	11	1			10			6	1			45
10/2	8.25		6		2	24	1	1	1	7			2		2		46
10/3	8.75		8		1	7				1			1	2	7		27
10/4	8.5	2	2	1		34			1		5		6	5			56
10/5	7.75	2	3		3	8	1		2		1		2	2	2		26
10/6	8	13	10		3	14	2	2	2	3	8		3				60
10/7	8	1	3	2	8	11	4	1	3		5		4		4	1	47
10/8	0																0
10/9	8.25	19	9	2	22	56	4	2	15	1	15		7	3		3	158
10/10	0																0
10/11	0																0
10/12	0																0
10/13	9	3	1		3	32	8	4	10		22		3	1		2	89
10/14	8.5	1	2	1	2	42	6	1	3		17		7	2	1	4	89
10/15	8		3			17	5	1	1		2	1	2			1	33
10/16	8.75	3	1	2	2	23	5		5		16	1		2		2	62
10/17	7.75	2			2	18	6	1	2		4		1	1	2	1	40
10/18	8				1	15					1			2			19
10/19	0																0
10/20	7	5	3	1		8	1		1		10		1	1			31
10/21	8.5	4		1	1	38	6	1			16		1	1		1	70
10/22	8	9			1	9	2		1		2				3	1	28
10/23	5.25	3				5	1				3						12
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10/25	8	15			4	21	5	8	6		10				1	2	72
10/26	8	16	2		3	23	1	6	22		15	1	4			2	95
10/27	0																0
10/28	7.25	2				5	2	4	4		21	1					39
10/29	8	2				2	2	2	3		5					3	19
10/30	8.5	2		1	1	1	2	2	6		16						31
10/31	7.5	2	1		1	1		1	1		6						13
	409.5	120	291	52	118	1280	186	43	89	7776	231	4	143	90	44	96	10549

hrs – observer hours

Key to Species Abbreviations in Table 1.

TV	Turkey Vulture (<i>Cathartes aura</i>)	BW	Broad-winged Hawk (<i>Buteo platypterus</i>)
OS	Osprey (<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>)	RT	Red-tailed Hawk (<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>)
BE	Bald Eagle (<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>)	GE	Golden Eagle (<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>)
NH	Northern Harrier (<i>Circus cyaneus</i>)	AK	American Kestrel (<i>Falco sparverius</i>)
SS	Sharp-shinned Hawk (<i>Accipiter striatus</i>)	ML	Merlin (<i>Falco columbarius</i>)
CH	Cooper's Hawk (<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>)	PG	Peregrine Falcon (<i>Falco peregrinus</i>)
NG	Northern Goshawk (<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>)	UR	Unidentified Raptor
RS	Red-shouldered Hawk (<i>Buteo lineatus</i>)		

Volunteers and Research

The Hummer/Bird Study Group

by Liz Burton

For about two weeks in October, an adult male Rufous Hummingbird made regular appearances at a hummingbird feeder in Westmoreland, New Hampshire. The bird was reported to New Hampshire Audubon on October 23, and the homeowner invited area birders to come see it. On October 28, Anthony Hill, a hummingbird bander from Massachusetts, trapped and banded the bird. Hill's work banding hummingbirds is part of a nationwide initiative coordinated by the Hummer/Bird Study Group (HBSG).



Rufous Hummingbird ready for banding by Anthony Hill, 10/28/07, Westmoreland, NH.

According to its Web site (www.hummingbirdsplus.org), HBSG is a non-profit organization dedicated to the study and preservation of hummingbirds and other neotropical migrants. The operation, which was founded in 1994 by Bob and Martha Sargent, consists primarily of bird-banding stations in Fort Morgan, Alabama, and in several locations in Texas. In addition, however, HBSG-trained hummingbird banders are active in over 30 states. The HBSG web site includes contact information for hummingbird banders who can be called upon to band birds in different areas; Anthony Hill bands in four New England states, including New Hampshire.

According to Bob Sargent, since he and his wife started banding hummingbirds in 1987, reports of wintering and vagrant hummingbirds have increased dramatically. At that time, Ruby-throated Hummingbird was the only wintering species for which conclusive documentation existed in Alabama. As of 2007, however, 13 different species of wintering hummingbirds have been documented in the state. While anecdotal evidence suggests that vagrant and out-of-season hummingbird visits may indeed be on the rise, the Sargents wonder whether the apparent increase may be due to the fact that there hadn't previously been widespread organized efforts to document and study

hummingbird movements. One of the Sargents' motivations for founding HBSG was to provide a mechanism for such an effort.

In order to band hummingbirds, a bander must have a special hummingbird permit from the USGS Bird Banding Lab (BBL), in addition to a general bird-banding permit. To receive the hummingbird permit, they must have special training on how to handle the birds safely as well as make the bands. The Bird Banding Lab distributes hummingbird bands on thin laser-printed aluminum sheets, and the bander must separate and smooth the edges of the tiny bands and shape them to fit the species being banded. The Sargents are one of the primary sources of this training in the United States and they conduct active outreach efforts to locate potential banders and train them.



Hummingbird bands by Anthony Hill.

Bob Sargent prefers to call the hummingbird banders he has trained bander-researchers. This label is certainly accurate because, in addition to the other requirements, banders must be actively involved in a hummingbird research project to receive the hummingbird permit. The data gathered by the banders and submitted to the Bird Banding Lab have resulted in numerous publications, and provided much of the information used in the hummingbird profiles published in the *Birds of North America* series. The BBL Web site includes a lengthy bibliography of research articles that have been written

on hummingbirds (www.pwrc.usgs.gov/BBL/resources/bibl/humbib.htm).

Although the contributions made by bander-researchers are invaluable, Bob is quick to point out that the public is the biggest contributor in expanding knowledge about hummingbirds. The work of the bander-researchers couldn't be done without the help of birders and the general public who report their sightings of vagrant and late-season hummingbirds.

If you see a hummingbird other than a Ruby-throated in New Hampshire, or if you see a Ruby-throated after Columbus Day, you should report your sighting to *New Hampshire Bird Records*. They can provide assistance in documenting the bird or you can get the documentation form from the Web site, www.nhbirdrecords.org. You are also encouraged to contact Anthony Hill (anhinga13@hotmail.com, 413-538-9630) directly to discuss any appropriate potential banding. His contact information can also be found on the HBSG web site (www.hummingbirdsplus.org), along with contact information for hummingbird banders working in other areas.

Those interested in learning more about movements of hummingbirds, as well as hummingbird documentation and banding, can find additional information on the following Web sites:

Hummer/Bird Study Group: www.hummingbirdsplus.org

New England Hummers: www.nehummers.com

Scott Weidensaul: www.scottweidensaul.com/research_hummingbirds.html

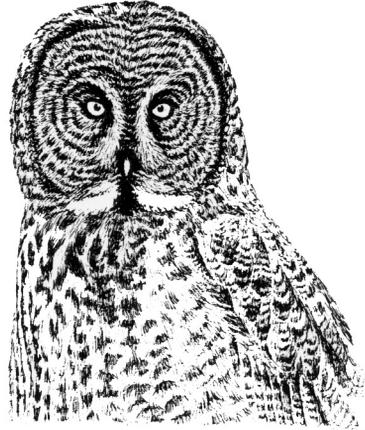
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Spotlight on Great Gray Owl (*Strix nebulosa*)

by Robert Fox

Background

The Great Gray Owl is the largest North American owl and is a very rare and irregular winter visitor. It is one of a very few owls that is found in both Eurasia and North America. In its native haunts, the Great Gray is a bird of the deep forest, but during invasions it is often found in brush and small trees near a field or clearing where it hunts its food. Unlike most owls, it has a habit of sitting on an open branch leaning forward as if looking for something beneath its feet. While it is the largest North American owl, it looks even larger because of its thick, fluffed mantle of feathers, its best defense against the coldest of winters. Its dark gray color is why it is called, in Latin, *nebulosa*, or cloudy. Normally, it can find food even when there is deep snow and frequently it will hear a rodent under the snow and dive down to catch it. With a shortage of food, usually mice and voles, invasions of owls move south and east.



By Andrea Robbins.

Breeding Status

The Great Gray lives in the boreal forests from Alaska to eastern Ontario, possibly western Quebec; it also breeds in the western United States in the high Sierra Mountains to California. There are no nesting records for the United States east of the Rocky Mountains.

Occurrence in New Hampshire

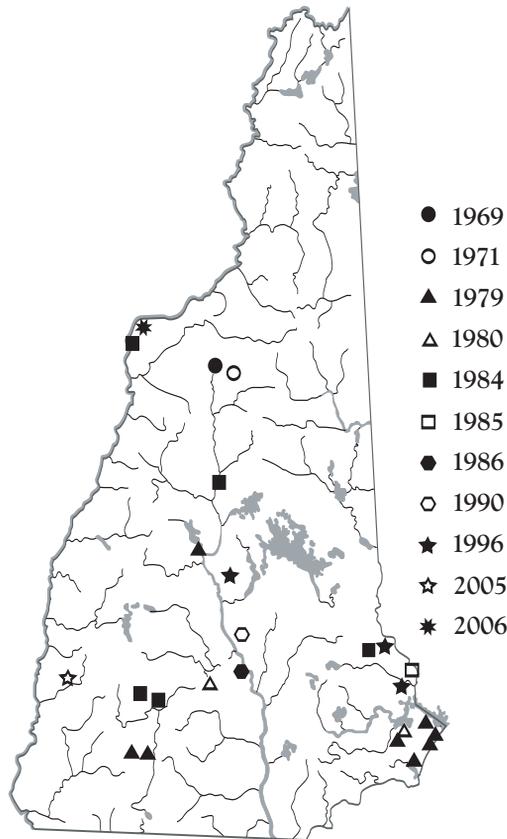
The Great Gray Owl normally spends its entire life in the northern forests, but when there is a shortage of rodents in its homeland some birds come south during the winter in search of food. This food shortage does not occur across the entire range of the species in any given year so these "irruptions" or "flights" come from one area in Canada producing the one to many birds we see during occasional winters. Early records for New Hampshire are of a bird shot near Mt. Monadnock about 1885 (Thayer, 1909), and a bird taken in New Boston about 1895 (Batchelder, 1901). Some early flight years in New England were 1842–43 and 1890–91 (Forbush, 1929; Palmer 1949). Since 1950 there have been flights in 1968–69 to the Great Lakes, in 1978–79 to New England and Quebec, and in 1983–84 to Ontario, Quebec, and New England with lesser flights in 1995–96 and scattered birds in other years. One or more birds were seen in New Hampshire in each of these flights and there have been occasional birds in other winters.

From 1950–2006 there have been at least 25 reports from all parts of New Hampshire (Figure 1). Table 1 lists the reports by year and month. The town is included but not specific locations, as birds move about in a town and are probably flying some distance every few days, based on recent literature on the subject. In New Hampshire the birds have been found during December to April but usually in January (Table 1) and may remain for a few days in any one place when food is available.

Comments

Great Gray Owls come south from their boreal homeland when food supplies are scarce. At such times there are likely to be small numbers of the owls in an area like northern New England, usually between November and February. Invasions are often a local phenomenon, so one time there is a flight to the Great Lakes, another to Ontario and New York, and yet another to Northern New England and the Maritimes. Radio-tracking has found that

Figure 1. Distribution of Great Gray Owl records in New Hampshire, 1950–2006.



Year	Month	Town	Year	Month	Town
1969	Feb 8	Franconia	1984	Jan 6	Hillsborough
1971	Mar 3	Franconia		Jan 7	Rochester
1979	Jan 16	Hancock		Jan	Monroe
	Jan 18-31	Stratham		mid-Jan	Campton
	Jan 22	Bristol		Apr 29	Hillsborough
	Jan 25-28	Hampton	1985	Dec 23-25	Rollinsford
	Mar 2	Rye	1986	Jan 3	Concord
	Mar 3	Rye (2nd bird)	1990	Dec 21	Canterbury
	Mar 4	Portsmouth	1996	Jan 12	Sanbornton
	Mar 10	Hancock		Jan 13*	Dover
1980	Jan 12	Hopkinton		Feb 28-Mar 1	Rochester
	Feb 6-7	Stratham	2005	Dec 4	Acworth
			2006	Jan 22	Lyman

* found dead several days later

during an invasion the bird is moving during night and day covering about 40km (about 25 miles) in a day and 650km (about 400 miles) in a three month period.

In the literature there are two accounts of the species calling in New Hampshire. It was reported calling in Snowville (in Eaton) on October 1, 1871, and Brewster mentions one heard at Lake Umbagog. The call is distinctive. Bob Smart and I were camping at 7,000 feet in Yosemite National Park July 24, 1954, and, at dusk, soon after flushing two Great Grays beside a field, their calls began—a muffled but far-carrying six-hoot pattern at a tone lower than the human voice. After each call we heard a very low muffled hoot sound in response—an unforgettable evening! A very early report of a Great Gray was in 1831 when a bird was reported from Marblehead, Massachusetts. John James Audubon rushed to see it. Unfortunately by the time he arrived the bird was dead and someone had even destroyed the carcass. Seeing a Great Gray is a real birding experience.

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The following data sources were searched for records of this species. The data for all figures represent the number of records; duplicates are not included. Not all records presented here have been reviewed by the New Hampshire Rare Birds Committee.

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Bob Fox, a life long birder, has spent one to three months in New Hampshire nearly every year since he was 10. Bob birded extensively with Bob Smart from the late 1940s through the 1970s and they planned to write a book on New Hampshire birds. Today Bob is helping Allan Keith realize this idea. Bob and Dana Duxbury-Fox summer in Tuftonboro and live in North Andover, Massachusetts.

Backyard Birder

Sunning Birds

by Brenda Sens

Although “sunning” seems a more appropriate subject for an article dealing with spring break, it is a behavior that many birds indulge in with some frequency. Having made this announcement with some authority, the truth is that such behavior was unknown to me until a breathless call came in to the Naturalists’ Office at New Hampshire Audubon.

The caller had just seen a Northern Cardinal lying on his breast as close to the ground as possible in the middle of her driveway. The bird appeared to be gasping for breath from its open beak and gave every indication of great suffering. The observer ran from her home hoping to be of assistance to the cardinal only to have it rouse itself at the sound of the door slamming and take off before she reached it.

A search of New Hampshire Audubon’s McLane Center’s library and the Internet garnered some interesting information. Some 170 species of birds have been observed sunbathing. Postures vary, with some birds just standing with their crown feathers raised and their wings and tail feathers drooped, while others become prostrate. The amount of time spent sunning varies from one or two minutes to a record 26 minutes tallied in England for a male blackbird. The behavior often occurs when there is sudden exposure to hot sunshine and in these instances the birds fall over so rapidly that the behavior does not appear to be voluntary.

Scientists, observing that birds at times sought out an overheated state, naturally turned their attention to figuring out how this behavior benefited the birds. Given the fact that sunning occurred on very warm days, thermoregulation did not appear to be a motivating factor. As the birds were not wet to start with, drying feathers was also ruled out. Observers noticed that sunning was often done by birds in some stage of late summer molt or, in the case of young birds, in a post-juvenal molt. Equally often, sunning was followed by preening, indicating a connection between sunning and care of the skin and feathers.

These observations have led scientists to theorize that sunning serves two purposes: the extreme heat experienced by the birds helps dislodge feather parasites and/or the ultraviolet rays in sunlight help turn a precursor molecule in preening oil into vitamin D, which birds need. Clearly this is an area in which more research needs to be done.

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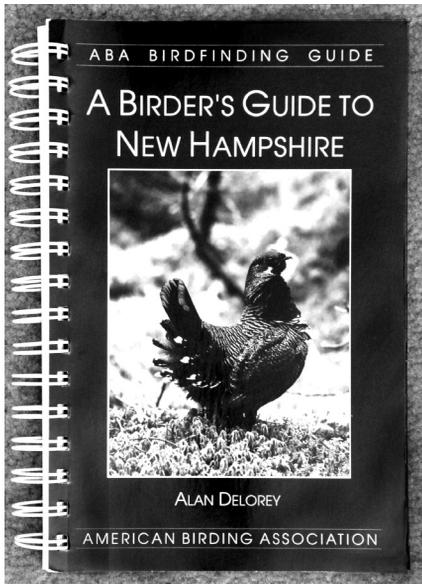
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Twenty-Five Years of New Hampshire Birding

by Alan Delorey

Graduating from the University of New Hampshire in 1982, I embarked on an adventure in New Hampshire birding. Why did I begin birding at that point in my life? Marriage will do that to you. At first I viewed birding with a polite indifference out of respect for my wife's interest. But it wasn't long until my own genuine enthusiasm for birding was sparked.



Alan Delorey's book A Birder's Guide to New Hampshire, photo by Jon Woolf.

During the 1980s I did a lot of birding at Plum Island (Massachusetts) with a few New Hampshire trips thrown in here and there. Starting in 1991 I began to focus much more on New Hampshire birding. My first task was to figure out where to bird in New Hampshire. I began to explore my native state with the goal of finding the best, most accessible birding sites. As I discovered many great birding sites in the state, I decided that it would be beneficial to share this knowledge with others through *A Birder's Guide to New Hampshire*, which was published by the American Birding Association in 1996 (currently out of print).

By my reckoning, the closer to home a bird occurs, the better it is, especially if you can add a new species to your yard list. We were fortunate enough to live on several acres in a rural area, with a nice diversity of habitat. This enabled us to accumulate a yard list of 179 species. On a good day during spring or fall migration we were able to tally up to 18 species of warblers in a single day. These included such gems as Wilson's, Tennessee, Bay-breasted, Cape May, and Orange-crowned Warblers, Yellow-breasted Chat, and even Connecticut Warbler. During summer there is nothing quite like the ebullient song of the Bobolink to start the day and the pensive notes of the Eastern Meadowlark at sunset.

It is difficult to select a single favorite bird from our yard, so let me share several notables with you. An Upland Sandpiper visited our field on two separate occasions. Yellow-billed and Black-billed Cuckoos summered with us. A White-eyed Vireo sang

for us one spring. Several Dickcissels visited our feeder in the late 1980s. A few Hoary Redpolls ate thistle alongside hundreds of Common Redpolls during winter invasions. A couple of White-winged Crossbills also came to our feeder in winter. We once had a flight of several hundred Common Nighthawks during fall migration, as they paused to feed on the abundant dragonflies over our field. Twice during spring migration I was delighted to hear the distinctive “quick-three-cheers” of the Olive-sided Flycatcher. An annual ritual has been the American Woodcock mating displays each spring. In recent years Red-bellied Woodpeckers moved in as year-round residents.

One of my favorite spots for morning bird walks has been Ballard Marsh in Derry, a reliable place for Blue-gray Gnatcatchers and both cuckoos. In fall I could always locate Rusty Blackbirds here. Spring was a good time to look for waterfowl before the summer growth of Pickerel Weed obscured the view.

Beaver Lake in Derry has been my favorite local waterfowl haunt. During fall migration an amazing variety of ducks visit this small lake. Some of the more interesting include Canvasback, American Wigeon, Northern Pintail, American Coot, and large flocks of Ruddy Ducks.

Another local spot special to me is Pawtuckaway State Park. This largely undeveloped park in southeastern New Hampshire attracts a wonderful variety of uncommon species. I have regularly found Acadian Flycatchers nesting there. Cerulean Warbler is another southern species I've found nesting in the park. Blue-gray Gnatcatchers have been easy to find, too. The most special animal I ever saw at Pawtuckaway was a bobcat.

I tried offshore pelagic birding from small whalewatch sightseeing boats. I rate the experience right up there with having a root canal done! But the root canal may be preferred,

as it comes with Novocaine. So I switched tactics and perfected the art of “Storm Birding” (see the article in the Fall 1997 issue of *New Hampshire Bird Records*). Setting up a spotting scope at Rye Harbor State Park on Ragged Neck at the coast during storms with strong east winds, I could observe the pelagic birds coming to me on “terra firma.” Using this technique I have been able to tally four species of shearwater, two jaegers, two storm-petrels, and Northern Fulmar, all without “mal de mare.”

There are many other excellent birding sites throughout New Hampshire, but space constrains me. Let me close with a few thoughts about the North Country. Perhaps my favorite area to bird is Pittsburg, the state's northern-most township. This special area is still a remote wilderness replete with coveted boreal species. When driving a vehicle equipped with four-wheel drive and high ground clear-



Black-backed Woodpecker, by Mark Suomala, 09/30/07, Trudeau Rd., Bethlehem, NH.

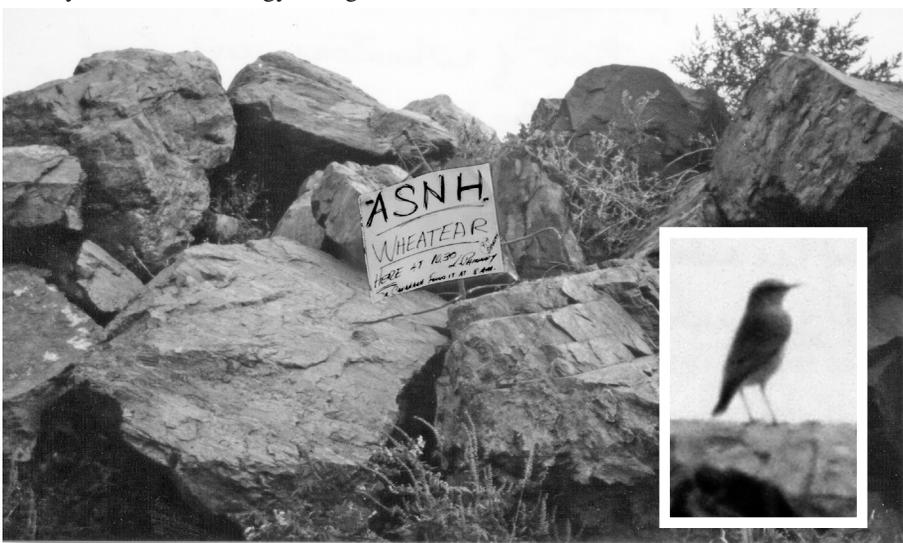
ance, the logging roads of the Connecticut Lakes Region unfold numerous birding adventures. The distinctive “chup-chup” call of the Black-backed Woodpecker has led me to many of their nest sites. I even caught a quick glimpse of the elusive Three-toed Woodpecker at East Inlet. I will always remember the male Spruce Grouse taking a dust bath in the middle of a logging road. The soft wheezy notes of the Boreal Chickadee never escaped notice, and the raucous Gray Jays vied for attention. I think that part of my heart will always remain in Pittsburg, New Hampshire.

After fifty years as a life-long New Hampshire resident, and twenty-five years of birding the state, I say farewell. Due to health issues, I have been forced into early retirement and must seek out a milder, gentler climate. I will be doing most of my future birding at our new Florida retirement community.

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Birding the Old-Fashioned Way!

This photo recently came to *New Hampshire Bird Records* from a former New Hampshire Birder, Dr. Jim Cavanagh, now living in Tallahassee, Florida. He tells the story of how he spotted a Northern Wheatear while birding in Rye on the morning of September 9, 1972. The bird was on the rocks just east of Odiorne Point on the ocean side of Route 1A. Dr. Cavanagh knew that there was a New Hampshire Audubon bus trip to the coast that day and that they planned to pass the location where he saw the bird. It was early morning and Dr. Cavanagh could not stay until the birding trip arrived. In the days before technology brought us the NH.Birds list serve, Blackberries and cell



phones, spreading the word about a rarity to birders already in the field (or on a bus) was a challenge. Dr. Cavanagh's solution was to immediately call Leon Phinney, who lived in the area, and ask him if he would construct a sign to post at the spot where the wheatear was seen. At 10:30 a.m. Leon Phinney posted a sign, visible from the road by passing cars, which said:

"ASNH

Wheatear

Here at 10:30 - 9/9 Saturday

L. Phinney

Dr. Cavanagh found it at 8 am."

The whole busload of about 30 New Hampshire Audubon birders saw the wheatear, which was a life bird for many! According to the Fall 1972 report in the *New Hampshire Audubon Quarterly* (Vol. 26, #1), "The ASNH bus trip fortunately stopped to look at some Blue-winged Teal across the road and saw a note saying 'Wheatear' with an arrow; all saw the bird." Bob Smart presented Dr. Cavanagh the first OOTS (Observer of the Season) award in appreciation for his efforts and also for his detailed reports, and his "imaginative use of a tape recorder [that] proved the Connecticut Warbler is much more numerous than had been previously thought." Dr. Cavanagh tallied 13 different Connecticut Warblers at Fort Dearborn in Rye between September 11 and 29, 1972 (see page 30 in the above mentioned Quarterly).

Thanks go to Dr. Jim Cavanagh for sharing this story and his photo to remind us of what changes have come about in the world of birding.

Answer to the Photo Quiz

by David B. Donsker

This issue's Photo Quiz bird is perched vertically on an open bare snag. The open perch and the bird's vertical posture are in themselves keys to the identity of this species and, even seen at a quick glance or from a long distance, limit our choice of possibilities. The bird's selection of such a perch, augmented by the relatively high position of the head, provides it with a wide field of view and easy observation of the space around and above it. This suggests that the species is an active aerial hunter of flying insects rather than, for example, a species that gleans its prey from leaves or probes for its food within the leaf litter on the ground. Among the perching birds, several families have developed this feeding strategy. Chief among these are the tyrant flycatchers, swallows, and some members of the thrush family, specifically bluebirds and solitaires.

A more detailed examination of our bird reveals a proportionally large, slightly crested head and relatively large, dark bill. Its tail is short. In contrast, its wings are long and pointed (this feature can be seen best by looking carefully at the position of the left wing tip). The combination of short tail and long wings gives this bird a distinctly tapered appearance. Its underparts are white, but the throat is slightly darkly streaked and the sides of its breast and flanks are densely and darkly streaked. Since

the bird is facing us, we cannot see whether or not it has wing bars. Neither can we see its upper parts, other than its dark crown.

The shape of the head and the size of the bill alone eliminate all contenders from our list of aerial “fly-catching” birds except tyrant flycatchers. Bluebirds, solitaires, and swallows all have smaller, rounder heads and much smaller, often tiny bills.

Although the array of possibilities among the tyrant flycatchers seems hopelessly confusing, the structural features of this bird can pare them down to a small number of choices.

Our tyrant flycatchers fall into several distinct groups: pewees of the genus *Contopus*, the *Empidonax* group of small flycatchers, phoebes (genus *Sayornis*), the “crested flycatchers” within the genus *Myiarchus*, and the kingbirds (genus *Tyrannus*).

Empidonax flycatchers, like many tyrant flycatchers, can look slightly crested. But all are fairly small birds and even the largest, Willow Flycatcher, is much more delicately proportioned than our featured bird. Their bills, though relatively broad, are fairly small and not nearly as massive as the prominent bill of this bird. Also, most species in this genus have eye-rings, although they can be fairly inconspicuous in Alder and, especially, Willow Flycatcher.

Myiarchus flycatchers—Great Crested Flycatcher and the rare autumn vagrant, Ash-throated Flycatcher—are both large-billed, crested flycatchers. But birds in this genus have proportionally long tails. And, although Great Crested Flycatcher has longer wings than Ash-throated, both have relatively shorter wings than those of this bird when compared to tail length. Neither would show the contrasting dark flanks and sides of breast of this bird.

Of the kingbirds found in our state, Eastern Kingbird has the longest, most pointed wings. It also has a dark crown and white belly. But unlike this bird, the underparts are more extensively white, the square-ended tail is longer and tipped white, and the bill is proportionally shorter.

Western Kingbird, an uncommon fall vagrant, is also square-tailed and has a smallish bill. Its underparts lack the throat and flank streaking of the illustrated bird. An individual representing either Tropical or Couch’s Kingbird, a very similar pair of western species, has been recorded once in New Hampshire. Like this bird, these species have fairly large heads and large, long bills. But their tails are longer and deeply notched and their underparts are similar to those of Western Kingbird.

Eastern Phoebe shares the dark crown, dark bill and, especially in young birds, the smudgy sides of the breast of this bird. But the phoebe’s bill is much more delicate and the smudgy sides of the underparts, when apparent, never extend so far along the flanks, nor are they as contrastingly dark or so coarsely streaked. The tail of Eastern Phoebe is proportionally long.

Members of the genus *Contopus*, the pewees, are all characterized by slightly crested heads, fairly long wings, dark faces, and absent eye-rings. Two species belonging to this genus can be found in New Hampshire: the Eastern Wood-Pewee and the Olive-sided Flycatcher (in fact, a large pewee). In addition to the characteristic structural features of the genus, both of our species can appear “vested.” That is, the flanks and sides of the breast contrast, more or less, with the pale central breast and belly. In Eastern Wood-Pewee, this effect is fairly subtle. In Olive-sided Flycatcher it is very pronounced and is one of the most characteristic features of the species. The wood-

pewee is also a smaller, more delicate bird. Its bill is relatively small. Although it has longish wings, its tail is also long, so that the relative proportions of wing to tail length are not nearly as exaggerated as that seen in Olive-sided Flycatcher.



This well-composed photograph of Olive-sided Flycatcher, obtained in Pawtuckaway State Park on May 27, 2007, shows all of the characteristic features of this unique species. It is a large, sturdy flycatcher with a distinctly tapered body, large head, long wings, and short tail. It has a well-defined dark “vest” that is produced by the heavily streaked sides of the breast and flanks contrasting with the white central breast and belly.

One word of caution: From late summer to late fall, the casual observer could mistake the immature Cedar Waxwing for Olive-sided Flycatcher. Like the flycatcher (and unlike adult waxwings), they have heavily darkly streaked flanks. They also have white bellies, pointed wings, and short tails.

Their crests can be short as well. However, their short, stubby bills, dark face masks and yellow terminal tail bands mark them for what they are.

Olive-sided Flycatcher is an uncommon breeder and summer resident in New Hampshire. It is found primarily in the boreal forest north of the White Mountains, where it prefers open, conifer dominated woodland, usually near water. It favors areas with plenty of dead snags from which it can snap flying insects, primarily bees and wasps, from the air. As such, beaver ponds, cut over forests, forest clearings, and bogs are its preferred habitats. As its long wings would suggest, this species is a long-distance migrant, wintering in Central America and western South America. It is one of the latest arriving species in our state in spring migration, rarely appearing before the third week in May. It leaves the state by mid-September, but migration south generally begins in mid-August. Uncommon in New Hampshire in migration, it is a much sought-after species in both the spring and fall. Just keep watching those dead snags!

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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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Irruptives Invade!

by Kathie Palfy

This fall brought visits from several irruptive species. Irruptives are birds whose winter distribution fluctuates from year to year in response to the availability of food. One winter we may see a species in huge numbers and then see none the next year. Several of the boreal species known to experience an irruptive pattern appeared in New Hampshire this fall. Large flocks of Bohemian Waxwings, Pine Grosbeaks, Common Redpolls, and Red-breasted Nuthatches were reported. Also notable were the less frequent Northern Shrikes and Evening Grosbeaks. The invasion is linked to the low Mountain Ash fruit crops and poor coniferous and deciduous seed crops in Canada this fall. Birders took pleasure in seeing some “different” birds, and many were able to capture them in photos for us to enjoy!

Bohemian Waxwing by Dick Dionne,
11/17/07, Tudor Richards Viewing
Platform, Pondicherry Wildlife Refuge,
Jefferson, NH.



Northern Shrike
by Mary Fran Loggans,
11/17/07, Frankestown, NH.

Common Redpoll
by Leonard Medlock, 11/25/07,
Rt. 286, Seabrook, NH.



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