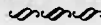


FALL MIGRATION

August 1 - November 30, 1984



The bird records for the fall of 1984 which follow were compiled by Helen Parker. It is sad that she did not live to write the introduction. It was not only as a bird records editor that Helen served the Audubon Society of New Hampshire. She had been a trustee, a field trip leader, chairman of the Field Trips Committee, and the first president of the Capital Area Chapter. For the Audubon Society, and especially for those of us who had been her field companions, and had witnessed and shared enthusiasm for birding, her death was a great loss.



The fall season as a whole was drier and somewhat warmer than normal. August at Concord was the third driest in the 84 years for which official records have been kept. At many localities in the state it was the warmest August since 1973. September was also dry, but was cooler than normal. October was warm with near average precipitation. November temperatures were close to normal, and precipitation less than average. There were cold spells on August 19-21, September 11-12 and 14, October 6-7. Snow fell on the higher mountains as early as September 16, but there was no snow on the ground in the lowlands at the end of November.

The bird records for the season contain no reports of pelagic birds. Perhaps the whale-watching trips went to out-of-state waters. A good variety of herons and other long-legged wading birds was seen. The waterfowl migration was not outstanding, and the hawk flight, as observed, was far below that of last year. Some major flights of **Broad-winged Hawks** must have been missed, for the total count in New Hampshire for the entire season amounted to less than one third of the number seen from Mt. Wachusett, a few miles south of our southern border, on a single day. The shore bird migration was quite good, both at the coast and inland. The migration of small land birds appears to have been about average.

The "bird of the season" was surely the **White Ibis** seen at Rye on August 8, only the

second time this species has been reported in New Hampshire. A bird of this species, presumably the same individual, was observed going to and leaving the heronry on Appledore Island, Maine, on several days at about this time. A Yellow-crowned Night Heron in Hancock was one of very few of that species ever seen in a far inland locality in our state. There were also two inland reports of Little Blue Herons. A Whimbrel seen above timberline on the Presidential Range furnished a unique record for that locality. Another remarkable report is of a large tern, thought to be a Caspian, at Squam Lake. Among other "good birds" reported were: Red-headed Woodpecker (family), Three-toed Woodpecker, Western Kingbird, Bohemian Waxwings, two Yellow-breasted Chats, Western Tanager, Yellow-headed Blackbird. Unusually large flocks of Canvasbacks and Black Scoters were seen. A report of an estimated 2,100 Semipalmated Plovers at Seabrook on August 14 is astounding. It was really an exciting migration season.

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LOONS AND GREBES



Only 2 reports of Red-throated Loons were received - 5 along the coast on Oct. 17 (RB) and 17 off Seal Rocks, Rye on Oct. 27 (RWS). Common Loons were not observed migrating in very large numbers; there were 8 single reports from inland locations, a group of 34 on Oct. 18 on Lake Winnepesaukee (ECL, EGL) and 18 off Odiorne Point, Rye, on Oct. 13 (RWS). Twenty-five Pied-billed Grebes were reported. The 31 reports of Horned Grebes were all inland and included a group of 22 on Lake Winnepesaukee Nov. 15 (TR). The only Red-necked Grebe reported was at

Squam Lake on the very early date of Aug. 21 (Ham Coolidge fide TR).

TUBENOSES THROUGH CORMORANTS

No off-shore trips? No fulmars, shearwaters or petrels were reported. A Northern Gannet was seen on Oct. 27 off Seal Rocks, Rye (RWS). Three reports of Great Cormorants included a high of 7 at Great Bay on Oct. 27 (RWS). There were several reports of Double-crested Cormorants with high numbers being 510 on Sept. 3 and 488 on Oct. 3 off the coast at Rye (RWS), 600 on Oct. 10 (EGL) and 750 noted at Rye on Oct. 18 (RB). Up to 6 birds were noted at several scattered inland locations.

HERONS



There were 9 reports of American Cooters, the latest from Lyman on Sept. 30 (RB). The highest counts of Great Blue Herons varied from 6 on Aug. 5 in Monroe (RB) to 19 on Oct. 27 at Great Bay (RWS, ASNH). The latest were 4 at Little Harbor in Portsmouth on Nov. 8 (RWS). There were 2 reports of Great Egrets- 2 at Hampton Falls Sept. 1 (RB) and 1 at Hampton Beach Oct. 4 (TR). The high count of Snowy Egrets was 33 at Rye on Sept. 1 (RB) and the last one noted was at the coast on Oct. 17 (AEA).

Three immature Little Blue Herons in Rye in early August were undescribed (JSF) (thereby not eliminating the possibility that they could have been Snowy Egrets- ed.). However, there is no doubt about an adult in Rye Aug. 16 (KCE, RCV) and a well described sub-adult seen inland at New Hampton Sept. 19 (VHH). Another adult Little Blue Heron was reported from Peterborough without any details (Olive Rhines fide MC).

The only Cattle Egret was seen in Hampton on Aug. 4 (EMcC, VA). Twenty Green-backed Herons were reported, with the last one seen at Walpole on Oct. 9 (DB). RWS had 9 Black-crowned Night-Herons in Rye on Aug. 24 and 1 bird in Portsmouth Oct. 29. An imm. YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON, first seen by Olive Rhines in Hancock Aug. 9, was later photographed and seen by many others- great find!

Few Glossy Ibises were reported- 7 on Aug. 16 at Seal Rocks, Rye, is the highest and last report (RWS). A WHITE IBIS was seen in Rye on Aug. 6 (JSF). This was the only New Hampshire report of this bird, which was seen most frequently on Appledore Island, Maine. Apparently, this is only the second record for this species in New Hampshire.



WATERFOWL

Snow Geese were reported from Sept. 24 through Nov. 20 and included 30 in Pittsburg on the early date, several

flocks of similar size the first week in October from Concord, Lyman, Hancock and Pittsfield; the largest and also the latest flock was 300 in Monroe on Nov. 20 (PP). A flock of about 100 Canada Geese was seen in Roxbury on the early date of Sept. 4 (SDG). Many small flocks (up to 100 birds) of Canada Geese were reported in early October from all over the state, with a late report of 150+ in Monroe on Nov. 24 (PP). Twenty-nine Wood Ducks were at Cherry Pond in Jefferson on Aug. 25 (RB), 12 were seen Sept. 28 in Salisbury (KCE) and 25 were noted in Barrington on Oct. 1 (SM). The latest report was of one on Oct. 28 in Sandwich (BSR). Only 3 observers reported Green-winged Teal. A single bird was seen Sept. 4 in W. Sandwich (BSR) and 4 were in New Hampton on Sept. 19 (VHH); a late bird was seen in N. Haverhill Nov. 17 (RB).

Few Black Ducks were reported- the highest counts were 25 in W. Sandwich (BSR) and 18 in Jefferson (RB). No Pintails were reported. The only reports of Blue-winged Teal were of 1 in Wilmot Aug. 27 (KCE) and 4 in New Hampton on Sept. 19 (VHH). An American Wigeon was in Dover Nov. 30 (SM). Approximately 60 (!-ed.) Canvasbacks were seen in Great Bay from Greenland on Oct. 7 (RWS). BSR had 8 Ring-necked Ducks in W. Sandwich on Sept. 23 and 6 there Oct. 28. Forty-four were in Jefferson Oct. 28 (BJ) and 34 were on Chocorua Lake Nov. 8 (TR). The only scaup reported were 10 of undetermined species on Spofford Lake Nov. 9 (BJ).

On Oct. 27 an Oldsquaw was on Great Bay and 2 were seen in Rye (RWS); no others were reported. Moderate numbers of Black Scoters were reported in October and November, but the highlight of the inland flight occurred Oct. 5 when RB saw an estimated 350+ on Moore Reservoir in Littleton! From mid to late October they were also seen in Marlborough, Andover, New London, Franconia Notch and Jefferson. The latest inland report was of one seen in Concord Nov. 22-23 (TR). Typically, for the fall season, there were fewer inland reports of White-winged Scoters. Two

were seen in Rumney Oct. 23 (TR), 2 in Rye Oct. 27 (DBK), and 27 in North Hampton on Nov. 7 (MTM). No Surf Scoters were reported.

There were no reports of Common Goldeneyes from the coast, but 4 were seen in Andover Oct. 30 (KCE), 26 in Northwood Nov. 10 (SM), and 14 in W. Sandwich on Nov. 27 (BSR). Likewise, all reports for Buffleheads were from inland locales- 5 Oct. 24, Jefferson (TR); 6 Oct. 27, Wilmot (KCE); 4 Oct. 28, Moultonboro (BSR); 3 Nov. 1, Concord (RAQ); and 2 Nov. 12, Sutton (KCE). Good numbers of Hooded Mergansers were reported from the Squam Lakes region (BSR) and they were also seen in New London, 5 and 18; Lisbon, 25; Pittsfield, 2; and the latest were 2 in New London Nov. 28. (KCE). Common Merganser reports include 6 Sept. 29 in New London (KCE), 9 in Andover Oct. 30 (KCE), 14 in W. Sandwich on Nov. 21 (BSR), 43 in Franklin Nov. 29 (KCE), and 106 (!) in Monroe on Nov. 28 (RB). Red-breasted Merganser went unreported.

HAWKS



The Hawk Watch total of 30 Turkey Vultures was less than half of 1983's total. They were reported from 6 other locations with the most northerly being North Haverill (RB). The Osprey total of 96 was somewhat below the 123 of last year. Their migration peaked in mid-September and a late bird was seen in Pittsfield on Nov. 23 (AER). Only 3 Bald Eagles were reported during the season.

The 26 Northern Harriers trickled through with the highest counts being 5, 5, 5 and 6 on Sept. 13, 16, 18 and 19. The last one reported was in Hillsboro Oct. 27 (RAS). A moderate number of 304 Sharp-shinned Hawks was tallied by hawk watchers with the peak days being Sept. 16-19 when 204 were seen. Fifteen Cooper's Hawks, 12 Goshawks, and 20 Red-shouldered Hawks were reported from the various hawk watch sites.

The 5565 Broad-winged Hawks seen this year were significantly fewer than

1983's banner count of 18,531. Where did they go this year? Or perhaps, more appropriately, where do they come from? Mt. Wachusett in Massachusetts had over 17,000 Broad-wings on Sept. 17 but the total for all the N.H. sites the day before was only 2666.

There were no Red-tailed Hawk reports for October when the Red-tails are moving but the hawk watchers are not watching. The total for September was 34 with a peak of 14 on Sept. 16. The only Rough-legged Hawk seen was in Haverhill Nov. 1 (GNK).

The 72 Kestrels tallied by hawk watchers equalled last year's total and were fairly evenly spread out over the last 2 weeks of September. The 6 Merlins seen by hawk watchers was about average since these birds are predominantly coastal migrants which pass through after most hawk watchers have finished their season (early October). Merlins were also reported from Roxbury (2) (SDG), Wilmot (KCE), Epsom (BRR,RR) and Whitefield (TR). Two Peregrine Falcons were seen by hawk watchers in September and one was seen in Plymouth Nov. 19 (GNK).

RAILS and SHOREBIRDS

Four resident Virginia Rails at Bean Pond in Nottingham were last seen on Sept. 30 (MJM). One Sora was seen in Monroe on Oct. 12 (GLF); there were no other reports. TR saw a group of 9+ American Coots on Eel Pond, Rye, Oct. 29 and a single bird in Meredith Nov. 8.

Interesting Black-bellied Plover sightings included 600+ at Seabrook Aug. 14 (RWS), 1 in No. Haverhill Oct. 7 (RB) and 4 in New London Oct. 26 (KCE). Single Lesser Golden Plovers were noted in Seabrook and Hampton Falls (RB), Newcastle (RWS) and Hampton Beach (TR) in early September.

Semipalmated Plover numbers are interesting- 1 in Sandwich (Squam Lake) Aug. 11 (TR); 2,100 (!! -ed.) at Seabrook Aug. 14 (RWS); 3 in No.

Haverhill Aug. 25 (RB); 1 in Jefferson Sept. 6 (TR); 2 in New London Sept. 15 (KCE). Moderate numbers were seen at the coast as late as Oct. 16.

Forty-six Killdeer were seen at No. Haverhill on Aug. 5 (RB) and 19 were at New Hampton Sept. 28 (VHH). The latest Killdeer reported was in Manchester on Nov. 3 (MTM). Inland reports of Greater Yellowlegs came from Livermore (Aug. 13), No. Haverhill (4), W. Sandwich (1 in September and 2 in October), Wilmot, New London (8), E. Thornton (15), Concord and Campton (3). The last inland sighting was in New London on Oct. 31 (KCE). The only coastal report of interest was that of 37 Greater Yellowlegs in Rye Oct, 6 (RB).

No one noticed when Lesser Yellowlegs arrived in the state but one was in New Hampton Sept. 25 (VHH), 10 were noted at Hampton Falls Oct. 1 (DBK), and a few were still along the coast Oct. 17 (AEA). The earliest report of a Solitary Sandpiper was on the rather late date of August 27 when 4 were seen in Sandwich Notch (BSR). They were also noted in Wilmot, New Hampton and Rye and the peak number was 5 in New London on Sept. 8 (KCE).

The only report of Spotted Sandpiper was from New Hampton on Sept. 2 (VHH). Five Whimbrels were reported from Seabrook Aug. 14 (RWS) and Aug. 16 (KCE *). There was also a fascinating report of one on Sept. 9 at Monroe Flats near the Lakes-of-the-Clouds at about 5000 feet (anonymous fide TR). Unfortunately, this remarkable record was not submitted by the observer. However, these large, distinctive birds nest in habitat that is similar to some of the alpine areas of the mountains and might occasionally stop over during migration.

A Hudsonian Godwit was seen in Seabrook Sept. 1 (RB). A high of 17 Ruddy Turnstones was noted on Aug. 17 at Odiorne Point in Rye (RWS). About 25 Red Knots were seen on the

Seabrook mudflats on Sept. 21 (BJ, BR). Good numbers of Sanderlings were reported- RB had 155 along the coast Sept. 1 and 468 in Rye Oct. 18. On Oct. 27, 600+ were reported at North Hampton (DBK) and 100 were at Rye Beach Oct. 29 (TR).

An estimated 250 Semi-palmated Sandpipers were seen along the coast on Aug. 16 (KCE *), while inland there were 18 in No. Haverhill Aug. 25 (RB) and 2 in New Hampton Sept. 19 (VHH). A single WESTERN SANDPIPER was at Seabrook on Aug. 14 (RWS). The only Least Sandpiper reports were inland with 8 birds in New Hampton on Sept. 2 (VHH), one in New London Sept. 21 (KCE) and a single bird in Concord Sept. 24 (RAQ). The only report of White-rumped Sandpiper was an unusual inland occurrence at New London Oct. 29 (KCE).

The total report for Pectoral Sandpipers were 4 in New London Sept. 21 and 5 in Wilmot Sept. 22 (KCE), 2 at Rye Oct. 16 (RB), 2 at Milo Lake, Campton Oct. 27 (BJ), and 2 at Northwood Lake Oct. 29 (TR). Mud flats at Pleasant Lake in New London attracted 7 Dunlin on Oct. 26 (KCE). Coastally, 80 Dunlin were at Seabrook Oct. 16 (RB) and 100+ were noted in North Hampton Oct. 27 (DBK). Twenty Short-billed Dowitchers were seen in Hampton Aug. 16 (KCE *) and 11 were in Rye Sept. 1 (RB). A Common Snipe was seen in Wilmot Sept. 24 (KCE) and 3-4 were noted at Northwood Lake Oct. 29 (TR).

SKUAS THROUGH ALCIDS

Individual Laughing Gulls were noted in Rye Aug. 16 (RWS) and Sept. 3 (RB) and in Hampton Harbor Sept. 11 (TR). About 2 dozen Bonaparte's Gulls were noted in each of 3 coastal locations- Portsmouth, North Hampton and Seabrook. Single birds were noted inland, with one in New London on Aug. 19 and another in Franklin Nov. 29 (KCE). A locally large flock of 43



Ring-billed Gulls was seen in Littleton Aug. 25 (RB) and they were also noted in Manchester, Concord and No. Hampton. The largest flock of Herring Gulls reported was 280 in Littleton on Nov. 28 (RB). I'm sure they remain in good numbers elsewhere.

The high count of Common Terns was 143 in Seabrook on Sept. 1 (RB). A single Arctic Tern was in Seabrook Aug. 14 (RWS). Five Least Terns were noted in Seabrook by RWS the same day, while 2 were in Hampton Aug. 16 (RCV, KCE *); on Aug. 28 an adult Least Tern was seen feeding a young bird in Hampton Falls (TR). Five Black Terns were reported near Seal Rocks, Rye, on Aug. 14 (RWS). A large Sterna tern, believed to be a CASPIAN TERN, was seen on an island in Squam Lake, Aug. 1 (H. Coolidge fide ASNH). There were no alcids reported.

CUCKOOS THROUGH KINGFISHER

The only Yellow-billed Cuckoo was seen in Rye on Aug. 24 (RWS). Snowy Owls were noted in Madbury on Nov. 10 (MC, SM) and in Seabrook on Nov. 11 (Paul Lacourse fide RAQ). There were no other reports of migrant owls though several people heard Great Horned Owls and Barred Owls hooting throughout the period. No great flocks of migrating Common Nighthawks were reported. The largest flock was of 36 birds and it was seen on Sept. 10 in the late morning (!) in Bedford (JJB). Other dates were in late August as usual, with the exception of a single straggler in Pittsfield Sept. 23 (AER). A late calling Whip-poor-will was heard in Lyman Sept. 9 (Donna Aguain fide RB). The highest number of Chimney Swifts reported was 50+ in Manchester Sept. 4 (MTM) and the last one reported was in Pittsfield Sept. 10 (AER).

About 14 Ruby-throated Hummingbirds were reported with the last one seen on the frosty date of Oct. 6 in E. Derry (Mary Ann Quinn fide RAQ). Belted Kingfishers were reported in near normal numbers with 2 remaining in Manchester through November (MTM).



WOODPECKERS AND FLYCATCHERS

There was only one report of Red-headed Woodpeckers, but what an exciting find for the Monroe birders! On Aug. 19, 2 adults were seen entering a nest hole and young could be heard. On Aug. 26, 3 birds in adult plumage plus 2 young birds were noted (EAE, PP, LC, RB *). The few reports of Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers included 2 in Concord Sept. 28 (VH) and the latest report was of one in Hopkinton Oct. 16 (BJ).

Three-toed Woodpeckers are so rare and local that they often go unreported but Ted Levin saw 1 in their normal haunts along the Nancy Pond Trail near Crawford Notch (fide RAQ). Normal numbers of Common Flickers were reported with the last one seen on Nov. 8 in Rye (RWS). There were no unusual movements of Pileated Woodpeckers so the 8 reports were presumed to be local residents.

Eleven Olive-sided Flycatchers were noted from 7 locations with 2 in W. Sandwich Sept. 6, and 1 in Holderness Sept. 9 being the last to depart as well as being later than average for that area (BSR). Of the 8 Eastern Wood Pewees reported the last was seen on the late date of Oct. 6 in Marlborough (JHW).

Several Yellow-bellied Flycatchers were noted on the early dates of Aug. 1 and 3 in Sandwich Notch while 3 were noted in No. Sandwich and 1 in Whiteface Intervale on Aug. 20 (BSR). Singles were reported from Roxbury Aug. 28, Portsmouth Sept. 5 and W. Sandwich Sept. 8.

Six Least Flycatchers were reported, with the last one seen in New Hampton Sept. 16 (VHH). The only unusual Phoebe report was of a late one at Harrisville on Oct. 5 (PHN). A late Great Crested Flycatcher in Pittsfield Oct. 15 (AER) was studied closely to make sure it was not some other more exotic species. A WESTERN KINGBIRD was seen in Kingston during the last week in November (Dennis

Abbott fide RAQ). Eastern Kingbirds apparently left Littleton early with one seen after Aug. 19 (RB).

Seventeen were noted in Rye at the end of August (RWS) and the latest were 2 seen in Pittsfield on Sept. 11 (AER, GCR).

LARKS THROUGH SWALLOWS

Thirty-eight Horned Larks were seen in Hampton on Oct. 16 (RB) while a flock that varied from 18 to 35 was noted at Whiteface Intervale in November (BSR). The only Purple Martin report was that of a departure date of Aug. 18 from Alton (EGL). The largest flock of Tree Swallows reported was 50+ in Manchester on Sept. 4 (MTM), while 2 stayed in Pittsfield until Sept. 14 (GCR). No unusual concentrations of Barn Swallows were noted and the last one reported was on Sept. 28 in Hillsboro (RAS).

JAYS THROUGH CREEPER

The largest number of Blue Jays seen migrating were 120 in New Hampton on Sept. 21 (VHH). Good numbers of American Crows were reported- the largest flock was 350+ in Littleton on Oct. 22 (RB). Ravens were reported throughout the period from Wilmot (1), Hillsboro (2), Mt. Kearsarge (10+), Peterboro (2), Mt. Kearsarge-(north) (1), New London (2), Goffstown (1), Roxbury (2) and Marlborough (1). Black-capped Chickadees were reported in good numbers but no large migrating flocks were observed. Boreal Chickadees were noted along the Nancy Pond Trail (MS, BS) and on Mt. Kearsarge (north) (RWS) where they are to be expected. Typically, Tufted Titmice appeared at many feeders throughout the period. No one submitted any unusual nuthatch sightings. Brown Creepers were thinly reported for the season, with one remaining in Pittsfield until Nov. 10 (AER).

WRENS THROUGH THRUSHES

The 3 reports of House Wrens all appear to be last dates for the areas - singles in New Hampton Aug. 31 (VHH) and Pittsfield Sept. 11 (GCR, AER), and 2 in Manchester Sept. 15 (MTM). Many Winter Wrens were noted along trails in W. Milan on Sept. 10 (MS, BS). Six were in Sandwich Notch Sept. 24 and one was in W. Sandwich Oct. 9 (BSR) while the last were in Rumney (GNK) and Jackson (MS, BS) on Oct. 20.

Good numbers of Golden-crowned Kinglets were reported in October - it seemed like at least one kinglet to every other flock of chickadees. Ruby-crowned Kinglets were even more numerous being reported from Sandwich Notch, 11 and 16; Jefferson, 26; Center Harbor, 9; Concord, 7; and half a dozen other towns. The only Blue-gray Gnatcatchers reported were in No. Sandwich on the rather late dates of Sept. 16 and 29 (BSR).

Over 160 Eastern Bluebirds were reported with groups of from 5 to 9 during September and October from Center Sandwich, Roxbury, Dunbarton, Candia, Derry, Jaffrey, Concord and Rumney. A flock of 50+ was seen in Roxbury Oct. 4 (Russell Jones fide SDG), and the latest reported were 3 in Hancock on Oct. 25 (MC). A well reported species!

An indication of how a report like this just barely scratches the surface of what is really happening during migration can be seen from the following Veery report.

"...listened for one hour periods from Aug. 14 through Sept. 6... migration very poor compared to other years. The exception being from 4:45-5:15 a.m. Sept. 6 when hundreds moved over." (RB). Only 11 others were reported with the last one seen in New Hampton Sept. 13 (VHH).

The only Gray-cheeked Thrush report came from Mt. Kearsarge North on Sept. 26 (RWS). Swainson's Thrushes were fairly well reported with the first one noted in Pittsfield on Sept. 7, then 8+ in Sandwich Notch on Sept. 8 (BSR), 2 in Jackson Sept. 13 (BS), and 2 in Deering Sept. 19 (RAQ). Nine Hermit Thrushes were seen on Aug. 1 in Sandwich Notch (BSR), one was in Concord Oct. 13 (VH),

another in Jackson Oct. 20 (MS) and the latest were 3 in W. Sandwich on Oct. 21 (BSR). Only four Wood Thrushes were reported with the last date being Sept. 21 when one was heard calling in Andover (KCE). Among Robin reports were 25-30 on Oct. 20 in Center Harbor (BSR) and 2 in Pittsfield on Nov. 23 (AER).

MIMIDS THROUGH VIREOS

A late date for Catbird was Oct. 14 in Hancock (MS, BS). The largest numbers of Mockingbirds (5) were reported from Manchester where 3 remained through November (MTM). Brown Thrasher reports were few but 4 were seen in Hillsboro Oct. 14 and a late one was seen in W. Sandwich on Nov. 3 (BSR). A Water Pipit was seen on Mt. Washington Sept. 15 (TR *), 4 were noted in New London Sept. 24 (KCE) and one was in Amherst Oct. 12 (RAQ). Two BOHEMIAN WAXWINGS were in Dover Nov. 22 (PEK). Cedar Waxwings were reported in impressive numbers: 57 in Jefferson Aug. 25 (RB), 45-125+ in Hillsboro the last week in Aug. (RAS), 26 in Concord Sept. 28 (VH), 8 in Pittsfield Nov. 10 (AER), 125 in Dover Nov. 22 (PEK) and 30+ in Walpole Nov. 23 (DB). An immature Northern Shrike was reported from Pittsfield on Oct. 25 (AER). RB had 3,000+ Starlings in Littleton on Aug. 29.

Six Solitary Vireos were seen in Sandwich Notch on Aug. 27 (BSR) and the last report came from Pittsfield Oct. 9 (AER). There were 2 reports of Yellow-throated Vireos with birds seen Aug. 29, Sept. 1 & 6 in New Hampton (VHH) and 1 in W. Sandwich Sept. 9 (BSR). The last dates for Warbling Vireo were Aug. 10 in Pittsfield (AER, GCR) and Sept. 7 in New Hampton (VHH). Philadelphia Vireo reports came from Sandwich Notch- 1, Aug. 27 and 4, Sept. 24; a single one was in New Hampton on Sept. 1 (VHH), and 1 bird was seen in Jackson Sept. 15 (MS, BS).

WOOD WARBLERS

A Blue-winged Warbler was banded by RWS in Portsmouth on Aug. 18. Tennessee Warblers had a good migration report for late August and early September but the one seen in Epsom on Nov. 8 was extremely late (and well described- ed.)(BRR, RR).

Nashville Warblers were reported in good numbers throughout September with the last one seen on Sept. 29 in Jefferson (RB). All 6 reported Parula Warblers were for September with the latest being 3 in Manchester on Sept. 30 (MTM). The only Yellow Warblers reported were 2 in Pittsfield Sept. 19 (AER, GCR). Nine Chestnut-sided Warblers were seen in Jefferson on Aug. 25 (RB) and several late dates included one in Pittsfield Sept. 23 and an extraordinarily late one in Milford on Oct. 21 (AEA)(no details-ed.).

Eight Magnolia Warblers were seen in Jefferson on Aug. 25 (RB). The high count for the species was 26+ in Sandwich Notch on Sept. 5 (BSR) and the latest seen was on Oct. 7 in W. Sandwich (BSR). There were numerous reports of Cape May Warblers with good numbers seen through Sept. 11 in Sandwich (TR) and the last one was seen on Sept. 30 in W. Sandwich (BSR). On Sept. 5 seven Black-throated Blue Warblers were seen in Sandwich Notch (BSR) and 1 was in New Hampton (VHH). The last one recorded was on Mt. Kearsarge (north) on Sept. 26 (RWS).

There was a spotty migration of Yellow-rumped Warblers with a high count of 38 in Jefferson on Sept. 29 and a late one in Hopkinton on Nov. 16 (RAQ). Black-throated Green Warblers passed through during mid-September with a late date of Sept. 23 in New Hampton (VHH). Blackburnian Warblers started migrating in late August, with 4 in Jefferson Aug. 25 (RB) and 7+ in Sandwich Notch Aug. 27 (BSR). "Many" were seen in mixed flocks in Carter Notch on Sept. 14 (MS, BS) and an immature bird was in Alton Sept. 16 (EGL).

Only 3 Pine Warblers were reported- one in Pittsfield Sept. 15 (GCR) and one in Hillsboro Oct. 8 (RAS). Palm Warblers were reported in small numbers beginning the last of September with the latest date being Oct. 21 when singles were seen at Whiteface Intervale (BSR), Milford (AEA) and also at Hampton (DBK). It was a good season for Bay-breasted Warblers starting with 12+ on Aug. 21 in Sandwich Notch (BSR). Three were noted in Jefferson Aug. 25 (RB) and the high number was 18 in Sandwich Notch on Sept. 5 (BSR). BSR also had the latest date with one on Sept. 24.

Twenty Blackpoll Warblers were noted in New Hampton Aug. 25 (VHH) but only 1 was seen in Amherst the next day and no others were reported! No large numbers of Black and White Warblers were noted with the last 2 reported from W. Sandwich Oct. 1 (BSR). The highest number of a thin Redstart migration came on Aug. 25 with 4 in Jefferson (RB), and the last one reported was on Sept. 13 in New Hampton (VHH). Ovenbirds were also thinly reported, with 1 noted in Pittsfield on Aug. 15 (AER), 2 in W. Milan Sept. 10 (MS, BS) and 1 in Manchester Sept. 30 (MTM).

Seven Northern Waterthrushes were banded in Portsmouth on Sept. 7 (RWS). They were also noted in Pittsfield, and the last 2 were in E. Rochester on Sept. 23 (SM). A late Mourning Warbler was seen Sept. 17 in Sandwich Notch (BSR). The 16 Common Yellowthroats in Jefferson on Sept. 29 were the most reported (RB) and the latest was a bird seen in Pittsfield Oct. 6 (AER, GCR). The last of a modest movement of Wilson's Warblers was also noted in Pittsfield on Sept. 26. The high numbers for Canada Warbler were 5 on Aug. 25 in Jefferson (RB) and 8 on Aug. 27 in Sandwich Notch (BSR); their migration was over by mid-September. Two YELLOW-BREASTED CHATS were seen this fall- one on Aug. 28 in New Hampton (VHH) and another in Rye on Aug. 31 (RWS). Good bird!

TANAGERS THROUGH TOWHEE

A WESTERN TANAGER was reported from Greenfield State Park on Aug. 18 by MTM (good but not absolutely conclusive details accompanied this report). Scarlet Tanagers were not reported in great numbers, and the last one noted was on Sept. 29 (late?) in Concord (VH). Brazilian Cardinal reports came from Hopkinton, New Durham and Goffstown. These were most likely escaped cage birds and only time will tell if they can survive a N. H. winter. (They have bred successfully in Connecticut-ed.).

The last date for Rose-breasted Grosbeak in Pittsfield was Sept. 25 (AER, GCR). The only Indigo Bunting reported was in Chesham Aug. 9 (EHM). Five Rufous-sided Towhees were seen in Hillsboro Sept. 8 (RAS) and the latest reported were on Oct. 14 in Hancock (MS, BS) and Hillsboro (RAS).

SPARROWS

The first date for Tree Sparrows was Oct. 29 when 1 was seen in Pittsfield (AER, GCR). Overall they were scarce, with a few more reported throughout November. There were numerous Chipping Sparrow reports- 90+ on Oct. 3 in Littleton (RB), 57 on Oct. 8 in Hillsboro (RAS) and a late one in Pittsfield on Oct. 29 (AER, GCR). The only Field Sparrow report was of 6 birds in Hillsboro on Oct. 1 (RAS).

A single Vesper Sparrow was noted in No. Peterboro on Oct. 8 (MC). Three Savannah Sparrows were seen on Oct. 11 in Hampton (DBK). Fox Sparrows were not very numerous during mid-October but a late one was reported from Concord Nov. 26 (Doris Barter fide RAQ) and one remained in Pittsfield through November (AER).

Only 11 Lincoln's Sparrows were reported, with the high counts being 5 on Sept. 24 in Sandwich Notch (BSR) and 3 on Sept. 29 in Jefferson (RB). The usual White-throated Sparrow

migration was noted in late September but one record was quite interesting- 128 on Sept. 29 in Jefferson (RB)! Sometimes the White-crowned Sparrows slip through without being noticed, but several were reported this October with the highest number being 14 in Epsom on Oct. 10 (BRR, RR). No really large flocks of Dark-eyed Juncos were reported but many showed up at feeders all over the state in late October and into November.

LONGSPUR THROUGH EVENING GROSBEAK

The first Snow Buntings arrived on time, the last week of October, and consisted of flocks of 10 birds at Rye Oct. 27 (DBK), 2 in Alton Oct. 30 (TR) and 8 in Rumney Oct. 31 (GNK). In November they were seen in New London (20), Rye (58), Hampton (30) and Whiteface Intervale (3). The only Bobolinks reported were 13 from the Littleton area in August (RB) and 1 in New Hampton on Sept. 1 (VHH). No large numbers of Red-winged Blackbirds were reported but several late occurrences were noted- 100 in Lisbon on Oct. 7 (RB) and one in Pittsfield Nov. 1 (AER, GCR).

An adult male YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD was seen in Hampton Aug. 6-8, where it was photographed coming to a feeder (Gloria Williams fide RAQ). Three Eastern Meadowlarks were in Concord Sept. 23 (VH) and 2 were still in Rumney on Oct. 20 (GNK).

Unusual numbers of Rusty Blackbirds were reported from Pittsfield with a peak of 200 birds on Oct. 9 (AER, GCR). There were several other reports of fewer birds, with the last one seen Nov. 7 in Durham (RWS). Several large flocks of Common Grackles were noted. An estimated 2,200 were seen in Littleton Oct. 21-Nov. 2 (RB), and in Pittsfield "thousands" roosted along the Suncook River with the last one seen Nov. 23 (AER, GCR). No large

flocks of Brown-headed Cowbirds were reported- isn't that good!

Approximately 8 Northern Orioles were seen in Manchester on Aug. 16 (MTM), 5 were in Hillsboro Aug. 28 (RAS), and the last seen was in Pittsfield on Sept. 23 (AER). Twenty-four Purple Finches were in Hillsboro on Oct. 3 (RAS). None were seen after Nov. 4 in the Squam Lake Region (BSR) and the only other one reported was in the mountains of Livermore on Nov. 29 (RAQ).

House Finches were present in good numbers throughout the season with the most being 22 in Hillsboro on Aug. 24 (RAS). Five Red Crossbills were seen in Antrim Nov. 6 (MC). That was the only report. White-winged Crossbills were reported in fair numbers, with 4 in Errol and 2 in Pittsburg in late August (EJV), 2 at Tuckerman's Ravine (elevation 3900 feet) Sept. 14 (TR, ASNH), 10 in Woodstock Oct. 8, and 12 in Lincoln Nov. 29 (RAQ).

The only Common Redpoll report was of a migrating flock of 40 in Franconia Nov. 25 (Van Machlin fide RAQ). Pine Siskins arrived in Wolfeboro and Center Harbor by mid-October and 130+ were seen in Hancock Nov. 7 (MC). American Goldfinch flocks were flying around but few came into feeders- causing many people to wonder where the birds were this fall. Evening Grosbeaks, likewise, were around but remained feeding on tree seeds instead of coming into feeders like they usually do.

Other interesting records included a Kentucky Warbler, with no details, which will have to remain hypothetical for now. Didn't we have a boat trip during the season? Please- leaders of field trips- send in reports on what you have seen on your trips. Thank you.

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