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Spring 2014

by Rebecca Suomala

New Web Site

New Hampshire Bird Records has a newly redesigned web site, thanks to volunteer Web Master, Kathy Barnes. Check out the site and see what you think of the new look! In the future, we're hoping to add pdfs of all the back issues of the publication to the web site, accessible to current subscribers. We will let subscribers know when that happens. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for the web site.

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Welcome New Subscribers and Thanks to all of those who have renewed their subscription for the coming year.

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PHOTO QUIZ

Can You Identify This Bird?

Answer on page 43.

Photo by Len Medlock.



2014 Goodhue-Elkins Award

Written and presented by David Donsker at the New Hampshire Audubon Annual Meeting, September 20, 2014.



Robert Fox (left) and Allan Keith, co-recipients of the 2014 Goodhue-Elkins Award. Photo by Terri Donsker.

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

No two individuals could be better choices as recipients of the Goodhue-Elkins Award in 2014, this 100th anniversary year of the founding of New Hampshire Audubon, than Allan Keith and Robert Fox. Their grand opus, *The Birds of New Hampshire*, was published by the Nuttall Ornithological Club in late 2013. It is the first publication attempting to include a listing of all bird species recorded in the state since Glover Allen's *List of the Birds of New Hampshire*, which was published in 1903, eleven years before the establishment of New Hampshire Audubon.

By all accounts, *The Birds of New Hampshire* is a significant contribution to the ornithological literature of our state. Its 473 pages cover the occurrence, status and distribution of 427 species. Between its covers is a treasure trove of information concerning the biogeography of the state, a history of New Hampshire ornithology, and summaries of Christmas Bird Count, hawk watching, bird banding and breeding bird survey results. It accounts for the location of nearly 5,000 museum specimens associated with our state and has the most extensive bibliography ever assembled relating to New Hampshire birds...over 1,200 titles.

This book was 40 years in the making. Both Allan and Bob developed a strong interest in birds as young men. Through their mutual interest in birding, and their shared membership in the venerable Nuttall Ornithological Club, they became close friends with Bob Smart. Each birded with him frequently in New Hampshire. Influenced by Bob Smart and inspired by Ludlow Griscom's and Dorothy Snyder's *Annotated Checklist of the Birds of Massachusetts*, Bob Fox in the 1960s, and Allan in the 1970s, became interested in writing a book documenting the birds of New Hampshire. Allan took the sighting records from the 1950s and 1960s

that Bob Smart had collected, added records he extracted from the next decade, and had written 192 species accounts by 1975. The project languished as both men focused on their careers, but their interest in birds never waned. Bob joined Allan's rekindled interest in this book over a decade ago, and further contributed to it by writing nearly half of the species accounts. *The Birds of New Hampshire* is truly a testament of their personal perseverance and determination to see this monumental work through to its completion.

In addition to this major work, Allan has authored or co-authored five other books including four substantial and important volumes on the birds of the West Indies. In his book, *Island Life*, Allan documents the biodiversity of Martha's Vineyard, the community in which he makes his home. Allan has twice served as president of the American Birding Association (ABA). He has been a member of the Nuttall Ornithological Club since 1962. He is a life member of all the major US ornithological societies, and has also been a member of other international and regional ornithological clubs and societies. Allan has been previously honored by being chosen as an elective member of the American Ornithologists' Union and has just received the ABA's Claudia Wilds Award for distinguished service to that organization.

Although he resides in Massachusetts, Bob, since his childhood, has spent most of his summers in New Hampshire. His serious ornithology roots go back to the days in which he was one of Ludlow Griscom's "boys," doing field work, collecting specimens and working with the material that would eventually end up in the Boston Museum of Science. He was elected to the Nuttall Ornithological Club in 1960 and has served as its secretary and as a member of its council. He is a life member of the Wilson Ornithological Society and is a member of many other ornithological organizations. He has authored papers published in *The Auk*, participated in the publication of Mass Audubon's first *Breeding Bird Atlas*, and has contributed articles to *New Hampshire Bird Records*. He and his wife, Dana Duxbury-Fox, have given numerous presentations to several New Hampshire Audubon Chapters and to the Loon Preservation Committee.

Allan and Bob are intrepid world birders, both of whom have managed to see over 6,000 of this planet's species. But it is their contribution to New Hampshire ornithology for which we honor them today. No two individuals, especially in this centennial year, could better exemplify the principle of the Goodhue-Elkins Award by contributing substantially to the study and understanding of New Hampshire's birds. It is with great respect and admiration that New Hampshire Audubon presents the 2014 Goodhue-Elkins award to Allan Keith and Robert Fox, authors of *The Birds of New Hampshire*.

March 1, 2014 through May 31, 2014

by Eric Masterson



The printed sightings in this issue comprise about 1,100 records; a lot, but a lot less than the eBird file of almost 80,000 records that is the spring season. As in previous summaries, I have included the odd, the rare, the early, the late – any

record that is significant or that helps bookend the season. I have included the first arrival dates for almost all neotropical migrants, including first records from Coos County. I have also included departure dates for birds that are exclusively winter visitors to New Hampshire. A few records are included in the narrative that are not included in the listings. These chiefly concern birds that were reported from the west bank of the Connecticut River. For most of its length north of Massachusetts, the Connecticut River is part of the State of New Hampshire, so most, if not all sightings reported from the river can be assumed to have also occurred in New Hampshire.

It is intuitive, but nonetheless remarkable, how birder distribution influences our knowledge of bird distribution. Consider the following examples. For the two years from 2010 to 2011, 24 species of birds were reported to eBird from World End Pond in Salem, a shallow nutrient-rich pond that has a rich ornithological history. In the spring of 2012, Kyle Wilmarth and Amanda Altena began birding the area intensively, and in less than two years to the end of 2014, they reported 127 birds to eBird from the site. Lake Sunapee is one of many large water bodies in New Hampshire, nearly all of which receive scant coverage. Dylan Jackson has been reporting from Lake Sunapee regularly for about a year and this spring alone, he recorded rare inland records of Red-throated Loon and a *Sterna* species of tern, possibly Forster's Tern.

March followed the pattern set by the preceding winter and was cold, averaging about seven degrees below normal. Frigid weather in early spring can put the brakes on waterfowl migration, which under normal circumstances peaks in late March. Despite this, waterfowl abundance was about average and diversity was high (36 species). Passerine migration was unremarkable, with few early arrivals, although a tally of 21 species of warblers on May 10 at the International Migratory Bird Festival at Pondicherry National Wildlife Refuge was remarkably early for such a northerly location (see page 40). The most

significant migration event of May occurred on May 11. Warm southeast winds on May 9 turned northwesterly late on May 10 with the passage of a cold front. The system created fallout conditions and elevated numbers of common migrants were noted at Odiorne Point State Park, primarily Gray Catbird (90), Black-and-white Warbler (45), Common Yellowthroat (70), Swamp Sparrow (40), and White-throated Sparrow (70), with smaller numbers of other species.



Black-necked Stilt by Steve Mirick, 5/20/14, Stratham, NH.

The major avian highlights of the spring season included the state's second record of **Ross's Goose**, the first record of the borealis subspecies of **Common Eider**, the first documented **Black-necked Stilt**, the first spring record of **Northern Wheatear** (at least 13 in total for the state), the fourth **Spotted Towhee**, and of course, the continuing **Snowy Owl** saga from the winter invasion.

Waterfowl



Greater White-fronted Goose by Iain Macleod, 4/7/14, Intervale Rd., Gilford, NH.

One of the great benefits of rare birds in general, and rare geese in particular, is that, from a functional perspective, they can often be thought of as banded with a field readable marker. Instead of alphanumeric characters, they are marked first by their rarity, which allows secondary characteristics such as plumage features and bill pattern to narrow down to the individual. Thus, the party of one

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adult and three immature **Greater White-fronted Geese** that set down in the Connecticut River Valley for a few days in March were likely the same birds that were seen on the UMass pond in Amherst, MA on November 5, 2013, and subsequently in Cold Spring Harbor on Long Island Sound in NY, on January 25, 2014. The birds continued north through the valley and were last seen in Springfield, VT on April 7. These sighting returns provide one more point in a data set that clearly documents the Connecticut River Valley as a migration highway for waterfowl in spring, especially for individuals that winter in Long Island Sound. Another Greater White-fronted Goose touched down in cornfields along Intervale Road in Gilford from April 7-20. In a great example of the Patagonia picnic table effect (in 1971, a group of birders stopped for lunch at a roadside rest stop in Patagonia, AZ and found the first ABA area record of Black-capped Gnatcatcher. Visiting birders trying to catch a glimpse of the gnatcatcher found a Yellow Grosbeak, another ABA first) the greater scrutiny afforded by the bird's presence unearthed eleven species of waterfowl in the area, including Snow Goose, Gadwall, Northern Pintail, and Northern Shoveler. This was a marked contrast to 2013, when no waterfowl were reported from the fields. Snow Geese were most abundant in the Connecticut River Valley, with a high count of 104 birds at Hinsdale on March 23. Single **Cackling Geese** were reported from Charlestown and Stratham, with two at Rochester Wastewater Treatment Plant on April 9. The standout rarity of March was the **Ross's Goose** that set down in a Charlestown cornfield on April 6-7, only the second state record.

A tally of 205 Wood Ducks from the Connecticut River in Hinsdale is a high count for spring. Two Gadwall at Airport Marsh in Whitefield on April 22 were notable for their northerly location. Cumulatively, more than 15,000 Mallard were reported to eBird from all locations through the season, compared with less than 5,000 American Black Duck. This is certainly not a scientific analysis, but it gives some indication of the species' respective levels of abundance. Green-winged Teal numbers were below par, with a high count from Charlestown of 115 birds. A **Eurasian Green-winged Teal** at Morrill's Farm on April 13 is the first record of this subspecies for the Merrimack River Valley. Thanks to Dylan Jackson, the Lake Sunapee area was well covered this spring, providing early March records of Wood Duck, Northern Pintail, and Ring-necked Duck, in addition to more regular species. High counts of Ring-necked Duck were found at the usual locations: Powwow Pond in Kingston (276 birds on March 23); Hinsdale Setbacks on the Connecticut River (190 birds on April 10); and World End Pond in Salem (156 birds on April 4). The Exeter Wastewater Treatment Plant

continues to be the center of gravity for Lesser Scaup in New Hampshire in spring, with a high count of 190 birds on April 6. The contrasting migratory strategy of spring scoters was again in evidence, with 500 White-winged Scoters tallied from nine inland locations (see page 27), compared with no inland records of Surf or Black Scoter.



King Eider by Dennis Skillman, 5/26/14, Isles of Shoals, NH.

Rarer ducks were concentrated toward the coast. Great Bay continues to be the standout location in the state for **Canvasback** (five birds on 3/22) and **Redhead** (a single bird on 3/27). The female **King Eider** that was present during the winter in New Castle continued into March, with the last sighting on March 15. Another bird, this one an immature male, was seen from Star Island, May 23 to 26. Perhaps the most intriguing waterfowl sighting of the season was the **Northern Common Eider** found by Jason Lambert in Hampton on March 2. Six subspecies of Common Eider are recognized, four of which occur in North America. The form that is commonly found along the coast of New Hampshire is the Atlantic Common Eider, *Somateria mollissima dresseri*. Northern Common Eider, *Somateria mollissima borealis* breeds along the coast of eastern Arctic Canada and Greenland. It is an occasional winter visitor to New England, but had heretofore not been recorded in New Hampshire. Northern Common Eider can be distinguished from Atlantic Common Eider by subtle differences in bill structure and plumage detail. For more, see Steve Mirick's article in Field Notes.

Date	#	Location	Observer
03/27	4	Vernon Dam, Connecticut R., Hinsdale	Z. Cornell
03/29	4	Connecticut River, Walpole	E. Masterson
04/07	1	Intervale Rd. fields, Gilford	I. MacLeod
04/20	1	Intervale Rd. fields, Gilford	J. Williams

Snow Goose

03/23	104	Vernon Dam, Connecticut R., Hinsdale	
		E. Masterson, P. Brown, Harris Ctr./Monadnock CT	
04/07	23	Charlestown WTP	Z. Cornell, R. Suomala
04/11	12	Martin's field, Boscawen	R. Quinn, P. Hunt
04/16	3	Rt. 135 fields, Lancaster	S. Stoddard
04/23	1	Intervale Rd. fields, Gilford	K. Klapper
04/26	2	Fairgrounds Rd. at Quincy Rd., Plymouth	A. Ports

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Ross's Goose (right)
by JoAnne Russo, 4/6/14,
Charlestown, NH.

Ross's Goose

04/06 1 Charlestown WTP J. Russo, E. Masterson
04/07 1 Charlestown WTP Z. Cornell, R. Suomala, D. Clark

Brant

03/07 8 Great Island Common, New Castle E. Masterson
03/18 10 Great Island Common, New Castle D. Hubbard
05/22 76 NH coast S. Mirick
05/24 21 Bay Rd., Newmarket S. Mirick

Cackling Goose

04/05 1 Chapmans Landing, Stratham
B. Griffith, L. Kras, Seacoast CFT
04/07 1 Charlestown WTP Z. Cornell, R. Suomala
04/09 2 Rochester WTP S. Young, D. Hubbard

Canada Goose

03/23 1500 Hinsdale bluffs by Vernon Dam
E. Masterson, P. Brown, Harris Ctr./Monadnock CT
03/29 640 Rt. 155A fields, Durham J. Lambert
04/02 500 W. Portsmouth St., Concord R. Quinn
04/02 400 Bodwell Farm, E. Kingston G. Gavutis, Jr.
04/04 4500 Westmoreland Boat Launch A. Burnett
04/06 3700 Charlestown WTP E. Masterson
04/06 380 Hampton Beach SP S. Mirick
04/13 300 Intervale Rd. fields, Gilford I. MacLeod
04/16 150 Rt. 135 fields, Lancaster S. Stoddard

Wood Duck

03/04 1 Sugar River, Sunapee D. Jackson
03/07 1 Powwow River, Kingston E. Nathan
03/07 3 Policy Brook, Lou Ave., Salem K. Wilmarth
03/29 169 Vernon Dam, Connecticut R., Hinsdale
E. Masterson
04/11 93 2nd NH Tpk., Deering P. Brown
04/12 5 Berlin Airport, Milan P. Brown, R. Quinn
04/13 120 Morrills Farm, Penacook P. Hunt
04/13 27 Rt. 135 fields, Lancaster P. Brown, R. Quinn

Gadwall

03/01 3 Ocean Blvd., Rye C. Duford
03/11 3 Chapel Brook, N. Hampton C. Duford
03/29 4 Lake Wantastiquet, Hinsdale E. Masterson
03/29 1 Vernon Dam, Connecticut R., Hinsdale
R.& M. Suomala, C. Martin, D. Clark
04/07 2 Intervale Rd. fields, Gilford I. MacLeod
04/09 2 Great Meadows, Charlestown E. Masterson
04/13 3 Sunset Farm, Greenland S. Mirick
04/19 3 Great Bay NWR J. Sparrell, K. Towler
04/22 2 Airport Marsh, Whitefield S. Stoddard

American Wigeon

03/22 19 Sunset Farm, Greenland S. Mirick
04/05 4 Westmoreland Boat Launch A. Burnett
04/06 4 Philbrick Marsh, N. Hampton Z. Cornell, R. Suomala
04/09 7 Great Meadows, Charlestown E. Masterson
04/11 2 Martin's field, Boscawen R. Quinn, P. Hunt
04/14 2 Intervale Rd. fields, Gilford I. MacLeod

American Black Duck

03/01 140 Hampton Harbor, Yankee Fisherman's Coop
E. Nielsen
03/08 533 Great Bay Discovery Center, Greenland S. Mirick
03/15 75 Exeter WTP J. Lambert
03/15 88 Hinsdale bluffs by Vernon Dam W. Ward, H. Walters
04/02 75 Bodwell Farm, E. Kingston G. Gavutis, Jr.
04/13 22 Rt. 135 fields, Lancaster R. Quinn, P. Brown



Blue-winged Teal with one Green-winged Teal (left) by Kyle Wilmarth,
4/11/14, World End Pond, Salem, NH.

Blue-winged Teal

04/09 4 Hinsdale Setbacks E. Masterson
04/10 5 Hinsdale Setbacks H. Galbraith
04/11 2 World End Pond, Salem K. Wilmarth
04/13 2 Bodwell Farm, E. Kingston S. Mirick, J. Lambert
04/14 2 Sawyer Brook pasture, Orford J. MacQueen
04/20 2 Morrills Farm, Penacook
K. Wilmarth, A. Altena, J. Nadeau, et al.

Northern Shoveler

03/31 2 Horseshoe Pond, Concord D. Lania
04/08 2 Beans & Greens Farm, Intervale Rd., Gilford
J. Kelley
04/13 3 Sunset Farm, Greenland S. Mirick
04/14 4 Intervale Rd. fields, Gilford I. MacLeod
04/17 2 Derry WTP S. Mirick
04/21 2 Canterbury sod farm P. Hunt
04/24 3 Exeter WTP M. Thompson
04/29 2 Laconia Country Club H. Anderson

Northern Pintail

03/04 1 Sugar River, Sunapee D. Jackson
03/06 1 Hassell Brook e. of Rt. 3, Nashua C. Sheridan
03/23 5 Bodwell Farm, E. Kingston J. Lambert
03/23 4 Sunset Farm, Greenland M. Watson, J. Lambert
03/23 8 Connecticut R. from Stebbins fields, Hinsdale
E. Masterson
03/25 20 Hinsdale M. Resch
03/29 1 Opechee Bay, Laconia J. MacQueen
03/30 3 Rt. 155A fields, Durham Z. Cornell, R. Suomala
03/30 4 Malnati Farm, Rt. 12, Walpole D. Clark
04/07 2 Intervale Rd. fields, Gilford I. MacLeod

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Date	#	Location	Observer	Date	#	Location	Observer
Green-winged Teal				White-winged Scoter			
03/14	1	Rye Harbor	C. Prieto	04/26	6	Spofford Lake	E. Masterson
04/02	50	Bodwell Farm, E. Kingston	G. Gavutis, Jr.	05/01	5	Sunapee Lake	D. Jackson
04/13	115	Great Meadows, Charlestown	E. Masterson	05/10	7	Hinsdale Setbacks	H. Galbraith
04/20	37	Rt. 135 fields, Lancaster	S. Stoddard	05/16	22	Lake Massabesic, Auburn	E. Masterson
Green-winged Teal - Eurasian subsp.				05/16	70	Squam Lakes Natural Science Ctr., Holderness	I. MacLeod
04/13	1	Morrills Farm, Penacook	P. Hunt, et al.	05/17	7	Crystal Lake, Gilmanton	M. Cahill, D. Belicek
04/05	30	Chapmans Landing, Stratham	B. Griffith	05/18	2054	NH coast	S. Mirick
04/11	110	Canterbury sod farm	P. Hunt	05/21	320	Tilton Hill Rd./Suncook R., Pittsfield	A. Robbins
Canvasback				05/22	11	Lovewell Pond, Nashua	C. Sheridan
03/15	3	Great Bay Discovery Center, Greenland	Z. Cornell, R. Suomala	05/25	60	Range Rd., Sandwich	K. Klapper
03/22	5	Great Bay Discovery Center, Greenland	S. Mirick	Black Scoter			
Redhead				03/29	575	NH coast	S. Mirick
03/27	1	Great Bay Discovery Center, Greenland	M. Thompson	Long-tailed Duck			
Ring-necked Duck				04/05	1	Rt. 3, Lake Winnisquam	J. Brodeur
03/01	1	Mine Falls Park, Spine Rd.	J. Maher	04/11	2	Fort Eddy boat launch, Concord	S. Mirick, B. Griffith, P. Hunt
03/03	1	Silver Lake, Tilton/Belmont	I. MacLeod	04/26	20	Hinsdale Setbacks	W. Ward, E. Masterson
03/04	1	Sugar River, Sunapee	D. Jackson	04/27	1	Great Pond, Kingston	S. Heron
03/23	276	Powwow Pond, Kingston	S. Mirick	05/01	2	Little Squam Lake, Holderness	I. MacLeod
03/29	70	Exeter WTP	Z. Cornell, J. Lambert	05/11	47	Great Boars Head, Hampton	J. Lambert
04/04	156	World End Pond, Salem	K. Wilmarth	05/17	2	Crystal Lake, Gilmanton	M. Cahill, D. Belicek
04/08	110	World End Pond, Salem	S. Mirick	05/23	2	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	R. Quinn, et al.
04/10	190	Hinsdale Setbacks	H. Galbraith	Bufflehead			
04/10	33	Crescent Lake, Wolfeboro	E. Masterson	03/25	5	downtown Manchester	S. Mirick
04/11	44	Martin's field, Boscawen	R. Quinn, P. Hunt	03/27	23	Lake Wantastiquet, Hinsdale	E. Masterson
04/12	14	Magill Bay, Androscoggin R., Dummer	R. Quinn, P. Brown	04/11	7	Great Pond, Kingston	S. Heron
04/20	35	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski	04/14	9	Crawford Pond, Rindge	E. Richard
05/24	4	East Inlet, Pittsburg	L. Medlock	04/17	11	Derry WTP	S. Mirick
Greater Scaup				04/27	106	Great Bay, Newmarket	S. Mirick
03/01	30	Hampton Beach SP	F. Hosley	05/01	6	Powder Mill Pond, Hancock	P. Brown
03/07	4	Paugus Bay Marina, Laconia	S. Mirick	05/01	8	Sunapee Lake	D. Jackson
03/23	1600	Sunset Farm, Greenland	Z. Cornell, R. Suomala	05/06	15	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski
03/23	4	Vernon Dam, Connecticut R., Hinsdale	E. Masterson, P. Brown, Harris Ctr./Monadnock CT	05/11	2	Anchorage at the Lake, Tilton	T. Arsenaault
03/27	3	Connecticut R., below Bellows Falls Dam, Walpole	M. Baisley, C. Abbott	05/16	2	Goose Hole Pond, New London	D. Jackson
04/01	6	Lake Wantastiquet, Hinsdale	E. Masterson	Common Goldeneye			
05/01	60	Sunset Farm, Greenland	S. Mirick	03/02	17	Androscoggin R. pool below Errol dam	R. Quinn
05/18	2	Horseshoe Pond, Concord	D. Jackson	03/15	201	Hinsdale bluffs by Vernon Dam	W. Ward, H. Walters
Lesser Scaup				03/23	38	Sewalls Falls north, Concord	J. Nadeau, M. Vernon
03/01	3	Hampton Harbor inlet	C. Duford	03/23	115	Great Bay Discovery Center, Greenland	J. Lambert
03/03	11	Paugus Bay north, Laconia	I. MacLeod	03/25	41	downtown Manchester	S. Mirick
04/05	8	Powwow Pond, Kingston	S. Mirick	03/27	232	Lake Wantastiquet, Hinsdale	E. Masterson
04/06	190	Exeter WTP	A. Robbins	King Eider			
04/09	6	Hinsdale setbacks	E. Masterson	03/02	1	Great Island Common, New Castle	S. Mirick, D. Hof
04/10	21	Crescent Lake, Wolfeboro	E. Masterson	05/23	1	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	R. Quinn, et al.
Common Eider - Northern subsp. (borealis)				Common Goldeneye			
03/02	1	Hampton Harbor Inlet	J. Lambert	03/02	17	Androscoggin R. pool below Errol dam	R. Quinn
03/07	1	Hampton Harbor Inlet	J. Lambert	03/15	201	Hinsdale bluffs by Vernon Dam	W. Ward, H. Walters



Long-tailed Duck by Scott Heron, 4/27/14, Great Pond, Kingston, NH.

Date	#	Location	Observer
04/13	70	Androscoggin R. pool below Errol dam	R. Quinn, P. Brown
04/25	23	Thorne Pond CA, Bartlett	C. Nims
05/31	4	Green Hill Rd., Chatham	B. Crowley



Barrow's Goldeneye by S. Mirick, 3/14/14, Merrimack River, Manchester, NH.

Barrow's Goldeneye

03/01	1	Great Boars Head, Hampton	S. Mirick
03/14	2	downtown Manchester	S. Mirick
03/16	1	Hinsdale bluffs by Vernon Dam	A. Burnett
03/19	1	Sewall's Falls, Concord	E. Masterson
03/22	1	Great Bay Discovery Center, Greenland	S. Mirick
03/31	1	Connecticut R., Walpole	P. van Loon
04/13	1	Androscoggin R. pool below Errol dam	R. Quinn, P. Brown
04/13	1	Hinsdale setbacks	E. Masterson

Red-breasted Merganser

03/06	1	Merrimack R., Rt. 111 bridge, Hudson	C. Sheridan
03/06	1	Thoreau's Landing, Nashua	J. Maher
03/13	1	Sunapee Harbor	D. Jackson
03/16	2	Hannah Dustin Memorial, Boscawen	D. Jackson
04/12	2	Howe Reservoir, Dublin	K. Heisen
04/12	2	Lake Skatutakee, Harrisville	K. Heisen
04/18	1	Hinsdale Setbacks	H. Galbraith
05/06	4	Gorham	W. O'Brien
05/09	2	Spofford Lake	E. Masterson
05/14	2	Lake Massabesic, Auburn	E. Masterson
05/17	5	McDaniels Marsh WMA, Springfield	J. Gamble

Ruddy Duck

05/01	1	Exeter WTP	M. Thompson, S. Mirick
05/01	2	Borthwick Ave. marsh, Portsmouth	J. Kelly
05/02	1	Great Bay NWR, Peverly Pond	M. Pike

Grouse through Sandhill Crane

Six species of *Galliformes* (pheasants, grouse, and allies) were reported to eBird, though only two are native (Wild Turkey and Ruffed Grouse). The Helmeted Guineafowl, Chukar, Gray Partridge, and Ring-necked Pheasant that were reported from various locations are native to Africa and Eurasia and all individuals of these species observed in the wild in New Hampshire are almost certainly of captive origin.

Red-throated Loon is rare inland at any time of year, but especially so in spring (see Bob Quinn's article in the Spring

2013 issue of *New Hampshire Bird Records*, Vol. 32, No.1), so three birds in a single season is remarkable. Individuals were seen on the Connecticut River in Hinsdale and on Lake Sunapee, and a distressed bird was picked up in Rochester and transported to the Center for Wildlife in Cape Neddick, Maine (see the Field Notes in this issue). There were several high counts of Red-necked Grebe away from the coast, including Hinsdale (26) and Lake Massabesic (25) on April 30, and Spofford (22) on May 1.



Cattle Egret by Aiden Moser, 5/4/14, Gilford, NH.

A slightly early Sooty Shearwater was seen by a party en route to Star Island on May 26. Kyle Kittelberger provided a convincing description of two **Anhingas** near Hanover on May 7, but without a photograph or documentation from three observers (as required by the NH Rare Birds Committee for a first state record) the species remains on the hypothetical list, with no documented record in New Hampshire. **Least Bittern** gets a prize for being predictable, as do birders. They were again reported from the two locations in New Hampshire where they are known to occur, Surrey Lane Marsh in Durham and Hinsdale Setbacks on the Connecticut River. There seems to be plenty of additional habitat in southern New Hampshire for birders to explore for this state rarity. By contrast, Little Blue Heron tends to be more coastal and the two reports of single individuals from Stratham and Newfields may refer to the same bird. The rarest ardeid of the season was a single **Cattle Egret** seen in Gilford. Most Glossy Ibis continue to occur near the coast and around the Great Bay region, but for the second successive spring season multiple individuals were reported from the interior of the state. Two birds were seen in Chichester and at least two birds remained in the Concord area for more than a week in April.

Single Black Vultures were seen on April 13 in Walpole and April 25 in Loudon and two were sighted a month later in Westmoreland. An immature Golden Eagle followed the horde of waterfowl north through the Connecticut River Valley in late March. It ranged from Hinsdale to Walpole and was observed unsuccessfully pursuing a flock of Canada Geese on March 29. A more successful immature Golden

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Eagle was observed with a freshly killed Canada Goose in Boscawen on April 12 (see the Field Notes), and a third bird, possibly an adult, was observed in Concord a week later. The Mississippi Kites returned to Newmarket on May 11, with two birds observed nest building on May 15. Rough-legged Hawks were observed from late March to early April in Rye and in the Portsmouth/Newington area. Thanks to observers who submitted plumage details to eBird, we know that at least three birds were involved. Sandhill Crane is now almost as common as American Coot in spring, with three of the former and six of the latter reported.

Date # Location Observer

Spruce Grouse

04/03 1 Mt. Chocorua, Albany S. Smith
 05/17 Mt. Starr King Trail, Jefferson K. Pelletier
 05/31 1 Mt. Isolation, WMNF J. Toledano

Red-throated Loon

03/14 1 Ten Rod Rd., Rochester D. Hubbard
 05/01 1 Sunapee Lake D. Jackson
 05/10 1 Hinsdale Setbacks H. Galbraith, et al.

Common Loon

03/22 70 Hampton Harbor Inlet S. Mirick
 04/13 24 Opechee Bay, Laconia I. MacLeod
 04/26 10 Connecticut R., Hinsdale E. Masterson
 04/26 10 Hinsdale Setbacks H. Galbraith, W. Ward
 04/30 11 Newfound Lake J. Williams
 05/11 87 Hampton Beach SP S. Mirick
 05/16 14 Lake Massabesic, Auburn E. Masterson
 05/24 25 Great East Lake, Wakefield K. Wilmarth, A. Altena

Pied-billed Grebe

03/29 1 Powwow Pond, Kingston J. Lambert
 04/01 1 Fields Grove City Park, Nashua J. Maher, C. Sheridan
 04/08 4 World End Pond, Salem S. Mirick
 04/13 2 Mile Long Pond, Androscoggin R., Errol
 R. Quinn, P. Brown
 05/09 3 Cops Pond WMA, Tuftonboro S. Wilcox, G. Bailey

Horned Grebe

04/26 14 Connecticut River, N. Walpole E. Masterson
 04/26 7 Spofford Lake E. Masterson
 04/26 2 Mascoma Lake, Enfield P. Hunt
 04/26 2 Wilder Dam Reservoir, Lebanon P. Hunt
 04/30 8 Lake Massabesic, Auburn E. Masterson
 04/30 7 East Wilder Boat Launch, Lebanon J. MacQueen
 05/01 5 Great Bay Discovery Center, Greenland S. Mirick
 05/01 8 Sunapee Lake D. Jackson
 05/04 4 Richmond Conservation Land, Orford J. MacQueen
 05/06 7 Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield D. Govatski
 05/10 1 Hinsdale Setbacks
 H. Galbraith, C. Edge, W. Ward, C. Seifer
 05/24 1 Bicentennial Park, Hampton S. Mirick

Red-necked Grebe

04/26 6 Wilder Dam Reservoir, Lebanon P. Hunt
 04/26 10 Connecticut River, N. Walpole E. Masterson
 04/30 25 Lake Massabesic, Auburn E. Masterson

Date # Location Observer
 04/30 17 Great Bay Discovery Center, Greenland S. Mirick
 04/30 2 East Wilder Boat Launch, Lebanon J. MacQueen
 05/01 22 Spofford Lake E. Masterson
 05/02 20 Newfound Lake H. Moulton
 05/06 3 Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield D. Govatski
 05/17 1 Little Boars Head, N. Hampton D. Hubbard, et al.

Northern Fulmar

03/08 6 Jeffrey's Ledge (NH) K. Wilmarth, A. Altena
 05/26 1 Jeffrey's Ledge (NH) S. Mirick, J. Woolf, NHA FT

Sooty Shearwater

05/26 1 Jeffrey's Ledge (NH) S. Mirick, J. Woolf, NHA FT

Wilson's Storm-Petrel

05/26 20 Jeffrey's Ledge (NH) S. Mirick, J. Woolf, NHA FT



Northern Gannet (adult, left, and immature) by Dennis Skillman, 5/26/14, Jeffrey's Ledge, NH.

Northern Gannet

05/26 14 Jeffrey's Ledge (NH) S. Mirick, J. Woolf, NHA FT

Double-crested Cormorant

03/27 1 Connecticut R., Hinsdale E. Masterson
 03/28 1 Exeter WTP M. Thompson
 04/05 1 Fort Eddy boat launch, Concord
 P. Hunt, Capital Chapter FT
 04/13 88 Exeter WTP J. Lambert
 04/13 7 Berlin Airport, Milan R. Quinn, P. Brown
 05/01 70 Bellamy River WS, Dover P. Brown
 05/02 1263 Hampton Beach SP S. Mirick
 05/26 36 Meredith Bay K. Klapper

Great Cormorant

03/27 1 AJ Lambert Riverside Park, Hooksett R. Suomala
 04/09 1 Bow Junction, Bow R. Quinn
 05/04 6 Seabrook Beach S. Gale
 05/11 1 Horseshoe Pond, Concord D. Jackson
 05/24 1 Rye Ledge S. Mirick



American Bittern by Donna Ellis, 4/4/14, West Portsmouth St., Concord, NH.

Date	#	Location	Observer
American Bittern			
04/04	1	West Portsmouth St., Concord	D. Ellis
04/18	1	Sugar River, Sunapee	D. Jackson
04/18	1	Trask Brook Rd., Sunapee	D. Jackson
04/22	1	Penniman Rd., Cornish Flats	W. Ward
05/01	3	Ferguson Brook marsh, Cavender Rd., Hancock	L. Swope

Date	#	Location	Observer
Least Bittern			
05/17	1	Hinsdale Setbacks P. Brown, C. Seifer, K. Klapper, A. Burnett	
05/20	1	Surrey Ln. marsh, Durham	K. Dorsey

Date	#	Location	Observer
Great Egret			
03/23	1	Goss Farm CA, Rye S.& J. Mirick, Z. Cornell, R. Suomala	
03/29	2	NH coast	S. Mirick
04/10	2	Iron Works Rd. fields, Concord	Z. Cornell
04/13	1	Wetherby Rd. fields, Charlestown	E. Masterson
04/21	1	Fields Grove City Park, Nashua	J. Maher, C. Sheridan
04/26	1	Connecticut River, Charlestown	E. Masterson
04/26	3	Mill Pond, Durham	S. Mirick
05/10	11	NH coast	S. Mirick

Date	#	Location	Observer
Snowy Egret			
04/03	1	Parsons Creek salt marsh, Rye S. Bennett, M. Thompson	
04/04	4	Parsons Creek salt marsh, Rye	J. Sparrell
04/12	13	Parsons Creek salt marsh, Rye	S. Bennett, S. Mirick

Date	#	Location	Observer
Little Blue Heron			
05/16	1	Chapmans Landing, Stratham	P. Lacourse
05/17	1	Rockingham Recreational Trail, Newfields	D. Hubbard, et al.

Date	#	Location	Observer
Cattle Egret			
05/04	1	Beans & Greens Farm, Intervale Rd., Gilford J. Nadeau, D. Perry, A. Moser	

Date	#	Location	Observer
Green Heron			
04/16	1	Sugar River, Sunapee	D. Jackson
04/25	2	Bayberry Pond, Kingston	S. Heron

Date	#	Location	Observer
Black-crowned Night-Heron			
05/05	1	Everett Tpk., Exit 6 D.O.T lot, Nashua	J. Maher
05/05	1	Rt. 1A, Seabrook	S. Mirick
05/17	1	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson
05/17	1	Plain Rd., Hinsdale	P. Brown, C. Seifer, K. Klapper, A. Burnett



Glossy Ibis by David Lipsy, 4/17/14, Horseshoe Pond, Concord, NH.

Date	#	Location	Observer
Glossy Ibis			
04/06	2	Rt. 1A, Hampton	S. Mirick
04/12	1	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO, Concord	R. Woodward, et al.
04/13	5	salt marshes s. of Rye Harbor	S. Mirick
04/15	2	Pleasant St., Chichester	J. Lambert
04/15	2	Chapmans Landing, Stratham	D. Franceschini
04/17	2	Horseshoe Pond, Concord	D. Ellis, D. LaValley
05/04	26	Hampton Beach SP	S. Mirick

Date	#	Location	Observer
Black Vulture			
04/13	1	N. Walpole	E. Masterson
04/25	1	Loudon residence	J. French
05/25	2	Woodward Rd., Westmoreland	A. Burnett

Date	#	Location	Observer
Turkey Vulture			
03/01	2	Culhaven Studios, Hollis	M. Roeck
03/02	1	Shattuck Ln., Brookline	C. McPherson
03/04	6	Exeter residence	T. Knott
03/11	11	Opechee Bay, Laconia	J. Nadeau
03/23	1	Portland St., Lancaster	S. Stoddard
04/06	24	Hampton Beach SP	S. Mirick
04/12	18	Androscoggin R., Bridge St., Berlin	R. Quinn, P. Brown
04/13	23	Fall Mt., Walpole	D. Clark
04/15	12	Main St., Lancaster	S. Stoddard
05/11	38	Boston Lot Lake, Lebanon	J. Norton

Date	#	Location	Observer
Osprey			
03/22	2	Great Bay NWR	J. Sparrell
03/23	1	Sandy Pond, Nashua	C. Sheridan
03/23	1	Rt. 111, N. Hampton	S. Mirick



Golden Eagle by Eric Masterson, 3/29/14, Walpole, NH.

Date	#	Location	Observer
Golden Eagle			
03/17	1	Plainfield	S. Hardy
03/25	1	Connecticut R., Hinsdale	M. Resch
03/29	1	Rt. 12 at Malnati Farm, Walpole	A. Burnett, E. Masterson
04/12	1	River Rd., Boscawen	J. Esten
04/19	1	Horseshoe Pond, Concord	D. Jackson

Date	#	Location	Observer
Mississippi Kite			
05/11	1	Dame Rd., Durham	B. Griffith
05/11	1	Gonet Rd., Newmarket	S. Bennett
05/15	2	Gonet Rd., Newmarket	R. Merrill, K. Hansen

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Date # Location Observer

Northern Harrier

03/23 2 Woodmont Orchard, Hollis C. McPherson
 03/23 2 Pease Intl. Tradeport, Short St., Newington
 J. Sparrell, K. Towler

Northern Goshawk

05/03 1 Cammet Fields, Raymond S. Santino
 05/08 1 Pawtuckaway SP, Nottingham/Deerfield
 M. Thompson

Red-shouldered Hawk

03/07 2 South Rd., Kensington G. Gavutis, Jr.
 03/08 1 Strafford County Farm, Dover D. Hubbard
 03/29 1 Malnati Farm, Walpole E. Masterson

Broad-winged Hawk

04/11 2 Millhouse Rd., Epsom J. Lambert
 04/12 1 Call Rd., Webster R. Quinn, P. Brown
 04/14 4 Millican Nurseries, Chichester J. Lambert
 04/14 1 Ash Brook wetland, Keene A. Burnett
 04/19 17 Pease Intl. Tradeport, Short St., Newington
 J. Sparrell, K. Towler
 04/25 1 Weeks SP, Lancaster S. Stoddard
 04/25 1 E. Whitefield Rd., Whitefield S. Stoddard
 05/03 21 Tilton Hill Rd./Suncook R., Pittsfield A. Robbins

Rough-legged Hawk

03/22 1 Pease Intl. Tradeport, Short St., Newington J. Sparrell
 03/23 1 Pease Intl. Tradeport, Short St., Newington
 Z. Cornell, R. Suomala, S. Mirick
 04/06 1 Pease Intl. Tradeport, Short St., Newington
 Z. Cornell, R. Suomala, J. Lambert
 04/06 1 Odiorne Point SP, Rye J. Kelly



Virginia Rail by Amanda Altena, 5/3/14, Salem, NH.

Virginia Rail

04/11 1 Canterbury sod farm P. Hunt
 04/12 1 Longmarsh Preserve, Durham L. Medlock
 04/13 1 Geremonty Dr. marsh, Salem K. Wilmarth, A. Altena
 05/10 4 Borthwick Ave. marsh Z. Cornell, R. Suomala
 05/11 2 World End Pond, Salem K. Wilmarth, A. Altena
 05/11 4 Geremonty Dr. marsh, Salem K. Wilmarth, A. Altena
 05/25 1 Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield
 D. Govatski

Date # Location Observer

Sora

05/10 1 Old Mill Rd., Lee J. Lambert
 05/11 1 Geremonty Dr. marsh, Salem K. Wilmarth, A. Altena
 05/13 1 Old Mill Rd., Lee Z. Cornell
 05/15 1 Canterbury sod farm P. Hunt

American Coot

03/23 1 Vernon Dam, Connecticut R., Hinsdale
 E. Masterson, P. Brown, Harris Ctr./Monadnock CFT
 03/27 2 Lake Wantastiquet, Hinsdale E. Masterson
 03/31 1 Eel Pond, Rye J. Kelly
 03/31 1 World End Pond, Salem K. Wilmarth
 04/13 1 Sunset Farm, Greenland J. Lambert

Sandhill Crane

04/18 2 Monroe fields D. & J. Cate
 05/10 1 Easton Rd., Franconia W. Palmer

Shorebirds through Alcids



Wilson's Phalarope by Zeke Cornell, 5/27/14, Rt. 286 salt pannes, Seabrook, NH.

The taxonomic group that contains shorebirds through alcids more formally goes by the title *Charadriiformes*, and in New Hampshire, first amongst *Charadriiformes* by taxonomy and by rarity is **Black-necked Stilt**. An individual was present on private property in Stratham on May 20, the first documented occurrence of this species in New Hampshire (previous sightings have not had a photograph or documentation from three observers as required for a first state record by the NH Rare Birds Committee). After the first New Hampshire sighting of a Northern Lapwing last spring, birders kept their eyes sharpened for this species, despite a complete lack of reports from the lower 48 during the previous winter (last spring's sighting followed a fall and winter season that saw a remarkable number of lapwings reported to our south). Although none were seen in New Hampshire this spring, a bird put down in Maine, having presumably spent the winter somewhere to the south, proving that a bird as distinctive as a Northern Lapwing can still evade detection by the United States' estimated 47 million birders (US Fish and Wildlife, 2011, <http://www.fws.gov/southeast/economicImpact/pdf/2011-BirdingReport--FINAL.pdf>).

Single **American Oystercatchers** were reported from Hampton, Odiorne Point State Park and Rye Harbor, all in May. Great Meadows in Charlestown held 11 Greater Yellowlegs and 26 Lesser Yellowlegs on May 10, a high count for an inland site. White-rumped Sandpiper is an uncommon spring migrant, and therefore a record from Hampton on May 27 is noteworthy. Pectoral Sandpiper is more common, though the two birds at Horseshoe Pond in Concord on March 30 were exceptionally early. A **Wilson's Phalarope** was found in Seabrook on May 27.

Lake Massabesic hosts a sizeable gull roost during spring and fall migration, which usually builds to about 500 birds. It is not uncommon for one or more of the scarcer gull species to be found in the midst of the flock of mostly Ring-billed Gulls, such as the 15 Bonaparte's Gulls that went to roost on May 7. Rare gulls included individual **Little Gulls** in Hampton and New Castle and four Lesser Black-backed Gulls in Rye within a four-day period at the end of May. The latter included F05, the individual that has nested with a Herring Gull since 2007 on Appledore Island at the Isles of Shoals in Maine (the first Lesser Black-backed Gull breeding record for the Atlantic Coast of North America). Unfortunately, the observer noted that the bird had a neck wound, apparently sustained from a shooting incident on the island, from which it appeared to make a full recovery. It was a good spring for **Caspian Tern**, with six birds seen on the coast spread over three dates, and two separate inland sightings. Individuals were seen on the Connecticut River in Hinsdale and near Charlestown at the mouth of the Black River on the Vermont side by Chris Rimmer on May 4. Other inland terns included one or more Common Terns seen between May 9 and May 24 by Don Clark, et al. on the Vermont side of the Connecticut River at Herrick's Cove, another Common Tern in Freedom and a *Sterna* species on Lake Sunapee that may have been a Forster's Tern. The latter is rare inland at anytime, and rare in spring even on the coast, so a definite Forster's Tern in Seabrook on May 10 is also noteworthy.



Caspian Tern by Eric Masterson, 5/3/14, Hinsdale, NH.

<i>Date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Observer</i>
Black-necked Stilt			
05/20	1	Stuart Farm, Stratham	L. Merrill, S. Mirick, et al.
American Oystercatcher			
05/11	1	Hampton Beach SP	S. Mirick
05/24	1	Odiorne Point SP, Rye	S. Mirick
05/31	1	Rye Harbor SP	R. Suomala, Z. Cornell, A. Robbins, P. Ackerson
Black-bellied Plover			
05/17	1	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson
05/17	30	Hampton River Marina flats	Z. Cornell, R. Suomala, C. Borg
05/22	30	Odiorne Point SP, Rye	S. Mirick, K. Towler
Semipalmated Plover			
05/10	2	Wetherby Rd. fields, Charlestown	E. Masterson
05/10	1	Odiorne Point SP, Rye	Z. Cornell, S. Mirick, et al.
05/11	52	Hampton Beach SP	S. Mirick
Piping Plover			
04/06	2	Hampton Beach SP	S. Mirick
05/04	3	Seabrook Beach	S. Gale
Spotted Sandpiper			
04/19	1	Horseshoe Pond, Concord	R. Woodward
04/22	1	Exeter WTP	D. Hubbard
04/26	1	Hinsdale Setbacks	H. Galbraith, W. Ward
04/27	1	Dodge Pond, Lyman	S. Turner
05/02	1	Airport Marsh, Whitefield	S. Stoddard
05/09	8	Peterborough WTP	P. Brown
05/10	14	Charlestown WTP	E. Masterson
05/10	6	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski, P. Brown, NHA FT
05/13	6	Martin Meadow Pond, Lancaster	S. Stoddard
05/14	10	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO, Concord	R. Suomala
05/23	12	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	P. Hunt
05/29	10	Rochester WTP	D. Hubbard
Solitary Sandpiper			
05/02	1	Borthwick Ave. marsh, Portsmouth	J. Kelly
05/04	6	Mink Brook wetlands, Hanover	K. Kittelberger
05/05	4	Sawyer Farm, River Rd., Walpole	A. Burnett
05/06	2	Horseshoe Pond, Concord	R. Woodward
05/08	1	Martin Meadow Pond, Lancaster	S. Stoddard
Greater Yellowlegs			
03/23	1	Goss Farm CA, Rye	S.& J. Mirick, et al.
04/07	1	Charlestown WTP	D. Clark
04/13	17	Meadow Pond, Hampton	S. Mirick
04/27	13	Adams Pt. WMA, Durham	S. Mirick
04/27	8	Bodwell Farm, E. Kingston	S. Mirick
05/02	4	Circumferential Hwy., Nashua	J. Maher
05/03	2	Rt. 115A, Jefferson Meadows	S. Stoddard
05/05	6	Rt. 115A, Jefferson Meadows	S. Stoddard
05/10	11	Great Meadows, Charlestown	E. Masterson
05/17	5	Fort Eddy Rd. boat launch, Concord	J. Esten
Willet			
04/30	1	Rt. 286, Seabrook	S. Mirick
05/02	1	Hampton Beach SP	S. Mirick
05/10	4	Odiorne Point SP, Rye	S. Mirick

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Lesser Yellowlegs			
04/13	1	Chapmans Landing, Stratham	S. Mirick
04/27	1	Adams Pt. WMA, Durham	S. Mirick
04/27	1	Bodwell Farm, E. Kingston	S. Mirick
05/02	1	Chocorua Lake inlet, Tamworth	T. Hadley
05/04	4	Little Jacks restaurant, Rt. 1A, Hampton	J. Lambert
05/05	4	Odiorne Point SP, Rye	M. Wilson
05/07	9	Pickering Ponds, Rochester	D. Hubbard
05/10	2	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski, P. Brown, NHA FT
05/10	26	Great Meadows, Charlestown	E. Masterson

Date	#	Location	Observer
Upland Sandpiper			
05/10	2	Pease Intl. Tradeport, McIntyre Rd., Newington	Z. Cornell
05/17	5	Pease Intl. Tradeport, Short St., Newington	D. Hubbard, et al.

Date	#	Location	Observer
Ruddy Turnstone			
05/23	2	Rye Ledge	S. Mirick
05/23	1	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	Z. Cornell

Date	#	Location	Observer
Sanderling			
05/10	108	Hampton Harbor Inlet	S. Mirick
05/24	32	Seabrook Beach & Hampton Harbor	S. Mirick

Date	#	Location	Observer
Dunlin			
04/19	150	Hampton Harbor	S. Mirick
05/27	1	Hampton salt marsh	Z. Cornell
05/27	7	Rye Ledge	Z. Cornell

Date	#	Location	Observer
Purple Sandpiper			
04/10	110	Rye Harbor SP	D. Hubbard
05/27	23	Rye Ledge	Z. Cornell
05/29	3	Rt. 1A, Rye	J. Maher

Date	#	Location	Observer
Least Sandpiper			
05/04	1	Little Jacks restaurant, Rt. 1A, Hampton	J. Lambert
05/04	12	Little River saltmarsh, N. Hampton	J. Lambert
05/04	1	Chickering Farm, Walpole	E. Masterson
05/04	25	Rt. 286, Seabrook	S. Mirick
05/08	10	Rockingham Park, Salem	K. Wilmarth
05/09	17	Chickering Farm, Walpole	E. Masterson
05/10	20	Loudon Rd. fields behind PO, Concord	D. Jackson
05/10	2	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski, P. Brown, NHA FT
05/10	5	Mount Sunapee SP, Newbury	J. Gamble
05/10	90	NH coast	S. Mirick
05/29	3	Rochester WTP	D. Hubbard

Date	#	Location	Observer
White-rumped Sandpiper			
05/27	1	Hampton salt marsh	Z. Cornell, S. Mirick



Pectoral Sandpiper
by Doreen Lania,
3/31/14, Horseshoe
Pond, Concord, NH.

Date	#	Location	Observer
Pectoral Sandpiper			
03/30	2	Horseshoe Pond, Concord	C.& B. Baker, R. Woodward
05/12	1	Powder House Pond, Exeter	L. Medlock
05/20	1	Stuart Farm, Stratham	P. Miliotis
Semipalmated Sandpiper			
05/05	1	Sawyer Farm, River Rd., Walpole	A. Burnett
05/10	2	Sawyer Farm, River Rd., Walpole	A. Burnett
05/11	5	Odiorne Point SP, Rye	B. Griffith
05/27	50	Hampton salt marsh	S. Mirick

Date	#	Location	Observer
Short-billed Dowitcher			
05/24	12	Hampton Harbor	S. Mirick

Date	#	Location	Observer
Wilson's Snipe			
04/02	2	Bodwell Farm, E. Kingston	G. Gavutis, Jr.
04/02	6	Woodmont Orchard, Hollis	G. Coffey
04/05	27	Bodwell Farm, E. Kingston	S. Mirick
04/11	40	Newington Rd., Greenland	K. Wilmarth, A. Altena
04/13	110	Great Bay Farm, Greenland	J. Lambert
04/20	35	Rt. 155A fields, Durham	K. Dorsey

Date	#	Location	Observer
American Woodcock			
03/16	1	Forrest St., Plaistow	R.& J. Ouellette
03/17	1	Banfield Rd., Portsmouth	P. Miliotis
03/21	1	Lakeview Dr., Strafford	S. Young



Wilson's Phalarope (right) with yellowlegs by Steve Mirick, 5/27/14, Seabrook, NH.

Date	#	Location	Observer
Wilson's Phalarope			
05/27	1	Rt. 286 salt pannes, Seabrook	S. Mirick, Z. Cornell

Date	#	Location	Observer
Black-legged Kittiwake			
03/08	2	Jeffrey's Ledge (NH)	K. Wilmarth, A. Altena

Date	#	Location	Observer
Bonaparte's Gull			
04/11	4	Hinsdale Setbacks	H. Galbraith
04/27	40	Great Bay, Newmarket	S. Mirick
05/01	6	Sunapee Lake	D. Jackson
05/07	15	Lake Massabesic, Auburn	E. Masterson
05/08	40	Seabrook Beach	S. Mirick
05/09	3	Pillsbury SP, Washington	M. Vernon
05/10	1	Berry Bay, Freedom	A. Robbins
05/10	4	Hinsdale Setbacks	H. Galbraith

Date	#	Location	Observer
05/16	2	South Rd., E. Kingston	D. Finch
05/30	1	Airport Marsh, Whitefield	S. Mirick

Little Gull

05/23	1	Great Boars Head, Hampton	S. Mirick
05/24	1	Great Island Common, New Castle	S. Mirick

Ring-billed Gull

03/11	43	Winnepesaukee River behind BJ's, Tilton	S. Stoddard
03/27	72	Stark Landing, Merrimack R., Manchester	R. Suomala
04/05	400	Chapmans Landing, Stratham	B. Griffith
04/19	250	Horseshoe Pond, Concord	D. Jackson
05/25	14	Shelburne Farms, Stratford	E. Sharron

Herring Gull

04/02	500	Bodwell Farm, E. Kingston	G. Gavutis, Jr.
03/29	23	Androscoggin R., Bridge St., Berlin	C. Nims



Iceland Gull by Kyle Wilmarth, 4/13/14, Rockingham Park, Salem, NH.

Iceland Gull

03/26	2	South Rd., E. Kingston	D. Finch
03/28	5	Rochester WTP	D. Hubbard
04/03	2	Derry WTP	S. Mirick
05/01	2	Rockingham Park, Salem	K. Wilmarth
05/17	1	Rockingham Park, Salem	K. Wilmarth, A. Altena



Lesser Black-backed Gull by Steve Mirick, 5/27/14, Eel Pond, Rye, NH.

Lesser Black-backed Gull

03/04	1	South Rd., E. Kingston	D. Finch
03/29	2	Jackson Landing, Durham	J. Lambert
04/11	1	Horseshoe Pond, Concord	Z. Cornell, R. Suomala
05/06	1	South Rd., E. Kingston	D. Finch
05/23	1	South Rd., E. Kingston	D. Finch
05/24	1	South Rd., E. Kingston	D. Finch
05/27	2	Eel Pond, Rye	S. Mirick
05/30	2	Jenness Beach, Rye	S. Mirick

Date	#	Location	Observer
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Glaucous Gull

03/12	1	South Rd., E. Kingston	D. Finch
03/19	1	Rochester WTP	D. Hubbard
03/28	1	Rochester WTP	D. Hubbard
03/29	1	Jackson Landing, Durham	J. Lambert
03/29	2	NH coast	S. Mirick
04/03	1	Rockingham Park, Salem	K. Wilmarth
04/18	1	Rochester WTP	D. Hubbard

Great Black-backed Gull

04/02	25	Bodwell Farm, E. Kingston	G. Gavutis, Jr.
04/04	28	Trudeau Rd. landfill, Bethlehem	R. Suomala
04/12	45	Androscoggin R., Bridge St., Berlin	R. Quinn, P. Brown

Least Tern

05/17	1	Hampton Beach SP	D. Hubbard, G. Tillman, D. Wendelken, M. Hatfield
05/26	1	Isles of Shoals, NH	S. Mirick, NHA FT



Caspian Tern by Steve Mirick, 5/23/14, Rye, NH.

Caspian Tern

05/03	1	Hinsdale Setbacks	W. Ward, E. Masterson
05/11	2	Hampton Beach SP	S. Mirick
05/17	1	Hampton Harbor, Yankee Fisherman's Coop	B. Griffith
05/23	3	Concord Point, Rye	S. Mirick

Roseate Tern

05/10	1	Hampton Harbor, Yankee Fisherman's Coop	R. Suomala, Z. Cornell
05/17	22	Hampton Harbor, Yankee Fisherman's Coop	B. Griffith, J. Lambert

Common Tern

05/04	12	Hampton Beach SP	S. Mirick
05/08	25	Seabrook Beach	S. Mirick
05/10	1	Berry Bay, Freedom	A. Robbins
05/17	2000	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson
05/17	160	Hampton Harbor, Yankee Fisherman's Coop	B. Griffith, J. Lambert
05/22	2	Jackson Landing, Durham	K. Dorsey

Forster's Tern

05/17	1	Hampton Harbor, Yankee Fisherman's Coop	B. Griffith, J. Lambert
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Sterna sp.

05/01	1	Sunapee Lake	D. Jackson
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SPRING SEASON

Date # Location Observer

Dovekie

03/08 2 Jeffrey's Ledge (NH) K. Wilmarth, A. Altena
03/11 1 Jeffrey's Ledge (NH) E. Masterson

Common Murre

03/08 2 Jeffrey's Ledge (NH) K. Wilmarth, A. Altena
05/26 1 Jeffrey's Ledge (NH) S. Mirick, NHA FT

Thick-Billed Murre

03/01 1 Jeffrey's Ledge (NH) E. Masterson

Razorbill

03/08 15 Little Boars Head, N. Hampton S. Mirick
03/29 1 Little Boars Head, N. Hampton S. Mirick
05/31 1 Odiorne Point SP, Rye R. Suomala, Z. Cornell,
A. Robbins, P. Ackerson

Black Guillemot

03/08 1 Little Boars Head, N. Hampton S. Mirick
03/08 4 Jeffrey's Ledge (NH) K. Wilmarth, A. Altena
03/29 4 Seabrook & Hampton beaches S. Mirick
05/23 6 Star Island, Isles of Shoals P. Hunt

Atlantic Puffin

03/08 2 Jeffrey's Ledge (NH) K. Wilmarth, A. Altena

Cuckoos through Snow Bunting



Snowy Owl by Len Medlock, 3/8/14, Rye, NH.

The extraordinary winter influx of **Snowy Owls** left a trail across the landscape throughout the season. Several birds were spotted as they stopped briefly en route north, including individuals in Hollis, Contoocook, Sandwich and Charlestown, and late birds in Farmington on May 3, Clarksville on May 7, and Rye on May 31. The famous individual that took up residence at Rye Harbor State Park remained until at least April 10 and a minimum of five birds persisted along the coast until March 29. There was a single record of **Short-eared Owl** from Seabrook on April 3. Chimney Swifts, which are declining in the northern

part of their range and are a species of special concern, were relatively scarce, save for two counts of over 100 birds, including an impressive tally of 225 birds going to roost in Lebanon. The **Red-headed Woodpecker** that was present during the winter in Alstead continued through mid-March, and shortly thereafter, another individual took up residence in Newmarket, where it remained until mid-May. Steve Mirick had an impressive tally of 46 American Kestrels migrating past Hampton Beach State Park.

The only **Acadian Flycatcher** of the season was found on May 23 in an alder marsh off Bennett Road in Durham where it remained for a week. The **White-eyed Vireo** at Odiorne Point State Park on May 4 was also the lone spring record for the species. Purple Martins returned to the Cross Beach Road colony in Seabrook that was discovered last year, with a maximum of six birds on May 31. This is three times the spring high count from the Laconia colony, formerly the largest remaining outpost for the species in New Hampshire. Migrant Purple Martins were recorded from Auburn, Hampton, and Seabrook.

Three Marsh Wrens in Durham on April 12 were almost two weeks ahead of the record early date, especially noteworthy for a season with few early arrivals. A **Northern Wheatear** was photographed in Easton on May 26. With the exception of a single June record (6/3/2001 at Pondicherry NWR), all previous Northern Wheatears have occurred in September or October and this pattern is replicated regionally, with the vast majority of records occurring in September and October. This is the first spring record from New Hampshire (although the June sighting was arguably a spring migrant) and one of only a handful from New England. The first Veery was reported from Jefferson in Coos County, a week before any were reported from the south. A Gray-cheeked Thrush was reported at the Isles of Shoals in late May. With the exception of aural records of fall nocturnal migrants, this species is rarely recorded in New Hampshire and is rarely recorded at banding stations anywhere in New England, despite being a common breeder across the Canadian boreal forest. There was only one Lapland Longspur reported, from Hampton on March 12.

Date # Location Observer

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

05/16 1 South Rd., E. Kingston D. Finch
05/17 1 Rt. 119 at Charles Dr., Hinsdale P. Brown, C. Seifer,
K. Klapper, A. Burnett
05/25 2 Pickering Ponds, Rochester D. Hubbard

Black-billed Cuckoo

05/15 1 Water St., Antrim P. Brown
05/16 1 West Locke Rd., Concord Z. Cornell
05/20 1 Willow Rd., E. Kingston D. Skillman
05/29 1 Fort Hill WMA, Stratford I. MacLeod

Date	#	Location	Observer
Eastern Screech-Owl			
04/19	1	Exeter residence	L. Medlock
05/03	1	Mine Falls Park, Nashua	N. Murphy
05/05	1	Tilton Hill Rd./Suncook R., Pittsfield	A. Robbins
05/12	1	Highland Ave., Salem	K. Wilmarth, A. Altena
05/24	1	Great Bay Discovery Center, Greenland	S. Mirick



Snowy Owl by Paul Gagnon, 5/3/14, Blue Job Mt., Farmington, NH.

Snowy Owl

03/01	5	NH coast	S. Mirick
03/21	1	Spring St., Contoocook	D. Damour
03/29	5	NH coast	S. Mirick
04/02	1	Diamond Ledge Rd., Sandwich	K. Klapper
04/04	1	N. Charlestown	L. Herrin
04/04	1	Woodmont Orchard, Hollis	G. Coffey
04/10	1	Rye Harbor SP	D. Hubbard
04/16	1	Hampton salt marsh	S. Mirick
04/21	1	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	T. O'Connor
05/02	1	Hampton Beach SP	S. Mirick
05/03	1	Blue Job Mt., Farmington	P. Gagnon
05/07	1	Hollow Rd., Clarksville	L. Kras
05/31	1	Rye Ledge	R. Suomala, Z. Cornell, A. Robbins, P. Ackerson

Short-eared Owl

04/03	1	Cross Beach Rd., Seabrook	S. Bennett
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Northern Saw-whet Owl

03/07	1	Western Ave., Berlin	W. Roberts
03/17	1	Durgin Rd., Tuftonboro	B. McClure
03/22	1	Rt. 25B w. of Center Harbor village	J. Merrill
05/17	1	Whipple Rd., Jefferson	Z. Cornell, R. Suomala
05/31	3	Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest, Woodstock	T. Guida

Common Nighthawk

05/12	4	Oak Hill Rd., Brookline	C. McPherson
05/14	1	Broken Ground, Concord	J. Kolas, R. Quinn
05/14	1	Mast Yard SF east, Concord	P. Hunt
05/14	1	Beaver Brook Assn., Hollis	C. McPherson
05/14	1	Berry Rd., Nottingham	P. Miliotis
05/20	15	Oak Hill Rd., Brookline	C. McPherson

Date	#	Location	Observer
05/21	12	Great Bay NWR, Former Weapons Storage Area	A. Spears
05/25	12	Cavender Rd., Hancock	H. Walters

Eastern Whip-poor-will

05/03	1	USFWS Karner Blue easement, Concord	Z. Cornell, R. Suomala
05/05	1	Auras Way, Bow	M. Marchand
05/10	2	Alton residence	H. Rogers
05/17	2	Plain Road cemetery, Hinsdale	P. Brown, C. Seifer, K. Klapper, A. Burnett
05/17	2	Fowler Farm, Rochester	D. Hubbard, et al.
05/25	5	TNC pine barrens restoration, Ossipee Lake Rd., Freedom	A. Robbins

Chimney Swift

04/29	1	Horseshoe Pond, Concord	P. Hunt, J. Kanter
04/30	100	Fields Grove City Park, Nashua	J. Maher
05/03	20	Richardson Hall, Hanover	K. Kittelberger
05/10	4	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski, P. Brown, NHA FT
05/18	10	W. Stewartstown	O. Barden
05/20	225	old Lebanon Junior HS	P. Hunt, et al.
05/28	63	Old Academy Building, Orford	J. MacQueen

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

05/02	1	Manchester St., Nashua	C. Sheridan
05/03	1	Odiorne Point SP, Rye	B. Griffith
05/03	1	Lakeview Dr., Strafford	S. Young
05/05	1	Green Hill Rd., Chatham	B. Crowley
05/10	10	Owen Ln., Amherst	S. Butler
05/11	1	Twin View Dr., Twin Mountain	N. Mitiguy
05/11	18	Hampton Beach SP	S. Mirick
05/13	2	Bretton Woods, Carroll	L. Bergum
05/25	8	Dodge Pond, Lyman	S. Turner

Belted Kingfisher

03/09	1	Moore's Crossing, Manchester	Z. Cornell, R. Suomala
03/15	1	Hinsdale bluffs by Vernon Dam	W. Ward, H. Walters



Red-headed Woodpecker by Steve Mirick, 5/3/14, Newmarket, NH.

Red-headed Woodpecker

03/16	1	Alstead residence	L. Therrien
03/22	1	Bay Rd., Newmarket	H. Chary
05/10	1	Lubberland Creek Preserve, Newmarket	Z. Cornell

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Red-bellied Woodpecker				Acadian Flycatcher			
05/24	1	Shelburne Farms, Stratford	E. Sharron	05/24	1	Bennett Rd., Durham	S. Mirick
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				Alder Flycatcher			
03/08	1	Dearborn Rd., Greenland	S. Mirick	05/13	1	Ash Brook wetland, Keene	C. Seifer, W. Ward
03/21	1	Chichester residence	Anonymous	05/14	1	Mink Brook Nature Preserve, Hanover	K. Kittelberger
04/10	1	Antrim Rd., Hancock	E. Masterson	05/16	1	West Locke Rd., Concord	Z. Cornell
04/12	3	Odiorne Point SP, Rye	J. Sparrell, K. Towler	05/21	3	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	J. Scott
04/18	9	Pawtuckaway SP, Nottingham/Deerfield	S. Young	05/24	4	Krif Rd., Keene	W. Ward
04/20	7	Penacook survey route	P. Hunt	05/25	7	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski
04/20	17	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski	05/31	8	Danbury Bog WMA	J. Nadeau
05/25	1	Great Bay NWR	M. Harrison	Willow Flycatcher			
05/26	1	Urban Forestry Center, Portsmouth	D. Doubleday	05/14	1	Horseshoe Pond, Concord	R. Woodward
Black-backed Woodpecker				05/14	1	Pickering Ponds, Rochester	D. Hubbard, Seacoast CFT
03/07	2	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski	05/16	1	Bedell Bridge SP, Haverhill	J. Williams
03/08	1	Mt. Liberty, Lincoln	B. Griffith, L. Kras	05/16	1	Reed's Marsh WMA, Orford	J. MacQueen
05/17	1	Trudeau Rd., Bethlehem	Z. Cornell	05/17	4	Hinsdale Setbacks	H. Walters
05/24	4	East Inlet, Pittsburg	L. Medlock	05/25	5	Horseshoe Pond, Concord	R. Woodward
Northern Flicker				Least Flycatcher			
03/01	1	Appledore Ave., N. Hampton	S. Mirick	05/01	1	Pleasant St. wetland, Alstead	M. Harrison
03/03	1	Bedford residence	C. Borkowski	05/03	2	Brentwood Mitigation Area	P. Miliotis
03/08	1	Warton Rd., Nashua	A. Moreira	05/03	1	Everett Dam ACOE lands, E. Weare Rd., Weare	Z. Cornell, R. Suomala
04/13	8	Range Rd., Sandwich	K. Klapper	05/08	7	Weeks SP, Lancaster	S. Stoddard
04/13	12	Great Bay Farm, Greenland	J. Lambert	05/17	12	Cold River Camp, Chatham	N. Houlihan
04/15	40	McLane Audubon Ctr., Silk Farm Rd., Concord	P. Brown	05/18	10	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	J. Davis
04/16	8	Brookside Farm, Jackson	B. Pendleton	Eastern Phoebe			
American Kestrel				03/23	1	Main St., Claremont	G. Harper
03/15	1	Walpole Flea Market	A. Burnett	03/23	1	Barberry Coast Rd., Newmarket	J. Lambert
03/18	1	Rt. 4 traffic circle, Epsom	P. Brown	03/25	1	Great Bay NWR, Former Weapons Storage Area	S. Bennett
04/06	46	Hampton Beach SP	S. Mirick	03/25	1	Penacook Path, Sunapee	A. Armstrong
04/09	1	Portland St., Lancaster	S. Stoddard	04/06	9	Penacook survey route	P. Hunt
05/04	18	Hampton Beach SP	S. Mirick	04/10	2	French Rd. & Rt. 135, Dalton	S. Stoddard
Merlin				04/13	3	Mile Long Pond, Androscoggin R., Errol	R. Quinn, P. Brown
05/11	2	Maple Acres, Keene	S. Brooks	Great Crested Flycatcher			
Olive-sided Flycatcher				05/03	1	Lubberland Creek Preserve, Newmarket	S. Mirick
05/12	1	Antrim Road, Hancock	P. Brown	05/03	1	Cammet Fields, Raymond	S. Santino
05/18	1	Pittsfield WTP	A. Robbins	05/04	1	Antrim Road, Hancock	P. Brown
05/21	1	Esther Currier WMA at Low Plain, New London	J. Kidder, P. Theroux, M. Vernon	05/10	1	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski, P. Brown, NHA FT
05/24	1	East Inlet, Pittsburg	L. Medlock	05/15	4	Yudicky Farm/Southwest Park, Nashua	J. Maher
Eastern Wood-Pewee				05/17	6	Hinsdale bluffs by Vernon Dam	H. Walters
05/14	1	Hinsdale bluffs by Vernon Dam	N. Howe	05/17	7	Reeds Ferry Rd. to Pennichuck Brook, Nashua	C. Sheridan
05/15	1	Valley Cemetery, Manchester	M. Thompson	Eastern Kingbird			
05/15	1	Pawtuckaway SP, Nottingham/Deerfield	S. Young	04/27	1	Horseshoe Pond, Concord	R. Woodward
05/23	1	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	R. Quinn, et al.	05/02	3	Mine Falls Park, Spine Rd., Nashua	J. Maher
05/24	1	Shelburne Farms, Stratford	E. Sharron	05/02	2	Westmoreland Boat Launch	A. Burnett
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher				05/03	1	Airport Marsh, Whitefield	S. Stoddard
05/12	1	Mink Brook Nature Preserve, Hanover	K. Kittelberger	05/06	11	Tilton Hill Rd./Suncook R., Pittsfield	A. Robbins
05/13	1	Trudeau Rd., Bethlehem	S. Turner	05/10	6	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski, P. Brown, NHA FT
05/22	2	Trudeau Rd., Bethlehem	S. Turner				
05/22	3	Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest, Woodstock	T. Guida				
05/23	2	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	R. Quinn				

Date	#	Location	Observer
05/11	12	Hampton Beach SP	S. Mirick
05/11	10	Pickering Ponds, Rochester	D. Hubbard, Seacoast CFT
05/23	7	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	R. Quinn



Northern Shrike by Kyle Wilmarth, 3/28/14, Salem, NH.

Northern Shrike

03/05	1	Sugar River, Sunapee	D. Jackson
03/05	1	Woodward Rd., Westmoreland	A. Burnett
03/12	1	Rt. 101 salt marsh, Hampton	P. Hunt
03/16	1	Hinsdale bluffs by Vernon Dam	A. Burnett
03/28	1	Hawkin's Farm, Salem	K. Wilmarth
03/28	1	Dillant-Hopkins Airport, Swanzey	C. Abbott, M. Baisley
04/01	1	Lake Wantastiquet, Hinsdale	E. Masterson
04/03	1	Ossipee Mountain Rd., Moultonborough	J. Rice
04/10	1	Millhouse Rd., Epsom	J. Lambert
04/11	1	Newington Rd., Greenland	K. Wilmarth, A. Altena
04/13	1	Rt. 135 fields, Lancaster	R. Quinn, P. Brown

White-eyed Vireo

05/04	1	Odiorne Point SP, Rye	L. Medlock, J. Lambert
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Yellow-throated Vireo

05/04	1	Lamprey River Preserve, Durham	K. Dorsey
05/04	1	Surrey Ln. marsh, Durham	K. Dorsey
05/06	1	Willow Rd., E. Kingston	D. Skillman
05/07	1	Pickering Ponds, Rochester	D. Hubbard
05/08	1	Peverly Meadow, Canterbury	P. Hunt
05/17	3	Hinsdale bluffs by Vernon Dam	P. Brown, C. Seifer, K. Klapper, A. Burnett
05/29	1	Range Rd., Sandwich	K. Klapper

Blue-headed Vireo

04/14	1	Northwest Blvd., Nashua	J. Maher
04/17	1	Owl Stadium, Keene State College	N. De Mond
04/21	1	Ossipee Mountain Rd., Moultonborough	J. Rice
04/25	5	Mulligan Forest, Nottingham	S. Young
05/08	9	Weeks SP, Lancaster	S. Stoddard
05/10	8	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski, P. Brown, NHA FT

Date	#	Location	Observer
Warbling Vireo			
05/02	1	Fields Grove City Park, Nashua	C. Sheridan
05/03	1	Brentwood Mitigation Area	P. Miliotis
05/05	10	Hinsdale Setbacks	H. Galbraith
05/17	1	Airport Marsh, Whitefield	S. Stoddard
05/24	10	Bedell Bridge SP, Haverhill	S. Turner

Philadelphia Vireo

05/14	1	Range Rd., Sandwich	K. Klapper
05/18	1	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	J. Davis
05/20	1	Merrimack Rd., Amherst	C. Sheridan
05/25	1	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski

Red-eyed Vireo

05/07	1	Bean Rd., Merrimack	B. Griffith
05/08	1	Dahl WS, Conway	S. Lee
05/11	5	Owen Ln., Amherst	T. Mazerall, G. Carter
05/16	1	Martin Meadow Pond, Lancaster	S. Stoddard
05/16	1	Weeks SP, Lancaster	S. Stoddard
05/21	6	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	B. Crowley, J. Scott
05/26	27	Dodge/Partridge/Moore survey, Lyman	S. Turner



Gray Jay by Len Medlock, 5/25/14, Pittsburg, NH.

Gray Jay

04/18	1	Mt. Willey, Bethlehem	N. O'Reilly
05/24	6	East Inlet, Pittsburg	L. Medlock
05/25	1	Mt. Osceola, Livermore	C. Glinka

Blue Jay

05/10	63	Hinsdale Setbacks	W. Ward, C. Seifer
05/16	40	Odiorne Point SP, Rye	S. Mirick

Fish Crow

03/01	2	Rockingham Park Blvd., Salem	K. Wilmarth
03/02	2	Great Island Common, New Castle	D. Hof
03/03	3	Cain's Brook Mall, Lafayette Rd., Seabrook	P. Miliotis
03/15	3	Rt. 93, Exit 20 plazas, Tilton	P. Hunt
03/21	30	Rockingham Park Blvd. at Rt. 28, Salem	K. Wilmarth
03/22	2	Steeplegate Mall and pond, Concord	S. Johnson
03/28	14	McQuesten Farm, Litchfield	E. Masterson
03/30	2	Kona Farm Rd., Moultonborough	I. MacLeod
04/07	18	Intervale Rd. fields, Gilford	I. MacLeod
05/19	7	Rt. 16 at Rt. 25, Ossipee	B. Crowley
05/31	2	Quincy Bog, Rumney	D. Schamp

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Date	#	Location	Observer	Date	#	Location	Observer
Horned Lark				04/26	1	Hinsdale Setbacks	H. Galbraith, W. Ward
03/04	18	Malnati Farm, Rt. 12, Walpole	D. Clark	04/29	2	Horseshoe Pond, Concord	P. Hunt, J. Kanter
03/16	22	Exeter WTP	M. Watson	05/13	1	Airport Marsh, Whitefield	S. Stoddard
03/23	60	Pease Intl. Tradeport, Short St., Newington	Z. Cornell, R. Suomala	05/25	30	Horseshoe Pond, Concord	R. Woodward
05/27	2	Pease Intl. Tradeport, Short St., Newington	C. Nims, S. McCarthy	Barn Swallow			
Northern Rough-winged Swallow				04/12	2	Mine Falls Park, Spine Rd., Nashua	J. Maher, et al.
04/05	2	Horseshoe Pond, Concord	D. Jackson	04/12	5	NH coast	S. Mirick
04/10	1	Squam R., Ashland	K. Chamberlin	04/30	1	Martin Meadow Pond, Lancaster	S. Stoddard
04/12	2	Hannah Dustin Memorial, Boscawen	D. Jackson	05/02	658	Hampton Beach SP	S. Mirick
04/12	1	NH coast	S. Mirick	05/09	80	Peterborough WTP	P. Brown
04/18	15	Mine Falls Park, Nashua	C. Sheridan	05/11	146	Hampton Beach SP	S. Mirick
04/26	15	Hinsdale Setbacks	W. Ward	Cliff Swallow			
04/27	20	Horseshoe Pond, Concord	R. Woodward	04/26	6	Hinsdale Setbacks	H. Galbraith
04/28	12	Sugar River, Sunapee	D. Jackson	04/30	1	Brindle Pond, Barnstead	J. Lambert
05/02	1	Airport Marsh, Whitefield	S. Stoddard	05/01	1	Exeter WTP	S. Mirick
05/29	1	East Inlet Rd., Pittsburg	S. Glynn	05/02	15	Hampton Beach SP	S. Mirick
				05/03	7	Wendell Flat, Sunapee	B.& C. Baker
				05/07	10	Pittsburg	L. Kras
				Swallow sp.			
				05/03	130	Turtle Pond, Concord	Z. Cornell, R. Suomala
				Black-capped Chickadee			
				05/18	2	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	J. Davis
				Boreal Chickadee			
				03/08	3	Mt. Cabot, Kilkenny	J. Halibozek
				03/08	15	Mt. Liberty, Lincoln	B. Griffith, L. Kras
				04/18	3	Mt. Willey, Bethlehem	N. O'Reilly
				05/24	5	East Inlet, Pittsburg	L. Medlock
				Tufted Titmouse			
				04/13	23	Penacook survey route	P. Hunt
				05/24	1	Shelburne Farms, Stratford	E. Sharron
				05/25	1	Shelburne Farms, Stratford	E. Sharron
				Brown Creeper			
				04/14	15	Yudicky Farm/Southwest Park, Nashua	C. Sheridan
				House Wren			
				04/23	1	Warton Rd., Nashua	A. Moreira
				04/27	1	Hatt Rd., Westmoreland	G. Seymour
				05/01	1	Smith Sisters WS, Durham	P. Brown
				05/18	1	W. Stewartstown	O. Barden
				Winter Wren			
				03/10	1	Greenlawn Cemetery, Keene	N. De Mond
				03/15	2	Hinsdale bluffs by Vernon Dam	H. Walters
				03/15	1	Greenlawn Cemetery, Keene	N. De Mond
				Marsh Wren			
				04/12	3	Longmarsh Preserve, Durham	L. Medlock
				05/04	2	Hinsdale Setbacks	H. Galbraith
				05/10	9	Hinsdale Setbacks	W. Ward, C. Seifer
				05/21	1	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	J. Scott
				05/25	8	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski
				Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			
				04/14	1	Hassell Brook e. of Rt. 3, Nashua	C. Sheridan
				04/16	1	Rt. 1A, second pullout s. of Odiorne Pt., Rye	J. Sparrell



Purple Martin
by Zeke Cornell, 5/9/14,
Funspot, Laconia, NH.

Purple Martin

04/16	1	Rt. 1A, Hampton	S. Mirick
04/28	1	Auburn/Claire's Landing	C. Sheridan
05/01	1	Funspot, Laconia	B. Lawton
05/09	2	Funspot, Laconia	Z. Cornell
05/31	6	Cross Beach Rd., Seabrook	M. Watson

Tree Swallow

03/23	15	Vernon Dam, Connecticut R., Hinsdale	P. Brown
03/23	6	Powwow Pond, Kingston	S. Mirick
03/26	110	Stark Landing, Merrimack River, Manchester	S. Mirick
04/15	2	Airport Marsh, Whitefield	S. Stoddard
04/26	600	Hinsdale Setbacks	H. Galbraith
05/02	962	Hampton Beach SP	S. Mirick
05/10	120	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski, P. Brown, NHA FT
05/11	581	Hampton Beach SP	S. Mirick

Bank Swallow

04/19	1	World End Pond, Salem	K. Wilmarth, A. Altena
04/21	1	Nashua/Merrimack River, Nashua	C. Sheridan

Date	#	Location	Observer
04/17	1	Owl Stadium, Keene State College	N. De Mond
04/18	5	Pickering Ponds, Rochester	D. Hubbard
04/22	1	Gorham	W. O'Brien
05/10	9	Hinsdale Setbacks	W. Ward, C. Seifer
05/11	9	Pickering Ponds, Rochester	D. Hubbard, Seacoast CFT
05/13	1	Pontook Reservoir, Dummer	K. Dube
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			
04/11	1	McLane Audubon Ctr., Silk Farm Rd., Concord	P. Brown
04/11	1	Urban Forestry Center, Portsmouth	J. Sparrell
04/11	6	World End Pond, Salem	K. Wilmarth
04/11	2	NH coast	K. Wilmarth, A. Altena
04/13	1	Mile Long Pond, Androscoggin R., Errol	R. Quinn, P. Brown
04/18	12	Pickering Ponds, Rochester	D. Hubbard
04/20	21	Penacook survey route	P. Hunt
04/23	15	Hinsdale Setbacks	H. Galbraith
05/03	21	Odiorne Point SP, Rye	B. Griffith
05/10	10	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski, P. Brown, NHA FT
05/23	1	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	J. Williams



Northern Wheatear
by Kris Pastoriza,
5/29/14, Easton, NH.

Northern Wheatear

05/29	1	Gibson Rd., Easton	K. Pastoriza
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Veery

04/26	1	Pondicherry NWR, Cherry Pond, Jefferson	J. Peckham
04/27	1	Cross Rd., Sullivan	C. Shanahan
05/03	1	McLane Audubon Ctr., Silk Farm Rd., Concord	R. Woodward
05/04	1	Forest Lake Campground, Winchester	M. Harrison
05/05	1	Gunn Rd., Keene	D. Hof
05/05	1	Woodward Rd., Westmoreland	A. Burnett

Gray-cheeked Thrush

05/23	1	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	P. Hunt, J. Williams
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Bicknell's Thrush

05/24	8	Crawford Path at Webster Cliff Trail, WMNF	S. Hale
05/27	10	Cannon Mt., Franconia	K. Hansen, T. Pedersen

Date	#	Location	Observer
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Gray-cheeked/Bicknell's Thrush

05/19	1	Mink Brook wetlands, Hanover	J. Wells
05/29	1	Odiorne Point SP, Rye	S. Mirick

Swainson's Thrush

05/06	1	Pawtuckaway SP, Nottingham/Deerfield	M. Thompson
05/10	1	Elm Brook Park, Hopkinton	R. Woodward
05/11	2	Owen Ln., Amherst	T. Mazerall, G. Carter
05/23	1	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	Z. Cornell
05/24		East Inlet, Pittsburg	L. Medlock

Hermit Thrush

03/01	1	Appledore Ave., N. Hampton	S. Mirick
03/08	1	Owen Ln., Amherst	G. Carter
03/20	1	Burkehaven Hill Rd., Sunapee	D. Jackson
04/13	2	Mile Long Pond, Androscoggin R., Errol	R. Quinn, P. Brown
05/03	31	Odiorne Point SP, Rye	B. Griffith
05/10	6	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski, P. Brown, NHA FT

Wood Thrush

05/01	1	Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest, Woodstock	E. Lamont
05/02	1	Appledore Ave., N. Hampton	E. Larrabee
05/03	1	River Road Xmas Plantation, Penacook	P. Hunt
05/10	9	Hinsdale Setbacks	W. Ward, C. Seifer
05/10	1	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	H. Walters
05/17	1	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	T. Berriman
05/25	6	Willard Pond WS, Antrim	H. Walters

American Robin

03/23	400	Woodmont Orchard, Hollis	C. McPherson
04/02	150	Strafford County Farm, Dover	J. Scott
04/17	200	Rt. 115A, Jefferson Meadows	S. Stoddard

Gray Catbird

04/26	1	Hinsdale Setbacks	H. Galbraith
05/02	1	Brentwood Mitigation Area	D. Skillman, P. Miliotis
05/03	3	Everett Tpk., Exit 6 D.O.T lot, Nashua	C. Sheridan
05/03	4	Odiorne Point SP, Rye	B. Griffith
05/07	30	Mine Falls Park, Spine Rd., Nashua	J. Maher
05/10	1	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski, P. Brown, NHA FT
05/11	70	Odiorne Point SP, Rye	B. Griffith
05/18	25	Pickering Ponds, Rochester	D. Tucker

Brown Thrasher

04/13	1	Goss Farm CA, Rye	S. Mirick
04/14	1	Joe Jones Rd., Gilmanton	I. Davis
04/14	1	Richmond Conservation Land, Orford	J. MacQueen
04/17	1	Bailey Rd., Jefferson	D. Govatski
05/16	4	Tilton Hill Rd./Suncook R., Pittsfield	A. Robbins
05/22	4	Mill Pond Ln., Ashland	K. Chamberlin

American Pipit

03/02	1	Rye Harbor SP	Z. Cornell, R. Suomala
04/03	2	Sugar River, Sunapee	D. Jackson
04/11	5	Martin's field, Boscawen	R. Quinn, P. Hunt
05/12	75	Horseshoe Pond, Concord	Z. Cornell, R. Suomala

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<i>Date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Observer</i>
Lapland Longspur			
03/12	2	Hampton Beach SP	P. Hunt
Snow Bunting			
03/06	17	Sanborn Ln., Orford	J. MacQueen
03/08	30	Sugar River, Sunapee	D. Jackson
03/15	70	Seabrook Beach	S. Mirick
03/26	100	Rt. 107, Gilmanton	B. Haws
04/12	1	Magill Bay, Androscoggin R., Dummer	R. Quinn, P. Brown

Warblers through Finches



Palm Warbler (western subsp.) by Eric Masterson, 5/4/14, Hinsdale, NH.

A Worm-eating Warbler was a first record for Peterborough and one of only a handful ever recorded in Hillsborough County. Brewster's Warblers (Golden-winged/Blue-winged hybrid) were seen in Durham and Greenfield. Orange-crowned Warbler is primarily a phenomenon of fall migration (see Bob Quinn's article in the Fall 2010 issue of *New Hampshire Bird Records*, Vol. 29, No. 3). Spring records in New Hampshire are much rarer, and most likely away from the coast, thus individuals reported from Nashua and Haverhill are noteworthy but inland as would be expected. The status of **Cerulean Warbler** in the state is complicated because the species retains a flickering toehold at one or two sites through the summer, but absent this, the species is an extremely rare migrant, on a par with Worm-eating Warbler. Two were seen this spring, in Kingston and Merrimack. There are two races of Palm Warbler; Western Palm Warbler, ssp. *palmarum*, and Yellow Palm Warbler, ssp. *hypochrysea*. The former is normally quite uncommon in New Hampshire outside of fall, but this spring, individuals were reported from Hanover, Salem, and Sandwich and multiple individuals were reported and photographically documented from Hinsdale, all during the first half of May.

The **Spotted Towhee** in North Hampton continued from the winter until April 3. An American Tree Sparrow

in Center Harbor on May 9 was quite late. Most birds have left by the end of April. A **Clay-colored Sparrow** recorded at Pease International Tradeport on May 10 was perhaps a returning bird. One or more birds have been frequenting this site since 2010, although breeding has yet to be confirmed in New Hampshire. Additional individuals were seen in Dover and Greenfield. An **Ipswich Savannah Sparrow** in Northwood on April 13 was a rare occurrence away from the immediate coast. Most New Hampshire records of this subspecies occur east of Rt. 95. Of the handful of birds recorded west of this line, all but four have occurred in the Great Bay region. Of these four, only one record occurred outside Rockingham County, in Westmoreland adjacent to the Connecticut River. Continuing the theme of subspecific sparrows, a **Gambell's White-crowned Sparrow** and an **Oregon Dark-eyed Junco** were seen and photographed in Exeter on April 19 and Hampton on March 29 respectively.

Summer Tanagers were reported from Odiorne Point State Park and Star Island, the latter apparently staying on island for a week. This is above average (approximately 0.5 birds per year since 1950) and tallies well with the experience in neighboring Maine, where up to 15 were recorded compared to a seasonal average of two birds (pers. comm. Derek Lovitch). **Dickcissel** is an expected but uncommon fall migrant. It is much rarer in spring, thus an individual at Odiorne Point State Park on May 11 is noteworthy. **Yellow-headed Blackbird** is equally rare both spring and fall. A single bird was found in Charlestown on April 7. Following a poor winter for **Pine Grosbeak** (only two reports), a bird reported from Lancaster on March 22 is the only report for the spring season.



Ovenbird by Benjamin Griffith, 5/11/14, Odiorne Point SP, Rye, NH.

<i>Date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Observer</i>
Ovenbird			
05/03	3	Penacook survey route	P. Hunt
05/03	3	Mast Yard SF, Concord/Hopkinton	R. Woodward
05/03	4	Horse Hill Nature Preserve, Merrimack	J. Maher
05/08	2	Weeks SP, Lancaster	S. Stoddard

Date	#	Location	Observer
05/10	10	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski, P. Brown, NHA FT
05/13	25	Fowler Farm, Rochester	D. Hubbard
05/18	1	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	C. Lentz, J. Davis

Worm-eating Warbler

05/06	1	Fremont Field CA, Peterborough	H. Walters, P. Eppig
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Louisiana Waterthrush

04/13	1	Woodward Rd., Westmoreland	A. Burnett
04/14	1	Willard Pond WS, Antrim	H. Walters
04/14	1	South Rd., Kensington	G. Gavutis, Jr.
04/14	1	Mile Brook, Deerfield Rd., Nottingham	P. Miliotis
05/02	1	Millbridge Rd., Squam R., Sandwich	K. Klapper
05/06	4	Pawtuckaway SP, Nottingham/Deerfield	M. Thompson
05/09	1	Reed's Marsh WMA, Orford	J. MacQueen
05/11	1	Watts WS, Huntress Bridge Rd., Effingham	A. Robbins

Northern Waterthrush

05/03	3	Mary & Quentin Hutchins Forest, Canterbury	J. Nadeau
05/03	3	Penacook survey route	P. Hunt
05/03	2	Green Rd., Kingston	S. Mirick
05/03	1	Martin Meadow Pond, Lancaster	S. Stoddard
05/18	1	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	J. Davis
05/25	18	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski

Blue-winged Warbler

05/06	2	Bunker Creek, Durham	S. Hall
05/06	1	Yudicky Farm/Southwest Park, Nashua	C. Sheridan
05/09	2	Cilley State Forest fields, Concord	Z. Cornell, R. Suomala
05/11	10	Pickering Ponds, Rochester	D. Tucker
05/15	1	Prospect Hill Rd., Sunapee	D. Jackson
05/18	7	Yudicky Farm/Southwest Park, Nashua	C. Sheridan, C. McPherson

Brewster's Warbler (hybrid)

05/04	1	Doe Farm, Durham	K. Dorsey
05/16	1	Ravenwood Farm, Greenfield	T. Shiel

Black-and-white Warbler

04/23	1	Cheshire County Farm complex, Westmoreland	W. Ward
04/26	1	Hinsdale Setbacks	H. Galbraith, W. Ward
04/28	1	Town House Rd., Cornish	D. Doubleday
05/06	1	Weeks SP, Lancaster	S. Stoddard
05/11	45	Odiorne Point SP, Rye	B. Griffith
05/18	4	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	J. Davis

Tennessee Warbler

05/11	1	Odiorne Point SP, Rye	B. Griffith
05/13	1	Balch Hill, Hanover	K. Kittelberger
05/14	1	Fogg Dr., Durham	K. Dorsey
05/17	2	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	T. Berriman
05/18	1	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	C. Lentz, J. Davis

Date	#	Location	Observer
Orange-crowned Warbler			
05/12	1	Mine Falls Park, Spine Rd., Nashua	J. Maher
05/24	1	Bedell Bridge SP, Haverhill	S. Turner

Nashville Warbler

05/03	1	Sanborn Rd., Ashland	I. MacLeod
05/03	1	Nashua residence	J. Maher
05/03	2	Odiorne Point SP, Rye	H. Walters
05/03	1	Highland Lake house, Stoddard	J. Anderson
05/08	2	Weeks SP, Lancaster	W. State Park Assn
05/10	20	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski, P. Brown, NHA FT
05/17	1	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	C. Lentz

Mourning Warbler

05/18	1	Hawkin's Farm, Salem	K. Wilmarth, A. Altena
05/19	1	Reservoir Brook, Durham	K. Dorsey
05/22	1	Odiorne Point SP, Rye	S. Mirick
05/24	1	East Inlet, Pittsburg	L. Medlock
05/30	5	Millsfield wind turbine surveys	S. Galick



One of almost 100 Common Yellowthroats tallied by Benjamin Griffith, 5/11/14, Odiorne Point SP, Rye, NH.

Common Yellowthroat

05/03	2	Depot St., Antrim	P. Eppig
05/03	2	Hinsdale Setbacks	W. Ward
05/03	3	Spicket R., Hawkin's Farm, Salem	K. Wilmarth, A. Altena
05/10	6	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski, P. Brown, NHA FT
05/11	90	Odiorne Point SP, Rye	B. Griffith
05/22	86	Odiorne Point SP, Rye	S. Mirick
05/23	45	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	R. Quinn

American Redstart

05/04	1	Horseshoe Pond, Concord	D. Jackson
05/04	1	NHTI campus, Concord	R. Woodward
05/04	1	Reservoir Brook, Durham	K. Dorsey
05/04	1	Hinsdale Setbacks	H. Galbraith
05/04	1	Richmond Conservation Land, Orford	J. MacQueen
05/10	3	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	H. Walters
05/22	54	Odiorne Point SP, Rye	S. Mirick

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<i>Date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Observer</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Observer</i>
American Redstart—continued				05/21	25	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	J. McKibben, J. Maher
05/23	22	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	R. Quinn	05/23	24	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	R. Quinn
05/25	30	Church St. water tower, Hampton	S. Mirick	Chestnut-sided Warbler			
05/30	42	Millsfield wind turbine surveys	S. Galick	05/03	1	Tilton Hill Rd./Suncook R., Pittsfield	A. Robbins
Cape May Warbler				05/05	3	Yudicky Farm/Southwest Park, Nashua	C. Sheridan
05/08	1	Horseshoe Pond, Concord	R. Woodward	05/06	4	Beaver Brook Assn., Hollis	G. Coffey
05/10	1	Gregg Lake, Antrim	P. Eppig	05/10	6	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski, P. Brown, NHA FT
05/10	4	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	H. Walters	05/13	20	Mill Pond Ln., Ashland	K. Chamberlin
05/12	3	Tilton Hill Rd./Suncook R., Pittsfield	A. Robbins	05/23	5	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	R. Quinn
Cerulean Warbler				05/25	16	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski
05/05	1	Great Pond, Kingston	S. Heron	05/30	18	Millsfield wind turbine surveys	S. Galick
05/13	1	Merrimack	B. Griffith	Blackpoll Warbler			
Northern Parula				05/08	1	Horseshoe Pond, Concord	R. Woodward
05/03	1	Tilton Hill Rd. /Suncook R., Pittsfield	A. Robbins	05/08	1	Pawtuckaway SP, Nottingham/Deerfield	M. Thompson
05/03	1	Odiorne Point SP, Rye	B. Griffith, H. Walters	05/09	1	Tilton Hill Rd./Suncook R., Pittsfield	A. Robbins
05/03	1	Walpole residence	L. Stolper	05/10	4	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	H. Walters
05/05	2	Martin Meadow Pond, Lancaster	S. Stoddard	05/18	3	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	J. Davis
05/10	15	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski, P. Brown, NHA FT	05/25	13	Church St. water tower parking lot, Hampton	P. Miliotis
05/14	18	Penacook survey route	P. Hunt	05/27	5	Cannon Mt., Franconia	K. Hansen, T. Pedersen
05/22	28	Odiorne Point SP, Rye	S. Mirick	05/30	14	Millsfield wind turbine surveys	S. Galick
05/23	12	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	P. Hunt	Black-throated Blue Warbler			
Magnolia Warbler				05/03	5	Lake Tarleton/Armington trails, Piermont	K. Settel
05/03	1	Odiorne Point SP, Rye	B. Griffith, H. Walters	05/04	3	Fields Grove City Park, Nashua	C. Sheridan
05/04	1	Horseshoe Pond, Concord	D. Jackson	05/04	3	Odiorne Point SP, Rye	L. Medlock, J. Lambert
05/04	1	Doe Farm, Durham	K. Dorsey	05/04	4	Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest, Woodstock	E. Lamont
05/10	10	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski, P. Brown, NHA FT	05/08	2	Weeks SP, Lancaster	S. Stoddard
05/22	49	Odiorne Point SP, Rye	S. Mirick	05/10	12	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski, P. Brown, NHA FT
05/23	20	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	P. Hunt	05/22	16	Odiorne Point SP, Rye	S. Mirick
Bay-breasted Warbler				05/23	6	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	R. Quinn
05/04	1	Horseshoe Pond, Concord	D. Jackson	Palm Warbler			
05/10	1	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski, P. Brown, NHA FT	04/06	1	Powder House Pond, Exeter	L. Medlock
05/18	2	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	J. Davis	04/09	1	Pierce Rd., Fitzwilliam	N. De Mond
05/22	1	Odiorne Point SP, Rye	S. Mirick	04/11	5	Brentwood Mitigation Area	J. Sparrell
05/27	1	Cannon Mt., Franconia	K. Hansen, T. Pedersen	04/13	52	Nashua River, Nashua	C. McPherson
Blackburnian Warbler				04/13	41	Olde Canterbury Rd., Northwood	J. Lambert
05/02	1	Parker Mt./Evans Mt./Strafford Town Forest	S. Young	04/16	1	Bailey Rd., Jefferson	D. Govatski
05/03	1	Marlboro St., Keene	W. Ward	04/25	25	Pickering Ponds, Rochester	M. Wilson
05/03	1	Walpole residence	L. Stolper	05/03	29	Beaver Brook Assn., Hollis	C. McPherson
05/10	5	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	H. Walters	05/05	20	Hinsdale Setbacks	H. Galbraith
05/14	9	Penacook survey route	P. Hunt	05/10	20	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski, P. Brown, NHA FT
05/18	3	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	J. Davis	Palm Warbler - Western subsp.			
Yellow Warbler				05/04	1	Chick's Corner marsh, Sandwich	K. Klapper
05/02	1	Exeter WTP	P. Miliotis	05/07	5	Hinsdale Setbacks	H. Galbraith
05/02	1	Hinsdale Setbacks	H. Galbraith	05/14	1	Quinn Trail, Hanover	K. Kittelberger
05/07	20	Mine Falls Park, Spine Rd., Nashua	J. Maher	05/14	1	World End Pond, Salem	K. Wilmarth, A. Altena
05/10	5	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski, P. Brown, NHA FT				

Date	#	Location	Observer
Pine Warbler			
04/03	1	Call Rd., Webster	R. Quinn
04/07	1	Knollwood Rd., New London	J. Esten
04/08	1	NH Fish & Game, 2 Hazen Dr., Concord	J. Kanter
05/04	5	Hinsdale setbacks	E. Masterson
05/10	4	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski, P. Brown, NHA FT
05/14	18	Penacook survey route	P. Hunt



Yellow-rumped Warbler by Colleen Prieto, 4/2/14, Durham, NH.

Yellow-rumped Warbler

03/08	1	Dearborn Rd., Greenland	S. Mirick
04/02	1	Jackson Landing, Durham	C. Prieto
04/03	2	Wendell Marsh, Sunapee	B. Baker
04/22	1	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	S. Stoddard
04/23	1	Martin Meadow Pond, Lancaster	S. Stoddard
05/05	200	Hinsdale Setbacks	H. Galbraith
05/06	1000	Beaver Brook Assn., Hollis	G. Coffey
05/10	300	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski, P. Brown, NHA FT
05/18	3	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	C. Lentz

Prairie Warbler

05/02	1	Quincy Bog, Rumney	A. Ports
05/03	1	Horse Hill Nature Preserve, Merrimack	R. Bielawski, Nashaway CFT
05/03	1	Cammet Fields, Raymond	S. Santino
05/17	9	Reeds Ferry Rd. to Pennichuck Brook, Nashua	C. Sheridan
05/26	13	West Branch Pine Barrens Preserve, Madison	A. Robbins

Black-throated Green Warbler

04/26	2	Spofford Lake	E. Masterson
04/26	1	Hinsdale Setbacks	H. Galbraith
04/30	1	Antrim Road, Hancock	P. Brown
05/01	1	Beaver Brook Assn., Hollis	C. McPherson
05/07	2	Pittsburg	L. Kras
05/10	32	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski, P. Brown, NHA FT

Date	#	Location	Observer
05/12	9	Odiorne Point SP, Rye	K. Towler
05/14	26	Penacook survey route	P. Hunt
05/23	3	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	R. Quinn
Canada Warbler			
05/09	1	Pillsbury SP, Washington	M. Vernon
05/10	2	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	H. Walters
05/11	2	Watts WS, Huntress Bridge Rd., Effingham	A. Robbins
05/22	7	Odiorne Point SP, Rye	S. Mirick
05/23	1	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	P. Hunt, Z. Cornell, J. Williams
05/25	14	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski



Wilson's Warbler by Deanne Fortnam, 5/13/14, Field's Grove, Nashua, NH.

Wilson's Warbler

05/08	1	Exeter WTP	P. Miliotis
05/09	1	Arboretum Dr., Newington	M. Thompson
05/10	4	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski, P. Brown, NHA FT
05/14	11	Pickering Ponds, Rochester	D. Hubbard, Seacoast CFT
05/18	2	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	C. Lentz

Spotted Towhee

03/01	1	Central Rd. at Rt. 1A, Rye	J. MacQueen, C. Duford, E. Nielsen, et al.
04/03	1	Central Rd. at Rt. 1A, Rye	C. Sheridan

Eastern Towhee

04/12	1	Big Bend, Merrimack R., Boscawen	D. Jackson
04/14	1	saltmarsh s. of Odiorne Pt., Rye	P. Hunt
04/16	1	Fisk Rd., Concord	C. Damon
05/06	14	Beaver Brook Assn., Hollis	G. Coffey
05/17	8	Reeds Ferry Rd. to Pennichuck Brook, Nashua	C. Sheridan
05/26	11	West Branch Pine Barrens Preserve, Madison	A. Robbins

American Tree Sparrow

03/01	35	Horseshoe Pond, Concord	D. Jackson
03/15	15	Boggy Meadow Farm, River Rd., Walpole	A. Burnett
03/19	14	Bailey Rd., Jefferson	D. Govatski

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American Tree Sparrow—continued				05/26 3 Parsons Creek salt marsh, Rye K. Hansen, T. Pedersen			
04/27	4	Lancaster School	S. Stoddard	Fox Sparrow			
04/28	1	Portland St., Lancaster	S. Stoddard	03/18	1	South Rd., E. Kingston	D. Finch
05/09	1	Chamberlain-Reynolds Memorial Forest, Center Harbor	K. Klapper	03/29	7	NH coast, Hampton	S. Mirick
Chipping Sparrow				04/03	10	Mill Rd., N. Hampton	A. Kane
04/05	3	Silk Farm WS, Concord	J. Maher	04/05	15	NH coast	S. Mirick
04/08	1	Mine Falls Park, Nashua	C. Sheridan	04/06	13	Arboretum Dr., Newington	J. Lambert
04/20	1	Rt. 115A, Jefferson Meadows	S. Stoddard	04/13	1	downtown Errol	R. Quinn, P. Brown
04/22	9	Gorham	W. O'Brien	05/24	5	Crawford Path at Webster Cliff Trail, WMNF	S. Hale
04/27	24	Penacook survey route	P. Hunt	Song Sparrow			
05/03	25	College Woods, Durham	T. Mills-Anderson	04/02	46	Woodmont Orchard, Hollis	G. Coffey
Clay-colored Sparrow				04/02	45	Pickering Ponds, Rochester	D. Hubbard, J. Scott
05/10	1	Arboretum Dr., Pease Intl. Tradeport, Newington	J. Lambert	04/03	4	Bretton Woods, Carroll	L. Bergum
05/24	1	Ravenwood Farm, Greenfield	T. Shiel	04/04	1	Rt. 115A, Jefferson Meadows	R. Suomala
Field Sparrow				04/05	94	NH coast	S. Mirick
04/08	1	Ten Rod Rd., Rochester	D. Hubbard	04/08	2	Pinkham Notch, WMNF	P. Demers
04/08	4	Stratham	C. Tuttle	04/10	3	Rt. 135/142, Dalton	S. Stoddard
04/09	1	West Portsmouth St., Concord	Z. Cornell, D. Lania	04/12	43	NH coast	S. Mirick
Vesper Sparrow				04/14	40	Main St. cemetery to Pemigewasset R., Ashland	K. Chamberlin
04/13	1	Martin's field, Boscawen	P. Hunt	Lincoln's Sparrow			
04/13	1	Morrills Farm, Penacook	P. Hunt	05/06	1	Ten Rod Rd., Rochester	D. Hubbard
04/13	1	downtown Errol	R. Quinn, P. Brown	05/09	1	High St., Silver Lake	S. Lee
05/17	3	Canterbury sod farm	P. Hunt	05/09	1	Tilton Hill Rd./Suncook R., Pittsfield	A. Robbins
Savannah Sparrow				05/10	1	Elm Brook Park, Hopkinton	R. Woodward
03/28	2	Exeter WTP	M. Thompson	Swamp Sparrow			
04/03	5	Rt. 155A fields, Durham	S. Young	04/03	1	Lakeview Dr., Strafford	S. Young
04/13	1	Berlin Airport, Milan	R. Quinn, P. Brown	04/05	1	W. Portsmouth St., Concord	R. Suomala
04/16	1	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski	04/06	1	Arboretum Dr., Newington	J. Lambert
04/20	22	Exeter WTP	J. Lambert	04/18	1	Airport Marsh, Whitefield	S. & D. Stoddard
05/04	7	Airport Marsh, Whitefield	S. Stoddard	04/25	2	Martin Meadow Pond, Lancaster	S. & D. Stoddard
05/17	15	Canterbury sod farm	P. Hunt	05/05	15	Northwest Conservation Land, Nashua	J. Maher
05/18	6	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	C. Lentz	05/07	14	Spruce Swamp, Fremont	S. Young
Savannah Sparrow - Ipswich subsp.				05/10	10	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski, P. Brown, NHA FT
03/29	1	Cross Beach Rd., Seabrook	S. Mirick	05/11	40	Odiorne Point SP, Rye	B. Griffith
04/12	2	Hampton Beach SP	S. Mirick	05/23	1	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	J. Williams, Z. Cornell, et al.
04/13	1	Olde Canterbury Rd., Northwood	J. Lambert	White-throated Sparrow			
Grasshopper Sparrow				04/01	3	Pinkham Notch, WMNF	W. O'Brien
05/20	2	Concord Airport	Z. Cornell	04/13	1	Bretton Woods X-C Ski Area, Carroll	L. Bergum
05/20	4	Great Bay NWR	S. Young	04/13	1	downtown Errol	R. Quinn, P. Brown
05/21	1	Pease Intl. Tradeport, Short St., Newington	A. Spears	04/16	15	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski
05/23	2	McIntyre Rd., Newington	S. Mirick	05/05	40	Hinsdale Setbacks	H. Galbraith
Nelson's Sparrow				05/09	100	Ossipee Mountain Rd., Moultonboro	J. Rice
05/24	2	Philbrick Marsh, N. Hampton	S. Mirick	05/11	70	Odiorne Point SP, Rye	B. Griffith
05/26	4	Philbrick Marsh, N. Hampton	K. Hansen, T. Pedersen	05/18	2	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	J. Davis
Saltmarsh Sparrow				White-crowned Sparrow			
05/02	1	Hampton Harbor	J. Kelly	03/08	1	Great Bay Farm, Greenland	S. Mirick
05/24	1	Hampton salt marsh	S. Mirick	04/16	1	Portland St., Lancaster	S. & D. Stoddard
05/26	5	Little Jacks restaurant, Rt. 1A, Hampton	Z. Cornell	04/29	4	Pinkham Notch, WMNF	W. O'Brien
05/26	3	Philbrick Marsh, N. Hampton	K. Hansen, T. Pedersen	05/02	1	Hawkin's Farm, Salem	A. Altena, K. Wilmarth
				05/04	6	Asa Dr., Bow	K. Hebert

Date	#	Location	Observer
05/09	8	Dresden Rd., Hanover	M. Walsh
05/18	2	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	J. Davis
05/15	6	Canterbury sod farm	P. Hunt

White-crowned Sparrow - Gambel's subsp.

04/19	1	Exeter	L. Medlock
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Dark-eyed Junco

04/01	6	Pinkham Notch, WMNF	W. O'Brien
04/13	375	Berlin Municipal Airport, Milan	R. Quinn, P. Brown
04/18	110	Quincy Bog, Rumney	A. Ports
04/13	131	Penacook survey route	P. Hunt

Dark-eyed Junco - Oregon subsp.

03/29	1	King's Hwy., Hampton	S. Mirick
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Summer Tanager by Steve Mirick, 5/10/14, Odiorne Pt. SP, Rye, NH.

Summer Tanager

05/10	1	Odiorne Point SP, Rye	J. Lambert, et al.
05/17	1	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	E. Masterson, C. Lentz, et al.

Scarlet Tanager

05/03	1	Lakeview Dr., Strafford	S. Young
05/04	1	Lamprey River Preserve, Durham	K. Dorsey
05/04	1	Joe Jones Rd., Gilmanton	I. Davis
05/10	1	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski, P. Brown, NHA FT

Northern Cardinal

03/09	19	Ten Rod Rd., Rochester	D. Hubbard
04/27	17	Penacook survey route	P. Hunt

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

05/02	1	Range Rd., Sandwich	K. Klapper
05/03	2	Green Hill Rd., Chatham	B. Crowley
05/03	1	Crestwood Dr., Concord	B. Dymont
05/03	2	Hinsdale Setbacks	W. Ward
05/04	1	S. Whitefield Rd., Whitefield	M. Goodson
05/07	10	Hinsdale Setbacks	H. Galbraith
05/11	14	Pickering Ponds, Rochester	D. Hubbard, Seacoast CFT
05/13	3	Bretton Woods X-C Ski Area, Carroll	L. Bergum

Date	#	Location	Observer
05/17	10	Reeds Ferry Rd. to Pennichuck Brook, Nashua	C. Sheridan
05/23	1	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	R. Quinn, et al.

Indigo Bunting

05/07	1	Marlborough	P. Pattison
05/09	1	Rt. 10, Gilsum	J. Hall
05/10	1	Fitts Farm, Durham	K. Johnson
05/10	2	Pickering Ponds, Rochester	D. Hubbard
05/23	2	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	P. Hunt, et al.
05/24	7	Ravenwood Farm, Greenfield	T. Shiel
05/26	10	WMNF, Warren	D. Lash
05/29	1	Fort Hill WMA, Stratford	I. MacLeod

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05/11	1	Odiorne Point SP, Rye	B. Griffith
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Bobolink

05/04	1	Bay Rd., Newmarket	J.& L. Medlock, J. Lambert
05/08	5	Woodward Rd., Westmoreland	A. Burnett
05/10	100	Horseshoe Pond, Concord	D. Jackson
05/10	17	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski, P. Brown, NHA FT
05/12	23	Horseshoe Pond, Concord	R. Suomala, Z. Cornell
05/17	2	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	C. Lentz, et al.

Red-winged Blackbird

03/01	4	Salem	K. Wilmarth
03/02	50	Great Bay Farm, Greenland	R. Suomala, Z. Cornell
03/26	1	Bretton Woods X-C Ski Area, Carroll	L. Bergum
03/28	2	Bretton Woods X-C Ski Area, Carroll	L. Bergum
03/30	130	Rt. 155A (Moore) fields, Durham	R. Suomala, Z. Cornell
04/04	40	Jefferson Meadows, Rt. 115A	R. Suomala
04/11	150	Canterbury sod farm	P. Hunt
04/13	150	Morrills Farm, Goodwin Pt., Penacook	P. Hunt
05/23	5	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	P. Hunt

Eastern Meadowlark

04/03	1	Main St., Ashland	I. MacLeod
04/03	2	Rt. 155A (Moore) fields, Durham	S. Young
04/03	1	Ossipee Mountain Rd., Moultonboro	J. Rice
04/03	2	Woodward Rd., Westmoreland	A. Burnett
04/06	1	Malnati Farm, Walpole	E. Masterson
04/09	1	Trask Brook Rd., Sunapee	B.& C. Baker, D. Jackson
04/13	1	Great Bay Farm, Greenland	J. Lambert
04/13	1	Pease Intl. Tradeport, Portsmouth	J. Lambert, S. Mirick
04/19	1	Strafford County Farm, Dover	D. Hubbard
04/27	1	South Rd., E. Kingston	NHBR Data
05/02	1	Range Rd., Sandwich	K. Klapper
05/04	1	Concord Airport	R. Suomala, Z. Cornell
05/06	1	Rivercrest, Hanover	J. Norton
05/10	1	Charlestown WTP	E. Masterson
05/11	1	Dillant-Hopkins Airport, Swanzey	P. Brown
05/17	3	Airport Rd., Swanzey	H. Walters
05/18	3	Rt. 10 hayfield, Piermont	J. MacQueen

Yellow-headed Blackbird

04/07	1	Charlestown WTP	R. Suomala, Z. Cornell
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Date	#	Location	Observer	Date	#	Location	Observer
Rusty Blackbird				Purple Finch			
03/01	2	Tilton Hill Rd., Pittsfield	A. Robbins	04/05	3	Rt. 10, Gilsum	J. Hall
03/08	4	Sawyer Farm, River Rd., Walpole	A. Burnett	04/07	2	South Rd., Kensington	G. Gavutis
04/03	12	Rt. 155A (Moore) fields, Durham	S. Young	04/13	18	Lake Umbagog boat ramp, Cambridge	R. Quinn, P. Brown
04/13	27	Paul O. Bofinger CA boat launch, Dummer	R. Quinn, P. Brown	04/13	18	Mile Long Pond, Androscoggin River, Errol	R. Quinn, P. Brown
04/13	29	Berlin Municipal Airport, Milan	R. Quinn, P. Brown	04/19	18	Knollwood Rd., New London	J. Esten
04/19	15	Ft. Eddy Shopping Plaza, Concord	R. Woodward	04/26	38	Knollwood Rd., New London	J. Esten
04/19	24	Rt. 135 at Rt. 142, Dalton	S.& D. Stoddard	04/27	3	Hatt Rd., Westmoreland	G. Seymour
05/07	16	Spruce Swamp, Fremont	S. Young	White-winged Crossbill			
Common Grackle				05/07	2	Pittsburg	L. Kras
03/02	20	Great Bay Farm, Greenland	R. Suomala, Z. Cornell	American Goldfinch			
03/08	1	Broad St., Portsmouth	C. Duford	03/05	30	Twin View Dr., Twin Mountain	N. Mitiguy
03/18	1	Bretton Woods X-C Ski Area, Carroll	L. Bergum	03/29	33	Paradise Point Cottages, Rt. 26, Errol	C. Nims
04/02	8	Bailey Rd., Jefferson	D. Govatski	05/11	524	Hampton Beach SP	S. Mirick
04/04	50	Jefferson Meadows, Rt. 115A	R. Suomala	05/13	50	Bretton Woods X-C Ski Area, Carroll	L. Bergum
04/06	391	Hampton Beach SP	S. Mirick	05/23	4	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	P. Hunt
04/09	1241	Hampton Beach SP	S. Mirick	Evening Grosbeak			
04/25	80	Mulligan Forest, Nottingham	S. Young	03/02	15	Lake Umbagog boat ramp, Cambridge	R. Quinn
05/23	8	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	R. Quinn, et al.	03/21	4	Chartier Ln., Alstead	E. Masterson
Brown-headed Cowbird				04/03	6	Bailey Rd., Jefferson	D. Govatski
03/02	5	Great Bay Farm, Greenland	R. Suomala, Z. Cornell	04/04	14	Howe Ln., Warner	M. Wiggin
03/02	9	River Rd., Orford	J. MacQueen	04/15	4	Harris Center, Hancock	E. Masterson
03/28	1	Bretton Woods X-C Ski Area, Carroll	L. Bergum	04/21	1	Old Mountain Rd., Northwood	S. Young
04/04	20	Jefferson Meadows, Rt. 115A	R. Suomala	05/13	4	Ravenwood Farm, Greenfield	T. Shiel
04/09	100	Goldstar Sod Farm, Canterbury	J. Lambert	Orchard Oriole			
04/13	120	Wallis Sands State Beach, Rye	S. Mirick	04/28	1	Nubanusit Rd., Peterborough	N. White
05/18	2	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	J. Davis	05/08	1	Monadnock Branch Rail Trail, Rindge	E. Richard
Baltimore Oriole				05/10	2	Nashua R. at Merrimack R., Nashua	C. Sheridan
04/28	1	Nubanusit Rd., Peterborough	N. White	05/11	3	Pickering Ponds, Rochester	D. Hubbard, Seacoast CFT
05/08	1	Monadnock Branch Rail Trail, Rindge	E. Richard	05/17	3	Salem	A. Altena, K. Wilmarth
05/10	2	Nashua R. at Merrimack R., Nashua	C. Sheridan	Baltimore Oriole			
05/11	3	Pickering Ponds, Rochester	D. Hubbard, Seacoast CFT	05/03	1	Hinsdale Setbacks	W. Ward
05/17	3	Salem	A. Altena, K. Wilmarth	05/03	2	Lubberland Creek Preserve, Newmarket	J.& S. Mirick, et al., Nature Conservancy FT
Baltimore Oriole				05/04	3	Mountain Rd., Concord	J. Nadeau
05/03	1	Hinsdale Setbacks	W. Ward	05/10	10	Hinsdale Setbacks	W. Ward, C. Seifer
05/03	2	Lubberland Creek Preserve, Newmarket	J.& S. Mirick, et al., Nature Conservancy FT	05/10	1	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski, P. Brown, NHA FT
05/04	3	Mountain Rd., Concord	J. Nadeau	05/11	10	Pickering Ponds, Rochester	D. Hubbard, Seacoast CFT
05/10	10	Hinsdale Setbacks	W. Ward, C. Seifer	05/17	15	Reeds Ferry Rd. to Pennichuck Brook, Nashua	C. Sheridan
05/10	1	Pondicherry NWR, Jefferson/Whitefield	D. Govatski, P. Brown, NHA FT	05/18	2	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	J. Davis
05/11	10	Pickering Ponds, Rochester	D. Hubbard, Seacoast CFT	Pine Grosbeak			
05/17	15	Reeds Ferry Rd. to Pennichuck Brook, Nashua	C. Sheridan	03/22	2	Lancaster School	S.& D. Stoddard
05/18	2	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	J. Davis	House Finch			
Pine Grosbeak				05/23	1	Star Island, Isles of Shoals	R. Quinn
03/22	2	Lancaster School	S.& D. Stoddard				



Killdeer on snow by Jason Lambert, 3/12/14, Newington, NH.

The Inland White-winged Scoter Flight of May 2014:

Or, what goes up sometimes comes down!

by Robert A. Quinn



White-winged Scoters in migration by Steve Mirick, 5/18/14, Pulpit Rocks, Rye, NH.

An unusual flight of almost 600 White-winged Scoters, apparently weather-related, occurred in the interior of New Hampshire during May 2014. In this article, I will look at the details of this event, compare it to similar ones during recent spring seasons, put the 2014 flight into historic perspective, and list where and when to look for these birds and why it is important to do so. Surprisingly, there are still many unknowns about White-winged Scoter migration and hopefully this article will pique your curiosity enough that you will search them out. For this article, I use the terms flight and fallout interchangeably when referring to inland sightings. Although a fallout implies birds are down on the water due to a weather event, some of the data, such as that from the spring of 2014, are of birds migrating overhead. Observation of inland flights sometimes seems to be weather-related, perhaps as a result of birds flying lower to avoid clouds, or it could be that there is still daylight so that they are more readily observed. In some cases, especially farther back in the historic records, the sightings do not include information on whether the birds were in flight or on a waterbody.

The Flight of Spring 2014

The flight/fallout of White-winged Scoters in May 2014 was the fifth major spring fallout in the last 20 years (my definition of major is 300+ individuals). It ranks as the third largest ever recorded by total number of individuals (see Table 1). What is remarkable and fascinating is that *all* major inland spring fallout records have occurred in the last 25 years and were unknown before 1994.

Table 1. The largest spring inland White-winged Scoter fallouts in New Hampshire through 2014. Data from *New Hampshire Bird Records*; historic perspective from Tudor Richards' unpublished article. Note that there were no flights over 100 prior to 1994.

Total number of birds	Year	Number of reports	Notes regarding larger flocks
1,602	2006	8	1200+ in Pittsburg; 250 in Littleton
922	2004	8	500 in Sandwich; 170 in Auburn
571	2014	11	320 in Pittsfield; 85 in Salem; 70 in Holderness; 60 in Sandwich. All birds were in flight, migrating.
358	2011	11	110 in Woodstock; 100 in Franklin; 75 in Grafton County
300	1994	8	The first widespread spring fallout ever recorded. 150 on Lake Sunapee; 85 on Lake Umbagog
197	2002	2	180 in Littleton; 17 in Monroe
141	2000	3	120 in Littleton
91	1995	4	65 on Lake Umbagog
69	1989	1	A mixed flock with other scoters on Lake Umbagog

Historical Perspective

The first birder to pay much attention to inland scoters was William Brewster at Lake Umbagog in far northern New Hampshire. From 1871 to 1909, Brewster kept detailed and lively notes on all species seen. His lyrical accounts of the scoter migrations create a sparkling mental picture of vocal flocks of ducks (primarily Black Scoters) stopping on the lake in the *fall*. But during his 40 years of visits to Umbagog Brewster recorded only a few White-winged Scoters in the *spring*, with a maximum one day tally of only seven birds!

The first birder to make note of inland scoters with a statewide perspective was Tudor Richards. A chance encounter with a flock of five White-winged Scoters on Squam Lake in September 1934 created his life-long interest in inland waterbirds, especially scoters, which he passed along to me. He went on to watch inland scoters for over 70 years and he even wrote an unpublished article about the phenomena, which I have drawn on to provide perspective in this article. What is most pertinent to us is that over those 70 years Tudor, and other birders, rarely recorded more than a handful of White-winged Scoters during the spring season. In his article, written circa 1990-1992, Tudor Richards writes:

“At this season (spring) the White-wing is the only scoter of regular occurrence inland... generally in very small numbers from early to late May, rarely in late April or early June.”

Richards goes on to call “significant” a record of 24 seen on May 30, 1947 by Hamilton Coolidge on Squam Lake. Tudor himself had a flock of 13 White-winged Scoters on Squam Lake in May of the same year. Furthermore, Richards summed up his analysis on spring White-winged Scoter records with this comment, “A possible record count of 69 was recorded on Lake Umbagog 24 May 1989 by Diane Evans.” Then between 1994 and 2014, the five largest fallouts ever recorded occurred.

Migration Track and Weather

Most White-winged Scoters winter along the Atlantic coast south of New Hampshire. In mid to late May, they gather in large flocks and begin to move north, but remain offshore. During the last week of May, flocks containing thousands of scoters have been documented migrating north along the immediate coast of New Hampshire. Some of these flocks have been observed turning north-northwest and heading inland from our coastline.

Northern New England data indicates there are many more sightings in the interior of New Hampshire than adjacent Massachusetts and Vermont, so there seems to be a migration route which results in some of these scoters flying over the interior of New Hampshire. If one plots this potential migratory track, it leads straight to James Bay, a likely staging area for scoters before they continue north and

west to their summer breeding grounds (see Figure 1).

Scoters normally leave the coast at dusk and migrate unseen through the night, but under adverse weather conditions, some of them stop on larger lakes in the interior of the Granite State or at least fly below the clouds. Several of the spring White-winged Scoter fallouts between 1994 and 2014 have definitely been weather related. In my initial review of the records, there seemed to be a roughly equal split between scoters noted flying over versus birds brought down on lakes and ponds, but many sightings have no notes at all regarding this detail.

Finding White-winged Scoters Inland in Spring

You can help shed some light on their migration while enjoying these fascinating birds. Toward that end, here are some ideas on where and when and how to see this phenomenon. When you do see inland White-winged Scoters, please make note of: the ratios of males to females and adults to immatures; the size of the body of water they are on, or if they are flying over; whether they are feeding or not; and any other behaviors that might help solve the puzzle of these fascinating migrants. Then, submit your information to eBird.

The most likely time to see them is during the last ten days of May, with the best dates from May 18-25. Another interesting point that comes from the data, however, is that

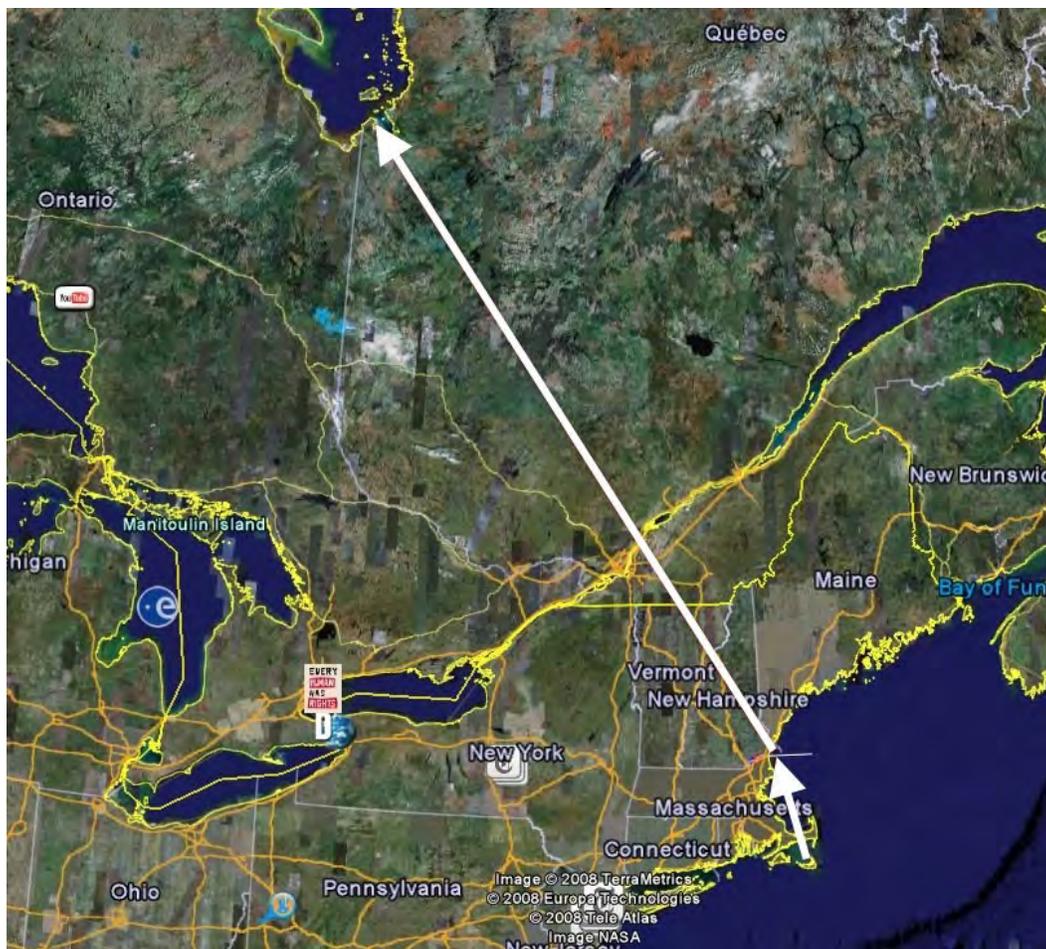


Figure 1. Possible spring migration route of White-winged Scoters from the coast of New Hampshire to James Bay, Canada, based on known direction of migrants leaving the coast and actual spring inland records. Map created by Steve Mirick.

the largest inland record numbers do not coincide exactly with the largest coastal flights, other than being in the same general time period of late May.

In general, the best places to see them are the big lakes in the Upper Connecticut River Valley (above Monroe) and throughout the Merrimack River Valley. The best time of day is at dusk, for birds flying overhead, or during inclement weather when they may be downed on lakes and ponds.

Sites with the greatest likelihood based on the records:

Upper Connecticut River Valley: the Connecticut Lakes Region in Pittsburg and Moore Reservoir in Littleton
Merrimack River Valley: the Sandwich/Squam Lakes region, Pittsfield, Auburn (Lake Massabesic), Sunapee (Lake Sunapee), Woodstock (Mirror Lake), and Franklin (Webster Lake)

Questions and puzzles

Most birders consider the three species of scoters common as coastal migrants and some may be aware that the Black Scoter is a regular fall migrant in modest numbers in the interior of the state, but lumping the three species together doesn't do them justice and my research for this article has generated more questions than answers. Here is just a small sampling.

- Since the first significant flock was as recent as 1989, have all previous birders over the last 150 years missed these birds in the spring? This seems unlikely based on the intense studies at key sites such as Lake Umbagog by William Brewster (late 1800s), Moore Reservoir in Littleton by Bob Bradley (35 years), and statewide coverage by Tudor Richards (1935-2005). Perhaps the scoters have increased in numbers since the nadir of their populations during the market hunting days of the late 1880s and we are just witnessing more individuals.
- Do White-winged Scoters fly diagonally overland from the New Hampshire coast towards James Bay and Hudson Bay, without much deviation of course? Or, do they strike off inland from the coast (as has been witnessed numerous times) and then follow the major river valleys? And how broad is their migration path over us?
- Are the numbers we have documented just the tip of the iceberg? We know the coastal migrants range upward of 5,000 birds in a day, so are more birds passing over the interior of New Hampshire than are ever seen and reported? Since they are largely silent and nocturnal migrants, that could be likely. Also, do the vast majority of the coastal birds continue along the coast of Maine and then into eastern Canada?

It seems clear that there has been a change that has led to a significant increase in spring records of White-winged

Scoters from the interior of New Hampshire over the last 20 years. The question is what has changed? Are there just more birders that are out looking? Is it weather related? Has the population of scoters increased enough to explain the increase? Or, is it a combination of these factors? Whatever it is, you can help by getting out and reporting your sightings of these fascinating birds.

The joy of birding comes in many forms, but the feathered thread through it all is that you never know what you will find. So step out with your binoculars and your curiosity and explore the mystery, the surprise, and the delight, that await you.

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Beyond the Sandhill Crane: Birding Hidden Towns of Northwestern Grafton County

by Sandy and Mark Turner, with Phil Brown



Northern Saw-whet Owl by Len Medlock.

The Upper Connecticut and Ammonoosuc River Valleys of northwestern New Hampshire rarely get the attention of visiting birders. However, since the advent in 2014 of the first historic nesting of Sandhill Cranes in New Hampshire, recent attention has been drawn to this corridor and its surrounding towns of Woodsville, Monroe, Lyman, Lisbon, Landaff, and Bath. The extensive agricultural fields of hay and corn along the Connecticut River Valley and large impoundments of the river (see Birding Moore Reservoir by Sandy Turner in *New Hampshire Bird Records*, Summer 1999, Vol.18, No.2) have historically been the most birded parts of this region. There are, in fact, many diverse habitats for birders to explore – mosaics of fields, forests, wetlands, and open water.

Woodsville

From the junction of Routes 302 and 135 in Woodsville head north on Rt. 135 over the **Ammonoosuc River** (there is also a nice old covered bridge to walk that parallels this highway). The Connecticut River will be on your left, with large corn and hayfields alongside. Eastern Whip-poor-wills and Northern Saw-whet Owls call from wooded edges during evenings in early spring. Wild Turkeys search for corn in manure-spread fields and Bobolinks bubble in unmown ones. Sadly, it's been years since we last heard an Eastern Meadowlark here. There are few obvious pull-offs along the road, and parking should be done carefully and with respect for private property.

Monroe

Following Rt. 135 north for 7.7 miles, you will reach the Monroe village center. Here, turn right on **Plains Road** and follow a short distance to a complex of fields on either side of the road. These fields were where the first Sandhill Crane (named “Oscar” by local schoolchildren) was spotted “hanging out” with cows in 1999. A single crane appeared in Monroe for 14 consecutive spring seasons, often bugling as it flew between here and its roost along the Connecticut River north of town. In July of 2013, a second crane arrived. Although they stayed close, no “dancing” was observed, but fingers were crossed. The next year a family of three was seen in a field on Rt. 135, 0.9 miles north of the village along the Connecticut River (hoorah, hoorah!). Search for the cranes in both of these areas between April and October in fields of hay and corn.

After searching for cranes along Plains Road, switch gears to other birds. Follow Plains Road past where it turns to gravel almost a mile up a steep and winding road (high-clearance recommended) to a powerline corridor along the Gardiner Mountain ridge. This high spot can be good birding during both spring and fall migrations for migratory Canada and Snow Goose flocks, hawks and songbirds typical of forest edge habitat.

Backtracking on Plains Road, take a right onto Rt. 135 north through continued open field and forest edge habitat. As mentioned above, check the crane field about a mile north of Plains Rd. At about 4.5 miles, check out **Smutty Hollow Road** (right) where a Red-headed Woodpecker once nested. After another 0.8 miles, turn left to an access road leading to the **Comerford Dam**, which creates an impounded reservoir of the Connecticut. A boat launch gives access to the large reservoir where migrating sea ducks such as scoters, Long-tailed Ducks, and Buffleheads often stop in spring and fall migration. Look for Bald Eagle, Common Loon, Osprey, and mergansers spring through fall. Beyond a gate (if closed there is a pedestrian entrance gate to the right), a walk down to the river on a paved road can be productive. Here there are Field Sparrows which are hard to find locally and this area is also good for brush-loving species like Yellow and Chestnut-sided Warblers. A beyond-range Yellow-throated Warbler was found here once. Indigo Buntings' bright blue draws the eye and Brown Thrashers sing from the top of shrubs. A short walk on a gravel road through woods full of thrush song brings you to the river.

Lyman

As you return to Rt. 135 and head north, watch for Eastern Bluebirds on the wires. After 3.4 miles turn right on Skinny Ridge Road toward the “hidden” town of Lyman. The road climbs up out of the river valley and leads to a right turn onto **Under-the-Mountain Road** after 2.1 miles. Little travelled, this dirt road is wonderful for walking (we park anywhere along the road). With a marsh on the left and mountain woods on the right, there is a wide range of habitat. The edge of the marsh seems to be a good “highway” for migrating warblers both in spring and in fall, and also has breeding Ovenbirds, Alder Flycatchers, Pileated Woodpeckers, Red-eyed Vireos and Scarlet Tanagers. A Connecticut Warbler travelling south one recent September popped out of a bush from a mixed flock. The sounds of young begging for food at a Great Blue Heron rookery on a nearby cliff overlooking a private pond can sometimes be heard.



Olive-sided Flycatcher by Zeke Cornell, 6/14/14, Dodge Pond Rd., Lyman, NH.

To reach **Dodge Pond**, follow Under-the-Mountain Road for 1.5 miles and make a left on Bobbin Mill Road, then a right back onto Skinny Ridge Road after 0.8 miles. Take a right for 0.2 miles, then a left on Tinkerville Road and a left again on Hurd Hill Road at 0.5 miles. A boat launch is directly ahead at the dam. Kayaking Dodge Pond has become popular recently and is a nice, quiet way to bird, accompanied by many Warbling Vireo songs in spring and summer. Our species list from our Dodge Pond yard is about 125, which includes Prothonotary Warbler. If not boating, turn left onto Dodge Pond Road. For the past 25 years or so, Olive-sided Flycatchers, singing their “quick, free beer” call, have nested at **Flagg Swamp** (1.7 miles along Dodge Pond Road). American Bittern, Virginia Rail, and Alder Flycatchers are also found here. Wood Duck and Hooded Merganser fledglings jump from their tree nest-holes and

Belted Kingfishers dig their nest burrows in nearby banks.

Continuing on Dodge Pond Rd. to a stop sign at **Partridge Lake** (at 3.5 miles) in Littleton, scan for a Common Loon family, then continue to Hubbard Road (0.2 miles). This road soon becomes Hurd Hill Road back in Lyman. Wood and Hermit Thrushes are a joy to hear and Veerys dart across the road. Turn left onto Ogontz Road (at 2.3 miles) passing through Ogontz Music Camp (if you're lucky you might hear someone practicing the alpenhorn). Turn right onto Tinkerville Road/Lyman Road where pastures have nesting Savannah Sparrow and Wilson's Snipe and overhead wires may hold an American Kestrel.

Lisbon

To reach Lisbon and villages to the south, follow Tinkerville Road, which becomes Parker Hill Road, for 3 miles and make a left onto Clough Hill Road toward Lisbon. **Cole Plain Swamp** (2.5 miles) is home to a small Great Blue Heron rookery. Barn and Tree Swallows, as well as Willow and Alder Flycatchers, are busy here and easily seen. After another 1.6 miles, turn left at School Street to Rt. 302 one block ahead and you will reach **Lisbon Village** along the Ammonoosuc River. A Bald Eagle nest just north of town means it is very possible to see one circling overhead, searching for a meal. Many Common Mergansers and migrating ducks such as Ring-necked pass through and rest here, and the ubiquitous and now-resident Canada Goose is a pest on nearby soccer fields.

Landaff

At the junction with Rt. 302 you will have several options. Option 1 is a visit to NH Audubon's **Scotland Brook Wildlife Sanctuary** in nearby Landaff. Two nature trails, totaling 1.25 miles in length, provide access to a variety of forested and wetland habitats that can be excellent for finding birds of the northern hardwood and conifer forests – Hermit Thrush, Winter Wren, Brown Creeper, among many others. To reach the Scotland Brook Wildlife Sanctuary from the center of Lisbon, take Route 302 north for 0.3 miles, take a right on Savageville Road for 0.4 miles, merge left onto Pearl Lake Road for 1.7 miles, and then take a slight right when you see a pond onto Scotland Road/Pearl Lake Road. Here, **Pearl Lake** will be on your left and a pull-out on the left allows scanning of this scenic and often birdy pond. Look for Osprey, Common Loon, and mergansers in summer and, in migration, it can be a good place to find Ring-necked and Wood Duck among other species of waterfowl. Continuing along Pearl Lake Road for about 2 miles to a T-intersection with Jim Noyes Hill Road. Make a left and follow it for a short distance to the parking lot for the Sanctuary on the right, just across from the Scotland School. Here, an

informational kiosk and trail guides will direct you to the walking options. Backtrack from Scotland Brook Wildlife Sanctuary to Lisbon on the same roads.

Option 2 from Rt. 302 in Lisbon is to close the driving loop by heading south on Rt. 302 towards Woodsville. A **rail-trail in Lisbon** that is accessed in several places permits walking the edges of fields and along the Ammonoosuc River and can provide good birding opportunities. Further along, you will reach Bath village (great fudge at “America’s Oldest General Store”). From Rt. 116 south of here, you can go toward Rt. 93 via Kinsman Notch or continue south along Route 302 under a powerline with a visible Osprey nest towards Woodsville, where the driving route ends (after 9.3 miles).

This area, although not boreal or seashore, is quite diverse and rich in bird life and it provides a look into the lives of avian residents in a seldom-visited part of the state. We hope to see you on a walk-about sometime soon.

Sandy and Mark Turner have lived and birded this area of New Hampshire for 28 years and have loved it.

Backyard Birder

Waggle Dance of the Woodpeckers

by Brenda Sens



Two male Northern Flickers engaged in a “waggle” dance on 4/6/14 at Goss Farm in Rye, NH. Photo by Zeke Cornell.

We received an interesting e-mail from Laura Hayes in which she described two Northern Flickers doing what she called a “waggle” dance. Two birds faced each other on the ground and every five seconds or so they would point their bills toward the sky and wave them about. As Laura put it, “I remember being so impressed that they seemed to be doing it (and stopping, and switching sides) at the exact same time as each other.” She remembers witnessing the behavior in late September and wondered what was it all

about. According to Lawrence Kilham (1983), this behavior is most apt to take place early in the breeding season when males are determining their territories. Wings and tails remain folded and no physical contact takes place. The dance he observed lasted seven minutes; the birds then hopped to another area and resumed dancing for a few minutes before flying to separate trees. Some days after this performance, Kilham reports seeing two female flickers engage in the same behavior while a male looked on. The females’ dancing appeared much more intense and vocal than that of the two males and came to an end soon after the male left the area. The second time a dance between two females was observed, one of them tried to land on the male’s back and the two birds grappled their way to the ground and the male then flew off. Kilham concluded that the males dance over territory and the females over mates.

William S. Moore describes the dance in more detail, referencing Kilham and other authors. He writes that each bird swings its head back and forth and bobs it up and down so that the beaks seem to make a figure eight in the air. Moore adds that in the presence of a bird of the opposite sex, the dance becomes so intense that the birds flick their wings and spread their tails while making “Wicka Calls.” He sums up the dancing, which he has seen go on all day with periods of rest, as having to do with pair formation as well as territory formation. The dance itself has many variations and Moore sums up his research on this matter by writing:

“No data are available that demonstrate the range of variation, nor are the meaning of the variation and the component behaviors, themselves, understood. (p. 14)”

You can see a video of the flicker “waggle” dance, taken by Zeke Cornell on 4/6/14 at Goss Farm in Rye, NH (when the above photos were also taken) at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qdhW_WrmLvE

(on the NH Audubon YouTube site with other videos,

<https://www.youtube.com/user/NewHampshireAudubon>).

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Spring 2014 Field Notes

Compiled by Jane Wing and Rebecca Suomala

Screech-Owl Entangled in Fishing Line

by Jane Wing

On May 3, 2014, an owl was discovered entangled in fishing line hanging over the canal at Mine Falls Park in Nashua, NH. Critter Control, wildlife rehabilitators from Merrimack, NH, was called to help. Jesse Fraser of Critter Control was successful in retrieving the entangled owl unharmed. It turned out to be an Eastern Screech-Owl. Upon examination, the owl was determined to be a female (due to weight) and slightly dehydrated. After being given some fluids and observed for a few hours, the owl was successfully released back in the same area.



Eastern Screech-Owl hanging upside down caught in fishing line at the Mine Falls Park in Nashua. Photo by Nancy Murphy, 5/3/14.



The tangled Eastern Screech-Owl rescued by Critter Control, ready for transport. Photo by Jesse Graser.

Red-throated Loon Drops in for a Visit to the Lilac City

by Dan Hubbard



Red-throated Loon found grounded at the Myhre Equine Clinic in Rochester on 3/11/14, and cared for prior to transport to the Center for Wildlife. Photos by Susan Correia.

On March 13, 2014, I received an email from Susan Correia of Rochester regarding a loon found floundering on March 11 on the property of the Myhre Equine Clinic on Ten Rod Road in Rochester (less than a mile from my home). It did not appear to be injured, but was unable to get airborne. Susan asked if I might bring it to The Center for Wildlife, Cape Neddick, Maine to be evaluated and treated if necessary.

On March 14, I arrived at the Clinic to find a Red-throated Loon comfortably ensconced in a crate. The crate being quite large for my vehicle, it was decided to transfer it to a smaller cardboard box. Clinic staff provided a towel in which I wrapped the loon, covering its head and lance-like bill, and quickly made the transfer, barely avoiding a stream of excrement. The box was taped and the journey of almost an hour to the Center commenced. The loon obviously preferred its cozy crate, as it incessantly attempted to escape the confines of its box for the duration of the trip.

Upon arrival at the Center, the loon had managed to get its head out of the box and continually tried to impale me with its bill as I made the final transfer. The bird was admitted and the requisite paperwork filled out. I phoned to check on the patient on March 17 and was told that it had been evaluated, blood work had been done, no problems were found, and it had been released on the coast of Maine (and hopefully lived happily ever after).

Not long after this successful venture, an injured American Woodcock was found at the Equine Clinic, triaged by staff, and transferred to The Center for Wildlife by Susan. It was reported to be doing well.

The Center for Wildlife is a non-profit rehabilitation and education facility which handles 1,400 injured, ill, and orphaned wild birds, mammals, and reptiles annually. The Center would be a worthy option for donations by wildlife lovers.

Merlin Dines on Cape May Warbler!

by Iain MacLeod



Merlin at Squam Lake photographed by Iain MacLeod, 5/14/14, Holderness, NH.

While checking the Bald Eagle Nest on Squam Lake this morning (the female was feeding at least one chick), the local Merlins put on quite a show. The photo above is of a male. Shortly after this photo was taken, he dropped down to the rocks and retrieved a cached prey item – a male Cape May Warbler (!) which he plucked and then brought to the female. She popped off the nest (an old crow nest in a high white pine) and took the morsel.

Odd Tanagers

by Rebecca Suomala

There were several reports of Scarlet Tanagers with unusual plumage in 2014. One was an orange variant male seen during a field trip to Pickering Ponds (see page 40 and the photo on the back cover). Ken Klapper and Tony Vazzano also reported a yellow Scarlet Tanager on May 22, 2014 in Sandwich, which Ken described as “almost golden on the head, and more of a lemon/slightly greenish yellow on the underparts and back.” It still had the characteristic jet black wings and was singing! During the summer (7/8/14), John Merrill banded an “orange” male Scarlet Tanager that he described as almost the color of an oriole.

Bob Quinn recalled a sighting he had of a variant female Scarlet Tanager feeding a fledgling on 8/11/13. “The adult

female was a rare orange variant, or more precisely a yellow-orange variant because it was a female. The birds’ head was bright orangey-yellow and the body a bit more on the yellow end of the spectrum – very different from the typical greenish color of a female tanager. At first glance it looked like an oddly colored Evening Grosbeak. The wings and tail were the typical sooty black color.”

Various field guides show “orange variant” male Scarlet Tanagers and males in their first spring plumage are known to vary in their coloration, ranging from orange-red to red. Keep in mind that in the winter, males are not red at all, but yellow-green. When young males first return in the spring, some may not yet have completed their molt into full breeding plumage. The resulting coloration can look quite strange. These unusual looking Scarlet Tanagers can provide an interesting identification puzzle sometimes, just as they do in the fall when they are molting out of their red breeding plumage. It can be tempting to hope it’s a Western or a Summer Tanager, but keep these Scarlet Tanager variations in mind and keep your camera handy.

Lincoln’s Sparrow with an Identity Crisis?

by Dan Hubbard



Another Lincoln’s Sparrow behaving unusually. This species almost never comes to bird feeders, especially seed that is off the ground and away from the cover of nearby bushes. Photo by Colleen Prieto, 5/14/14, Nottingham, NH.

The Lincoln’s Sparrow is generally described as shy or as a “skulker” that is found in grassy, weedy, and brushy areas. On May 14, 2014 during a NH Audubon Seacoast Chapter field trip to the Pickering Ponds trails in Rochester, we were surprised to see it display a different behavior. It was observed gleaning along the trunks and branches of trees about thirty feet up in the manner of Black-and-white Warblers or nuthatches. This behavior had never been seen before by those in attendance.

NH Bald Eagle Settles in Vermont

by Chris Martin



Black AP being banded as a juvenile, 5/10/10. Photo by Chris Martin.

On May 7, 2014, wildlife photographer Brian Reilly captured images confirming the identity of the four year old male eagle at the new nest site located on the Connecticut River in Dummerston, VT. This bird is silver band 629-52979, "Black AP." Black AP was banded as one of two chicks at a nest located on the Connecticut River in Plainfield, NH on 5/10/10 by a crew from BioDiversity Research Institute and me. Since banding, we had not had a sighting of this band before now.

Breeding Season Starts Early for NH Bald Eagles

by Chris Martin

March 7, 2014
"With March finally here, New Hampshire's Bald Eagle breeding season is now underway, as is the case throughout New England. As of this writing, at least four of New Hampshire's roughly 40 breeding pairs are already incubating; some have been sitting recently through overnight temperatures colder than -10 F!"

If you can help monitor New Hampshire's breeding eagles in your area please contact Chris Martin for more details, cmartin@nhaudubon.org, 603-224-9909 x317.

Golden Eagle in Boscawen

by Jen Esten



Golden Eagle by Jen Esten, 4/12/14, River Rd., Boscawen, NH.

On April 12, 2014, I heard there was a Glossy Ibis being seen behind the Concord Post Office. I went down to see it and found Pam Hunt and a few other people there. As we were leaving the ibis, I asked Pam where I might be able to find Snow Geese. She sent me to a partially flooded cornfield in Boscawen, just downriver from the "Big Bend." Sure enough, there were 10 Snow Geese (nine white and one dark), along with hundreds of Canada Geese and various ducks. I was busy photographing them when suddenly all of the geese flew up and then resettled. When I looked to see what had startled them, I saw at a distance what I thought at the time was an immature Bald Eagle. It had killed a Canada Goose. An adult Bald Eagle flew down, but decided to keep its distance. It wasn't until I loaded the images onto my computer and sent a couple to Pam that I learned I had been watching a Golden Eagle!

American Bittern Swimming!



Evelyn Nathan took this photo of an American Bittern swimming the Powwow River in Kingston, NH on 5/11/14. Bitterns are more commonly found in marshes with dense vegetation where they are more often heard than seen, let alone seen swimming!

“Northern” Common Eider

by Stephen R. Mirick



“Northern” Common Eider (*S.m. borealis*, left) with an “Atlantic” Common Eider (*S.m. dresseri*) by Jason Lambert, 3/2/14, Hampton Harbor inlet, NH.

Common Eiders are widespread sea ducks found along the northern coastlines of North America, Europe, southwestern Greenland, and eastern Siberia. In North America, there are four subspecies or races of Common Eider that are recognized. These races are separated geographically during the breeding season, although there are areas of overlap where intergradation is common. The different races differ very slightly in their appearance and can be difficult to identify.

The subspecies that breeds along our coastline and is commonly seen year-round has the scientific name *Somateria mollissima dresseri*. It is sometimes referred to as the “Atlantic” Common Eider and breeds from southern Labrador south to Massachusetts. The subspecies of Common Eider that nests in the high arctic of eastern Canada and Greenland has the scientific name *Somateria mollissima borealis* and is sometimes referred to as the “Northern” Common Eider. In winter, it is found south to Newfoundland and Nova Scotia. It is believed to be rare in the United States; however, the difficulty in identification likely clouds its true status. There are reportedly three specimen records of this subspecies from Massachusetts; however, there are no documented records for New Hampshire.

Jason Lambert was able to pick out a slightly different looking Common Eider in Hampton on March 2, 2014, which may be a “Northern” Common Eider of the *borealis* subspecies. The bird on the right in the photo is a typical male Common Eider, but note how the bill of the bird on the left is slightly different. The bill has more of a yellow tinge to it and the frontal extension along the upper edge of the bill is narrower with a wider black feather border between the bill and the white face. These field marks suggest that this bird may be of the *borealis* subspecies.

Banded Gull

by L. William Clark



Banded Great Black-backed Gull by Cheryl Duford, 3/11/14, Parsons Creek salt marshes, Rye, NH.

I discovered this photo of a banded Great Black-backed Gull as I was putting together the Spring 2014 issue. When I saw the band, I recognized it as one from Appledore Island at the Isles of Shoals and sent it to Bill Clark, volunteer “gull wrangler” and author of a New Hampshire Bird Records article on the gull banding at Appledore (“Gulls, Gulls, Gulls... They’re Everywhere,” Summer 2011, Vol.30, No.2, and on the web at: <http://nhbirdrecords.org/all-articles/V30%20N2-Summer-web.pdf>). The following is taken from his response regarding the identity of the gull in the photo and shows just some of what we can learn from such reports. R. Suomala, Ed.

The Great Black-backed Gull in the photo is 8J5 and was banded as a chick on the North Head of Appledore Island, ME in the Isles of Shoals archipelago on July 12, 2013. Only one other sighting is recorded for 8J5 and that was two weeks after banding (7/29/13) in the area where 8J5 was banded.

We greatly appreciate this report. It shows that 8J5 had made it to the mainland and survived the winter into March. The photo is especially valuable since it shows first winter plumage of a known-age gull. We can figure the approximate hatch date for 8J5 from the banding record and combined with the re-sight date this provides verification of the gull’s age independent of the plumage.

To report a band or read more on the research visit the Gulls of Appledore web page: <https://gullsofappledore.wordpress.com/>. Dr. Julie Ellis of Tufts University is principal investigator.

A Tale of Two Waterthrushes

by Stephen R. Mirick

The Northern Waterthrush and the Louisiana Waterthrush are two very similar species of warblers and are the only members in the newly designated genus *Parkesia*. As their names suggest, they are both thrush-like warblers. They occur most commonly in wetland areas and are often seen on or near the ground. They are very similar in appearance and both occur in New Hampshire, however, many aspects of their breeding and migratory behavior in the state are distinct. I am going to attempt to highlight a few differences that are not found in most field guides.

Identification

Most field guides do a good job at highlighting the differences between these two species. However, I want to emphasize the fact that they can be **very difficult to identify based on sight alone**. Compounding the problem is the secretive nature of these birds that skulk in brushy tangles of low wetland areas. The songs of the two species are distinct and easy to learn; however, silent birds should be treated with extreme caution when you attempt to identify them.

Habitat

On breeding territory in New Hampshire, both species prefer low thickets in wetland areas; however, the Louisiana Waterthrush typically prefers areas with **moving** water. This can include small swampy streams to medium sized rivers. The Northern Waterthrush prefers stagnant **swampy** wetlands, sometimes near small streams. These habitats can overlap and I have seen both species nesting on opposite ends of a swamp nearby in Massachusetts. In migration, the habitat they occupy likely overlaps greatly; however, in all cases, the birds will stay low near the ground in dense thickets.

Breeding Distribution in New Hampshire

The Louisiana Waterthrush is a more southern warbler, restricted to the eastern United States, and reaches the northern limits of its breeding range in New Hampshire. It is an uncommon nesting species and is widespread but local across southern New Hampshire. It is found almost exclusively south of the White Mountains and any sightings north of the White Mountains should be carefully scrutinized and documented, since they are almost certainly a Northern Waterthrush.

The Northern Waterthrush is the widespread northern counterpart to the Louisiana Waterthrush. It nests across most of Canada west to and including almost all of Alaska.

In New Hampshire, it is fairly common in northern parts of the state; however, it becomes less common as a nesting species in southern and eastern parts of the state.

Migration Behavior

Perhaps one of the most often overlooked differences between the two species, and the reason behind this article, is the uniqueness of their migration behaviors.

The Northern Waterthrush is very similar to the other species of northern warblers in its timing during migration. It arrives here slightly earlier than most, with the first migrants appearing during the last week of April. Peak migration occurs in mid-May when it can be fairly common anywhere in the state. In the fall, the Northern Waterthrush is likely fairly common in migration, although it often goes undetected due to its retiring habits. Reports of more than three or four from a location are rare; however, records from the Appledore Island Migration Banding Station at the Isles of Shoals in Maine show this species to be one of the more commonly captured species from mid-August to mid-September (S. Morris, personal communication).

The Louisiana Waterthrush is an early migrating warbler in the state in the spring. They arrive on their breeding grounds about a week earlier than the Northern Waterthrush, with the first birds appearing during the third, or sometimes second, week of April. They are well established on their breeding territories by the beginning of May. **In the fall, they are one of the first warblers to completely leave the state.** Late nesters may linger into August; however, most, if not all, are gone by mid to late August. Jon Dunn, in National Geographic's *Field Guide to the Birds of Eastern North American*, goes further:



Louisiana Waterthrush by Len Medlock.



Northern Waterthrush by Kyle Wilmarth.

“In fall, any waterthrush seen [anywhere in the eastern United States] after about 20 August is almost certainly a Northern, especially on into September.”

The status of “in-transit” migrants (birds that stop over during migration) is still a bit of a mystery. It appears that most Louisiana Waterthrushes fly straight to their breeding grounds when they arrive in New Hampshire and most depart straight to their wintering grounds. Because we are on the northern edge of their breeding range, there are comparatively few migrants that could possibly pass through our state. This makes them an extremely rare bird of passage, and therefore, extremely rare away from breeding areas.

Bird banding data would seem to support this. The Appledore Island Migration Banding Station has been capturing and banding birds during spring and fall migration for over 30 years (S. Morris, personal communication). Data collected from 1981 through 2013 shows that a total of 7,119 Northern Waterthrushes were captured and banded in their nets as compared to only two Louisiana Waterthrushes! In addition, during research work on Star Island (Isles of Shoals, New Hampshire) in 2009-2010, a total of 18 Northern Waterthrushes were banded during spring migration and 166 were banded during fall migration, but there were no Louisiana Waterthrushes banded (R. Suomala, personal communication). On a personal level, with 33 years of experience, I have never seen a Louisiana Waterthrush in migration along the immediate coastline or away from known or suspected breeding areas.

The above information can be summarized with three important “rules of thumb” to keep in mind:

1. Any waterthrush sighting in, or north, of the White Mountains is almost certainly a Northern Waterthrush.
2. After August 31, any waterthrush in the state of New Hampshire is almost certainly a Northern Waterthrush.

3. Any waterthrush, at any date, along the immediate coastline, at the Isles of Shoals, or away from breeding grounds of the Louisiana Waterthrush, is almost certainly a Northern Waterthrush.

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The Canterbury Tails and the Wandering Vireos at Canterbury Shaker Village during the Birdathon/Bloomathon, 5/17/14. Photo by Beth McGuinn.

Centennial Birdathon/Bloomathon a Resounding Success!

by Phil Brown and Ruth Smith

Birdathon/Bloomathon Centennial Coordinators



A young Great Horned Owl in Concord was one of the many highlights from the Birdathon/Bloomathon. Photo by Jen Esten, 5/17/14.

New Hampshire Audubon's Centennial Birdathon/Bloomathon took place on Saturday May 17, 2014. This event is New Hampshire's annual celebration of bird and plant diversity and conservation. It is also a fundraiser and fun competition between teams. Through raising binoculars and hand lenses, participants raised the awareness of birds, plants, and conservation efforts and added to our knowledge of bird distribution (via records submitted to eBird). This year, the event included a revived focus on fundraising that ended up bringing in over \$13,000 for NH Audubon's Chapters, program areas, and centers! Thanks to the support of several hundred individuals, this total far exceeded income from recent years.

Birders tallied 186 bird species on the Big Day (up from 184 in 2013, but short of the record 202 in 2011), in addition to over 50 species of blooms. This total includes 21 of 29 possible "Conservation Species," a select list of state-listed endangered, threatened, or declining species. Some unusual finds noted this year included **Least Bittern**, **Little Blue Heron**, **Sora**, **Least Tern**, **Red-necked Phalarope**, **Yellow-billed Cuckoo**, **Summer Tanager**, and **Clay-colored Sparrow**. Five teams observed more than the coveted Centennial mark of 100 bird species during the day, but the focus was more on inclusiveness than on competition within the birding community.

In all, 129 birders and/or bloomers from 25 different teams (matching historic highs of this 30-year old event) participated in the Birdathon/Bloomathon through a group effort or a guided field trip. There was solid coverage in the southern tier of New Hampshire, particularly in the Concord area, Seacoast, and Monadnock Region. Other parts of

the state such as the Lakes Region and Upper Valley were also represented. The theme of local and regional birding continued to grow, particularly within certain towns, and the majority of teams stayed within their NH Audubon Chapter area rather than trying to cover the whole state. A "Human-powered" participant and a "Big Sit" team contributed to the effort, but several other teams chose the "Single Location" category – another increasingly popular activity. Also worth mentioning was team representation from the "Harriers," New Hampshire's Young Birders Club. The range of activities made for some good fun and storytelling at Sunday's potluck dinner at the McLane Center in Concord and some great prizes were again presented to winners and participants who celebrated the day's successes.

Birdathon/Bloomathon Field Team Award Winners:

Chapter Area: *The Bird Brains* (Dan Hubbard, Mark Hatfield, Dottie Wendelken, Greg Tillman) – **111 bird species in Seacoast Chapter** (& 10 conservation species).

Statewide: *Birders With Borders* (Phil Brown, Adam Burnett, Ken Klapper, Cliff Seifer) - **117 bird species** in the border town of Hinsdale.

Conservation Species: *The Harriers* (Aiden Moser, Paul Bourgault, Mike Bourgault, Henry Walters, Cynthia Nichols) – **8 conservation bird species**.

Blooms Award: *Team Surry* (Wendy Ward, Dave Hoitt, et al.) – **53 blooming plants** from Surry.

Single Location: *Team Surry* (Wendy Ward, Dave Hoitt, et al.) – **77 bird species** from Surry.

Big Sit: *Covert Operations* (Lillian & Don Stokes) – **58 bird species** from Big Sit circle on Powder Mill Pond, Hancock.

Human-Powered: *Peddlin' Peregrine* (Rich Frechette) – **95 bird species** by bike.

New Species Award: Danette Perez (five life birds).

Best Bird: Black-crowned Night-Heron - nocturnal call note (*Birders With Borders*).

Best Team Name: *Canterbury Bird Tails* and *Knot So Swifts*.

Thanks to all those who participated in this Centennial year Birdathon/Bloomathon and those who raised funds in support of Chapters, centers, and program areas of NH Audubon. We look forward to another great event on May 16, 2015 and to seeing *even more* birders and bloomers participating in this fun event that focuses on bird and plant diversity, conservation, and fun!

Field Trip Report

Pickering Ponds Field Trip

by Dan Hubbard

On May 11, 2014, I led a field trip for the Seacoast Chapter of NH Audubon to the Pickering Ponds trails in Rochester. I was joined by 23 birders who enjoyed a surfeit of wonderful views of the many colorful birds of the season. A total of 73 species were observed by at least some of the participants. A considerable amount of time was spent at the entry road, as 12 of the 17 species of warbler tallied for the trip were observed doing their warbler “thing” everywhere one looked. Blue-winged (a local breeder), Blackpoll, Black-throated Blue, Black-throated Green, Nashville, Palm, Magnolia, and Wilson’s Warblers were notable. The lack of a lot of foliage allowed for many spectacular views.

Proceeding to the trails, we were greeted by the drumming of a Ruffed Grouse, as well as the fluting of Wood Thrush and Veery. Constantly being enveloped in bird song adds to the pleasure of birding this time of year. Double figures for Rose-breasted Grosbeak and Baltimore Oriole added much color. Orchard Oriole, with a history of breeding here, was well seen (including views in the scope). Virginia Rail and Solitary Sandpiper also made appearances. Scope views of Green Heron are always a crowd pleaser. Nine Blue-gray Gnatcatchers were tallied to add a bit of cuteness.

The bird of the day, however, had to be an orange variant Scarlet Tanager. It was first heard and, when first seen, was thought to be an oriole. It soon became obvious that it was a Scarlet Tanager as it moved from side to side of the trail, providing fantastic views for all present. It posed for photos from every angle as if flaunting its splendor (see the back cover). This was a nice highlight for a great day at one of New Hampshire’s outstanding birding venues.



The field trip participants at the entry road to Pickering Ponds enjoying great views of warblers. Photo by Rebecca Suomala, 5/11/14.

Photo Gallery

Warbler Fallout at Pondicherry National Wildlife Refuge

by Phil Brown



Birders enjoyed fantastic looks at nearly 20 species of warblers along the short Shore Path. Photo by Phil Brown, 5/10/14.

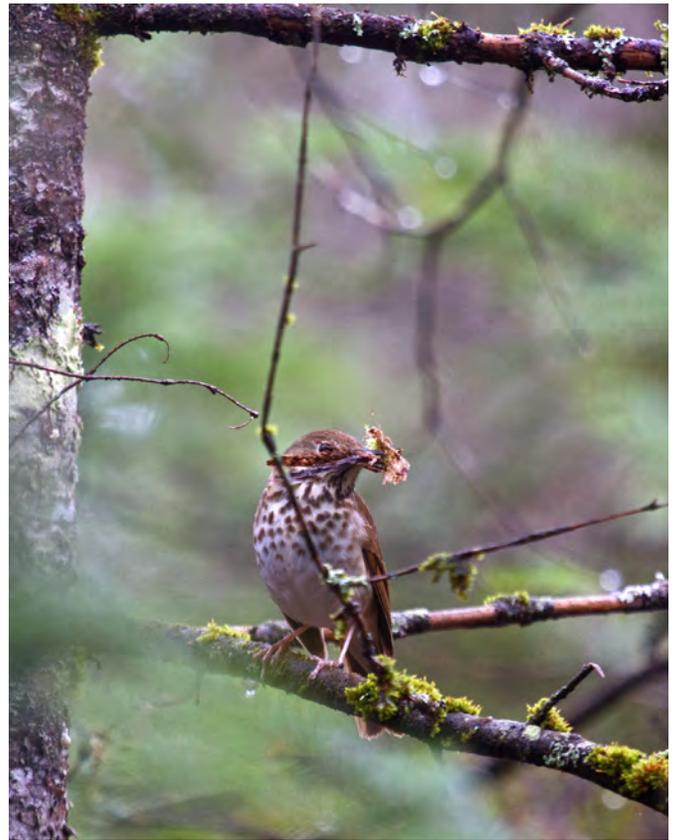
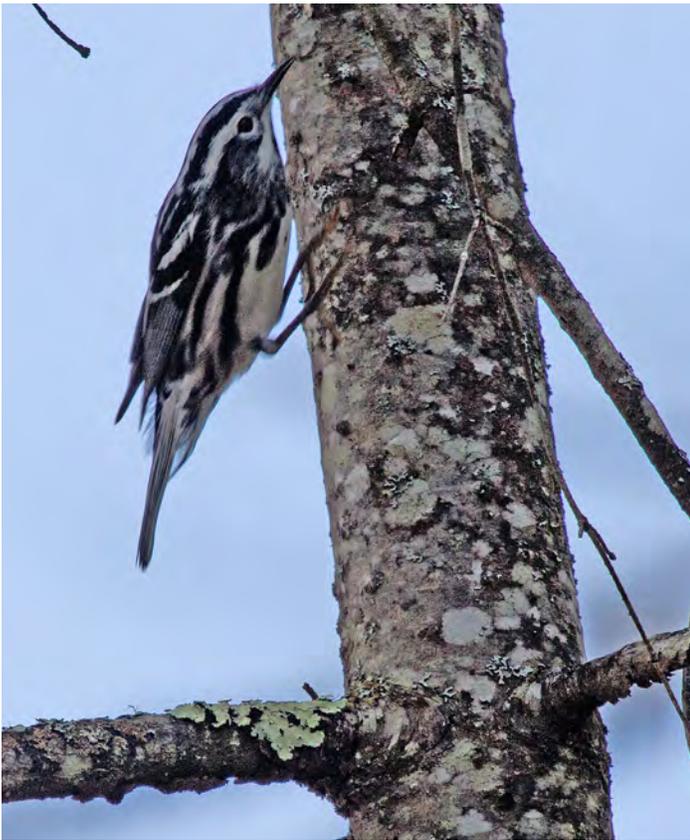
New Hampshire Audubon’s International Migratory Bird Day field trip at the Pondicherry National Wildlife Refuge in Jefferson and Whitefield has become an annual spring birding destination for many. This year’s field trip on May 10, 2014 was highlighted by 21 warbler species including an amazing fallout at Waumbek Junction. This is the biggest concentration of warblers David Govatski has ever noted at Pondicherry in almost 20 years of daily visits, and it was a stellar warbler show for any location.

Birders enjoyed fantastic looks at a number of species that can be difficult to see up close such as Cape May, Bay-breasted, Canada, and Wilson’s Warblers, and many others. Yellow-rumped Warblers (over 300 estimated) dominated the fallout and were followed in abundance by Black-throated Green Warbler (32), Palm Warbler (20), Nashville Warbler (20), and Northern Parula (15). In all, 101 bird species (just two species shy of the record) were tallied on this trip that was attended by over 40 birders. Other species highlights and Pondicherry specialties from the day included Black-backed



Woodpecker, Eastern Whip-poor-will, Northern Harrier, and American Bittern.

One of several Cape May Warblers seen from the Shore Path.



The following photos were taken by Lloyd Alexander, except as noted, during the Pondicherry NWR field trip on 5/10/14.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP
Black-and-white Warbler.

Hermit Thrush.

Birders watching warblers from the Tudor Richards Viewing Platform at the edge of Cherry Pond. Overnight rain and a lack of insects concentrated these migrants to areas near the edges of Cherry Pond. Eight species of warblers were in view in low shrubs surrounding the platform. Photo by Sheridan Brown, 5/10/14.

The view of Cherry Pond from the Shore Path – warblers, waterbirds, and great scenery all in one place. Photo by Phil Brown, 5/10/14.

Yellow-rumped Warbler was by far, the most common species of the day.



Volunteers and Research

Olive-sided Flycatcher Blitz

by Pam Hunt



Olive-sided Flycatcher by Len Medlock.

Olive-sided Flycatcher populations have been declining in the Northeast for several years, and the species has disappeared from significant portions of New York, Massachusetts, and Vermont based on those state's repeated Breeding Bird Atlases. Lacking comparable Atlas data for New Hampshire, New Hampshire Audubon has undertaken a two-year effort to map the species' current distribution in the state.

This project has two components, the first being an examination of existing data to determine where in the state Olive-sided Flycatchers had recently been seen. We used eBird, *New Hampshire Bird Records*, and other sources to map all breeding season locations for the species since 2000. These locations were then assigned to the 7.5 minute topographic quads that were the basis of New Hampshire's Breeding Bird Atlas in the early 1980s. Quads were assigned to one of four "priority" levels based on whether they were home to flycatchers during the years covered by the Atlas, recently, or both. Quads where flycatchers had been found since 2010

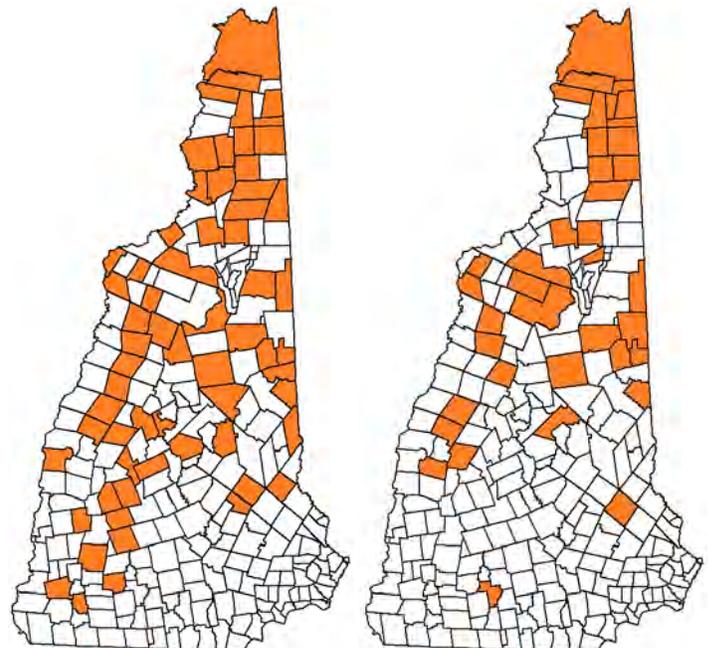
were the lowest priority for surveys, since we knew birds had recently been found in them. The highest priority (Priority 1) quads were those that contained Olive-sided Flycatchers during the Atlas time period, but for which there were no recent reports (since 2000).

There were 43 of these "Priority 1" quads at the start of the 2014 season, and this is where the second component of the project comes into play. Volunteers were encouraged to "adopt" one or two quads and (ideally) commit to making three visits to the area during June and July to search appropriate habitats for Olive-sided Flycatchers. Twenty-two of those were "adopted" by volunteers, although not everyone was able to do as many surveys as they'd hoped. Birders not directly volunteering for the project also reported flycatchers from an additional seven quads and I personally surveyed six to some degree.

The data from 2014 reveal one obvious pattern: no Olive-sided Flycatchers were found south of Springfield in northern Sullivan County. This is despite a concerted effort to enlist volunteers in western New Hampshire, a half dozen of whom provided coverage for 15 quads. In contrast, birds were still reported regularly in Coos County and surveys in the central part of the state turned them up with some frequency. The maps below show the towns where Olive-sided Flycatchers were found during the Breeding Bird Atlas years (Figure 1) and from 2009-2014 (Figure 2, including preliminary data from this project). These results are very similar to those in New York and Vermont, where Olive-sided Flycatchers disproportionately disappeared from southern areas over the last 20-30 years.

Figure 1. Towns with Olive-sided Flycatchers reported during the Breeding Bird Atlas (1981-1986).

Figure 2. Towns with Olive-sided Flycatchers from 2009-2014, including the preliminary data from the Olive-sided Flycatcher Blitz.



Although we had a good start in 2014, there are still plenty of quads in need of surveys in 2015 and the success of these first two years will determine if the project goes into a third year. Birders of all skill levels are welcome to volunteer and help us get a better feel for where Olive-sided Flycatchers can still be found in the Granite State. If interested, contact me at phunt@nhaudubon.org or (603) 224-9909 x328. A short instruction manual is available. I'll be assessing current data and needs over the fall and winter. It would be great to have more people helping to look for "free beer" in 2015!

Answer to the Photo Quiz

by David B. Donsker

The subject of this issue's photo quiz is a small perching bird which, except for its head markings, is incredibly plain. It has no markings on its back, wings or underparts. The back and wings are uniformly colored. They are darker than the equally uniform pale throat and breast. Only the head markings stand out. In comparison with the otherwise plain features of the rest of the bird, the head is boldly striped. The crown has a pale median (central) stripe which is bordered below by a black lateral crown stripe. There is a bold black eye-line or eyestripe which is separated from the lateral crown stripe by a prominent pale supercilium or eyebrow. The other feature to notice is its relatively large, broad-based, sharply pointed bill.

Many perching birds have boldly striped heads, but few share that feature with unmarked wings, back and breast. An even smaller set of birds has the combination of plain body plumage combined with four sets of head stripes: median crown stripe, lateral crown stripe, supercilium and eyestripe.

Many sparrows, for instance, have striped heads to various degrees. Savannah, Song and Lincoln's Sparrows have these four head stripes, but all three of these species have additional stripes on the head and, more importantly, streaked breasts. Four stripe-headed sparrows have plain breasts, however. Of these, Lark Sparrow has the most striking facial pattern, but it has, in addition to the four head stripes mentioned, a strong dark moustache or malar stripe and large dark cheek patch. Chipping Sparrow, another clear-breasted species, has, in nonbreeding plumage, four crown stripes, but these are all very subtle and not bold as in this bird.

Perhaps the two sparrows with head and facial features that are most similar to this bird are White-throated and White-crowned Sparrows. The four head stripes of both of these species are as bold or nearly as bold as those of the featured bird. White-throated Sparrow, of course, has a

white throat that contrasts with the rest of the underparts, which is quite unlike this bird. White-crowned Sparrow has a head pattern more similar, but the featured bird cannot be a sparrow. All of the sparrows mentioned, even those with clear breasts, have streaked backs, wing bars or both. Most importantly, sparrows have small, conical bills reflecting their seed-eating habits, while the bird in the photo has a large, pointed bill, more characteristic of an insect eating species.

One insectivorous bird, Golden-crowned Kinglet, shares with this species the same four bold head stripes and plain breast. Unlike this bird, however, it has a bold wing bar and its bill, though pointed, is tiny in contrast to the large bill of this species. Carolina Wren shares with this species the pointed bill, prominent eyebrow, and clear breast, but it lacks the other head stripes and its wings are subtly barred and spotted.

Two other unrelated birds do have plain body plumage and striped heads: Red-eyed Vireo and Red-breasted Nuthatch. These might be briefly considered. The nuthatch, however, has only three of the four head stripes. It lacks a median crown stripe. Its bill is long and pointed like that of this bird, but its shape is different. The nuthatch's bill is slightly upturned while this bird's bill is nearly straight or even subtly down-curved on its upper side. The vireo does have four head stripes, but all of these are much more subtle than the bold stripes in this species. Its bill, though relatively large and long like that of this individual, is not sharply pointed. Rather, like all vireos, it ends in a small shrike-like hook.

The wood warblers are a large family of insectivorous birds, and some have strongly striped heads. These include species such as Blackburnian, Townsend's and Black-and-white Warbler and the two waterthrushes. Of these, female Black-and-white Warbler looks, perhaps, most like our featured bird. Like this individual, it has the same four prominent head stripes and a long, pointed bill, but it, and all of the other stripe-headed warblers mentioned, lacks the plain underparts of this bird. All have variably strong streaking on the breast or flanks and, except for the waterthrushes, streaked backs and wing bars.

Before we reveal this bird's identity, let's try one more identification feature, one that we haven't tried before in the Photo Quiz. Let's listen to its song: <http://macaulaylibrary.org/audio/84859>. (If you're still working on the identity of this bird, close your eyes when you click this link so you don't see the species name!)

The song is a rapid, dry trill. It should be seemingly familiar because two other species have very similar voices.

Here is one: <http://macaulaylibrary.org/audio/107410>.

Here is the other: <http://macaulaylibrary.org/audio/168310>.

The first of these latter two voices is also a rapid trill, but it is considerably more musical than our quiz bird. It belongs to Pine Warbler, and is typically heard originating from high in the crowns of pine trees, the favored habitat of that species. The relatively undistinguished Pine Warbler, of course, looks nothing like this strongly stripe-headed bird. The second voice, however, is very similar and for many individual birds, may be indistinguishable. It is also a rapid dry trill. Perhaps it's not quite as dry, high pitched and insect-like as the voice of the featured bird, but it is very similar, none-the-less. The second voice belongs to Chipping Sparrow, whose appearance has already been discussed. Chipping Sparrow is a species that prefers open woods, orchards, and the wooded borders of fields or large clearings. The similar voice of our featured bird, in contrast, is likely to be heard only emanating from the lower to mid story of dense, shaded deciduous or mixed woodlands along steeply wooded slopes or in wooded ravines.

Our featured bird, with its strongly striped head, long and sharply pointed bill, plain body plumage and Chipping Sparrow-like voice is Worm-eating Warbler. Worm-eating Warbler, *Helmitheros vermivorum*, is a denizen of the upland woodlands of the southeastern United States. Its breeding range extends from extreme northeast Texas and the southern Midwest across to the Appalachian states and barely into Massachusetts, where it is a rare and local breeder. As described earlier, its preferred habitat is dense woodland, generally on slopes or in ravines. These woodlands are composed primarily of hardwoods, but often have an intermixing of pines. It prefers woods with a dense understory and is more common in wetter woodlands than in drier forests. As demonstrated in the photograph, it frequently probes for insects in dead, hanging leaves.

Worm-eating Warbler is a rarely encountered visitor to southern and southeastern New Hampshire. When seen, it is usually found during spring migration. There are several notable records for fall migration, however. The bird in the photograph was, in fact, part of an incredible fall fallout at Odiorne Point State Park (Rye, NH) associated with a coastal storm on October 2, 2011, where Len Medlock captured this image. Although it has never been definitively established as a breeding bird in our state, there is a record of a singing territorial male at Brookside Sanctuary in South Hampton. It was observed on many occasions from early June through mid-July, 1985, and was recorded as a "probable breeder" in the *Atlas of Breeding Birds in New Hampshire*. In addition, there have been several other late spring to early summer records from Pawtuckaway State Park (Nottingham, NH) that involved singing birds. Pawtuckaway has good habitat for this species and has attracted other southern woodland species as breeding birds including Cerulean Warbler and

Acadian Flycatcher.

So, when watching for warblers during migration, keep a look-out for this rarity. If birding on wooded slopes in Pawtuckaway State Park or in similar large, relatively undisturbed woodland tracts in southern New Hampshire, listen for a dry trill. Don't assume you're hearing Chipping Sparrow, particularly if you are in the forest interior. You may well be surprised to find this rarity in your "bins" someday.

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Great Blue Heron by Donna Ellis, 3/29/14, Henniker, NH.

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Abbreviations Used

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

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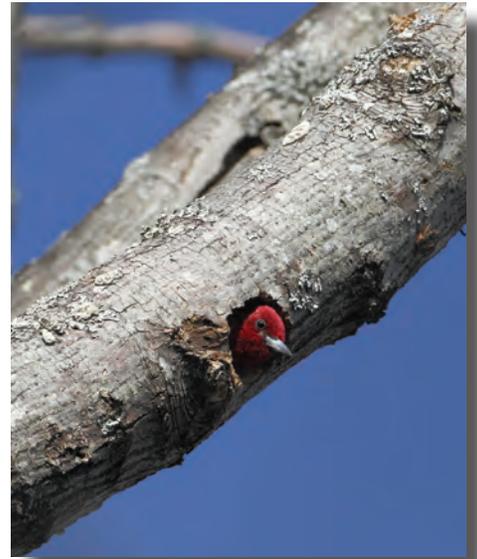
Spring 2014 Highlights



Northern Wheatear by Kris Pastoriza, 5/29/14, Easton, NH – a first spring record for the state.



Glossy Ibis by Len Medlock, 4/21/14, Bayview Farm, Greenland, NH.



Red-headed Woodpecker by Len Medlock, 5/4/14, Newmarket, NH.

Spring 2014 Tanagers



This unusual looking Scarlet Tanager was a stunning highlight of a field trip to Pickering Ponds in Rochester, NH. Read more in the Field Trip Report and the Field Notes inside. Photo by Jim Sparrell, 5/11/14.



A bright male Scarlet Tanager, in more typical plumage, was also a stunning surprise in the northern conifer-dominated forests at Pondicherry National Wildlife Refuge on the International Migratory Bird Day field trip. See the Photo Gallery for more. Photo by Lloyd Alexander, 5/10/14.



A rare Summer Tanager by Eric Masterson, 5/12/14, Star Island, Rye, NH.

