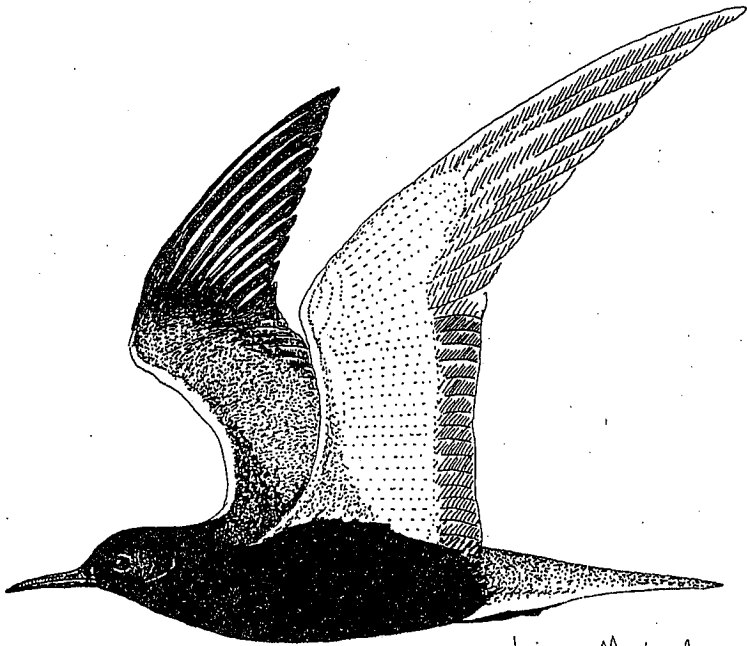


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FROM THE EDITORS

We are very excited about our recent progress in publishing. This is the second issue in the new format and we are very much interested in your feedback on the new design. As always, we would like to thank the many volunteers that make *NH Bird Records* possible and also those who have made monetary contributions specifically directed to the *Records*. This kind of support is a tremendous boost to us all.

This issue features a new addition to the *NH Bird Records* — the Birding Hot Spot Map. This map details the location of popular birding spots in the state as well as areas of interest specific to each season. Feel free to comment on this new item.

As we begin to publish on a more timely basis, it is important that information from observers comes in promptly. We prefer to get sighting slips on a monthly basis. It helps us get everything entered into the computer by the *American Birds* deadline (15 days after the end of the season). The entire season then goes to the seasonal editor within a month of the closing date and, thus, it is difficult to incorporate late submissions into the publication. However, your sightings are still of great historical value, and all late sightings will be entered into the database and archived.

If you are asked for additional information about a sighting, it is very important to return this form promptly. We are working to improve the speed in which we request this information as well. An occasional sighting will undoubtedly still slip through the cracks for an extended period of time and we ask for your patience with these untimely discoveries.

Please note that although we do not publish your full name or the complete description of where the bird was seen, these details are still very important for historical purposes. These slips are permanently archived, and when attempting to map or verify an old sighting, this information is critical.

Thanks to all for sharing your bird sightings and for your continuing support of *NH Bird Records*.

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Summer Season

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The summer breeding season is often influenced by the weather of the preceding spring. The month of May, which is critical for many of our nesting birds, was very wet and fairly warm. June and July averaged slightly warmer than normal but included some frosty mornings, especially in the North Country. Rainfall for the season as a whole was not significantly off the norm, but amounts varied considerably by region — the mountains and North Country, for example, received six to nine inches of rain in June. While locally heavy precipitation caused some nest failures among swallows and bluebirds, these seemed to fit within normal mortality patterns.

Overall, 1990's nesting season was a good one, a fact that's supported by data compiled by the US Fish & Wildlife Service from the Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) routes. Most of this report, especially in regard to the passerine species, is an analysis of BBS data, and specific totals are mentioned where appropriate. We're pleased to note that BBS data indicates many species whose numbers had been declining have actually rebounded a bit this year, and other species may be leveling off after periods of decline.

The Breeding Bird Survey is not the only special project that's generating valuable data on New Hampshire's birds. We can see another example in what I call the "Umbagog effect." Thanks to biologists studying the state's endangered and threatened species as well as ASNH's extraordinarily successful Osprey Weekend, we are getting better and more thorough coverage of bird populations in this special area. Still another concerted effort focusing on the goatsuckers generated more than the usual number of reports on these species. Kudos to ASNH's Wildlife Department and to the staff and volunteers of NH's Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Program for these efforts.

Even with these programs, however, this editor would like to see more individual reports on certain species, including waterfowl, hawks, rails, terns, owls, Chimney Swifts, Purple Martins, Blue-gray Gnatcatchers, Least and Willow Flycatchers, swallows (Bank, Rough-winged, and Cliff), thrushes, Brown Thrasher, vireos (except Red-eyed), American Redstart, Rufous-sided Towhee, Field and Lincoln's Sparrows, Rusty Blackbird, Eastern Meadowlark, and "northern" finches. When making reports, please comment on the most significant aspect of your sighting. And remember, I still owe an ice-cream cone to anyone who gets out in the field an extra day!

Naturally, the season had its rarities. Please read on for the details on **Red-necked Grebe, Merlin, Black Terns, Snowy Owl, Chukar, Red-headed Woodpecker, Fish Crow, Yellow-headed Blackbird, and Orchard Oriole.**

Robert A. Quinn
Summer Editor

Loons through Herons

According to the Loon Preservation Committee, the Common Loon had another record-breaking year. The 80 chicks that survived represent the highest number since the LPC began making its counts 15 years ago. Perhaps more significant, the number of lakes with loons also hit a record high of 99, up from the previous high of 85. Of the surviving chicks, 23% hatched in artificial nests.

Pied-billed Grebes were reported from some new places (Reed's Marsh and East Inlet) but are still few and far between, not having been noted at such regular spots as Copp's Pond, and Ballard Marsh. For the second consecutive summer, a **Red-necked Grebe** was spotted in New Hampshire. After 70 years of birding in the state, Kimball Elkins (the observer) says, "I have never seen one during summer before."

Double-crested Cormorants were noted from at least 13 inland areas and apparently continue to increase on the coast. Who will find the first inland nesting attempt for this species?

Heron numbers were up (Green-backed Heron, Glossy Ibis) and down (Snowy Egrets are apparently at their lowest nesting numbers since the mid 1980s). Surprisingly few American Bitterns were reported.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Common Loon				
06-16	2	Moultonborough	Shaker Jerry Rd.	L. & B. Schulten
06-17	4	Danbury	Wawkeena Lake	K. Elkins
07-01	1	Enfield	Mascoma Lake, Shaker Bridge	P. Hunt
07-03	4	Concord	Long Pond	P. Niswander
07-15	6		NH coast	R. Quinn
07-18	6	Whitefield	Forest Lake	P. Winslow
07-21	1	Canaan	Goose Pond	P. Hunt, J. Withgott
07-24	1	Concord	Turkey Pond	S. Fitzpatrick
Pied-billed Grebe				
06-20	1	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	D. Stavros
07-08	1	Pittsburg	East Inlet	R. Quinn, ASNH Field Trip
07-27	2	Orford	Reed's Marsh	G. Ports
07-28	1	Dummer	Pontook Reservoir	J. & P. Meyette
07-31	1	Hopkinton	Chase Sanctuary	D. Stavros
Red-necked Grebe				
07-31	1	New London	Pleasant Lake	K. Elkins
Northern Gannet				
06-03	4		Jeffries Ledge, offshore	P. Hunt, L. Phinney
06-30	1		between Isles of Shoals & mainland	LMV Chapter Field Trip
07-31	1	Hampton	Little Boar's Head	R. Quinn

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Double-crested Cormorant

06-06	1	Pembroke	Pettingill Marsh	B. Swift
06-07	3	Bow	Merrimack R.	R. Quinn
06-08	1	New London	Pleasant Lake	K. Elkins
06-24	1	Pittsburg	Back Lake	R. Quinn
06-25	2	Littleton	Samuel Moore Dam	B. Bradley
06-30	19	Gilford	"The Witches", Lake Winnepesaukee	R. Quinn
07-01	3	Littleton	Samuel Moore Dam	B. Bradley
07-02	4	Tuftonboro	Gun & Twin Is. Rocks	L. Schulten

American Bittern

06-17	1	Errol	Akers Pond	M. Turner, S. Bogert
06-17	1	Errol	Lake Umbagog	M. Turner
06-23	1	Concord	Turkey Pond	Z. French
06-27	1	Sugar Hill		B. Bradley
06-28	1	Kingston	Great Pond	G. Gavutis
06-29	1	Landaff		S. Presby
07-08	1	Pittsburg	East Inlet	R. Quinn, ASNH Field Trip
07-09	1	Errol	Harper's Meadow	B. Janeway
07-28	2	Dummer	Pontook Reservoir	P. & J. Meyette
07-28	2	Errol	Androscoggin R.	S. & D. Hartmann

Great Blue Heron

06-26	32	Londonderry	Cuna Marsh	M. Sudak
07-07	12	Londonderry	Musquash Conservation Area	H. Chary
07-15	6		NH coast	R. Quinn

Great Egret

07-07	1	Seabrook	Depot Rd.	P. Hunt
07-15	1	Rye	opposite Pilot House Restaurant	R. Quinn
07-15	1	Hampton	s. of metal shop	R. Quinn
07-21	2	Hampton Falls	marsh	B. Bradley
07-30	1	Monroe	Connecticut R.	S. Bogert, M. Turner, E. Emery, P. Powers

Snowy Egret

07-15	28		NH coast	R. Quinn
07-22	30	Rye	marsh	B. Bradley



Green-backed Heron

06-08	3	Littleton	marsh	B. Bradley
06-09	2	Wentworth	residence	G. Ports
06-14	2	New London	Low Plains	R. Vernon
06-22	1	Errol	Lake Umbagog	M. Turner, S. Bogert
06-27	1	Webster	marsh between Couch & Walker Ponds	B. Janeway
07-14	3	Haverhill	Connecticut R. marshes	B. Bradley
07-15	8		NH coast	R. Quinn
07-28	2	Dummer	Pontook Reservoir	J. & P. Meyette

Black-crowned Night-Heron

07-07	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt.	P. Hunt
07-15	1	Hampton	Meadow Pond	R. Quinn
07-15	2	Rye	marsh opposite Wallis Sands	R. Quinn
07-17	4	Durham	Oyster R. dam, Rt. 108	S. Mirick

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Glossy Ibis				
06-04	12	Stratham	Smith Farm Rd.	M. Mansfield
07-15	13	Rye	opposite Pilot House Restaurant	R. Quinn
07-21	4	Hampton Falls	marsh	B. Bradley
07-22	7	Rye	marsh	B. Bradley

Waterfowl through Hawks

Sizable flocks of Canada Geese during early June are becoming the norm. Perhaps we can petition for a name change to "Common American Goose." Otherwise, waterfowl numbers were low, with only one each of Ring-necked Duck and Blue-winged Teal reported. A few non-breeding scoters were noted at the coast.

This summer's raptor excitement came in the form of a Merlin that spent about a month in the Lake Umbagog area. This species would be a splendid addition to our nesting avifauna. Turkey Vultures were widespread (one in Gorham was notably far north), as were Ospreys, which had a record 21 fledglings in the North Country as well as three at Great Bay (another first). The well-publicized Bald Eagles produced two healthy chicks at Lake Umbagog.

The NH Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Program tallied Red-shouldered Hawks in 26 out of 58 historical territories. The program also noted another success story (at least this year) with 11 young Peregrine Falcons taking wing.

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Canada Goose				
06-13	72	Littleton	Apthrop Dam	B. Bradley, A. Wilson, et al.
06-13	18	Canterbury	Merrimack R. intervale	J. & P. Fisher
06-18	30	Plainfield	Jenny Rd. (Meriden)	S. Taylor
06-25	34	Littleton	Samuel Moore Dam	B. Bradley
06-28	16	Monroe	Connecticut R.	E. Emery
07-08	45	Milford	Osgood Pond	A. Ames
07-28	5	Nashua	Amherst St.	M. Monette

Wood Duck

06-02	5	Canterbury	Shaker Pond, Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
06-02	2	Columbia	residence	D. Killam
06-12	18	Londonderry	Musquash Conservation Area	H. Chary
06-14	2	New London	Low Plains	R. Vernon
06-23	1	Pittsburg	Second Connecticut Lake	R. Quinn
06-27	1	Lyman	Teeter Brook rookery	S. Bogert, M. Turner
06-28	7	Kingston	Great Pond	G. Gavutis
07-01	9	Littleton	Discovery Bog	B. Bradley
07-12	6	Mont Vernon	Rt. 13 marsh	R. Suomala

Green-winged Teal

07-08	2	Pittsburg	East Inlet	T. Richards, S. Gallagher, et al.
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American Black Duck				
06-02	10	Littleton	Discovery Bog	B. Bradley
06-02	9	Londonderry	Musquash Conservation Area	H. Chary
06-09	19	Cambridge	Androscoggin R.	J. Ely
06-22	4	Livermore	Lily Pond	R. Quinn
Blue-winged Teal				
06-02	1	Littleton	Discovery Bog	B. Bradley
Ring-necked Duck				
06-10	2	Stewartstown	Black Pond	D. & B. Killam
Surf Scoter				
06-10	1	Rye	off Wallis Sands Beach	A. Manne
White-winged Scoter				
06-10	3	Rye	off Wallis Sands Beach	A. Manne
Common Goldeneye				
06-16	6	Errol	Lake Umbagog	S. Bogert, M. Turner
07-02	6	Errol	Leonard Pond	C. Martin
07-07	6	Errol	Lake Umbagog	S. Bogert
Hooded Merganser				
06-14	9	Dunbarton	behind St. John's Church	D. St. Hilaire, J. Grant
06-15	3	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	R. Vernon
06-20	6		Androscoggin R.	J. Ely
07-04	13	Errol	Leonard Pond, Lake Umbagog	C. Martin
07-07	10	Littleton	Discovery Bog	B. Bradley
Common Merganser				
06-06	1	Canterbury	Merrimack R. (sod farm)	R. Quinn
06-23	6	Pittsburg	Moose Falls Flowage	R. Quinn
07-15	25	Littleton	Ammonoosuc R.	B. Bradley
07-15	10	Haverhill	Ammonoosuc R., Woodsville	B. Bradley
07-21	16	Moultonborough	Shaker Jerry Rd.	L. Schulten
Turkey Vulture				
06-07	2	Columbia	residence	D. & B. Killam
06-20	15	Hooksett	jct. of Rts. 93 & 293	R. Suomala
06-25	13	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
06-29	2	Colebrook	residence	B. & D. Killam
07-02	1	Pittsfield		G. & A. Robbins
07-14	5	Haverhill	N. Haverhill	B. Bradley
07-30	7	Bristol	New Hampton dump	G. Jeffers
Osprey				
06-02	1	Lyman	Round Pond	B. Bradley
06-11	1	Monroe	Connecticut R.	B. Bradley
06-12	1	Hopkinton	near Stumpfield Marsh	Z. French
06-23	1	Pittsburg	Back Lake	R. Quinn
07-07	1	Pittsburg	Scott's Bog Rd.	R. Quinn, ASNH Field Trip
07-08	1	Pittsburg	East Inlet	R. Quinn, ASNH Field Trip



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07-10	1	Meredith	Lake Winnepesaukee	S. & W. Fogleman
07-28	1	Pittsburg	First Connecticut Lake	S. Williamson
07-29	5	Durham	off Dame Rd.	S. Mirick

Bald Eagle

06-06	1	Littleton	Manns Hill	H. McDade
06-11	1	Bradford		B. Hale
06-12	1		Smuttynose Is., Isles of Shoals	A. Borror
06-12	1	Auburn	over Lake Massabesic	R. Mongeau
06-12	1	Newbury	Baker Hill	R. Sawyer
06-13	1	Littleton	Connecticut R., over Moore	Dam S. Sorlucco
06-21	1	New London	Cricenti's Market	R. Vernon
06-21	1	Conway	over Saco R.	S. Bissen
07-07	1	Milford	near Fish Hatchery	K. & A. Schmidlein

Northern Harrier

06-19	1	Jefferson	Meadows Rd.	J. Ely
06-22	2	Whitefield	airport	J. Ely
06-23	1	Pittsburg	Scott Bog Rd.	R. Quinn
06-23	1	Colebrook	n. of Kidderville	R. Quinn
07-05	2	Milan	1/2 mi. n. of Ray's Gun Shop	J. Ely
07-10	1	Stark	Paris Rd.	J. Ely
07-27	1	Sutton	Meeting House Hill	D. Anderson
07-27	1	Wentworth	Baker R.	G. Ports
07-28	1	Errol	Lake Umbagog	J. & E. Quinn, B. Merrill
07-29	1	Colebrook	ct. Rt. 26 & Diamond Pond turn	D. Killam



Cooper's Hawk

06-18	1	Kensington	Rt. 107	G. Gavutis
07-11	1	Plymouth	Fairgrounds Rd.	S. & W. Fogleman
07-29	1	Kensington	Tower Hill (power lines)	G. Gavutis

Red-shouldered Hawk

06-07	1	Columbia	residence	D. & B. Killam
06-23	2	Kensington	Horse Hill	G. Gavutis
06-24	1	Webster	Tyler Rd.	B. Janeway
06-24	3	S. Hampton	Eaton Hill	G. Gavutis
06-27	1	Lyman	Teeter Brook rookery	S. Bogert, M. Turner
07-06	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
07-20	1	Moultonborough	Moultonborough Neck	L. & B. Schulten
07-25	3	Concord	Beaver Meadows Village	P. Niswander

Broad-winged Hawk

06-23	2	Pittsburg	Scott Bog Rd.	R. Quinn
07-06	4	Henniker	Hemlock Corner Loop	R. Tanenbaum
07-17	1	Columbia	residence	D. Killam

Red-tailed Hawk

06-25	1	Columbia	residence	D. & B. Killam
06-26	2	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
07-08	1	Pittsburg	Scott Bog Rd.	R. Quinn
07-18	2	Amherst	Fairway Dr.	D. Mattise
07-29	3	Kensington	Tower Hill (power lines)	G. Gavutis

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American Kestrel				
06-23	1	Stewartstown	Hurlbert Swamp	R. Quinn
06-24	3	Pittsburg		R. Quinn
07-21	3	Hopkinton	Elm Brook St. Pk.	J. Morrissey
07-29	1	Kensington	Tower Hill (power lines)	G. Gavutis
Merlin				
07-02	1	Errol	Lake Umbagog	C. Martin
07-28	1	Errol	Lake Umbagog, Tidswell Pt.	H. Nevers, D. Stavros, K. Dymont, J. Gutowski
Peregrine Falcon				
07-09	2	Sandwich	Flat Mtn. Rd.	unidentified

Grouse through Shorebirds

Bobwhites were reported from three locations and Chukars from two different spots. All of these birds were believed to be released, but there was an interesting account of a successful brood of bobwhites in Londonderry.

Eleven species of migrant shorebirds included White-rumped and Stilt Sandpipers as part of a big day in July. Common Snipe were reported only on the Breeding Bird Survey (though in higher than normal numbers), and seven Upland Sandpiper nests were discovered at Pease Air Force Base. The migrant hordes of "Uppies" at Pease built up to 51 by July 30.

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Spruce Grouse				
07-22	1	Errol	Magalloway R.	S. Bogert, M. Turner
Ruffed Grouse				
06-02	7	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
06-09	5	Londonderry	Musquash Conservation Area	H. Chary
07-11	6	Jefferson	Rt. 2	J. Ely
Wild Turkey				
07-01	1	Manchester	S. Manchester	H. Edgell, L. & Y. Voyiatzakis
Northern Bobwhite				
07-05	1	Merrimack	Anheuser-Busch Plant	B. Westcott
07-21	2	Hopkinton	Elm Brook St. Pk.	J. Morrissey
07-25	2	Stratham	residence	D. Koerner
Chukar				
07-08	1	New London	Pleasant Lake	M. Macurda
07-29	1	Andover	town center	A. Meier, K. Elkins
Virginia Rail				
06-16	1	Errol	Lake Umbagog	S. Bogert, M. Turner
06-21	2	Loudon	Sanborn Swamp	R. Quinn
06-22	7	Dummer	Pontook Reservoir	R. Quinn
06-24	6	Hampton Falls	Nason Corners beaver pond	G. Gavutis

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06-24	1	Cambridge	Rt. 16 boat ramp	J. Ely, J. Brown
06-25	10	Hampton Falls	"The Cove" beaver ponds	G. Gavutis
06-28	3	Kingston	Great Pond	G. Gavutis
07-02	1	Errol	Leonard Marsh	C. Martin
07-10	1	Hancock	Garland Marsh, Old Dublin Rd.	N. Clark
07-22	2	Newington	Moody Pt.	V. Bailey
07-28	1	Dummer	Pontook Reservoir	P. & J. Meyette

Sora

06-03	3	Haverhill	flooded field	L. Cole, B. Bradley
06-10	1	Hampton Falls		G. Gavutis

Black-bellied Plover

07-26	3	Rye	tide pools	B. Bradley
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Semipalmated Plover

07-15	12		NH coast	R. Quinn
07-21	48	Seabrook	mussel beds, Seabrook Harbor	B. Bradley

Killdeer

06-03	2	Bristol	Homeland Cemetery	G. Jeffers
06-03	7	Littleton	sand pit	B. Bradley
06-19	5	Hopkinton	Rt. 127	S. Yonkers
06-30	7	Columbia	residence	D. & B. Killam
07-14	29	Haverhill	Connecticut R.	B. Bradley

Greater Yellowlegs

06-16	2	Errol	Lake Umbagog	S. Bogert, M. Turner
07-15	44		NH coast	R. Quinn
07-21	11	Hampton Falls	Depot Rd. marshes	P. Hunt, J. Withgott
07-29	1	Errol	Leonard Pond, Lake Umbagog	S. Bogert, M. Turner

Lesser Yellowlegs

07-07	16	Hampton Falls	Depot Rd. marshes	P. Hunt
07-14	1	Haverhill	Connecticut R. marsh	B. Bradley
07-15	88		NH coast	R. Quinn
07-27	3	Concord	Terrill Pk.	R. Quinn

Solitary Sandpiper

07-08	1	Haverhill	edge of wet meadow	B. Bradley
07-14	3	Haverhill	Connecticut R.	B. Bradley

Willet

07-21	2	Seabrook	Backwater R.	P. Hunt, J. Withgott
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Spotted Sandpiper

07-14	8	Haverhill	Connecticut R.	B. Bradley
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Upland Sandpiper

06-07	15	Newington	Pease AFB	D. De Luca
06-28	20	Newington	Pease AFB	D. De Luca
07-21	30	Newington	Pease AFB	D. De Luca
07-30	51	Newington	Pease AFB	D. De Luca

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Whimbrel				
07-21	5	Seabrook	mussel beds	B. Bradley
07-26	8	Seabrook	mussel beds	B. Bradley
Sanderling				
07-15	1	Rye	beach opposite Eel Pond	R. Quinn
07-23	5	N. Hampton	beach	B. Bradley
Semipalmated Sandpiper				
07-15	57		NH coast	R. Quinn
07-21	50	Hampton Falls	Depot Rd. marshes	P. Hunt, J. Withgott
White-rumped Sandpiper				
07-21	1	Hampton Falls	Depot Rd. marshes	P. Hunt, J. Withgott
Least Sandpiper				
07-07	4	Seabrook	Depot Rd.	P. Hunt
07-07	4	Rye	s. of Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	P. Hunt
07-14	18	Haverhill	Connecticut R.	B. Bradley
07-15	40		NH coast	R. Quinn
07-15	27	Haverhill	Connecticut R.	B. Bradley
Stilt Sandpiper				
07-21	1	Hampton Falls	Depot Rd. marshes	P. Hunt, J. Withgott
Short-billed Dowitcher				
07-15	4		NH coast	R. Quinn
07-23	23	Hampton Falls	tidal pools	B. Bradley

Gulls through Owls

A juvenile Ring-billed Gull was closely observed at Second Connecticut Lake. The bird could barely fly, but without some clear evidence we are still without a "proof positive" nesting record of this species for the state (though there has been circumstantial evidence for years).

Two **Black Terns** were interesting visitors (wouldn't it be nice to have them nest at Umbagog, alongside the Merlin, of course). About 100 Common Tern nests produced only a few young for this troubled species. Three Least Terns were so close to the border that they were probably visitors (impressed with our favorable tax climate, no doubt). Cuckoo numbers were up somewhat but still way below what would be expected after the years of peak gypsy moth infestation.

Incredibly, a **Snowy Owl** was seen in Plymouth in July. It showed evidence of wildness and may have been a bird that had lingered into the summer at Logan Airport in Boston.

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Bonaparte's Gull				
06-11	1	Littleton	Samuel Moore Dam	B. Bradley
07-07	4	Rye	n. of Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	P. Hunt
07-23	16	N. Hampton	beach	B. Bradley

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Ring-billed Gull				
06-10	12	Littleton	Samuel Moore Dam	B. Bradley
06-26	23	Nashua	Sheraton duck pond	R. Quinn
07-06	1	Pittsburg	Second Connecticut Lake	R. Quinn, T. Richards, B. Janeway
07-08	2	Dummer	Pontook Reservoir	R. Quinn, T. Richards, B. Janeway
07-16	52	Littleton	Samuel Moore Dam	B. Bradley
Great Black-backed Gull				
06-05	63	Littleton	Connecticut R.	B. Bradley
07-01	48	Littleton	Connecticut R.	B. Bradley
Roseate Tern				
07-20	2	Seabrook	Seabrook Harbor	D. De Luca
Common Tern				
06-21	60	Hampton	Hampton saltmarsh	D. De Luca
06-21	80	Seabrook	Seabrook saltmarsh	D. De Luca
06-21	14	Newington	Little Bay	D. De Luca
07-14	1	Errol	Lake Umbagog	S. Bogert, M. Turner
Least Tern				
06-03	3	Seabrook	flats n. of Rt. 286	P. Hunt
Black Tern				
06-15	1	Errol	Lake Umbagog	S. Bogert, M. Turner
06-19	1	Webster	Couch Pond	B. Janeway
Mourning Dove				
06-25	8	Wilnot	Mt. Kearsarge	R. Vernon
06-28	5	Columbia	residence	D. & B. Killam
07-17	15	New London	Auto Survey Route	R. & A. Vernon
07-25	12	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
Black-billed Cuckoo				
06-03	2	Loudon		R. Quinn, J. Quinn
06-05	1	Pittsfield		A. Robbins
06-08	1	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
06-10	1	Enfield	Lake Mascoma	P. Hunt
06-22	1	Kingston	Pow-Wow Ponds	G. Gavutis
06-25	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
06-28	1	Kingston	Great Pond	G. Gavutis
07-03	1	Brookline	N. Mason Rd.	M. Neveu
07-04	2	Loudon	Bee Hole Rd. marshes	R. Quinn
Yellow-billed Cuckoo				
06-21	1	Holderness	Little Squam Lake	J. Withgott
06-28	1	Kingston	Great Pond	G. Gavutis
07-28	1	Kensington	Winkley Brook, Rt. 107	G. Gavutis
Snowy Owl				
07-08	1	Plymouth	Fairgrounds Rd.	S. & W. Fogleman

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Barred Owl

06-01	2	Sugar Hill		K. Holman
06-03	2	Bristol	Fox Run	G. Jeffers
06-30	1	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	M. Quinn
07-09	2	Bethlehem		B. Bradley
07-14	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright

Northern Saw-whet Owl

06-09	1	Sandwich	Black Mtn. Pond	J. Romano
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Goatsuckers through Flycatchers

The goatsucker report is a heartening one, with 15 Whip-poor-wills noted (only one in 1989) and 105 Common Nighthawks found in 19 towns (record high numbers). The 138 Chimney Swifts recorded on the BBS was the fourth-lowest total ever. Woodpecker highlights included a **Red-headed Woodpecker** and nine Black-backed Woodpecker reports (the Umbagog effect). The BBS indicates that Northern Flickers are decreasing while Pileated Woodpeckers are increasing.

BBS numbers also show that Eastern Phoebes and Great Crested Flycatchers are doing well (both coming in with their third-highest totals ever), but the Least Flycatcher fell to its lowest total ever, continuing a decade-long decline. Late migrants included the Olive-sided, Yellow-bellied, and (most likely) some of the Alder Flycatchers seen by R. Quinn and B. Bradley in early June.

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Common Nighthawk				
06-02	1	Pittsfield		A. Robbins
06-05	1	Peterborough	over Contoocook R.	M. Johnson
06-10	2	Warner	Rt. 93 at Exit 9	C. & C. Martin
06-17	2	Littleton	above Main St.	J. Cabaup
06-20	2	Hanover	Dartmouth College campus	S. Smith, B. Strohbehn
06-22	1	Berlin	downtown	R. Quinn
07-09	3	Northumberland	center of Groveton	D. & B. Killam
07-24	1	Moultonborough	Academy playing field	G. Ports

Whip-poor-will

06-01	2	Lyman		D. Aguian
06-01	1	Monroe		E. Emery
06-02	1	Brookline	N. Mason Rd.	M. Neveu
06-05	1	Canterbury	off Rt. 132	B. Blair
06-08	1	Concord	Concord Manor	P. Trombley
06-11	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
06-19	1	Canterbury	Boyce Rd.	D. Stavros
06-19	1	Webster	Pleasant St.	B. Janeway
06-25	1	New Boston	Lyndeborough Rd.	Y. Gomes
07-19	1	Hales Location	Hales Estate Housing	L. Kinsey
07-24	3	Andover	residence	K. Elkins

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Chimney Swift

06-21 2 New Hampton Grange Hall G. Jeffers
 06-22 3 Livermore Lily Pond R. Quinn
 07-29 10 Gilsun Hammond Hollow M. Wright
 07-30 6 Bristol Fox Run G. Jeffers

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

06-01 3 Gilsun Hammond Hollow M. Wright
 06-01 2 Wolfeboro E. Wolfeboro D. & C. Raddin
 07-06 2 Milford Jennison Rd. A. Ames
 07-13 2 Moultonborough Shaker Jerry Rd. L. Schulten
 07-17 3 Columbia residence D. & B. Killam
 07-24 4 Andover residence K. Elkins



Red-headed Woodpecker

06-24 1 Monroe E. Emery, P. Powers

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

06-01 2 Lyme Smith Mtn. Rd. G. Ports
 06-24 4 Lyman Flagg & Round Ponds B. Bradley
 07-07 7 Gilsun Hammond Hollow M. Wright

Black-backed Woodpecker

06-16 1 Livermore Mt. Osceola J. Withgott
 06-17 1 Errol Akers Pond S. Bogert, M. Turner,
 D. Heasley
 06-19 2 Bethlehem Trudeau Rd. bogs B. Bradley
 07-04 1 Pittsburg East Inlet P. Hunt
 07-28 2 Errol Androscoggin & Magalloway R. A. & J. Tappan,
 M. & M. Duffy
 07-28 1 Errol Androscoggin R. J. & L. Forsyth
 07-28 1 Cambridge Bog Brook E. Hentcy, P. Abel

Pileated Woodpecker

06-08 1 Atkinson Sawyer Ave. P. Mills
 06-15 2 Sutton Cascade Marsh R. Vernon
 06-16 2 Errol Lake Umbagog S. Bogert, M. Turner
 06-18 2 New London Cricenti's Bog R. Vernon
 06-20 1 Gilsun Hammond Hollow M. Wright
 06-27 1 Merrimack Marty Dr. S. Vercelli
 06-27 1 Lyman Teeter Brook S. Bogert
 07-28 1 Kensington residence G. Gavutis

Olive-sided Flycatcher

06-02 1 Canterbury Baptist Hill Rd. R. Quinn
 06-03 1 Loudon Bee Hole Rd. marsh R. Quinn, J. Quinn
 06-06 1 Columbia Trask Rd., e. of Rt. 3 B. Killam
 06-08 2 Littleton B. Bradley
 06-19 1 New London old meadow R. Vernon
 06-23 1 Stewartstown Hurlbert Swamp R. Quinn
 07-28 2 Errol Leonard Marsh P. & A. Cormier

Eastern Wood-Pewee

06-08 4 Littleton B. Bradley
 06-13 2 New London Webb Loop R. Vernon

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06-24	3	Lyman	Flagg Pond	B. Bradley
07-02	4	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher				
06-02	1	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
06-12	5	Bethlehem	Trudeau Rd. bogs	B. Bradley
06-12	7	Orange	Mt. Cardigan	P. Hunt
06-20	2	Jefferson	top of Jefferson Notch Rd.	S. Bogert, M. Turner
07-07	1	Pittsburg	Scott Bog Rd.	R. Quinn, ASNH Field Trip
Alder Flycatcher				
06-03	12	Loudon	Bee Hole Rd. marsh	R. Quinn, J. Quinn
06-08	33	Littleton		B. Bradley
06-12	5	Bethlehem	Trudeau Rd. bogs	B. Bradley
07-28	1	Dummer	Pontook Reservoir	J. & P. Meyette
Willow Flycatcher				
06-06	1	Canterbury	sod farm	R. Quinn
06-09	1	Lee	Stepping Stone Rd.	S. Mirick
06-10	1	Salisbury		K. Elkins
06-13	1	Dover	Industrial Pk.	S. Mirick
06-15	2	Exeter	along Squamscott R.	J. McNitt
07-21	1	Enfield	George Pond	P. Hunt
Least Flycatcher				
06-15	2	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	R. Vernon
06-17	2	New London	Auto Survey Route	R. Vernon
06-24	8	Littleton	Partridge Lake	B. Bradley
06-29	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
Eastern Phoebe				
06-17	3	New London	Auto Survey Route	R. & A. Vernon
06-24	7	Littleton	Partridge Lake	B. Bradley
07-07	8	Kensington	residence	G. Gavutis
07-25	5	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
Great Crested Flycatcher				
06-08	4	Littleton		B. Bradley
06-17	2	New London	Auto Survey Route	R. & A. Vernon
06-24	2	New London	Carr Ledge Loop	R. Vernon
06-24	3	Lyman		B. Bradley
06-27	2	Lyman	Teeter Brook rookery	S. Bogert, M. Turner
Eastern Kingbird				
*	16	Littleton		B. Bradley
06-07	2	Milford	Mason Rd. (also Union St.)	A. Ames
06-15	3	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	R. Vernon
06-17	3	New London	Auto Survey Route	R. & A. Vernon
06-26	2	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow bridge	M. Wright
07-06	2	Brookline	N. Mason Rd.	M. Neveu
07-06	10	Milford	various locations	A. Ames
07-27	4	Nashua	Perimeter Rd.	M. Monette
* Present all season				

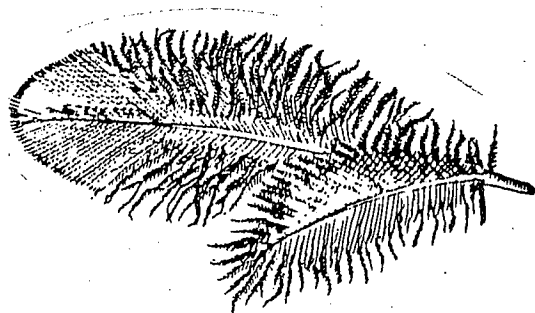
Swallows through Chickadee

According to BBS figures, numbers of all species of swallows have been significantly lower in the last few years than during the 1970s. The trend continued this year: Cliff Swallows were at their lowest BBS level, and Tree and Bank Swallows were at their third-lowest levels. This was in a year when the observation conditions seemed very good, but some swallows did die during the cold rains of June, perhaps accounting to some extent for the low numbers. Migrant Cliff and Tree Swallows were noted before the end of July.

Two Fish Crows in downtown Concord were the most interesting reports (these may have been the same birds noted during the spring). Parids seem to be doing very well, with record highs of 444 Black-capped Chickadees and 94 Tufted Titmice on the BBS. Indeed, during each of the last four years titmice numbers have increased by an average of 36%. In addition, both species of nuthatches were reported in record or near-record numbers.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Purple Martin				
07-26	2	Enfield	Mascoma Lake	J. Flint
Tree Swallow				
06-01	10	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
06-03	6	Bristol	E. Bristol	G. Jeffers
06-15	10	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	R. Vernon
06-17	7	New London	Auto Survey Route	R. & A. Vernon
06-17	15	Londonderry	Musquash Conservation Area	H. Chary
06-21	55	Littleton	Samuel Moore Dam	B. Bradley
07-07	15	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
07-16	43	Bristol	Schaefer Rd.	G. Jeffers
07-22	7	Moultonborough	Moultonborough Neck Rd.	L. Schulten
Northern Rough-winged Swallow				
06-12	1	Hill		K. Elkins
06-15	1	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	R. Vernon
06-21	4	Littleton	Samuel Moore Dam	B. Bradley
07-14	7	New Hampton	powerline, Dark Hollow	L. Emmons, G. Jeffers
Bank Swallow				
06-06	40	Boscawen	Merrimack R. bank	R. Quinn
06-15	3	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	R. Vernon
06-17	1	New London	Auto Survey Route	R. & A. Vernon
07-14	75	Haverhill	Connecticut R.	B. Bradley
Cliff Swallow				
06-30	2	Littleton	P&C Shopping Center	D. & B. Killam
07-29	6	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn

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Barn Swallow				
06-10	6	New London	Bunker Loop	R. Vernon
06-17	9	New London	Auto Survey Route	R. & A. Vernon
07-11	12	Bristol	Jeffers Rd.	G. Jeffers
07-31	26	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
Gray Jay				
07-08	2	Pittsburg	Moose Pasture	R. Quinn, ASNH Field Trip
07-28	1	Errol	Lake Umbagog	H. Nevers, J. Gutowski
07-28	2	Errol	Lake Umbagog	D. & K. Hughes, S. Hardy
Blue Jay				
06-13	6	New London	Webb Loop	R. Vernon
06-14	7	New London	low plains	R. Vernon
06-17	14	New London	Auto Survey Route	R. & A. Vernon
06-28	5	Columbia	residence	D. & B. Killam
07-06	6	Milford	Osgood Rd.	A. Ames
07-16	8	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
American Crow				
06-01	61	Haverhill	Bedell Bridge St. Pk.	G. Ports
06-17	19	New London	Auto Survey Route	R. & A. Vernon
07-30	96	Littleton	residence	B. Bradley
Fish Crow				
06-25	2	Concord	Center St.	R. Quinn
Common Raven				
06-24	32	Lyman	Flagg Pond area	B. Bradley
06-25	1	Wilmot	Mt. Kearsarge	R. Vernon
07-01	3	Hebron	E. Hebron	E. Davis
Boreal Chickadee				
07-08	6	Pittsburg	East Inlet	R. Quinn, ASNH Field Trip
07-28	1	Dummer	Island Brook	S. Smith, C. Foss, A. Pease, D. Tucker
07-28	6	Errol	Lake Umbagog	H. Nevers, J. Gutowski



Wrens through Thrushes

The BBS total for Winter Wrens was the second-highest ever, and Eastern Bluebird reports did not disappoint our now-routine expectation of good numbers. There was also good news on the thrush front: Veery numbers from the BBS were their highest since 1983; at 73, Hermit Thrush numbers were the highest since 1972's record of 74; and American Robin reports totaled above the 800 mark for only the second time in the last 10 years. One industrious (and slightly mad) robin attempted to build 25 different nests under a deck. (We have the photographs to prove it!) Several Swainson's Thrushes were reported from New London for the second consecutive year.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
House Wren				
06-17	5	New London	Auto Survey Route	R. & A. Vernon
06-30	8	Kensington	residence	G. Gavutis
07-01	5	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
07-07	4	Bristol	E. Bristol	G. Jeffers
Winter Wren				
06-08	6	Littleton		B. Bradley
06-15	2	New Hampton	Carter Mtn. Spring	E. Emmons
06-17	3	New London	Auto Survey Route	R. & A. Vernon
06-19	2	New London	Old Meadow	R. Vernon
06-19	2	New London	Webb Loop	R. Vernon
06-19	5	Bethlehem		B. Bradley
06-24	2	New London	Carr Ledge Loop	R. Vernon
06-24	5	Lyman	Flagg & Round Ponds	B. Bradley
06-30	2	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
Marsh Wren				
06-19	1	Canterbury	sod farm pond	R. Quinn
07-02	1	Errol	Leonard Marsh	C. Martin
07-15	4	Rye	Eel Pond	R. Quinn
07-15	1	Rye	marsh, Rye Harbor St. Pk.	R. Quinn
07-28	1	Dummer	Pontook Reservoir	J. & P. Meyette
Golden-crowned Kinglet				
06-25	3	Wilmot	Mt. Kearsarge	R. Vernon
06-27	6	Bethlehem		B. Bradley
07-28	6	Errol	Mountain Pond	C. & C. Martin, P. Myers
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				
06-12	1	Bethlehem		B. Bradley
07-28	1	Errol	Lake Umbagog	D. & K. Hughes, S. Hardy
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				
06-03	1	Loudon	Bee Hole Rd. marsh	R. Quinn, J. Quinn
Eastern Bluebird				
06-01	5	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
06-01	12	Windham	Heritage Hill Rd.	K. Metz

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06-12	6	Londonderry	Angelo Ln.	D. Kelly
06-12	6	Hooksett	Wayne's Way	S. Cate
06-20	5	Hooksett	Hackett Hill	G. Levasseur
06-30	6	Littleton		B. Bradley
07-02	5	Milford	Colburn Rd.	D. Renaud
07-02	6	Moultonborough	Moultonborough Neck Rd.	L. Schulten
07-03	3	New London	Main St.	C. Nelson
07-06	3	Bristol	E. Bristol	G. Jeffers
07-07	3	Londonderry	Musquash Conservation Area	H. Chary
07-09	6	Mont Vernon	Spring Hill Rd.	C. Chin
07-09	6	Kensington	residence	G. Gavutis
07-29	6	Kensington	power lines	G. Gavutis
07-31	4	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D. Raddin

Veery

06-01	4	Lyme	Smith Mtn. Rd.	G. Ports
06-08	23	Littleton		B. Bradley
06-17	4	New London	Auto Survey Route	R. & A. Vernon
07-02	7	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
07-07	3	Brookline	Spaulding Brook Rd.	M. Neveu

Gray-cheeked Thrush

06-10	1	Orange	Mt. Cardigan	P. Hunt
07-10	1	Orange	Mt. Cardigan	P. Hunt

Swainson's Thrush

06-03	3	Errol	Lake Umbagog	S. Bogert, M. Turner
06-12	2	Bethlehem	Trudeau Rd. bogs	B. Bradley
06-13	1	New London	Webb Loop	R. Vernon
06-25	2	Wilmot	Mt. Kearsarge	R. Vernon
06-27	1	Lyman	Teeter Brook	S. Bogert, M. Turner
07-06	7	Bethlehem	logging roads	B. Bradley

Hermit Thrush

06-08	7	Littleton		B. Bradley
06-10	2	New London	Bunker Loop	R. Vernon
06-13	4	New London	Webb Loop	R. Vernon
06-24	6	Lyman	Flagg & Round Ponds	B. Bradley
07-02	2	Mont Vernon	Francestown Tpk.	R. & M. Suomala
07-06	18	Bethlehem	logging roads	B. Bradley

Wood Thrush

06-01	2	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
06-08	27	Littleton		B. Bradley
06-17	9	New London	Auto Survey Route	R. & A. Vernon
07-02	6	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
07-13	2	Franklin	residence	G. Austin

American Robin

06-13	6	New London	Webb Loop	R. Vernon
06-15	5	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	R. Vernon
06-17	17	New London	Auto Survey Route	R. & A. Vernon
07-31	8	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright

Mimids through Vireos

The Gray Catbird came in at its third-lowest BBS total ever, but Brown Thrasher numbers rose a little above the alarmingly low levels of recent years. Northern Mockingbird numbers reached a record BBS high of 43. The number and frequency of Water Pipit sightings on Mt. Washington continue to tantalize us — we can assume they are nesting, but hard proof remains elusive. European Starlings hit a record low of 618 on the BBS, continuing a decade-long decline.

Because they are neotropical migrants, vireos as a group bear watching. The Red-eyed Vireo has held steady for the last six years at around 650 each season after falling from peak numbers (around 1000 each season) during the 1970s. The other vireos do not show any noticeable trends.

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Gray Catbird				
06-08	12	Littleton		B. Bradley
06-17	5	New London	Auto Survey Route	R. & A. Vernon
07-06	3	Milford	Jennison Rd.	A. Ames
07-25	7	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
Brown Thrasher				
06-03	1	Bartlett	Intervale condominiums	K. Nielsen
06-06	3	Canterbury	sod farm	R. Quinn
06-10	2	Littleton		B. Bradley
06-15	1	Bristol	Peaked Hill Rd.	G. Jeffers
06-22	1	Kensington	Hyland Rd.	G. Gavutis
07-06	2	Milford	Jennison Rd.	A. Ames
07-22	2	Columbia	residence	D. & B. Killam
07-27	1	Nashua	Perimeter Rd.	M. Monette
07-29	1	Kensington	power lines w. of Rt. 150	G. Gavutis
Water Pipit				
06-17	8	Thompson & Meserves Purchase	Mt. Washington	C. Rimmer
06-28	1	Thompson & Meserves Purchase	cow pasture, Mt. Washington	P. Hunt
Cedar Waxwing				
06-02	3	Columbia	residence	D. Killam
06-17	5	New London	Auto Survey Route	R. & A. Vernon
06-22	6	Brookline	N. Mason Rd.	M. Neveu
06-28	4	Kensington	residence	G. Gavutis
07-06	2	Milford	Jennison Rd.	A. Ames
07-07	13	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
07-17	5	Bristol	Fox Run	G. Jeffers
07-27	3	Nashua	Perimeter Rd.	M. Monette
Yellow-throated Vireo				
06-05	1	Canterbury	New Rd. (opposite marsh)	R. Quinn
06-21	1	Loudon	Sanborn Brook	R. Quinn

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07-09	1	Hopkinton	village	B. Soule
07-22	1	Salisbury	The Bay	K. Elkins, R. Vernon

Warbling Vireo

06-08	6	Littleton		B. Bradley
06-17	1	New London	Auto Survey Route	R. & A. Vernon

Philadelphia Vireo

07-10	1	Orange	Mt. Cardigan	P. Hunt
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Red-eyed Vireo

06-01	3	Lyme	Smith Mtn. Rd.	G. Ports
06-01	1	Colebrook	elementary school	D. Killam
06-10	6	New London	Bunker Loop	R. Vernon
06-13	13	New London	Webb Loop	R. Vernon
06-14	2	New London	Low Plains	R. Vernon
06-17	22	New London	Auto Survey Route	R. & A. Vernon
06-21	6	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright

Warblers

If the BBS numbers are any indication, warblers are doing well. Those species that met or exceeded their medians — including Northern Parula, Ovenbird, and Yellow, Black-throated Blue, Yellow-rumped, Black-throated Green, Blackburnian, and Pine Warblers — outnumbered others by about two to one. In fact, the Pine Warbler has been increasing quite noticeably the last five or six years (in relation to the age of the old "field" pines?). Chestnut-sided Warbler numbers, while still below their median, are picking up, and American Redstart numbers seem to be leveling off after falling since about 1980.

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Blue-winged Warbler

06-01	1	Walpole	Crehore & Merriam Rds.	R. Ritz
06-26	1	Enfield	Rt. 4	P. Hunt

Tennessee Warbler

06-12	1	Bethlehem	Trudeau Rd. bogs	B. Bradley
07-04	1	Pittsburg	East Inlet	P. Hunt
07-10	1	Orange	Mt. Cardigan	P. Hunt

Nashville Warbler

06-02	1	Bristol	E. Bristol	G. Jeffers
06-06	2	Canterbury	industrial land	R. Quinn
06-08	20	Littleton		B. Bradley
06-14	3	New London	Low Plains	R. Vernon
06-18	3	New London	Cricent's Bog	R. Vernon
07-01	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
07-30	1	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D. & C. Raddin

Northern Parula

06-08	4	Littleton		B. Bradley
06-21	1	Loudon	Sanborn Swamp	R. Quinn

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06-24	4	Lyman	Flagg & Round Ponds	B. Bradley
06-27	3	Bethlehem	Trudeau Rd. bogs	B. Bradley
07-07	1	Errol	Lake Umbagog	S. Bogert
07-19	1	Grafton	s. of Grafton Pond inflow	P. Hunt

Yellow Warbler

06-08	11	Littleton		B. Bradley
06-17	3	New London	Auto Survey Route	R. & A. Vernon

Chestnut-sided Warbler

06-03	2	Bristol	E. Bristol	G. Jeffers
06-08	28	Littleton		B. Bradley
06-15	5	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	R. Vernon
06-17	4	New London	Auto Survey Route	R. & A. Vernon
07-14	1	Columbia	residence	D. Killam

Black-throated Blue Warbler

06-01	3	Lyme	Smith Mtn. Rd.	G. Ports
06-09	4	Lyman	Flagg & Round Ponds	B. Bradley
06-13	4	New London	Webb Loop	R. Vernon
06-19	2	New London	Old Meadow	R. Vernon
06-24	3	New London	Carr Ledge Loop	R. Vernon

Yellow-rumped Warbler

06-06	2	Canterbury	industrial land	R. Quinn
06-14	2	New London	low plains	R. Vernon
06-17	3	New London	Auto Survey Route	R. & A. Vernon
06-24	3	New London	Carr Ledge Loop	R. Vernon
06-25	7	Wilmut	Mt. Kearsarge	R. Vernon

Black-throated Green Warbler

06-01	1	Lyme	Smith Mtn. Rd.	G. Ports
06-03	1	Columbia	residence	D. Killam
06-06	1	Brookline	N. Mason Rd.	M. Neveu
06-08	7	Littleton		B. Bradley
06-13	2	New London	Webb Loop	R. Vernon
06-24	2	New London	Carr Ledge Loop	R. Vernon

Blackburnian Warbler

06-24	2	New London	Carr Ledge Loop	R. Vernon
06-25	3	Wilmut	Mt. Kearsarge	R. Vernon

Pine Warbler

07-22	2	Cornish	St. Gauden's Nat'l Historic Site	R. Suomala
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Bay-breasted Warbler

07-04	1	Pittsburg	"The Glen"	P. Hunt
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Blackpoll Warbler

06-04	1	Northwood	Blake's Hill Rd.	T. Arter, L. Harper
06-10	8	Orange	Mt. Cardigan	P. Hunt
07-04	1	Pittsburg	East Inlet	P. Hunt
07-10	23	Orange	Mt. Cardigan	P. Hunt

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Black-and-white Warbler

06-08	5	Littleton		B. Bradley
07-28	3	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright

Ovenbird

06-01	6	Lyme	Smith Mtn. Rd.	G. Ports
06-08	35	Littleton	4 mi. walking survey	B. Bradley
06-10	5	New London	Bunker Loop	R. Vernon
06-13	18	New London	Webb Loop	R. Vernon
06-17	13	New London	Auto Survey Route	R. & A. Vernon
06-24	9	New London	Carr Ledge Loop	R. Vernon

Northern Waterthrush

06-12	2	Bethlehem	Trudeau Rd. Bogs	B. Bradley
06-12	5	Littleton		B. Bradley
06-24	8	Lyman	Flagg & Round Ponds	B. Bradley
07-14	1	New Hampton	Dickerman Pond	L. Emmons
07-30	1	Bristol	Schafer's Pond	G. Jeffers

Louisiana Waterthrush

06-16	1	Rumney	Chalson Rd.	J. Withgott
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Mourning Warbler

06-10	2	Enfield	Lake Mascoma	P. Hunt
06-10	2	Littleton		B. Bradley

Common Yellowthroat

06-08	51	Littleton	4 mi. walking survey	B. Bradley
06-17	13	New London	Auto Survey Route	R. & A. Vernon
06-18	5	New London	Cricenti's Bog	R. Vernon

Wilson's Warbler

07-28	1	Dummer	Island Brook	S. Smith, C. Foss, A. Pease, D. Tucker
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Canada Warbler

06-02	2	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
06-08	12	Littleton		B. Bradley
06-13	1	New London	Webb Loop	R. Vernon
06-15	1	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	R. Vernon
06-19	1	New London	Old Meadow	R. Vernon
06-27	2	Lyman	Teeter Brook	S. Bogert, M. Turner
07-07	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright



Tanagers through Sparrows

Scarlet Tanagers were recorded at their third lowest BBS total ever, but Northern Cardinals followed the trend of the Tufted Titmouse and Northern Mockingbird with another record high. Rose-breasted Grosbeak numbers have dropped back down to "normal," but now the Indigo Bunting is increasing, with record numbers reported on the BBS.

Rufous-sided Towhees continue to decline — especially along BBS routes — and they hit another record low (28, compared to a high of 528 in 1972). The Field Sparrow continues to hover just above rock bottom, and White-throated Sparrows had an off year on the BBS. This may be a good time to make some habitat notes. Several species that have been declining dramatically on the BBS (Brown Thrasher and Field Sparrow for example), may be holding their own or even increasing along power line rights-of-way. The White-throated Sparrow continues to be abundant on the northern BBS routes, so a decline in the numbers could reflect regional habitat changes.

Encouraging BBS totals were recorded for Chipping Sparrow (again), while Song Sparrows and Dark-eyed Juncos had their best years since the early 1980s. If it had been documented with details, the report of a Lincoln's Sparrow nesting in Grafton would have extended the known New Hampshire breeding range of this species considerably to the south and west. This was probably a legitimate report, and we hope it will be verified next year.

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Scarlet Tanager				
06-02	2	Brookline	N. Mason St.	M. Neveu
06-12	1	Sandwich	Whiteface Intervale	G. Spurr
07-08	1	Antrim	Willard Pond Sanctuary	R. & M. Suomala
07-12	1	Brookline	N. Mason Rd.	M. Neveu
07-14	1	New Hampton	Dark Hollow, woods	L. Emmons, G. Fetters
07-16	1	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D. & C. Raddin
07-29	2	Kensington	residence	G. Gavutis
Northern Cardinal				
07-06	3	Milford	Beechbrook	A. Ames
07-14	2	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
07-29	4	Franklin	View St.	B. & G. Austin
Rose-breasted Grosbeak				
06-01	6	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
06-01	4	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D. & C. Raddin
06-23	2	Brookline	N. Mason Rd.	M. Neveu
07-12	7	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
07-23	2	Franklin	residence	G. Austin
Indigo Bunting				
06-10	6	Littleton		B. Bradley
06-12	1	Milford	Beechbrook	A. Ames
06-13	1	New London	Webb Loop	R. Vernon

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06-25	1	Wilnot	Mt. Kearsarge	R. Vernon
07-05	1	Bow	Hooksett Tpk.	E. Robinson
07-07	5	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
07-08	4	Kensington	Cottage Hill	G. Gavutis
07-30	1	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D. & C. Raddin

Rufous-sided Towhee

06-01	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
06-06	1	Canterbury	power line.	R. Quinn
06-10	3	Littleton		B. Bradley
06-10	1	New London	Bunker Loop	R. Vernon
06-15	2	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	R. Vernon
07-27	1	Nashua	Perimeter Rd.	M. Monette
07-31	1	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D. & C. Raddin

Chipping Sparrow

06-01	2	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D. Raddin
06-17	4	New London	Auto Survey Route	R. & A. Vernon
07-06	3	Milford	Beechbrook & Jennison Rd.	A. Ames
07-07	7	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright

Field Sparrow

06-06	4	Canterbury	sod farm	R. Quinn
06-10	2	Littleton		B. Bradley
06-16	2	Franconia	BBS Route	B. Bradley
06-21	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright

Vesper Sparrow

07-07	1	Newington	Pease AFB	P. Hunt
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Sharp-tailed Sparrow

07-07	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt., near bridge	P. Hunt
07-15	8	Hampton Falls	marsh between Depot Rd. & metal shop	R. Quinn

Song Sparrow

06-01	2	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D. & C. Raddin
06-14	6	New London	Low Plains	R. Vernon
06-17	14	New London	Auto Survey Route	R. & A. Vernon
07-07	8	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
07-29	2	Franklin	residence	B. & G. Austin

Lincoln's Sparrow

07-04	1	Pittsburg	E. Inlet	P. Hunt
07-08	6	Pittsburg	Moose Pasture	R. Quinn, ASNH Field Trip
07-19	1	Grafton	Rt. 4A marsh	P. Hunt
07-28	6	Dummer	Island Brook	S. Smith, C. Foss, A. Pease, D. Tucker

Swamp Sparrow

06-15	3	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	R. Vernon
06-17	2	New London	Auto Survey Route	R. & A. Vernon
07-10	1	Columbia	meadow	D. Killam

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White-throated Sparrow

06-14	4	New London	Low Plains	R. Vernon
06-15	3	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	R. Vernon
06-15	6	Wilmot	Mt. Kearsarge	R. Vernon
06-17	7	New London	Auto Survey Route	R. & A. Vernon
06-18	8	New London	Cricenti's Bog	R. Vernon
07-07	5	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright

Dark-eyed Junco

06-17	4	New London	Auto Survey Route	R. & A. Vernon
06-24	3	New London	Carr Ledge Loop	R. Vernon
06-25	5	Wilmot	Mt. Kearsarge	R. Vernon
06-30	2	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
07-14	3	New Hampton	Bickford Wood	L. Emmons

Blackbirds through Grosbeak

Except for an increase in Bobolinks, the icterids all seem to be declining in numbers. The Eastern Meadowlark, admittedly scarce, continues to be woefully under-reported. For the second consecutive summer, a male **Yellow-headed Blackbird** was seen in the state, this time in suitable breeding habitat at Lake Umbagog (right next to the Merlin and the Black Tern!). A singing male Orchard Oriole was well-described by an observer familiar with the species.

After years of steady growth, the BBS total for House Finch took a dive — time will tell if this is just a fluke or whether something is happening with that species. American Goldfinches were at a near-record low, but perhaps that is simply the erratic nature of the species. Evening Grosbeaks continue to nest in low numbers throughout the entire state.

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Bobolink

06-16	4	Errol	Lake Umbagog	S. Bogert, M. Turner
06-17	2	New London	Auto Survey Route	R. & A. Vernon
07-13	1	Moultonborough	Moultonborough Neck Rd.	L. Schulten
07-13	6	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright

Red-winged Blackbird

06-01	20	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
06-14	11	New London	low plains	R. Vernon
06-15	10	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	R. Vernon
06-17	20	New London	Auto Survey Route	R. & A. Vernon
07-13	18	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright

Eastern Meadowlark

06-06	1	Canterbury	sod farm	R. Quinn
06-08	2	Andover	farm on Rt. 11	K. Elkins

Yellow-headed Blackbird

06-01	1	Errol	Lake Umbagog	S. Bogert
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Rusty Blackbird

06-02	2	Lyman		B. Bradley
06-09	3	Sandwich	Guinea Pond	R. Quinn
06-23	1	Stewartstown	Hurlbert Swamp	R. Quinn
06-23	2	Stewartstown	Moose Falls flowage	R. Quinn
07-07	5	Pittsburg	Fourth Connecticut Lake	R. Quinn, ASNH Field Trip

Orchard Oriole

06-21	1	Holderness	Little Squam Lake	J. Withgott
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Northern Oriole

06-17	3	New London	Auto Survey Route	R. & A. Vernon
06-28	20	Kensington	residence	G. Gavutis
07-01	2	Nashua	marsh near airport	M. Monette

Purple Finch

06-15	2	Sutton	Cascade Marsh	R. Vernon
06-17	3	New London	Auto Survey Route	R. & A. Vernon
06-18	3	New London	Cricent's Bog	R. Vernon
06-30	2	Milford	Spaulding St.	A. Ames
07-01	12	Hebron	residence	W. Patterson
07-13	4	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
07-19	4	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D. & C. Raddin

House Finch

06-01	2	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
06-03	1	Columbia	residence	D. Killam
06-10	3	Milford	Beechbrook	A. Ames
07-29	10	Franklin	View St.	G. Austin

Pine Siskin

06-02	6	Columbia	residence	D. & B. Killam
07-01	2	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D. & C. Raddin
07-03	2	Concord	residence	P. Niswander

Evening Grosbeak

*		Walpole	Merriam Rd.	R. Ritz
06-04	1	Salisbury	village	K. Elkins
06-15	2	Wilmot	Wilmot Center	K. Elkins
06-22	4	Brookline	N. Mason Rd.	M. Neveu
06-24	6	Errol	Lake Umbagog	S. Bogert, M. Turner
06-24	1	New London	Carr Ledge Loop	R. Vernon
06-26	6	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
06-30	2	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
06-30	3	Pittsfield		B. Miller
07-01	4	Hebron	residence	W. Patterson
07-01	1	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D. Raddin
07-06	2	Franklin	residence	B. & G. Austin
07-10	2	Kensington	residence	G. Gavutis
07-11	2	Peterborough	Union St.	M. Johnson
07-20	12	Littleton	residence	M. Grout, et al.

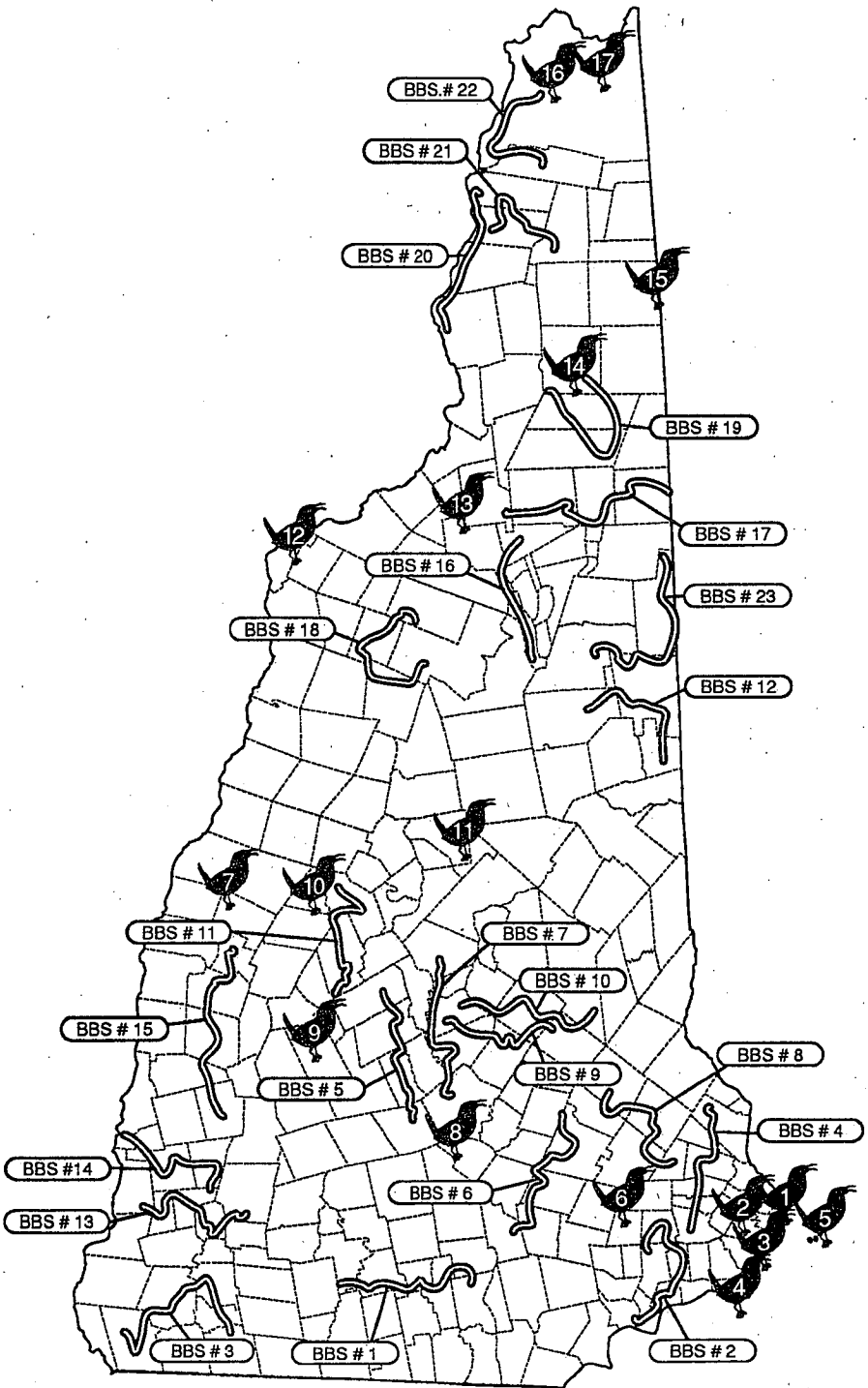
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1. Odiorne Point (Rye)
2. Great Bay
3. Eel Pond & Rye Harbor (Rye)
4. Hampton Harbor (Hampton)
5. Isles of Shoals
6. Pawtuckaway (Nottingham)
7. Mascoma Lake (Enfield/Lebanon)
8. Audubon House/Turkey Pond (Concord)
9. Cascade Marsh (Sutton)
10. Mt. Cardigan (Orange)
11. Squam Lake
12. Samuel Moore & Commerford Dams (Littleton)
13. Pondicherry Wildlife Refuge (Jefferson/Whitefield)
14. Pontook Reservoir (Dummer)
15. Lake Umbagog (Errol)
16. Lake Francis, Connecticut Lakes (Pittsburg)
17. East Inlet (Pittsburg)

Breeding Bird Survey Routes

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| 1. Peterborough – Merrimack | 12. Albany – Eaton (Mt. Chocorua) |
| 2. Brentwood – Atkinson | 13. Walpole – Stoddard |
| 3. Fitzwilliam – Winchester | 14. Marlow – Charlestown |
| 4. Dover – Exeter | 15. Lempster – Grantham |
| 5. Hopkinton – Andover | 16. Crawford Notch – Harts Location |
| 6. Epsom – Manchester | 17. Jefferson – Shelburne |
| 7. Concord – Sanbornton | 18. Franconia – Lincoln |
| 8. Strafford – Lee | 19. Milan – Dummer |
| 9. Canterbury – Barnstead | 20. Stratford – Stewartstown |
| 10. Gilmanton – Northfield | 21. Dixville – Colebrook |
| 11. Wilmot – Alexandria | 22. Clarksville – Pittsburg |
| | 23. Glen – Chatham |



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Mallard
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Northern Goshawk
Herring Gull
Rock Dove
Belted Kingfisher
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Black-capped Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse

Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown Creeper
Northern Mockingbird
European Starling
Solitary Vireo
Magnolia Warbler
American Redstart
Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird
American Goldfinch
House Sparrow

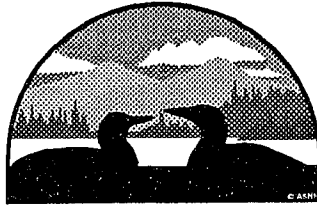
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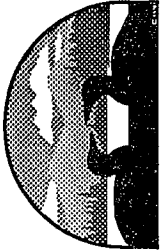
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