

Vermont Bird Records Committee - 1999 Report

FIRST STATE RECORD

SUMMER TANAGER (Piranga rubra) - one, second year male, inadvertently caught in a cage, Brandon, Rutland Co., 11 May 1999. Susanne S. Wetmore et al. Photograph.

NOTABLE STATE RECORDS, SECOND THROUGH TENTH

BLACK VULTURE (Coragyps atratus) - one, Colchester, Chittenden Co., 3 September 1999. Richard B. Lavalley. Fifth state record.

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE (Anser albifrons) - two adults, Button Bay, Ferrisburgh, Addison Co., 17 November 1998. Theodore G. Murin. Eighth state record.

COMMON EIDER (Somateria mollissima) - one first year male, off Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 11-12 November 1998. T.G. Murin, D.J. Hoag, F.A. Pratt, E.B. Pratt. Eighth report to RVB. Photographs.

AMERICAN AVOCET (Recurvirostra americana) - one adult, Lake Lamoille, Morrisville, Lamoille Co., 21 July 1999. Gretchen Damon, T.G. Murin, F.A. Pratt, E.B. Pratt et al. Third recent state record.

LAUGHING GULL (Larus atricilla) - two sub-adults and one juvenile, Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison, Addison Co., 6 October 1999. R.B. Lavalley. Fourth state record.

BLACK-HEADED GULL (Larus ridibundus) - one adult, basic plumage, Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 10 October 1998. Scott W. Morrical. Possibly the same bird as one approved in the 1998 VBRC Report, thus a fifth state record.

BLACK-HEADED GULL (L. ridibundus) - one adult, basic plumage, mouth of Little Otter Creek, Ferrisburgh, Addison Co., 4 November 1999. Judith A. Peterson, S.S. Wetmore. Seventh state record.

SABINE'S GULL (Xema sabini) - one juvenile, Lake Champlain, Milton, Chittenden Co., 19 September 1999. Allan M. Strong. Eighth state record.

SUMMER TANAGER (Piranga rubra) - one second year male, Alburg Springs, Grand Isle Co., 17 May 1999. Joanne Mapes. Second state record.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW (Spizella pallida) - one singing male, Shaftsbury, Bennington Co., 20 May 1999. Andrew Knafel, Anne Hunter, Elizabeth F. Gilbert. Ninth state record.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW (*S. pallida*) - one singing male, South Duxbury, Washington Co., 27 May 1999. F.A. Pratt, E.B. Pratt. Tenth state record.

PAINTED BUNTING (*Passerina ciris*) - one immature female, Hartland Four Corners, Windsor Co., 5 December 1998. Pierre Fournier, Julia M. Nicholson, Betty R. Jillson. Third state record. Photograph.

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD (*Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*) - one male, Guilford, Windham Co., 28 May 1999. Susan James, Gerry James. Fourth state record.

#### ACCEPTED AS HYPOTHETICAL

PACIFIC LOON (*Gavia pacifica*) - one, basic plumage, Tri-town Water Plant, Addison, Addison Co., 27 October 1998. S.W. Morrill. Second hypothetical state record.

PINK-FOOTED GOOSE (*Anser brachyrhynchus*) - one, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 31 March 1999. D.J. Hoag. First hypothetical state record.

#### OTHER REPORTS OF RARE SPECIES

LITTLE BLUE HERON (*Egretta caerulea*) - one adult, Gillette Swamp, Thetford Center, Orange Co., 2 May 1999. Ted Levin, Linny Levin et al.

LITTLE BLUE HERON (*E. caerulea*) - one adult, Kennedy Drive, South Burlington, Chittenden Co., 3 July 1999. Charles Gifford.

ROSS'S GOOSE (*Chen rosii*) - two white morph adults, Button Bay State Park, Ferrisburgh, Addison Co., 5 April 1999. T.G. Murin.

BRANT (*Branta bernica*) - three adults, Young Island, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 19 August 1999. D.J. Hoag.

TUNDRA SWAN (*Cygnus columbianus*) - fourteen, Lake Memphremagog, Newport City, Orleans Co., 13 December 1998. Bill Prue, Jeanne Prue. Photograph.

GOLDEN EAGLE (*Aquila chrysaetos*) - one, Morristown, Lamoille Co., 1 November 1998. Liz Kellogg Lackey, Frank and Marion Kellogg.

SANDHILL CRANE (*Grus canadensis*) - one, Connecticut River, McIndoe Falls, Caledonia Co., 2 July 1999. F.A. Pratt, E.B. Pratt.

SANDHILL CRANE (*G. canadensis*) - one, Shaftsbury, Bennington Co., 5 October 1999. E.F. Gilbert, Marshal T. Case et al.

HUDSONIAN GODWIT (Limosa haemastica) - one juvenile, Stone Bridge, DCWMA, Panton, Addison Co., 17 September 1999. F.A. Pratt, E.B. Pratt.

RED KNOT (Calidris canutus) - five, basic plumage, Young Island, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 19 August 1999. D.J. Hoag. Photographs.

RED KNOT (C. canutus) - two to four, basic plumage, Highgate and Swanton, Franklin Co., 24 August to 2 September 1999. R.B. Lavalley. Photographs.

RED KNOT (C. canutus) - one, basic plumage, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 5 September 1999. D.J. Hoag. Photographs.

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER (Calidris fuscicollis) - one, alternate plumage, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 29 May 1999. D.J. Hoag. Photographs.

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER (C. fuscicollis) - one, alternate plumage, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 1 June 1999. D.J. Hoag. Photographs.

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER (Tryngites subruficollis) - one at Milton, Chittenden Co., and one at Highgate, Franklin Co., 28 August 1999 (Milton) and 2 September 1999 (Highgate). R.B. Lavalley et al. Photographs and video.

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER (T. subruficollis) - two, Winooski Delta Park, Colchester, Chittenden Co., 29 August 1999. F.A. Pratt, E.B. Pratt.

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER (T. subruficollis) - one, Prunier Rd. Weybridge, Addison Co., 18 September 1999. F.A. Pratt, E.B. Pratt.

BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE (Rissa tridactyla) - one, Lake Morey Rd., Fairlee, Orange Co., 8 September 1999. Mark E. Scott.

CASPIAN TERN (Sterna caspia) - one adult, Sandbar Wildlife Management Area, Milton, Chittenden Co., 16 July 1999. F.A. Pratt.

BARN OWL (Tyto alba) - one, Hawkins Rd., Ferrisburgh, Addison Co., 8 May 1999. A.M. Strong.

WHITE-EYED VIREO (Vireo griseus) - one immature, Button Bay State Park, Ferrisburgh, Addison Co., 25 September 1999. T.G. Murin, Ernest W. Buford.

SEDGE WREN (Cistothorus platensis) - one, Smith Haven, South Londonderry, Windham Co., 19 July 1999. William J. Norse.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER (Vermivora celata) - one, Rockingham, Windham Co., 3 October 1999. W.J. Norse.

CONNECTICUT WARBLER (Oporornis agilis) - one adult, Bragdon Preserve, Woodstock, Windsor Co., 2 September 1999. Thomas B. Ryder et al. Banded and photographed.

CONNECTICUT WARBLER (O. agilis) - one hatch year, Bragdon Preserve, Woodstock, Windsor Co., 14 September 1999. Steven D. Faccio et al. Banded and photographed.

#### RARE NESTING SPECIES

MERLIN (Falco columbarius) - two adults and five young, Morristown, Lamoille Co., 9 July 1998. F.A. Pratt, E.B. Pratt, Bryan Pfeiffer. This is another sighting of the same nesting considered and tabled at the 1998 Records Committee Meeting.

PALM WARBLER (Dendroica palmarum) - six singing males, two females, including one territorial pair carrying food. Yellow Bogs, Lewis, Essex Co., 24 May 1998. Tom Aversa, Anne Aversa, Dave Nyzio.

#### OUT-OF-SEASON REPORTS

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER (Mergus serrator) - two adults (female plumage), one downy young, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 10 June 1996. D.J. Hoag. Photographs.

KILLDEER (Charadrius vociferus) - two, St. Albans Bay, St. Albans, Franklin Co., 20 December 1998. Michele Patenaude et al.

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER (Sphyrapicus varius) - one female, Bridgewater, Windsor Co., 29 December 1998. Mark Council, Dan Crook.

BROWN THRASHER (Toxostoma rufum) - one, Woodstock, Windsor Co., 25 December 1998. J.M. Nicholson.

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK (Pheucticus ludovicianus) - one, Stockbridge, Windsor Co., 13 December 1999. Edward Hack. Photograph.

#### TABLED

CASPIAN TERN (Sterna caspia) - six or seven, north Lake Champlain, various towns and dates, 22 July 1999 thru 4 September 1999. R.B. Lavalley et al. Tabled pending receipt of reports from other observers or photographs.

#### NOT ACCEPTED

BLACK VULTURE (Coragyps atratus) - one, Lake Elmore, Lamoille Co., 13 September 1998. L.K. Lackey.

GOLDEN EAGLE (Aquila chrysaetos) - one immature, Victory Bog, Victory, Essex Co., 26 April 1999. David Narins.

GOLDEN EAGLE (A. chrysaetos) - one immature, Cabot, Washington Co., 21 October 1999. Gary Katz, Sara LeTourneau.

BARN OWL (Tyto alba) - one, Chester, Windsor Co., 11 August 1999. Carol Knight, Carl Beck.

SELASPHORUS SP - one, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 6 July 1999. Joyce Scholtz.

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD (Selasphorus rufus) - one, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 25 April and July and August dates, 1999. Joyce Scholtz.

BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD (Archilochus alexandri) - one male, West Arlington, Bennington Co., 15 May 1999. Cornelia S. Chapin, Charles T. Chapin.

THREE-TOED WOODPECKER (Picoides tridaColus) - one female, Chester, Windsor Co., 18 May 1999. Carol Knight, Carl Beck.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER (Vermivora celata) - twelve, Yellow Bogs, Lewis, Essex Co., 19 September 1998. Ray E. Griffin, Olive Griffin.

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER (Protonotaria citrea) - one, South Burlington, Chittenden Co., 1 June 1999. Ann B. Emery.

LARK BUNTING (Calamospiza melanocorys) - one male, West Windsor, Windsor Co., 27 May 1999. Jean Sangdahl.

HENSLOW'S SPARROW (Ammodramus henslowii) - one, Weybridge, Addison Co., 26 September 1999. Paula A. Gills.

BLUE GROSBEAK (Guiraca caerulea) - two, male and female, Fletcher, Franklin Co., 21 May 1999. Paul and Pat Drennan, Mona Noyes.

DICKCISSEL (Spiza americana) - one, Hardwick, Caledonia Co., 3-6 August 1999. Eleanor Bernadino, Sam Bernadino.

REDWING ( ? ) - one, Dorset, Bennington Co., 28 July 1999. E.F. Gilbert.

