

HAMPSHIRE BIRD CLUB -- JANUARY, 1995

MONTHLY MEETING: Monday, January 9, 7:30 PM at the Hitchcock Center. It is with great pleasure that we welcome long-time HBC member and always interesting lecturer David Spector, Ornithologist/Naturalist. He is back in the area and back on our program roster after a three-year sojourn in Washington, DC where he worked at the National Zoo. This will be Dave's fourth time to challenge our minds and delight our birding senses with his extensive knowledge and wry sense of humor. His program this time around is entitled "Bullfinches and Bulldozers, the Wildlife of Grand Cayman Island."

FIELD TRIPS: Sunday, January 1st -- BIRD BLITZ for TWELVE CHRONIC LISTERS with Scott Sumner, chief blitzer, helping us to get a good start on 1995. Call Scott at 253-7486. On Saturday, January 7 Bob Bieda (527-2623) will lead a trip to the North Shore. Meet at the Hitchcock Center at 6:00 a.m. On Saturday, January 28 Al Richards (665-2761) searches for waterfowl from Falmouth to Plymouth. Meet at the Hitchcock Center at 6:00 a.m. or the Ames parking lot near Palmer Turnpike entrance at 6:30 a.m. And -- on Saturday, February 4 Scott Sumner (253-7486) will be birding Southeast Maine. Call the appropriate leaders to let them know you are interested.

Don't forget to check the HBC VOICE (253-2218) to learn what birds are being seen.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## HAMPSHIRE BIRD CLUB

February, 1995

"Drippy then slippery, Good time for a Florida Trippy".

No, I don't claim authorship, but I have been seduced by the message and will be taking off for the Everglades soon which is why this letter is so early. The quote is from *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, February, 1995.

### IMPORTANT 1994 NEWS ITEMS

you may have missed

Barbara Ann (Boopsie) Boopstein, wife of ex-football great B.D. in Garry Trudeau's *Doonesbury*, rummages through her closet searching for the perfect ensemble to wear should she be needed as alternate juror in the O.J. Simpson trial. The color is of utmost importance because Hunk-Ra (the entity channeled through Boopsie) will appear only when she wears the proper hues. As the trial unfolds in '95, prepare for word from the great beyond.

Sadly, after 45 years of marriage, Dick Tracy and his wife, the former Tess Trueheart, have parted company. It is reported that Dick had spent the evening saving a luscious-looking fashion designer from attack. Upon arriving home at midnight he found a Tess-less house and a note informing him that his dinner was in the freezer. One reporter speculates that maybe it happened because he wouldn't take his hat off in the house. (I've often wondered about that.)

### IMPORTANT FEBRUARY, 1995 BIRD NEWS ITEMS

you will not wish to miss

#### PROGRAMS

A warm reminder of spring will take the chill off a wintry February 13th night when bird songs will be heard at the Hitchcock Center as the subject of Don Kroodsmas's presentation, "The Amazing Variety of Birdsong -- Wrens, Chickadees, Warblers and More". We are fortunate to have Don living in our midst and working our slide projector (for the fourth time). His work with birdsong is internationally recognized, and you don't have to thumb through many birding magazines before finding an article he has written on the subject. He is an excellent teacher and I am sure that you will come away from the evening with knowledge and an appreciation of Don's work plus the satisfaction of having enjoyed yourself.

Save these dates:

March 13: Dick Walton of the audio tape *Birding by Ear* fame will help us to know what we are hearing in a program entitled "Birding by Ear -- Grassland Species".

April 10: TBA

May 8: TBA

June 12: Hold on to your hats (or is our Valley really ready for this?): Julio de la Torre will be returning to our club with an update on Owls.

### FIELD TRIPS

- 1/28: Falmouth to Plymouth for Waterfowl with Al Richards (665-2761).
- 2/4: Birding Southeast Maine with Scott Surner (253-7486)
- 2/18: Winter birds in the Berkshires with Tom Gagnon (584-6353).
- 3/4: Southeastern Massachusetts with Jim Marcum (549-1613)

### HITCHCOCK CENTER OFFERINGS

(call the Center at 256-6006 for more information)

If you are not a member of the Center or have not picked up their winter *Newsletter*, I urge you to get one and read about all the marvelous program opportunities being offered. The winter theme is Biodiversity referring to the attraction we feel to the many manifestations of life on earth (beautifully explained in the *Newsletter*). Programs ranging in subjects from "Biodiversity and Conservation Biology" to "Meteorites" to "Haiti" to "Galapagos" are really just a sampling. Of specific birding interest:

Bird Seed Orders are due by Friday, January 20. Pick up date is Saturday, January 28, (9:00 am - 1:00 pm).

Saturday, February 4 "Birds in Their Habitats" a performance for ages K - 6 and the family by Henry Lappen, Naturalist/Performer. Through mime and story-telling, using masks he has crafted himself, Lappen brings awareness and appreciation of the diversity to be found in our local bird life.

Thursday evening, March 2 "Conservation of Cliff Swallows" presented by Mara Silver, Field Ornithologist. The program describes her work with a swallow colony in Williamsburg at Massachusetts Audubon's Graves Farm.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Enclosed is the 1994-1995 membership list as of January 15. If you find errors, please let me know (549-1098).

*Bird News of Western Massachusetts* subscribers can be expecting the first issue to arrive in late winter. The Winter, 1995, issue contains the records for the Fall, 1994.

I am extremely happy to announce that I finally got the New Members' Packet together and it is being sent this week. If you are a new member and you don't receive it soon, please give me a call. Included in the Packet are the By-laws, the Dead Bird Sheet (Does anybody have a use for this dead bird?), a copy of the ABA *Code of Birding Ethics* and the HBC *Field Trip Policy* sheet, an HBC library information sheet and a copy of Scott Surner's favorite game -- The Eight Question Birding Game, or "How to Keep Your Friends While Showing Off Your Birding Knowledge" as told to and translated by Lynn Rubinstein. Should anyone desire an extra copy of any of these, I'll always have them at the meetings or would be happy to send one to you.

SOS-HELP-SOS-PLEASE-SOS-HELP-SOS

As an incorporated organization we are in the process of complying with the legal obligations required should we decide to file for a non-profit status. Is there a kind, accommodating soul out there with bookkeeping or accounting experience -- someone perhaps who has worked with other non-profit organizations in this capacity, or someone who would simply be interested in the process? We have the forms and the information but would like to find someone willing to walk us through it? Please call Jan Ortiz (549-1768) if you can help us.

Simply because winter can seem ever so long, even early in January, I offer you some celebratory opportunities you may not have noted on your calendars. As always here is something for everyone.

January is pretty straight but not completely without possibilities. For example --

1/18 -- Peter Mark Roget, author of *Roget's Thesaurus* was born in 1779.

"Felicitous Natal Commemoration, Pete, and Plenteously Pleurative!"

1/28 -- National Kazoo Day. Perfect tool for the discriminating celebrant preparing for --

1/31 -- when we usher in the Chinese New Year. *It is the Year of the Pig 4693.*

With a marker draw nostrils on the bottom of a small paper cup, attach string for ties and fasten around your head. Voila -- your own pig snout! Go to a restaurant and order a plate of grits with mashed potatoes, biscuits and gravy with a side order of macaroni and cheese. See if anyone notices.

And in February:

2/7 -- Tess walked out on Dick Tracy a year ago (see under **IMPORTANT 1994 NEWS ITEMS** above.)

2/21 -- On this date in 1866 Lucy B. Hobbs became the first female dentist in the U.S. To mark the day you might wish to look in a mirror and count your teeth.

In case I don't have the chance to remind you in the next letter:

3/6 -- Be sure to raise a glass of milk to the Oreo Cookie, for on this date 83 years ago the very first Oreo was sold from a small store in Hoboken, New Jersey. You might call it an eighty-third "Oreo-versary?"

And finally, a new year's word of hope inspired by Northampton's new Words & Pictures Museum:

May the gargoyles be with you ---

*Sally*

Sally Venman, Secretary

See you in February!

## Raillery

a review by David A. Spector of  
*Shadowbirds: A Quest for Rails*  
by William Burt  
Lyons and Burford, New York, 1994.

Marshes are places of soft vistas of grass greens and browns, with a scattering of colorful flowers; they are places rife with green-heads, mosquitoes, and sand flies; they are places where one can walk easily into an in-between world of land and water; they are places where one can unexpectedly and suddenly sink deep into a soft spot of mud; they are places with a wonderful array of sparrows, snipe, bitterns, wrens, and rails. This is the habitat in which William Burt has spent many hours in pursuit of rails, rail nests, and rail photographs, hours that he shares in his book *Shadowbirds*. Like the marshes themselves this book offers pleasant vistas and delightful birds; also like the marshes the book offers its share of annoyances and soft spots.

For anyone who has ever searched, successfully or unsuccessfully, for rails this book will evoke memories and serve as an inspiration for future searches. The author demonstrates that the two species on which he focuses the book, the Black Rail and the Yellow Rail, can be seen by, be photographed by, and become familiar birds to one who takes the necessary time and effort. The results of the author's time and effort evident in this book are a few well-chosen photographs of the King, Clapper, Virginia, Sora, Yellow, and Black Rails and well-described memories of the birds and their marshes. Those rails called "coot," "gallinule," or "moorhen" are not included. A few photographs of marshes, marsh birds, egg-collectors of earlier generations, people who helped Burt on his rail quests, and towns in Yellow Rail country further suggest the birds, their habitat, and the author's hunts.

Natural historians write not about nature, but about their experience of nature; the extent to which a reader experiences vicarious pleasure from an author's encounters with nature depends in part on the extent to which the reader can identify with the author. Some authors provide a consistent personal voice for ready identification, and others attempt to minimize their personal intrusion on the narrative with the use of the third person. Burt seems to have trouble finding his rhetorical voice as evidenced by his frequent switches among first, second, and third person to describe his own activity. When Burt's personality does intrude it is such as to turn off some readers. "Fiftyish" women might or might not be relieved to know that Burt considers at least one among them to be "well-kept," and they might speculate on whether Burt himself will be well-kept three years from now when he turns 50. Partisans of birds other than rails or of habitats other than marshes might or might not be amused by Burt's disparaging remarks towards ravens, warblers, buntings, spruce woods, etc.

Predictably most annoying to this reader, an ornithologist, was Burt's attack on science in general and on ornithology in

particular. Much of his attack on science seems curious. The bulk of the attack comes a page after he asserts that his knowledge of the scientific name of the Yellow Rail is part of the basis of his smug superiority over two "unshaven teenage rustics in a rusty, fender-flapping Datsun." Burt thus seems to value the exclusivity that comes with knowledge of esoteric jargon. He finds some scientific prose dry and poorly written, attributes that do not separate science from any other field, and which do not apply to many scientists (Niko Tinbergen, Stephen Jay Gould, Rachel Carson, Vincent Dethier, Dillon Ripley, and many others come to my mind).

Burt dislikes ornithologists in part because we sometimes harm the objects we study. This criticism would ring truer if Burt did not repeatedly describe his own tromping through the marshes in pursuit of his quarry, regardless of habitat, birds, or eggs that might be underfoot. When Burt stalks a Yellow Rail for a trophy photograph there is "no taking your [i.e., Burt's] eyes off him to see what you [Burt] are stepping into, or onto, even for an instant, or he is lost." Ornithologists often report our effects on the birds we study, and for that honesty are criticized by the likes of Burt, but the photographer who never looks back to see what was trampled can not report and thus is above his own criticism. Oddly, though, oölogists, amateur egg collectors from the early part of this century, are admired by Burt, regardless of their unfettered collection of eggs and nests. Perhaps the oölogists are immune from criticism because they, unlike many ornithologists, are dead.

Burt's refinement of his photographic technique, involving long hours of experimentation and intimate knowledge of the technology of his equipment, might seem to have an aspect of science to it. Burt, though, shares very little of the technical side of his craft with the reader, perhaps because it would make him seem too scientific.

Perhaps a key to Burt's hostility to science is his view of Black and Yellow Rails as "a phenomenon unexplainable." He is thus allied with those who approach nature as mysterious, rather than as a set of concrete entities that can be understood, explained. Burt's photographs, though, undermine his stance--could unexplainable, mysterious phenomena be so crisply, concretely, and explainably captured on film? This reader values those photographs and much of Burt's narrative precisely because they serve to make these elusive birds more real, more explainable. In spite of his title, Burt does his part, along with ornithologists, to take these birds out of the shadows.

Two birdwatchers can spend an hour together on a marsh and come away with very different experiences. One might recall primarily the birds, flowers, and grasses, while the other's memory is dominated by the mud and mosquitoes. The response to William Burt's *Shadowbirds* will be similarly personal. Some readers will remember annoyance at Burt's asides. Other readers will come away with a refreshing memory of Burt's striking photographs and his intriguing hunts for his trophy photographs and, more importantly, for his trophy experiences.

### HAMPSHIRE BIRD CLUB -- MARCH 1995

**MONTHLY MEETING:** Monday, March 13, 7:30 p.m. at the Hitchcock Center. After last month's wonderful program on the Amazing Variety of Birdsong presented by Don Kroodsmas, we are very pleased to follow up with a presentation by Dick Walton of *Birding by Ear* fame. As we look forward to spring and the return of the migrants, Dick will help us sort out the many sounds and songs we'll be hearing. He will introduce us to how we learn birdsongs with an emphasis on sparrows. His program is titled "Skulking Songsters." Dick is co-author of the *Birding by Ear* audiotapes (the third in the series is now available), *Bird Finding in New England* and *Familiar Butterflies of North America*.

**FIELD TRIPS:** March 4 -- Southeastern Massachusetts with Jim Marcus (549-1613). March 11 -- Early Spring in Rhode Island with Bob Bieda, Bill Schafer and Paul Champlin (if back from Belize and awake). Meet at the Holiday Inn parking lot off Exit 15 of I91 at 7 a.m. Call Bob for more info (527-2623). March 25 -- Waterfowl of the Connecticut River Valley with Al Richards (665-2761). Meet at the Hitchcock Center at 6:30 a.m. April 8 -- Early Warblers at Ashley with Bob Bieda (527-2623). Meet at the Holiday Inn parking lot off Exit 15 of I91 at 7 a.m.

**SPRING BIRDING CLASS.** Jan Ortiz will once again be teaching the **Spring Birding Class** at the Hitchcock Center. There will be two sessions a week (classroom on Wednesday night and field work on Saturday and Sunday) for eight weeks starting Wednesday, March 22 (except for Easter week). There will also be a four-week session starting Thursday, April 27. Call the Hitchcock (256-6006) for details and to register.

## HAMPSHIRE BIRD CLUB

April, 1995

Dear Friends,

With the spring migration gathering speed weekly, perhaps it's time to take a moment to review birding skills, determining what category you fall into and perhaps take measures to raise your recognition levels. On a scale of (5) - far exceeds normal, down to (1) - does not even meet minimal standards, how do you do at *locating birds in binoculars*? (5) Faster than a Peregrine Falcon. (4) Fast as a Chimney Swift. (3) Not quite as fast as a Chimney Swift. (2) Would you believe a slow Chimney Swift? (1) Have trouble locating chimneys. On *Sight Identification*? (5) Eyes of an eagle. (4) Eyes of a Blue Jay. (3) Needs binoculars. (2) Needs binoculars in good light. (1) Can't find binoculars. And *Sound Identification*? (5) Can recognize birds from a single chip. (4) Can recognize birds by song. (3) Can identify some birds by song. (2) Can hear songs. (1) Eh?

Not as skillful as you would wish? Time to hit the guide books, song tapes, and work in the field. And, the HBC has some helpful suggestions for you.

### PROGRAMS

I have just reviewed the HBC program history and have discovered that our next speakers presented six of them. I could say that we keep asking them back hoping they'll get it right this time, but I don't think that would pass. They are just plain good. Mark Lynch and Sheila Carroll, our naturalist friends from Worcester, are well-known Massachusetts birders who have delighted us in past years with programs cataloging their adventures in Australia, England, Scotland, Howe Island, and Trinidad and Tobago. Mark also participated on a panel discussing "Birding Ethics." This time their destination was Argentina and the slide presentation will take place on Monday, April 10, 7:30 pm at the Hitchcock Center. Their photography, knowledge and humor combine to make them among our most popular presenters. A thoroughly satisfying evening is anticipated.

A nominating committee -- Jim Marcum (chair), Sue Emerson, and Morris Lainer -- is in the process of drawing up a slate of officers and members-at-large to be presented to the membership for approval at the May meeting. Call one of them if you wish to offer a name for consideration.

Al Richards wants you to know that the HBC T-SHIRT supply has been replenished and will be available in a variety of colors and sizes for \$10.00 at the April meeting.



Always available (from Sally) are the decals at \$1.25 and the iron-on decals at \$3.00.

Mark your calendars for May 8 when we will learn about seabirds from Rich Cech and for June 12 when Julio de la Torre returns for an update on owls.

### FIELD TRIPS

Enclosed with this letter is the spring/summer Field Trip List. Take a moment and plan your birding for the next few months. You'll find a few new ventures along with the old favorites.

On Saturday, April 8 Bob Bieda (527-2623) will be searching for early Warblers at the Ashley Reservoir. Meet him at the Holyoke Holiday Inn parking lot at 7 am.

On Saturday, April 15 the annual Ruff trip to Plum Island will be led by Morris Lainer. Call him at 527-9412.

On Sunday, April 23 Tom Gagnon (584-6353) will conduct a Spring Hawk Watch from Bray Tower on Mt. Tom. Meet at the tower at 9:30 am. Enter by Route 5 in Holyoke. There may be an entrance fee.

On Saturday, April 29 Harvey Allen (253-7963) will take us on a half-day search for local Rails.

And -- starting Tuesday, May 2, and continuing every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the month, the Club sponsors an early morning bird walk through Wildwood Cemetery in Amherst. No need to register - just meet the leader at the gate at 6:30 am. The walk is designed to finish at about 8:00 am. so you can catch some warblers before work.

### LIBRARY

In order to expand the HBC library offerings, Anne Cann has proposed the setting up of a voluntary exchange of birding information among members. If you are interested in participating, an explanation and form is enclosed with this letter.

Anne also asked me to remind members that the *ABA Journal* and *Winging It* are now available at the library.

## PROJECT TANAGER

The Hampshire Bird Club will be participating again in Project Tanager, a national science project in progress at the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology. It is designed to involve large numbers of volunteer birders across the country in determining the relationship of forest fragmentation to the success of breeding. Specifically, project participants gather data to test whether four species of North American tanagers are able to nest successfully in forest patches of different sizes. An update on the project can be read in the spring issue of *BIRDScope*, a publication of Cornell Lab.

We will be using the same 12 sites as last year (ranging in size from 3 to 300 acres) and hope to add several new ones. We will again work in teams to cover the areas. The first visit to each site will take place during the third or fourth week of May, according to the specific guidelines set up by Cornell, and will determine whether Scarlet Tanagers are at the site. If so, follow-up visits will take place in June and July to attempt to determine whether successful breeding has taken place. Our data will be sent to Cornell and analyzed with that from other areas of the country.

If you are interested, please call Anne Lombard (586-7509) or Micky McKinley (367-9791).

## BIRDING with HITCHCOCK

There is still time to sign up for the second session of the Spring Birding Class taught by Jan Ortiz. This session will run for four consecutive weeks starting on Thursday, April 27. The evening presentations run from 7:30 - 9:00 pm. The field work will be on Fridays starting Friday, April 28 from 8:00 am - noon.

Jan will also be leading the "Woodcock Watch" on Wednesday, April 12 at 6:30 pm sharp (rain date Friday, April 14). She will start with a brief slide presentation on the woodcock at the Center. Shortly before dusk the group will travel to a nearby site to view this unique courtship display.

If you are interested in a volunteer research project or just interested in learning how data are gathered, Austin Stokes, graduate student at UMass and HBC member will be giving a brief slide show about his work showing how to handle birds captured in mist nets and how to band them on Saturday, April 22, 9:00 am - noon.

Of family interest is Harry Lappen, Naturalist and Performer who will present a program "Birds in their Habitats" on Saturday, April 22, 1:30 - 2:15 pm. This program is designed to appeal to the K-6 crowd.

And don't forget the **GREEN SCENE**, the spring fundraiser and auction on Friday, April 28, 5:30 - 8:00 pm at the Red Barn at Hampshire College.

For more information or to register for any Hitchcock offering call the Center at 256-6006.

#### OF GENERAL INTEREST

As part of the HBC information gathering and dispensing service, your secretary is always on the lookout for enrichment items that may have been missed by you, the membership. In that light, I offer the following which will be of special interest to those born between March 21 and April 19:

In 1967 the longest flight by a chicken, 302 feet, was accomplished by a hen born under the sign of Aries. And, in 1955 -- an Aries python provided the only known case of a snake devouring a whole pig.

Keep this in mind if Aries is your sign and if the Guinness Book of World Records is your goal. The wild and crazy Aries animals are everywhere.

With warm wishes,



Sally Venman, Secretary

## HAMPSHIRE BIRD CLUB

May, 1995

### PROGRAMS

When HBC Program Director Shirley Hilborn attended the Annual Massachusetts Birders' Meeting last November and heard Richard Cech give his program on "Seabirds of the Northeast: Identification and Ecology" she knew this was a program she wanted to bring to our membership. On Monday, May 8 7:30 p.m. at the Hitchcock Center we'll have that chance. Rick has always had a particular passion for seabirds. He will provide an overview of New England seabird natural history and will specifically emphasize the identification of these often difficult-to-identify birds. Among the species that will be discussed will be tubenoses (shearwaters and petrels), gannets, jaegers and skuas, and alcids (murre, puffins, etc.). His varied talents have helped him function as Coordinator for the Jamaica Bay Environmental Coalition and as President of the Linnaean Society of New York. He is currently a consulting naturalist for Chanticleer Press, Inc., as well as Editor of *The Anglewing*, the newsletter of the North American Butterfly Association. Rick's various articles and natural history publications include *A Distributional Checklist of the Butterflies and Skippers of the New York City Area*, and his outstanding photographs have regularly graced the pages of *American Birds*, *American Butterflies*, and *Where the Birds Are*.

A short business meeting will precede the program. We are required by our By-laws to elect Board officers and members for the coming year at our May meeting. The nominating committee (Sue Emerson, Morris Lainer and Jim Marcum, chair) will present the following slate for your approval: Jan Ortiz (President), Shirley Hilborn (Vice President/Program Director), Al Richards (Treasurer), Sally Venman (Communications Secretary), Tom Carpenter (Membership Secretary) and Bob Bieda, Morris Lainer, Pat Lynch, Mark Mount, Jim Marcum, and Scott Sumner (Members at Large). Nominations will also be accepted from the floor, if seconded. Board meetings are open to the general membership. Let one of us know if you would be interested in attending.

### FIELD TRIP REMINDERS

Starting Tuesday, May 2, and continuing every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the month, the Club sponsors an early morning bird walk through Wildwood Cemetery in Amherst. No need to register - just meet the leader at the gate at 6:30 a.m. The walk is designed to finish at about 8:00 a.m. so you can catch some warblers before work.

May being the big migration month that it is and Wildwood Cemetery being one of the big bird refueling areas, I have been asked to remind you that Wildwood is private property and we must remember always that we are guests on its paths. We have maintained a good relationship with the management over the years, and have been assured that birders are always welcome. Although it may seem obvious, remember to respect the privacy of people visiting grave sites. Park only in the appropriate places -- do NOT park on the lawns. Please respect the management's simple wishes and use common sense and courtesy when birding the facility so that we will continue to be welcome.

Saturday, May 13 is the date set for the Annual North American Migration Count as described below Contact Anne Lombard at 586-7509.

Saturday, May 20, is the date set for the 1995 Massachusetts Audubon Birdathon. Call Tom Gagnon at 584-6353 for more information.

Friday, May 26, is the start of the Spring Montegan Weekend led by Scott Sumner.

On Saturday, May 27, Al Richards will lead a group to Plum Island searching for shorebirds and warblers. Call Al at 665-2761.

On Saturday, June 10, Don Kroodsma will be leading a group interested in "Dawn Birding by Ear" starting at 4:30 a.m. Call Don at 253-5519 for more information.

On the evening of Saturday, June 17 Al Richards (665-2761) will be searching for Whip-Poor-Will.

On Friday, June 23, Tom Gagnon will lead a three-day camping/motel trip to the Connecticut Lakes in Northern New Hampshire. Call Tom at 584-6353 if you are interested or need more information.

I remind you again to call the HBC VOICE. By calling this recorded telephone service, operated and updated weekly by Scott Sumner, you will learn what birds have been seen in the area and hear about events of interest not covered in the mailings. To receive this information call 253-2218. Check it regularly.

### HITCHCOCK CENTER

(Call the Center at 256-6006 for more information and to register)

On Saturday, May 6 and again on Saturday, June 17 aerobic walking and ear training will be the order of the morning when naturalist John Green will be "Birding by Ear on Foot" at Quabbin from 6:30 - 10:00 a.m. You'll learn a lot about identifying the many beautiful bird songs of a New England spring, meeting your target heart rate at the same time.

And on Saturday, June 10. 10:00 a.m. - noon, Hitchcock will be visiting with Tom Ricardi at his Bird of Prey Raptor Rehabilitation facility.

### CONSERVATION

The fourth Annual North American Migration Count will occur on Saturday, May 13. The NAMC is like a Christmas Count in that it includes counting all birds seen/heard on a given day. Unlike a Christmas Count, the NAMC is a nationwide count held on one day only (second Saturday in May), has entire counties as count areas (instead of fifteen mile diameter circles), has NO fees, and occurs in WARM WEATHER (!).

In the 1994 NAMC, more than 5,000 observers in 46 states saw over 583 species and more than 8 million individuals. Unfortunately there were only 87 participants in all of New England. In an attempt to expand the coverage in New England this appeal is going out to many birders and bird clubs. The HBC is participating in the North American Migration Count for the first time.

Chances are pretty good that you will be on your own favorite birding grounds sometime on the 13th, by yourself or with friends. Why not join the Count? Simply record numbers and species on the tally sheet available through Anne Lombard. If you are interested call Anne at 586-7509, leave your name and address and she'll send you a copy. Return the completed sheets to Anne after May 13th. The Hampshire County totals will then be forwarded to the Northeast Regional Coordinator of NAMC. Anne would be happy to put you with a group if you would like. Just call and ask. Please do all that you can to spread the word about this important information gathering event.

And -- don't forget about **PROJECT TANAGER** described in the last newsletter. Anne or Micky McKinley (367-9791) would be happy to answer questions and sign you up.

Happy  
Spring!



## HAMPSHIRE BIRD CLUB -- June, 1995

### PROGRAM:

Have we got a show for you!!! Julio de la Torre is a well-known naturalist, lecturer, free-lance editor, translator, author, natural history consultant, announcer, narrator, and teacher (phew!). This will be his third visit with us. He is a dynamic speaker, dramatic and theatrical - a real "ham." (He is also a former opera singer.) Chris Hill, a birding friend who left this area a few years back to continue his owl studies elsewhere loved telling the story about his first owl prowling with the man. All was going well and in the fairly standard manner of a nighttime owl prowling when Julio suddenly broke the silence loudly and enthusiastically with a favorite operatic aria. It certainly got Chris's attention -- wonder how the owl reacted? This multi-talented speaker will be our guest on Monday, June 12, 7:30 p.m. at the Hitchcock Center. If you have or can get a copy of his highly acclaimed book *Owls: Their Life and Behavior* I am sure he would be happy to sign it for you. There is extra parking at the Common School behind the Hitchcock lot should we need it.

### FIELD TRIP REMINDERS:

On Saturday, June 10, Don Kroodsma will be leading a group interested in "Dawn Birding by Ear" starting at 4:30 a.m. Call Don at 253-5519 for more information.

On the evening of Saturday, June 17 Al Richards (665-2761) will be searching for Whip-Poor-Wills.

Leaving on Friday, June 23 and returning on Sunday, June 25, Tom Gagnon and Morris Lainer will lead a camping/motel trip to the Connecticut Lakes in Northern New Hampshire. This beautiful and fascinating area, birthplace of the Connecticut River, boasts acres of timberlands, mountains, lakes, streams and forest trails. Highlights expected by the leaders are the Common Loon, Black-backed Woodpecker, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Common Raven, Boreal Chickadee, Gray Jay plus 20 species of breeding warblers. And the elusive Spruce Grouse is always a possibility. Birds are not the only reason for visiting this picturesque area. Moose, Snowshoe Hare, butterflies and magnificent wildflowers are usually sure things. Call Tom at 584-6353 or Morris at 527-9412 if you are interested or need more information.

On Monday, July 24, Bob Bieda will be leading the first of four Monday morning trips to the Longmeadow Sandbar for shorebirds. The trips (from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m.) will run only if the sandbar is exposed so check with Bob (527-2623) before going. The group will meet in the vacant lot across from the leaf dump on West Street in Longmeadow. Other sandbar dates are August 14, 21, and 28.

On Saturday, August 12, Al Richards (665-2761) and Bob Bieda (527-2623) will be taking 12 people to Monomoy Island.

On Saturday, August 19 Scott Sumner (253-7486) travels to the East Coast of Maine.

On Saturday, September 9 Jim Marcum (549-1613) goes to Plum Island for shorebirds and warblers.

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And, on Saturday September 23, Bob Bieda (527-2623) will be helping us to sort out the fall warblers.

I am pleased to be able to announce that there is now a CAPE COD NATURAL HISTORY HOTLINE (508-349-9464): a recorded message, updated weekly, reporting recent sightings of birds, butterflies, dragonflies, and other natural history events occurring on Cape Cod.

And -- don't forget to call the HBC VOICE. By calling this recorded telephone service, operated and updated weekly by Scott Sumner, you will learn what birds have been seen in the area and hear about events of interest not covered in the mailings. To receive this information call 253-2218. Check it regularly.

### HITCHCOCK CENTER:

On Saturday, June 10, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, Hitchcock will be visiting with Tom Ricardi at his Bird of Prey Raptor Rehabilitation facility. And on Saturday, June 17 aerobic walking and ear training will be the order of the morning when naturalist John Green will be "Birding by Ear on Foot" at Quabbin from 6:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Call the Center at 256-6006 for more information and to register.

### AND --

That should just about do it for another HBC year. You'll next hear from me in August when I come after your money. (The membership year runs from September 1 - August 31.) I mention it now so that you'll have the summer to think about what is really important in your life, list priorities, and start putting aside large amounts of money to support the HBC in a VERY BIG BIRDER way. (Hey -- we'll still say "hi" and send notices for \$10.00, but at the supporting level we stand up and shout "HI"!!!!)

Out of things to celebrate? Is your life just one boring day after another? Then for heavens sake put *Pizazz* in place of ordinary this summer. Invite the neighbors in, clink glasses of Koolade, light candles on Oreo cookies, and give three cheers for --

JUNE: This month is National Turkey Lover's Month and two birthdays will be celebrated. Donald Duck will be 53 on the 9th and Garfield the Cat's special day is the 19th. On the 21st we celebrate the official adoption of the Eagle as our national symbol. (Ben Franklin wanted to see the Turkey in that spot.) Speaking of which, does anyone out there remember what president said, "sure we make mistakes, but point them out and we will correct them. Let's not throw the baby out, though, with the dishes?" Clue -- the year was 1987 and the same president once said that "trees pollute air."



**JULY:** A hot month. Take your mind off the heat on the 12th when Buckminster Fuller (inventor and architect) would be blowing out 100 candles if he still had breath. Celebrate by using toothpicks and pea sized balls of clay and build yourself a geodesic dome. Then on the 23rd, if you can't be in Freemont, Michigan to celebrate National Baby Food Festival Day, at least spread a cracker with your favorite baby food meat (substitute vegetable if you are vegetarian).

**AUGUST:** Time to insulate the body in preparation for the long cold winter ahead. Find inspiration and motivation in the following and eat your way through August.

- 1 -- Shredded Wheat was invented in 1893.
- 5 -- National Mustard Day celebrated nationwide.
- 13 - The Annual Peanut Party will be held in Pelion, South Carolina.
- 14 - Julia Child celebrates her 83rd birthday.
- 23 - Fannie Farmer opened her Boston School of Cookery in 1902.
- 28 - On this date in 1798 John J. Dufour established the first successful vineyard in Lexington, Kentucky.

Just one final thought as you go into the summer, possibly visiting new and different birding spots, searching for new and different species of birds:

"Birds don't read the books. (That's why they are seen doing things they are not supposed to do.)"

-- Mary Wood

**HAVE A WONDERFUL BIRD-FILLED SUMMER!!!**

*Mary Wood*

# HAMPSHIRE BIRD CLUB

## ALL THE BIRD NEWS FIT TO PUBLISH

August 1995

With huge expenditure of energy, Secretary Sally pulls herself out of the lawn chair. An excruciating climb up the stairs brings her to the computer room. A tremendous "kerthopp" places her in a chair facing the darkened screen. With her last ounce of energy she flips the switch that turns on the computer that leads to the program that helps her to write the Newsletter that informs all you would-be HBC members that

### *HAMPSHIRE BIRD CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME IS HERE!!!*

I hope you all recognize the extreme effort and sacrifice that is being made here by your usually all-purpose secretary whose sole purpose this August is to get the word out about the Club, its programs, field trips, and interesting birding events being planned, and to gently suggest payment of membership dues. She is thinking of nominating herself for sainthood. Ste. Sally -- has a nice ring to it, don't you think? --- Or maybe Ste. Sarah?

But I digress.

The end of August is in sight and I can no longer put this off. So with a little help from my friends -- chocolate, diet coke and word processor -- I offer the following:

The Club is a good source of information for birdwatching newcomers as well as for the more experienced birder. All are welcome. As a member you receive monthly mailings describing regular programs, field trips, and bird related events in the area. You have access to our ever expanding lending library for birders located at the Hitchcock Center; earn the privilege of getting frostbite by participating in local Christmas Bird Counts (not mandatory); and can have a place on the Rare Bird Alert telephone tree (if desired). Through the VOICE (an up-to-date recorded telephone service) you will learn what and where birds are being seen, reminders of meetings and trips, and news that may not have been covered in the letter. All this, and as a new member, you receive the treasured and truly amazing MEMBERSHIP PACKET filled with membership-only kinds of information. (And you thought this was just another Bird Club!)

As we go into our eleventh year as a Club, I have been looking over the programs and field trips that have been offered and am really amazed at how we have grown into the active and exciting Club we are today. For speakers we have been informed, challenged and entertained by some of the best academic and field ornithologists and nature photographers of our time, our own people being numbered among the illustrious group. Our first two programs this fall will feature Wayne Petersen in September and Jon Dunne in October -- not chopped liver, these two. Our field trip offerings have taken us to local spots for morning birding or further afield for all-day trips to Plum Island and the like. Among our longer trips we have spent long weekends on Monhegan Island and at the source of the Connecticut River in New Hampshire and full weeks in Arizona and in Yellowstone. All these trips have been led by our own knowledgeable people. We have gone outside our club and arranged with professional groups to take us to Trinidad and Tobago and most recently to Costa Rica.

One of the goals of the HBC is to keep cost of membership as reasonable as possible. As with any community organization there is a whole lot of volunteer time that goes into making things happen, but the Club still has two main expenses - the cost of bringing quality programs to the community and the cost of mailings to keep members informed. Both of these costs are on the rise. Our ONLY income is from membership dues. As expenses rise, our budget gets tighter and tighter. We do want to continue to bring you the quality of programs we are known for. So ---

Oh, oh! --- QUICK --- RUN --- it's the

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Our membership year runs from September through August. We are not raising the price of membership. Simply stated, however, **IF THERE IS ANY WAY THAT YOU COULD JOIN AT A SUPPORTING LEVEL (Birder, Big Birder or Rare Birder) IT WOULD BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.**

That's it! Wasn't that easy? Didn't hurt a bit, did it?

Enclosed with this letter are the Membership and Release forms that should be filled out and sent to Tom Carpenter, membership secretary, along with a check for the appropriate amount. Also enclosed is the Rare Bird Alert form which also goes to Tom. Note that this form needs to be in no later than October 1 if you wish to be on the new tree.

If you prefer to join at the first meeting, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE bring your completed forms with you - saves wear and tear on easily confused secretaries.

Now to the business at hand --

#### MONTHLY MEETINGS

Monthly meetings are held on the second Monday of the month (holiday exception October 16, not 9), at the Hitchcock Center in Amherst, at 7:30 pm., September through June. People come early (and stay late) to socialize, immerse themselves in the "The Taste of HBC" (goodies provided by the Club and by members), and peruse the HBC Library. All programs are free and open to the public. I've been asked to remind you that if you need to park along the driveway do so on the north side only. Carpooling is a good idea when possible.

On Monday, September 11, we are happy to again welcome one of our favorite speakers, Wayne Petersen, Field Ornithologist for the Massachusetts Audubon Society. He will be presenting a program on "Patterns in Migration." Wayne co-authored (with Richard Veit) *Birds of Massachusetts*, is the Summer Season and Christmas Bird Count Editor for the New England Region of National Audubon Society *Field Notes*, and has contributed over forty species accounts to the *Audubon Society Master Guide to Birding*. He is a frequent lecturer and presenter of birding workshops in New England. His research experience spans North and Central America from Belize to James Bay, Canada. Wayne is also an international tour leader for Field Guides, Inc., and the Massachusetts Audubon Society. Come join us for the first meeting of the year. It's a nice way to start the fall routine!

On Monday, October 16, Jon Dunn, a major consultant in the production of the *National Geographic Guide to the Birds of North America*, a director of the

successful bird tour organization, WINGS, Inc., acclaimed author and teacher, will be with us to talk about Warblers, the subject of his book, soon to be published by Houghton Mifflin. This meeting is being co-sponsored with the Athol Bird Club. Because we expect this special speaker to draw a large audience this meeting will most likely be moved to the Amherst Junior High School Auditorium. More details including directions will be given in the next Newsletter.

Mark your calendars: On Monday, November 13, State Ornithologist Scott Melvin will present a program on the recovery program of the Piping Plover and will update the Grassland Bird Management at Westover. And on Monday, December 11, we gather for the annual holiday party when members show their own natural history slides, plans are made for the Christmas Bird Counts, and we eat ourselves silly. Details will be in future membership mailings.

### FIELD TRIPS

The HBC offers two different types of trips: regular and fee-based. Regular field trips will be to spots easily reached and explored in one day. No costs other than travel, meals and incidental fees are involved. Please call the trip leader to register so plans can be made for the size of the group and you can be notified if a change is necessary. We carpool whenever possible and share in driving expenses. Fee-based trips are generally for a longer period, where costs are predetermined and participants pay in advance.

If you have suggestions of places you would like the Club to visit, or would be interested in being considered as a trip leader, please contact the Field Trip Chair, Bob Bieda (21 Pomeroy St., Easthampton, MA 01027; 413-527-2623).

The complete fall and winter field trip schedule will be ready for the next mailing. Meanwhile here are several trips you may wish to be part of (call leaders for more information):

On Saturday, September 9 Jim Marcum (549-1613) goes to Plum Island for shorebirds and warblers.

Al Richards (665-2761) claims that Friday, September 15, will be "THE BEST DAY OF THE FALL TO WATCH HAWKS". He will meet people at Goat Peak Tower on Mount Tom at 9:00 a.m.

And, on Saturday September 23, Bob Bieda (527-2623) will be helping us to sort out the fall warblers.

### HITCHCOCK NEWS OF INTEREST TO BIRDERS

FALL BIRDING CLASS: Jan Ortiz, HBC President, is presenting her ever-popular birding classes again this fall. Relaxed and comfortable as well as being a comprehensive survey of birds during fall migration, the classes are geared for both beginners and experienced birders. Jan is a seasoned, respected and dedicated birder with a special gift for communicating her love and knowledge of birds. Evening classes will cover subjects of interest to birders and will preview species expected on the field trips. Three sessions will be offered.

Session 1 (starting September 6) will have eight Wednesday evenings in the classroom, 7 pm. to 9 pm., followed by eight Saturdays in the field, 7 am. to noon.

Sundays may be added as an optional field day depending upon the number of participants. There will also be longer trips to Plum Island, Quabbin, and the North Shore. The fee for this session is \$95.00 for Hitchcock members and \$130.00 for non-members.

Session 2 (starting September 7) and Session 3 (starting October 18) will have four Thursday evenings in the classroom, 7 pm. to 9 pm. followed by four slower paced Friday mornings in the field staying in the local area from 8 am. to noon. The fee for each of these shorter sessions is \$50.00 for Hitchcock members and \$75.00 for non-members.

Because the Hitchcock Center is closed until September 2nd and the class begins on the 6th you are asked to call Jan personally at 549-1768 to register or to have questions answered. A check made out to the Hitchcock Center for the full amount of the fee should be sent to the Center at 525 South Pleasant St., Amherst, MA 01002.

#### MISCELLANEOUS HBC NEWS (aka TERMINAL SILLINESS)

Some of you may remember a couple years back when we ran a series of Bird-related spoofs called "Woozles" prompted by the wit and wisdom (?) of a Ms. Sallie Hoffman, chief scribe of the Nashoba Valley Bird Club Newsletter who defined Woozles as plays on the names and sometime the natures of real birds. She published samples in her newsletter. (Samples: Birds that annoy Bugs: Grate-crested Flyscratcher; Musical Birds: Highland Bandpiper; Inquisitive Birds: Common Snoop, and Mata Hari Woodpecker; Birds with Better-known Twins: Chickadum.) This train of thought prompted many creative contributions from our members. From Ralph Cabana's Arizona birding trip came "Searching for the elusive Scaled/Gambels hybrid -- the Scrambled Quail. And his memory of evenings spent at the bar of the Stage Stop Inn in Patagonia, the Rose-throated Bacardi". They challenged us, we met the challenge! "Now, we don't want to Crossbills with the Nashoba Valley Bird Club, but have they not thrown down the Gannet? Do we let this go for Nodding? I think Knot!" (from the March, 1993 HBC newsletter.) This was such fun (especially for the two hard working scribes -- Sallie and Sally) that I propose the start of another round of bird related spoofs and serious silliness. How about starting a list of dream birds -- I mean that literally. I had been home from birding in Costa Rica for a few days when I dreamed I saw perched on a branch in the jungle canopy the number one target bird of the trip, the Brewster's Chicken-dove, a large chunky round bird with a huge bright green beak. Who needs the Resplendent Quetzal? Think of the potential for a life list! One of our members is working on a song-book changing the time honored lyrics of old familiar tunes to fit the Hampshire Bird Club image. What literary greatness lies before us? I await your responses!

Don't forget to send your dues thus assuring the continuation of your membership in the Hampshire Bird Club (and Song-fest Society). Our membership year runs from September through August. You may join at any time, but this is the only letter that goes out to everyone on the mailing list.

Questions? Please feel free to call me (549-1098) or our President Jan Ortiz (549-1768).

*Sally*

Sally Venman, Corresponding Secretary

## **Hampshire Bird Club Amherst, Massachusetts**



### ***Jon Dunn is coming to Amherst!***

The Hampshire Bird Club will be joined by the Athol Bird Club in co-sponsoring acclaimed author, teacher, consultant and birding tour leader **Jon Dunn** at the Amherst Regional High School auditorium on Monday, October 16 at 7:30 p.m. Jon will present a slide program on Warblers.

### ***About Jon Dunn . . .***

Jon has devoted most of his life to the close study of birds in North America and other parts of the world. He is a popular instructor with the Institute for Field Ornithology at the University of Maine at Machias and has been a director of the successful bird tour organization, WINGS, Inc., for 20 years, leading tours to Alaska, Arizona, California, Texas, Point Pelee, Jamaica, Hong Kong, Thailand, Malaysia, Borneo, and other birding hot spots. Although his columns and comments on bird identification have appeared in virtually every major American bird journal, his work as one of the Chief Consultants for the widely acclaimed *National Geographic Guide to the Birds of North America* is probably his best known work.

### ***Jon's talk . . . bring your binoculars!***

Jon's talk, which is geared to appeal to beginners as well as experts, will give us a peek into some of his yet-to-be-published insights dealing with warblers. He asks that

you **bring your binoculars** to the meeting to help you focus on the more difficult identification problems. Included in this category are the Orange-crowned, Connecticut, Cerulean, Blackpoll and Bay-breasted Warblers. Jon will also discuss conservation issues, as with the Kirtland's and Bachman's Warblers. Many of the slides he will use are from the book *Field Guide to North American Warblers*, which he is co-authoring with Kimball Garrett and which will be published by Houghton Mifflin in 1996.

### ***Remember -- we've moved the meeting!***

Jon is traveling from his home in Beaver Creek, Ohio, to be with us at this special meeting. He'll draw a large audience, so we have moved this one meeting to the auditorium of the **Amherst Regional Junior High School**. Pass the word along to your birding friends!

For more information, contact Jan Ortiz (549-1768) or Shirley Hilborn (549-1362).

### **Directions to the Amherst Regional Junior High School**

From the Amherst Town Common at the intersection of Rts 9 and 116: Drive north on North Pleasant Street past 3 stoplights (Amity Street, Kellogg Street and Triangle Street). Beyond the 3rd light continue straight. North Pleasant Street turns to the left at the light to the University, and you want to be on **East** Pleasant Street. Look for the second right, which is Chestnut Street. (The first right is Chestnut Court.) The Junior High is about a quarter of a mile ahead on the left side of Chestnut Street, just before Chestnut Street turns to the right. Turn left into the parking lot in front of the school and look for the middle entrance, which leads directly into the auditorium.

From the **east**: Take Route 9 east into Amherst. Look for the stoplight by the Town Common, which will be on your right. At the stoplight, turn right. Follow the directions from the Town Common above.

From the **west**: Take Route 9 east into Amherst. At the stoplight at the top of the hill (at the Town Common) turn left and follow directions from the Amherst Town Common above.

From the **south**: If you are coming in on Route 116, pick up the directions from the Amherst Town Common above. If you are coming in on Route 91, take exit 19 and follow directions from the west, above.

From the **north**: Take Route 116 south to Route 9. Turn left on Route 9 and follow directions as though coming from the west.

HAMPSHIRE BIRD CLUB  
RARE BIRD ALERT  
1995-1996

A telephone tree is used to alert interested members to rare birds in the area. The Western Kingbird, Le Conte's Sparrow and Dickcissel were seen locally. People interested in traveling further afield viewed the Tufted Duck, Mountain Bluebird and Black-tailed Gull. These were just a few of the birds people saw or tried to see last year because of the tree.

As was true last year, the VOICE will be used to report local sightings of interesting birds. This should meet the needs of many of us. For those of us who are more interested in going after rare or unusual birds, the Rare Bird Alert telephone tree will be activated. There will be two categories:

- A. For rare birds in the Pioneer Valley only.
- B. For rare birds in the Pioneer Valley and beyond.

Signing up for either category implies that you want to be called and are willing to call at any time. The secret to making the tree work is individual commitment to passing along the word.

It is *absolutely essential* that you call the next person on the list immediately. If unable to reach that individual personally, you keep going down the list until you do reach someone. *It is still your responsibility* to see that those not contacted are reached later on. Please do not sign up if you are only casually interested. We have learned that the tree falls apart when even one person does not cooperate.

People responding by October 1 will be included on the tree. The tree will be updated in January if new people wish to be added.

The Alert is for HBC members only. If you want to be on the RARE BIRD ALERT telephone tree, please fill out the following form, detach and return it with your membership form to Tom Carpenter, 80 Federal Street, Northampton, MA 01006-2702.

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### PROGRAMS

On Monday, October 16, Jon Dunn, a major figure in the bird watching world will be with us to talk about "WARBLERS." This meeting is being co-sponsored with the Athol Bird Club. Because we expect this special speaker to draw a large audience we will be meeting at the Amherst Junior High School Auditorium. Please read the enclosed notice for more information about Jon and for directions to the Junior High.

Back to the Hitchcock Center on Monday, November 13 when State Ornithologist Scott Melvin will speak on the recovery program of the Piping Plover and will give us an update on Grassland Bird Management at Westover. And on Monday, December 11, we gather for the annual holiday party when members show their own natural history slides and plans are made for the Christmas Bird Counts.

### FIELD TRIPS

Enclosed is the Field Trip Committee's list of trips through March. I'll be reminding you of the trips in each newsletter, but you might want to take a moment now to look over the offerings and mark your calendars for those that especially interest you. Call the leader if you have questions or to register.

Saturday, October 7: Half-day search for sparrows with leader Scott Sumner (253-7486). Meet at the Hitchcock Center at 7:00 a.m.

Saturday, October 7: All-day trip to Plum Island for hawks and late migrants with Morris Lainer. Call Morris for details (527-9412).

Saturday, October 14: All-day trip to Quabbin Reservoir with leader Tom Gagnon. This trip is limited to 16 people. Some hiking involved. Call Tom at 584-6353 after 6:00 p.m. to sign up.

Wednesday, November 8: Mid-week, half-day local trip with Harvey Allen. Call him (253-7963) to arrange a meeting place.

Monhegan Island - Memorial Day Weekend: It is not too early to think about this annual trip led by Scott Sumner (253-7486). We leave from Port Clyde, Maine, on Friday, May 25 and spend all day Saturday and Sunday on the Island enjoying the migrating birds, the spring wild flowers, hiking, eating, laughing and having a wonderful "escape." We return to the mainland on Monday. The cost is approximately \$200.00 per person plus shared gas costs to Port Clyde, parking and baggage fees, tips, lunches and snacks, and an optional lobster dinner on the Island.

Places to stay on Monhegan are limited, and reservations for the annual Memorial Day weekend trip need to be made by December this year. It seems early to be announcing this trip, but it is extremely popular and fills quickly. If you plan on going or if you think you would like to go, insure a spot for yourself by making a \$25.00 deposit by December 1. Make the check out to the Hampshire Bird Club and send it to treasurer Al Richards, 7 South Main St., Sunderland, MA 01375. Call Scott if you have questions.

The Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem trip first offered by Tom Gagnon in 1993 is being planned again for 1996, July 13, through July 23 or 24 (depending on final itinerary). Tom will be providing full details in the next mailing, but you might wish to start thinking about it.



## LIBRARY

Enclosed in this mailing you will find a review of the book *Shadowbirds: A Quest for Rails* by William Burt who was our guest speaker in March, 1994. The publisher sent the Club a copy of the book which David Spector agreed to review for us. Many, many thanks to David for his thoughtful and comprehensive work. The book can be found in the HBC library.

In addition to Bill Burt's book, HBC Librarian Anne Cann wants you to know about other recent additions. The ABA publishes three Newsletters which we now receive. *Birding* comes monthly and contains many articles about birding and birding issues. *Winging It* also comes monthly and focuses on bird sightings, good places to visit, and much more. *A Bird's Eye View* is a newsletter aimed at our younger members. Also new in our library this year is a subscription to the monthly magazine *Bird Watcher's Digest*.

New books in the collection include *Bird Finding in New England* by Richard K. Walton and *Birds of Massachusetts* by Richard R. Veit and Wayne R. Petersen. If you are planning a birding trip you might wish to look at Peggy Van Hulsteyn's book *The Birder's Guide to Bed & Breakfast: United States & Canada*. Should you want to purchase a book or other birding supplies the ABA Annotated Catalog and Price List is also available.

The library, located at the Hitchcock Center, is for the benefit for members. Please enjoy it. If you have any suggestions for books which would add to the resources, please let Anne know. If you have birding books you no longer use which you would like to contribute to the library, they will be accepted with appreciation and made available to all HBC members. You can see Anne at the monthly meetings or call her at 253-7753.

## HITCHCOCK PROGRAMS

**FALL BIRDING CLASS:** There is still space in Session 3 of the Fall Birding Class being taught by HBC president Jan Ortiz. There will be four Thursday evening classes (October 12, 19, 26 & November 2) each followed by four local field trips on Friday mornings. Please call the Center at 256-6006 for more information and to register.

**BIRD SEED SALE:** Pre-paid orders are due Friday, October 20th with pick-up on Saturday, October 28 9:00 am -- 1:00 pm. Call the Center for more information.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Remember to sign up for the Rare Bird Alert by October 1 by sending your form to Tom Carpenter or by contacting Jan Ortiz at 549-1768.

I also remind you to call the HBC VOICE (WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS VOICE OF AUDUBON), the recorded telephone service, operated and updated weekly by Scott Sumner. You will learn what birds have been seen in the area and hear about events of interest to birders, special programs or field trips that may not have been covered in newsletters. To receive this information call 253-2218. Check it regularly. If you have bird sightings you wish to report call 256-1836. Scott asks that when reporting you leave your name and phone number, identify the bird(s), and say when and where spotted and how many.

I thought it might be useful for you to know the names and phone numbers of the HBC Board members should you have suggestions, questions or concerns. Board meetings are open to all members. Let us hear from you.

Officers:

Jan Ortiz (President), 549-1768; Shirley Hilborn (Vice President & Program Chair), 549-1362; Al Richards (Treasurer), 665-2761; Tom Carpenter (Membership Chair), 584-0779; and Sally Venman (Secretary), 549-1098.

Members at Large:

Bob Bieda (Field Trip Chair), 527-2623; Morris Lainer, 527-9412; Pat Lynch, 549-5850; Jim Marcum, 549-1613; Mark Mount, 253-7580 and Scott Surner, 253-7486.

The Seventh Annual Statewide Massachusetts Birders' Meeting, co-sponsored by the Massachusetts Audubon Society and the South Shore Bird Club, will take place on Saturday, November 18 at Stonehill College in North Easton. This informative day of presentations, discussions and identification workshops, with a reception, book signings, demonstrations, exhibits and an evening banquet will feature Jim Berry, Mara Silver, Jackie Sones, Dick Walton, Bob Fox, Steve Arena, Joe Kenneally, John Kricher, David Clapp, Candace Cook, Kathleen Anderson, and Wayne Petersen. The banquet speaker will be Pete Dunne whose subject is "Small-headed Flycatcher. Seen yesterday. He didn't leave his name." Registration is at 9:00 a.m. For more information, call 617-259-9506, Ext. 7401.

Starting Friday, October 20 and running through Sunday, October 22 The Stony Brook Wildlife Sanctuary (Massachusetts Audubon Society) is sponsoring a trip to Brigantine National Wildlife Refuge, Cape May State Park and The Nature Conservancy Meadows, New Jersey, led by Sarah Jennings and Jack Lash. Phenomenal hawk migrations, amazing flights of Snow Geese and other fall waterfowl plus many migrating song birds are expected. To get more information, call Sarah Jennings at the Sanctuary, (508) 528-3140.

The Forestry and Wildlife Management Department at UMass is requesting help from birders in collecting data on Canada Geese across New England during the migration this fall. There is growing concern over rapidly declining numbers of migrating Canada Geese while at the same time the numbers of resident geese are increasing. Many birds have been banded over the past five years using yellow or white neck bands (with black printing) or orange bands (with white printing). We are being asked to help gather information about these birds from which population dynamics can be determined and sound management decisions can be made. The essential data collecting time is from September 15 through October 30. Information needed is location of sighting (town, county, state); total number of geese observed; total number of collared geese (if any); collar code and color (if available). Canada Geese Sighting Reports will be available at the Bird Club meeting or by contacting Scott Jackson, UMass Extension at (413) 545-4743.

See you at the JUNIOR HIGH --

*Sally*

Sally Venman, Secretary

#### HAMPSHIRE BIRD CLUB - NOVEMBER 1995

**MONTHLY MEETING:** We move back to the Hitchcock Center on November 13 at 7:30 p.m. for a presentation by State Ornithologist Scott Melvin, who will speak on the recovery program of the Piping Plover and give us an update on the Grassland Bird Management program at Westover. A member of the Atlantic Coast Piping Plover Recovery Team, Scott coordinates the Piping Plover conservation efforts for the Department of Fish and Wildlife. He has been censusing birds at Westover since 1984 as part of his work with endangered species. Scott also holds a position as Adjunct Assistant Professor at UMass.

**FIELD TRIPS:** Sunday, November 12 -- Tom Gagnon (584-6353) will lead an all-day trip to the Berkshire Lakes and Berry Mountain. Meet at the Northampton Stop and Shop parking lot at 6:15 a.m. On Friday, November 24 it's the all-day Turkey Trot to Cape Anne and Plum Island with Al Richards (665-2761). Meet at the Dairy Mart in Sunderland where Rts. 47 and 116 cross at 5 a.m. The Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem trip information is being plotted and planned as I type. You will have it soon.

**REMINDERS:** Deposits of \$50 per person are due in December in order to guarantee a spot on the Memorial Day weekend trip (as described in last month's letter). Send your check to treasurer Al Richards, 7 South Main Street, Sunderland, MA 01375. Call Scott Surner (253-7486) if you have questions.

The Seventh Annual Statewide Massachusetts Birders' Meeting will take place on Saturday, November 18 at Stonehill College in North Easton. For more information, call 617-259-9506, Ext. 7401.

Check the HBC VOICE (253-2218) for up-to-date news about what birds are being seen where plus other birding information.

*Sally Venman, Sec'y.*

HAMPSHIRE BIRD CLUB  
December 1995

"THE GREAT DAY COMETH" echoes across winter-locked fields.

AHHHHH!

3:00 a.m.: A frigid vigil by a railroad crossing ---  
listening --- listening --- Was that a Long-eared Owl  
calling?

Dawn: An icy trudge through open fields, expectant ears  
listening --- listening --- there it is, the sparrow's  
"chip"! Could it possibly be a Clay-colored?

Sunset: Even though weary, cold and hungry, the eyes of our  
birder are on fire with excitement. No identification  
questions this time. The climactic moment of the day has  
arrived as our hero zeros in on and begins the count of the  
Starlings along the Connecticut River: 5432 ... 5433 ...  
5434 ... 5435 ... 5436 .....

WOW!

Yup -- it's that time again. The Annual CHRISTMAS BIRD  
COUNT is upon us and will be plotted and planned at our next  
meeting on Monday, December 11, 7:30 pm, at the Hitchcock  
Center. The Christmas Bird Count is a census of birdlife  
taken annually at the end of the year across the Continent.  
It was started in 1899 as an alternative to the traditional  
Christmas "side hunt," a time when hunters would go out  
after Christmas dinner, choose sides and compete to see  
which group could shoot the most birds. The count is  
sponsored by the National Audubon Society and is undertaken  
by volunteers who count not only the different species of  
birds but also the actual number of individuals. Thousands  
of birdwatchers participate in this major information-  
gathering event. Data fed into the computer show densities  
of wintering bird populations and help to point out cyclical  
movements and evidence of changes in populations. Studied  
over the years, the information is helpful in detecting  
trends and pinpointing problems.

You don't have to be an expert and you don't have to  
count all day. If you are a beginner, you can be put with an  
experienced birder. You can participate simply by counting  
birds at your feeders in the warmth of your home.

Our local count (Northampton Christmas Count) is being  
organized by Jan Ortiz and will take place on Sunday,  
December 17. It covers an area on both sides of the river.  
Immediately following the Count participants will meet at  
Arcadia for the compilation. (There will not be a potluck  
this year.) A \$5.00 fee to cover costs of compiling and  
publishing the results is required from all field observers.  
The fee does not apply to feeder watchers unless they wish  
to be listed with participants in the special CBC issue of  
*Field Notes* published by the National Audubon Society. If  
you are interested in participating in this local count but

can't attend the meeting, please call Jan Ortiz (549-1768) for information and assignment.

Other counts: Springfield, December 16 (call Bruce Kindseth at 745-9593); Quabbin, December 30 (call Scott Sumner at 253-7486) and Greenfield, December 31 (call Mark Fairbrother at 367-2695).

#### MEETINGS

The meeting on Monday, December 11, at the Hitchcock Center at 7:30 p.m. is the annual holiday party when members have the opportunity to tell their Big Bird Stories and show their own slides. Any natural history subject is welcome, but no more than ten slides, please. Everyone is asked to bring a snack or dessert to share so that we get an early start on holiday eating. Christmas Count planning will follow the meeting.

Beth Goettel, Wildlife Biologist with the US Fish and Wildlife Service will speak to us on Monday, January 8. The title of her presentation is "The Silvio Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge: What's in it for the Birds?" On Monday, February 12 the infamous team of Ortiz and Page (Jan and Chris) will tell us about their trip to the Arctic. And on Monday, March 11 Mark Blazis will talk on "Birds of the Forest Islands of Bolivian Amazonia."

#### FIELD TRIPS

Two January trips are planned to give you a good start on your year list, or to help you fulfill your New Year's Resolution to bird more. On Saturday, January 6 Bob Bieda (527-2623) will lead a trip to the North Shore. Meet at the Hitchcock Center at 6:00 a.m. And on Saturday, January 27 Al Richards (665-2761) searches for waterfowl from Falmouth to Plymouth. Meet at the Hitchcock Center at 6:00 a.m. or the Ames parking lot near the Palmer Turnpike entrance at 6:30 a.m. Both are full-day trips. Wear warm clothes, bring lunch, and snacks.

Scott Sumner (253-7486) reminds us to send in our deposit of \$25.00 to hold a spot on the annual Memorial Day Weekend Monhegan trip. Make your check out to the Hampshire Bird Club and send it to Al Richards, 7 South Main St., Sunderland, MA 01375.

Tom Gagnon's information about the Yellowstone trip is enclosed with this letter.

The Field Trip Committee will be meeting this winter to finish plans for the year and to discuss future long distance trips. If you have any field trip ideas, or suggestions for special places you would like to bird (near or far), or if you would like to be considered as a field trip leader please get in touch with Bob Bieda at 21 Pomeroy St., Easthampton, MA 01027. Any input would be appreciated.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Anne Cann would like to thank all of you who have been helping to fill the HBC bookcase at the Hitchcock Center this year with contributions of books and magazines. She also reminds you that she welcomes ideas for new materials as well as contributions. Call her at 253-7753.

Jan Ortiz has asked me to tell those of you who joined the HBC after the Rare Bird Alert telephone tree was set up and would like to be included in the future that she'll be putting together a revised list early in '96. Get in touch with Jan (549-1768) if you are interested.

If you haven't already done so and wish to subscribe to *Bird News of Western Massachusetts* at \$4.00 a year, send a check made out to Hampshire Bird Club to Al Richards, 7 South Main St., Sunderland, MA 01375 by December 15. Your first issue will arrive later this winter.

Enclosed with this letter is the list of updated Rare Bird Alert numbers to call across the country. Whether you're planning a trip or just fed up with New England in the winter, it's fun to find out what is being seen in far-away places.

To enhance your winter feeder viewing pleasure you'll also find a Feeder Check List enclosed. This is just for fun - we aren't doing a survey. Get copies of the chart made at your local copy place so recording can continue past January.

If you find yourself in Boston over the holidays you might want to check out the Mass Audubon/Museum of Science exhibit *HUNTERS OF THE SKY* which runs through January 8. Call 617-723-2500 for admission fees.

Finally, coming next month (if the computer gods remain friendly), the new members will receive the NEW MEMBERS PACKET with all kinds of wonderful information available only through HBC! And, early in '96 all members will receive a list of all HBC members giving addresses and phone numbers as recorded by you on your membership form. Call Tom (584-0779) or me (549-1098) if you prefer not to be listed or if there have been changes we may not have.

THAT'S IT!!!  
except for ----

As a certain Mr. S. Claus was said to exclaim, ere he drove out of sight ---

"HAPPY BIRDING to ALL and to all A GOOD FLIGHT"

and to you, a wish for -- HAPPY and BIRD-FILLED HOLIDAYS  
from your somewhat stressed and sometimes silly scribe --

Sally

HAMPSHIRE BIRD CLUB TRIP  
THE GREATER YELLOWSTONE ECOSYSTEM

**WHEN:** July 13 - July 23, 1996

**TRAVEL:** We will fly out of Bradley Field on the 13th on American Airlines. Travel while in Wyoming and Montana will be by rental car. The cost of the car and gas is included in the estimated trip price.

**FOOD:** Breakfast will be in local restaurants. We will bring lunch and snacks for the trail and for traveling and will plan on a good dinner in the evening in one of the many local restaurants. No food costs are included in the estimated trip price.

**LODGING:** We will be staying in motels in the Jackson, Wyoming and the West Yellowstone, Montana areas. Estimated trip price is per person based on double occupancy. If you prefer to have a room to yourself at extra cost it should be available if you request it soon.

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This is NOT JUST A BIRDING TRIP. The wild flowers should be near their peak and we definitely want to take time to enjoy them. We will be doing a mammal list as well as a bird list. Big game - Elk, Buffalo, Mule Deer, Bighorn Sheep, and Antelope - are real possibilities. There are also many small mammals we'll be seeing. And as for birds, how about Mountain Bluebirds, Trumpeter Swans, Golden Eagles, Broad-tailed Hummingbirds, Ruffous Hummingbirds, Blue Grouse, White Pelicans, Avocets, Rock Wrens, Clark's Nutcrackers, Black-headed Grosbeaks, Western Tanagers, Lazuli Buntings, MacGillivray's Warblers, and on and on and on! This is one of the most photographed areas in this beautiful country and you will want to bring plenty of film.

Because we will be flying into an area with a valley floor elevation of about 6500 feet above sea level, the first two days of the trip will be scheduled around very short, easy walks and casual driving in and around the Grand Teton National Park area to allow our bodies to adjust to the high altitude. Later in the week we will be taking several short hikes and one optional long, all-day hike. I have scheduled specific day trips to different areas of the Grand Teton National Park, Yellowstone National Park and to Red Rocks Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

Our time in Yellowstone will be spent traveling from one scenic area to another. We will see the Yellowstone Grand Canyon, Old Faithful and Mt. Washburn to name a few. Not much hiking in Yellowstone because of limited time and the possibility of Grizzly Bears.

**LEADER:** Tom Gagnon (584-6353)

Tom worked for the National Park Service at the Grand Teton National Park for three summers in the mid 60's. He has since returned three times for summertime vacations, most recently in July 1990 to view the burned areas of the 1988 Yellowstone fires. Tom has great love and knowledge of the area and his boundless enthusiasm is very contagious. Call him for a more detailed itinerary or to get your specific questions answered.

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The Estimated total trip cost is between \$1200.00 and \$1,300.00 per person, based on double occupancy. This includes air fare, car rental, gas, lodging and leadership fee. Single rooms, if available, can be requested at additional cost. Not included are food, optional trips (float trips, tram-way ride above Alpine country, etc.), and personal incidentals.

A \$200.00 deposit is due by February 1 with the balance due on or before May 1. Checks should be made out to the HAMPSHIRE BIRD CLUB and mailed to the treasurer, Al Richards, 7 South Main St., Sunderland, MA 01375.

TRIP IS LIMITED TO 15 PEOPLE (plus Tom)  
MINIMUM -- 7 PEOPLE (plus Tom)

Please call Tom as soon as possible if you have questions or to let him know you are interested so he can get moving on the reservations. Tom can be reached evenings at 584-6353.



# HAMPSHIRE BIRD CLUB FEEDER CHECKLIST

YEAR:

MONTH:

OBSERVER:

LOCATION:

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Blue Jay																																
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Brown-headed Cowbird																																
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Common Redpoll																																
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American Goldfinch																																
Evening Grosbeak																																
House Sparrow																																

## **HAMPSHIRE BIRD CLUB, INC. FEEDER CHECKLIST**

The enclosed check list is being distributed to all the members of the HBC to encourage more active and intensive observation of birds at feeders. We hope that you will find the list worthwhile and will put it to use. If many club members begin to actively make the observations necessary to record the information on this sheet, a number of things should happen.

1. More intense observation will likely result in more frequent observations of rare birds. (Please let one of the club officers know if you see a varied thrush, dickcissel, golden-crowned sparrow, or any other bird that appears to be out of its normal range.)
2. You will become more observant and the skills you develop while watching feeder birds from your window will be useful in the field.
3. **You will have more fun watching your feeders!**
4. Information to a degree not currently available, on the comings and goings of winter birds in the area, will begin to accumulate.

Item number three is the most important of the above since the major purpose of the HBC is to help the members enjoy birds and birding. A number of club members are already using a list such as this and can vouch for the enjoyment to be gained.

**Please note** that the checklist enclosed should be used as a **master copy**. Do not write on it. Have your local copy shop make as many copies as you desire. You should have one page for each month during which your feeders will be in operation. If you lose, spindle, or mutilate your master copy, another can be obtained from the club secretary.

The checklist contains the names of 29 species of birds that are most likely to be seen at feeders in this area. You may have one or more species regularly visiting your feeder that are not on this list. Don't despair. There is space for five write-ins. (But don't forget to call about the rare ones!)

**Use of the checklist:** Simply place a check mark to the right of the bird's name below the date of the month on which the observation is made. If you wish, other information may be recorded also. You might want to record notes about the weather--for example, inches of snowfall (Just make a note in the top or bottom margin opposite the day of the month.) or you may wish to record numbers of birds observed--especially if a large number of a species or more individuals than usual appear, or if you have the high count of the season. Simply insert a number instead of, or in addition to, the check mark. Use your imagination to expand in any other way.

Happy birding !!!

# North American Rare Bird Alerts

## United States

### Alabama

Statewide (205) 987-2730

### Alaska

Statewide (907) 338-2473  
Kachemak Bay (907) 235-7337

### Arizona

Phoenix (602) 832-8745  
Tucson (520) 798-1005

### Arkansas

Statewide (501) 753-5853

### California

Arcata (707) 826-7031  
Los Angeles (213) 874-1318  
Monterey (408) 375-9122;  
updates 375-2577  
Morro Bay (805) 528-7182  
Northern Calif. (510) 524-5592  
Orange County  
(714) 563-6516  
Sacramento (916) 481-0118  
San Bernardino  
(909) 793-5599  
San Diego (619) 479-3400  
San Joaquin/S. Sierra  
(209) 271-9420  
Santa Barbara (805) 964-8240

### Colorado

Statewide (303) 424-2144

### Connecticut

Statewide (203) 254-3665

### Delaware

Statewide (215) 567-2473

### District of Columbia

Districtwide (301) 652-1088

### Florida 941

Statewide (813) 657-4442  
Miami (305) 667-7337  
Lower Keys (305) 294-3438

### \*Georgia

Statewide (770) 493-8862

### Idaho

Northern (208) 882-6195  
Southeast (208) 236-3337

### Illinois

Central Illinois (217) 785-1083  
Chicago (708) 671-1522  
Dupage (708) 406-8111  
Northwestern (815) 965-3095

### Indiana

Statewide (317) 259-0911

### Iowa

Sioux City (712) 262-5958  
Statewide (319) 338-9881

### Kansas

Statewide (913) 372-5499  
Kansas City (913) 342-2473  
Wichita (316) 681-2266

### Kentucky

Statewide (502) 894-9538

### Louisiana

Baton Rouge (504) 768-9874

### Maine

Statewide (207) 781-2332;  
M-F 5pm-8am, 24 hr wkends  
Downeast/Central  
(207) 244-4116

### Maryland

Statewide (301) 652-1088

### Massachusetts

Boston (617) 259-8805  
Western Mass. (413) 253-2218

### Michigan

Statewide (616) 471-4919  
Detroit (810) 477-1360  
Sault Ste. Marie  
(705) 256-2790

### Minnesota

Duluth (218) 525-5952  
Statewide (612) 780-8890

### Missouri

Kansas City (913) 342-2473  
Statewide (314) 445-9115  
St. Louis (314) 935-8432

### Montana

Statewide (406) 626-2473  
Big Fork (406) 756-5595

### Nebraska

Statewide (402) 292-5325

### Nevada

Southern (702) 649-1516  
Northwest (702) 324-2473

### New Hampshire

Statewide (603) 224-9900;  
24 hrs.

### New Jersey

Cape May (609) 884-2626  
Statewide (908) 766-2661

### New Mexico

Statewide (505) 662-2101

### New York

Albany (518) 439-8080  
Buffalo (716) 896-1271  
Ithaca (607) 254-2429  
Lower Hudson Valley (914)  
666-6614  
New York (212) 979-3070

Rochester (716) 425-4630  
Syracuse (315) 668-8000

### North Carolina

Statewide (704) 332-2473

### Ohio

Cincinnati (513) 521-2847  
Cleveland (216) 381-8325  
Columbus (614) 221-9736  
Blendon Woods Park  
(614) 895-6222  
SW Ohio (513) 277-6446  
NW Ohio (419) 875-6889  
Youngstown (216) 742-6661

### Oklahoma

Oklahoma City (405) 373-4531  
Statewide (918) 669-6646

### Oregon

Statewide (503) 292-0661  
Northeastern (208) 882-6195

### Pennsylvania

Allentown (610) 252-3455  
Philadelphia (215) 567-2473  
Western Penna. (412) 963-0560  
Wilkes-Barre (717) 825-2473

### Rhode Island

Statewide (401) 949-3870;  
reporting (401) 949-5454

### South Carolina

Statewide (704) 332-2473

### Tennessee

Statewide (615) 356-7636  
Chattanooga (615) 843-2822  
(413)

### Texas

Statewide (713) 992-2757  
Austin (512) 483-0952  
Northcentral (817) 329-1270  
Northeast (903) 759-8989

### Lower Rio Grande Valley

(210) 969-2731

San Antonio (210) 733-8306

~~Simon (512) 364-3634~~  
Corpus Christi (512) 265-0377

### Utah

Statewide (801) 538-4730

### Vermont

Statewide (802) 457-4864;  
M-F 5pm-9am, Sat/Sun 24  
hrs; to report: (802) 457-2779  
now 24 hours

### Virginia

Statewide (804) 238-2713,  
(301) 652-1088

### Washington

Statewide (206) 933-1831  
Southeastern (208) 882-6195

## West Virginia

Statewide (304) 736-3086

## Wisconsin

Statewide (414) 352-3857  
Madison (608) 255-2476  
(except 9-3 M-F)

## Wyoming

Statewide (307) 265-2473

## Canada

### Alberta

Calgary (403) 237-8821  
Edmonton (403) 433-2473

### British Columbia 3074

Vancouver (604) 737-9910  
Victoria (604) 592-3381

### New Brunswick

Provincewide (506) 382-3825

### Nova Scotia

Provincewide (902) 852-2428

### Ontario

Oshawa (905) 576-2738  
Ottawa (613) 825-7444  
Sault Ste. Marie (705) 256-2790  
Toronto (416) 350-3000, push  
button phones, enter 2293  
Windsor/Detroit (810) 477-1360  
Windsor/Pt. Pelee  
(519) 252-2473  
Hamilton (905) 648-9537

### Quebec

Eastern Quebec (in French)  
(418) 660-9089  
Sagueny/Lac St. Jean (in  
French) (418) 696-1868  
Bas St. Laurent (in French)  
(418) 725-5118  
Western Quebec (in French)  
(819) 778-0737

### Montreal (in English)

(514) 989-5076

### Saskatchewan

Regina (306) 761-2094

NOTE - Underlined phone num-  
bers have been updated since the  
last full RBA listing in Winging  
It. Please make it your responsi-  
bility to notify us of changes.  
Write ABA's Colorado Springs  
office, or call us toll-free: (800)  
835-2473. Rev: 8/20/95

SW Idaho (208) 368-6096

\* New: So. Georgia/N. Florida  
(912) 244-9190