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## Fall Field Day Sep. 21

COA will hold its annual Fall Field Day at the Audubon Center in Greenwich on Saturday, September 21st. A full day of activities is planned, including a variety of birdwalks and workshops.

The Audubon Center is located on Quaker Ridge, the site of one of Connecticut's two major hawk watches, and experts will be on hand all day to help with spotting and identification of passing Broadwings and other raptors. A passerine banding station will also be operating all day, with a banding demonstration scheduled for midmorning.

Activities will begin at 7:30 am with small-group birdwalks through the varied habitats of the sanctuary and the nearby Fairchild Wildflower Garden. Morning workshops on bird banding, Bluebirds, and building an ornithological library will be given in the Center's well-equipped main building.

In the afternoon, participants can choose among hawk watching, assisting with bird banding, or several field trips to special birding spots in the area. One of these trips will be to Greenwich Point, a prime birding spot which is usually closed to non-residents.

COA members and their guests, and non-members as well, are encouraged to attend this once-a-year event. Field day fees are only \$3.00 per person with advance registration or \$5.00 at the door; members will receive registration forms and directions in the mail. For additional information, call Debra Miller at (508) 520-1289 or Gary Palmer at 661-4897. See you there!

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## HOTLINE HIGHLIGHTS

Yellow-thr Warblers Kent May 15 - Jun 9  
Black Rail Stratford May 24 - July 6  
Black Vultures Kent Jun 10, 18  
Common Black-headed Gull Darien  
Jun 15 - 23  
Black Skimmer Norwalk Jun 29  
Whimbrel Milford Jul 6, 14  
Hudsonian Godwit Stonington Jul 27  
Royal Tern Milford Jul 31  
Rufous Hummingbird (?) New Hartford  
Jul 20 - 27

RARE BIRD ALERT: 203-254-3665

## President's Message

by Frank Mantlik

In assuming the office of COA president in March, I quickly realized how much productive effort is required to keep our all-volunteer organization operating. I have for many years been involved with the board of my local Audubon chapter, so organizing and working with a volunteer force is not new to me. In determining how to tackle the task of leading the COA, it was logical for me to examine the many accomplishments of my predecessors. Great strides have been made since our founding in the autumn of 1984, and enthusiasm among the members is high. Let's keep it rolling!

In order to help us to build on this foundation, I have set some goals for the future that will, hopefully, expand the involvement of our members.

**Publications:** Continue to solicit bird-related articles of all sorts geared to all levels of experience for *The Connecticut Warbler*. We are grateful to computer-whiz Jay Knox for agreeing to edit and produce our newsletter, the *Bulletin*. We hope you like the new look, and Jay welcomes your contributions and comments. Help by writing articles and/or submitting interesting clippings; both editors welcome this.

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## President . . .

**Programs:** Under the leadership of past-president Deb Miller, Annual Meetings and Fall Field Days will continue to be enjoyable events.

**Rare Bird Alert:** Milan Bull provides ironman service in setting aside a couple of hours of his time every Wednesday to update the CT Rare Bird Alert. Help keep this service going by phoning in your unusual sightings promptly.

**Research:** Robert Askins, George Clark, and company have initiated research projects (in which all can participate) which will provide important information on several of our declining species. We should consider expanding our research activities to perhaps include annual surveys of shorebirds, hawks, etc.

**Conservation:** Continue to provide expertise and testimony to agencies, legislators, organizations, and conservation commissions on habitat preservation and management. Our members have a wealth of knowledge, professional and amateur, in this regard. This is crucial if we are to have any "hotspots" in the future at which to birdwatch. Hopefully, too, we can work with Audubon chapters, scout groups, and garden clubs to establish nest-box projects for Barn Owls, Kestrels, Purple Martins, Bluebirds, etc.

**Publicity:** Improving and expanding on COA publicity and exposure in media state-wide, through frequent press releases, will educate the general public, as well as bring in new members.

**Membership:** Each and every one of you can help us build membership by signing up a friend as a new member. Gift subscriptions are an easy and thoughtful way to do this.

**Education:** Offer public workshops on identification, bird-feeding, etc. Also, develop and produce slide/video presentations for outreach to schools. Budget cutbacks have in many cases eliminated environmental education in the schools.

The Newsletter of the  
Connecticut Ornithological Association  
is published quarterly in  
February, May, August, and November.

Please submit materials for the next  
issue by November 1, 1991 to  
Jay Knox, Editor,  
43 Bridge Road, Weston, CT 06883.

**Fund Raising:** It sure would be nice to apply for grants and to have fund raising events to raise capital for a variety of goals (further improve the journal, offer research grants, etc.).

**Field Trips:** We hope to finally offer our members a variety of fun and helpful birding field trips not offered anywhere else in the state. An often heard comment is, "I can never go on enough field trips." Work on this is progressing, so stay tuned.

**Site Guide:** Under the direction of Gene Billings, we are in the planning stages of producing a much-needed up-to-date book on birding locations in Connecticut. You can help by sending us information or copies of publications about birding sites in your area.

So, as you can see, good things are in store for the future. The officers and directors feel these are worthwhile goals, and are working hard to achieve them. But in order to achieve them we either have to increase the number of hours in a day or find new volunteers with energy and time to assist. I have great confidence in you all. Do any of these goals pique your interest? If so, please contact us; we can't achieve them alone. Together we will continue to be the leading force in Connecticut ornithology.

## Spring 1991 Big Day

Seven birding teams took part in Big Days this May in Connecticut. A Big Day is a 24-hour search for as many species a team can find in a calendar day, with official rules set up by the American Birding Association.

The cumulative total for all seven teams was 185 species, including 12 species of waterfowl, 12 species of diurnal raptors, 5 species of owls, 20 species of shorebirds, 6 species of swallows, and 26 species of warblers. Not a bad list, in spite of what was generally considered to be only a fair spring migration.

Among the highlights were both Loons, Black Vulture, Peregrine Falcon, King Rails, Common Moorhen, Am. Oystercatcher, Marbled Godwit, Wilson's Phalarope, Barn and No. Saw-whet Owls, Common Raven, Kentucky and Yellow-throated Warblers, and Grasshopper Sparrow.

Taking honors this year with 161 species on May 19 was the team of Todd McGrath, Steve Mayo, Dave Rosgen, and Kathy Murphy. This was a little shy of the record of 172 species set in May 1990 by Ed Hagen, Mark Szantyr, Buzz Devine, and Bill Root.

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## Ornithological Milestones - Part One

by Joseph Zeranski

This is part one of a two part historic record of Connecticut ornithological milestones beginning in 1981 and progressing back in five-year intervals to 1841.

**10 years ago** on April 6 an impressive congregation of 30 Common Snipes was seen (Waterford)...the second state record of Burrowing Owl occurred on May 24 (Greenwich)...American Oystercatcher was first found nesting in 1981 (Mystic).

**15 years ago** Tri-colored Heron first nested in Connecticut (Norwalk)...Connecticut's only White-faced Storm-petrel was collected on August 10, 1976 (Milford Pt.) and its first verified Cory's Shearwater was also picked up on the 10th (Woodbury), both the results of Hurricane Belle...in late December, three Thick-billed Murres were found in separate locations, including one picked up *alive* by a state trooper in a pouring rain during evening rush hour (12/31) along the Connecticut Thruway (Darien).

**20 years ago** June 9 & 10 saw the first confirmed state record of Curlew Sandpiper (New Haven)...Little Blue Heron, Cattle Egret, and Glossy Ibis all first nested in 1971, (and all three at the Norwalk Islands)...Red-bellied Woodpecker was finally confirmed as nesting (Greenwich)...the first state record of Franklin's Gull occurred on August 14...on September 20, 6,000 Common Terns were counted (West Haven)...American Oystercatcher was first recorded on November 21.

**25 years ago** on January 2, 1966 the latest fall record of Spotted Sandpiper occurred...a very late Pine Warbler lingered to January 5...on May 16 first spring specimen of American Avocet was found (Stratford)...very early fall arrivals were a Forster's Tern noted on July 6, Northern Pintail seen on August 17, and a Ring-necked Duck on September 24...November 18 was unusually late for a Cape May warbler.

**30 years ago** an early Tree Swallow was noted on March 7...an April 25 Great Crested Flycatcher was an early migrant...a Black-backed Woodpecker on May 14 was the latest spring record ever...Great and Snowy Egrets were first discovered nesting in the state (Norwalk)...on

November 26, 1961, a late fall Clay-colored Sparrow was found.

**35 years ago** on March 4 a very respectable concentration of 900 Horned Grebes was observed (New London)...spring's first specimen of Clay-colored Sparrow appeared on May 9, 1956 (East Haddam)...quite early were Dickcissel on August 14 and Rusty Blackbird on September 20.

**40 years ago** early arrivals included Northern Waterthrush on April 18 and Mourning Warbler on May 3...House Finch first nested in the state (Greenwich)...a late Blue Grosbeak was found on October 30...on December 29, 1951 the first report of Western Grebe occurred (Norwalk).

**45 years ago** 2nd state Ruff present from May 25-30 (Westport)...New England's only record of nesting Prothonotary Warbler is from 1946 (Fairfield)...an early Red Phalarope appeared on September 22...on December 22, 12,000 White-winged Scoters were estimated (Fairfield).

**50 years ago** early spring arrivals were Solitary Vireo on April 11, American Redstart on April 28, and Philadelphia Vireo on May 9...2nd of very few nestings of American Coot occurred in 1941 (South Windsor)...1600 pairs of Roseate Terns nested off Guilford...late lingering birds included Wilson's Plover on September 6 and Piping Plover on November 4.

**55 years ago** in 1936 nesting of Brown Creeper was established for the state (Kent)...a late fall Black Rail was obtained on October 1.

**60 years ago** Turkey Vulture was first observed wintering on February 26, 1931 (Berlin)...first Snowy Egret reportedly in 50 years was observed (Darien).

**65 years ago** sixty-five Lesser Scaup were said to be present up to May 10, 1926...on October 21 a late fall Connecticut Warbler was seen.

### HOTLINE REPORTS

To report sightings of rare, unusual, or migrating birds, call one of the following:

Milan Bull 259-6305 or 255-8837

Tom Rochovansky 222-7777

Frank Mantlik 838-1694

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## Director Profiles

by Mark Mushkat

The COA directors recently elected to the board for the 1991 to 1994 term are well known to many COA members. The brief profiles of these new directors below will introduce them to the rest of the membership.

**Gene Billings** has long been involved in conservation issues on both a state and local basis. This is his first term on the COA Board of Directors, and he brings to us significant experience gained at the Connecticut Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, where he serves on the Board as treasurer. A business writer by profession, Gene wrote his first book not about the world of finance but on "Birds of Prey in Connecticut." He and his wife are long-term residents of Norfolk.

**Milan Bull** was one of the originators of COA's publication *The Connecticut Warbler* and has been a member of COA's Board of Directors for most of the time since the organization's founding. In addition to serving as the Connecticut Audubon Society's Field Trip Director (and one of its most popular trip leaders), he is CAS's Director of the Fairfield Nature Center and of Field Studies in Ornithology. The Bull family lives in Fairfield, next to the Nature Center.

**Jay Kaplan** is beginning his second term as a COA board member and is active on the Rare Records Committee and the Publications Committee. As an associate editor of *The Connecticut Warbler*, Jay is responsible for the valuable "Connecticut Field Notes" article in each issue. Jay is the Director of the Roaring Brook Nature Center, a position he has held since 1975, and is a past president of the Hartford Audubon Society. Jay and Kate and the Kaplan children live in Canton.

**Mark Mushkat** and his wife moved to Wallingford from Ithaca, NY in 1988 and became involved in Connecticut birding circles as a result of hawk watching at Lighthouse Point. Prior to joining the COA Board of Directors this year, Mark began transcribing the COA co-sponsored Connecticut Rare Bird Alert and "uploading" it to an international computer network which provides access to many North American RBAs. He will describe this network in an article in a future issue of the *Bulletin*. Mark is a consultant to pension and endowment fund administrators and evaluators.

**Joseph Zeranski** was one of the founders of the COA in 1984 and has served on many of its committees during his extensive involvement with our organization.

His prolific writings include numerous articles in *The Connecticut Warbler* and the recently completed book "Connecticut Birds," which he co-authored with COA director Tom Baptist. The fact that Joe has identified 325 species of birds within Connecticut attests to his field experience and commitment to birding. Joe and his family live in Greenwich.

## Green-tailed Towhee

by Noble Proctor

It was a case of being in the right place at the right time! On April 28th of this year, Bill Martha and Grit Ardwin had joined me at my home to go afield for a day's birding. As we were about to leave, the phone rang, as so often happens as one heads out the door. The caller was Jan Kirby, a longtime friend, who had taken an ornithology course with me. "We have a Green-tailed Towhee at the feeder!" she said.

I was stunned. John and Jan Kirby live but two miles away on Indian Neck in Branford -- only two miles to a new bird for the Connecticut State List! My mind ran back to the visit by this species at a feeder in Orange. That bird had not allowed documentation during its very brief stay.

I grabbed for every form of recording device at hand. Bill would shoot slide film, Grit print film, and I would attempt to videotape it. We dashed out looking like a sales team from a photo convention.

When we arrived, the Towhee was nowhere in sight, but less than a minute later it popped into view. A breeding plumage male! Crisp in appearance with bright orange cap, pure white throat, and deep greenish back. The bird hopped in to feed on sunflower seeds scattered on the porch. Bold in its actions, it pushed away House Finches which were competing for seeds. It then slipped off the porch and was gone. It soon reappeared in a cedar tree and then hopped back on the porch.

The Towhee was no more than ten feet from us as cameras clicked and video tape whirred through the camcorder. We could only shoot through window-glass, but all appeared sharp. We enjoyed the bird's visitations several times during the next hour, and then it was gone. It was not to return, but the photo results were just as we had hoped. Now there hangs a camera loaded with film next to my office door. One never knows when the phone is going to ring!

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## Summer Bird Counts

by Joseph Zeranski

COA's sponsorship of Summer Bird Counts (SBCs) is the beginning of a new chapter in Connecticut ornithology for those who love a good excuse to get out and systematically canvas a particular area for birds. The counts are done in June when many species are present, and individual birds are often abundant. SBCs yield important information that will help us to better understand the nesting ranges (and their alterations) of our native species.

COA-sponsored 1991 Summer Bird Counts were enthusiastically undertaken by 148 observers in five different count areas. Counts were held on June 2nd, 15th, 16th, and 29th. The weather in most areas was quite good, although it was described as rather hot at one area covered.

The 1991 SBC results will be detailed in *The Connecticut Warbler*, but a few highlights are in order here. Five counts were held, and two more almost got beyond the drawing board. Longtime summer counts Greenwich-Stamford and Woodbury-Roxbury were held again for their 16th and 14th years respectively. In Storrs a summer count was held for the second consecutive year. These three were joined by new counts in Hartford and New Haven. This is a solid beginning, and compilers Tom W. Burke, Winnie Burkett, Ed Hagen, Steve Mayo, Kathy Murphy, and Gary Palmer deserve much credit for organizing their respective counts.

On count days 160 species were recorded, with three more species seen during count periods -- Ruddy Turnstone, Common Nighthawk, and Yellow-breasted Chat. Three new species -- Piping Plover, Common Black-headed Gull, and Monk Parakeet -- were added to the SBC list this year. This brought the total number of species recorded on these summer counts, since the first one in 1976, to 214. Of these, 149 are considered to be current or recent nesters, 16 to be late migrants, three to be regular in summer, and two to be potential nesters. Look for all the details in the next *Connecticut Warbler*.

Many birders expressed the feeling that the counts brought an interesting and rewarding element to birding in our state. Four committed participants took part in more than one count, and new SBC participants found the counts both enjoyable and challenging. A number of observers said that they looked forward to next year, when their summer birding skills would be better honed

## REGIONAL HOTLINES

Connecticut (203) 254-3665  
Rhode Island (401) 231-5728  
Eastern Massachusetts (617) 259-8805  
Western Massachusetts (413) 253-2218  
Vermont (802) 457-2779  
New Hampshire (603) 224-9900  
Maine (207) 781-2332  
New York Metro (212) 832-6523  
Northern New Jersey (201) 766-2661  
Cape May, New Jersey (609) 884-2626

and an improved knowledge of their areas would enable them to census the birds more effectively. As more people become acquainted with these counts, their popularity should grow.

## Birding Costa Rica

COA member Elsbeth Johnson will be co-leader of a nine day birding trip to fabulous Costa Rica in February, 1992. For information call Elsbeth at 966-6970.

## Two Directors Resign

by Frank Mantlik

We wish to thank two departing members of the COA Board of Directors who have donated countless hours to the cause. They are Winnie Burkett, who is moving to Texas, and John McDonald, who is resigning for family reasons.

We can't say enough about Winnie Burkett. Among her many contributions have been: Secretary (1987-89), Program Committee (1989-1990 and Annual Meeting at Storrs), Rare Records Committee (1990-91), Sparrow Workshops at the 1990 Fall Outing, and Summer Count Workshop at the 1991 Annual Meeting. Also, her logical thinking at Board and Committee meetings has been of immense value in decision-making and furthering the goals of the organization.

John McDonald, through his experience and professionalism, was one of the most respected members of the Board. In addition, he assisted with investigating the formation of a COA archive.

Thanks to both of you, Winnie and John. We wish you well.

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## Trips & Events

### Hawk Watching

The fall hawk migration in Connecticut takes place in three main stages. Broadwings move through first in mid-September, followed by accipiters, falcons, and Ospreys from late September to mid-October, and the flights conclude with the passage of Red-tailed and Red-shouldered hawks toward the end of October.

The exact timing of the migration depends much more on the weather than on the date, with major movements usually occurring immediately after storms push the birds down the New England coast. After such a storm last year, 11,613 Broadwings were counted at Greenwich Point on September 17, and counts in the thousands were also reported from several other locations on the same day.

For general information about hawk watching and directions to sites call Neil Currie at 426-9861 or Larry Fischer at 426-3901. The hawk watch sites listed below welcome visitors.

**LIGHTHOUSE POINT** in New Haven. Staffed daily. 1990 totals: 27,845 hawks of 15 species, including 17 Bald Eagles, 2 Golden Eagles, and 95 Peregrine Falcons. For information call Arne Rosengren at 248-2903 or Ed Shove at 239-2143.

**QUAKER RIDGE** in Greenwich. Staffed daily. 1990 totals: 17,397 hawks of 15 species including 21 Bald Eagles, 8 Golden Eagles, and 39 Per. Falcons. For information call Canny Clark at 531-4857 or Jay Gartner at (914) 949-8782.

**WEEKEND WATCHES** are staffed on weekends only: Botsford Hill in Bridgewater, Johnnycake Farm in Burlington, East Rock Park in New Haven, Whippoorwill Hill in Newtown, Longshore Country Club in Westport.

### Hawk Watch Weekend

A weekend of hawk watching and related activities is scheduled for the height of the Broadwing migration. There will be films, hawk identification seminars, and presentations by raptor rehabilitators of live hawks and owls (including a rare red-eyed Screech Owl).

**QUAKER RIDGE** at the Greenwich Audubon Center. Saturday, September 14 and Sunday, September 15 9:00am - 5:00 pm rain or shine. For information call 869-5272.

### Connecticut Audubon

The Connecticut Audubon Society (CAS) announces the following field trips and has generously offered to

extend its member rate to COA members. For more information contact Lauren Brown, CAS field trip coordinator, at 259-6305 or 481-0377.

**RACCOONRIDGE HAWK WATCH** with Jim Sirch. Saturday, October 19 - Sunday, October 20. Great hawk watching in New Jersey, only three hours from Connecticut.

**JAMAICA BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE** with COA director Milan Bull. Saturday, October 19, 9:00 - 5:00 pm. Herons, ducks, and migrants against a backdrop of Manhattan skyscrapers.

**THIMBLE ISLANDS** with Milan Bull. Sunday, October 20, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Boat trip to sheltered islands in Long Island Sound to observe early winter ducks up close.

**BRIGANTINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE** with COA president Frank Mantlik. Saturday, November 2 - Sunday, November 3. Snow geese by the thousands at one of the East Coast's most beautiful refuges.

### Greenwich Audubon

The Greenwich Audubon Society (GAS) announces the following field trips and invites COA members to participate. For more information, contact Jay Gartner, GAS field trip coordinator, at 914-949-8782.

**LENOIR PRESERVE** with Jay Gartner. Saturday, October 5, 8:30 - 11:00 am. Meet at Island Beach parking lot.

**LIGHTHOUSE POINT** with Steve Potter. Saturday, October 12, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Meet at Island Beach parking lot.

**ROCKPORT/PLUM ISLAND** with Lysle Brinker. Friday, November 29 - Sunday, December 1. For information call Jackie Bruskin at 914-378-2254(W) or 914-667-3928(H).

### Saugatuck Valley Audubon

The Saugatuck Valley Audubon Society (SVAS) announces the following trips. For more information contact Phil Reinertsen, SVAS president, at 762-5704.

**MILFORD POINT/LIGHTHOUSE POINT** with COA director Tom Baptist. Saturday, October 19, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm. Meet at Westport Nature Center.

**GREENWICH POINT** with Steve Potter. Sunday, November 17, 9:30 am - 2:00 pm. Meet at Westport Nature Ctr.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

COA encourages local bird clubs to send announcements of field trips and other events to the Bulletin at  
314 Unquowa Road, Fairfield, CT 06430

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## Fall Field Reports

Please tear off the form which appears below, and use it to submit your Fall Field Report. List noteworthy sightings on separate sheet(s) of lined paper, giving species, date, number of individuals, and location. Use abbreviations when possible; for example, five Common Loons seen at Sherwood Island State Park on Feb. 26 should be entered as "Com. Loon 2/26 (5) SISP."

For common species, please record dates and locations of first, last, and maximum sightings. Rare and uncommon species, for which reports of all sightings are needed, are listed below. The compilers would greatly appreciate receiving your report with species listed in phylogenetic order; use the COA *Connecticut*

## JOINING COA

The Connecticut Ornithological Association welcomes new members. Membership is only \$10.00 per year and includes this quarterly newsletter, a quarterly journal, and invitations to COA events. To join, send your name and address and a check to COA at 314 Unquowa Road, Fairfield, CT 06430.

*Field List* as a guide. Note: Detailed descriptions should be submitted for any species on the *Field List* which is denoted by \* (rare) or # (hypothetical) or for any species not on the *Field List*. All reports will be preserved. Editorial commentary is welcomed.

## COA Field Report Form for August 1 to November 30, 1991

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please correct address label on other side if necessary.)

How often have you birded this season?

1) Just around my yard 2) 1-6 days 3) 7-12 days 4) 13 or more days

Which species impressed you as being more common this year?

Which species impressed you as being scarce this year?

### Rare and unusual species for which we would like all records: Fall Season

|                   |                        |                        |                        |
|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Red-necked Grebe  | Black Rail             | Royal Tern             | Both Shrikes           |
| Both Bitterns     | King Rail              | Forster's Tern         | Philadelphia Vireo     |
| Tricolored Heron  | Common Moorhen         | Black Tern             | Orange-crowned Warbler |
| Northern Shoveler | Lesser Golden-Plover   | Black Skimmer          | Kentucky Warbler       |
| Eurasian Wigeon   | Any Godwit             | Any alcid              | Connecticut Warbler    |
| Redhead           | Baird's Sandpiper      | Barn Owl               | Mourning Warbler       |
| Lesser Scaup      | Stilt Sandpiper        | Snowy Owl              | Yellow-breasted Chat   |
| Any Eider         | Buff-breast. Sandpiper | Long-eared Owl         | Dickcissel             |
| Black Scoter      | Ruff                   | Short-eared Owl        | Vesper Sparrow         |
| Black Vulture     | Long-billed Dowitcher  | No. Saw-whet Owl       | Grasshopper Sparrow    |
| Bald Eagle        | Any Phalarope          | Red-head. Woodpecker   | Henslow's Sparrow      |
| Northern Goshawk  | Little Gull            | Olive-sided Flycatcher | Lincoln's Sparrow      |
| Rough-legged Hawk | Com. Black-head. Gull  | Yellow-bel. Flycatcher | Lapland Longspur       |
| Golden Eagle      | Iceland Gull           | Western Kingbird       | Yellow-head. Blackbird |
| Peregrine Falcon  | Lesser Bl.-back. Gull  | Common Raven           | Pine Grosbeak          |
| Gyrfalcon         | Glaucous Gull          | Sedge Wren             | Both Crossbills        |
| Yellow Rail       | Caspian Tern           | Gray-cheeked Thrush    | Common Redpoll         |

Submit report to Betty Kleiner, 5 Flintlock Ridge, Simsbury, CT 06050 by December 10, 1991.

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