

## Unexpected Birds reported per County -- 2011

All species listed here were not reported 2006-2011 in the County unless stated otherwise. Ranking comments follow each species entry. The par numbers shown are from the first public version of the par-weighting system and may have been changed in the final version. The species are listed in order starting with the most unexpected. While there is room for difference of opinion, the top three per county are certainly especially noteworthy finds! Prepared for the County Quest Program by Ron Payne, January, 2012.

### **Four species are first records for Vermont**

***Slaty-backed Gull*** - 1<sup>st</sup> State record (seen from Chittenden County; bird was physically in Grand Isle County)

***Hydrobated Petrel*** - 1<sup>st</sup> State record (Orange County)

***Band-rumped Storm Petrel*** - 1<sup>st</sup> State record (Windsor County)

***Marbled Godwit*** – 1<sup>st</sup> State record (Windsor County)

### **Five species are 2nd or 3rd records for Vermont**

***Townsend's Solitaire*** - 2<sup>nd</sup> State record (Orleans County)

***Golden-crowned Sparrow*** - 2<sup>nd</sup> State record (Windsor County)

***Pink-footed Goose*** – 2<sup>nd</sup> hypothetical State record (Windham County)

***Harris's Sparrow*** - 3<sup>rd</sup> State record (Orange County)

***Swainson's Hawk*** – apparently 3<sup>rd</sup> State record (Windham County)

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### **Addison**

***Say's Phoebe*** – 2<sup>nd</sup> County record, requires RSD

***Purple Sandpiper*** - 2<sup>nd</sup> County record

***Parasitic Jaeger*** - 2<sup>nd</sup> County record

Hoary Redpoll – 3<sup>rd</sup> County records

Red Knot - 4<sup>th</sup> County record, requires RSD

Dickcissel - 5<sup>th</sup> County record, requires RSD

Red-headed Woodpecker - Many previous records, requires RSD

Ruddy Turnstone - 4<sup>th</sup> County records

Sedge Wren - Par set at 1

Prairie Warbler - Par set at 1

Northern Bobwhite - 1 previous record, questionable origin

Glossy Ibis - Seen in 4 of the past 5 years, but requires RSD

### **Bennington**

***Barrow's Goldeneye*** – 1st County record

***Ruddy Duck*** – 1<sup>st</sup> County record

***Rufous Hummingbird*** - 3<sup>rd</sup> County record

Gray-cheeked Thrush - 3<sup>rd</sup> County record, requires RSD

Long-eared Owl - 3<sup>rd</sup> County record

Sora - 5<sup>th</sup> County record

Hoary Redpoll - 5<sup>th</sup> County record, 3 reports this year

Gadwall - Par set at .5

American Wigeon - Par set at .5

Northern Pintail - Par set at .5  
Horned Grebe - Par set at .5  
Red-necked Grebe - Par set at .5  
Eastern Screech-Owl - Par set at .5  
Northern Saw-whet Owl - Par set at .5  
Lesser Scaup - Par set at 1  
Red-Shouldered Hawk - Par set at 1  
Great Black-backed Gull - Par set at 1  
American Pipit - Par set at 1  
Blue-winged Teal - Par set at 1

## **Caledonia**

**American Coot** - 1<sup>st</sup> County record  
**Sandhill Crane** - 2<sup>nd</sup> County record  
**Snowy Owl** - 1<sup>st</sup> County record  
Fish Crow - 1<sup>st</sup> County record (I can find this on the year summary but not in the regular species list or on the map)  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 4<sup>th</sup> County record, I can find this on the year summary but not in the regular species list or on the map  
Red-breasted Merganser - 1<sup>st</sup> County record, Par set at .5  
Bicknell's Thrush - 1<sup>st</sup> County record, Par set at .5  
Carolina Wren - 2<sup>nd</sup> County record, Par set at .5  
Northern Saw-whet Owl - 3<sup>rd</sup> County record, Par set at .5  
Mute Swan - 1<sup>st</sup> County record, origin questionable  
Peregrine Falcon - 2<sup>nd</sup> County record, Par set at 1  
Willow Flycatcher - 2<sup>nd</sup> County record, Par set at 1  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 2<sup>nd</sup> County record, Par set at 1  
Bank Swallow - 3<sup>rd</sup> County record, Par set at 1

## **Chittenden**

**Slaty-backed Gull** - 1<sup>st</sup> State record (seen from Chittenden county, though bird was physically in Grand Isle County)  
**Ross's Goose** - 1<sup>st</sup> County record  
**Pacific Loon** - 2<sup>nd</sup> County record  
Varied Thrush - 2<sup>nd</sup> County record  
Connecticut Warbler - 2<sup>nd</sup> County record  
Stilt Sandpiper - 3<sup>rd</sup> County record  
Upland Sandpiper - 5<sup>th</sup> County record  
Ruddy Turnstone - 5<sup>th</sup> County record  
Hudsonian Godwit - 6<sup>th</sup> County record  
White-rumped Sandpiper - 14<sup>th</sup> County record  
Eastern Whip-poor-will - 5<sup>th</sup> County record, Par set at 1  
Common Tern - Par set at 1  
Lesser Black-backed Gull - two sightings in the past 5 years, but requires RSD  
Sedge Wren - 1 sighting in the past 5 years, requires an RSD, Par set at 1

## **Essex**

***Semipalmated Sandpiper*** - 1<sup>st</sup> County record  
***Purple Martin*** - 1<sup>st</sup> County record  
***Bonaparte's Gull*** - 2<sup>nd</sup> County record  
Red-necked Grebe - 3<sup>rd</sup> County record  
Common Tern - 1<sup>st</sup> County record, Par set at .5  
Common Goldeneye - 1<sup>st</sup> County record, Par set at 1  
Common Nighthawk - 1<sup>st</sup> County record, Par set at 1  
Eastern Whip-poor-will - 3<sup>rd</sup> County record, Par set at .5  
Eastern Towhee - 3<sup>rd</sup> County record, Par set at .5  
Greater Yellowlegs - 2<sup>nd</sup> County record, Par set at 1  
Wilson's Warbler - No sightings in past 5 years, Par set at 1, many past sightings

### **Franklin**

***Ross's Goose*** - 1<sup>st</sup> County record  
***Cackling Goose*** - 1<sup>st</sup> County record {I wonder where Dave Hoag was standing when he saw these first two birds}  
***Black Vulture*** - 1<sup>st</sup> County record  
Stilt Sandpiper - 1<sup>st</sup> County record  
Eastern Whip-poor-will - 1<sup>st</sup> County record  
Clay-colored Sparrow - 1<sup>st</sup> County record  
Sandhill Crane - 3<sup>rd</sup> County record  
Forster's Tern - 4<sup>th</sup> County record  
Pectoral Sandpiper - 5<sup>th</sup> County record  
Bicknell's Thrush - 2<sup>nd</sup> County record, does not show up on the map  
Northern Bobwhite - 1<sup>st</sup> County record, questionable origin  
Glossy Ibis - 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> County record, requires RSD  
Olive-sided Flycatcher - 2<sup>nd</sup> County record, Par set at 1  
Bay-breasted Warbler - 2<sup>nd</sup> County record, Par set at 1  
Northern Goshawk - 6<sup>th</sup> County record, Par set at 1

### **Grand Isle**

***Black Vulture*** - 1<sup>st</sup> County record  
***Stilt Sandpiper*** - 1<sup>st</sup> County record  
***Eastern Whip-poor-will*** - 1<sup>st</sup> County record  
Nelson's Sparrow - 1<sup>st</sup> County record  
Greater White-fronted Goose - 2<sup>nd</sup> County record  
Ross's Goose - 3<sup>rd</sup> County record  
Short-billed Dowitcher - 3<sup>rd</sup> County record  
Snowy Owl - 7<sup>th</sup> County record  
Golden Eagle - 5<sup>th</sup> County record, Par set at .5

### **Lamoille**

***Cackling Goose*** - 1<sup>st</sup> County record  
***American Wigeon*** - 1<sup>st</sup> County record  
***Red-breasted Merganser*** - 1<sup>st</sup> County record  
Red-necked Grebe - 1<sup>st</sup> County record  
Pectoral Sandpiper - 1<sup>st</sup> County record

Common Tern - 1<sup>st</sup> County record  
Lesser Scaup - 2<sup>nd</sup> County records  
Horned Grebe - 1<sup>st</sup> County records, Par set at .5  
Eastern Towhee - 1<sup>st</sup> County record, Par set at .5  
Common Goldeneye - 1<sup>st</sup> County record, Par set at 1

## **Orange**

***Hydrobated Petrel*** - 1<sup>st</sup> State record  
***Harris's Sparrow*** - 3<sup>rd</sup> State record  
***Ruddy Duck*** - 1<sup>st</sup> County record  
Pectoral sandpiper - 1<sup>st</sup> County record  
Golden-winged Warbler - 1<sup>st</sup> County record  
Black Tern - 1<sup>st</sup> County record, Par set at .5  
Prairie Warbler - 1<sup>st</sup> County record, Par set at .5  
Virginia Rail - 2<sup>nd</sup> County record, Par set at .5  
American Pipit - 2<sup>nd</sup> County record, Par set at .5  
Horned Grebe - 3<sup>rd</sup> County record, Par set at .5  
Greater Scaup - 1<sup>st</sup> County record, Par set at 1  
Wilson's Warbler - 2<sup>nd</sup> County record, Par set at 1  
Bufflehead - 5<sup>th</sup> County record, Par set at 1  
Greater Yellowlegs - 5<sup>th</sup> County record, Par set at 1

## **Orleans**

***Townsend's Solitaire*** - 2<sup>nd</sup> State record  
***American Golden-Plover*** - 1<sup>st</sup> County record  
***Stilt Sandpiper*** - 1<sup>st</sup> County record  
Sanderling - 1<sup>st</sup> County record  
Connecticut Warbler - 1<sup>st</sup> County record  
Semipalmated Sandpiper - 2<sup>nd</sup> County records  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 2<sup>nd</sup> County record  
Hoary Redpoll - 2<sup>nd</sup> County records  
Ruddy Duck - 3<sup>rd</sup> County records  
American Coot - 4<sup>th</sup> County record  
Northern Pintail - 8<sup>th</sup> County records  
Surf Scoter - 1<sup>st</sup> County record, Par set at 1  
Long-tailed Duck - 2<sup>nd</sup> County record, Par set at .5  
American Pipit - 2<sup>nd</sup> County record, Par set at .5  
Golden Eagle - 2<sup>nd</sup> County record, Par set at .5  
Common Nighthawk - 3<sup>rd</sup> County record, Par set at 1

## **Rutland**

***American White Pelican*** - 1<sup>st</sup> County records  
***Laughing Gull*** - 1<sup>st</sup> County record  
***Connecticut Warbler*** - 2<sup>nd</sup> County record  
Red-throated Loon - 2<sup>nd</sup> County record  
Snowy Owl - 3<sup>rd</sup> County records  
Tundra Swan - 5<sup>th</sup> County record

Black Tern – 4<sup>th</sup> County record, Par set at .5

## **Washington**

***Northern Pintail*** – 1<sup>st</sup> County record

***Semipalmated Plover*** – 1<sup>st</sup> County records

***Surf Scoter*** – 2<sup>nd</sup> County records

Semipalmated Sandpiper – 2<sup>nd</sup> County records

Baird's Sandpiper – 2<sup>nd</sup> County records

Pectoral Sandpiper – 2<sup>nd</sup> County records

Great Black-backed Gull – 2<sup>nd</sup> County records

Greater Scaup – 3<sup>rd</sup> County record

Northern Hawk Owl – Reported once in the past 5 years, but requires RSD

Yellow-billed Cuckoo – 2<sup>nd</sup> County record, Par set at .5

American Wigeon – 3<sup>rd</sup> County records, Par set at .5

Sora – 2<sup>nd</sup> County record, Par set at 1

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 6<sup>th</sup> County record, Par set at 1

## **Windham**

***Pink-footed Goose*** – 1<sup>st</sup> County record; 2<sup>nd</sup> hypothetical State record

***Swainson's Hawk*** – 1<sup>st</sup> County record; apparently 3<sup>rd</sup> State record

***Black-bellied Plover*** – 1<sup>st</sup> County records

Stilt Sandpiper – 2<sup>nd</sup> County record

Red-necked Phalarope – 2<sup>nd</sup> County records

American Golden-Plover – 3<sup>rd</sup> County records

Common Gallinule – 4<sup>th</sup> County record

White-eyed Vireo – 5<sup>th</sup> County record

Orange-crowned Warbler – 5<sup>th</sup> County record

Little Blue Heron – Reported once in the past 5 years, but requires RSD

Orange-crowned Warbler - Reported once in the past 5 years, but requires RSD

Yellow-breasted Chat - Reported once in the past 5 years, but requires RSD

Blue Grosbeak - Reported once in the past 5 years, but requires RSD

Glossy Ibis - Reported twice in the past 5 years, but requires RSD

Canvasback – 11<sup>th</sup> County record

Horned Grebe – 9<sup>th</sup> County record, Par set at 1

## **Windsor**

***Marbled Godwit*** – 1<sup>st</sup> State record

***Band-rumped Storm Petrel*** - 1<sup>st</sup> State record

***Golden-crowned Sparrow*** - 1<sup>st</sup> County record, 2<sup>nd</sup> State record

Cackling Goose – 1<sup>st</sup> County record

Caspian Tern – 1<sup>st</sup> County records

Common Tern – 1<sup>st</sup> County records

Brant – 2<sup>nd</sup> County record

Common Eider – 2<sup>nd</sup> County record

Ruddy Duck – 2<sup>nd</sup> County records

Red-throated Loon - 2<sup>nd</sup> County records

American Coot – 2<sup>nd</sup> County records

Sanderling – 2<sup>nd</sup> County records  
White-rumped Sandpiper – 2<sup>nd</sup> County record  
Clay-colored Sparrow - 2<sup>nd</sup> County records  
Dickcissel - 2<sup>nd</sup> County records  
Northern Gannet – 3<sup>rd</sup> County record  
American Coot – 3<sup>rd</sup> County record  
Black-bellied Plover - 3<sup>rd</sup> County record  
American Golden-Plover- 3<sup>rd</sup> County record  
White-rumped Sandpiper – 4<sup>th</sup> County record  
Bonaparte's Gull – 5<sup>th</sup> County record  
Red-headed Woodpecker – 6<sup>th</sup> County record  
Glossy Ibis – Reported twice in the past 5 years, but requires RSD  
White-winged Scoter – 3<sup>rd</sup> County record, but par set at .5