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Dear Lester and Monique,

All it seems to take to turn up a lost document is to report that it is lost. The map and data sheet for our second set of data was in the inner pocket of my field vest, which I was putting away for the winter. Here is a revised summary of our work for 2006. The letter from me dated 28 November 2006 should be torn up.

Wet weather in June made it tough to fit in both of our monitoring sessions, but we did manage to get out twice within the time window.

We recorded the following, using the same format we have used in past years:

<u>Point</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>06-16-06</u>	<u>06-25-06</u>
1	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	1
	Downy Woodpecker		1
	Blue Jay		1
	American Crow		1
	Common Raven		2
	Black-capped Chickadee		2
	Red-breasted Nuthatch	1	
	White-breasted Nuthatch		1
	Brown Creeper		1
	Veery	1	
	Wood Thrush		1
	American Robin		1
	Blue-headed Vireo	1	1
	Ovenbird	3	3
	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1	
	2	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	
Hairy Woodpecker			1
Least Flycatcher			1
Blue Jay			1

	Brown Creeper	1	
	Hermit thrush		
	Wood Thrush	1	1
	American Robin	1	1
	Blue-headed Vireo		1
	Red-eyed Vireo	1	
	Black-throated Blue Warbler	1	2
	Black-throated Green Warbler	1	
	Ovenbird	2	2
	Scarlet Tanager	1	1
3	Black-billed Cuckoo	1	
	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	2
	Hairy Woodpecker		1
	Downy Woodpecker	2	
	Great Crested Flycatcher	1	
	Blue Jay	1	
	Black-capped Chickadee		1
	Veery	3	2
	Wood Thrush	1	1
	American Robin	2	1
	Blue-headed Vireo	1	1
	American Redstart	1	
	Ovenbird	1	3
	Scarlet Tanager		1
	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1	
4	Hairy Woodpecker	1	
	Eastern Wood Pewee		1
	Veery	1	
	Wood Thrush		1
	American Robin		3
	Blue-headed Vireo	1	
	Ovenbird	2	2
	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	2	
5	Eastern Wood Pewee		1
	Veery	2	1
	Wood Thrush	1	2
	American Robin	3	2
	Magnolia Warbler	1	
	Ovenbird	1	1
	Scarlet Tanager	1	1

We recorded 27 species, well above the average of 23 species per year since 1998, and in fact one higher than the previous high number of species we recorded during the nine years we have monitored the Bancroft Farm transect.

Great Crested Flycatcher was recorded for the first time since 1999. We recorded Common Raven from one of the five points for the first time ever, although we had recorded the species elsewhere on the property previously.

We recorded Red-eyed Vireo at only one point. Previously they have been present at four or five points each year. On the other hand we recorded Blue-headed Vireo from four points. It is premature to assume the latter is replacing the former. The difference in song between the two species is subtle. In succeeding years we will attempt to confirm auditory identification with sightings.

Ovenbird was recorded at all five points, as it has been every year so far.

Canada Warbler, which is only found at point 1, was not heard, the third year we have missed it out of nine years. It is a declining species in Vermont.

We had another bird new to the transect, Black-billed Cuckoo, which enjoyed a splendid year in Vermont and doubtless a population surge, thanks to the proliferation of a major food item, forest tent caterpillar, in June. We had recorded this species previously on the property but not during monitoring.

Finally, we heard a species new to the property, Tufted Titmouse, a species that has continued its northward invasion of Vermont from farther south. Its song is distinctive and relatively easy to identify. It becomes species number 37 for the property.

All best to you and Monique for happy holidays,

Warren

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