

GRASSLAND BIRD MONITORING  
ANDERSON-WELLS MEADOW  
Lincoln, VT.

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We monitored bird observations on three occasions in the meadow just above Station 1, on 6 June, 18 June and again on 15 July. The 18 June visit was abruptly cut short due to a flash storm that came unexpected so data from that visit was scant.

This was our first data collection ever for the meadows and being unfamiliar with the full scope of grassland locations for collection we limited this to the large meadow just above Station Point #1.

The first June visit was a highly active morning recording 22 species which were either seen or heard as listed below.

- American Goldfinch
- American Redstart
- American Robin
- Baltimore Oriole
- Black-capped Chickadee
- Blackburnian Warbler
- Blue Jay
- Blue-headed Vireo
- Chestnut-sided Warbler
- Common Raven
- Common Yellowthroat

- Great Crested Flycatcher
- Indigo Bunting
- Ovenbird
- Palm Warbler
- Red Crossbill
- Red-eyed Vireo
- Red-winged Blackbird
- Savannah Sparrow
- Scarlet Tanager
- Song Sparrow
- Tufted Titmouse
- Veery
- Yellow-throated Vireo

Among the species observed, the Palm Warbler and Red Crossbill were unexpected. Indigo Buntings were very vocal, with at least two pairs and possibly a third male flying between treetops. Chestnut-sided Warblers were also vocal, with several males seen, mostly at the lower meadow's edge near the woods. A single Blackburnian Warbler was singing in this same approximate location.

Two Common Ravens flew overhead calling.

Several pairs of Baltimore Orioles were both seen and heard at various locations along the wood edge.

There were a number of Common Yellowthroats singing and calling in the damp area of the meadow at the wood edge, we guessed at least 4-5 pairs in one single area.

On 18 June as noted above we had to abort the observance due to weather, the few species we were able to identify at that time are listed below:

- American Goldfinch
- Baltimore Oriole

- Chestnut-sided warbler
- Common Crow
- Rose-breasted grosbeak
- Wilsons Snipe (Winnowing overhead)

Due to the aborted 18 June trip we went again later in the season on 15 July and recorded the following species:

- American Robin
- Baltimore Oriole
- Black-capped Chickadee
- Chestnut-sided Warbler
- Common Crow
- Common Yellowthroat
- Indigo Bunting
- Pileated Woodpecker
- Red-winged Blackbird
- Rose-breasted grosbeak
- Savannah Sparrow
- Song Sparrow
- Tree Swallow

It was a warm day and much quieter than previous visits this season.

Except for the visit on June 18, each time we spent about 1.5 hours walking the meadow's perimeter and traversing it.

In the coming season we would like to discuss methods and areas for observation and obtaining data so we may fulfill the full scope of significant areas for study.

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