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The September 1, 1974 Dipper (Volume 4 Number 9) “Bird Business” by E. C. Thomas reported the following for the period July 15-August 16, 1974.

Our warm sunny weather was interspersed with a few cool fronts and afternoon showers. Bird movements preceding these cool fronts are interesting. Some groups of birds already here moved out and new ones ahead of the front appeared. Audubon’s, Virginia’s, and Wilson’s Warblers are moving down from the higher elevations preparing for migration. The Common Nighthawks are gathering. They frequently have been seen in small flocks since the end of July.

The Lark Bunting, our state bird, paid a visit to its mountain constituency August 2-4. Two were seen by Ruth Osgood and Sylvia Brockner and a third was at the Stotz’s.

The “probably nesting” Cooper’s Hawk is a reality. Doug S. saw an adult with three immatures sitting in a tree near his house. There have been a few reports of successful Western Bluebird nestings in the area. It seemed to be a good year for Williamson’s Sapsuckers. All around are greater numbers of Rufous and Broadtailed Hummingbirds.

A Blue Grouse and a Rock Wren with four young were on Bear Mountain the day of the picnic.



Yellow-rumped (Audubon’s) Warbler (c) Mick Thompson