

PREVIEWS

Now that January is here we look forward to seeing in the new year some of the interesting birds holding over from December. If you are interested in going out to some new places to see birds and want to know what to see then call the Voice of Audubon, 617-259-8805 for the latest information. Those interested in seabirds should travel to areas such as Plum Island for King Eider, Andrews Point, Rockport for Black Guillemots, Bass Rocks and Eastern Point, Gloucester for Thick-billed Murre and white-winged gulls. A trip to Orleans Beach on the Cape may yield a good number of Razorbills. Barrow's Goldeneyes and Harlequin Ducks are possible along the coast of Cape Ann. Three hours after high tide many Black-headed Gulls may be observed at Squantum. For wintering populations of interesting ducks one should travel to Falmouth around Sider's Pond. In the western part of the state Boreal Chickadees may be observed at Ashley Pond near Holyoke, a Whistling Swan continues on Lake Onota, Pittsfield, a Red-bellied Woodpecker visits a suet feeder in Southampton, and the Gray Jay still comes to a feeder in Pelham. In our area current rarities include a Western Tanager in Annisquam and Boreal Chickadee in Hingham. Those of you with feeders should be on the watch for interesting visitors such as Dickcissel, Pine Siskin, Pine Grosbeak, Boreal Chickadee, Oregon Junco, etc. If you want help identifying the birds visiting your feeder contact Mrs. Ruth P. Emery, 225 Belmont St., Wollaston, 02170. If you enjoy watching birds and want to contribute your findings Mrs. Emery would be glad to here from you. We feel that THE BIRD OBSERVER of Eastern Massachusetts, fills a void and provides a way to publish bird records of Eastern Massachusetts. We encourage constructive criticism as to format, your desires on bird records, and other thoughts concerning this new publication. We want to have it serve your bird interests, whether it be back-yard birding or special projects or a way of cataloging current bird records. If you wish to contribute to the magazine by means of articles, suggestions or by gathering data this would be much appreciated.