



Field Records

January 1985

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January 1985 was cold, dry, and cloudy; the temperature averaged 24.4°, 5.2° below normal. The only record broken was on January 21 when the mercury rose only to 12°; the previous low maximum for that date was 13° set in 1888. The cold temperatures of January nearly balanced out the 5.8° excess of December. January, in fact, averaged 15.1° colder than December, the second greatest decline in 115 years and the greatest since 18.0° in 1911-12. Only four days averaged above normal; however, no extreme cold occurred.

Precipitation totaled 1.12 inches, 2.87 inches less than normal. This was the sixth driest January in 115 years. Snow totaled 7.0 inches, 5.6 inches less than normal. Freezing rain on January 1 and 2 caused glazing conditions. R.H.S.

LOONS THROUGH WATERFOWL

Nineteen observers participated in the annual Boston Harbor Census held on January 26 and tallied twenty-six species of waterbirds not including gulls or shorebirds. All of the counts were considerably less than a similar count held on January 7, 1984; for example, only 1032 Brant were counted as compared with 5066 in 1984. Other noticeable differences were nearly a thousand fewer American Black Duck, 5647 fewer Common Eider and 1214 fewer Common Goldeneye. Barrow's Goldeneye remained at four individuals both years.

At Low Beach, Nantucket good numbers of both Common and Red-throated Loons were still present most of the month. An Arctic Loon was noted at Nahant where it was seen in direct comparison with a Common Loon.

Almost thirty Double-crested Cormorants were reported in January; seventeen of those were seen in Boston Harbor on January 26. A Snowy Egret at Osterville on January 1 was the heron highlight of the month.

An immature Tundra Swan was present at Field Park in Brockton through January 12, and three immature Tundra Swans were also seen on Martha's Vineyard. A total of 160 Red-heads on Long Pond, Nantucket, eclipsed all other counts in the state, and in the lower Taunton River, over 1200 Canvasbacks were censused between the towns of Dighton and Somerset. Special interest ducks included as many as eight King Eider, five Harlequin Ducks, many Barrow's Goldeneye and a good number of Hooded Mergansers from many different areas. R.H.S.

<u>SPECIES/DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OBSERVERS</u>	<u>JANUARY 1985</u>
Red-throated Loon:				
19	Nantucket (Low Beach)	60	M.Litchfield	
Arctic Loon:				
26	Nahant (East Pt)	1	J.Barton	
Common Loon:				
1,3	Nantucket, Barnstable	60, 20	R.Stymeist#, P.Trimble	
Pied-billed Grebe:				
5	Cambridge (Fresh Pond)	3	A.Bennett	
5-31	five locations	6 individuals	v.o.	
Horned Grebe:				
3	Barnstable (SN)	50	P.Trimble	
Red-necked Grebe:				
5,19	Cape Ann, Nantucket	2, 10	D.+D.Hale#, M.Litchfield	

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Red-necked Grebe (continued):				
27	3 S.Shore spots,Barnstable	3, 5	R.Abrams#, M.Lynch#	
Northern Gannet:				
1,5	Nantucket, Eastham	1200+, 200+	R.Stymeist#, D.Arvidson#	
Great Cormorant:				
5,6	Cape Ann, outer Cape	152, 40	D.+D.Hale#, R.Abrams#	
13,20	Nahant,Eastham (Coast Guard Station)	116, 75	S.Carroll#, B.Nikula#	
Double-crested Cormorant:				
1	Plymouth, P'town, Newbypt.	1 imm., 1 imm.,	1 G.d'Entremont#,B.Nikula,BBC	
6,8-18	Eastham, Somerville	4, max. 4 (1/8)	W.Petersen#, J.Berry	
12,26	Newbypt., Boston Harbor	1 (dead), 17	J.Berry, TASL (S.Zendeh#)	
American Bittern:				
31	Nantucket	1	M.Litchfield	
Great Blue Heron:				
3,5	Milton, Cape Ann	20, 3	R.Abrams, BBC	
	Single birds reported from 16 locations.			
Snowy Egret:				
1	Osterville	1	R.Barber	
Black-crowned Night-Heron:				
19	Nantucket	7	M.Litchfield	
Tundra Swan:				
1-12,15	Brockton, M.V.	1 imm., 3 imm.	R.Wilson# + v.o., fide V.Laux	
Mute Swan:				
27	Falmouth, Westport	94, 202	M.Lynch#, G.Gove#	
Snow Goose:				
thr.	N.Chatham	4	J.Redfern + v.o.	
1,6	Newbypt., Wareham	24, 2	BBC, SSBC	
Brant:				
1,13	Quincy, Plymouth Harbor	92, 950+	A.Bennett#, R.Stymeist#	
13,19	Nantucket, Plymouth Beach	125+, 1200+	E.Andrews#, T.Raymond	
26,27	Boston Harbor, Eastham (Town Cove)	1032, 230	TASL, B.Nikula	
Wood Duck:				
3,6	Stoughton, S.Peabody	1, 1	R.Titus, R.Heil	
19,26-30	Nantucket, Belmont	2, 2 m.	S.Perkins#, C.Bishop	
American Black Duck:				
1,12	Newbypt., Boston Harbor	650, 1000	BBC, J.Barton#	
26,27	Boston Harbor, Middleboro	1309, 500	TASL (S.Zendeh), W.Petersen#	
Northern Pintail:				
1	Newbypt.	26	BBC (A.Blaisdell)	
	Other reports of 1-3 individuals from various locations.			
Northern Shoveler:				
2,4-31	P.I., Nantucket	2, 1	M.Argue#, D.Beattie# + v.o.	
13,15	Plymouth, Watertown	1, 1	R.Stymeist#, M.Hall	
Gadwall:				
1	Plymouth, Newbypt.	8, 4	M.Lynch#, BBC (A.Blaisdell)	
31	Cambridge (Charles River)	1 m.	R.Stymeist	
Eurasian Wigeon:				
1-6,1-13	Nantucket, Plymouth	1 m., 1	R.Stymeist#, D.Evered# + v.o.	
27	Eastham (Salt Pond)	1	B.Nikula	
American Wigeon:				
1	Plymouth, Nantucket	47, 80	A.Bennett#, R.Stymeis.#	
5	Belmont	20	BBC (R.Clayton)	
Canvasback:				
1,5	Wareham, Dennisport	120, 68	L.Robinson, D.Arvidson#	
12	Dighton-Somerset (lower Taunton R.)	1200	W.Petersen#	
20,28	Westport, Dennis	80+, 246	R.Laubach, P.Trull	
Redhead:				
1	Nantucket, Plymouth	160, 8	R.Stymeist#, M.Lynch#	
2,5	Gloucester, Eastham	1, 1	M.Argue#, B.Nikula#	
15,27	M.V., Falmouth	15, 12	P.Trimble#, M.Lynch#	
Ring-necked Duck:				
3,5	Stoughton, Eastham	3, 38	R.Titus, D.Arvidson#	
19,26	Brookline, Framingham	3 m., 2 m.	R.Stymeist#, R.Forster	
27	Lakeville, Falmouth	1, 25	W.Petersen#, P.Trimble	
Greater Scaup:				
1,6	Quincy, Falmouth	200, 800	R.Abrams, M.Argue#	
26	Boston Harbor	1579	TASL (S.Zendeh)	
Lesser Scaup:				
1	Lynn, Plymouth	40, 4	R.Heil, M.Lynch#	
27	Falmouth	47	S.Carroll#	
Common Eider:				
13	Plymouth Beach	5000	R.Abrams	
26	Boston Harbor	3330	TASL (S.Zendeh)	

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King Eider:				
1-13	Plymouth	max. 2 ad. m., 1 f.	M.Lynch# + v.o.	
3-31,13-31	Manomet (2 locations)	1 imm. f., 1 ad. m.	D.Evered	
6,8	E.Orleans, Marblehead	1, 1 ad. m.	W.Petersen#, M.Kasprzyk	
26	Rockport	1 f.	B.Cassie#	
Harlequin Duck:				
thr.	N.Scituate	max. 3	N.+S.Osborne# + v.o.	
6,13	E.Orleans, Brant Rock	1, 1 f.	W.Petersen#	
Oldsquaw:				
27	Falmouth	40	P.Trimble	
Black Scoter:				
5,14	Cape Ann, Buzzards Bay	30, 50+	BBC, D.Briggs	
White-winged Scoter:				
6,27	Ipswich, Falmouth	600+, 600+	J.Berry, P.Trimble	
Common Goldeneye:				
6,12	Newbypt.	85+, 400+	A.Bennett, J.Berry	
26	M.V., Boston Harbor	900, 790	T.Raymond, TASL (S.Zendeh)	
Barrow's Goldeneye:				
thr.	N.Chatham	2	J.Redfern#	
6-20	Newbypt	1-2	R.Stymeist# + v.o.	
8,9	Hull, Magnolia	1 m., 1 f.	R.Abrams, M.Kasprzyk	
20-26	Quincy (Houghs Neck)	2-3	G.d'Entremont# + v.o.	
26	Gloucester	2	BBC (I.Giriunas)	
Bufflehead:				
26	Boston Harbor	872	TASL (S.Zendeh)	
Hooded Merganser:				
thr.,5	Danvers, S.Carver	6, 8	R.Heil, K.Anderson	
5	Cambridge, Westport	6, 8	A.Bennett, R.Laubach	
6	Orleans, Falmouth	7, 11	W.Petersen#, M.Argue#	
6,9	Buzz. Bay, Watertown	17, 4	SSBC, M.Hall	
11-31	Somerville	10-15	J.Berry	
27	Falmouth	19	M.Lynch, S.Carroll	
Common Merganser:				
1	Braintree, Plymouth	20, 75+	R.Abrams, A.Bennett#	
3,6	Braintree, Wareham	64, 17	R.Abrams, SSBC	
12,13	Assonet, Quincy	50, 60+	W.Petersen#, G.d'Entremont#	
Red-breasted Merganser:				
20,27	Hull, Falmouth	450, 400	R.Titus, P.Trimble	

EAGLES THROUGH QUAIL

A total of six Bald Eagles with observed plumage differences was noted in the Lakeville area, and there were two to four in the Newburyport area, one of which was sporting a bright blue tag on the right wing. Up to six possible Cooper's Hawks were reported this month as were five Northern Goshawks. Five Red-shouldered Hawks were seen, a good number for that species, but the infrequent sightings of Rough-legged Hawks during the month was a disappointment for birders. Four each of Merlin and Peregrine were reported including one (presumably the same) Peregrine that has been present in Cambridge since October. G.W.G.

Bald Eagle:				
thr.	Lakeville area	6 total	D.Briggs, K.Holmes, K.Anderson#	
thr.	Newbypt. area	2-4 total	v.o.	
9,27	Manchester, Nantucket	1 (2W), 1 imm.	C.Romano#, D.Beattie#	
Northern Harrier:				
thr.	Newbypt.-P.I.	max. 9 (1/6)	v.o.	
5,27	Bridgewater, Scituate	3, 3	W.Petersen#, E.Nielsen	
6,15	Ipswich, M.V.	3, 3 (2 m.)	J.Berry, P.Trimble	
Sharp-shinned Hawk:				
6	IRWS, W.Newbury	1 ad., 1	M.Kasprzyk, R.Stymeist#	
20,27	Westport, Quabbin	2, 2	R.Laubach, BBC	
	Seven reports from 7 locations.			
Cooper's Hawk:				
12,18	Bridgewater, Lakeville	1, 1	N.+S.Osborne, K.Holmes	
15,26	Quincy, M.V.	1, 1 ad.	R.Emery#, V.Laux	
27,30	Lakeville, WBWS	1 ad., 1 ad.	W.Petersen, P.Trull#	
Northern Goshawk:				
6,18	Brockton, Halifax	1 ad., 1 ad.	G.d'Entremont, K.Anderson	
14,21	Easton, WBWS	1 ad., 1	R.Titus, R.Prescott	
27	Westport	1 ad.	J.Gordon#	
Red-shouldered Hawk:				
thr.	Orleans	1	v.o.	
11,15	Randolph, Newbypt.	1 ad., 1	R.Titus, J.Grugan	

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Red-shouldered Hawk (continued):				
19,30	Concord, Easton	1, 1	R.Walton, K.Ryan	
Red-tailed Hawk:				
12,20	Rowley, SRV	7 ad., 14	J.Berry, R.Forster#	
26	Newbypt. area	16	P.Roberts	
Rough-legged Hawk:				
thr.	Newbypt. area	max. 4	v.o.	
12-25	Middleboro	1	D.Briggs	
18,23	Halifax, E.Middleboro	2, 2	K.Anderson	
American Kestrel:				
5,14	Belmont, Salisbury	1, 2	BBC, J.Carter	
20,26	Squantum, Newbypt.	2, 1	O.Kerr, BBC	
Merlin:				
13,15	Newbypt., Scituate	1, 1	M.Kasprzyk, R.Campbell	
20,28	Squantum, M.V.	1, 1	R.Abrams#, B.+R.Caldwell	
Peregrine Falcon:				
13,22	Wollaston, Truro	1, 1 ad.	O.+W.Kerr, R.Titus	
26	Cambridge	1	R.Campbell	
Ring-necked Pheasant:				
6,27	Nahant, Ipswich	5, 3	G.d'Entremont#, J.Berry	
Ruffed Grouse:				
thr.	Easton	2	K.Ryan	
6,20	IRWS, Ipswich	2, 1	M.Kasprzyk, J.Berry	
Northern Bobwhite:				
thr.	Pembroke	1 f.	E.Pearson	
31	Easton	12	K.Ryan#	

RAILS THROUGH ALCIDS

Six Virginia Rails were calling in a marsh on Nantucket and 15 or so American Coot were present in Lynn throughout the month. Black-bellied Plover remained in the Quincy area through January 20, and Killdeer were seen at three locations. Only one Greater Yellowlegs was seen this January; but very unusual was a report of two Lesser Yellowlegs, this being the first January report in Bird Observer records. At Nantucket, 28 Ruddy Turnstones included one very dark individual which, on the CBC there, was speculated to be a possible Black Turnstone but proved to be a dark Ruddy. Red Knots were seen at Scituate and there were four groups of Sanderling reported. The winter shorebirds, Dunlin and Purple Sandpipers, were noted in usual numbers and a dowitcher, most likely a Long-billed, was reported from Falmouth.

The January 3 Mew Gull (Larus canus) in Plymouth is described below by excerpts from the details provided by the reporter who noted that he is very familiar with this species in all plumages in Europe and is aware of the variations in plumages of Ring-billed Gulls (Larus delawarensis).

The bird was in first winter plumage and, in direct comparison with Ring-billed Gulls, was decidedly smaller with a strikingly small bill and a rounded head, the latter characteristics giving it a pigeon- or dove-like appearance. It had a darker mantle than Ring-billed Gull, a very pronounced tail band, and less contrasting wing patterning. It had no chevrons on the flanks - just a little diffuse mottling. It was a much more compact gull on the wing with shorter, rounder-looking wings and a faster wing beat.

The description that follows of the January 6 Mew Gull in Provincetown is also excerpted from that reporter's details, and comparisons are also made with Ring-billed Gull.

The bird was an adult and was well-observed at about 125 yards with 10X binoculars and 20X scope for about ten minutes. It had an entirely yellow, thin bill, a round dove-like head, large dark eye, pale legs, and a slightly darker gray mantle. Conspicuous white wing mirrors were noted when the bird was in flight.

The Mew Gull reported on January 5 in Plymouth was described as an adult, as was the bird of January 12 in Wollaston.

Two Common Murre were reported, and Razorbill numbers built to 900+ in the Provincetown area where up to 105 guillemot were also counted. G.W.G.

Virginia Rail:				
1,19	Nantucket	6, 7	R.Stymeist#, M.Litchfield#	
12	Ipswich	1	J.Berry	
American Coot:				
thr.	Lynn	15+	R.Heil	
6	Lakeville, Plymouth	2, 4	SSBC, H.Wiggin	

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Black-bellied Plover:				
1-20	Quincy	max. 14 (1/13)	v.o.	
3,15	Plymouth, M.V.	4, 1	D.Evered, P.Trimble	
Killdeer:				
5,12	Nantucket, Dighton	2, 2	M.Litchfield, W.Petersen#	
19,27	Bridgewater	1, 1	W.Petersen#	
Greater Yellowlegs:				
20	E.Harwich	1	H.Stabins#	
Lesser Yellowlegs:				
4	WBWS	2	P.Trull	
Ruddy Turnstone:				
1,12	Nantucket	28, 11	S.Perkins, E.Andrews	
12,20	Rockport	1, 1	R.Stymeist#, P.Trimble	
Red Knot:				
9,27	N.Scituate, Scituate	30, 1	S.Higginbotham, E.Nielsen	
Sanderling:				
3,8	Manomet, Nantucket	47, 60	D.Evered, M.Litchfield	
6,27	Bourne, Scituate	40, 3	SSBC, E.Nielsen	
Purple Sandpiper:				
9,13	N.Scituate	300, 500	S.Higginbotham, M.+B.Litchfield	
12,20	Boston, Gloucester	40, 60	J.Barton, P.Trimble	
Dunlin:				
thr.	Plymouth	max. 60 (1/2)	v.o.	
1,4	Squantum, Scituate	50, 150	R.Abrams, D.Evered#	
26	Boston Harbor	76	TASL (S.Zendeh)	
dowitcher species:				
26	N.Falmouth	1	F.Bygate#	
Common Snipe:				
6	W.Newbury, Buzz. Bay	3, 3	R.Stymeist#, SSBC	
12,28	Ipswich, Orleans	2, 3	J.Berry, S.+R.Higginbotham	
American Woodcock:				
15-19	Chatham	1	B.Nikula	
Little Gull:				
22	Nantucket	2 (1 ad. + 1 1W)	M.Litchfield	
Common Black-headed Gull:				
thr.	P'town	1 ad	v.o.	
1,8	Lynn, Quincy	1 ad., 1 ad.	R.Heil, R.Abrams	
16,26	Nantucket, Winthrop	1 ad., 1	M.Litchfield, TASL (S.Zendeh)	
Bonaparte's Gull				
1,8	Lynn, Quincy	900+, 300+	R.Heil, R.Abrams#	
9,16	Nantucket	300, 475	M.Litchfield	
Mew Gull:				
3,6	Plymouth, P'town	1 (details), 1 ad. (details)	D.Evered#, W.Petersen#	
5,12	Plymouth, Wollaston	1,1	J.Barton	
Ring-billed Gull:				
1,6,27	Newbypt., Brockton, Falmouth	55, 200, 75	BBC, R.Titus, P.Trimble	
Herring Gull:				
1	Newbypt.	1000+	BBC	
Iceland Gull:				
5,6,12	P.I., P'town, Gloucester	8, 5, 19	R.Titus, R.Abrams#, R.stymeist	
24,26	Nant., Salisbury	20, 6	M.Litchfield, B.Cassie#	
	Many other reports of 1-4 individuals.			
Lesser Black-backed Gull:				
1	Nantucket	1 (3W)	G.Gove#	
Glaucous Gull:				
thr.; 2	P'town; Gloucester, Rockport	1; 1,1	v.o.; H.Wiggin#	
13,20	Squantum, Sudbury	1 (2W), 1 ad.	G.d'Entremont#, R.Forster	
24,27	Nantucket, Woods Hole	1 ad., 1 (1W)	M.Litchfield, P.Trimble	
Great Black-backed Gull:				
1	Newbypt.	250	BBC	
Black-legged Kittiwake:				
2,12,22	Rockport, Marshfield, P'town	6, 6, 350	M.Argue#, S.Higginbotham, R.Titus	
large alcid sp.:				
20	Eastham	20	B.Nikula#	
Common Murre:				
4,22	N.Scituate, P'town	1, 1	D.Evered#, R.Titus	
Thick-billed Murre:				
20	Eastham	1	B.Nikula#	
Razorbill:				
1; 6,22	Nantucket; P'town	10; 900+, 105	R.Stymeist#; W.Petersen#, R.Titus	
Black Guillemot:				
thr.	P'town	max. 105 (1/31)	v.o.	

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Black Guillemot (continued):				
4,6	N.Scituate, Nantucket	5, 6	D.Evered#, E.Andrews	
20	Rockport	4	P.Trimble	

DOVE THROUGH WOODPECKER

Up to 104 Mourning Doves frequented a feeder in Brookline - quite a sizeable mob to feed. All the Massachusetts owl species were reported. Six Snowy Owls were banded at Logan International Airport and three of these were later picked up dead. A very white Snowy Owl was seen at Squantum. Northern Saw-whets were noted at Quabbin and at Nantucket. The Red-headed Woodpecker at Plymouth provided many birders with a year bird, and a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker was noted in Manomet. One observer noted his highest one-day count of Hairy Woodpeckers and another observer remarked that they are "hard to find"! Pileated Woodpeckers evidently were not scarce, for they were noted from four locations. G.W.G.

Mourning Dove:				
thr.	Brookline	max. 104	H.Wiggin	
Common Barn-Owl:				
19	Middleboro	1	SSBC (W.Petersen)	
Eastern Screech-Owl:				
6,15	W.Newbury, M.V.	1 (red), 2	R.Stymeist#, P.Trimble	
27	Kingston	3	A.Bennett	
27	Bridgewater-Middleboro	6	W.Petersen#	
Great Horned Owl:				
thr.	Cambridge	1	L.Robinson	
5,11	Lexington, Milton	1, 2	R.Stymeist#, D.Brown	
19,27	Middleboro,Bridgewater	6, 5	W.Petersen#	
Snowy Owl:				
thr.	Newbypt.-P.I., Boston	max. 2, total 6	v.o., N.Smith	
19-24	Squantum	1 (very white)	R.Stymeist#	
13	Westport	1	R.Laubach	
Barred Owl:				
6,10	Hamilton, Middleboro	1, 1 calling	A.Bennett, D.Briggs	
Long-eared Owl:				
7	Marblehead	1	J.Smith	
Short-eared Owl:				
12,14	P.I., Salisbury	1, 2	BBC, J.Carter	
20	Nantucket, S.Dartmouth	1, 1	M.Litchfield, R.Laubach	
Northern Saw-whet Owl:				
27,30	Quabbin, Nantucket	1+, 1	BBC, E.Andrews	
Belted Kingfisher:				
12,13	Newbypt., Plymouth	2, 2	J.Berry, G.Gove#	
20,26	Ipswich, Medford	1, 1	J.Berry, C.Jackson	
Red-headed Woodpecker:				
thr.	Plymouth	1 (from Sept.)	v.o.	
Red-bellied Woodpecker:				
thr.	Middleboro	1	v.o.	
26	M.V.	3	T.Raymond	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:				
13	Manomet	1	D.Evered	
Hairy Woodpecker:				
6,27	Boxford, Weston	5, 5	A.Bennett, L.Robinson	
Northern Flicker:				
19,26	Waltham, Quincy	1, 2	L.Taylor	
27	Bridgewater	6	W.Petersen	
Pileated Woodpecker:				
1,6	Lincoln, IRWS	2, 1	J.Kerr, M.Kasprzyk	
25,31	Wellesley, Carlisle	1, 1 m.	W.Sharron, D.+L.Stokes	

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH WARBLERS

January was noteworthy for the variety of species that lingered in above average numbers. Western Kingbirds on Nantucket and a House Wren in Salem stayed until the really cold weather hit. The total of eleven Ruby-crowned Kinglets exceeded the January counts for the last seven years, including the recent high of six in 1984. Many American Robins remained all month throughout the region, and Eastern Bluebirds occurred in slightly above average numbers in their usual winter haunts in southeastern Massachusetts. A remarkable two Ovenbirds, on Martha's Vineyard and in Lexington, remained until late in the month.

Due very likely to the mild weather and also to good food supplies farther north and west, some typical winter irruptive species failed to materialize in January.

Included in this category were Red-breasted Nuthatch and Northern Shrike.

More unusual species for the month included the two Nantucket Jackdaws and a Varied Thrush that set up residence and was photographed in a yard in Boxford. L.E.T.

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1-6	Nantucket	1	R.Stymeist#	
<u>Horned Lark:</u>				
5-27, 6-27	Bridgewater, P.I.	200 max. (1/5), 60 max. (1/6)	W.Petersen#, v.o.	
14, 27	Concord, Scituate	45+, 60	J.Carter, E.Nielsen#	
<u>American Crow:</u>				
6, 12	Peabody, Bridgewater	225, 100+	M.Kasprzyk, N.Osborne#	
19, 28	Brookline, Middleboro	195, 800	G.Gove#, D.Briggs#	
<u>Fish Crow:</u>				
11	Milton	4	R.Titus	
<u>Jackdaw:</u>				
thr.	Nantucket	2	E.Andrews#	
<u>Black-capped Chickadee:</u>				
10, 13	Hardwick, Stoughton	38, 76	M.Hall, R.Titus	
19, 27	Boxford, Weston	70+, 150+	A.Bennett#, L.Robinson	
<u>Red-breasted Nuthatch:</u>				
thr., 1-12	Baldwinville, Newbypt.	2+, 2 max. (1/6)	J.O'Regan, BBC	
5, 9, 27	Hardwick, Milton, Weston	7, 2, 1	M.Lynch#, D.Brown, L.Robinson	
<u>White-breasted Nuthatch:</u>				
9	Milton	20	D.Brown	
<u>Brown Creeper:</u>				
13, 19	Stoughton, Concord	6, 4	R.Titus, J.Carter	
<u>Carolina Wren:</u>				
thr., 10-31	Westport, Wayland	3 max. (1/27), 1	v.o., T.Hart	
23, 26-30	Carlisle, Falmouth	1, 5 max. (1/27)	B.Dee, v.o.	
27, 29	Marshfield, Weymouth	2, 2	A.Bennett, E.Richards	
<u>House Wren:</u>				
6	Salem	1	R.Heil	
<u>Winter Wren:</u>				
5, 6	Boxford, S.Peabody	1, 1	E.Nielsen, R.Heil	
7, 12	Marblehead, Lakeville	4, 2	J.Smith, W.Petersen#	
<u>Marsh Wren:</u>				
1	Nantucket	2	v.o.	
<u>Golden-crowned Kinglet:</u>				
5, 14	Boxford, Easton	12, 8	E.Nielsen, R.Titus	
<u>Ruby-crowned Kinglet:</u>				
1-13, 1	six locations, Nantucket	6 singles, 2	v.o., E.Andrews#	
20, 27	Gloucester, Marshfield	1, 2	C.Leahy, E.Nielsen#	
<u>Eastern Bluebird:</u>				
thr.	E.Taunton, Hardwick	5, 6+	R.Turner#, J.Aylward#	
15	M.V.	7 m. + 2 f.	P.Trimble	
<u>Hermit Thrush:</u>				
1-23, 6	5 locations, Salem	5 singles, 1	v.o., R.Heil	
6, 27	Topsfield, Falmouth	1, 1	A.Bennett, P.Trimble	
<u>American Robin:</u>				
1, 4	Nantucket, E.Middleboro	60, 50	R.Stymeist#, K.Anderson	
6	E.Orleans, Salem	400, 22	W.Petersen#, R.Heil	
20, 27	Eastham, Falmouth	400, 150	B.Nikula#, P.Trimble	
29	Norwell, Sudbury	50, 30	C.Hager, R.Forster	
<u>Varied Thrush:</u>				
4-31	Boxford	1 ph	B.+J.Wasserman#	
<u>Gray Catbird:</u>				
thr., 2	Nantucket, E.Orleans	3 max., 2	E.Andrews#, A.Williams	
1-27, 27	12 locations, Squantum	12 singles, 1	v.o., E.Nielsen	
<u>Brown Thrasher:</u>				
6, 19	Chatham, Norwell	1, 1	B.Nikula, B.Litchfield#	
25	Sudbury	1	R.Forster	
<u>Water Pipit:</u>				
12-27	Bridgewater	15 max. (1/19)	W.Petersen#	
<u>Cedar Waxwing:</u>				
6	Wellfleet, Newbypt.	25, 27	W.Petersen#, BBC	
20, 25	Concord, IRWS	135, 400+	R.Walton, v.o.	
<u>Northern Shrike:</u>				
20	Nantucket	1	M.Litchfield	
<u>Orange-crowned Warbler:</u>				
5-7	Marblehead	1	J.Smith	
<u>Yellow-rumped Warbler:</u>				
12, 13	P.I., Salisbury	1, 1	J.Berry, M.Kasprzyk	

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Yellow-rumped Warbler (continued):				
24-27,27	Squantum, Barnstable	45 max., 16	v.o., S.Carroll#	
Pine Warbler:				
13	Pembroke	1	E.Pearson	
Palm Warbler:				
1,6	Wareham, Bourne	1, 2	L.Robinson, W.Petersen#	
6,15	Buzz. Bay, Westport	1, 1	SSBC, R.Laubach	
Ovenbird:				
13-31,21	Lexington, M.V.	1, 1	fide R.Forster, V.Laux	
Yellow-breasted Chat:				
6	Eastham	1	W.Petersen#	

TANAGER THROUGH EVENING GROSBEAK

A total of three Western Tanagers, in East Harwich, Manomet, and Millis, was a good count for this comparative rarity. Another unusual vagrant for our area in winter was the Lark Sparrow that spent the latter part of the month at Squantum. Lapland Longspurs and Snow Buntings were seen in significant numbers at Logan Airport in East Boston, not one of the traditional sites for these species. A male House Finch in the orange plumage spent the month at a Milton feeder. This morph is much more common in the western part of the country.

Good numbers of Red-winged Blackbirds lingered in widely scattered sites in our region this January. In the low count department, the winter finch flight was virtually nonexistent, consisting entirely of a few Pine Siskins, mostly at far inland localities. The only significant counts of Evening Grosbeak were from Middleboro. L.E.T.

Western Tanager:

4,5-31	MBO, E.Harwich	1 (details), 1	D.Evered#, MacLean#
from Dec.-31	Millis	1	P.Hallowell
Dickcissel:			
thr.	Orleans	1	v.o.
Rufous-sided Towhee:			
thr., 1	Easton, Nantucket	2, 2	K.Ryan#, v.o.
2,6-26	Gloucester, 6 locations	1 m., 6 singles	H.Wiggin#, v.o.
26-27	Falmouth	2	v.o.
American Tree Sparrow:			
4-19,19	Concord, Bridgewater	50, 150	J.Carter, W.Petersen#
19,28-31	Marshfield, Nantucket	60, 1	T.Raymond, E.Andrews
Chipping Sparrow:			
18,19	Mt.A., Bridgewater	1, 1	S.Perkins, W.Petersen#
Field Spprow:			
6,7	Salem, Halifax	2, 3	R.Heil, K.Anderson
10,20	Westport, Cohasset	4, 3	R.Laubach, S.Higginbotham
Lark Sparrow:			
19-31	Squantum	1 ad.	R.Stymeist#
Savannah Sparrow:			
6,13-31	Bourne, Ipswich	1, 10 max. (1/13)	SSBC, J.Berry
13,27	E.Middleboro, Bridgewater	3, 5	K.Anderson, W.Petersen
"Ipswich" Sparrow:			
11-15,18	P.I., Barnstable (SN)	3, 2	v.o., D.Briggs
20,27	Westport, Scituate	3, 3	R.Laubach, E.Nielsen
Fox Sparrow:			
5,5-31	Boxford, 6 locations	1, 6 singles	E.Nielsen, v.o.
19	Dover	2	P.Hallowell
Swamp Sparrow:			
1,18	Plymouth, Westport	5, 3	A.Bennett#, R.Laubach
20	Hingham, Wayland	3, 1	S.Higginbotham, R.Forster
27	Bridgewater	14	W.Petersen#
White-throated Sparrow:			
thr.,11	Pembroke, E.Middleboro	30, 12	E.Pearson, K.Anderson
14,27	Sharon, Ipswich	33, 7	R.Titus, J.Berry
White-crowned Sparrow:			
31	Nantucket	2 imm.	M.Litchfield
Dark-eyed Junco:			
6,13	Newbypt., Stoughton	134, 65	BBC, R.Titus
Lapland Longspur:			
1-26,15-27	P.I., Scituate	20 max. (1/26), 3	v.o., R.Campbell#
20-26	E.Boston	59 max. (1/26)	R.Stymeist#
Snow Bunting:			
thr.,1-27	P'town, P.I.	75+, 50 max. (1/1)	B.Nikula, v.o.
26,27	E.Boston, Middleboro	100, 150	R.Stymeist#,W.Petersen#

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Red-winged Blackbird:				
6,14	S.Peabody, Stoughton	24, 98	R.Heil, R.Titus	
19,24	Lakeville, Cambridge	150+, 70	W.Petersen#, L.Robinson	
26	Wayland/Sudbury	67	R.Forster	
Eastern Meadowlark:				
12,13	Marshfield, Ipswich	2, 1	S.Higginbotham, BBC	
13,19	E.Middleboro, Westport	45, 1	K.Anderson, C.Laubach	
Rusty Blackbird:				
5-21,6	Whitman, S.Peabody	25 max. (1/21), 2 m.	W.Petersen, R.Heil	
10-12,13	Lakeville, Medway	45 max. (1/12), 53	v.o., W.Reagan#	
29	Sudbury	1	R.Forster	
Brown-headed Cowbird:				
9	Scituate	30	S.Higginbotham	
Northern Oriole:				
thr.	Eastham	2 at feeder	W.Swift	
Northern "Bullock's" Oriole:				
1-7	Worcester	1 f.	M.Lynch#	
Purple Finch:				
4-19,5-26	Concord, Ipswich	16 max. (1/19), 13 max.	(1/5) J.Carter, v.o.	
6,13	Lexington, Belmont	10, 2	D.Dillavou, L.Taylor	
House Finch:				
thr., 19	Milton, Framingham	1 (orange), 82	R.Abrams, R.Forster	
Pine Siskin:				
11-31,26	Baldwinville, Newbypt.	50, 2	J.O'Regan, E.Nielsen	
Evening Grosbeak:				
thr., 1	Middleboro, Boxford	35, 1	D.Briggs, E.Nielsen	
13,27	Ipswich, Lakeville	3, 2	BBC, W.Petersen	

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Corrigendum and another apology. Here is a corrigendum courtesy of Chris Englund of Somerville who recognized the misquote in our apology for publishing only one month of records in the April issue. Chris writes, "Please note that the March Hare is a character in Alice in Wonderland. In Through the Looking Glass, the Red Queen says to Alice, 'Now, here, you see, it takes all the running you can do, to keep in the same place. If you want to get somewhere else, you must run at least twice as fast as that.'" We apologize for the misquote - our intentions were good, and the truth is there, somewhere. We have run at least "twice as fast" to include three months of records in this issue, but this has not got us "somewhere else" - only enabled us to "keep in the same place."

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