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THANK YOU TO THE BIRDS

Bird Observer is bidding a fond farewell to Jim and Mary Bird who have, since 1981, shouldered the onerous and time-consuming task of typing our monthly field records. Jim Bird became interested in birds while doing research on whales with Roger Payne. Mary Dickinson Bird is a teacher and is completing work on her master's degree this spring. The Birds are moving to Maryland where Jim, whose field is library science, will assume the position of librarian at the University of Maryland, and Mary will pursue her teaching career. We shall miss them both and wish them well in their new positions.