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**Farewell to Mary.** A familiar figure at Great Meadows or swinging sturdily along Virginia Road in Lexington, her welcoming smile and cheerful hearty laughter salutes a friend. Mary Baird came upon the joys of birding in her mature years, and this (with her family) became the focus of her adult life. Her forte was the identification of bird song, and we learned from her.

A participant of 21 tours abroad with Massachusetts Audubon Society, Mary derived as much pleasure from a Least Bittern at Great Meadows as from a Cream-colored Woodpecker in a Colombian gallery forest. An enlightened environmentalist, she served the Society well as member, promoter, and volunteer.

A friend of *Bird Observer* from its inception, she was always our staunch supporter. Mary kept all her friendships in good repair. So adieu to a regular birdwatcher, conservationist, political liberal, family pillar, true and supportive friend. Goodbye, Happy Spirit. After less than a year's struggle with progressive illness, Mary Baird succumbed to the overwhelming onslaught of carcinoma on September 18, 1987. She is too recently and too quickly gone: there is as yet for her friends no reality of final separation. She is only away on another birding trip.