

FIELD RECORDS

MARCH 1988



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This first month of spring was very sunny, and on the dry and mild side. The temperature averaged 39.2 degrees, 0.8 degrees above normal; the maximum was 69 degrees on March 24, and the low was 10 degrees on March 21. Strong winds on March 21 produced a subzero windchill, and the high for the day was a chilling 25 degrees. Precipitation totaled 3.52 inches, 0.61 inch less than normal. An unseasonably heavy rain came on March 26-27 with 2.25 inches in fifteen hours, quite rare in March. Snowfall totaled 5.0 inches, 2.6 inches less than average; the seasonal total was 52.6 inches, 12.1 inches more than normal. R.H.S.

LOONS THROUGH GALLIFORMES

Migrant Pied-billed Grebes appeared, and Red-necked Grebe numbers built up along the coast, as they usually do in the spring. Double-crested Cormorants were seen migrating near the end of the month. Great Blue Herons returned to nests in the SUASCO area of Westboro, with 23 birds counted there on March 31. The birds were seen refurbishing old nests. Great and Snowy egrets also made their appearances at month's end.

A "Blue" Goose was noted in Dighton; Eurasian Teal were seen in three locations. Eurasian Wigeons were noted at two locations, presumably all drakes. A male King Eider and a male Harlequin Duck were seen at Winthrop, and Harlequin Ducks were also at Scituate and at Rockport.

Numbers of Turkey Vultures arrived in the state throughout the month, and Ospreys were also seen after midmonth. Bald Eagles were noted at six locations. Red-shouldered Hawks were also in evidence throughout the month, including probable breeding birds at the usual locations. An adult Golden Eagle was reported from Gate 43 at Quabbin Reservoir. Migrating Merlins were noted from March 6 through the month, and Peregrine Falcons were evident during the week of March 12 to 19. Wild Turkeys were reported from Middleboro, in addition to the usual reports from central Massachusetts. G.W.G.

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	MARCH 1988
Red-throated Loon				
6, 13; 20	Winthrop	10, 6; 6	J. Cumming; B. Hallett	
6, 19	Salisbury, P.I.	1, 1	D. Chickering, D. F. Oliver	
Common Loon				
5	Salisbury, P.I.	8, 9	M. Lynch#	
6, 13	Cape Ann, Barnstable	5, 14	BBC (R. Vernon), BBC (J. Barton)	
19	Newburyport	8	BBC (S. Whittum)	
Pied-billed Grebe				
9, 13	Sandwich, Plymouth	4, 3	P. Trimble, G. d'Entremont	
19, 27	Arlington	2, 5	L. Taylor	
Horned Grebe				
5; 12	Salisbury, P.I.; Marblehead	4, 5; 2	M. Lynch#; J. Barton	
18, 31	Beverly, Rockport	5, 2	J. Brown, D. F. Oliver	
19	Newburyport	10	BBC (S. Whittum)	
Red-necked Grebe				
6, 20	Gloucester	46, 43	R. Heil, J. Berry	
6, 13, 20	Winthrop	25-29	J. Cumming	
6-12, 27	Hull	175, 60	P. Thayer	
Northern Gannet				
thr	Rockport	40 max 3/6	v. o.	
19	Newburyport	6	BBC (S. Whittum)	
Great Cormorant				
5, 9	Newburyport, Boston	90, 200	T. Aversa, P. Thayer	
13	Lakeville	2 imm	W. Petersen	
Double-crested Cormorant				
5, 19	S. Boston, Falmouth	7, 15	R. Stymeist#, BBC (J. Bryant)	
29, 30	Beverly, Peabody	16, 22	J. Brown, R. Heil	

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Great Blue Heron				
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	7 max	LCES (J. Lyons)	
13-31	Westboro (SUASCO)	23 max 3/31	E. Taylor + v. o.	
13, 24	IRWS, Westport	13, 6	J. Brown, D. F. Oliver	
Great Egret				
24, 27	Westport, Ipswich	1, 3	D. F. Oliver	
28	Cambridge	1	J. Heywood	
27, 29	Nantucket	1, 1	S. Tifney, D. Beattie#	
Snowy Egret				
30	Needham	1	R. Hildreth	
Black-crowned Night-Heron				
3	Nantucket	6 ad + 3 imm	E. Andrews	
Mute Swan				
6, 20	Cape Ann, Gloucester	2, 8	BBC (R. Vernon), J. Berry	
13, 24	Scituate, Westport	28, 14	G. d'Entremont, D. F. Oliver	
Snow Goose				
12	Dighton	1 "Blue"	S. Bolton	
19-27	Newburyport-P.I.	10 max 3/27	v. o.	
26, 27	Quabbin (G40), W. Bridgewater	10, 20	D. Donovan#, W. Petersen	
Brant				
12, 13	Marblehead, P.I.	10, 78	J. Berry#, D. Chickering	
20, 25	Winthrop, Barnstable	280, 380	BBC (J. Cumming), G. Martin	
Wood Duck				
7, 9-29	GMNWR, IRWS	6, 34 max 3/29	D. F. Oliver, R. Heil	
13, 26	Bolton, New Braintree	16, 18	M. Lynch#	
26	S. Natick, Quabbin (G40)	21, 15	T. Aversa, D. Donovan#	
Green-winged Teal				
5-31	Newburyport-P.I.	288 max 3/27	v. o.	
26	DWWS	16	D. Clapp	
27	Middleboro, W. Bridgewater	150, 25	W. Petersen	
"Eurasian" Teal				
20-27	P.I.	1 or 2	W. Petersen + v. o.	
21-25	E. Orleans	1 m	A. + E. Williams	
26	DWWS	1	D. Clapp	
American Black Duck				
thr	P.I.	130 max	v. o.	
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	268 max	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
Northern Pintail				
3-31	Newburyport-P.I.	41 max 3/28	v. o.	
13, 24	W. Bridgewater, Westport	20, 13	W. Petersen, D. F. Oliver	
Blue-winged Teal				
24	IRWS, Westport	1, 3	R. Heil, D. F. Oliver	
28, 31	Middleboro, DWWS	2 m + 1 f, 3	G. d'Entremont, D. Clapp	
Northern Shoveler				
27, 29	P.I., Hingham	2, 1 m	D. Chickering, D. Clapp	
Gadwall				
3-31	Newburyport-P.I.	33 max 3/8	v. o.	
12	Plymouth, Ipswich	30, 20	T. Aversa, J. Berry	
American Wigeon				
5-24	Newburyport-P.I.	8 max 3/5	v. o.	
8, 12	E. Falmouth, Plymouth	24, 75	P. Trimble, T. Aversa	
13, 27	Arlington	19, 25	L. Taylor	
Eurasian Wigeon				
12, 19	Plymouth, Chatham	1 m, 1	T. Aversa, J. Aylward#	
Canvasback				
8, 19	Falmouth	40, 7	P. Trimble, BBC (J. Bryant)	
13, 24	Lakeville, Westport	9, 32	W. Petersen, D. F. Oliver	
Redhead				
8-13, 12-19	Falmouth, Plymouth	2 or 3, 2-9	v. o.	
Ring-necked Duck				
9, 13	Sandwich, S. Hanson	15, 50	P. Trimble, W. Petersen	
24	W. Newbury, IRWS	85, 44	J. Brown, R. Heil	
26, 27	Easton, W. Newbury	60, 52	K. Ryan, D. F. Oliver	
Greater Scaup				
5-24, 13	Newburyport, Lakeville	40 max, 150	v.o., W. Petersen	
15, 19	Hull, Falmouth	175, 960	P. Thayer, BBC (J. Bryant)	
24	Westport	108	D. F. Oliver	
Lesser Scaup				
6, 12	Amesbury, Plymouth	6, 12	J. MacDougall, T. Aversa	
14, 27	Lakeville	25, 6	K. Holmes, W. Petersen	

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Common Eider 6-31 6, 19	Hull Salisbury, Falmouth	1000 max 3/23 350, 300	P. Thayer J. Berry, BBC (J. Bryant)	
King Eider 14-28	Winthrop	1 m	v. o.	
Harlequin Duck thr 18, 20	Winthrop Scituate, Rockport	1 m 1, 2 pr	J. Cumming + v. o. B. Hallett, J. Berry	
Oldsquaw thr	Newburyport	230 max 3/5	v. o.	
Black Scoter 5	Rockport	6	D. F. Oliver	
Surf Scoter 12, 28	Marblehead, P.I.	23, 2	J. MacDougall#, D. F. Oliver	
White-winged Scoter 12, 20 28	Marblehead, Rockport P.I.	6, 22 55	J. MacDougall#, J. Berry# D. F. Oliver	
Common Goldeneye 6, 7 19, 26	Newburyport, Mashpee Falmouth, Quabbin (G40)	600, 220 150, 7	BBC (J. Center), P. Trimble BBC (J. Bryant), D. Donovan#	
Barrow's Goldeneye 5-27	Newburyport	1-3	v. o.	
Bufflehead thr 19, 27	S. Dart. (Allens Pd) Falmouth, Clinton	59 max 3/29 200, 2	LCES (D. Christiansen) BBC (J. Bryant), D. Donovan#	
Hooded Merganser 8, 12 13 17, 19 28	Lawrence, Plymouth Bolton, Middleboro IRWS, Falmouth Stoneham	1, 8 3, 4 26, 18 6	V. Yurkunas, T. Aversa M. Lynch#, W. Petersen R. Heil, BBC (J. Bryant) T. Aversa	
Common Merganser 7, 8 13-27 13, 20 20, 27	Falmouth, Lawrence Arlington Plymouth, Norton W. Newbury	60, 38 33 max 3/13 85, 135 60, 29	P. Trimble, V. Yurkunas L. Taylor G. d'Entremont, G. Gove W. Petersen, D. F. Oliver	
Red-breasted Merganser 5, 6 19	Salisbury, Newburyport Falmouth	130, 250 260	M. Lynch#, BBC (J. Center) BBC (J. Bryant)	
Ruddy Duck 13, 15 27	Plymouth, Belmont Arlington	2 f, 4 m + 3 f 7	G. d'Entremont, J. Wissman L. Taylor	
Turkey Vulture 1 12, 23 24 3-28	S. Dartmouth, W. Bridgewater Barre, Sturbridge IRWS Reports of 1-2 birds from 11 locations.	7, 1 33, 5-6 6	D. Christiansen, D. Cabral M. Lynch#, J. Berry R. Heil	
Osprey 18, 22 24, 31	DWWS, S. Dartmouth Westport, W. Yarmouth	1, 2 1, 1	B. Hallett, LCES (D. Christiansen) D. F. Oliver, P. Trimble	
Bald Eagle 5, 6; 7 11, 18 19, 27	Newburyport; Sandwich Quabbin, DWWS Lakeville, Middleboro	2 imm; 1 imm 7, 1 imm 1, 1 imm	W. Petersen#, P. Trimble T. Aversa, B. Hallett K. Holmes	
Northern Harrier thr 24 24 27, 28	S. Dartmouth P.I., Halifax E. Orleans IRWS, P.I.	4 max 3/1 1, 1 2 1, 1 m + 1 f	LCES (D. Christiansen) J. Brown, K. Anderson A. + E. Williams J. Cumming, D. F. Oliver	
Sharp-shinned Hawk 5, 8 12-24	Newburyport, Mashpee Reports of single individuals from 9 locations.	2, 1	W. Petersen#, P. Trimble	
Cooper's Hawk 5, 7 17, 20 24, 31	Newburyport, Hyannis Beverly, Ipswich P.I., E. Middleboro	1, 1 1, 1 ad 1, 1	W. Petersen#, P. Trimble J. MacDougall, J. Berry J. Brown, K. Anderson	
Northern Goshawk thr 13-31 5-30	IRWS Boxford (C.P.) Reports of single individuals from 6 locations.	1 or 2 ad 1 or 2	R. Heil v. o.	

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Red-shouldered Hawk				
thr, 2	E. Middleboro, Easton	pr, 1	K. Anderson, K. Ryan	
19; 17, 24	Mt. A.; IRWS	1; 1	R. Stymeist; R. Heil	
23	Boxford (C.P.)	1	J. Brown	
27	Lakeville, Middleboro	3, 4	W. Petersen	
Rough-tailed Hawk				
5, 12	Salisbury	5, 6	M. Lynch#, I. Giriunas	
14, 28	E. Middleboro, Middleboro	5, 5	K. Anderson, G. d'Entremont	
Rough-legged Hawk				
5	Nantucket, Salisbury	1, 4	E. Andrews#, M. Lynch#	
13-27, 14-31	Middleboro, E. Middleboro	2, 1 lt	W. Petersen, K. Anderson	
18, 24	Marshfield, Avon	3, 1	B. Hallett, D. F. Oliver	
Golden Eagle				
6	Quabbin (G43)	1 ad	M. Lynch#	
American Kestrel				
5, 7	P.I.-Salisbury, Otis AFB	3, 3	T. Aversa, P. Trimble	
28, 29	IRWS	4, 5	G. d'Entremont, R. Heil	
Merlin				
6, 19	Nantucket, Yarmouthport	1, 1	E. Andrews#, J. Aylward#	
31	Wareham	1	B. Sorrie	
22-30	Reports of individuals from 3 locations.			
Peregrine Falcon				
12, 15	Eastham, Chatham	1 ad, 1 ad	T. Aversa, W. Bailey	
19	Oakham	1	J. Gordon#	
Ruffed Grouse				
20, 28	Hardwick, Middleboro	5, 4	G. d'Entremont	
Wild Turkey				
12, 19; 19	Barre; Middleboro	17, 16; 7	M. Lynch#; K. Holmes	
20-21, 26	Petersham, Quabbin (G40)	26, 8	G. d'Entremont, M. Lynch#	

RAILS THROUGH ALCIDS

Piping Plovers were first seen on March 16, and an American Oystercatcher was seen in Chatham on March 13. Early Lesser Yellowlegs were noted at inland locations, and early Pectoral Sandpipers were seen the third week of the month, as was a dowitcher. Migrant snipe and woodcocks are generally much in evidence in March, and this March was no exception. Woodcocks were heard and seen in courtship flight on March 3 and 6.

An early Laughing Gull was noted in Chatham on March 19, and a Little Gull was seen in Newburyport Harbor on March 24. Common Black-headed Gulls continued in Winthrop, with a maximum of 13 there, including 8 adults in breeding plumage, on March 24. Up to 19 Black Guillemots were counted on Cape Ann, and one in breeding plumage was seen in Rockport on March 20. G.W.G.

Sora				
14	Lakeville	1	K. Holmes	
Common Moorhen				
thr	Nantucket	1	E. Andrews	
American Coot				
12, 13	Plymouth	175-230	v. o.	
Black-bellied Plover				
12, 20	Salisbury	1, 1	BBC (I. Giriunas), B. Hallett	
Piping Plover				
16	Chatham	2	L. MacIvor	
19, 29	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1, 3	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
Killdeer				
3, 6	IRWS, E. Boston	2, 2	R. Heil, J. Cumming	
13	Concord, W. Bridgewater	8, 10	G. Gove, W. Petersen	
13, 24	Arlington, Westport	3, 18	L. Taylor, D. F. Oliver	
28	New Braintree, Nantucket	19, 30	M. Lynch#, D. Beattie	
American Oystercatcher				
13	Chatham	1	W. Bailey	
Greater Yellowlegs				
29, 31	Newbury, S. Dartmouth	1, 6	D. Chickering, D. Christiansen	
Lesser Yellowlegs				
27, 28	Middleboro, Byfield	2, 1	W. Petersen, D. Chickering	
Sanderling				
6, 20	Salisbury, P.I.	15, 40	BBC (J. Center), W. Petersen#	
22	Hull	30	P. Thayer	

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Pectoral Sandpiper				
20, 26	P.I.	1, 3	W. Petersen#, J. Cumming	
27	Ipswich, Middleboro	1, 2	D. F. Oliver, W. Petersen	
Purple Sandpiper				
12	Marblehead	40-60	v. o.	
Dunlin				
5, 24	Newburyport, Westport	4, 10	J. Brown, D. F. Oliver	
dowitcher species				
20, 26	P.I.	1, 1	W. Petersen, J. Cumming	
Common Snipe				
5, 13	Newburyport, Concord	1, 2	T. Aversa, G. Gove	
19, 26	Middleboro, Topsfield	8, 5	K. Holmes, J. Brown	
27	Ipswich, Newbury	14, 12	D. F. Oliver	
28, 30	W. Bridgewater, Newton	40, 12	G. d'Entremont, O. Komar	
American Woodcock				
3, 6	Ipswich, W. Dudley	1, 2	J. Berry, L. Layton	
9-31	IRWS	8 max 3/24	R. Heil	
13, 24	Bolton, N. Middleboro	10, 8	M. Lynch#, K. Holmes	
13	Belmont	6	R. Stymeist#	
21, 24	Somerville, Boston	1, 1	H. Hoffman, C. Jackson	
Laughing Gull				
19	Chatham	1	B. Nikula	
Little Gull				
24	Newburyport	1	J. Brown	
Common Black-headed Gull				
6-24	Winthrop	13 max 3/24	T. Aversa + v. o.	
20	Newburyport	1 ad	W. Petersen#	
Bonaparte's Gull				
5, 23	Newburyport	20, 5	M. Lynch#, D. F. Oliver	
Ring-billed Gull				
8, 13	Falmouth, Arlington	60, 41	P. Trimble, L. Taylor	
15, 24	Stoncham, Winthrop	150, 400	T. Aversa	
Iceland Gull				
5-30	Newburyport area	35 max 3/5	v. o.	
20	Gloucester	2 imm	J. Berry	
Lesser Black-backed Gull				
27	Cambridge	1	R. Stymeist	
Glaucous Gull				
6, 24	Newburyport	1 imm, 1	BBC (J. Center), J. Brown	
20	Salisbury	1 imm	W. Petersen	
Thick-billed Murre				
7	Chatham	1	R. Prescott	
Black Guillemot				
6, 19	Cape Ann, Salisbury	19, 1	R. Heil, BBC (S. Whittum)	
20	Rockport	1 br pl	J. Berry	

OWLS THROUGH SHRIKES

In Topsfield, a gray-phase and a red-phase Eastern Screech-Owl were found together in the same hole of a tree. "Phase," an ornithological term synonymous with "morph," means simply a genetic variation, usually in plumage coloration, within a population of a species. Both red- and grey-phase owls may occur within the same family of nestlings. Not only screech-owls, but several species of herons, the Blue/Snow Goose, several buteo hawks and falcons, Northern Fulmars, jaegers, Common Murres, and others exhibit this phenomenon.

Great Horned Owls were found in seven locations, and in Ipswich a pair hooted all night into broad daylight, as frequently as every ten seconds despite being mobbed by crows. Snowy Owls continued to be seen most of the month in the Plum Island-Salisbury area, and one or two Short-eared Owls were present in Salisbury through March 19.

The first southwest wind on March 6 and 7 brought the arrival of Northern Flickers at many locations. A Red-bellied Woodpecker was found at World's End in Hingham. At the Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary in Topsfield, as many as 4 Pileated Woodpeckers were found.

Eastern Phoebe, Tree Swallows, and a very early Purple Martin arrived on March 12-13; a general arrival in larger numbers started on March 23. A second Purple Martin was picked up alive on Nantucket on March 29, very weak from hunger; it died later that day. The usual arrival date for Purple Martins is the second week in April.

Spring courtship fever hit the crow roost in Framingham where the maximum of over 3000 birds dwindled to 510 American Crows by the last day of the month. Over 200 Fish Crows were found at or near Heards

Pond in Wayland (Sudbury Dump), and others were again back in areas where they had been absent all winter. Two Common Ravens were found in Barre, and others were located in the Quabbin area.

Brown Creepers were singing on territory in Topsfield and Boxford. Another hit the window of the Christian Science Reading Room in downtown Boston. This stunned bird was picked up, nursed, and then released a few days later in North Middleboro. A House Wren was carefully described from Sandwich on March 9.

A very early Ruby-crowned Kinglet, or more likely a survivor of the winter, was found in Lawrence on March 8. The first Eastern Bluebirds were back at Quabbin on or about March 12. At about the same time, reports of the first American Robins began to appear. Hermit Thrushes were also on the move throughout the month with 6 reports. Two **Bohemian Waxwings** were noted and photographed at Hardwick on March 12. These birds were seen off and on at this location all winter. A **Loggerhead Shrike** was well described from Wareham on March 31. On the same day, an unidentified shrike, thought to be this species, was also seen in Marlboro. One or two Northern Shrikes continued all month at Plum Island; others were found in Topsfield and at Otis Air Force Base (AFB) on Cape Cod.

R.H.S.

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	MARCH 1988
Eastern Screech-Owl				
thr	Topsfield	1 gray, 1 red (same tree)	v. o.	
15	West Roxbury	1	T. Aversa	
Great Horned Owl				
thr	Ipswich	pr (3 or 4 birds on 3/3)	J. Berry	
6	P.I., Beverly	1, 1	K. Griffis, J. Brown	
12	Marblehead, Newbypt	1, 1	J. Berry#, BBC (I. Giriunas)	
19, 20	Waltham, Topsfield	1, 1	L. Taylor, J. Brown	
Snowy Owl				
1-19	P.I.-Salisbury	1+	v. o.	
6	Rowley	1	J. MacDougall	
7-22	S. Dartmouth	1 or 2	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
Barred Owl				
9, 15	IRWS, E. Middleboro	3, 2	R. Heil, K. Anderson	
Short-eared Owl				
1-19	Salisbury	1 or 2	v. o.	
13	E. Boston	1	J. Cumming	
15-29	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1 or 2	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
Belted Kingfisher				
Reports of 8 individuals from 6 locations.				
Red-bellied Woodpecker				
29	Hingham (World's End)	1	D. F. Oliver#	
Downy Woodpecker				
27	Clinton (Wachusett Reservoir)	9	D. Donovan	
Northern Flicker				
Reports of migrants from 3/8 on from many locations.				
Pileated Woodpecker				
6, 21	Quabbin (G43), (G40)	1, 1	M. Lynch#, D. Donovan#	
13, 29	IRWS	1, 4	J. Brown, R. Heil	
Eastern Phoebe				
13, 14	Wayland, Nantucket	2, 1	S. Perkins, J. Van Vorst	
16, 17	E. Middleboro, IRWS	1, 1	K. Anderson, D. F. Oliver	
27, 29	Clinton, IRWS	8, 9	D. Donovan, R. Heil	
31	P.I.	8	D. F. Oliver	
General arrival in a wide area from 3/23 on.				
Horned Lark				
thr	Salisbury, P.I.	20 max, 16 max	v. o.	
7	Otis AFB	4	P. Trimble	
8	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	18	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
27	Ipswich, Middleboro	100, 100	D. F. Oliver, W. Petersen	
Purple Martin				
12, 29	Chatham, Nantucket	1, 1	P. Trull, F. Reed	
Tree Swallow				
13, 24	Wayland, P.I.	3, 2	S. Perkins, J. Brown	
27, 31	GMNWR, P.I.	22, 47	T. Aversa, D. F. Oliver	
General arrival in small numbers over a wide area from 3/26 on.				
Blue Jay				
12, 16	Quabbin (G40), Hudson	16, 28	M. Lynch#, D. Donovan	
American Crow				
thr	Framingham	3000+ max, 510	on 3/31 E. Taylor#	
12, 23	Uxbridge, Halifax	106, 200+	R. Hildreth, K. Anderson	

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Fish Crow				
1-23	Framingham	50+	E. Taylor#	
4, 7, 17	Watertown	1, 4, 6	J. Heywood#	
6, 12	Quabbin (G37), Mansfield	1, 1	M. Lynch#, B. Sorrie	
11, 12	Hanson	1, 8	W. Petersen	
13	Wayland (Heards Pd)	200+	S. Perkins#	
26, 27	S. Natick, E. Middleboro	2, 3	T. Aversa, K. Anderson	
Common Raven				
6, 12	Quabbin (G43), (G40)	1, 1	M. Lynch#	
20, 21	Barre	2	G. d'Entremont	
Black-capped Chickadee				
3, 17, 29	IRWS	128, 102, 68	R. Heil	
Red-breasted Nuthatch				
3, 17, 29	IRWS	16, 15, 7	R. Heil	
6, 12	Quabbin (G43), (G40)	16, 21	M. Lynch#	
Other reports of 1-3 individuals from 4 locations.				
White-breasted Nuthatch				
6, 12	Quabbin (G43), (G40)	11, 10	M. Lynch#	
Brown Creeper				
8; 9, 17	Boxford; IRWS	4; 10, 11	D. F. Oliver; R. Heil	
31	Boston	1 rescued	K. Holmes	
Carolina Wren				
6, 13	Rockport, Eastham	1, 1	R. Heil, B. Nikula	
19, 23	Falmouth, E. Orleans	6, 1	BBC (J. Bryant), A. Williams	
28, 29	Yarmouthport, Easton	1, 1	J. Aylward, K. Ryan	
House Wren (details submitted)				
9	Sandwich	1	P. Trimble	
Winter Wren				
12, 23	Marblehead, Boxford	1, 1	J. Berry#, D. F. Oliver	
27	Clinton (Wachusett Reservoir)	1	D. Donovan	
Golden-crowned Kinglet				
thr	IRWS	51 max 3/9	R. Heil + v. o.	
6, 8	Quabbin (G43), Boxford	9, 18	M. Lynch#, D. F. Oliver	
Reports of 1-10 birds from many locations.				
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				
8	Lawrence	1	V. Yurkunas	
Eastern Bluebird				
12-31	Quabbin (G40)	2 f + 1 m	G. Gove# + v. o.	
15	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
24-31	E. Middleboro	1-3	K. Anderson	
27, 29	ONWR, Nantucket	1, 1	M. Lynch#, E. + C. Andrews	
Hermit Thrush				
1-2, 4	Newton, Brookline	1, 1	O. Komar#, H. Wiggin#	
8, 23	E. Orleans	1 (window kill), 1	E. Williams, A. Williams	
28, 30	E. Middleboro, Wenham	1, 1	K. Anderson, J. Brown	
American Robin				
11, 13	Winthrop, Halifax	1+, 50	J. Cumming, W. Petersen	
15, 19	W. Roxbury, Mt. A.	38, 50-60	T. Aversa, R. Stymeist#	
24, 25	Westport, Topsfield	87, 60	D. F. Oliver, J. Brown	
28	New Braintree	207	M. Lynch#	
Gray Catbird				
12	Marblehead	1	J. Berry#	
Water Pipit				
27	Bolton	10	M. Lynch#	
Bohemian Waxwing				
12	Hardwick	2 ph	M. Lynch#	
Cedar Waxwing				
6, 12	Hardwick	13, 16	M. Lynch#	
30	Ashland	40	G. Gove	
Northern Shrike				
thr	P.I.	1 or 2+	v. o.	
1-7, 11	Otis AFB, Topsfield	1, 1	P. Trimble, J. Brown	
Loggerhead Shrike				
31	Wareham	1 ad	B. Sorrie	
shrike species				
31	Marlboro	1	R. Graefe	

WARBLERS THROUGH FINCHES

Yellow-rumped Warblers were noted at five locations, but these were probably birds that had survived the winter here rather than the first migrants. Pine Warblers were singing on territory in Middleboro and in Wareham by the end of the month.

Fox Sparrows were on the move by midmonth, and reports were received from eleven locations. Song Sparrows were singing on territory, and Dark-eyed Juncos began to sing as they prepared to leave eastern Massachusetts. The "Oregon" Junco that was present all winter on Nantucket was last seen on March 1.

Blackbirds always get into the field records in March. Everyone is getting ready for spring, and hearing the first Red-winged Blackbird gives us some hope. Large flocks of Red-winged Blackbirds, grackles, and cowbirds were noted, as were Rusty Blackbirds. Fifty Lapland Longspurs were counted in Middleboro, an exceptionally high count for spring at an inland location. In Barre, 80 Snow Buntings were tallied.

Winter finch reports included as many as 59 Red Crossbills and 11 White-winged Crossbills from Quabbin most of the month. Common Redpolls were noted from three locations, and Pine Siskins were reported from many areas and were thought to be nesting. In Topsfield at Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary, one Pine Siskin was seen gathering moss on March 29; and at Boxford State Forest, a siskin was seen pulling hair from an old oriole nest on March 13. Evening Grosbeaks were still being seen in Worcester County in good numbers throughout March.

R.H.S.

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	MARCH 1988
Yellow-rumped Warbler				
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	33 max 3/15	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
5, 12	Salisbury, Eastham	2, 6	M. Lynch#, T. Aversa	
14, 19	Lakeville, Falmouth	2, 25	K. Holmes, BBC (J. Bryant)	
Pine Warbler				
25	E. Middleboro	1 singing	K. Anderson	
31	Wareham	2 singing	B. Sorrie	
Rufous-sided Towhee				
13, 19	Marshfield, Falmouth	1, 1	G. d'Entremont, BBC (J. Bryant)	
American Tree Sparrow				
6, 14	Salisbury, Lakeville	2, 50+	J. MacDougall, K. Holmes	
18, 23, 28	P.I.	14, 3, 1	D. F. Oliver	
18, 27	Holliston	3, 1	R. Hildreth	
28	New Braintree	5	M. Lynch#	
Field Sparrow				
13, 19	Halifax, Milford	2, 9	W. Petersen, R. Hildreth	
Savannah Sparrow				
28	New Braintree	1	M. Lynch#	
29	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	8	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
"Ipswich" Sparrow				
6	Salisbury	2	J. Berry	
15	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
Fox Sparrow				
13	Boxford, W. Bridgewater	2, 2	J. Berry#, W. Petersen	
17	WBWS, Eastham	3, 3	D. Reynolds, A. Thomas	
17, 29	IRWS	4, 7	R. Heil	
21, 23	S. Carver, Stoneham	1, 2	J. Shaw, T. Aversa	
23, 25	Boxford, Brookline	1, 1	D. F. Oliver, B. Hallett	
26, 30	Quabbin (G40), Brookline	2, 1	M. Lynch#, H. Wiggin#	
Song Sparrow				
thr	IRWS	49 max 3/31	R. Heil	
18, 28, 31	P.I.	23, 31, 97	D. F. Oliver	
Swamp Sparrow				
29	IRWS	1	R. Heil	
White-throated Sparrow				
thr	Hopkinton, Ipswich	1 or 2, 4	J. Gordon#, J. Berry	
Dark-eyed Junco				
thr, 26	Ipswich, Quabbin (G40)	20 max, 40+	J. Berry, D. Donovan	
27	Clinton (Wachusett Reservoir)	50+	D. Donovan	
"Oregon" Junco				
1	Nantucket	1	E. Ray	
Lapland Longspur				
5, 12	Salisbury, Barre	3, 2	J. Brown, M. Lynch#	
29	Ipswich, Middleboro	2, 50	I. Giriunas, W. Petersen	
Snow Bunting				
6, 12	Quabbin (G43), Barre	23, 80	M. Lynch#	

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	MARCH 1988
Red-winged Blackbird				
1-31, 3	Topsfield, Natick	2-39, 25	J. Brown, E. Taylor	
6	Newbury, Salisbury	8, 1	D. Chickering, J. MacDougall	
7, 10	Falmouth, Hyannis	20, 150	P. Trimble#	
13, 20	Bolton, Newbury	498, 50	M. Lynch#, D. Chickering	
Eastern Meadowlark				
15	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	4	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
15-31	Marlboro	1 or 2	R. Graefe	
19	Chatham, Newbury	2, 5	J. Aylward#, T. Aversa	
Rusty Blackbird				
8, 12	W. Roxbury, Hardwick	6, 2	T. Aversa, M. Lynch#	
13	IRWS, S. Hanson	8, 1	J. Brown, W. Petersen	
23, 27	Stoneham, GMNWR	10, 12	T. Aversa	
28	W. Newbury, W. Bridgewater	5, 30+	D. F. Oliver, G. d'Entremont#	
Common Grackle				
8	Newbury, Sherborn	1, 2	D. Chickering, E. Taylor	
8	Winthrop	1	J. Cumming	
9, 10	Wilmington, Hyannis	100+, 400	J. Berry, P. Trimble	
Brown-headed Cowbird				
9, 12	Wilmington, Ipswich	2, 2	J. Berry	
12, 13	Topsfield, Boxford	2 or 3, 1	J. Brown, J. MacDougall	
27, 29	Ipswich, New Braintree	10, 90	D. F. Oliver, M. Lynch#	
Purple Finch				
6, 19, 28; 27	Hardwick; P.I.	3, 3, 2; 5	M. Lynch#; D. Chickering	
Red Crossbill				
5	Salisbury	1	M. Lynch#	
12-31, 26	Quabbin (G40), (G41)	59 max, 10	v. o., M. Lynch#	
White-winged Crossbill				
3, 9; 18	IRWS; Cambridge	1, 7; 10	R. Heil; M. Noland	
6-31, 22	Quabbin (G40), Bedford	11 max, 3	v. o., F. Bouchard	
Common Redpoll				
12, 19	Eastham, Newbury	2, 1	T. Aversa, D. Chickering	
21	Quabbin (G40)	15	D. Donovan#	
Pine Siskin				
thr	E. Middleboro, IRWS	8+, 18 max	K. Anderson, R. Heil	
thr	Wenham, Hopkinton	16 max, 2-6	J. Brown, J. Gordon	
Reports of 1-10 birds from many locations.				
American Goldfinch				
21, 29	Quabbin (G40), IRWS	50+, 22	D. Donovan, R. Heil	
Evening Grosbeak				
12, 19, 26	Barre	50, 130, 60	M. Lynch#	
12, 19, 28	Hardwick	15, 40, 80	M. Lynch#	

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Ovenbird (page 170)			
1/1-9	Dennis	1 at feeder ph	R. + E. Fisher
should read			
thr (Jan.-Feb.)	Dennis	1 at feeder ph	R. + E. Fisher

DANIEL WEBSTER FARM DAY AND EIGHT-MILE WALK

FOR WILDLIFE:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 11:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

For the past three years, Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary in Marshfield has celebrated the good fortune of acquiring and preserving over 400 acres of valuable open space in southeastern Massachusetts by holding Farm Day festivities. Activities include hayrides, crafts demonstrations, nature and local history walks, pony rides, farm animals, Dixieland music, Morris dancers, Janet's Country Kitchen, a white elephant sale, farmers' market, fresh pressed cider, lots of food, and games, contests, and activities for all ages.

A special feature this year will be an Eight-Mile Walk for Wildlife that begins at 9:00 A.M. The route is from the North River Sanctuary office of the Massachusetts Audubon Society to the Daniel Webster Farm in time to join the festivities there. Refreshments and prizes will await all walkers. Participants must preregister for this event. For more information and to obtain sponsor forms, call 617-837-9400.