

Ash-throated Flycatcher
 Martha's Vineyard, MA
 November 5, 1989
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FIELD RECORDS
**NOVEMBER/
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Midwinter weather came early this year with cold temperatures predominating. In November the average temperature was 42.8 degrees, 2.4 degrees less than normal. December 1989 was the coldest December in 119 years of records. The temperature averaged 21.7 degrees, 12.0 degrees below normal. The previous coldest December average temperature was 22.2 degrees in 1876. The deep freeze began with 4.4 inches of snow on Thanksgiving Day and continued as the temperatures plummeted to an average of 10 degrees colder than normal until December 31, the first day with above normal temperatures, when the mercury reached a high of 53 degrees. Precipitation totaled 4.13 inches in November but in December was only 0.81 inch, 3.67 inches less than average. December 1989 ranked as the third driest in 119 years and the driest since 1935. Snowfall totaled 10.7 inches for the period, just about 2 inches above normal. The first snowflake was seen on November 18, and the first measurable snow fell on November 20. The total of 4.4 inches of snow in Boston on Thanksgiving Day was a new record for the holiday. R.H.S.

LOONS THROUGH WATERFOWL

Winds during November were from the northeast on only one day, and as a consequence there was no major passage of waterbirds at coastal vantages. During December the plethora of Christmas Bird Counts, reported elsewhere in this issue, left little time for leisurely birdwatching and resulted in minimal reports for that month. In addition the cold weather and rapid freeze-up beginning Thanksgiving Day drove most waterbirds to seek open water and a more hospitable climate elsewhere. Pied-billed Grebes were well reported during November, and a carefully scrutinized **Western Grebe**, now annual, was seen at Plum Island. Late lingering herons included a Great Egret and two Snowy Egrets. Reverse migrant Cattle Egrets totaled five in November. Typically these remained only briefly. An immature **Greater White-fronted Goose** appeared in Marshfield for three days, then moved to Plymouth. The Norfolk Wood Duck nightly roost maintained incredible numbers into early November. Two drake Mandarin Ducks (escaped exotics) were found in Ipswich in the company of a male Wood Duck. Dabbling duck numbers were about average, and 6 Eurasian Wigeons were all found in traditional locations. King Eider numbers were about normal, but the flock of Harlequin Ducks in Rockport was larger than recent winter counts in that area. The extreme cold caused even some salt water to freeze resulting in an unusual concentration of scoters in Nantucket Sound late in December.

The Cape Cod Bird Club's (CCBC) seventh annual Lake and Pond Waterfowl Survey was conducted the weekend of December 2 and 3 and recorded 12,384 individuals of 25 species. Thirty-five observers censused 285 ponds, and for the first time the count experienced considerable icing with nearly half (141) of the ponds completely frozen. These conditions obviously had an impact on total duck numbers that can best be assessed with more years of data under varying weather conditions. Eleven species were recorded in record high numbers, among them Wood Duck, American Black Duck, Gadwall, American Wigeon, Ring-necked Duck, and Common Merganser. Only three species were recorded in record low numbers—Green-winged Teal, Canvasback, and Ruddy Duck (only two). R.A.F.

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	NOV./DEC. 1989
Red-throated Loon				
11/1-30	P.I.	35 max 11/18	BBC (R. McHale) + v. o.	
11/12, 11/26, 12/11	Minot, Salisbury, P.I.	12, 1G+, 5+	M. Lynch#, J. Berry, M. Lynch#	
Common Loon				
11/1-30	P.I. (4 dates)	12 max 11/18	BBC (R. McHale) + v. o.	
11/2, 11/5	Wachusett Reservoir	5, 15	D. Donovan	
11/5, 11/20; 11/12, 11/26	Hull; Lakeville, Salisbury	4, 7; 4, 5	P. Thayer; BBC (D. Davis), J. Berry	
12/10	Ipswich, Quabbin (G35)	7, 1	J. Brown, M. Lynch#	
12/10, 12/11	Middleboro, P.I.	1, 15+	K. Holmes, M. Lynch#	

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Pied-billed Grebe				
11/5-25	Arlington (Spy Pd)	6 max 11/25	L. Taylor	
11/6, 11/10	Lakeville, Braintree	8, 5	K. Ryan	
11/7, 11/30	Cambridge (F.P.)	2, 2	D. Flood	
11/11-12	Nantucket	17	S. Perkins, C. Floyd	
11/12, 11/15	Lakeville, Plymouth	3, 3	BBC (D. Davis), T. Aversa	
11/19, 11/26	Canton, W. Newbury	5, 2	R. Abrams#, J. Berry	
12/2-3	Cape Cod	42	CCBC Lake and Pond Survey	
12/6	Plymouth (Billington Sea)	2	T. Aversa	
12/6, 12/10	Lynn (Flax Pd), Lakeville	1, 1	J. Quigley, K. Holmes	
Horned Grebe				
11/2, 11/5	Hull	10, 37	P. Thayer	
11/4, 11/5	Quincy, Squantum	100, 250	E. Taylor, R. Abrams	
11/5, 11/12	Wachusett Res., Lakeville	2, 5	D. Donovan, BBC (D. Davis)	
12/11	P.I.	25+	M. Lynch#	
Red-necked Grebe				
11/8, 11/11, 11/18	P.I.	3, 5, 1	W. Drew#, I. Giriunas, W. Drew#	
11/12	Minot	4	W. Petersen	
12/2, 12/6	Gloucester, N. Scituate	2, 12	BBC (D. Williams), T. Aversa	
12/12	Cape Ann	3	BBC (S. Bolton)	
Western Grebe				
11/5	P.I.	1	J. Smith, R. Heil#	
Northern Gannet				
11/9, 11/11	Chatham, Orleans	100+, 500	R. Rozsa	
11/11, 11/18	P.I.	6, 5	I. Giriunas, BBC (R. McHale)	
11/12	Scituate	5	I. Giriunas#	
Great Cormorant				
11/4, 11/5, 11/12	Newburyport; Lakeville	40; 4	BBC (J. Center); W. Petersen	
12/10	Lakeville	2	K. Holmes	
Double-crested Cormorant				
11/4, 11/7	Newbypt, Cambridge (F.P.)	5, 1	BBC (J. Center), D. Flood	
11/10	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	2	LCES (J. Hill)	
11/11, 11/24	Chatham, Arlington (Spy Pd)	20, 4	R. Rozsa, L. Taylor	
11/25	Marlboro, Sharon	2, 1	R. Forster, R. Titus	
12/3, 12/9	Arlington, Falmouth	6, 1	L. Taylor, R. Forster	
American Bittern				
11/1, 11/11	P.I., Eastham (F.H.)	2, 2	W. Drew#, SSBC (W. Petersen)	
11/12, 12/11	E. Orleans, P.I.	1, 1	A. + E. Williams, M. Lynch#	
Great Blue Heron				
11/1-30, 11/1	S. Dart. (Allens Pd), P.I.	6 max, 10	LCES (J. Hill), W. Drew#	
11/6-26	Reports of 1 or 2 (total 13) from	6 locations.		
12/1-31	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	8 max 12/11	LCES (J. Hill)	
Great Egret				
11/11	Nantucket	1	S. Perkins, C. Floyd	
Snowy Egret				
11/18 + 25; 11/22	P.I.; E. Boston	1, 1; 1	A. + B. Delorey, G. Gove; T. Aversa	
Cattle Egret				
11/5, 11/10	Middleboro, M. V.	2, 1	N. Phinney, S. Perkins#	
11/15	Essex, Dennis	1, 1	R. Heil, P. Trull	
Black-crowned Night-Heron				
11/14, 11/18	Squantum, Cambridge	3, 3	R. Abrams, F. Bouchard	
Mute Swan				
11/11-12	Nantucket	150+	S. Perkins#	
11/12, 11/25	Scituate, Hull	17, 8	I. Giriunas#, P. Thayer	
12/2-3	Cape Cod	176	CCBC Lake and Pond Survey	
12/5, 12/6	New Bedford, Plymouth (Billington Sea)	71, 109	T. Aversa	
Snow Goose				
11/1-30	P.I. (6 dates)	86 max 11/18	BBC (R. McHale) + v. o.	
11/4	Marshfield	100	D. Clapp	
11/12, 11/26	Ipswich, Harwich	2, 7	J. Berry, M. Welch	
12/2, 12/9-13	Easton, P.I.	2, 1	K. Ryan, v. o.	
Snow Goose (blue phase)				
11/5	S. Monomoy	3 imm	B. Nikula	
Greater White-fronted Goose				
11/29-30	DWWS	1 imm	C. Harwood, D. Ludlow, v. o.	
12/1, 12/2	DWWS, Plymouth	1 imm	D. Ludlow, S. Perkins	
Brant				
11/4-19	Quincy Bay	1020 max 11/19	T. + J. Cameron	

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Canada Goose				
11/29	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1279	LCES (J. Hill)	
12/2-3	Cape Cod	1696	CCBC Lake and Pond Survey	
12/3, 12/17	Waltham, Hamilton/Wenham	375, 1011	L. Taylor, J. Brown	
Wood Duck				
11/1, 11/2	Norfolk, Lynn	714, 14	B. Cassie, R. Heil	
12/2-3	Cape Cod	20	CCBC Lake and Pond Survey	
12/12-31	Reports of 1 or 2 (total 7) from 6 locations.			
Mandarin Duck (escaped exotic)				
23	Ipswich	2 m	J. Berry + v. o.	
Green-winged Teal				
11/4-21, 11/5	P.I., S. Monomoy	380 max 11/8, 70+	(low) W. Drew# + v. o., B. Nikula	
11/18, 11/19	Arlington Res., Ipswich	33, 16	L. Taylor, J. Berry	
12/2-3	Cape Cod	15	CCBC Lake and Pond Survey	
12/6, 12/29	W. Roxbury, Plymouth	45, 1	T. Aversa, R. Forster	
American Black Duck				
11/1-30	P.I.	855 max 11/24	W. Drew# + v. o.	
11/1-30	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	592 max 11/10	LCES (J. Hill)	
11/5	S. Monomoy	250	B. Nikula	
12/1-31	P.I.	325 max 12/11	W. Drew# + v. o.	
12/1-31	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	196 max 12/28	LCES (J. Hill)	
12/2-3	Cape Cod	1461	CCBC Lake and Pond Survey	
Mallard				
12/1-31, 12/31	Stoneham, Brockton	600 max 12/28, 386	T. Aversa, R. Titus	
12/2-3	Cape Cod	1901	CCBC Lake and Pond Survey	
Northern Pintail				
11/8-11/21	P.I.	17 max 11/21	T. Aversa + v. o.	
11/5, 11/10	S. Monomoy, Ipswich	40+, 8	B. Nikula, J. Berry	
11/10, 11/13, 11/29	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	10, 4, 5	LCES (J. Hill)	
12/1-31	Reports of single birds from 4 locations.			
12/2-3	Cape Cod	25	CCBC Lake and Pond Survey	
Blue-winged Teal				
11/5	P.I.	1 m	R. Heil	
Northern Shoveler				
11/4-18	P.I.	12 max 11/18	BBC (R. McHale) + v. o.	
11/4, 11/5	GMNWR, S. Monomoy	4, 45+	BBC (R. Vernon), B. Nikula	
12/2-3	Cape Cod	1	CCBC Lake and Pond Survey	
Gadwall				
11/4	GMNWR	12	BBC (R. Vernon)	
11/5, 11/18	Ipswich	12, 40+	BBC (J. Berry), J. Berry	
11/5	Plymouth (Billington Sea), S. Monomoy	16, 40+	W. Petersen, B. Nikula	
11/10	M. V. (Squibnocket)	27	V. Laux#	
12/2-3	Cape Cod	95	CCBC Lake and Pond Survey	
12/6	Plymouth (Billington Sea)	14	T. Aversa	
12/10-25, 12/31	Framingham, Brockton	1, 2	K. Hamilton#, R. Titus	
Eurasian Wigeon				
11/1, 11/1-16	Chatham, Braintree	1 m, 1 m	T. Aversa, v. o.	
11/12	Nantucket	3	C. Floyd#	
12/3-17, 12/6	Chatham, Plymouth (Billington Sea)	1 m, 1 m	v. o., T. Aversa	
American Wigeon				
11/1, 11/4	Chatham, GMNWR	30, 50	T. Aversa, BBC (R. Vernon)	
11/5-19	Ipswich	80+ max 11/19	J. Berry + v. o.	
11/5, 11/15	Plymouth (Billington Sea)	28, 50	W. Petersen, T. Aversa	
11/5	S. Monomoy	45	B. Nikula	
11/16, 11/18	Braintree, Arlington Res.	33, 12	R. Forster, L. Taylor	
11/18-25	Arlington (Spy Pd)	48 max 11/24	L. Taylor	
11/19	Eastham	24	A. + E. Williams	
12/2-3	Cape Cod	159	CCBC Lake and Pond Survey	
12/5, 12/6	New Bedford, Plymouth (Billington Sea)	28, 58	T. Aversa	
Canvasback				
11/18, 11/25	W. Newbury (Cherry Hill), Harwich	2, 9	BBC (R. McHale), R. Rozsa	
12/2-3	Cape Cod	486	CCBC Lake and Pond Survey	
12/7, 12/21	Falmouth, Dighton	40, 14	R. Forster, R. Titus	
Redhead				
11/5 + 15	Plymouth (Billington Sea)	2	W. Petersen#, T. Aversa	
11/12	Nantucket	7	S. Perkins#	
12/2-3	Cape Cod	17	CCBC Lake and Pond Survey	
12/7	Falmouth	1	R. Forster	
Ring-necked Duck				
11/1-26	W. Newbury (Cherry Hill)	600 max 11/15	R. Heil	

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Ring-necked Duck (continued)				
11/2, 11/5	Stoughton, Framingham	20, 198	R. Titus, E. Taylor	
11/12, 11/13	Nantucket, Marlboro	260, 105	S. Perkins#, R. Graefe	
11/16, 11/19	Braintree, Eastham	49, 22	R. Forster, A. + E. Williams	
12/2-3	Cape Cod	310	CCBC Lake and Pond Survey	
12/6	Plymouth	6	T. Aversa	
Greater Scaup				
11/11-12, 11/14	Nantucket, Revere	500, 350	S. Perkins#, R. Forster	
12/2-3	Cape Cod	322	CCBC Lake and Pond Survey	
Lesser Scaup				
11/5	Plymouth (Billington Sea), Lakeville	3, 150+	W. Petersen#	
11/5	S. Monomoy	60	B. Nikula	
11/12, 11/15	Nantucket, W. Newbury (Cherry Hill)	45, 5+	S. Perkins#, R. Heil	
12/7, 12/29	Falmouth, Plymouth	2, 1	R. Forster	
scaup species				
12/2-3	Cape Cod	3021	CCBC Lake and Pond Survey	
Common Eider				
11/2, 11/7	S. Monomoy, Hull	5000+, 250	B. Nikula, P. Thayer	
12/2	Cape Ann, Hull	375+, 2000+	BBC (D. Williams), P. Thayer	
12/10	Rockport; S. Monomoy	330+; 100,000	J. Berry; B. Nikula, D. Houghton	
King Eider				
11/4-30	N. Scituate	1 ad m	E. Nielsen + v. o.	
11/21, 11/25	P.I., Scusset	1 f, 1 f	T. Aversa, W. Petersen	
11/25-12/31	Rockport	2 imm m + 1 f	R. Heil + v. o.	
12/2	Nahant	1 imm m + 1 f	R. Stymeist	
12/25-31, 12/29	E. Orleans, Nantucket	1 ad m, 1 f	J. Talin, S. Perkins#	
Harlequin Duck				
11/5-14, 11/11	Winthrop, Nantucket	1 m, 4	S. Zende#h, S. Perkins#	
11/12-30	Minot	2 (pair)	W. Petersen#	
11/11-12/31	Rockport	5-8	R. Heil + v. o.	
Oldsquaw				
11/18, 11/24	P.I.	42, 95	BBC (R. McHale), W. Drew#	
12/11, 12/13	Hull	162, 213	P. Thayer	
Black Scoter				
11/4	P.I.	16	BBC (J. Center)	
12/3, 12/31	Rockport, Nantucket Sound	15, 500+	I. Giriunas, R. Heil	
Surf Scoter				
11/18	P.I.	45	BBC (R. McHale)	
12/31	Nantucket Sound	7000+	R. Heil	
White-winged Scoter				
11/5, 11/7	Wachusett Res., Hull	1, 200	D. Donovan, P. Thayer	
11/8 + 18	P.I.	250, 200	W. Drew#	
12/10, 12/11	N. Monomoy, P.I.	500, 300	B. Nikula#, W. Drew#	
12/31	Nantucket Sound	15,000+	R. Heil	
scoter species				
11/20	Hull	800	P. Thayer	
Common Goldeneye				
11/5, 11/12	Wachusett Res., Lakeville	15, 4	D. Donovan, BBC (D. Davis)	
11/24, 11/26	P.I., Harwich	52, 20	W. Drew#, R. Rozsa	
12/2, 12/30	Hull, Amesbury	40, 100	P. Thayer, A. + B. Delorey	
12/2-3	Cape Cod	241	CCBC Lake and Pond Survey	
12/11, 12/28	P.I.	75, 60	W. Drew#	
Barrow's Goldeneye				
11/26	Brant Rock	1 m	R. Abrams#	
Bufflehead				
11/1-30	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	53 max 11/10	LCES (J. Hill)	
11/2, 11/5	Salem, Quincy Bay	60, 700	I. Lynch, R. Abrams	
11/5	Hull, S. Monomoy	800, 200+	P. Thayer, B. Nikula	
11/5, 11/6	Wachusett Res., Lakeville	8, 50	D. Donovan, K. Ryan	
11/14, 11/26	Nahant, Newbypt	400, 100+	R. Forster, J. Berry	
12/2-3	Cape Cod	1362	CCBC Lake and Pond Survey	
Hooded Merganser				
11/5	Braintree (Great Pd)	48	J. + T. Cameron	
11/19, 11/23	Ipswich, Cambridge Res.	21, 13	J. Berry, R. Forster	
11/24, 11/25	Arlington (Spy Pd)	52, 38	L. Taylor	
11/5-26	Reports of 1-10 (total 34) from 7 locations.			
12/2-3	Cape Cod	310	CCBC Lake and Pond Survey	
12/2, 12/3	Arlington (Spy Pd)	57, 75	L. Taylor	
12/10, 12/12	Quabbin (G35), S. Peabody	14, 5	M. Lynch#, R. Heil	

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Common Merganser

11/2, 11/5 Wachusett Res. 67, 75 D. Donovan
 11/11-12, 11/13 Nantucket, Lakeville 2, 35 S. Perkins#, K. Ryan
 11/18, 11/19 Stoneham, Wakefield 12, 68 T. Aversa, BBC (D. Williams)
 11/26 W. Newbury, Harwich 35, 250 J. Berry, R. Rozsa
 12/2-3 Cape Cod 470 CCBC Lake and Pond Survey
 12/2, 12/3, 12/17 Arlington (Spy Pd) 59, 53, 7 L. Taylor
 12/20 Amesbury 20 A. + B. Delorey

Red-breasted Merganser

11/4, 11/11 Quincy, Chatham 50, 1000 L. Taylor, B. Nikula
 11/26 Salisbury 75+ J. Berry
 12/2-3 Cape Cod 191 CCBC Lake and Pond Survey

Ruddy Duck

11/4, 11/5 Waltham, Southboro 20, 50 E. Taylor
 11/5 Plymouth (Billington Sea), S. Monomoy 60, 240 W. Petersen#, B. Nikula
 11/5, 11/10, 11/18 Arlington Res. 51, 35, 38 L. Taylor
 11/15 W. Newbury (Cherry Hill), Plymouth 61, 77 R. Heil, T. Aversa
 11/16, 11/19 Braintree (Sunset L.), Braintree (Great Pd) 46, 100 R. Forster, R. Abrams
 12/2-3 Cape Cod 2 CCBC Lake and Pond Survey
 12/6 Plymouth (Billington Sea) 8 T. Aversa

RAPTORS

Turkey Vultures continue to stay longer in our area, with reports from many locations, especially south of Boston. Ospreys also were well represented during the period, with the last bird noted on December 6 in Harwich, nearly a full month beyond the normal departure date.

Bald Eagles were noted from many areas, with as many as 7 birds observed along the Merrimack River in late December. One observer in Lakeville watched an adult Bald Eagle soar over the lake, dive, catch a Herring Gull, land on the water, struggle to submerge the gull for two to three minutes, then fly to a nearby boulder and eat the gull. Fewer eagles were reported from Quabbin than during the same period last year. The suggestion has been made that the early freeze-up may have led to the birds moving elsewhere. An immature Golden Eagle was present in the Gate 35-Gate 40 area during the period. An adult bird had been noted in the same spot last year.

Accipiter reports were numerous with at least 12 sightings of Cooper's Hawks and 5 reports of Northern Goshawks, including two migrating in Ashburnham. Noteworthy was the Red-tailed Hawk flight observed in Ashburnham, with 72 Redtails tallied during three days of coverage in early November. A pair of Peregrines continued throughout the period in Boston. R.H.S.

Turkey Vulture

11/1, 11/4 Stoughton, Halifax 1, 1 R. Titus, K. Anderson
 11/4, 11/5 Ipswich 1, 1 J. Berry, J. Brown
 11/10, 11/11 S. Dart., N. Dart. 8, 1 LCES (J. Hill), M. Boucher
 11/11, 11/12 Braintree, Middleboro 3, 2 R. Titus, BBC (D. Davis)
 11/14, 11/21 Easton, Berlin 1, 1 K. Ryan, D. Donovan
 12/5 S. Dartmouth 1 T. Aversa

Osprey

11/4, 11/5 Ashburnham, Arlington 1, 2 EMHW, L. Taylor
 11/5 Lakeville, Westwood 1, 2 M. Boucher, R. Titus
 11/5 Manomet, Natick 1, 2 W. Petersen#, E. Taylor
 11/16, 11/18 GMNWR, Weston 2, 1 T. Aversa, M. Murphy
 11/19, 11/20 Cambridge, Lexington 1, 1 H. Pratt, R. Forster
 11/23-26, 12/6 Harwich (Hinckleys Pd) 1 J. Welch

Bald Eagle

11/4, 11/11 Quabbin (G40) 2 ad + 3 imm, 1 imm M. Lynch#
 11/13-12/24 Lakeville 2 ad + 1 subad + 1 imm v. o.
 11/11, 11/19 Truro, Quabbin (G37) 3 imm, 2 ad + 2 imm SSBC (W. Petersen), M. Lynch#
 11/24, 12/10 IRWS, Beverly 1 imm, 1 ad R. Heil
 12/18, 12/28 S. Dart. (Allens Pd) 1, 1 LCES (J. Hill)
 12/18, 12/30 Chelmsford, Amesbury 1 imm, 2 ad + 5 imm M. Lynch#, A. + B. Delorey

Northern Harrier

11/1-12/31 P.I., DWWS 11 max 11/18, 6 max v. o.
 11/2 S. Monomoy 3 B. Nikula
 12/1-31 S. Dart. (Allens Pd) 5 max 12/18 LCES (J. Hill)
 12/4 W. Concord 1 R. Forster

Sharp-shinned Hawk

11/4, 11/11 Quabbin (G40) 2, 2 M. Lynch#
 11/4, 11/5 Ashburnham 2, 4 EMHW

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Sharp-shinned Hawk (continued)				
11/10, 11/11	Forestdale, Rockport	2, 4	P. Trimble, R. Heil	
11/18	IRWS	2	R. Stymeist	
11/1-30	Reports of single birds from 6 locations.			
12/1-31	Reports of 1 or 2 (total 10) from 9 locations.			
Cooper's Hawk				
11/4	Ashburnham	1	EMHW	
11/4, 11/5-6	GMNWR, P.I.	1, 1	BBC (R. Vernon), R. Heil + v. o.	
11/10, 11/14; 11/11	Forestdale; Newburyport	1; 1	P. Trimble; BBC (S. Charette)	
11/25, 11/27	Medfield, S. Dart.	1, 1	T. Aversa, M. Boucher	
12/2-3, 12/10	Concord, Holliston	1 imm, 1 imm	R. Forster, G. Gove#	
12/12	Boston (Franklin Park), Mansfield	1, 1	T. Aversa	
12/25	P.I.	1	J. Brown	
Northern Goshawk				
11/4	Quabbin (G40), Ashburnham	1, 2	G. Gove, EMHW	
12/25, 12/26	Brookline, Bedford	1, 1	E. Taylor, T. Aversa	
12/30	Lakeville	1	K. Holmes	
Red-shouldered Hawk				
11/2, 11/25	E. Middleboro, Rowley	1, 1	K. Anderson, M. Argue#	
11/4, 11/5	Ashburnham	2, 2	EMHW	
12/2, 12/5	Rockport, E. Middleboro	1, 1	I. Giriunas, K. Anderson	
12/6, 12/10	DWWS, Falmouth	1 ad, 1 imm	T. Aversa, R. Forster#	
12/11, 12/30	Easton, Amesbury	1, 1 ad	K. Ryan, A. + B. Delorey	
Red-tailed Hawk				
11/1-30	Ipswich	11 total	J. Berry	
11/4, 11/5, 11/11	Ashburnham	25, 33, 14	EMHW	
11/11, 11/18	Quabbin (G40), Newbypt	7, 6	M. Lynch#, BBC (R. McHale)	
12/6, 12/12	Boston (Franklin Park), DWWS	4, 4	T. Aversa	
12/17, 12/23	N. Middleboro, Belmont	2, 3	K. Holmes, L. Taylor	
Rough-legged Hawk				
11/1-12/31	P.I.	9 max (2 dk + 7 lt)	12/15 R. Heil + v. o.	
12/1-31	Cape Cod	6+ total	v. o.	
12/14	W. Bridgewater, Forestdale	1, 2	K. Anderson, P. Trimble	
12/18	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1	LCES (J. Hill)	
Golden Eagle				
11/4, 11/11	Quabbin (G40), Ashburnham	1 imm, 1	M. Lynch#, EMHW	
12/10	Quabbin (G35)	1 imm	M. Lynch#	
Merlin				
11/2; 11/4, 11/25	S. Monomoy; N. Monomoy	1; 1	B. Nikula	
11/10, 11/17	Quincy, Sandwich	1 ad, 1	K. Ryan, P. Trimble	
11/24	P.I.	1	W. Drew#	
12/5, 12/9	Concord, Norton	1, 1	R. Forster	
Peregrine Falcon				
11/1-12/31	Boston	1 or 2	v. o.	
11/1, 11/8; 11/1	P.I.; Nantucket	1, 1; 1	W. Drew#; F. Bouchard	
11/4, 11/5	Quabbin (G40), S. Monomoy	1, 1 ad	M. Lynch#, B. Nikula	
11/25	Chatham	1 ad	B. Nikula	

GROUSE THROUGH ALCIDS

The report of a Common Moorhen on November 7, a relatively scarce bird this year, would seem to constitute a late record for this species. In November there were seven reports of coots, with 200 counted in the Billington Sea in Plymouth. A Piping Plover was photographed in Eastham on the Cape Cod CBC, a very late date for this species. Perhaps equally unusual was a Semipalmated Plover seen on the Plymouth CBC. Among other late shorebirds were a Spotted Sandpiper on November 24 and Hudsonian Godwits last reported on November 15 from two locations. Other shorebirds seen in November included American Oystercatchers, a Willet in Chatham, and Western Sandpipers from three locations.

A Mew Gull was well described from Ipswich on November 6, and one returned to Quincy in mid-December where it has spent previous winters. Lesser Black-backed Gulls were seen at four locations, including one inland near a dump. Up to 5900 Ring-billed Gulls were counted in the Middleboro-Bridgewater area in mid-November. Common Terns were noted in Wellfleet on November 11 and in Provincetown on December 2, and a Forster's Tern was seen in Plymouth on November 5. G.W.G.

Ruffed Grouse				
11/5, 11/26	W. Newbury, S. Middleboro	1, 3	I. Giriunas, K. Holmes	
11/14, 11/25	Groveland, Medfield	2, 1	T. Aversa	
12/2, 12/10	S. Middleboro, E. Middleboro	1, 2	K. Holmes, K. Anderson	

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Northern Bobwhite				
11/7, 11/27, 11/28	Middleboro area	1, 20, 12	K. Holmes	
12/9-31	N. Middleboro	20	K. Holmes	
Virginia Rail				
11/2, 11/18	Stoneham	2, 1 (voice)	T. Aversa	
12/23	IRWS	1	J. Brown	
Sora				
12/24	Ipswich	1	J. Berry	
Common Moorhen				
11/7	GMNWR	1	M. Argue	
American Coot				
11/5-25	Arlington	38 max 11/25	L. Taylor	
11/4, 11/5	GMNWR, S. Monomoy	15, 45	BBC (R. Vernon), B. Nikula	
11/11-12, 11/18	Nantucket, W. Newbury	32, 50	S. Perkins#, BBC (R. McHale)	
11/15, 11/18	Plymouth, Ipswich	200, 35	T. Aversa, A. + B. Delorey	
12/2-3	Cape Cod	45	CCBC Lake and Pond Survey	
12/3, 12/6	Arlington, Plymouth	41, 50	L. Taylor, T. Aversa	
Black-bellied Plover				
11/1-14, 11/4	Hull, N. Monomoy	14 max 11/10, 250	P. Thayer, B. Nikula	
11/5, 11/10, 11/19	Ipswich	75, 31, 3	J. Berry	
11/10, 11/14, 11/24	Quincy, Winthrop, N. Scituate	53, 14, 1	K. Ryan, R. Forster, D. Clapp	
Lesser Golden-Plover				
11/4, 11/6	Halifax, Newbury	7, 3	K. Anderson, R. Heil	
Semipalmated Plover				
11/1, 12/27	P.I., Plymouth	1, 1	W. Drew#, CBC (R. Forster#)	
Piping Plover				
12/17	Eastham	1 ph	CBC (W. Petersen#)	
Killdeer				
11/4, 11/5	Ipswich, S. Monomoy	12, 4	J. Berry, B. Nikula	
11/6, 11/7	Rowley, Easton	40, 35	R. Heil, K. Ryan	
11/18, 11/26-27	P. I., S. Middleboro	10, 1	BBC (R. McHale), K. Holmes	
12/23-27	E. Harwich	1	B. Nikula#	
American Oystercatcher				
11/4	N. Monomoy	16	B. Nikula	
Greater Yellowlegs				
11/1-15, 11/4-10	PRNWR, Ipswich	30 max 11/1, 2 or 3	W. Drew#, J. Berry	
11/11	Newburyport, Harwich	25, 6	I. Giriunas, R. Rozsa	
11/10, 11/13	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	7, 5	LCES (J. Hill)	
12/27	Centerville	5	R. Jenkins#	
Lesser Yellowlegs				
11/4-10, 11/15	Ipswich	1, 4	J. Berry, R. Heil	
Willet (western race)				
11/4	Chatham	1	B. Nikula	
Spotted Sandpiper				
11/24	Dennis	1	L. Sager fide S. Perkins	
Whimbrel				
11/4, 11/8	P.I.	1, 1	BBC (J. Center), W. Drew#	
11/7, 11/8	Nantucket	1, 1	J. + E. Andrews	
Hudsonian Godwit				
11/4, 11/18	P.I.	2, 2	BBC (J. Center), BBC(R. McHale)	
11/4, 11/5, 11/10	Ipswich	3, 3, 6	J. Berry	
11/7, 11/15; 11/15	Ipswich; Newbury	7, 1; 3	R. Heil	
Ruddy Turnstone				
11/10, 11/12-24	Quincy, N. Scituate	1, 46 max 11/24	K. Ryan, D. Clapp + v. o.	
11/14, 12/7	Winthrop, N. Scituate	8, 2	R. Forster	
Red Knot				
11/26	P.I.	4	BBC (J. Nove)	
Sanderling				
11/1-30	Hull	30-60	P. Thayer	
11/1, 11/4	P. I., N. Monomoy	140, 600	W. Drew#, B. Nikula	
11/14, 11/26	Nahant, Salisbury	200, 20	R. Forster, J. Berry	
Semipalmated Sandpiper				
11/4, 11/5	P. I., S. Monomoy	6, 1	BBC (J. Center), B. Nikula	
Western Sandpiper				
11/4, 11/5	N. Monomoy, S. Monomoy	7, 3	B. Nikula	
11/6, 12/17	P.I., Eastham	1 juv, 1	R. Heil, CBC (W. Petersen#)	
White-rumped Sandpiper				
11/4, 11/5	N. Monomoy, S. Monomoy	6, 30	B. Nikula	
11/4, 11/5, 11/10; 11/15	Ipswich	2, 4, 5; 1 ad + 7 juv	J. Berry; R. Heil	
11/15	Rowley, Newbury	9 juv, 16 juv	R. Heil	

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Pectoral Sandpiper				
11/4, 11/5	Halifax, Arlington	3, 1	K. Anderson, L. Taylor	
11/4, 11/10	Ipswich	1, 5	J. Berry	
11/6, 11/18	Newbury	10, 1	R. Heil, H. Wiggin#	
Purple Sandpiper				
11/12-24	N. Scituate	400 max 11/24	D. Clapp + v. o.	
11/22, 11/26	Winthrop, Salisbury	11, 5	T. Aversa, J. Berry	
11/26, 12/3	Rockport	150, 17	G. Gove, I. Giriunas	
Dunlin				
11/1-26	P.I.	450 max 11/15	W. Drew# + v. o.	
11/4, 11/19	N. Monomoy, Ipswich	1200, 350	B. Nikula, J. Berry	
11/24, 11/26	N. Scituate, Salisbury	80, 19	D. Clapp, J. Berry	
Long-billed Dowitcher				
11/18	P.I.	2	BBC (R. McHale)	
Common Snipe				
11/7, 11/10	Essex, Ipswich	30, 5	R. Heil, J. Berry	
11/15; 11/22, 11/25	Easton; E. Boston, Medfield	6; 6, 2	K. Ryan; T. Aversa	
American Woodcock				
11/11, 11/25	Newbury, N. Monomoy	1, 1	T. Aversa, B. Nikula	
11/12, 11/19	Petersham, Brookline	1, 1	R. Stymeist#	
12/3, 12/5	Manchester, E. Middleboro	1, 1	G. Loring, K. Anderson	
12/18-29	Chatham	1	B. Nikula	
Laughing Gull				
11/12, 11/14	Nantucket, Winthrop	15, 28	S. Perkins#, R. Forster	
Little Gull				
11/15	Vineyard Haven	1 (1W)	V. Laux	
Common Black-headed Gull				
12/3, 12/9	Winthrop	1, 3 ad	J. Young, BBC (R. Stymeist)	
Bonaparte's Gull				
11/6-14, 11/11	Lynn, Wellfleet	350 max 11/6, 250	J. Quigley + v.o., B. Nikula	
11/20, 11/26	Hull, Harwich	75, 10	P. Thayer, R. Rozsa	
12/6, 12/9	Gloucester, Newburyport	3, 7	J. Quigley, J. Brown	
Mew Gull (details submitted)				
11/6	Ipswich	1 ad	R. Heil	
mid-Dec. -12/31	Quincy	1 ad	v. o.	
Ring-billed Gull				
11/7, 11/15	Lynn, Ipswich	186, 800	J. Quigley, R. Heil	
11/12	Middleboro-Bridgewater area	5900	BBC (D. Davis)	
11/16, 11/25	Braintree, Arlington	400, 102	R. Forster, L. Taylor#	
12/3, 12/6	Arlington, Lynn	150, 165	L. Taylor, J. Quigley	
12/19	Brockton	365	R. Titus#	
Iceland Gull				
11/11, 11/12	Nantucket, N. Scituate	3 ad, 1	S. Perkins#, W. Petersen	
12/6, 12/8-31	Gloucester, Brockton	2, 1 (1W)	J. Quigley, R. Titus#	
Lesser Black-backed Gull				
12/3	Barre, Rockport	1 ad, 1	M. Lynch#, E. Nielsen#	
12/6, 12/17	Lynn, Chatham	1 ad, 1 (1W)	J. Quigley, CBC(B. Nikula#)	
Glaucous Gull				
12/6, 12/26	Gloucester, Lynn	1, 1 ad	J. Quigley	
12/13	Rockport	1 ad	J. Brown	
Black-legged Kittiwake				
12/11	P.I.	5	W. Petersen#	
Common Tern				
11/11, 12/2	Wellfleet, P'town	12, 1 juv	B. Nikula	
Forster's Tern				
11/5	Plymouth	1	W. Petersen#	
Black Guillemot				
11/26	N. Scituate	1	W. Petersen#	
12/10, 12/27	Rockport	4-5, 1	J. Berry#, T. Aversa	
large alcid species				
12/2, 12/25	Provincetown, Truro	18, 15	B. Nikula, J. Young	

OWLS THROUGH SHRIKES

Both Long-eared and Short-eared owls were seen at several locations in November and December. On November 25 an injured Long-eared Owl was picked up in Mashpee and taken to a rehabilitation center. Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were seen at four locations on Cape Cod early in December. Western Kingbirds were present at two locations in November. An Ash-throated Flycatcher was well documented from Martha's Vineyard on November 5. A Tree Swallow was found in Wellfleet on December 3, a late but not

unprecedented date for the species. A late Barn Swallow was seen in Rockport on November 11.

The numbers of crows at the crow roost in Framingham built up to many thousands of birds in December. A **Boreal Chickadee** was found in West Boylston in a spruce grove where it continued through December. In November Carolina Wrens were reported from fourteen locations, and Winter Wrens were seen at six locations. A House Wren found in South Peabody on December 12 and a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher found dead in Lincoln on November 27 were both rather late. Eastern Bluebirds were present in good numbers, especially considering how cold the weather was in December. A **Varied Thrush** was found near the Locust Grove/Seaside Cemetery in Gloucester on November 19 and continued at the cemetery through December. Migrating American Pipits were counted at six locations in November.

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Barn Owl				
11/12	Dorchester (near gas tanks)	1	R. Campbell	
Eastern Screech-Owl				
11/6	Stoughton	2	R. Titus	
12/10, 12/29	Bourne, Wellesley	1 (dead), 1 (red)	W. Petersen, M. Lynch#	
12/23	Lakeville-Middleboro-Bridgewater	10	K. Holmes	
Great Horned Owl				
11/1-30	Ipswich, P.I.	4 max 11/27, 1	J. Berry, v. o.	
11/7, 11/27	N. Middleboro, E. Middleboro	2, 2	K. Holmes, K. Anderson	
11/29, 12/1-31	Brookline, Ipswich	1, 2	H. Wiggin, J. Berry	
Snowy Owl				
12/1	Ipswich (Crane Beach)	1	D. Rimmer	
Barred Owl				
12/10, 12/19-24	Middleboro, IRWS	1, 1	W. Petersen, F. Morris + v. o.	
Long-eared Owl				
11/5, 11/21	P.I.	1, 1	R. Heil#, T. Aversa	
11/25	Mashpee	1 (injured)	M. LeBaron	
12/9, 12/12	Lincoln, Weston	1, 1	S. Perkins, N. Muller	
12/13, 12/19	P.I.	1, 2	T. Aversa	
12/27, 12/29	Lexington (2 locations)	1, 2 or 3	M. Haskell, B. Sends	
Short-eared Owl				
11/10-29, 12/5-18	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1 or 2, 1	LCES (J. Hill)	
11/15	Newburyport	1	R. Heil	
12/10, 12/28	Middleboro, Salisbury	1, 1	W. Petersen, J. Brown	
12/28, 12/30	P.I.	1, 2	W. Drew#, A. + B. Delorey	
Northern Saw-whet Owl				
11/27	Wenham	1	K. Noonan fide W. Petersen	
12/2, 12/9-10	IRWS, N. Eastham	1, 1	R. Stymeist#, M. O'Connor	
Belted Kingfisher				
11/2, 11/29; 11/4	Salem; Beverly	2, 1; 1	I. Lynch	
12/15	Newburyport	3	R. Heil	
Red-bellied Woodpecker				
11/23-30	S. Dartmouth	1 f	LCES (J. Hill)	
12/1-31	Ipswich	2 (pair)	B. Collins fide J. Berry	
12/2-10	Gloucester	1	BBC (D. Williams) + v. o.	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				
11/12	Nantucket	1 imm	S. Perkins	
12/9, 12/10; early Dec.	Yarmouth, Harwich; Orleans	1, 1; 1	R. Comeau; fide S. Perkins	
12/17	Chatham	1	CBC (H. Stabins#)	
Northern Flicker				
12/3, 12/10	Ipswich, Rockport	2, 2	J. Berry	
Pileated Woodpecker				
11/4, 11/19	Quabbin (G40), Wachusett Res.	1, 2	J. Gordon#, D. Donovan	
12/2	Quabbin (G40)	2	S. Selesky#	
Western Kingbird				
11/1, 11/17; 11/10	Eastham; M. V.	1, 1; 1	T. Aversa, D. Reid; V. Laux	
Ash-throated Flycatcher (details and photo submitted)				
11/5	M.V. (Gay Head)	1	G. Daniels#	
Horned Lark				
11/1-18	P.I.	175 max 11/6	R. Heil + v. o.	
11/11, 11/26	Ipswich, Salisbury	30, 12	J. Berry	
12/5, 12/13	S. Dartmouth, Newbury	110, 220	T. Aversa	
12/9, 12/11	Salisbury, P.I.	16, 7	BBC (W. Drummond), M. Lynch#	
Tree Swallow				
12/3	Wellfleet	3	D. Reynolds, R. Prescott	
Barn Swallow				
11/11	Rockport	1	R. Heil + J. Smith	

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American Crow				
11/5-30	Framingham	600-3000	E. Taylor	
12/1-31	Framingham	10000 max 12/23	E. Taylor	
12/1-31	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	132 max	LCES (J. Hill)	
Fish Crow				
11/25, 12/1-31	Framingham	2, 40	E. Taylor	
Common Raven				
12/2	Quabbin (G40)	1	S. Selesky	
Boreal Chickadee				
11/19-12/31	W. Boylston	1	B. Kamp + v. o.	
Red-breasted Nuthatch				
11/1-30	Brookline	2	H. Wiggan	
11/4, 11/6	Mt. Watatic, Lakeville	4, 2	D. Donovan, K. Ryan	
11/25	Ipswich	3	J. Berry	
12/2, 12/10	Rockport, W. Boylston	2, 5	I. Giriunas	
12/9, 12/13	N. Middleboro, P.I.	1, 6	K. Holmes, T. Aversa	
Brown Creeper				
11/4, 11/19	Quabbin (G40), Middleboro	3, 4	J. Gordon#, BBC (D. Davis)	
Carolina Wren				
11/1-30	E. Middleboro, Ipswich	2, 1	K. Anderson, J. Berry	
11/1-8, 11/12	Hopkinton, Nantucket	1, 2	J. Gordon, S. Perkins#	
11/12, 11/25	Bridgewater, W. Bridgewater	4, 4	BBC (D. Davis), T. Aversa	
11/11	Rockport	3	R. Heil	
11/4-30	Reports of 1 or 2 from 7 locations.			
12/1-31	N. Middleboro, Wellesley	4, 2	K. Holmes#, K. Winkler	
12/5-30, 12/12	Easton, Mansfield	2 or 3, 3	K. Ryan, T. Aversa	
12/24, 12/28	Ipswich, Hopkinton	1, 1	J. Berry, G. Gove	
House Wren				
12/12	S. Peabody	1	R. Heil	
Winter Wren				
11/2-5, 11/5	Wachusett Res., Stoneham	1, 1	D. Donovan, T. Aversa	
11/15	Nahant, MNWS	3, 3	R. Heil	
11/12, 11/19	Nantucket, Brookline	2, 2	S. Perkins#, R. Stymeist#	
12/1, 12/5	Salem, Lakeville	2, 1	R. Heil, T. Aversa	
Marsh Wren				
11/4, 11/15	GMNWR, DWWS	1, 1 or 2	BBC (R. Vernon), T. Aversa	
Golden-crowned Kinglet				
11/5, 11/12	Wachusett Res., Middleboro	4, 9	D. Donovan, BBC (D. Davis)	
12/10	W. Boylston	4	I. Giriunas	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				
11/1, 11/14	Wayland, Wellesley	1, 1	R. Forster	
11/12	Middleboro, N. Scituate	1, 1	BBC (D. Davis), W. Petersen	
11/15, 12/20	Reading, Cambridge	1, 1	I. Giriunas, S. Perkins#	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				
11/27	Lincoln	1 (dead)	R. Forster	
Eastern Bluebird				
11/4, 11/5	Quabbin (G40), E. Middleboro	6, 1	G. Gove#, K. Anderson	
11/12	Middleboro	4	BBC (D. Davis)	
12/10	Holliston, Milton	9, 7	I. Giriunas#, J. Young	
12/21, 12/24	Dighton, Lakeville	5, 5	R. Titus	
12/28	Georgetown	5 or 6	J. Brown	
Hermit Thrush				
11/5	Dover, Wachusett Res.	1, 1	R. Titus, D. Donovan	
11/12, 11/19	N. Scituate, Barnstable (S.N.)	1, 2	W. Petersen, B. Nikula#	
11/23, 12/8-29	S. Dartmouth, Reading	1, 1	LCES (J. Hill), I. Giriunas	
American Robin				
12/1; 12/10, 12/14	Salem; Osterville, Wellesley	50; 20, 8	R. Heil; R. Forster	
Varied Thrush				
11/19-12/31	Gloucester	1	C. Leahy + v. o.	
Gray Catbird				
11/11, 11/12	Rockport, Nantucket	4, 9	R. Heil, S. Perkins#	
11/19, 11/25	Brookline, W. Bridgewater	2, 2	R. Stymeist#, T. Aversa	
12/1, 12/5	Salem, Lakeville	2, 1	R. Heil, T. Aversa	
12/10, 12/24	Falmouth, Wellesley	2, 1	W. Petersen#, K. Winkler	
Northern Mockingbird				
11/5, 11/14	Ipswich, Squantum	10, 8	BBC (J. Berry), R. Abrams	
Brown Thrasher				
11/1	MNWS	1	R. Heil	
American Pipit				
11/4-10	Ipswich	110 max 11/6	R. Heil + v. o.	

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American Pipit (continued)				
11/6-21	Newbury	75 max 11/21	T. Aversa + v. o.	
11/6, 11/13	P.I., Bridgewater	30, 70	R. Heil, K. Ryan	
11/12	Halifax, Rochester	100, 200	BBC (D. Davis), G. Gove#	
12/10	Salisbury	1	R. Heil	
Bohemian Waxwing				
12/10	Holliston	1	W. Drummond	
Cedar Waxwing				
11/6, 11/10	Norton, Waltham	120, 33	K. Ryan, L. Taylor	
11/2, 11/25	Sharon	18, 14	R. Titus	
11/11, 11/19	Newbury, Lexington	15, 11	T. Aversa	
12/7, 12/9	Marshfield, Bourne	25, 45	R. Forster	
12/12, 12/19	Holliston, Weston	200, 70	T. Aversa	
Northern Shrike				
11/4-6, 11/5	P.I., M. V.	1, 1 imm	BBC (J. Center) + v. o., A. Keith	
12/10; 12/11, 12/28	Chatham; P.I.	1; 1 ad, 2	B. Nikula; W. Petersen#, W. Drew#	

VIREOS THROUGH FINCHES

A strong southwesterly flow beginning November 9 and culminating November 14 with the temperature reaching 71 degrees produced an apparent "blow-back" effect. At Rockport a White-eyed Vireo was found on November 11, and at Marblehead Neck a Solitary Vireo was recorded on November 15. These dates are a good month or better beyond normal departure times for both species. Other "blow-back" candidates included Cape May, Black-throated Blue, Magnolia, Blackpoll, and Wilson's warblers. **Yellow-throated Warblers** were found in two locations, and both were photographed or videotaped.

The **Blue Grosbeak** found in Lakeville during the Taunton-Middleboro CBC on December 23 represents only the second winter record for the state. As many as 7 Dickcissels were noted during the period compared with just one individual last year. Chipping Sparrows lingered into December, a Grasshopper Sparrow was found in Randolph, and a **Henslow's Sparrow** was found on Plum Island. A **Brewer's Blackbird** put in a brief appearance at Nine Acre Corner in Concord, and the roost of Common Grackles in Methuen still numbered over 200,000 birds on November 1.

Encouraging winter finch reports included a Pine Grosbeak, both species of crossbills, a Common Redpoll, and fair numbers of both Pine Siskins and Evening Grosbeaks. R.H.S./G.d'E.

White-eyed Vireo				
11/11	Rockport	1	R. Heil + J. Smith	
Solitary Vireo				
11/15	MNWS	1	R. Heil	
Orange-crowned Warbler				
11/5, 11/12	Ipswich, N. Scituate	1, 1	BBC (J. Berry), W. Petersen	
11/19, 12/15	Brookline, Brewster	1, 1	R. Stymeist#, S. Highley	
Magnolia Warbler				
11/4	E. Orleans	1	A. + E. Williams	
Cape May Warbler				
11/26	Chatham	1	B. Nikula	
Black-throated Blue Warbler				
11/18	Nantucket	1 m	E. + C. Andrews	
Yellow-rumped Warbler				
11/1, 11/5	Wayland, Ipswich	6, 8-10	R. Forster, BBC (J. Berry)	
11/5-19, 11/7	Wachusett Res., Cambridge	7 max, 12	D. Donovan, D. Flood	
12/1-31	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	23 max 12/28	LCES (J. Hill)	
Yellow-throated Warbler				
11/11-12/14	Marblehead	1 ph	R. Heil + v. o.	
11/25-28	Essex	1 videotape	M. Jordan + v. o.	
Pine Warbler				
11/2, 11/4	Lynn, Quabbin (G40)	4, 1	R. Heil, G. Gove#	
11/12, 11/17	E. Middleboro, Sharon	1, 1	K. Anderson, R. Titus	
12/5	E. Middleboro	2	K. Anderson	
Palm Warbler				
11/1, 11/4-18	Truro, P.I.	10, 1	T. Aversa, v. o.	
11/11, 11/19	Middleboro, Barnstable	2, 6+	J. + T. Cameron, B. Nikula#	
12/2-10, 12/3	Rockport, Winthrop	1, 2	v. o., J. Young	
Blackpoll Warbler				
11/2	Lynn	1	R. Heil	
Common Yellowthroat				
11/15	DWWS	1	T. Aversa	
Wilson's Warbler				
11/14	Cambridge	1 m	D. Flood	

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Yellow-breasted Chat				
11/12, 12/9, 12/10	Nantucket, Winthrop, Falmouth	1, 1, 1	C. Floyd#, BBC (R. Stymeist), v. o.	
anager species				
11/15	Reading	1	I. Giriunas	
Northern Cardinal				
11/1-30	Brookline, Ipswich	14 max, 8 max	H. Wiggin#, J. Berry	
11/2	S. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula#	
12/1-31	Hopkinton	7 m + 6 f	J. Gordon	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak				
12/17, 12/31	Orleans, Nantucket	1, 1	CBC (D. Clapp#), CBC (J. Gallo#)	
Blue Grosbeak				
12/23	Lakeville	1	CBC(J. Kricher, B. Cassie)	
Dickcissel				
11/1-2, 11/5	Westwood, Ipswich	1, 1	B. Wicks, BBC (J. Berry)	
11/13, 11/19	Easton, Brookline	1, 1	K. Ryan, R. Stymeist	
12/25; 12/12-31, 12/29	Ipswich; Nantucket	1; 1, 2	J. Berry; B. Vigneau, G. d'Entremont	
Rufous-sided Towhee				
11/24, 11/25	E. Middleboro, Medfield	1 m, 1 f	P. Anderson, T. Aversa	
11/27-28	Hopkinton	1 m	J. Gordon	
12/1, 12/4	Salem, N. Middleboro	2 m + 1 f, 1 m + 1 f	R. Heil, K. Holmes	
12/7, 12/15; 12/21	Milton; Taunton	1, 2; 2	R. Abrams; R. Titus	
American Tree Sparrow				
11/2, 11/4-26	Wayland, P.I.	16, 12 max	R. Forster, v. o.	
11/5, 11/20	Ipswich, Marlboro	50, 9	BBC (J. Berry), R. Graefe	
11/25, 12/10	Concord, Easton	50, 25	R. Forster, K. Ryan	
Chipping Sparrow				
11/7, 11/26	Cambridge, Randolph	4, 2 imm	D. Flood, D. Ludlow#	
11/24-25	Nantucket	1	E. Andrews	
12/4, 12/10	N. Middleboro, Wellesley	1 imm, 1	K. Holmes, I. Nisbet	
Clay-colored Sparrow				
11/10	M. V.	1	V. Laux#	
12/2, 12/27-28	Randolph, Yarmouthport	1, 1	R. Abrams#, M. Tuttle#	
Field Sparrow				
11/4, 11/23	Stoughton, N. Middleboro	9, 3	R. Titus, K. Holmes	
12/2, 12/18-31	Rockport, N. Middleboro	4, 2	I. Giriunas, K. Holmes	
12/10, 12/21	Holliston, Easton	2, 1	I. Giriunas, K. Ryan	
Vesper Sparrow				
11/5, 11/11-12	Randolph, Middleboro	1, 1	J. Cameron#, v. o.	
12/12	S. Peabody	1	R. Heil	
Savannah Sparrow				
11/5, 12/5	Ipswich, S. Dartmouth	20, 7	BBC (J. Berry), T. Aversa	
"Ipswich" Savannah Sparrow				
12/11, 12/28	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	2, 1	LCES (J. Hill)	
Grasshopper Sparrow				
12/2-3	Randolph	1	R. Abrams#	
Henslow's Sparrow				
11/11-14	P.I.	1	R. Stymeist# + v. o.	
Sharp-tailed Sparrow				
11/10-12/5	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1	v. o.	
Fox Sparrow				
11/23-30	S. Dartmouth	5 max	LCES (J. Hill)	
11/1-12/31	Reports of 1 or 2 birds from 16 locations.			
Lincoln's Sparrow				
11/12, 11/23	Nantucket, Quabbin (G41)	1, 1	S. Perkins#, J. Johnstone	
Swamp Sparrow				
11/5, 12/12	Ipswich, S. Peabody	4 or 5, 6	BBC (J. Berry), R. Heil	
White-throated Sparrow				
11/5	Ipswich	20	BBC (J. Berry)	
12/1-31, 12/2	Hopkinton, Arlington	8, 6	J. Gordon, L. Taylor	
White-crowned Sparrow				
11/1-7, 11/10	Hopkinton, Belmont	1, 1 imm	J. Gordon, L. Taylor	
11/12, 11/27-28	Nantucket, Cambridge	6, 1 ad	S. Perkins#, H. Pratt	
12/3-25	Wellesley	1	K. Winkler	
Dark-eyed Junco				
11/1-31, 11/11	Ipswich, Concord	20 max, 25	J. Berry, E. Taylor	
11/19, 11/23	Manchester, Brookline	30, 17	BBC (G. Hotz), H. Wiggin	
Lapland Longspur				
11/6, 11/8	Newbury, P.I.	90, 75	R. Heil, W. Drew#	
11/10, 11/18	Quincy, Newbury	1, 60	K. Ryan, BBC (R. McHale)	
12/9, 12/11	Newbury, P.I.	45, 5	BBC (W. Drummond), W. Petersen#	

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	NOV./DEC. 1989
Snow Bunting				
11/4, 11/10	P.I., Quincy	150, 57	BBC (J. Center), K. Ryan	
11/23, 11/24	Concord, Salisbury	65, 16	R. Forster, A. + B. Delorey	
11/25, 12/1-31	N. Monomoy, Ipswich	400, 10-50	B. Nikula, D. Rimmer	
12/6, 12/28	W. Roxbury, P.I.	3, 30	T. Aversa, W. Drew#	
Red-winged Blackbird				
11/12, 11/22	Middleboro area, Concord	1200, 15	BBC (D. Davis), R. Forster	
Eastern Meadowlark				
11/10-29, 11/11	S. Dartmouth, Eastham	5 max, 50	LCES (J. Hill), W. Petersen#	
12/5, 12/11	E. Middleboro, Holliston	5, 1	T. Aversa, R. Forster	
Rusty Blackbird				
11/1, 11/22	Wayland, Concord	50, 2	R. Forster	
11/25	Medfield	10	T. Aversa	
12/6, 12/21	W. Roxbury, Medford	1, 2	T. Aversa	
Common Grackle				
11/1, 11/3	Methuen, Canton	200,000, 500	J. Hogan#, R. Titus	
11/12, 11/15-16	Middleboro, Reading	1400, 450+	BBC (D. Davis), I. Giriunas	
11/22	Concord	30-35	R. Forster	
12/5, 12/12	N. Middleboro, Whitman	12, 7	K. Holmes, W. Petersen	
12/21	Medford	11	T. Aversa	
Brewer's Blackbird				
11/22	Concord	1 ad m	R. Forster	
Brown-headed Cowbird				
11/5, 11/22	Ipswich, Concord	20, 15	BBC (J. Berry), R. Forster	
12/6	DWWS	2	T. Aversa	
Northern Oriole				
11/1-18 (from Oct.)	IRWS	1	R. Heil	
11/12	Nantucket	1	S. Perkins#	
12/9-20, 12/23	Barnstable, Ipswich	2, 1	C. Bergfors, J. Berry#	
Pine Grosbeak				
11/19	Marblehead	1	J. Smith	
Purple Finch				
11/1, 11/5	Truro, Ipswich	1, 2 f	T. Aversa, BBC (J. Berry)	
11/10, 11/23	E. Middleboro	1 m, 4	K. Holmes	
12/6, 12/25	N. Middleboro, Easton	2, 1	K. Holmes, K. Ryan	
Red Crossbill				
11/18	P.I.	1	BBC (R. McHale)	
White-winged Crossbill				
11/24	IRWS	10	R. Heil	
Common Redpoll				
11/11	Rockport	1	R. Heil	
Pine Siskin				
11/11, 11/12	Rockport, E. Middleboro	40, 8	R. Heil, K. Anderson	
11/19	Manchester, Ipswich	30, 7	BBC (G. Hotz), I. Giriunas	
11/26, 12/10	Newbypt, W. Boylston	40, 3	J. Berry, W. Drummond	
American Goldfinch				
11/1-30, 11/11	Ipswich, Rockport	15 max, 35	J. Berry, R. Heil	
11/25, 12/2	Concord, Essex	50, 29	R. Forster, I. Giriunas	
Evening Grosbeak				
11/19, 11/24	Marblehead, Sherborn	2, 12	J. Smith, E. Taylor	
11/24, 11/26	E. Middleboro, Ipswich	4, 19	K. Anderson, I. Giriunas	
11/29, 12/10	Quabbin (G40), IRWS	3, 1-4	T. Aversa, J. Brown	
12/20, 12/22	W. Roxbury, Hopkinton	6, 6	T. Aversa, J. Gordon	

ADDENDA TO JULY 1989 FIELD RECORDS (VOL. 17, NO. 6)

Virginia Rail (page 325)			
4	Lynnfield	1 juv	P. + F. Vale
Sora			
4	Lynnfield	1 juv	P. + F. Vale
Common Moorhen			
24	Lynnfield	2 ad + 3 imm	P. + F. Vale

CORRIGENDUM TO AUGUST 1989 FIELD RECORDS (VOL. 17, NO. 6)

Indigo Bunting (page 340)			
15, 27	W. Newbury, Quabbin (G40)	5, 6	T. Aversa, M. Lynch#
should read			
15, 27	W. Roxbury, Quabbin (G40)	5, 6	T. Aversa, M. Lynch#

BIRD OBSERVER FIELD RECORDS

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Please send eastern Massachusetts field records of any given month, no later than the 8th of the subsequent month, to Robert H. Stymeist, 98 Boylston Street, Watertown, MA 02172. The basic information that should be submitted is species name, date and place of observation, an accurate count or careful estimate, sex (if determinable), immature or adult plumage, vocalizations (if any), and observers. Species should be arranged in the current A.O.U. (American Ornithologists' Union) checklist order. Reports of species that can be difficult to identify should include details of the diagnostic characteristics observed or heard that led to the identification.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ad	adult	F.P.	Fresh Pond, Cambridge
b	banded	F.S.F.	Federation State Forest
br	breeding	G37 or 40	Gate 37 or 40, Quabbin
dk	dark (phase)	H.	Harbor
f	female	I.	Island
imm	immature	M.V.	Martha's Vineyard
ind	individuals	Mt.A.	Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge
juv	juvenile	Nant.	Nantucket
loc	location	Newbypt	Newburyport
lt	light (phase)	P.I.	Plum Island
m	male	Pd	Pond
max	maximum	P'town	Provincetown
mi	mile	Quab.	Quabbin
migr	migrating	Res.	Reservoir
n	nesting	R.P.	Race Point, Provincetown
ph	photographed	S. Dart.	South Dartmouth
pl	plumage	S.N.	Sandy Neck, Barnstable
pr	pair	Stellw.	Stellwagen (Bank)
S	summer (1S = first summer)	BBC	Brookline Bird Club
thr	throughout	BOEM	Bird Observer of Eastern Massachusetts
v.o.	various observers	CBC	Christmas Bird Count
W	winter (2W = second winter)	CCBC	Cape Cod Bird Club
w/	with	DFWS	Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary
yg	young	DWWS	Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary
#	additional observers	EMHW	Eastern Massachusetts Hawk Watch
A.A.	Arnold Arboretum	FCBC	Felix Cutler Bird Club
A.P.	Andrews Point, Rockport	GMNWR	Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge
B.	Beach	IRWS	Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary
B.I.	Belle Isle, E. Boston	LCES	Lloyd Center for Environmental Studies
B.R.	Bass Rocks, Gloucester	MAS	Massachusetts Audubon Society
Buzz.	Buzzards Bay	MBO	Manomet Bird Observatory
C.	cape as in Cape Cod	MNWS	Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary
Cambr.	Cambridge	NEHW	New England Hawk Watch
Corp. B.	Corporation Beach, Dennis	ONWR	Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge
C.P.	Crooked Pond, Boxford	PRNWR	Parker River National Wildlife Refuge
E.P.	Eastern Point, Gloucester	SRV	Sudbury River Valley
F.E.	First Encounter Beach, Eastham	SSBC	South Shore Bird Club
F.H.	Fort Hill, Eastham	WBWS	Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
F.M.	Fowl Meadow	WMWS	Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary