

THE BIRD OBSERVER SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER

The month of November began cold, windy and dry, but ended unusually warm and experienced very marked variations in between. The first freeze was on the 12th when the temperature in Boston fell to 30°. Two days later, a record high of 71° was reported at 11:00 p.m. No snow fell anywhere in eastern Massachusetts during the month.

Very few loons or grebes were reported during the month, especially in early November when numbers should be at their highest. Certainly, the most impressive count of Gannets was recorded at Monomoy on the 20th. The count of 15,000 far and away succeeds the previous record of 2,000 at Eastham on November 8, 1968.

The particularly warm weather in November, as well as the preceding October, tempted many migrants to linger beyond their anticipated departure date. The following species were recorded in November beyond their usual date: Green Heron, a well observed Least Bittern, 3 Glossy Ibis, a Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Chimney Swift, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 3 Blue-gray Gnatcatchers, Solitary Vireo, Black-and-white, Northern Parula, Black-throated Blue, Blackpoll and Wilson's Warblers, a Bobolink and a Lincoln's Sparrow.

Another exceptional aspect of this month was the number of lingering shorebirds: Semi-palmated Plover, Golden Plover, Spotted Sandpiper, White-rumped Sandpiper, 35 Long-billed Dowitchers, a Marbled Godwit and 5 Hudsonian Godwits. Most exceptional, however, was the first state record of a Sharp-tailed Sandpiper seen and documented at Newburyport on the 3rd through the morning of the 5th. More on this will follow in Bird Observer. Another remarkable find was an Eurasian Whimbrel at Duxbury. The white tail and rump were plainly noted and the bird was photographed.\*

Waterfowl highlights included 9 Whistling Swans, over 200 Gadwalls at Ipswich, 2 European Wigeons, 52 Northern Shovelers, Barrow's Goldeneye and 2 King Eiders.

Raptor numbers were down in all species. Exceptional reports were: 3 Turkey Vultures, 7 Goshawks, a Bald Eagle, 2 Peregrine Falcons, and a gray phase Gyr Falcon was seen through the 24th at Monomoy and North Beach, Chatham.

Three Ruffed Grouse were found in urban Boston, and the Purple Gallinule continued through the 11th in Falmouth. An amazing late count of 300+ Laughing Gulls was made in Boston Harbor.

The alcid flight was poor with only 8 Dovekies reported; the Barn Owl continued at Long Island in Boston Harbor and a Snowy Owl was found in Concord.

One hundred twenty Fish Crows were at the West Roxbury dump, and a Boreal Chickadee stayed at Plum Island from mid-month on. The numbers of Red-breasted Nuthatches were very low, while 7 Winter Wrens and 6 Carolina Wrens were reported.

A Yellow-throated Warbler was picked up dead on Naushon Island, and a late Connecticut Warbler was recorded. One Brewer's Blackbird was found at Truro and 4 Dickcissels were reported.

Winter finches were scarce with the exception of the crossbills, which were reported in large numbers especially south of Boston. A Green-tailed Towhee was discovered in Scituate immediately after the feeder was put up for the very first time. Finally, the "LeConte's Sparrow" reported from Westport turned out to be a Grasshopper Sparrow when the photograph was developed.\*

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\*When a bird is photographed, especially a rare or unusual species, this is really not documented proof unless a copy of this photo is on file with the official report for further study. A case in point is the report of the strange sparrow at Westport.

Red-throated Loon:			
4	P.I., Braintree (Great Pond)	20+, 2	R.Veit, R.Forster
Red-necked Grebe:			
11, 18	Squantum, Westport	2, 5	E.Morrier, BBC (P.Regan)
Horned Grebe:			
9, 24	Lincoln, Wollaston	2, 6	W.Petersen#, G.Wilson#
18	South Boston, City Point	10	J.Pickup
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Pied-billed Grebe:			
10	Lakeville, Carver	7,5	SSBC (Anderson)
<u>Gannet:</u>			
20	off Monomoy	<u>15,000</u>	R. Veit, D. Brown
Great Cormorant:			
18,24	Westport, P.I.	24,10	BBC (P. Regan), BBC (S. Garrett)
Double-crested Cormorant:			
2	Sandwich	3	R. Pease
Great Blue Heron:			
11,18	Eastham (F.H.), Westport	31,34	BBC (P. Aiken), BBC (P. Regan)
Green Heron:			
2	Centerville	1	V. Laux
Cattle Egret:			
9,10	Essex	1-2	P. Parsons
Great Egret:			
3&10;7	P.I.; Barnstable	1&1;1	W. Petersen#, M. Argue#; R. Pease
Snowy Egret:			
7	Barnstable	1	R. Pease
<u>Least Bittern:</u>			
3	P.I.	1 (well seen)	W. Petersen, R. Forster
American Bittern:			
10,11	P.I., Barnstable	4,2	R. Emery#, R. Pease
Glossy Ibis:			
19	Chatham	3	R. Forster
Mute Swan:			
13	Westport area	47	P. Butler#
<u>Whistling Swan:</u>			
8,19-21	Chatham, Wareham	7,1-2	P. Donahue#, R. Maxim
Canada Goose:			
17,18	P.I., Westport-Dartmouth	1000+, 1000+	BBC (N. King), BBC (P. Regan)
Brant:			
4;24	P.I., Sandwich; Monomoy	1,5;50	R. Veit, R. Pease; L. Robinson#
Snow Goose:			
4-15,13	P.I., Concord (GMNWR)	1-35,1	v.o., S. Hamblen
20	Monomoy	1	R. Veit, D. Brown
Black Duck:			
24	Monomoy	700+	R. Stymeist, P. Martin#
Gadwall:			
15-29	Ipswich (Clark Pond)	150-200	P. Donahue#, D. Alexander#
Pintail:			
10,23	Concord (GMNWR), P.I.	25,100	BBC (D. Weaver), J. Berry
Green-winged Teal:			
thr., 10	P.I., Concord (GMNWR)	max. 142,200	J. Berry & v.o., BBC (D. Weaver)
Blue-winged Teal:			
3	P.I.	2	W. Petersen, R. Forster
<u>European Wigeon:</u>			
3,29	P.I., Ipswich	1 f., 1 m.	W. Petersen#, D. Alexander
American Wigeon:			
10	Concord (GMNWR)	200	BBC (D. Weaver)
Northern Shoveler:			
10	P.I., Ipswich, Concord (GMNWR)	23,9,1	W. Petersen#, J. Berry, BBC (D. Weaver)
20,22	Monomoy, W. Roxbury	<u>52,1</u>	R. Veit#, F. Atwood
Wood Duck:			
4,14	Monomoy, Haverhill	1,6	P. Donahue, W. Drummond
Redhead:			
10,14-30	Falmouth, Woburn (Horn Pond)	5,1 f.	R. Pease, S. Raabe# & v.o.
18	Acoaxet	1	BBC (P. Regan)
Ring-necked Duck:			
3,4	Cambridge, Braintree	21,31	R. Veit, R. Forster
17	Littleton (Lake Nagog)	60	J. Baird
Canvasback:			
4,14	Braintree, Acoaxet	27,125	R. Forster, N. Powell#
Greater Scaup:			
11,18	Long Island, Newburyport	<u>2600, 1200</u>	L. Robinson, J. Baird#
Lesser Scaup:			
3	Cambridge (Fresh Pond)	1	R. Veit
Common Goldeneye:			
22	Boston Harbor	50	E. Morrier

Barrow's Goldeneye:				
16	Boston Harbor	1 m.		E. Morrier
Bufflehead:				
8,24	Squantum, Newburyport	560,200		E. Morrier, BBC (S. Garrett)
Oldsquaw:				
20	Monomoy	65		R. Veit#
Common Eider:				
20,24	Monomoy, North Beach (Chat.)	5000+, 5500+		R. Veit#, W. Petersen#
King Eider:				
24	E. Orleans	2		W. Petersen#
Black Scoter:				
3,9	P.I., Lincoln (Cambridge Res.)	300,2		W. Petersen#, R. Forster#
17	Scituate, Littleton	75,1		SSBC (Nichols), J. Baird
Ruddy Duck:				
10,14	Falmouth, Acoaxet	8,10		R. Pease, N. Powell#
Hooded Merganser:				
20,29	Monomoy, Ipswich	45,60		D. Brown#, D. Alexander
Common Merganser:				
4,17	Monomoy, Littleton	15,30		P. Donahue#, J. Baird
<u>Turkey Vulture:</u>				
4	E. Orleans, Duxbury, Rehoboth	1,1,1		V. Laux#, J. Kellogg, D&R Emerson
Goshawk:				
6,17,18	P.I.	singles		M. Baird, N. King#, J. Baird
10	S. Wellfleet, Chatham	1 imm., 1 ad.		W. Bailey, H. Rich
24,25	Orleans, Ipswich	1 imm., 1 imm.		W. Petersen#, J. Berry
Sharp-shinned Hawk:				
thr.	7 localities	singles		v.o.
Cooper's Hawk:				
7;24	P.I.; Squantum, P.I.	singles		D. Brown; R. Emery#, S. Garrett#
Red-tailed Hawk:				
thr.	9 localities	20 individuals		v.o.
Red-shouldered Hawk:				
10	Dartmouth	1		P. Regan
Rough-legged Hawk:				
thr.	6 localities	singles		v.o.
<u>Bald Eagle:</u>				
7	Barnstable	1 imm.		R. Pease
Marsh Hawk:				
26	Sandwich	5		R. Pease
Osprey:				
3	P.I.	1		W. Petersen, R. Forster
<u>Gyr Falcon:</u>				
11-24	Monomoy-North Beach (Chat.)	1 gray phase		W. Bailey#, R. Veit#, R. Stymeist#
<u>Peregrine Falcon:</u>				
17,24	Westport, S. Dartmouth	1,1		H. Willoughby, R. O'Hara#
Merlin:				
25	Ipswich	1		M. Ladd
Ruffed Grouse:				
21	West Roxbury (Gethsemane)	3		J. Pickup
King Rail:				
25	Plymouth	1		B. Sorrie
Clapper Rail:				
25	Plymouth	1		B. Sorrie
Virginia Rail:				
7,11,25	Barnstable, Truro, Squantum	1,1,1		R. Pease, R. Veit, D. Brown
Sora:				
5,28	Harwich, S. Boston	1,2		R. Pease, I. Mendelson
<u>Purple Gallinule:</u>				
1-11	Falmouth	1 (from Oct. 20)		C. Heffron & v.o.
Common Gallinule:				
5&10;24	Harwich; P.I.	1;1		B. Nikula, R. Pease; S. Garrett#
American Coot:				
5,17	Harwich, Woburn	75,69		R. Pease, R. Stymeist#
Semipalmated Plover:				
3,20	Newburyport, Monomoy	1,2		W. Petersen#, R. Veit#
Killdeer:				
25	Dartmouth-Westport area	40		PBC (P. Regan)

Golden Plover:			
10,25	P.I.,Dartmouth	1,1	H.Wiggin#,PBC(P.Regan)
Black-bellied Plover:			
10	Newburyport	200	BBC(C.Simmons)
Ruddy Turnstone:			
17	Scituate	3	SSBC(Nichols)
American Woodcock:			
2,10	Sandwich,P.I.	1,1(from ocean)	R.Pease,R.Forster#
17	W.Newbury,Winchester	2,1	W.Drummond,R.Stymeist#
20	Haverhill	2	W.Drummond
Common Snipe:			
14,16	Truro,Haverhill	2,3	H.D'Entremont#,W.Drummond
23	W.Roxbury	3	F.Atwood
<u>Eurasian Whimbrel:</u>			
11;12	Duxbury	1 (photographed)	W.Petersen,R.Forster;E.Phinney, D.Abbott,J.Lane
Spotted Sandpiper:			
24	Braintree(Great Pond)	1(late)	R.Langley
Greater Yellowlegs:			
24	Monomoy,P.I.	6,1	R.Stymeist#,BBC(S.Garrett)
Red Knot:			
25	Plymouth	1	B.Sorrie
Purple Sandpiper:			
17	Scituate	150	SSBC(Nichols)
<u>Sharp-tailed Sandpiper:</u>			
3-5	Newburyport	1	W.Petersen,R.Forster,R.Emery, M&A Argue,R.Veit,F.Hamlin, J.Baird,R.Baird,D.Alexander, D.Abbott
Pectoral Sandpiper:			
5,10	Harwich,Newburyport	2,1	R.Pease,W.Petersen#
White-rumped Sandpiper:			
15	P.I.	4	P.Donahue#
Dunlin:			
4&24;2	Newburyport;Duxbury	500+&320;2500	J.Berry,BBC(S.Garrett);B.Sorrie#
Long-billed Dowitcher:			
4,10	Newburyport	35,1	R.Veit#,W.Petersen#
Semipalmated Sandpiper:			
3,5	W.Harwich,Harwich	3,1	B.Nikula,R.Pease
<u>Marbled Godwit:</u>			
11	Chatham(Morris Island)	1	S.Maloney,R.Veit#
Hudsonian Godwit:			
3	Newburyport	5	W.Petersen,R.Forster
Red Phalarope:			
10	P.I.	1	R.Veit
Northern Phalarope:			
4	Monomoy	1	P.Donahue
Black-headed Gull:			
15,24	Ipswich,Chatham	1,1	P.Donahue,P.Martin#
Bonaparte's Gull:			
10,11	Westport,Cohasset	127,70	P.Regan,C.Clark
Laughing Gull:			
11	Boston Harbor	<u>300</u>	D.Brown
Little Gull:			
3,18	Long Island,Newburyport	1,1	L.Robinson,J.Baird#
24	Westport	1	R.O'Hara,A.Agush
Forster's Tern:			
4,8	Eastham(F.H.),Dennis	3,1	R.Forster,P.Donahue
Common Tern:			
9,10	Sandwich,P.I.	70+,1	R.Pease,W.Petersen#
Razorbill:			
24	Sandwich	1	R.Pease
Thick-billed Murre:			
4,24	Eastham,P.I.	2,1	R.Forster,BBC(S.Garrett)
23,24	Wollaston,Salisbury	1,1 shot	W.Cornwell,fide H.D'Entremont
Dovekie:			
3,9	Sandwich,Manomet	1,6	R.Pease,K.Anderson#
24	Westport	1	R.O'Hara,A.Agush

Yellow-billed Cuckoo:			
4	Orleans(Pochet)	1(late)	V.Laux#
<u>Barn Owl:</u>			
16	Long Island,Boston Harbor	1	E.Morrier
Screech Owl:			
30	Rockport	1(back again!)	D.Hale
Snowy Owl:			
8	Concord	1	B.Wentmore
Long-eared Owl:			
18	E.Orleans	1	P.Donahue#
Short-eared Owl:			
7,24	Plymouth,Monomoy	1,3	H.D'Entremont,R.Stymeist#
Saw-whet Owl:			
3-17	P.I.	1	v.o.
<u>Chimney Swift:</u>			
5	Harwich	1(late)	B.Nikula
Pileated Woodpecker:			
4,21	Wellesley,Acton	1,1	R.Forster,R.Thomson
<u>Red-headed Woodpecker:</u>			
5-30	Woburn(Horn Pond)	1 ad.	P.Donahue & v.o.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:			
18	Chatham	1(late)	P.Donahue
Eastern Phoebe:			
10,15	Falmouth,Sandwich	1,1	R.Pease
Horned Lark:			
20	Monomoy	200	R.Veit#
Tree Swallow:			
20	Needham	3(late)	J.Pickup
Barn Swallow:			
17,18	Chatham	4,2	B.Nikula,P.Donahue
Fish Crow:			
22	W.Roxbury	<u>120</u>	F.Atwood
<u>Boreal Chickadee:</u>			
10-30	P.I.	1	J.Weston & v.o.
<u>Red-breasted Nuthatch:</u>			
15	Needham(Cutler Park)	5	J.Pickup
House Wren:			
24	E.Orleans(Pochet)	1(late)	W.Petersen,R.Forster
Winter Wren:			
10,12	Falmouth,Harwich	1,1	B.Nikula
18,22	Sandwich,Woburn	2,1	B.Nikula,R.Stymeist
22,25	Norwell,Haverhill	1,1	B.Litchfield,W.Drummond
Carolina Wren:			
1;15	Scituate,Norwell;Sandwich	2,1;1	E.Sabin,B.Litchfield;R.Pease
24	Westport	2	R.O'Hara
Long-billed Marsh Wren:			
thr.,5	W.Harwich,Harwich	1-2,7	B.Nikula,R.Pease
Gray Catbird:			
8,27	Orleans,Dartmouth	1,1	R.Pease,P.Regan
Brown Thrasher:			
10,24	Falmouth,P.I.	1,1	R.Pease,BBC(S.Garrett)
American Robin:			
thr.	Cambridge(Mt.A)	100+	v.o.
Hermit Thrush:			
8,10	Orleans,P.I.	3,1	R.Pease,BBC(C.Simmonds)
20	Monomoy,Haverhill	7,4	R.Veit#,W.Drummond
Eastern Bluebird:			
thr.	Sherborn	9	J.Willison,E.Taylor
<u>Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:</u>			
2,5;24	Manomet,Plymouth;Falmouth	1,1;1	M.B.O.,B.Sorrie#;V.Laux,B.Nikula
Golden-crowned Kinglet:			
4	Belmont(Highland Farm)	8	BBC(L.DeGiacomo)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet:			
17,24,29	Wellesley,Westport,Sandwich	1,1,5	BBC(E.Cushman),R.O'Hara#,R.Pease
Water Pipit:			
3,4,8	P.I.,Eastham(F.H.),Truro	12,4,8	BBC(V.Albee),R.Forster,P.Donahue
11,24	Plymouth,Dartmouth	4,2	W.Petersen#,R.O'Hara#

Cedar Waxwing:			
4;26	Belmont,Barnstable;Needham	7,21;17	L.DeGiacomo,R.Pease;J.Pickup
Northern Shrike:			
10;19	P.I.,Westport;Carver,Plymouth	singles	H.Wiggin,P.Regan;R.Maxim
24	Monomoy,Orleans,Topsfield	2,1,1	P.Martin#,W.Petersen#,N.Johnson
Loggerhead Shrike:			
1,24	Rowley,Westport	1,1	D.Alexander,R.O'Hara#
Starling:			
10	W.Roxbury	7500	J.Pickup
<u>Solitary Vireo:</u>			
4	Lakeville	1	S.Higginbotham
Black-and-white Warbler:			
18&29	Sandwich	1(late)	B.Nikula,R.Pease
Orange-crowned Warbler:			
13,29	Cambridge,Sandwich	1,1	S.Raabe,R.Pease
Northern Parula Warbler:			
3	Ipswich	1(late)	J.Berry
<u>Black-throated Blue Warbler:</u>			
3	Belmont(Highland Farm)	1 m.	S.Raabe#
Yellow-rumped Warbler:			
11,24	Long Island,Monomoy	24,90+	L.Robinson,R.Stymeist#
<u>Yellow-throated Warbler:</u>			
13	Naushon Island	1(dead)	fide W.Bailey
Blackpoll:			
13	Cambridge	1(late)	S.Raabe#
Palm Warbler:			
2,11	Sandwich,Scituate	1,1	R.Pease,R.Langley
<u>Connecticut Warbler:</u>			
16	Acoaxet	1	R.O'Hara
Common Yellowthroat:			
18,22	Chatham,Winchester	2,1	P.Donahue#,P.Martin#
24,28	Chatham,Gloucester	3,1	W.Petersen#,A.Robinson
Yellow-breasted Chat:			
1-6,10	Manomet,Woods Hole	8(b.),1	M.B.O.,V.Laux#
24,27&28	Sandwich,Gloucester	1,1	V.Laux,A.Robinson
Wilson's Warbler:			
28	Fall River	1(late)	E.Athearn
American Redstart:			
4,17,28	E.Orleans,Littleton,Sandwich	1,1,1(late)	B.Nikula#,J.Baird,R.Pease
<u>Bobolink:</u>			
11	Truro	1(late)	R.Veit
Eastern Meadowlark:			
thr.	Middleboro	10-23	D.Briggs
Redwinged Blackbird:			
10	Concord(GMNWR)	1000+	BBC(D.Weaver)
Northern Oriole:			
8;24	Truro;Chatham,E.Orleans	1;1,1	R.Pease;W.Petersen,R.Forster
Rusty Blackbird:			
17,24	Woburn,W.Roxbury	4,2	W.Drummond,J.Pickup
Brewer's Blackbird:			
4	Truro(Corn Hill)	1	C.Goodrich,B.Nikula,V.Laux
Common Grackle:			
17	S.Dartmouth	1000	P.Regan
Brown-headed Cowbird:			
22	Wakefield	350	R.Stymeist,P.Martin
Indigo Bunting:			
10	Falmouth	1	R.Pease
Dickcissel:			
thr.,9,24	Ipswich,Fall River,Chatham	2,1,1	M.Ladd,R.O'Hara,R.Forster
Evening Grosbeak:			
3,5,9	P.I.,Mansfield,Byfield	11,22,20	W.Petersen#,A.Richardson,T.Joyce
Purple Finch:			
4	Belmont(Highland Farm)	6	BBC(L.DeGiacomo)
House Finch:			
17,18	Belmont,Jamaica Plain(A.A.)	35,26	R.Stymeist#,J.Pickup
Pine Grosbeak:			
9	Byfield	8	T.Joyce

Pine Siskin:			
3,10	P.I.	75,100+	W.Petersen,R.Forster
21,24	Rockport,Monomoy	50,29	L.Jodrey,P.Martin#
American Goldfinch:			
22,27	W.Roxbury,Dartmouth	60,50+	F.Atwood,P.Regan
Red Crossbill:			
10,17	Falmouth,P.I.	60+,100+	R.Pease,BBC(N.King)
24	Monomoy,Chatham-Orleans	95,100+	P.Martin#,W.Petersen#
White-winged Crossbill:			
thr.,24	P.I.,Chatham-Orleans	2-35,50	v.o.,W.Petersen#
Green-tailed Towhee:			
25-30	Scituate	1	Kennedy,S.Swaebe & v.o.
Rufous-sided Towhee:			
22	Long Island,Winchester	1,1	E.Morrier,R.Stymeist#
24,29	Westport,Sandwich	1,4	R.O'Hara,R.Pease
Savannah Sparrow: (Ipswich race)			
9,10	Squantum,P.I.	1,3	R.Veit,M&A Argue#
20,27	Monomoy,Duxbury	3,5	D.Brown#,J.Loughlin
Grasshopper Sparrow:			
9-16,18	Wellesley,Westport	1,1(photographed)	Ewers,BBC(P.Regan&R.O'Hara)
Sharp-tailed Sparrow:			
11,20	Plymouth,Monomoy	1,3	W.Petersen#,D.Brown#
Seaside Sparrow:			
25	Plymouth	2	B.Sorrie#
Vesper Sparrow:			
23	Dighton	2	D&R Emerson
Dark-eyed Junco:			
20,22	E.Milton,W.Roxbury	1(Oregon),51	W.Cornwell,F.Atwood
Tree Sparrow:			
22,23	W.Roxbury	138,175	F.Atwood
Chipping Sparrow:			
1	Sandwich	1	R.Pease
Field Sparrow:			
3,18	Barnstable,Scituate	4,1	R.Pease,J.Nichols#
White-crowned Sparrow:			
8	N.Middleboro,Truro	1,5	C&W Corwin,P.Donahue#
14,24	Truro,Chatham	1,1	D.Brown,W.Petersen#
Fox Sparrow:			
15;18	Nahant,Rochester;Gloucester	8,5;4	D.Alexander,J.Stairs;W.Drummond
22	Saugus,W.Roxbury	8,16	R.Stymesit#,F.Atwood
Lapland Longspur:			
10,17	Newburyport-P.I.,Duxbury	80+,150	W.Petersen#,J.Nichols
Snow Bunting:			
3,4	Ipswich,Salisbury	300+,600	J.Berry,J.Baird
11,20	Barnstable,Monomoy	700+,150	R.Pease,R.Veit#

#### Abbreviations

ad.	adult	SSEC	South Shore Bird Club
b.	banded	GMNWR	Great Meadows Nat'l. Wildlife Refuge
f.	female	IRWS	Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary
imm.	immature	MBO	Manomet Bird Observatory Staff
m.	male	MNWS	Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary
max.	maximum	WBWS	Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
thr.	throughout	A.A.	Arnold Arboretum
unc.	uncommon	A.P.	Andrews Point
v.o.	various observers	E.P.	Eastern Point
yg.	young	F.H.	Fort Hill, Eastham
#	additional observers	F.M.	Fowl Meadow, Milton
CBC	Christmas Bird Count	Mt.A.	Mt. Auburn Cemetery
BBC	Brookline Bird Club	M.V.	Martha's Vineyard
CCBC	Cape Cod Bird Club	P.I.	Plum Island
PBC	Paskamansett Bird Club	S.N.	Sandy Neck, Barnstable



One of the most popular visitors to eastern Massachusetts during the fall of 1973 was this neatly plumaged male Red-headed Woodpecker at Horn Pond, Woburn. He was caught lardering an acorn by Leif J. Robinson, using a hand-held 400-mm. lens at f/11; 1/500-second exposure on Tri-X film through a yellow filter.



Immature Purple Gallinule captured on the lawn of the new Y.M.C.A. building in downtown New Bedford, photographed by Bob O'Hara of Fall River.