

# BIRD SIGHTINGS

## JANUARY/FEBRUARY 1996

### SUMMARY



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January in Boston was very stormy, with a new record snowfall for the month. The temperature averaged 30.1°, 1.5° above normal and the first month above normal since October. The high was 60° on January 19, and the low was 3° on January 6. The big story was the snowfall, with a record 39.8 inches measured at Logan Airport, topping the previous record of 35.9 inches set in 1978. This January was the second snowiest single month in 106 years of records, exceeded only by 41.3 inches in February 1969. While much precipitation fell as snow, three significant storms in the last half of the month were all rain, resulting in the fifth wettest January on record, with a total of 7.44 inches of rain.

February was a month of wide temperature swings and excess snowfall. The temperature averaged 30.9°, just above normal, with a high of 58° on February 27 and a low of 4° on February 4 and 5. Rainfall totaled 3.17 inches, just 0.45 inch less than normal. Measurable amounts fell on eleven days. Snowfall totaled 15.5 inches, 3.8 inches over average. This brought the season total to 83.5 inches, a dramatic 50.2 inches above average, setting a new record for the period, exceeding 81.5 inches in 1993-1994. A wind storm on February 25 caused considerable damage in scattered locations in southern New England. At the Blue Hills Observatory in Milton a peak gust of 71 mph was recorded that day.

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#### LOONS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

Loon numbers were normal for the season. The most interesting report among the grebes was a sighting of two Red-necked Grebes in Wayland. Inland sightings of grebes that typically winter along the coast are attributed to hard weather freezes at large freshwater bodies, usually to our north or west. The most unusual aspect of this report is that inland sightings usually occur in at least several locations but the Wayland birds represented the only apparent inland sightings. Warm weather in late February saw Great Blue Herons returning to the Westboro rookery at a record early date. Unseasonably warm weather with a strong southerly flow in midwinter has the potential to bring unexpected strays to our area. Last year it was a Bridled Tern, and this year a Glossy Ibis made an unprecedented appearance.

Waterfowl are a staple fare for birders in winter. Unusual reports were an immature **Tundra Swan** that was very sporadic in Gloucester, a **Greater White-fronted Goose** in Maynard, and a **Tufted Duck** in Plymouth where one was seen in late December. There were more reports of Snow Geese than normal. Migrant Northern Pintails were noted during the warm weather in late February. Included among this year's wintering **Eurasian Wigeons** were two females which are infrequently reported. Reports of Redheads were confined almost exclusively to Nantucket. Of the several **King Eider** reports, one was a handsome drake that lingered obligingly in Ipswich. Barrow's Goldeneyes were widely scattered but in small numbers. Harlequin Ducks were observed in good numbers. A convincingly described hybrid Barrow's x Common Goldeneye visited Newburyport Harbor briefly in mid-January.

Bald Eagles were widely reported, but Northern Harriers were for the most part restricted to the southeastern coastal plain. Sharp-shinned and Cooper's hawks were reported in similar numbers. It was a below-average year for Rough-legged Hawks, with the best count being only three individuals. A **Golden Eagle** anywhere beyond the Quabbin area is a nice find, and the one observed in Newburyport must have surprised and delighted the observers. As in recent years, Merlins were well reported during the winter months. A **Gyr Falcon** at Plum Island was not necessarily unexpected but nonetheless a welcome addition. Other than American Coot, the only reports for the rail family were two Clapper Rails and a Common Moorhen at Nantucket. A **Sandhill Crane** lingered briefly into January.

With the exception of the unusual American Oystercatchers at Nantucket and South Harwich, shorebirds were limited to typical winter species in appropriate numbers. The warm weather late in February ushered in a small influx of migrant Killdeers. A Common Black-headed Gull away from the coast at the Cumberland

Farms fields was decidedly unusual. Away from Nantucket, Iceland Gulls were rather scarce until the latter part of February, the period when they usually reach peak abundance. Glaucous Gulls were widely distributed but only as single individuals. Black-legged Kittiwake was noted infrequently offshore. Razorbills were noted in fair numbers at Cape Ann and outer Cape Cod, but Black Guillemots were restricted primarily to Cape Ann. As is often the case in midwinter, only a few reports came in for Dovekie and Thick-billed Murre.

Snowy Owls were scarce this season. At least some of the influx of Barred Owls from last fall remained at non-traditional locations. In sharp contrast, the few reports of Northern Saw-whet Owls indicated that the fall flight kept moving south. Short-eared Owls were not much in evidence, and Long-eared Owls were scarce. The highlight of the winter for many was the magnificent **Great Gray Owl** in Rowley that was present the entire month of February. This was the most southerly locale for a minor flight that reached New England. Less publicized was a **Black-backed Woodpecker** in Sharon that spent much of the winter there. Judging from the number of reports, Red-bellied Woodpeckers appear securely entrenched. Several Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers in early January are not atypical.

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Date	Location	Number	Observers	Date	Location	Number	Observers
<b>Red-throated Loon</b>				2/24	Provincetown	14	E. Stromsted
1/1	Westport	1	E. Nielsen#	<b>Double-crested Cormorant</b>			
1/14	Eastham	6	M. Lynch#	1/1	Cambridge	6	R. Stymeist#
1/14	Gloucester	1	J. Berry	1/28	Falmouth	2	S. Hennin
2/19	P'town (R.P.)	12	S. Arena#	<b>American Bittern</b>			
2/20	Eastham	3	R. Forster	1/1	Nantucket	1	G. d'Entremont#
2/23	Nant. Sound	6	S. Perkins	<b>Great Blue Heron</b>			
<b>Common Loon</b>				1/1, 1/28	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	4, 3	LCES (J. Hill)
1/14	Cape Ann	14	J. Berry	1/18	Falmouth	5	M. Lynch#
1/15	Ipswich	10	J. Berry	1/27	Chatham	6	A. Hirschkop#
1/20	Westport	9	M. Lynch#	1/3	Nantucket	2	E. Ray#
2/10	Ipswich	12	R. Lockwood	1/6	Framingham	4	K. Hamilton#
2/19	N. Scituate	6	M. Lynch#	2/1-28	Cambridge	1-2	J. Campbell#
2/19	P.I.	12	R. Lockwood	2/19	Falmouth	5	R. Heil
2/23	Nant. Sound	38	S. Perkins	2/28	Westboro	4	E. Taylor
<b>Pied-billed Grebe</b>				<b>Black-crowned Night-Heron</b>			
1/1	Gloucester	1	B. Parker	1/1	Nantucket	1	G. d'Entremont#
1/1	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	2	LCES (J. Hill)	1/11	Winthrop	1	fide L. Cocco
1/11	Wareham	9	M. LaBossiere	1/13	Eastham	3	W. Petersen#
1/18	Falmouth	4	M. Lynch#	2/6	Charlestown	2	L. Bowman
1/28	Marstons Mills	1	S. Hennin	<b>Glossy Ibis</b>			
2/5	Ayer	1	T. Pirrou	1/28	Eastham	1	C. Thomas
2/19	Plymouth	1	M. Lynch#	<b>Tundra Swan</b>			
2/25	Nantucket	2	S. Perkins	1/1, 2/11	Gloucester	1	v.o.
2/29	Lakeville	3	T. Aversa	<b>Whooper Swan</b>			
<b>Horned Grebe</b>				1/29	Little Herring Pond	1	1B. Harrington
1/16	Cape Ann	67	M. Lynch#	2/27	P.I.	1	F. Bouchard
2/4	Boston H.	21	TASL (M. Hall)	<b>Mute Swan</b>			
2/19	P.I.	15	R. Lockwood	1/20	Westport	226	M. Lynch#
2/19	Plymouth	6	M. Lynch#	<b>Greater White-fronted Goose</b>			
2/24	Provincetown H.	10	E. Stromsted	1/6	Maynard	1	L. Nachtrab
<b>Red-necked Grebe</b>				2/28	Littleton	1	M. Resch
1/16	Gloucester	10	M. Lynch#	<b>Snow Goose</b>			
1/21	Rockport	27	R. Heil	1/1	Newburyport	5	D. Chickering
1/22	Wayland	2	N. Patterson	1/9	Framingham	2	K. Hamilton
2/4	Nahant, Hull	1, 1	TASL (M. Hall)	1/20	Westport	1	M. Lynch#
2/19	N. Scituate	3	M. Lynch#	1/23	Yarmouthport	4	S. + E. Miller
2/23	Nant. Sound	1	S. Perkins	1/27-31	Duxbury	1 ph	E. Cleveland
2/26	Scusset B.	1	M. LaBossiere	1/28	Orleans	4	fide J. Sonos
<b>Northern Gannet</b>				2/15-20	DWWS	1 ad	D. Ludlow
1/14	Provincetown	1	M. Lynch#	2/25	Lynnfield	1	P. + F. Vale
1/28	Rockport (A.P.)	12	F. Bouchard	2/28	P.I.	1	C. Ralph
2/19	P'town (R.P.)	38	S. Arena#	<b>Brant</b>			
2/19	Eastham	30	E. Banks#	1/13	Eastham	400	W. Petersen#
<b>Great Cormorant</b>				1/14	Nantucket	37	E. Ray#
1/1	Westport	70	E. Nielsen#	1/7	Boston H.	448	TASL (M. Hall)
1/14	Amesbury	65	R. Forster	2/4	Boston H.	772	TASL (M. Hall)
1/20	Newburyport	85	J. Berry	2/25	Nantucket	130	S. Perkins
1/21	Nantucket	20	E. Andrews#	<b>Canada Goose</b>			
2/19	N. Scituate	94	M. Lynch#	1/20	Westport	1158	M. Lynch#
2/23	Nantucket	52	S. Perkins	1/20	Newburyport	400	J. Berry

<b>Wood Duck</b>				1/28	Falmouth	30	S. Hennin
1/6	Nantucket	1	E. Ray#	2/6	Yarmouth	37	T. Aversa
1/9	Wareham	1	M. LaBossiere	2/19	Falmouth	175	R. Heil
<b>Green-winged Teal</b>				2/19	Nantucket	40	F. Gallo#
1/1	Nantucket	7	G. d'Entremont#	2/24	Dennis	200	B. Gette
1/1-2/29	Cambridge	8	max J. Campbell#	2/25	Lakeville	8	R. Shore
1/1-31	Roslindale	6	max T. Aversa	<b>Redhead</b>			
1/19	W. Roxbury	5	T. Aversa	1/1	Nantucket	18	G. d'Entremont#
2/23	Scituate	1	m T. Aversa	1/18	Falmouth	1	m M. Lynch#
2/24	Bridgewater	1	S. Arena#	2/4, 2/25	Nantucket	2, 69	E. Ray
2/25	P.I.	2	W. Petersen#	<b>Ring-necked Duck</b>			
2/25	Nantucket	2	S. Perkins	1/6	Framingham	9	K. Hamilton#
<b>American Black Duck</b>				1/18	Plymouth	3	M. LaBossiere
1/7	Boston H.	1171	TASL (M. Hall)	1/18	Falmouth	51	M. Lynch#
1/19	Cumb. Farms	200+	K. Anderson	1/18	Wareham	29	M. Lynch#
1/20	Westport	1525	M. Lynch#	1/18	Medford	7	M. Rines
1/21	Rowley	350	J. Berry	1/20	Cumb. Farms	6	K. Anderson
2/4	P.I.	250+	M. Lynch#	1/30	W. Barnstable	20	T. Aversa
2/4	Boston H.	1299	TASL (M. Hall)	1/6, 2/25	Nantucket	25, 31	E. Ray#
2/4	Salisbury	600+	M. Lynch#	2/6	Waltham	3	C. Ralph
2/19	Plymouth	750+	M. Lynch#	2/26	Arlington Res.	12	M. Pelikan
<b>Mallard</b>				2/26	Concord (NAC)	7	S. Perkins
1/7	Boston H.	454	TASL (M. Hall)	2/26	Sudbury	13	D. Burke
2/4	Boston H.	316	TASL (M. Hall)	2/28	Wayland	18	N. Patterson
<b>Northern Pintail</b>				<b>Tufted Duck</b>			
1/1	Nantucket	2	G. d'Entremont#	1/27	Plymouth	1	m J. Hoye#
1/1, 1/14	Westport	2, 7	E. Nielsen	<b>Greater Scaup</b>			
1/18	Cumb. Farms	3	T. Aversa	1/18	Falmouth	80	M. Lynch#
1/21	Seekonk	1	D. Zimmerlin	2/4	Boston H.	947	TASL (M. Hall)
2/3	Nantucket	3	E. Ray	2/18	Winthrop	250+	M. Lynch#
2/9	Marlboro	3	S. Hennin	2/25	Nantucket	14	S. Perkins
2/25	Bolton	20	M. Lynch#	<b>Lesser Scaup</b>			
2/25	Wellesley	2	K. Hamilton#	1/18	Falmouth	2	M. Lynch#
2/25	P.I.	14	R. Forster#	1/27	Plymouth	3	J. Hoye#
<b>Blue-winged Teal</b>				2/19	Plymouth	1	W. Petersen
1/1	Marstons Mills	1	m B. Nikula#	2/25	Nantucket	110	S. Perkins
1/6	Barnstable	1	J. Liller	<b>Common Eider</b>			
<b>Northern Shoveler</b>				1/1-31	Ipswich	400	J. Berry
1/1-28	Marlboro	1	B. Parker	1/18	Scusset B.	550	M. Lynch#
1/1-30	Marstons Mills	1	v.o.	1/18	Newburyport	660	R. Heil
1/23-2/29	Cambridge	1	f J. Campbell#	1/7	Boston H.	8970	TASL (M. Hall)
1/25	Nantucket	1	N. Brooks	2/4	Boston H.	8606	TASL (M. Hall)
2/22	Arlington Res.	1	f M. Rines	2/19	Plymouth	1700	M. Lynch#
<b>Gadwall</b>				<b>King Eider</b>			
1/1	Marstons Mills	75	B. Nikula#	1/1	Rockport	1	C. Ralph#
1/1	Dennis	70+	B. Nikula#	1/2	Nantucket	1	E. Ray#
1/2-25	Nantucket	1	E. Ray#	1/13-2/18	Ipswich	1	m J. Nove + v.o.
1/14	Gloucester	27	J. Berry#	<b>Harlequin Duck</b>			
1/30	W. Barnstable	45	T. Aversa	1/1-2/18	Rockport	30+	max v.o.
2/6	Yarmouth	80	T. Aversa	1/14	Nantucket	5	E. Ray#
2/11	Plymouth	4	E. Kile	1/17	Orleans	5	fide W. Bailey
2/23	Marshfield	14	T. Aversa	1/18	Magnolia	8	L. High
2/25	P.I.	2	K. Hamilton	2/4	Nahant	1	TASL (M. Hall)
<b>Eurasian Wigeon</b>				2/11	Manomet	4	E. Kile
1/1-2/18	Stoneham	1	m S. Elliot#	2/15	Nantucket	7	E. Ray
1/1-31	Quincy	1	f D. Brown#	2/18	Eastham	4	E. Banks
1/17	Chatham	3	R. Clem	<b>Oldsquaw</b>			
1/6-2/19	Nantucket	1	f E. Ray#	1/16	Ipswich	100	M. Lynch#
2/16	Marstons Mills	1	S. + E. Miller	1/28	Rockport	40	E. Nielsen#
<b>American Wigeon</b>				2/18	Salisbury	300+	E. Taylor
1/1-31	Quincy	7	D. Brown#	2/25	Nantucket	150,000	S. Perkins
1/17	Camb. (F.P.)	3	M. Rines	<b>Black Scoter</b>			
1/21	Gloucester	2	R. Heil	1/14	Sandwich	30	M. Lynch#
1/28	Nantucket	13	E. Andrews#	1/26	P.I.	15	D. Chickering
2/1-29	Belmont	8	max J. Campbell#	2/26	Nantucket	25	A. Wood
2/24	Cumb. Farms	6	S. Arena#	<b>Surf Scoter</b>			
2/25	Topsfield	3	W. Petersen#	1/7	Hull	336	TASL (M. Hall)
<b>Canvasback</b>				1/14	Cape Ann	8	J. Berry#
1/18	Medford	1	M. Rines	1/20	Westport	71	M. Lynch#
1/27	Nantucket	2	E. Andrews	2/4	Boston H.	36	TASL (M. Hall)
1/28	Westport	189	M. Boucher	2/23	Nant. Sound	380	S. Perkins

<b>White-winged Scoter</b>			
1/7	Boston H.	666	TASL (M. Hall)
1/14	Cape Ann	80	J. Berry
1/20	Ipswich	50	J. Berry
1/20	Westport	65	M. Lynch#
2/4	Boston H.	207	TASL (M. Hall)
2/23	Nant. Sound	200	S. Perkins
<b>Common Goldeneye</b>			
1/6	Framingham	22	K. Hamilton#
1/7	Boston H.	1028	TASL (M. Hall)
1/20	Westport	69	M. Lynch#
1/20	Newburyport	100+	J. Berry
2/1-29	Wayland	15	max N. Patterson
2/4	Boston H.	597	TASL (M. Hall)
<b>Barrow's Goldeneye</b>			
1/1	Nantucket	3	mG. d'Entremont#
1/1	E. Boston	1	R. Stymeist#
1/1	Winthrop	1	m R. Stymeist#
1/1-31	W. Dennis	1	S. + E. Miller
1/1-31	Osterville	1	S. + E. Miller
1/1-21	Rockport	1	C. Paine + vo
1/11	Ipswich	1	D. + I. Jewell
1/14	Wollaston B.	1	mG. d'Entremont#
1/14	New Bedford	2	G. Gove
2/11	Gloucester	3	D. Chickering
2/18	Winthrop	1	m M. Lynch#
2/24	Westport	1	m S. Arena#
<b>Barrow's x Common Goldeneye</b>			
1/7	Newburyport	1	m K. Griffis
1/13	Newburyport	1	m T. Young#
<b>Bufflehead</b>			
1/20	Westport	288	M. Lynch#
1/28	Gloucester	60+	E. Nielsen
1/7	Boston H.	1005	TASL (M. Hall)
2/4	Boston H.	744	TASL (M. Hall)
<b>Hooded Merganser</b>			
1/6	Framingham	75	K. Hamilton#
1/6	W. Brookfield	6	M. Lynch#
1/17	Sudbury R.	17	M. Lynch#
1/18	Marstons Mills	11	M. Lynch#
1/18	Falmouth	17	M. Lynch#
1/21	Nantucket	5	E. Ray#
1/27	Chatham	8	J. Hoye#
2/3	Framingham	15	E. Taylor
2/6	Yarmouth	36	T. Aversa
2/7	Nantucket	10	E. Ray
2/15	Mattapoisett	4	F. Smith
2/19	Falmouth	138	R. Heil
2/19	Blackstone	7	T. Pirrou
2/25	Wakefield	4	P. + F. Vale
2/25	Medford	5	P. Roberts
<b>Common Merganser</b>			
1/20	Newburyport	45	J. Berry
1/21	Westport	15	E. Nielsen#
2/1	Medford	75	M. Rines
2/1-29	Belmont	11	J. Campbell#
2/1-29	Wayland	14	max N. Patterson
2/3	Framingham	20	E. Taylor
2/24	Belmont	18	F. Bouchard
2/25	Medford	57	P. Roberts
<b>Red-breasted Merganser</b>			
1/14	Cape Ann	50	J. Berry#
1/20	Westport	97	M. Lynch#
1/7	Boston H.	573	TASL (M. Hall)
2/1	Arlington	6	M. Rines
2/4	Boston H.	388	TASL (M. Hall)
<b>Ruddy Duck</b>			
1/1	Arlington	20	M. Rines
1/6	Nantucket	1	E. Ray#
1/6	Framingham	1	K. Hamilton#
2/10	Dennis	2	E. Banks#
<b>Turkey Vulture</b>			
1/21	Westport	7	E. Nielsen#
1/21	S. Orleans	1	S. Thompson#
2/10	Mattapoisett	1	F. Smith
2/11	Millbury	2	E. Banks#
2/12	Peabody	1	K. Abbott
2/18	Sandwich	1	P. Trimble
2/25	N. Dartmouth	1	M. Boucher
2/28	Saugus	4	L. Nachtrab
2/29	Hudson	1	B. Parker
<b>Bald Eagle</b>			
1/1-31	Brewster/Harwich	2	ad v.o.
1/5	Newburyport	4	D. + I. Jewell
1/7-21	Gloucester	1	lad M. Rines + v.o.
1/9	Maynard	1	imm L. Nachtrab
1/13	W. Newbury	1	imm R. Heil
1/14	Westport	3	imm E. Nielsen
1/14	Lakeville	3	R. Turner
1/17	Sherborn	1	lad L. Willitts
1/17	Beverly	1	lad G. Leet
1/21	Fall River	1	E. Nielsen
1/21	Haverhill	5	J. Hogan
1/21	Wayland	1	N. Clafin
1/25	Marshfield	2	F. Garretson
2/5	Tyngsboro	1	B. Francisco
2/7	Ipswich	2	R. Heil
2/9-19	Wareham	pr	R. Turner
2/10	Salisbury	1	ad E. Taylor
2/10	Dennis	1	E. Banks#
2/10	Wayland	1	S. Arena#
2/11	Newburyport	2	ad B. Parker
2/13	Lakeville	pr at n	N. Yates
2/18	Athol	1	adG. d'Entremont
2/19	Marshfield	2	ad R. Heil
2/20	Raynham	1	K. Brissette
<b>Northern Harrier</b>			
1/1	Westport	2	E. Nielsen
1/14	Dartmouth	3	E. Nielsen
1/18	Salem	1	J. Berry
1/28	Cumb. Farms	2	K. Anderson
1/30	Sandwich	1	T. Aversa
2/1	P.I.	1	M. Rines
2/6	Eastham (F.H.)	2-3	T. Aversa
2/23	Cumb. Farms	2	K. Anderson
2/29	Fairhaven	2	T. Aversa
<b>Sharp-shinned Hawk</b>			
thr	Reports of individuals from 28 locations		
<b>Cooper's Hawk</b>			
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<b>Northern Goshawk</b>			
1/3	Bolton	1	S. Hennin
1/4	Maynard	1	L. Nachtrab
1/13	Pepperell	2	E. Stromsted
1/16	Nantucket	1	N. Brooks
1/17	Grafton	1	ad M. Lynch#
1/17	Chatham	1	R. Clem
1/20	Worcester	1	ad E. Banks#
1/20	IRWS	1	lad J. Smith
1/23	Petersham	1	ad T. Aversa
1/26	Middleton	1	R. Heil
2/9	Maynard	1	imm L. Nachtrab
2/17	Rowley	1	J. Gordon#
2/18	Eastham	1	J. Moore #
2/19	Plympton	1	W. Petersen
2/23	DWWS	1	imm T. Aversa
<b>Red-shouldered Hawk</b>			
1/1-31	Marstons Mills	1	S. + E. Miller
1/7	Acushnet	1	M. LaBossiere
1/13	Eastham	1	imm W. Petersen#
1/14	Fairhaven	1	M. Boucher
1/18	S. Dartmouth	1	imm T. Aversa

<b>Red-shouldered Hawk (continued)</b>			
1/20	Westport	1	M. Lynch#
1/20	Wayland	1 ad	B. Parker
1/28	Lincoln	1 ad	M. Rines#
2/11	Marshfield	1	E. Kile
2/23	Sudbury	1 ad	J. Hoye
2/26	Acushnet	2	M. LaBossiere
2/27	E. Middleboro	4	K. Anderson
2/28	W. Newbury	1	C. Ralph
<b>Red-tailed Hawk</b>			
1/1	Nantucket	10	G. d'Entremont#
1/20	Westport	10	M. Lynch#
1/20	Salisbury	5	J. Berry
2/18	Middleboro	7	N. Smith
<b>Rough-legged Hawk</b>			
1/1	Rockport	1	C. Ralph
1/1	Westport	1	E. Nielsen
1/1, 2/27	Cumb. Farms	1, 2	K. Anderson
1/6	Essex	1 lt	J. Berry#
1/7	Concord (NAC)	1 lt	L. Nachtrab
1/11	W. Barnstable	1	E. + S. Miller
1/14	Truro	1 lt	M. Lynch#
1/16	Nantucket	1	J. Papale
1/20	Salisbury	1 lt	J. Berry
1/26	P.I.	2	M. Rines
2/18	Bolton	1 lt	M. Lynch#
2/18	Middleboro	3	N. Smith
2/19	P.I.	2	R. Lockwood
2/21	Nantucket	1 dk	E. Ray
<b>Golden Eagle</b>			
1/28	Quabbin (G43)	1 imm	R. Heil
1/28	Newburyport H.	1 sub ad	D. Brown#
<b>American Kestrel</b>			
1/10	Revere	1	J. Young
1/18	Salisbury	1 m	R. Heil
1/18	Lynn	1	J. Berry
1/18	Everett	1	J. Berry
1/20	Newburyport	1 m	J. Berry
1/21	Nantucket	1 f	E. Ray
1/26	Roslindale	1 m	T. Aversa
1/28	Danvers	1	H. D'Entremont
1/28	Milton	1	G. d'Entremont#
2/8	Cambridge	1	M. Rines
2/10	Boston (Logan)	2	N. Smith
2/18	Sandwich	1	P. Trimble
2/21	Quincy	1	M. Ciccarello
2/25	Salisbury	1 m	J. Hoye#
<b>Merlin</b>			
1/1	Westport	1	E. Nielsen#
1/1	P.I.	1	D. Chickering
1/7	Fairhaven	1	M. Boucher
1/14	Seekonk	1	D. Zimmerlin
1/16	Nantucket	1	G. Frost
1/17	Chatham	1	R. Clem
1/20	Wellfleet	1	G. Ferguson
1/21	N. Quincy	1	J. Young
1/28	Gloucester	1	E. Nielsen#
2/17	S. Boston	1	R. Donovan
2/18	Sandwich	1	P. Trimble
2/21	Orleans	1 ad	E. Banks#
2/23	Salisbury	1	J. Hoye#
2/25	Nantucket	1	S. Perkins
<b>Peregrine Falcon</b>			
1/1-31	Lawrence	1 ad	J. Hogan
1/30	Scusset B.	1 imm	M. LaBossiere
2/10	Boston (Logan)	2	N. Smith
2/10	Cape Ann	1BBC	(R. Petersen)
2/17	S. Boston	1	R. Donovan
2/18	S. Wellfleet	1	J. Moore#
2/25	Nantucket	1	S. Perkins
2/27	Saugus	1	J. Berry
2/29	Nantucket	3	S. Hecker
<b>Gyrfalcon</b>			
2/19	P.I.	1	K. Anderson
<b>Ring-necked Pheasant</b>			
2/6	W. Newbury	6	R. Heil
<b>Wild Turkey</b>			
1/1	Petersham	18	M. Lynch#
1/1-31	Marshfield	6	D. Ludlow#
1/11	Topsfield	3	D. + I. Jewell
1/20	Worcester	16	E. Banks#
1/23	W. Newbury	3	R. Heil
1/23	Athol	37	T. Aversa
1/28	Barre	27	M. Lynch#
1/6	Templeton	60	R. Stymecist#
2/1-23	Marshfield	6	D. Ludlow#
2/18	Petersham	40	G. d'Entremont#
2/28	Middleboro	36	R. Shore
2/7	Newbury	4	R. Heil
<b>Northern Bobwhite</b>			
1/19	W. Roxbury	1	T. Aversa
1/28	WBWS	14	J. Hoye#
<b>Clapper Rail</b>			
2/24	Nantucket	2	E. Ray#
<b>Common Moorhen</b>			
2/2-8	Nantucket	1	E. Ray#
<b>American Coot</b>			
1/1	Harwich	110+	B. Nikula #
1/1, 1/18	Arlington	77, 40	M. Rines
1/26	Lynn	8	R. Heil
1/28	Nantucket	13	E. Andrews#
2/1-29	Boston	11	T. Aversa
2/19	Plymouth	8	M. Lynch#
2/25	Nantucket	50	S. Perkins
2/25	Medford	30	P. Roberts
<b>Sandhill Crane</b>			
1/2, 1/6	Nantucket	1	E. Ray + v.o.
<b>Black-bellied Plover</b>			
1/1	Nantucket	1	G. d'Entremont#
1/1	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	4	LCES (J. Hill)
<b>Killdeer</b>			
2/6	Orleans	1	T. Aversa
2/27	S. Boston	1	R. Donovan
2/28	Bedford	1	R. Lockwood
2/28	W. Newbury	1	C. Ralph
2/28	Peabody	2	R. Heil
2/29	Fairhaven	5	T. Aversa
<b>American Oystercatcher</b>			
1/4	Nantucket	1	B. Perkins
1/9	S. Harwich	1	J. Chase
2/2	Nantucket	1	B. Perkins
<b>Ruddy Turnstone</b>			
2/25	Nantucket	20	S. Perkins
<b>Sanderling</b>			
1/1	Nantucket	20	G. d'Entremont#
1/14	Dartmouth	35	E. Nielsen#
1/14	E. Gloucester	5	J. Berry#
1/28	Eastham (F.E.)	9	J. Hoye#
2/11	Salisbury	8	W. Petersen#
2/18	Westport	110	M. Boucher
2/25	Revere	350	F. Bouchard
<b>Purple Sandpiper</b>			
1/1	Marblehead	22	R. Lockwood
1/1	Westport	6	E. Nielsen
1/14	Dartmouth	1	E. Nielsen
1/14	Gloucester	7	J. Berry#
1/21	Nahant	4	B. Parker
2/3	Rockport	13	J. Berry#
2/11	P.I.	12	W. Petersen#
2/19	N. Scituate	60+	M. Lynch#
2/19	Salisbury	16	R. Lockwood
2/25	Nantucket	30	A. Wood



<b>Dunlin</b>				1/16	Rockport (A.P.)	1	M. Lynch#
1/1	Westport	26	E. Nielsen#	1/21	Provincetown H.	1	R. Comeau#
1/1	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	112	LCES (J. Hill)	<b>Razorbill</b>			
1/25	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	11	LCES (J. Hill)	1/1	Nantucket	9	G. d'Entremont#
2/18	Westport	77	M. Boucher	1/16	Rockport	145	M. Lynch#
2/6	Yarmouth	10	T. Aversa	1/18	Magnolia	3	L. High
<b>Common Snipe</b>				1/21	Rockport	140+	R. Heil
1/14	Newburyport	2	R. Forster	1/28	Rockport	120	E. Nielsen
1/19	Cummaquid	1	S. + E. Miller	2/10	Orleans	40	E. Banks#
1/26	S. Peabody	1	R. Heil	2/10	Eastham	50	fide E. Banks
2/18	Sandwich	2	J. Trimble	2/19	Nauset	100	E. Banks#
2/21	Sudbury	1	S. Arena	2/19	P'town (R.P.)	720	S. Arena
<b>American Woodcock</b>				2/23	Nant. Sound	2	S. Perkins
2/28	Concord	1	B. Garrett	2/27	Provincetown	120+	(3/4 hr.) J. Sones
<b>Common Black-headed Gull</b>				<b>Black Guillemot</b>			
1/3	Nantucket	1 imm	E. Ray#	1/6	Rockport	2	J. Berry#
1/12	Sandwich	1 imm	M. LaBossiere	1/14	Cape Ann	18	J. Berry#
1/14	Winthrop	5	R. Lockwood	1/20	Rockport	3	J. Brown#
1/21	Cumb. Farms	1	J. Hoye#	2/10	Cape Ann	9	R. Forster#
2/11	Winthrop	8	G. d'Entremont#	2/11	Gloucester	6	D. Chickering
2/11, 2/26	Newburyport	1	W. Petersen	2/19	P'town (R.P.)	2	S. Arena
2/17-29	S. Boston	1	R. Donovan	<b>Monk Parakeet</b>			
2/19	Nantucket	1	F. Gallo	1/14	Taunton	3	at nest K. Anderson
<b>Bonaparte's Gull</b>				2/11	Blackstone	2	B. Volkle
1/14	Newburyport	10	R. Forster#	<b>Barn Owl</b>			
2/19	Nantucket	4	F. Gallo	1/1	Nantucket	2	G. Frost
<b>Iceland Gull</b>				2/2	Nantucket	1	E. Ray
1/1	Nantucket	50	G. d'Entremont#	<b>Eastern Screech-Owl</b>			
1/1	Worcester	1	E. Banks#	1/1-2/29	Mt. A.	1-2	R. Stymeist#
1/6	Cape Ann	3	J. Berry#	1/17	Watertown	1	N. Dane
1/6	Winchendon	3	M. Rines#	1/21	Dartmouth	1	E. Nielsen
1/13	Provincetown	5	W. Petersen#	1/4	Hamilton	1	J. Berry#
1/14	Newburyport	6	ad R. Forster#	1/6	Ipswich	1	J. Berry#
1/28	Gloucester	5	E. Nielsen	2/11	Halifax	1	E. Weinheimer
2/6	W. Newbury	2	R. Heil	2/15	Duxbury	1	D. Ludlow#
2/19	P'town (R.P.)	3	S. Arena	2/25	Wayland	1	J. Hoye#
2/25	Newburyport	19	R. Forster#	2/27	Newbury	1	I. + D. Jewell
2/26	Nantucket	8	A. Wood	<b>Great Horned Owl</b>			
<b>Lesser Black-backed Gull</b>				1/1	Paxton	1	M. Lynch#
1/3	Nant. (Low B.)	1 ad	E. Ray#	1/1	N. Dartmouth	1	M. Boucher
1/12	Marlborough	1 (2 yr)	D. Goodrich	1/1	E. Boston	1	M. Rines#
1/23	Nant. (dump)	1 2W	S. Papale	1/1-2/29	Mt. A.	pr	v.o.
1/28	Nant. (Miacomet)	1 ad	E. Andrews#	1/1-31	Ipswich	pr	J. Berry
2/18	Newburyport	1 2W	J. Brown	1/6	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson
<b>Glaucous Gull</b>				1/16	Bolton	2	S. Hennis
1/6	Gloucester H.	1 ad	J. Berry#	1/20	Maynard	1	L. Nachtrab
1/6	Winchendon	1	I. Giriunas#	1/23	Marlboro	1	B. Parker
1/13	Provincetown H.	2	W. Petersen#	1/31	Worcester	1	C. Phillips
1/16	Lynn	1 1W	J. Quigley	2/6	Eastham	1	T. Aversa
1/26	Nant. (jetties)	1 1W	A. Wood	2/11	Concord	2	I. + D. Jewell
1/26	Scusset B.	1	M. LaBossiere	2/25	Milton	1	G. d'Entremont#
1/26	Newburyport H.	1 1W	M. Rines	<b>Snowy Owl</b>			
1/27	Nant. (Cisco)	1 1W	E. Ray	1/20-2/25	P.I.	1-3	v.o.
1/28	Sandwich	1	S. Hennis	1/21	Rowley	1 ad	J. Berry
1/28	Nant. (Miacomet)	1 2W	E. Andrews#	2/4	Salisbury	1	v.o.
1/31	New Bedford	1	M. LaBossiere	2/5-12	Nantucket	1	J. Marks + v.o.
2/4	P.I.	1 1W	M. Lynch#	<b>Barred Owl</b>			
2/11	Lynn	1 ad	J. Quigley	1/1	Essex	1	I. Giriunas#
2/19	P'town (R.P.)	1 1W	S. Arena	1/1	Salisbury	1	C. Paine
2/25	Acton	1	S. Perkins	1/1-31	Cambridge	1	M. Rines#
2/26	Sandwich	1	M. LaBossiere	1/6	Wayland	1	G. Long
<b>Black-legged Kittiwake</b>				1/12	Boston (B.U.)	1	P. Perry
1/21	Rockport	23 ad	R. Heil	1/19, 2/2	W. Roxbury	1	T. Aversa
1/28	Eastham (F.E.)	70	J. Hoye#	1/2	Roslindale	1	T. Aversa
2/25	P.I.	1	W. Petersen#	1/23	W. Newbury	1	R. Heil
<b>Dovekie</b>				1/26-31	Winthrop	1	S. Wallace
1/7	Rockport	5	E. Salmela	1/29	Ipswich	1	D. + I. Jewell
1/13	P'town (R.P.)	1	W. Petersen#	2/1-29	E. Boxford	1-2	J. Brown#
1/22	P.I.	1	D. + I. Jewell	2/13	Maynard	1	J. Messier
2/27	Provincetown	2	J. Sones	2/14	Melrose	1	I. + D. Jewell
<b>Thick-billed Murre</b>				2/18	Rowley	1	R. Stymeist#

Barred Owl (continued)								
2/21 Boston (Forest Hills)	2	T. Aversa	1/1-2/29 Mt.A.	pr			v.o.	
2/21 Weston	1	P. Sellen	1/1-31 Ipswich	pr			J. Berry	
2/9 Lincoln	1	C. Ralph	2/13 Dover	2			L. Peterson	
<b>Great Gray Owl</b>			2/20 Nantucket	2			E. Ray	
2/1-2/29 Rowley	1	N. Sullivan, C. Richter#	thr				Reports of individuals from 20 locations	
<b>Long-eared Owl</b>			<b>Yellow-bellied Sapsucker</b>					
1/30 Sandwich	2	T. Aversa	1/1 Westport	1			E. Salmela#	
<b>Short-eared Owl</b>			1/11 Chatham	1			R. Clem	
1/1 Westport	1	E. Nielsen	1/8 Nantucket	1			J. Manley	
1/1 Nantucket	2	G. d'Entremont#	<b>Hairy Woodpecker</b>					
1/1 S. Dart. (A.Pd)	4	LCES (J. Hill)	2/1-29 Pepperell	3			E. Stromsted#	
1/4 Sandwich	1	M. Labossiere	2/1-29 Mattapoisett	2 f			F. Smith	
1/20 Fairhaven	1	D. Zimmerlin	2/1-29 E. Boxford	2-3			v.o.	
1/28 P.I.	1	M. Pelikan	2/12 Nantucket	2			E. Ray	
2/3 Cumb. Farms	1	K. Anderson	2/4 Berlin	2			B. Parker	
2/8 S. Boston	1	B. Zuzevich	<b>Black-backed Woodpecker</b>					
2/10 Boston (Logan)	1	N. Smith#	1/21-2/29 Sharon	1 f			N. Boucher + v.o.	
<b>Northern Saw-whet Owl</b>			<b>Northern Flicker</b>					
1/1 Nantucket	2	G. d'Entremont#	1/1 Lakeville	2			K. Anderson	
1/1 Brewster	2	B. Nikula#	1/1-31 Marlboro	3			B. Parker	
1/14 Chatham	1	R. Clem	1/1-31 Wellesley	2 m			R. Forster	
1/16 Nahant	1	B. Crawford	1/18 S. Dartmouth	7			T. Aversa	
2/23 Orleans	1	S. + E. Miller	1/18 Cumb. Farms	5			T. Aversa	
2/27 P.I.	1	I. + D. Jewell	1/2 Nantucket	2			F. Gallo#	
<b>Belted Kingfisher</b>			2/1-29 Wellesley	2			R. Forster	
1/17 Winthrop	2	M. Lynch#	<b>Pileated Woodpecker</b>					
1/6 Framingham	3	K. Hamilton#	1/1 Petersham	2			M. Lynch#	
2/19 Falmouth	3	R. Heil	1/5 Boxford	1			J. Brown#	
<b>Red-bellied Woodpecker</b>			1/26 Pepperell	1			E. Stromsted	
1/1-2/29 Maynard	pr	L. Nachtrab	2/10 Wayland	1			N. Patterson	
1/1-2/29 Mattapoisett	3-4	F. Smith	2/23 Pepperell	1			E. Stromsted	
1/1-2/29 E. Boxford	pr	J. Brown#	2/23 Groton	1			T. Pirrou	

#### FLYCATCHERS THROUGH GROSBEAKS

This group of birds appeared to be victims of the severe winter weather. The numbers of semi-hardy winterers were down from last year, when we were blessed with a mild and snowless winter. Only one Ruby-crowned Kinglet was reported for the two-month period, compared with over 17 last season. Other species showing a big decline were Carolina Wren, Hermit Thrush, American Robin, and Rufous-sided Towhee. If the cold and snowy weather did not get to these birds, the invasion of Northern Shrikes probably did. Over 50 individuals were noted, many of which were reported chasing or eating avian prey.

The severe winter also had some pleasant results. Two **Boreal Chickadees** were noted at feeders, and a **Dickcissel** was found in Framingham. **Bohemian Waxwings** were well reported, with large flocks noted in Royalston, Athol, Chatham, and Nantucket. Other winter finch reports included Pine Grosbeaks, Evening Grosbeaks, Pine Siskins, and Common Redpolls in fairly good numbers. There were reports of Red Crossbills from three locations, and a **Hoary Redpoll** was easily picked out of a flock of 35 Common Redpolls at a feeder in West Newbury. R. H. S.

<b>Eastern Phoebe</b>			1/21 Haverhill	4000		J. Hogan
1/1 Nantucket	1	G. d'Entremont#	1/21 Lawrence	11,000		J. Hogan#
<b>Horned Lark</b>			1/28 Worcester	500+		M. Lynch#
1/6 Essex	55	J. Berry#	2/24 Stoneham	1500		P. + F. Vale
1/7 Rowley	49	B. Parker	<b>Fish Crow</b>			
1/9 Cumb. Farms	75	K. Anderson	1/14 Watertown	5		R. Stymeist
1/10 Winthrop	21	J. Young	1/4 Newton	2		G. Long
1/26 N. Attleboro	24	G. Valade	2/1 Waltham	1		C. Ralph
2/10 Boston (Logan)	25	N. Smith#	2/19 Worcester	1		M. Lynch#
2/18 Bridgewater	45	S. Arena	2/20 W. Roxbury	7		T. Aversa
2/18 Sandwich	20	P. Trimble	2/24 Mt.A.	6		M. Pelikan
2/18 S. Dartmouth	65	M. Boucher	2/25 Milton	4+		G. d'Entremont#
2/19 Plympton	20	W. Petersen	2/26 Woburn	1		M. Pelikan
2/19 Newbury	100+	D. Chickering	<b>Common Raven</b>			
2/25 Bolton	30+	M. Lynch#	1/1 Petersham	3		M. Lynch#
2/4 Salisbury	70+	M. Lynch#	1/6 Templeton	1		R. Stymeist#
<b>American Crow</b>			1/6 Winchendon	12		R. Stymeist#
1/1-2/29 Framingham	7200	E. Taylor	1/23 Quabbin (G39)	8		T. Aversa
1/7 Watertown	1000+	E. Taylor	1/28 Athol	2		R. Heil

<b>Common Raven (continued)</b>			
2/5	Ashland	2	R. Wolanin
2/18	Athol	2	G. d'Entremont#
<b>Boreal Chickadee</b>			
2/17-29	Groveland	1	F. Smith + v.o.
2/18	Wakefield	1	C. Neeley
<b>Red-breasted Nuthatch</b>			
1/1-31	Ipswich	pr	J. Berry
1/18	Mt. A.	6	M. Rines
1/2	Nantucket	4	F. Gallo#
2/19	Falmouth	4	R. Heil
2/23	Boxford	3	R. Heil
<b>Brown Creeper</b>			
1/1-31	E. Boxford	3 max	J. Brown#
1/18	Wayland	2	N. Patterson
1/18	Marstons Mills	3	M. Lynch#
1/18	Mt. A.	3	M. Rines
2/10	Braintree	2	G. d'Entremont#
2/23	Boxford	4	R. Heil
<b>Carolina Wren</b>			
1/1	W. Newbury	1	D. Chickering
1/1-31	Brighton	1	R. Hastie
1/2	Attleboro	3	M. Sweet
1/9	Bolton	1	S. Hennin
1/18	Falmouth	17	M. Lynch#
1/20	IRWS	2	J. Smith
2/10	Lexington	1	M. Pelikan
2/16	Billerica	1	M. Rines
2/19	Falmouth	13	R. Heil
2/25	Rowley	1	W. Petersen
<b>Winter Wren</b>			
1/17	Chatham	1	R. Clem
1/18	Falmouth	1	M. Lynch#
2/5	Acushnet	1	M. LaBossiere
2/5	Duxbury	2	H. Pissano
<b>Golden-crowned Kinglet</b>			
1/1	E. Middleboro	2	K. Anderson
2/4	S. Orleans	1	C. Thompson
2/18	Lakeville	5	S. Arena
<b>Ruby-crowned Kinglet</b>			
1/12	Nantucket	1	E. Ray#
<b>Eastern Bluebird</b>			
1/1-31	Lincoln	6	A. Jones
1/13	Spencer	6	M. Lynch#
1/13	Truro	12	W. Petersen#
1/13	N. Attleboro	5	G. Valade
1/14	Dennis	7	M. Lynch#
1/30	Westwood	4	S. Sweet
1/31	Nantucket	12	W. Buskirk
2/2	Wellfleet	6	fide J. Sones
2/3	Middleboro	8	R. Shore
2/7	Rowley	5	M. Rines#
2/12	Pepperell	5	S. Hill
2/13	Mattapoisett	6	F. Smith
2/19	Mashpee	9	R. Heil
2/23	Groton	21	T. Pirrou
2/24	Wayland	4	N. Patterson
thr	Reports of 2-3 indiv. from 15 locations		
<b>Hermit Thrush</b>			
1/1	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson
1/6	Worcester	1 dead	J. Bombard
1/12	Melrose	1	D. + I. Jewell
1/14	Eastham	1	B. Parker
1/18	S. Dartmouth	1	T. Aversa
1/18	Falmouth	1	M. Lynch#
1/2	Nantucket	1	F. Gallo#
1/20	IRWS	1	J. Smith
1/20	Westport	1	M. Lynch#
2/2	Nantucket	1	E. Ray
2/6	Wellfleet	1	T. Aversa
2/19	Eastham (F.H.)	1	S. Arena
<b>American Robin</b>			
1/1	Westport	120	E. Nielsen
1/23	W. Newbury	40	R. Heil
1/27	Westboro	200	H. Wilkinson
1/29	Worcester	40+	E. Banks
2/2	Braintree	64	R. Malloy
2/3	Middleboro	50	R. Turner
2/9	Wellesley	35	R. Forster
2/15	Nantucket	200	E. Ray
2/19	Falmouth	75	R. Heil
2/27	Wayland	45	H. Parker
<b>Gray Catbird</b>			
1/1	Westwood	1	E. Nielsen
1/2	Wareham	1	M. LaBossiere
1/17	Belmont	1	J. Campbell
1/18	S. Dartmouth	3	T. Aversa
2/4	Nantucket	4	H. Ferrea
2/4	Cummaquid	2	S. + E. Miller
2/19	Falmouth	2	R. Heil
2/19	Lakeville	1	R. Turner
<b>Brown Thrasher</b>			
2/20	Orleans	1	R. Forster
1/1	Acushnet	1	M. LaBossiere
2/23	Chatham	1	fide J. Sones
2/24	Falmouth	1	D. Lange#
<b>American Pipit</b>			
1/1	Lynn	1	J. Nove#
1/7	Hyannis	1	S. + E. Miller
1/26	Nantucket	3	A. Wood
<b>Bohemian Waxwing</b>			
1/6	Royalston	80	E. Salmela#
1/13	N. Attleboro	1	G. Valade
1/13	Orleans	11	C. Goodwich
1/13	Chatham	4	R. Clem#
1/14	Provincetown	2	M. Lynch#
1/15	Athol	30	D. Lange
2/2	Harwichport	2	B. Nikula
2/4	Nantucket	9	H. Ferrea
2/4	Yarmouth	10	fide R. Prescott
2/6	Nantucket	50+	E. Andrews#
2/15	Brewster	15	S. + E. Miller
2/23	Chatham	23	J. Sones#
2/25	Byfield	1	fide S. Grinley
<b>Cedar Waxwing</b>			
1/1	Wayland	65	G. Long
1/7	E. Boxford	80	J. Brown#
1/13	Westwood	50	E. Nielsen
1/14	Provincetown	35	M. Lynch#
1/15	Maynard	72	L. Nachtrab
1/21	Hardwick	80	G. d'Entremont#
1/30	Harwichport	70	B. Nikula
2/11	Concord	35	I. + D. Jewell
2/19	Lincoln	50	S. Perkins
2/20	Wayland	30+	N. Patterson
<b>Northern Shrike</b>			
1/1	E. Boston	2	R. Stymeist#
1/1-2/23	P.I.	1-3	v.o.
2/24	Cumb. Farms	2	S. Arena
1/1-31	Reports of individuals from 32 locations		
2/1-29	Reports of individuals from 13 locations		
<b>Yellow-rumped Warbler</b>			
1/1	Westport	45	E. Nielsen
2/18	Westport	4	M. Boucher
2/25	Nantucket	180	S. Perkins
<b>Pine Warbler</b>			
1/1	Ipswich	1 m	J. Berry
1/15	Cotuit	1	S. + E. Miller
1/30	Falmouth	1	L. Juskiewicz
2/13	Mattapoisett	1	F. Smith
<b>Cedar Waxwing</b>			
1/1	Wayland	65	G. Long



<b>Cedar Waxwing (continued)</b>			1/1	Gardner	15	S. Hennin	
1/13	Westwood	50	E. Nielsen	1/2	E. Orleans	15	A. Williams
1/14	Provincetown	35	M. Lynch#	1/4	Scusset B.	3	M. LaBossiere
1/15	Maynard	72	L. Nachtrab	1/4	Cumb. Farms	50	K. Anderson
1/21	Hardwick	80	G. d'Entremont#	1/5	Littleton	5	M. Resch
1/30	Harwichport	70	B. Nikula	1/16	Nantucket	25	G. Frost
1/7	E. Boxford	80	J. Brown#	1/21	Petersham	25	G. d'Entremont#
2/11	Concord	35	I. + D. Jewell	1/21	P.I.	200+	D. Chickering
2/19	Lincoln	50	S. Perkins	2/4	Salisbury	100+	M. Lynch#
2/20	Wayland	30+	N. Patterson	2/5	Yarmouthport	40	S. + E. Miller
<b>Dickcissel</b>			2/19	P.I.	250+	R. Lockwood	
1/1-2/9	Framingham	1 m	K. Hamilton	2/25	Salisbury	200	K. Hamilton#
<b>Rufous-sided Towhee</b>			<b>Red-winged Blackbird</b>				
1/1	S. Dartmouth	1	M. Boucher	1/13	Eastham	50	W. Petersen#
1/1-13	Worc. (BMB)	1 m	C. Phillips	1/15	Harwichport	85	B. Nikula
1/1-8, 2/13	Mattapoisett	2, 1	F. Smith	1/26	Acushnet	20	M. LaBossiere
2/24	Dartmouth	3	S. Arena#	1/27	Quincy	25	G. d'Entremont#
2/4	Nantucket	1	N. Brooks	1/31	Salisbury	3	D. + I. Jewell
2/6	Yarmouth	1	T. Aversa	2/4	Harwich	35+	B. Nikula
<b>American Tree Sparrow</b>			2/24	Cumb. Farms	25	S. Arena#	
1/1	Sandwich	100	B. Nikula#	2/25	Westboro	18	M. Lynch#
<b>Chipping Sparrow</b>			2/25	Nantucket	30	S. Perkins	
1/18	S. Dartmouth	1	T. Aversa	2/27	Peabody	50+	R. Heil
2/19	Yarmouthport	1	K. Hamilton#	2/27	Maynard	30	L. Nachtrab
<b>Field Sparrow</b>			2/29	Fairhaven	140	T. Aversa	
1/1	S. Dartmouth	6	M. Boucher	2/29	Wayland	45+	N. Patterson
1/1	Cumb. Farms	2	K. Anderson	2/23-29	General arrival		
2/10	Mattapoisett	1	F. Smith	<b>Eastern Meadowlark</b>			
<b>Savannah Sparrow</b>			1/1	Nantucket	3	G. d'Entremont#	
1/1	Sandwich	200	B. Nikula#	1/28	S. Dart. (A. Pd)	2	LCES (J. Hill)
1/1	S. Dart. (A. Pd)	3	LCES (J. Hill)	2/5	Nantucket	1	A. Manning
1/18	Falmouth	2	M. Lynch#	2/19	Harwich	3	B. Nikula#
2/18	N. Dartmouth	3	M. Boucher	<b>Rusty Blackbird</b>			
<b>Sharp-tailed Sparrow</b>			1/21	Wayland	2	J. Hoye#	
1/9	W. Barnstable	1	S. + E. Miller	1/30	Marstons Mills	1	T. Aversa
2/19	Eastham (F.H.)	1	S. Arena	2/11	W. Barnstable	20	S. + E. Miller
<b>Seaside Sparrow</b>			2/15	DWWS	2	D. Ludow#	
1/13	Eastham (F.H.)	1	W. Petersen#	2/17	Lynnfield	26	P. + F. Vale
<b>Fox Sparrow</b>			2/25	Westboro	1	M. Lynch#	
1/5, 2/5	Nantucket	1	M. Gibbs	<b>Common Grackle</b>			
2/3	Orleans	1	fide J. Sones	1/7	W. Newbury	1	B. Parker
<b>Lincoln's Sparrow</b>			1/9	E. Middleboro	2	K. Anderson	
2/4	Nantucket	1	H. Ferrea	2/5	Nantucket	2	M. Gibbs
<b>Swamp Sparrow</b>			2/9	Wayland	1	N. Patterson	
1/6	Nantucket	1	E. Ray	2/15	N. Dartmouth	80	M. Sylvia
1/30	Cotuit	1	T. Aversa	2/27	W. Roxbury	12	D. Lahaise
2/2	W. Roxbury	1	T. Aversa	2/27	Easton	6	D. Keith
2/19	Falmouth	3	R. Heil	2/27	Peabody	15	R. Heil
2/23	Scituate	3	T. Aversa	2/29	Framingham	300	E. Taylor
<b>White-throated Sparrow</b>			2/23-29	General arrival			
1/9	E. Middleboro	3	K. Anderson	<b>Brown-headed Cowbird</b>			
1/2	Nantucket	5	E. Gallo#	1/1	Sandwich	50+	B. Nikula#
2/10	Braintree	10	G. d'Entremont#	1/23	Petersham	1	T. Aversa
2/19	Falmouth	25	R. Heil	2/29	Fairhaven	30	T. Aversa
2/29	Fairhaven	32	T. Aversa	<b>Northern Oriole</b>			
<b>White-crowned Sparrow</b>			1/8	Nantucket	3	B. Manley	
1/1	Sandwich	2	P. Trimble#	<b>Pine Grosbeak</b>			
1/18	S. Dartmouth	2	T. Aversa	1/1	Royalston	8	M. Lynch#
1/20	Fairhaven	1	D. Zimmerlin	1/17	Westminster	2	B. Longley
1/7	Fairhaven	5	M. Boucher	1/31	Royalston	8	C. Ralph
<b>"Pink-sided" Dark-eyed Junco</b>			2/4	Athol	12	R. Forster#	
1/3	Lincoln	1	S. Perkins	2/4	Gardner	8	T. Pirrou
1/8-31	Hanson	1	W. Petersen#	2/5	Baldwinville	8	T. Pirrou
<b>Lapland Longspur</b>			2/18	Provincetown	1	J. Moore#	
1/21	Salisbury	8	C. Ralph#	2/18	Athol	7+	G. d'Entremont#
2/4	Salisbury	20+	M. Lynch#	<b>Purple Finch</b>			
2/4	P.I.	3	R. Stymeist#	1/21	W. Brookfield	1	M. Lynch#
2/10	Boston (Logan)	1	N. Smith	1/5	E. Middleboro	2	K. Anderson
2/19	Middleboro	1	W. Petersen	1/6	Framingham	1	R. Forster#
<b>Snow Bunting</b>			1/8	Hanson	1	W. Petersen	
1/1	P.I.	55	D. Chickering	2/9	Rowley	1	M. LaBossiere

<b>Red Crossbill</b>									
1/1	Petersham	3	M. Lynch#	2/19-31	Sutton	1		D. Boyle	
1/1	Royalston	2	M. Lynch#	<b>Pine Siskin</b>					
1/14	P.I.	3	J. Hoye#	1/1	Nantucket	2		M. Gibbs	
<b>Common Redpoll</b>				1/1	Royalston	100		J. Hoye#	
1/13	W. Newbury	35	R. Heil	1/1, 1/21	Bolton	5, 5		S. Hennis	
1/19	Pepperell	70	L. High	1/1-29	Rockport	25		G. Soucy#	
1/20	Worcester	20	E. Banks	1/1-31	Scituate	4		E. Burbank	
1/25	Wellesley	138	K. Winkler	1/2	Wareham	2		M. LaBossiere	
1/28	Hardwick	200+	R. Heil	1/28	Royalston	225		R. Heil	
1/28	Royalston	8	R. Heil	1/31	Yarmouthport	13		K. Hamilton	
1/31	Princeton	6	C. Ralph#	2/4	Harwich	5		fide J. Sones	
2/11	P.I.	30	C. Ralph	2/7	Framingham	5		K. Hamilton#	
2/11	Princeton	3	C. Ralph	2/24	Wayland	4		N. Patterson	
2/11-12	Northboro	12	P. Lebau	<b>Evening Grosbeak</b>					
2/14	Princeton	75	J. Choiniere	1/1	Nantucket	2		M. Gibbs	
2/17	Maynard	10	L. Nachtrab	1/6	Acushnet	4		M. LaBossiere	
2/23	Harvard	40	C. Kopkowski	1/6	Royalston	35		M. Rines#	
2/26	Pepperell	96	E. Stromsted	1/17	Westminster	20		B. Longley	
thr	Reports of 1-2 individuals from 10 loc.			1/23	Petersham	50+		T. Aversa	
<b>Hoary Redpoll</b>				1/31	Royalston	100+		C. Ralph#	
1/13	W. Newbury	1	R. Heil	2/4	Petersham	45		R. Forster#	

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ad	adult	H.	Harbor
alt	alternate	I.	Island
b	banded	L.	Ledge
br	breeding	M.V.	Martha's Vineyard
dk	dark (phase)	Mt.A.	Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge
f	female	Nant.	Nantucket
fl	fledged	Newbypt	Newburyport
imm	immature	P.I.	Plum Island
ind	individuals	Pd	Pond
juv	juvenile	P'town	Provincetown
loc	location	Quab.	Quabbin
lt	light (phase)	Res.	Reservoir
m	male	R.P.	Race Point, Provincetown
max	maximum	S.B.	South Beach, Chatham
mi	mile	S. Dart.	South Dartmouth
migr	migrating	S.F.	State Forest
n	nesting	S.N.	Sandy Neck, Barnstable
ph	photographed	S.P.	State Park
pl	plumage	Stellw.	Stellwagen Bank
pr	pair	Worc.	Worcester
S	summer (1S = first summer)	BBC	Brookline Bird Club
thr	throughout	BMB	Broad Meadow Brook, Worcester
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	GMNWR	Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge
A.P.	Andrews Point, Rockport	HRWMA	High Ridge Wildlife Management Area, Gardner-Westminster
A.Pd	Allens Pond, S. Dartmouth	IRWS	Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary
Arl.	Arlington	LCES	Lloyd Center for Environmental Studies
B.	Beach	MARC	Massachusetts Avian Records Committee
B.I.	Belle Isle, E. Boston	MAS	Massachusetts Audubon Society
B.R.	Bass Rocks, Gloucester	MBO	Manomet Observatory
Buzz.	Buzzards Bay	MBWMA	Martin Burns Wildlife Management Area, Newbury
Cambr.	Cambridge	MDFW	MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
C.B.	Crane Beach, Ipswich	MNWS	Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary
Corp. B.	Corporation Beach, Dennis	MSSF	Myles Standish State Forest
C.P.	Crooked Pond, Boxford	NAC	Nine Acre Corner, Concord
Cumb. Farms	Cumberland Farms, Middleboro-Halifax	NBC	Needham Bird Club
E.P.	Eastern Point, Gloucester	NEHW	New England Hawk Watch
F.E.	First Encounter Beach, Eastham	ONWR	Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge
F.H.	Fort Hill, Eastham	SRV	Sudbury River Valley
F.M.	Fowl Meadow	SSBC	South Shore Bird Club
F.P.	Fresh Pond, Cambridge	TASL	Take A Second Look Harbor Census
F.Pk	Franklin Park, Boston	USFWS	US Fish and Wildlife Service
G40	Gate 40, Quabbin	WBWS	Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
G45	Gate 45, Quabbin	WMWS	Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary

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## South Shore Bird Club

The South Shore Bird Club was founded in Quincy in 1946 and is celebrating its fiftieth year of birding this year. The club is essentially a field club, sponsoring at least one walk almost every weekend from September through June, plus two to four summer trips. The club tries to schedule at least one trip a month on the South Shore, and regular destinations include Cape Cod, Quabbin Reservoir, and Plum Island.

The club traditionally has had a number of special projects, including the Quincy and Marshfield Christmas Bird Counts and breeding bird censuses every June. We are always looking for new projects where we can make a contribution to birding and cannot wait for the next breeding bird atlas to begin. In the meantime, members get involved in herp and butterfly projects. The South Shore Bird Club always looks at more than birds.

In addition to an annual potluck supper on the last Saturday in January (not to be missed by gourmet or gourmand), the club often sponsors one or two other indoor meetings a year. These meetings typically feature either a speaker or an identification workshop. Every few years, a weekend trip to an island, Cape May, or the Connecticut Lakes makes the schedule.

Membership costs \$5 for an individual and \$8 for a family. Anyone is welcome to join, and nonmembers are welcome on all trips.

The officers of the club are

Helen Cross (president),

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To join, send dues to the secretary/treasurer.

To find out what's going on, call any of the above.

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