

# BIRD SIGHTINGS

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## JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2000

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Y2K. Birders, for the most part, ignored the hype, the hoopla, shut off their computers, and went to bed early to start a new year of birding. The weather did not disappoint. New Year's Day opened 9 degrees warmer than normal, and on January 3 the temperature in Boston reached an all-time high at 64 degrees, which broke the previous high of 62 set in January 1913. The first 12 days of the month, in fact, were above normal, benefiting the birds as well. The season's first snow finally arrived on January 13, ending a record 303-day stretch with no observed snow in Boston. The previous latest date for a trace of snow was December 16, 1973. With the snow came a deep freeze, and the temperature dropped to zero on the 17th, the first zero reading since January 19, 1997. Most of the last half of the month was below normal. Total snowfall in Boston during January was 13.7 inches, about an inch over the average. The heavy wet snow on the 25th changed to glazing before ending on the 26th and caused serious traffic problems with cars piling up everywhere! Rainfall totaled 2.77 inches in Boston during January with measurable amounts falling on 11 days.

February was quite mild with nearly average snowfall in eastern Massachusetts, and much more reported from western Massachusetts. In Boston, the temperature averaged 34.2, 3.9 above normal; the high for the month was 61 on the 24th and 27th. Snowfall totaled 9.2 inches, 2.2 inches less than normal, and inland suburbs were covered nearly all month and reached about 10 inches on January 19. The total rain for Boston in February was 2.55 inches, 1.07 inches under the average amount for the month. Strong southwest winds on the 27th and temperatures 17 degrees above normal accompanied the widespread arrival of American Woodcocks. R.H.S.

### LOONS THROUGH ALCIDS

Two hundred Red-throated loons off Provincetown February 13 were a good count for midwinter. A Horned Grebe at Turners Falls on February 29 could have been an early migrant or a wintering bird taking advantage of the warm conditions. The **Eared Grebe** at East Gloucester continued its fifth consecutive winter in friendly Massachusetts, but hasn't seen fit yet to bring any of its friends along. A **Brown Pelican** found in a weakened condition in Westfield January 1-4 was captured and rehabilitated before being relocated to a warmer place (Florida). This was the first record of the species for western Massachusetts; there are only about a dozen prior records for the state. Why one would wander inland in New England is anyone's guess, if indeed it got there on its own.

Great Blue Herons showed their typical hardiness by wintering inland as far as Agawam. The only two other wintering herons were the expected ones: four American Bitterns, all in southeastern Massachusetts, and eight Black-crowned Night-Herons, divided equally between the north and south shores. Turkey Vultures are wintering in the southeastern part of the state in ever-increasing numbers, with a maximum count of 45 in Westport February 13; two as far north as Gloucester at the end of February could have been early migrants. Joining the Westport/Dartmouth roost this winter were two **Black Vultures**, reflecting that species' recent "invasion" of southern New England. This trend should continue so long as the winters remain on the mild side.

Speaking of which, yet another mild winter encouraged many waterfowl to winter farther north than usual, though "usual" is a relative word; many waterfowl will stay as far north as

the ice allows, and some of them seem to move back and forth with the ice's edge all winter, advancing and retreating as if with the progress of a glacier. (This reviewer has observed Mute Swans literally breaking through new ice with their bodies to keep the water open on their chosen ponds.) The records for this two-month period are peppered with sightings of many species from western Massachusetts, where most of them are sparse but fairly regular, especially in the recent series of mild winters. Perhaps most significant were 12 Green-winged Teal and 50 Ring-necked Ducks in Southwick January 7, the former the most ever in the west so late into the winter, and the latter the biggest January flock there since at least 1983.

On the rarer side among waterfowl were one and possibly two **White-fronted Geese** on the north shore and another way south in Fairhaven; seven Eurasian Wigeons, all but one in the southeast; four Blue-winged Teal, always rare this far north in winter; a "Eurasian" Green-winged Teal in Eastham; and single **Tufted Ducks** in Plymouth and at Wachusett Reservoir. King Eider reports numbered only three, whereas the flock of Harlequin Ducks at Rockport reached what could be an all-time high for the state of 81 birds on January 30, though that number may have been closer to a hundred based on subsequent oral reports. Oldsquaws continued to winter in massive numbers in their ocean stronghold off Nantucket, while Common Mergansers made an excellent showing in Westport, among other places. Ruddy Duck numbers were considerably lower than during their record-setting fall, but the few hundred that remained in the eastern half of the state still dwarfed what Massachusetts birders are used to finding in the winter.

Northern Harriers, Rough-legged Hawks, and raptor-seeking birders made their best showings at the Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary in Marshfield. Red-shouldered Hawks also favored southeastern Massachusetts. Red-tails, on the other hand, seem to favor the Newburyport/Salisbury area, where recent Newburyport CBCs have consistently turned up 80 or so birds. In western Massachusetts, raptor reports were low almost across the board. Statewide, Cooper's Hawk reports significantly outnumbered those of Sharp-shinned Hawks, which is a real switch from a decade or two ago. But are all Sharp-shins being reported? Reports of American Kestrels continued to trail those of Merlins, though they did catch up to Peregrine reports. The same question applies here: are all kestrels being reported? It may be a good idea to report all single birds these days, since their numbers are apparently declining throughout the northeast.

On the chicken front, Ring-necked Pheasants were reported from only a single town! Are they really getting that scarce, or are birders simply not reporting them? No doubt the cessation of stocking by the state in some areas has had an impact. Wild Turkey reports have come to dwarf those of all other gallinaceous species, and this trend will almost certainly continue for many years to come. At least three **Yellow Rails** were observed on Nantucket, a rare occurrence anywhere in New England in winter. Twenty-five American Coots in Southwick January 15 were the largest flock in the west in fifteen years. Three of the most popular birds of the season were an apparent family of **Sandhill Cranes** (Hot Birds, page 184) that wintered on farm fields in Fairhaven near Buzzard's Bay. This was one of several Massachusetts winterings by this hardy species over the last decade.

Several species of shorebirds (Killdeer, Greater Yellowlegs, Ruddy Turnstone) that normally winter only south of Boston made showings on the north shore this winter, while a Whimbrel in Yarmouth January 8 was an unusual winter record. A count of 325 Purple Sandpipers in Gloucester January 9 was one of the best in recent memory. American Woodcocks were right on schedule the last two days of February, announcing spring with their flight songs and delighting the birders who were out listening for them.

**Little Gulls** were limited to a single report, in contrast to over a dozen Black-headed Gulls. Bonaparte's Gulls were in large numbers only at Nantucket; elsewhere they were found in double digits only once, at Rockport. A single **Mew Gull** was found in South Boston

through most of the period. Iceland, **Lesser Black-backed**, and Glaucous Gulls continued to be found in western Massachusetts in small numbers, about in line with recent winter showings there. Two Lesser Black-backs graced the north shore with their presence, one adult of the *graellsii* race remaining in Newburyport harbor for several weeks. Most of these birds seem allergic to locations north of Boston.

It was a fairly typical winter for the six North Atlantic acid species, with thousands of Razorbills and unidentified large alcids (the biggest numbers from Cape Cod), dozens of Black Guillemots (almost all from Cape Ann), and from one to four individuals of the other four species. Most notable among these was a single **Atlantic Puffin** at Rockport January 9. J.B.

<b>Red-throated Loon</b>				<b>Great Cormorant</b>			
1/1	Dorchester	4	R. Stymeist#	1/9, 2/6	Boston H.	25, 3	TASL (M. Hall)
1/9, 2/6	Boston H.	16, 6	TASL (M. Hall)	1/9	Cape Ann	190+	R. Heil
1/30	P'town (R.P.)	55	R. Heil	2/9	Cape Ann	100+	J. Berry#
1/30, 2/13	P'town (R.P.)	45, 200	B. Nikula	2/11	Amesbury	21	J. Berry
2/9	Rockport	1	J. Berry#	2/24	Nahant	46	R. Heil
2/10	Lynn	1	R. Heil	2/26	Arlington	2 br pl	M. Rines
<b>Common Loon</b>				<b>Double-crested Cormorant</b>			
1/1	Wachusett Res.	10	M. Lynch#	1/9	Belmont	5	D. Oliver
1/3	Quabbin Park	4	E. Labato	1/9, 2/6	Boston H.	3, 2	TASL (M. Hall)
1/8-9	Nantucket	21	BBC (H. Bailey)	1/16	Westport	1	M. Lynch#
1/9, 2/20	Bourne	8, 7	K. Anderson, P. Vale	1/16	Marstons Mills	1	J. Liller#
1/9, 2/6	Boston H.	10, 2	TASL (M. Hall)	2/20	Somerset	1	M. Lynch
1/16, 2/20	Westport	8, 11	M. Lynch#	<b>American Bittern</b>			
1/23	Gloucester	12	P. + F. Vale	thr	DWWS	1	D. Furbish
2/24	Nahant	21	R. Heil	1/1	Nantucket	1	G. d'Entremont#
<b>Pied-billed Grebe</b>				1/28	Gay Head	1	P. Glavin
1/1	Agawam	7	K. Anderson	1/30	Eastham (F.H.)	1	E. Nelson-Melby
1/2	Arlington	2	M. Rines	<b>Great Blue Heron</b>			
1/7	Lakeville	2	K. Anderson	1/7	Falmouth	6	R. Farrell
1/8-9	Nantucket	4	BBC (H. Bailey)	1/7	Agawam	2	S. Kellogg
1/8	Plymouth	2	J. Hoyer#	1/9	Boston H.	6	TASL (M. Hall)
1/9	Wareham	9	SSBC (K. Anderson)	1/9	Eastham (F.H.)	16	L. Berk
1/17-26	Lynn	1	R. Heil	1/16	Marstons Mills	7	J. Liller#
1/22	Wareham	9	BBC (R. Stymeist)	1/17	Mattapoisett	3	S. Moore#
2/5-21	Framingham	1	K. Hamilton	2/5	Framingham	5	K. Hamilton
<b>Horned Grebe</b>				2/20	Westport	9	M. Lynch
1/3	Quabbin Park	2	E. Labato	2/24	Waltham	3	J. Forbes
1/7	E. Gloucester	9	J. Berry#	<b>Black-crowned Night-Heron</b>			
1/8	Wachusett Res.	7	M. Lynch#	1/1	Beverly	2	G. Leet
1/9, 2/6	Boston H.	197, 31	TASL (M. Hall)	1/9-10	Danvers	1 ad	K. Haley
1/16, 2/20	Swansea	19, 27	M. Lynch#	1/15	Fairhaven	1	E. Giles
1/16, 2/20	Somerset	58, 8	M. Lynch#	1/30	Orleans	2	R. Heil
2/21	Gloucester (B.R.)	20	P. + F. Vale	2/3	Plymouth	1 imm	M. LaBossiere
2/23	P.I.	28	R. Heil	2/7	Revere	1	P. Keenan
2/24	Nahant	79	R. Heil	<b>Black Vulture</b>			
2/27	N. Weymouth	100	K. Vespaziani	2/3	W. Barnstable	1	G. Martin
2/27	Hull	100+	K. Vespaziani	2/13-29	Westport	1-2	E. Nielsen# + v.o.
2/29	Turners Falls	1	M. Taylor	<b>Turkey Vulture</b>			
<b>Red-necked Grebe</b>				1/8	Worcester	12	J. Liller
1/1	Barnstable (S.N.)	6	B. Nikula	1/9	Westboro	2	E. Morrier
1/7	E. Gloucester	9	J. Berry#	1/16	Westport	22	M. Lynch#
1/9, 2/6	Boston H.	83, 12	TASL (M. Hall)	1/22	S. Dartmouth	39	BBC (R. Stymeist)
2/13	P'town (R.P.)	6	B. Nikula	2/12	Oxford	18	P. Meleski
2/13	Winthrop B.	18	P. + F. Vale	2/13	Westport	45	E. Nielsen#
2/24	Nahant	58	R. Heil	2/21	Randolph	7	N. Smith
2/26	Truro	4	J. Young	2/22	DWWS	2	G. + L. Long
<b>Eared Grebe *</b>				2/27-28	W. Gloucester	2	J. Nelson
thr	Gloucester (E.P.)	1	v.o.	2/28	Waltham	3	M. Daley
<b>Northern Fulmar</b>				<b>Greater White-fronted Goose</b>			
2/26	P'town (R.P.)	1	B. Nikula	1/6-10	Hamilton	1	J. Paluzzi + v.o.
<b>Northern Gannet</b>				1/9	Wenham	1	R. Heil
1/9	Boston H.	4	TASL (M. Hall)	1/11-2/22	Fairhaven	1	M. Boucher + v.o.
1/9	Rockport (A.P.)	25	J. Soucy	<b>Snow Goose</b>			
2/19	Rockport (A.P.)	55	J. Paluzzi	1/4	Northampton	3	B. Bieda
2/26	P'town (R.P.)	40	B. Nikula	1/5	Hadley	1	W. Lafley
<b>Brown Pelican</b>				1/6	P.I.	5	M. Rines
1/1-4	Westfield	1	v.o.	1/9	Topsfield	2	D. + I. Jewell

<b>Snow Goose (continued)</b>				<b>Northern Pintail</b>			
1/9	Ipswich	1	BBC (J. Nove)	1/6	Amherst	1	H. Allen
Brant				1/8	Gardner	1 m	T. Pirro
1/1	New Bedford	209	M. Boucher	1/16	Westport	38	M. Lynch#
1/9, 2/6	Boston H.	1105, 899	TASL (M. Hall)	1/16, 2/6	Marstons Mills	6, 5	J. Liller#
1/23	Fairhaven	450+	M. Lynch#	1/16	Cumb. Farms	35	K. Anderson#
2/24	Nahant	167	R. Heil	1/23	Marlboro	8	K. Hamilton
<b>Mute Swan</b>				2/1	Amherst	3	R. Packard
1/1	Northboro	10	A. Boover	2/13	Westport	28	E. Nielsen#
1/8	Marlborough	10	R. Crissman	2/20	Newbypt. H.	4	J. Berry#
1/9	Ipswich	35	BBC (J. Nove)	2/21	Blackstone	6	M. Lynch
1/16	Swansea	124	M. Lynch#	2/8	Pepperell	4	E. Stromsted
1/16	Westport	135	M. Lynch#	<b>Green-winged Teal</b>			
1/29	Cape Ann	24	BBC (L. Ferrarasso)	1/1	Eastham	37	B. Nikula
2/21	Arlington	26	K. Hartel	1/4	S. Peabody	6	R. Heil
<b>Whooper Swan</b>				1/5	Scituate	20	M. Faherty
1/27	Ipswich	1	D. + I. Jewell	1/7	Southwick	12	S. Kellogg
<b>Wood Duck</b>				1/9, 30	Belmont	13, 9	D. Oliver
1/1	Worcester	pr	M. Lynch#	1/16	Marstons Mills	8	J. Liller#
1/1	Belmont	1 m	D. + I. Jewell	2/7	Pittsfield	2	R. Laubach
1/4-2/1	S. Hadley	1	H. Allen	2/21	Blackstone	2	M. Lynch
1/15	Cambr. (F.P.)	1 m	J. Barton	2/27	Northampton	3	G. d'Entremont#
1/16	Arlington	1	M. Rines	2/27	Rowley	10	J. Berry
1/17	Boston	7	J. Dekker	2/28	Eastham	20	W. Petersen
1/23	Newbypt.	1 f	R. Heil	2/28	Chilmark	20	A. Keith
1/30	Waltham	1	M. Rines	<b>Eurasian Green-winged Teal</b>			
2/27	Bolton Flats	7	M. Lynch	2/20-29	Eastham	1	G. Martin#
2/28	Wayland	4	G. Long	<b>Canvasback</b>			
2/29	Ipswich	3	J. Berry	1/1	Wachusett Res.	pr	M. Lynch#
<b>Gadwall</b>				1/1	Gloucester	3	BBC (L. de la Flor)
1/1	Belmont	31	D. + I. Jewell	1/1	Waltham	1	J. Forbes
1/4	S. Peabody	9	R. Heil	1/5	Brockton	2	M. Faherty
1/8	Cambr. (F.P.)	12	A. Joslin	1/5-2/29	Gill	1	B. Bieda + v.o.
1/9	Gloucester	23	R. Heil	1/8-9	Nantucket	7	BBC (H. Bailey)
1/9	Ipswich	12	BBC (J. Nove)	1/9	Lakeville	40	W. Petersen
1/12	Waltham	34	M. Rines	1/15	Cambr. (F.P.)	56	J. Barton
1/15	Southwick	3	S. Kellogg	1/16, 2/20	Westport	72, 136	M. Lynch#
1/16, 2/20	Somerset	47, 51	M. Lynch#	1/16	S. Boston	4	BBC (R. Stymeist)
1/23	Salisbury	14	BBC (D. + D. Oliver)	1/16	Marstons Mills	6	J. Liller#
1/26	Salem	7	R. Heil	1/17	Falmouth	17	D. Larson
2/6	Marstons Mills	26	J. Liller#	1/19, 2/1	Yarmouthport	1, 102	K. Hamilton
2/10	Gloucester	27	R. Heil	1/30	Wayland	1	J. Meyers
2/20	Wareham	12	K. Anderson	<b>Redhead</b>			
2/23	Newbypt.	34	R. Heil	thr	Charlton	1	D. Blain
<b>Eurasian Wigeon</b>				1/1-23	Plymouth	1 m	S. Moore# + v.o.
1/3-2/29	Fairhaven	1 m	M. Boucher + v.o.	1/3-09	Wachusett Res.	1 m	F. McMenemy
1/8-2/28	S. Carver	1	S. Hedman + v.o.	1/8-9	Nantucket	8	BBC (H. Bailey)
1/12	Osterville	2	J. Trimble	1/8	Salisbury	1 m	L. Clark#
1/17	Wareham	1 m	C. Wright	1/12	Osterville	1	J. Trimble
1/24-2/29	Newbypt.	1 m	P. Brown + v.o.	1/16	Westport	1 m	M. Lynch#
<b>American Wigeon</b>				<b>Ring-necked Duck</b>			
1/9	Easthampton	9	B. Bieda	1/1	Nantucket	51	G. d'Entremont#
1/9	Ipswich	35	BBC (J. Nove)	1/4	Longmeadow	7	N. Eaton
1/11	Northampton	7	E. Labato	1/7	Northampton	24	W. Lafley
1/15	Wachusett Res.	3	M. Lynch#	1/7, 16	Southwick	50, 16	S. Kellogg
1/16, 2/20	Somerset	40, 91	M. Lynch#	1/7	Quabbin (G24)	24	B. Lafley
1/16, 2/20	Swansea	22, 6	M. Lynch#	1/8	Wachusett Res.	133	S. Moore#
1/30	Turner's Falls	1	R. Packard	1/10	Natick	12	E. Taylor
2/23	Newbypt.	6	R. Heil	1/15	Cambr. (F.P.)	12	J. Barton
<b>American Black Duck</b>				1/16	Marstons Mills	115	J. Liller#
1/9, 2/6	Boston H.	1283, 696	TASL (M. Hall)	1/23, 2/23	Framingham	5, 18	K. Hamilton
1/23	Newbypt.	1800+	R. Heil	2/3	Plymouth	8	M. LaBossiere
1/30	Westport	1262	M. Boucher	2/6	Waltham	6	J. Forbes
<b>Blue-winged Teal</b>				2/21	Blackstone	7	M. Lynch
2/4, 9	Gloucester	1	J. Soucy	2/23	Chilmark	32	A. Keith
2/25	N. Middleboro	3	K. Holmes	2/24	Arlington	5	R. LaFontaine
<b>Northern Shoveler</b>				2/29	Belchertown	4	H. Allen
1/1, 2/28	Eastham	6, 4	B. Nikula, W. Petersen	<b>Tufted Duck</b>			
1/13, 17	Boston	3	A. Joslin	1/1-15	Plymouth	1	v.o.
1/15	Pembroke	1 pr	E. Giles	1/4-8	Wachusett Res.	1	F. McMenemy + v.o.
1/16	Marstons Mills	1 m	J. Liller#	<b>Greater Scaup</b>			
1/18	Wareham	1 m	M. LaBossiere	1/5	Hingham H.	30	M. Faherty
				1/7	Lakeville	30	K. Anderson

Greater Scaup (continued)				2/23	Newbypt.	320	R. Heil
1/8	Wachusett Res.	16	M. Lynch#	2/24	Nahant	350	R. Heil
1/8	Falmouth	500	ABC (S. Kellogg#)	2/26	Hadley	5	E. Labato
1/9, 2/6	Boston H.	722, 757	TASL (M. Hall)	Common Goldeneye			
1/16, 2/20	Swansea	310, 604	M. Lynch#	1/1	Ipswich	80+	J. Berry
1/16	Westport	61	M. Lynch#	1/2	Petersham	12	W. Lafley
1/16	Marstons Mills	12	J. Liller#	1/7	Holyoke	49	S. Kellogg
1/30	Swampscott	381	M. Lynch#	1/9, 2/6	Boston H.	874, 573	TASL (M. Hall)
1/30	Gloucester	23	J. Berry#	1/10	E. Gloucester	30	J. Berry
Lesser Scaup				1/16, 2/20	Swansea	228, 253	M. Lynch#
1/7-16	Southwick	2	S. Kellogg	1/16	Marstons Mills	28	J. Liller#
1/8	Wachusett Res.	3m	M. Lynch#	1/23, 2/21	Newbypt.	310, 250	R. Heil
1/9	Boston H.	6	TASL (M. Hall)	1/23	Fairhaven	900+	M. Lynch#
1/9	Pembroke	18	W. Petersen	1/31	Agawam	17	H. Allen
1/15	Cambr. (F.P.)	8	J. Barton	2/13	S. Dartmouth	120	E. Nielsen#
1/16, 2/6	Marstons Mills	32, 6	J. Liller#	2/23	Framingham	26	K. Hamilton
1/21	Framingham	1	K. Hamilton	2/29	Turners Falls	22	M. Taylor
2/13	S. Dartmouth	6	E. Nielsen#	Barrow's Goldeneye			
2/24	Nahant	123	R. Heil	1/1	Oak Bluffs	1	M. Pelikan
King Eider				1/1	Barnstable (S.N.)	1	B. Nikula
thr	Gloucester	1	v.o.	1/10, 2/9	E. Gloucester	1 m, 2 m	J. Berry
2/13	Wellfleet	1 m	D. + S. Larson#	1/15	Falmouth	3	E. Giles
2/24	Nahant	1 m	1W R. Heil	1/22	Fairhaven	1 m	BBC (R. Stymeist)
Common Eider				1/23, 2/9	Newbypt.	1 m	R. Heil, J. Brown
1/1	Quincy	100	E. Taylor	1/26	Swansea	1 pr	R. Farrell#
1/7	E. Gloucester	250	J. Berry#	1/28	Edgartown	1	A. Keith#
1/9	Bourne	530	SSBC (K. Anderson)	2/6	Nantucket	1 m	E. Ray
1/9, 2/6	Boston H.	7302, 5289	TASL (M. Hall)	2/12	Rockport	1 m	ABC (J. Weeks#)
1/16, 2/20	Westport	2272, 1080	M. Lynch#	2/13	Winthrop B.	2 m	P. + F. Vale
1/23	Fairhaven	560+	M. Lynch#	2/13	Osterville	1 m	G. Ferguson
1/23	Salisbury	500	BBC (D. + D. Oliver)	2/20	Essex	1 pr	R. Heil
2/13	S. Dartmouth	600	E. Nielsen#	Hooded Merganser			
2/20	Newbypt. H.	500	J. Berry#	1/1	Wachusett Res.	117	M. Lynch#
Harlequin Duck				1/1	Wareham	32	K. Anderson
1/9	Boston H.	1	TASL (M. Hall)	1/2	Petersham	15	W. Lafley
1/15	Orleans	21	SSBC (W. Petersen)	1/7	Lakeville	65	K. Anderson#
1/30	Rockport	81	J. Berry#	1/12	Turner's Falls	10	H. Allen
2/6	Nantucket	19	E. Ray	1/16	Marstons Mills	35	J. Liller#
2/26	Gloucester	10	J. Dekker#	1/16	Boston	39	BBC (R. Stymeist)
2/27	Sandwich	2	S. McKeon	1/16	Swansea	189	M. Lynch#
Surf Scoter				1/17	Falmouth	18	D. Larson
1/7	E. Gloucester	20+	J. Berry#	1/17	Lynn	30	R. Heil
1/9, 2/6	Boston H.	220, 134	TASL (M. Hall)	1/24, 2/23	Framingham	63, 36	K. Hamilton
1/16	Westport	66	M. Lynch#	1/30	Waltham	27	D. + D. Oliver
2/20	Bourne	35	P. + F. Vale	2/19	W. Concord	14	M. Schwoppe
2/24	Nahant	135	R. Heil	2/20	Manomet	10	K. Anderson
White-winged Scoter				2/26	Hadley	10	E. Labato
1/3	Salisbury	500	J. Berry#	2/26	Wakefield	10	P. + F. Vale
1/7	E. Gloucester	150	J. Berry#	2/28	S. Carver	16	K. Anderson
1/9, 2/6	Boston H.	281, 269	TASL (M. Hall)	Red-breasted Merganser			
1/9	Cape Ann	670	R. Heil	1/1	Wareham	20	K. Anderson
2/24	Nahant	830	R. Heil	1/1	Ipswich	29	J. Berry
Black Scoter				1/2	Somerville	9	D. Oliver
1/3	Salisbury	1 f	J. Berry#	1/7	E. Gloucester	150	J. Berry#
1/7	E. Gloucester	1 m	J. Berry#	1/9, 2/6	Boston H.	1033, 331	TASL (M. Hall)
1/9, 2/6	Boston H.	23, 12	TASL (M. Hall)	1/16, 2/20	Westport	241, 475	M. Lynch#
1/23	Rockport (A.P.)	14	P. + F. Vale	1/23	Fairhaven	25+	M. Lynch#
1/23	P.I.	8	S. Grinley	2/11	Medford	5	M. Rines
2/13	Sandwich	2 f	D. + S. Larson#	2/13	P'town (R.P.)	300	B. Nikula
Oldsquaw				2/29	Middleboro	1 m	K. Anderson
1/6	Nantucket	175,000	A. Charlder#	Common Merganser			
1/9	Boston H.	13	TASL (M. Hall)	1/1	Brewster	250	B. Nikula
1/10	Rockport (A.P.)	12	J. Soucy	1/2	N. Truro	35	J. Young
1/20	Nahant	5	A. Joslin	1/7	Quabbin (G24)	226	B. Lafley
Bufflehead				1/7	Lakeville	50	K. Anderson
1/1	Ipswich	55	J. Berry	1/7	Northampton	224	W. Lafley
1/9, 2/6	Boston H.	1715, 1235	TASL (M. Hall)	1/8, 2/27	Arlington	185, 76	M. Rines
1/14	Northampton	1	W. Lafley	1/8	Cambr. (F.P.)	104	A. Joslin
1/16, 2/20	Westport	343, 252	M. Lynch#	1/10	Stoneham	43	D. + I. Jewell
1/23	Newbypt.	250	R. Heil	1/12	Turner's Falls	90	H. Allen
1/23	Fairhaven	420+	M. Lynch#	1/15	Wachusett Res.	271	M. Lynch#
1/26	Salem	135	R. Heil	1/16	Westport	738	M. Lynch#
2/20	Swansea	156	M. Lynch	1/16	Marstons Mills	175	J. Liller#

Common Merganser (continued)

1/24, 2/23 Framingham	61, 45	K. Hamilton
2/11 Amesbury	43	J. Berry
2/20 Wachusett Res.	37	M. Lynch
2/21 Blackstone	82	M. Lynch
2/26 N. Hadley	30	E. Labato

Ruddy Duck

1/1 Brookline	50	E. Taylor
1/3 Natick	3	G. Long
1/7 Framingham	1	K. Hamilton
1/7 Lakeville	12	K. Holmes
1/9 Melrose	3	D. + I. Jewell
1/9 Wenham	19	R. Heil
1/10 E. Gloucester	67	J. Berry
1/15 Cambr. (F.P.)	5	J. Barton
1/16 Somerset	19	M. Lynch#
1/16 Boston	105	BBC (R. Stymeist)
1/16 Swansea	24	M. Lynch#
2/10 Jamaica Plain	20	B. Mayer
2/13 Orleans	52	R. Heil
2/24 Beverly	22	J. Paluzzi
2/24 Nahant	15	R. Heil
2/27 Winchester	3	M. Rines

Bald Eagle

1/1 Plymouth	1 imm	D. + S. Larson
1/2 N. Dartmouth	1	M. Boucher
1/3 Quabbin Park	1 ad, 1 imm	E. Labato
1/7 Lakeville	2 ad, 1 imm	K. Holmes
1/7 Quabbin (G24)	2 ad, 1 sub-ad	B. Laflay
1/8, 2/11 Amesbury	2 ad, 2 imm	I. Lynch, J. Berry
1/8 Hadley	1 imm	M. Williams
1/17 Bourne	1 ad	R. Stymeist#
1/23 Newbyp. Area	5-6	MAS (P. Roberts)
1/23 W. Newbury	2 ads.	R. Heil
1/24, 28 Framingham	1 ad	K. Hamilton
1/27 Ipswich	2	D. + I. Jewell
1/29-31 Millbury	1 ad	D. Berard
1/30 Lincoln	1	P. Roberts
2/thr Newbyp.	6 total	R. Heil
2/2 Salisbury	1 ad	C. Ralph#
2/2 Waltham	1 ad	C. Ralph
2/3 Assonet	2	S. Kelly
2/5 Framingham	1 ad	K. Hamilton
2/6 Billerica	1	B. Green
2/5 Medford	1 ad	R. LaFontaine
2/7 Northampton	1 ad	B. Packard
2/12 Hadley	2 ad	M. Lynch
2/13 Westport	2	E. Nielsen#
2/17 Gay Head	1 imm	A. Fischer
2/20 Salisbury	2 ad	J. Berry#
2/27 W. Gloucester	1	J. Nelson
2/29 Pepperell	1 sub ad	T. Pirro

Northern Harrier

1/2, 2/13 DWWS	12, 9	S. Moore, P. Roberts
1/7 Wayland	1 f	K. Hamilton
1/9 Medfield	1	E. Morrier
1/16, 2/thr Cumb. Farms	4, 2	K. Anderson
1/16, 2/20 Westport	1, 1	M. Lynch#
1/23 Newbyp. area	7	R. Heil
1/27 E. Boston (B.I.)	1 imm	A. Joslin
1/28 Rockport	1	M. Flor
1/30 Winthrop	1 imm.	M. Lynch#
2/5 W. Bridgewater	3	S. Arena
2/5 Fairhaven	1	D. Larson
2/13 Rowley	1 m	J. Berry
2/14 P.I.	1	J. Berry
2/18 Adams	1	R. Rancatti
2/19 Salisbury	1	P. + F. Vale

Sharp-shinned Hawk

thr Reports of indiv. from 30 locations

Cooper's Hawk		
1/5-7 S. Boston	2 imm	R. Donovan
1/8 Hadley	1 ad, 1 imm	E. Labato

thr Reports of indiv. from 44 locations

Northern Goshawk		
1/1 E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson
1/2 S. Quabbin	1	H. Allen
1/2 Boston (Long I.)	1 imm	R. Donovan
1/8 E. Boxford	1 imm	J. Brown#
1/26 Newton	1 ph	A. Cadell
1/26 N. Pepperell	1	G. Coffee
2/2 N. Orange	1 ad	M. Taylor
2/4 Waban	1	P. Gilmore
2/9 Dennis	1	D. Crockett
2/12 Royalston	1 ad	B. Kane
2/13 Medfield	1	E. Morrier
2/21 Templeton	1	T. Pirro
2/26 Chappaquiddick	1 ad	A. Ben David

Red-shouldered Hawk

1/1 W. Barnstable	1 ad	B. Nikula
1/3 Weston	1	M. Rines
1/7 Mendon	2	D. Moffett
1/7 Lakeville	1	K. Anderson
1/8-2/4 Sudbury	2 ad	K. Hamilton
1/18 Fairhaven	1	M. Boucher
1/23 Salisbury	1 imm.	R. Heil
2/5 Dartmouth	1 ad	D. Larson
2/5 Squantum	1 imm	G. d'Entremont
2/5 P.I.	1	P. Roberts
2/7 Lincoln	1	M. Rines
2/12 Hanover	1	G. Ferguson
2/20 Plymouth	1	P. + F. Vale
2/21-29 E. Middleboro	pr	K. Anderson
2/21 Taunton	1	J. Hoye#
2/27 N. Middleboro	1	K. Holmes

Red-tailed Hawk

1/16 Boston	8 BBC	(R. Stymeist)
1/23 Newbyp. Area	27	P. Roberts#
1/23 DWWS	5	M. Lynch#
1/30 Winthrop	4	M. Lynch#
2/9 Newbyp area	25	R. Heil
2/13 DWWS	9	P. Roberts

Rough-legged Hawk

1/2 Ipswich	1 dk	D. Jacques
1/6 Salisbury, P.I.	1 dk, 1 lt	M. Rines
1/16 Cumb. Farms	2	K. Anderson#
1/23 Salisbury	4	BBC (D. + D. Oliver)
1/23 Newbyp.	3 lt	R. Heil
1/24 Medfield	2	E. Morrier
1/28, 2/22 Boston (Logan)	1, 7	N. Smith
1/29 DWWS	4	D. Williams
1/30, 2/9 W. Bridgewater	1, 5	M. Faherty
1/30-2/29 Lexington	1 lt	M. Rines

2/1-29 Reports of indiv. from 10 locations

2/2 Newbyp. Area	3	MAS (R. Gough#)
2/5 P.I.	2 dk	P. Roberts
2/8, 2/16 Rowley	1, 2	J. Berry#
2/12, 2/20 DWWS	12, 11	N. Smith
2/14 P.I.	2 lt	J. Berry
2/17 Westport	2 lt	E. Giles
2/21 Newbyp area	11	R. Heil
2/23 Salisbury	4	MAS (N. Soulette#)

American Kestrel

1/1, 30 Westboro	1	A. Boover
1/2 Arlington	1	L. Reiner
1/2 Essex	1	D. Jacques
1/5 Northampton	1	B. Bieda
1/11, 2/24 Hadley	1, 1	H. Allen
1/20, 2/24 W. Bridgewater	2, 1	M. Faherty
1/27 E. Boston (B.I.)	1 m	A. Joslin
1/30 Northampton	1	S. Surner
1/30 Winthrop	2	M. Lynch#
2/5 Fairhaven	1	D. Larson
2/10 Danvers	1	K. Haley
2/13 Rowley	1	ABC (J. Weeks#)
2/19, 27 Salisbury	1	P. + F. Vale

American Kestrel (continued)				2/21	Arlington	99	K. Hartel
2/20 Wellfleet	1	P. + F. Vale		<b>Sandhill Crane</b>			
2/21 Rowley	1 m	BBC (J. Berry)		thr	Fairhaven	1-3	E. Giles + v.o.
2/24 Waltham	1	J. Forbes		Black-bellied Plover			
Merlin				1/23 Nantucket		2	fide E. Ray
2/21 Newbypt.	2	R. Heil		2/13 E. Sandwich		3	G. Ferguson
thr				Killdeer			
Reports of indiv. from 34 locations				1/1 E. Sandwich		4	B. Nikula
<b>Peregrine Falcon</b>				1/1 Fairhaven		5	M. Boucher
1/1, 2/21 Worcester	1 ad, pr	M. Lynch#		1/2-30 Plymouth		1	S. Moore# + v.o.
1/2, 27 Chilmark	1, 1	A. Keith		1/5 Hingham H.		4	M. Faherty
1/5, 2/5 Hadley	1, 1	E. Labato		1/29 Cape Ann	1BBC	(L. Ferrarasso)	
1/9 Boston	2 ad	R. Stymeist#		2/20 Duxbury B.		1	L. Cleveland
1/22 New Bedford	1	D. + S. Larson		2/23 Groton		2	T. Pirro
1/23 Mansfield	1	K. Anderson		2/24 Lynn		2	R. Heil
1/27, 2/17 Brockton	1, 1	M. Faherty		2/24 W. Bridgewater		12	M. Faherty
1/29 Salisbury	1 ad	P. + F. Vale		2/24 Canton		1	M. Burns
2/10, 23 Boston	4, 3	K. Hudson		2/24 Fairhaven		6	K. Anderson
2/13 Westport	1 imm	E. Nielsen#		2/24 Amherst		1	S. Sumner
2/16 Rochester	1 imm	M. LaBossiere		2/26 Concord		2	M. Rines
2/20 Swansea	1 imm	M. Lynch		2/27 Westport		4	R. Heil
2/20 Bourne	1 ad	P. + F. Vale		American Oystercatcher			
2/20 Westport	1	M. Boucher		2/27 Edgartown		2	J. Ben David
2/26 Chappaquiddick	1	A. Ben David		<b>Greater Yellowlegs</b>			
<b>Ring-necked Pheasant</b>				1/1 E. Sandwich		3	B. Nikula
1/1, 4 W. Newbury	6, 8	S. Moore#, T. Roberts		1/7 Swansea		2	R. Farrell
<b>Ruffed Grouse</b>				1/8 Sandwich		1	ABC (S. Kellogg#)
1/7, 15 Pepperell	2, 1	E. Stromsted		1/9 Boston H.		1	TASL (M. Hall)
1/8 Quabbin (G40)	2	R. Packard		1/12 Winthrop		1	D. Larson
1/8 Whately	1	M. Williams		2/5 W. Tisbury		1	W. Manter
2/4 E. Boxford	1	J. Brown#		<b>Lesser Yellowlegs</b>			
2/6 Wayland	1	G. Long		1/1 S. Dartmouth		1	M. Boucher
2/20 ONWR	1	J. Bartos		<b>Whimbrel</b>			
<b>Wild Turkey</b>				1/8 Yarmouth		1	C. Buelow#
1/2 N. Beverly	33	J. Soucy#		<b>Ruddy Turnstone</b>			
1/8 Bridgewater	5	K. Holmes		1/1 Nantucket		59	G. d'Entremont#
1/8 Danvers	3	I. Lynch		1/9 Gloucester		2	R. Heil
1/9 Petersham	31	M. Lynch#		1/9 Boston H.		77	TASL (M. Hall)
1/16 Templeton	62	T. Pirro		1/9, 2/24 Fairhaven		35, 30	K. Anderson
1/19 Yarmouthport	1	K. Hamilton		1/23 Nantucket		10	fide E. Ray
1/19 Westwood	3	G. Long		2/7 Salem		8	L. Healey
1/23 Orange	70+	R. Stymeist#		2/13 E. Sandwich		12	G. Ferguson
1/28 Middleboro	22	L. Garafalo		<b>Sanderling</b>			
1/29 Athol	11	G. d'Entremont#		1/7 Falmouth		45	R. Farrell
2/4 E. Middleboro	5	K. Anderson		1/8-9 Nantucket		200	BBC (H. Bailey)
2/6 Plympton	9	K. Anderson		1/9 P'town		200	B. Nikula
2/9 Westfield	29	R. Packard		1/9, 2/6 Boston H.		51, 48	TASL (M. Hall)
2/9 Westhampton	29	B. Packard		1/30 P'town		239	T. Raymond
2/12 Lincoln	6	E. Nelson-Melby		2/20 Bourne		100	P. + F. Vale
2/17 Royalston	24	R. Packard		2/21 Salisbury		55+	R. Heil
2/21 Ipswich	4	J. Nelson		<b>Purple Sandpiper</b>			
2/24 Lanesboro	35	B. Lafley		1/1 Nantucket		5	G. d'Entremont#
<b>Northern Bobwhite</b>				1/9 Gloucester		325	R. Heil
1/18, 2/1 Yarmouthport	11	K. Hamilton		1/20 Nahant		5	A. Joslin
2/26 Truro	6	J. Young		1/23 Fairhaven		8	M. Lynch#
<b>Yellow Rail *</b>				1/30 Rockport		40	J. Berry#
1/17, 19 Nantucket	3, 1	F. Gallo + v.o.		2/12 Chilmark		19	L. Raleigh
<b>Virginia Rail</b>				2/13 E. Sandwich		8	G. Ferguson
1/1 Nantucket	1	G. d'Entremont#		2/16 Salisbury		15	M. Taylor#
1/20 New Braintree	1	C. Buelow		2/20 Bourne		32	P. + F. Vale
1/22 Northbridge	1	M. Lynch#		2/24 Beverly		16	J. Paluzzi
1/24 Edgartown	1	R. Knight		<b>Dunlin</b>			
<b>American Coot</b>				1/1 F.E.		500+	B. Nikula
1/1 Westboro	1	A. Boover		1/1 Ipswich		2	J. Berry
1/1, 2/26 Worcester	13, 15	M. Lynch#		1/1 Westport		250	M. Boucher
1/2 Boston	11	A. Joslin		1/9, 2/24 Fairhaven		75, 20	K. Anderson
1/7, 15 Southwick	9, 25	S. Kellogg		1/30 P'town		110	R. Heil
1/8-9 Nantucket	37	BBC (H. Bailey)		2/13 E. Sandwich		24	G. Ferguson
1/16 Marstons Mills	30	J. Liller#		2/24 Nahant		250	R. Heil
1/17, 2/4 Lynn	17, 8	R. Heil		2/27 Rowley		12	J. Berry
2/6 Marstons Mills	8	J. Liller#		2/29 Duxbury B.		100	C. Fiorini#
2/10 Jamaica Plain	8	B. Mayer		<b>Common Snipe</b>			
2/11 Woburn	16	M. Rines		1/1 Nantucket		1	G. d'Entremont#
2/20 Swansea	7	M. Lynch					

<b>Common Snipe (continued)</b>				2/6	Barre	1 ad	M. Lynch
1/3	Squantum	1	R. Donovan	2/8	Northampton	1	W. Laflay
1/9	Bourne	2SSBC	(K. Anderson)	2/13	Chatham	2 ad	D. + S. Larson#
1/22	Northbridge	1	M. Lynch#	2/19	Rockport (H.P.)	1	BBC (J. Nove)
1/23	Newbypt.	3	R. Heil	<b>Lesser Black-backed Gull</b>			
1/24	Wayland	1	G. Long	1/9-31	Boston	1	R. Stymeist + v.o.
1/28	Oak Bluffs	1	A. Keith	1/18	Nantucket	10	J. Trimble#
2/13	Sandwich	6	D. + S. Larson#	1/25	Edgartown	1	V. Laux
<b>American Woodcock</b>				1/30	Gloucester (E.P.)	1 3W	M. Lynch#
1/1, 2/26	Truro	3, 6	J. Young	2/5-06	Nantucket	2	E. Ray
1/28	Oak Bluffs	1	A. Keith	2/6	Barre	1 ad	M. Lynch
2/27	DWWS	8	R. Heil	2/9-29	Newbypt.	1 ad	graellsii R. Heil
2/27	Lexington	2	A. Joslin	2/11	Hadley	1	H. Allen
2/27	Bolton Flats	7	M. Lynch	2/12	Northampton	1 3W	M. Lynch
<b>Phalarope species</b>				2/26	P'town (R.P.)	1 ad	B. Nikula
1/29	Nantucket	1	K. Blackshaw#	2/28	Hadley	3	P. Champlin
<b>Little Gull</b>				<b>Glaucous Gull</b>			
1/1	Oak Bluffs	1	M. Pelikan	1/2	Lowell	1 imm	M. Resch
<b>Black-headed Gull</b>				1/5	Gill	1 1W	M. Taylor
1/1	Barnstable	1 1W	B. Nikula	1/6, 9	S. Boston	1 ad, 1 imm	R. Donovan
1/1-2/10	Plymouth	1	S. Moore# + v.o.	1/10	West Tisbury	1	W. Manter
1/4, 2/28S.	Boston	1, 1	R. Donovan	1/12	Gloucester H.	1 ad	D. Larson
1/5	Gloucester	1	MAS (N. Soulette#)	1/23	Plymouth	1 1W	C. Floyd
1/7, 2/21	Newbypt.	1, 1	K. Disney, R. Heil	1/28	Gloucester H.	1 imm	B. Volkle#
1/12	Osterville	1 ad	J. Trimble	1/30	Boston (Long I.)	1	S. Donovan#
1/15	Easton	1 1 W	S. Arena	2/3	Turners Falls	1 1W	M. Taylor
1/18	Nantucket	1 yg	J. Trimble#	2/6	Northampton	1 2W	E. Labato
1/2, 10	Lynn	1 ad	J. Quigley	2/9	Salisbury	3 1W	MAS (N. Soulette#)
1/20	Brockton	1	M. Faherty	2/13	Gloucester (E.P.)	1	R. Lewis
1/23-31	Oak Bluffs	1	M. Pelikan#	2/16	W. Boylston	2	E. Salmela
1/26	Lynn	1 ad	WP R. Heil	2/19	Plymouth H.	1	L. Cleveland#
1/28-30	Waltham	1 1W	J. Michaels	2/21	Newbypt.	2 (1W, 2W)	R. Heil
1/30	Winthrop	1 ad	M. Lynch#	2/27	Westport	1 1W	R. Heil
2/1-9	Oak Bluffs	1 imm	M. Pelikan#	2/28	Hadley	2 imm	P. Champlin
2/5	Easton	1 imm	S. Arena	<b>Black-legged Kittiwake</b>			
<b>Bonaparte's Gull</b>				1/1	Nantucket	8	G. d'Entremont#
1/3	Salisbury	2	J. Berry#	1/9, 30	P'town (R.P.)	400, 800	B. Nikula
1/4	Lynn	1 ad	J. Quigley	1/10	Rockport (A.P.)	140	J. Soucy#
1/7	E. Gloucester	7	J. Berry#	1/23, 2/9P.I.		7, 5	R. Heil
1/9	Ipswich	2	BBC (J. Nove)	2/10	Rockport (A.P.)	57	R. Heil
1/9	Fairhaven	1	SSBC (K. Anderson)	2/13, 21	P'town (R.P.)	205, 300	B. Nikula
1/9, 2/6	Boston H.	5, 2	TASL (M. Hall)	<b>Dovekie</b>			
1/10	Rockport (A.P.)	40	J. Soucy#	1/6	Rockport	1	M. Flor
2/6	Nantucket	2500	E. Ray	2/5, 13	P'town (R.P.)	1, 1	B. Nikula
<b>Mew Gull *</b>				<b>Common Murre</b>			
1/10-2/25	S. Boston	1-2	W. Zuzevich + v.o.	2/12	Chatham	1	J. Flaherty#
<b>Ring-billed Gull</b>				2/17	Nantucket	1	E. Ray
1/1	Worcester	550+	M. Lynch#	2/26	P'town (R.P.)	1	J. Young
1/12	S. Boston	1500+	R. Donovan	2/26	Chappaquiddick	1	A. Ben David
2/23	Newbypt.	880	R. Heil	<b>Thick-billed Murre</b>			
2/24	Nahant	385	R. Heil	2/10	Rockport (A.P.)	2	R. Heil
2/24	Lynn	325	R. Heil	<b>Razorbill</b>			
<b>Herring Gull</b>				1/8	Rockport (A.P.)	150	M. Rines
2/6	Nantucket	5000	E. Ray	1/30, 2/5	Truro	40, 30	B. Nikula
2/23	Newbypt.	6500	R. Heil	1/30	P'town (R.P.)	400	R. Heil
<b>Iceland Gull</b>				2/9	Salisbury	8	R. Heil
1/4-16	Acton	1 imm	M. Resch + v.o.	2/12	Wellfleet	4	J. Hoyer#
1/10	Littleton	1 imm	M. Resch	2/13	P'town (R.P.)	500	B. Nikula
1/18	Nantucket	85	J. Trimble#	2/13	Wellfleet	50	D. + S. Larson#
1/21, 2/29	Pepperell	1	E. Stromsted	2/18	Rockport (A.P.)	52	J. Soucy
1/23, 2/9	Newbypt.	5, 23	R. Heil	2/20	Bourne	1	P. + F. Vale
1/25	Edgartown	4	V. Laux	2/26	P'town (R.P.)	1000	J. Young
1/26	E. Orleans	3	A. Williams	2/27	Rockport (A.P.)	87	B. Kane
1/26	Lynn	2 ad	R. Heil	2/29	Gay Head	32	A. Keith
1/27	Waltham	1	M. Rines	<b>Black Guillemot</b>			
1/28	Oak Bluffs	1	A. Keith#	1/1	Rockport (H.P.)	2	BBC (J. Nove)
1/28	Bourne	1 1W	M. LaBossiere	1/8	Gloucester (B.R.)	20	M. Rines
1/30, 2/26	P'town	16, 13	T. Raymond, J. Young	1/9	Boston H.	5	TASL (M. Hall)
1/30	Gloucester (E.P.)	4 1W	M. Lynch#	1/23	Rockport (A.P.)	6	P. + F. Vale
2/1	S. Hadley	1	H. Allen	1/30	Cape Ann	44	R. Heil
2/2	Salisbury	1	C. Ralph#	2/21	Gloucester (B.R.)	29	P. + F. Vale
2/5	Hadley	1 1W	E. Labato	<b>Atlantic Puffin</b>			
2/5	Truro	6+	B. Nikula	1/9	Rockport (A.P.)	1	D. Chickering#



Razorbill				1/30	P'town (R.P.)	550	B. Nikula
1/30	P'town (R.P.)	30+	B. Nikula	2/5	P'town (R.P.)	340	B. Nikula
1/30	Truro	40+	B. Nikula	2/5	Truro	140	B. Nikula
2/5	Truro	30	B. Nikula	2/13	P'town (R.P.)	1000	B. Nikula
2/5	P'town (R.P.)	60	B. Nikula	2/21	P'town (R.P.)	2850 (1.5 hrs)	B. Nikula
2/13	P'town (R.P.)	500	B. Nikula	2/26	P'town (R.P.)	450	B. Nikula
2/26	P'town (R.P.)	100	B. Nikula	Monk Parakeet			
large alcid species				2/21	S. Dartmouth	7	J. Hoye#
1/30	Truro	180	B. Nikula				

## OWLS THROUGH FINCHES

The mild weather for the first twelve days of the year accounted for a sizable population of what we New Englanders refer to as hardy lingerers. Despite a cold snap at Christmas which decimated some of those less hardy individuals that were recorded on the various CBCs, the numbers of Eastern Bluebirds, Hermit Thrushes, American Robins, Gray Catbirds, and Eastern Towhees were better than the average mid-winter numbers. Other species that appeared in better than normal numbers included Yellow-bellied Sapsucker with over 11 reports, 2 Eastern Phoebes, 9 species of warblers, and good numbers of sparrows and other "field" birds that took advantage of our almost snowless winter and were able to feed in areas that would normally be covered in snow.

It was a good winter for owls (Hot Birds, page 184), and the show continued through the period with many of the same individuals still present since last November. At Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary as many as 12 Long-eared and 4 Short-eared owls were part of the nightly entertainment for many birders this winter. Some there were lucky to add a Great Horned and Barred owl to the menu. At Boston's Logan Airport a Barn Owl was found along with as many as 5 Snowy Owls. This year Norman Smith of the Trailside Museum has captured two females and a male Snowy at the airport and has placed a transmitter on the birds to try to track their comings and goings. The literature says that Snowy Owls that come to New England may never make it back to the Arctic, and Norman hopes to prove this theory wrong. Stay tuned. There were 29 reports of Barred Owls and 11 Northern Saw-whets, two of which delighted birders from both sides of the trail at Dunback Meadow in Lexington.

The banner year for Northern Shrikes continued. Over 60 birds were noted during this period, and they were widespread throughout the state (Hot Birds, page 184). Pileated Woodpeckers seemed to be everywhere too, at least 17 different locations with most reporting a pair. Carolina Wrens appreciated the mild winter and have rebounded back to beyond their highest numbers, and there were many Winter Wrens noted. On the low side were Red-breasted Nuthatches and Brown Creepers, especially in western Massachusetts which reported the fewest nuthatches since 1986 and the lowest number of creepers since 1987. A report of 7 Monk Parakeets from South Dartmouth proved that they are determined to establish a foothold in Massachusetts; their nest had been taken down by the power company last summer.

The flashy birds were scattered about the state. Feeder stakeouts included a Boreal Chickadee in West Newbury, a Western Tanager in Orleans, and an Oregon Junco and a Hoary Redpoll at Arcadia in Easthampton. Another feeder bird of sorts (whose continuous presence was encouraged by the kindness of many birders) was a Spotted Towhee in Hadley, the first regional sighting. The feeder at Daniel Webster Sanctuary was well stocked as well as observed by birders coming for the nightly raptor show. A Gambel's White-crowned Sparrow joined a Clay-colored Sparrow and a few Fox Sparrows at the "cool" feeder. Two Sedge Wrens were flushed alongside as many as 8 Marsh Wrens in a marsh on Nantucket, and another Hoary Redpoll was found at Halibut Point in Rockport. A Yellow-headed Blackbird was present for three days in North Dartmouth.

Royalston Common played host to over 200 Bohemian Waxwings at one point this winter (Hot Birds, page 184). This picturesque town welcomed birders throughout the winter, and some were lucky enough to see not only Bohemians but also Pine Grosbeaks, Evening Grosbeaks, Common Redpolls, and Pine Siskins. Other large flocks of Bohemians were found in Orange and Wellfleet and in smaller numbers in several other towns. There were good numbers of Cedar Waxwings with many flocks of over 100 individuals. Numbers of Common Redpolls were impressive and were reported from just about everywhere, while reports of Purple Finch were as scarce as they have been for the last seven winters. Evening Grosbeaks were relatively scarce and for the most part confined to northern sections of the state. R.H.S.

<b>Barn Owl</b>				<b>Belted Kingfisher</b>			
1/1	Nantucket	3	G. d'Entremont#	1/1	Newbypt.	1	P. + F. Vale
1/6	Boston (Logan)	1	N. Smith	1/1	Wareham	1	K. Anderson
1/18	Nantucket	2	J. Trimble#	1/1	Wachusett Res.	2	M. Lynch#
1/20	S. Dartmouth	1	S. Storer	1/2	Hardwick	1	H. Allen
<b>Eastern Screech-Owl</b>				1/4	Southwick	1	H. Allen
thr	Reports of indiv. from 15 locations			1/7	Agawam	1	S. Kellogg
<b>Great Horned Owl</b>				1/7	Hadley	1	B. Bieda
2/21	Wayland	2	G. Long	1/8	Lakeville	1	K. Holmes
thr	Reports of indiv. from 12 locations			1/8	Boston	1	G. d'Entremont
<b>Snowy Owl</b>				1/8	Cheshire	1	R. Rancatti
1/1-31	Boston (Logan)	3-5	N. Smith	1/9	Worcester	1	M. Lynch#
1/8	P.I.	1	L. Clark#	1/9	Ipswich	1	BBC (J. Nove)
1/9	Boston H.	1	TASL (M. Hall)	1/16	Westport	2	M. Lynch#
1/9	Rockport (H.P.)	1 imm	P. Meleski#	1/16	Wayland	1	G. Long
1/15	Salisbury	1	J. Soucy#	2/20	Eastham (F.E.)	1	P. + F. Vale
2/1-29	Boston (Logan)	1-3	N. Smith	<b>Red-headed Woodpecker</b>			
2/1-29	Duxbury B.	1-2	N. Smith	1/1-2/20	Natick	1	G. + L. Long
2/13-23	P.I.	1	J. Weeks + v.o.	<b>Red-bellied Woodpecker</b>			
2/17	Nantucket	2	B. Perkins	1/1	W. Boylston	pr	M. Lynch#
<b>Barred Owl</b>				1/1	S. Dartmouth	2	M. Boucher
thr	Reports of indiv. from 29 locations			1/1-31	S. Middleboro	pr	C. Sylvia
<b>Long-eared Owl</b>				1/7	Sudbury	2 m	K. Hamilton
1/2	DWWS	2	S. Moore#	1/8	Worc. (BMB)	3	J. Liller
1/5	Southwick	1	S. Kellogg	1/8-9	Nantucket	2	BBC (H. Bailey)
2/1-29	Duxbury B.	4 max	2/17 N. Smith	1/30	Maynard	2	L. Nachtrab
2/6	Newbypt.	1	P. Grimes	2/6	Hadley	1	E. Labato
2/12, 20	DWWS	9, 12	N. Smith	2/21	Blackstone	2	M. Lynch
2/28	Edgartown	1	A. Keith	2/21	Easthampton	1	S. Smolen-Morton
<b>Short-eared Owl</b>				2/27	S. Natick	2	D. + S. Larson
1/thr	P.I.	1	v.o.	2/27	Westport	4	R. Heil
1/6	Boston (Logan)	2	N. Smith	2/28	Wayland	2	G. Long
1/8, 2/27	Salisbury	1	I. Lynch, F. Vale	<b>Yellow-bellied Sapsucker</b>			
1/9	Halifax	2	W. Zuzevich	1/thr	S. Middleboro	1 f	C. Sylvia
1/23	Fairhaven	1	M. Lynch#	1/thr	M.V.	4 v.o., fide	A. Keith
1/23	DWWS	1	M. Lynch#	1/1-15	Mt.A.	1	R. Stymeist#
1/29	Chappaquiddick	1	E. + R. Potter	1/6	Dennis	1	M. Tuttle
1/30	Boston (Moon I.)	1	R. Donovan	1/19	Nantucket	2	fide E. Ray
1/30, 2/27	Rowley	2, 3	J. Berry	1/23	Mattapoisett	1	F. Smith
2/thr	P.I.	3	D. Williams#	1/25-2/16	Westfield	1	J. Weeks
2/thr	Duxbury B.	2-3	N. Smith	<b>Hairy Woodpecker</b>			
2/thr	Boston (Logan)	2-6	N. Smith	1/1, 2/22	Mattapoisett	2, 3	F. Smith
2/3-29	E. Middleboro	1-2	K. Anderson	1/2	Medford	2	M. Rines
2/3	Nantucket	1	K. Blackshaw#	1/2	Phillipston	2	P. + F. Vale
2/5	Cumb. Farms	4	D. Larson	1/2	Truro	4	J. Young
2/6	S. Dartmouth	1	S. Storer	1/3	W. Newbury	4	J. Berry#
2/9	Newbypt.	1	MAS (N. Soulette#)	1/9	Royalston	4	M. Lynch#
2/13	Truro	1	D. Bandes	1/16	Quabbin Park	2	D. + S. Larson
2/24	DWWS	4	T. Pirro#	1/21	Maynard	3	L. Nachtrab
2/27	Concord (NAC)	1	S. Perkins#	1/30	Quabbin (43)	4	R. Packard
<b>Northern Saw-whet Owl</b>				2/10	Lexington	2	J. Forbes
1/1	Nantucket	2	G. d'Entremont#	2/21	Blackstone	2	M. Lynch
1/2	Petersham	1	W. Lafley	2/28	Wayland	2	G. Long
1/6	Plympton	1	J. Shaw	<b>Northern Flicker</b>			
1/24	Groton	1	T. Pirro	1/1	W. Boylston	4	M. Lynch#
1/30	Boston (Long I.)	1	R. Donovan#	1/1	Nantucket	10	G. d'Entremont#
2/2	Salisbury	1	F. Vale#	1/3	Groton	2	T. Pirro
2/7	Nahant	1	S. Tomajran	1/6	Adams	2	R. Rancatti
2/18-29	Lexington	2	M. Rines + v.o.	1/7	Hadley	2	H. Allen
2/27	Chilmark	1	A. Keith	1/16	Westport	4	M. Lynch#

Northern Flicker (continued)				1/20	New Braintree	20	C. Buelow
1/23	Fairhaven	4	M. Lynch#	1/22	Fairhaven	155	BBC (R. Stymeist)
2/4	Ipswich	2-3	J. Berry	1/23	Newbypt.	150+	R. Heil
2/6	Hingham	7	K. Vespaziani	1/23	P.I.	12	S. Grinley
2/20	DWWS	4	P. + F. Vale	1/30	P'town	11	T. Raymond
2/21	Blackstone	2	M. Lynch	2/5	Cumb. Farms	40	D. Larson
2/27	S. Natick	3	D. + S. Larson	2/6	Salisbury	50	D. Williams#
Pileated Woodpecker				2/7	Northampton	192	B. Packard
thr	Pepperell	1-2	E. Stromsted	2/9	Hadley	118	B. Packard
1/1	Wachusett Res.	1	M. Lynch#	2/9	Westhampton	19	B. Packard
1/3	IRWS	3	I. Lynch	2/26	Fairhaven	100	J. Berry
1/7	Quabbin (G24)	1	B. Lafley	<b>Boreal Chickadee</b>			
1/8	Whatley	1	M. Williams	1/1-9	West Newbury	1 D. + W. Monroe + v.o.	
1/20	Carlisle	1 f	J. Keskulla	Red-breasted Nuthatch			
1/23	Hingham	1	J. Rogers	1/1, 2/22	Mattapoisett	2	F. Smith
1/23	Milton	1	W. Zuzevich	1/1	Nantucket	3	G. d'Entremont#
1/24	Manchester	1 m	S. Hedman	1/3	P.I.	3	D. + I. Jewell
1/30	Quabbin (43)	3	R. Packard	1/8	Mt.A.	2	R. Stymeist
2/2	E. Boxford	2	J. Brown#	1/9	Petersham	3	M. Lynch#
2/12, 20	Westford	1	S. Selesky	1/29	Boxborough	4	J. Michaels
2/13	HRWMA	1	T. Pirro	1/30	Pittsfield	2	T. Collins
2/17	Royalston	1	B. Packard	2/5	Wellfleet	6	R. Stymeist#
2/20	Gardner	1	M. Daley#	2/12	Westford	2	S. Selesky
2/21	Easthampton	2	S. Smolen-Morton	2/13	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson
2/28	Groton	1	T. Pirro	2/13	Gardner	3	T. Pirro
Eastern Phoebe				2/17	Royalston	2	B. Packard
1/1	E. Sandwich	1	B. Nikula	2/20	WBWS	2	P. + F. Vale
1/29	Wayland	1	B. Howell	<b>Brown Creeper</b>			
Northern Shrike				1/1	Truro	3	J. Young
1/8	Hadley	3	M. Williams	1/1, 2/22	Mattapoisett	3, 4	F. Smith
1/15	Petersham	2	S. Moore#	1/1-31	Maynard	2	L. Nachtrab
1/23, 2/21	P.I.	2, 2	R. Heil	1/29	S. Quabbin	2	G. d'Entremont#
2/5	W. Bridgewater	1 ad, 2 imm	S. Arena	1/30	Quabbin (43)	2	R. Packard
2/24	DWWS	1 ad, 1 imm	T. Pirro#	1/thr	Ipswich	2	J. Berry
2/27	Bolton Flats	2 ad	M. Lynch	2/12	Hadley	2	M. Lynch
2/27	Lexington	2	M. Rines	2/13	Gardner	4	T. Pirro
thr	Reports of indiv. from 43 locations			2/27	S. Natick	2	D. + S. Larson
American Crow				<b>Carolina Wren</b>			
1/1-31	Framingham	8000+	E. Taylor	1/1	Nantucket	7	G. d'Entremont#
1/5	Fitchburg	1500	T. Brownrigg	1/9	Cape Ann	9	R. Heil
1/9, 2/19	Worcester	700, 600	M. Lynch#	1/13-2/21	Easthampton	1	B. Bieda
1/24	Brighton	4000+	M. Partridge	1/18	Amherst	1	H. Allen
2/1-29	N. Dartmouth	1000 max	M. Boucher	1/29	Boxborough	2	J. Michaels
Fish Crow				1/30	Truro	7	R. Heil
1/1	Watertown	6	R. Stymeist#	2/4	Athol	1	B. Coyle
1/2	Northampton	1	R. Packard	2/5	Orleans	10	M. Rines#
1/2	Boston (A.A.)	6	A. Joslin	2/13	Northampton	1	S. Sumner
1/9	Worcester	1	M. Lynch#	2/21	Blackstone	4	M. Lynch
1/9	Medford	2	M. Rines	2/21	Fairhaven	4	E. Salmela
1/11	Waltham	1	M. Rines	2/26	Lexington	4	M. Rines
1/13	Easthampton	3	H. Allen	2/27	Westport	36	R. Heil
1/16	Mattapan	10	BBC (R. Stymeist)	<b>House Wren</b>			
2/3	Seekonk	1	R. Farrell	1/9	Halifax	1	W. Zuzevich
2/21	Blackstone	1	M. Lynch	1/24	Winchester	1	M. Rines
2/27	Easthampton	1	J. Hoye#	<b>Winter Wren</b>			
Common Raven				1/1	Nantucket	1	G. d'Entremont#
1/8	Quabbin (G40)	2	R. Packard	1/2	Stoneham	1	D. + I. Jewell
1/8	Whatley	1	M. Williams	1/2	Winchester	1	M. Rines
1/16	Quabbin Park	2 ad	D. + S. Larson	1/8	Cheshire	1	R. Rancanti
1/29	Petersham	1	G. d'Entremont#	1/20	New Braintree	1	C. Buelow
1/29	Athol	6	G. d'Entremont#	1/22	Northbridge	1	M. Lynch#
1/30	Pittsfield	4	T. Collins	1/23	Fairhaven	1	S. Hedman#
2/10	Royalston	2	M. Rines	1/24	Wayland	3	G. Long
2/13	Barre F.D.	pr	M. Lynch	2/4	S. Peabody	1	R. Heil
2/29	Turners Falls	2	M. Taylor	2/5	Malden	1	P. Vale
Horned Lark				2/11	Westport	2	R. Farrell#
1/6	Northampton	25	B. Lafley	2/13	Orleans	1	R. Heil
1/8	Amherst	10	M. Williams	2/19	Lexington	1	Sa. Miller
1/9	Halifax	150+	W. Zuzevich	2/21	Blackstone	1	M. Lynch
1/9	Bourne	16	SSBC (K. Anderson)	<b>Sedge Wren</b>			
1/9	GMNWR	70	A. Bragg	1/7-19	Nantucket	2	R. Veit + v.o.
1/13	Hadley	200	H. Allen	<b>Marsh Wren</b>			
1/15	Salisbury	58	P. + F. Vale	1/1-6	Dorchester	1	R. Donovan

Marsh Wren (continued)				Gray Catbird			
1/9	Gloucester	1	R. Heil	1/1	Nantucket	3	G. d'Entremont#
1/18	Nantucket	8	J. Trimble#	1/3	Westport	3	M. Boucher
Golden-crowned Kinglet				1/3	P.I.	1	D. + I. Jewell
1/1	Wachusett Res.	3	M. Lynch#	1/15	Rockport (H.P.)	1	ABNC (M. Taylor#)
1/3	Quabbin Park	2	E. Labato	1/15	Falmouth	3	E. Giles
1/4	Winchester	2	M. Rines	1/16	Needham	1	D. + A. Bandes
1/8	Whately	3	M. Williams	1/18-19	Halifax	1	K. Anderson
1/8	Sandwich	1 ABC	(S. Kellogg#)	1/22	Fairhaven	5	BBC (R. Stymeist)
1/8	Cheshire	1	R. Rancatti	1/23	Westboro	1	A. Boover
1/9	Belchertown	2	S. Sumner	1/24	Wayland	1	G. Long
1/11	Hadley	1	H. Allen	1/24	E. Orleans	1	A. Williams
1/15	Hardwick	1	S. Moore#	2/5	Orleans	1	M. Rines#
1/16	Woburn	2	M. Rines#	2/5	W. Bridgewater	1	S. Arena
1/16	Wayland	1	G. Long	2/6	Medford	1	M. Rines
1/23	Westfield	1	J. Weeks	2/6	Hingham	1	K. Vespaziani
1/26	MNWS	1	I. Lynch#	2/11	Dartmouth	1	R. Farrell#
2/8	Ipswich	1	J. Berry	2/13	Lexington	1	M. Rines
2/13	Barre F.D.	2	M. Lynch	2/21	Acoaxet	3	E. Salmela
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				Brown Thrasher			
1/1	Boston (Fens)	1	R. Stymeist#	1/15	Rockport (H.P.)	1	ABNC (M. Taylor#)
1/1	E. Sandwich	1	B. Nikula	2/13	S. Dartmouth	1	E. Nielsen#
1/1	Cambridge	1	H. Hofheinz#	2/27	Westport	1	R. Heil
2/4	Millis	1	K. Nichols	European Starling			
Eastern Bluebird				2/1	Newbypt.	15,000+	R. Heil
1/1	Northampton	13	R. Packard	2/13	Westport	10000+	E. Nielsen#
1/1	Sterling	15	M. Lynch#	American Pipit			
1/9	New Braintree	12	M. Lynch#	1/18	Fairhaven	3	M. Boucher
1/10	Wellfleet	10	BBC (D. Wilkinson)	2/19	Westport	1	J. Hoye#
1/15	Petersham	7	S. Moore#	Bohemian Waxwing			
1/16	N. Middleboro	10	K. Anderson	1/1	Truro	25	J. Young
1/16	Princeton	10	P. Meleski	1/2-4	Gloucester (E.P.)	1-2	T. Martin + v.o.
1/20	Williamsburg	16	R. Packard	1/6	Rockport	1	D. + I. Jewell
1/20	Duxbury	6	A. Fenwick	1/7	Adams	3	R. Rancatti
1/23	Mattapoisett	15	F. Smith	1/9	Wellfleet	25+	B. Nikula
1/23	Westboro	8	A. Boover	1/9, 22	Truro	8, 1	B. Nikula
1/28	Lincoln	10	J. Jewitt	1/23	Lanesville	2	C. Leahy
1/30	GMNWR	12	S. Perkins#	1/30	Nantucket	3	K. Blackshaw#
2/1	Westford	6	K. Bittner	1/31	P.I.	1	P. Brown
2/11	Amesbury	20	J. Berry	2/5, 2/24	Royalston	50, 218	J. Morris-Siegel + v.o.
2/12	Paxton	6	K. Vespaziani#	2/20-26	Wellfleet	80	max fide B. Nikula
2/13	DWWS	6	P. Roberts	2/22, 24	Orange	150, 25	B. Coyle + v.o.
2/13	Carlisle	8	T. + D. Brownrigg	2/22	Athol	10	B. Coyle
2/17	Concord	10	D. Schromm	2/26	Turners Falls	19	M. Fairbrother
2/20	Wellfleet	6	P. + F. Vale	2/27	Northampton	11	W. Laflay
2/22	Easthampton	12	H. Allen	2/27	Turner's Falls	4	T. Gagnon
2/27	Westport	13	R. Heil	2/27	New Salem	11	B. Laflay
2/27	S. Natick	7	D. + S. Larson	Cedar Waxwing			
Hermit Thrush				1/1	Sterling	366	M. Lynch#
1/16	Jamaica Plain	2	BBC (R. Stymeist)	1/3	Cheshire	100	R. Rancatti
1/22	Fairhaven	3	BBC (R. Stymeist)	1/6	W. Newbury	300+	R. Heil
2/1	Mattapoisett	2	F. Smith	1/7	Adams	100	R. Rancatti
2/5	Medford	3	D. + I. Jewell	1/16	Princeton	200	P. Meleski
2/5	Wellfleet	4	R. Stymeist#	1/18	Hanover	160+	K. Hamilton
2/5	Orleans	2	M. Rines#	2/13	Deerfield	100	S. Sumner
2/11	Dartmouth	2	R. Farrell#	2/19	Orange	120	D. Small#
thr	Reports of indiv. from 22 locations			2/19	Athol	300	D. Small#
American Robin				2/28	Wayland	130	G. Long
thr	Boston (Fenway)	400-900	K. Hudson	Orange-crowned Warbler			
1/1	Hadley	400	R. Packard	1/2	N. Truro	1	J. Young
1/4	Maynard	100+	L. Nachtrab	Nashville Warbler			
1/6	W. Newbury	500+	R. Heil	1/1-25	Oak Bluffs	1	P. Jackson
1/9	Truro	100+	B. Nikula	1/3	Nantucket	1	J. Bailey#
1/11	Newbypt.	870	J. Nove	Yellow-rumped Warbler			
1/16	Princeton	100	P. Meleski	1/9	Bourne	20	SSBC (K. Anderson)
1/30	Needham	130	A. Joslin	1/16	Westport	4	M. Lynch#
1/30	Wayland	175	G. Long	1/23	Fairhaven	2	M. Lynch#
1/30	Wakefield	150+	P. + F. Vale	1/24	P.I.	3	P. Brown
2/1	Amherst	200	H. Allen	2/3	Beverly	1	J. Berry
2/5	W. Bridgewater	300+	S. Arena	2/5	Squantum	2	G. d'Entremont
2/14	Pepperell	150	E. Stromsted	2/5	Orleans	26	M. Rines#
2/20	ONWR	250+	J. Bartos	2/20	Westport	3	M. Lynch
				2/26	P'town (R.P.)	1	J. Young

<b>"Audubon's" Warbler</b>				2/6	N. Dartmouth	1	M. Boucher
2/13 Orleans	1	R. Heil		2/11	Westport	32	R. Farrell#
<b>Pine Warbler</b>					<b>"Ipswich" Sparrow</b>		
1/30 Wellfleet	3	R. Heil		1/2	Edgartown	1	A. Keith#
<b>Palm Warbler</b>				1/2, 15	P.I.	2	B. Stevens#, M. Daley
1/8 Bridgewater	1	K. Holmes		1/19	Newbury	1	R. Heil
1/9 Halifax	1	W. Zuzevich		1/19	Salisbury	2	R. Heil
<b>Common Yellowthroat</b>				1/26	S. Boston	1	R. Donovan
1/8 Worc. (BMB)	1 m imm	J. Liller			<b>Grasshopper Sparrow</b>		
<b>Wilson's Warbler</b>				1/1-23	Edgartown	1	M. Pelikan#
1/1 S. Boston	1	R. Donovan			<b>Fox Sparrow</b>		
<b>Yellow-breasted Chat</b>				1/1	Truro	1	J. Young
1/15 Falmouth	1	E. Giles		1/6	W. Newbury	1	R. Heil
1/19 Nantucket	1	fide E. Ray		1/9	Lexington	1	M. Rines
2/12 Falmouth	1	G. d'Entremont		1/16	Brookline	1	H. Wiggan
<b>Western Tanager *</b>				1/19	DWWS	2	R. Heil
2/1-13 Orleans	1 m ph	A. MacPhail + v.o.		1/20	Easthampton	3	B. Bieda
<b>Eastern Towhee</b>				1/23	Fairhaven	3	S. Hedman#
1/1 Truro	2	J. Young		1/24	Wayland	4	G. Long
1/2 Hardwick	1	H. Allen		1/30	Eastham (F.H.)	3	R. Heil
1/6 Framingham	1 m	K. Hamilton		1/30	Danvers	1	D. Coffin
1/9 Gloucester	2 m	R. Heil		2/1	Burlington	1	M. Rines
1/22 Lakeville	1	K. Holmes		2/11	Dartmouth	1	R. Farrell#
1/22 Fairhaven	1	BBC (R. Stymeist)		2/21	Acoaxet	2	E. Salmela
1/23 Stoneham	1	B. Allison		2/27	Westport	2	R. Heil
2/9 Weston	1	M. Rines		2/27	Winchester	1	M. Rines
2/11 Dartmouth	1	R. Farrell#			<b>Swamp Sparrow</b>		
2/24 Fairhaven	1 m	K. Anderson#		1/1	Nantucket	5	G. d'Entremont#
2/19 Concord	1	S. Perkins		1/1/-31	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson
<b>Spotted Towhee *</b>				1/7	Sunderland	1	B. Bieda
1/1-2/23 N. Hadley	1	E. Labato + v.o.		1/9	Worcester	1	M. Lynch#
<b>American Tree Sparrow</b>				1/20	W. Bridgewater	10	M. Faherty
1/9 Worcester	50+	M. Lynch#		1/20	New Braintree	2	C. Buelow
1/13 Hadley	80	H. Allen		1/22	Northbridge	1	M. Lynch#
1/16 Mattapan	40	BBC (R. Stymeist)		1/27	DWWS	1	C. Buelow
1/19 DWWS	60+	R. Heil		2/21	Blackstone	1	M. Lynch
1/23 Fairhaven	30+	M. Lynch#		2/24	W. Bridgewater	2	M. Faherty
1/24 P.I.	60	P. Brown		2/thr	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson
1/24 Groton	50	T. Pirro			<b>White-crowned Sparrow</b>		
1/27 Topsfield	80+	D. + I. Jewell		1/1	Boston (Fens)	1	R. Stymeist#
1/30 Rowley	55	J. Berry		1/16	Westport	1 ad	M. Lynch#
1/30 Westboro	65+	A. Boover		1/19-2/29	DWWS	1 imm	R. Heil
1/30 Needham	36	A. Joslin		1/23	S. Dartmouth	2	M. Boucher
2/5 W. Bridgewater	150	S. Arena		1/30	Northampton	1	S. Surner
2/27 Wakefield	35+	P. + F. Vale		1/31	Cumb. Farms	6	K. Anderson
<b>Chipping Sparrow</b>					<b>Dark-eyed Junco</b>		
2/27 Westport	2 br pl	R. Heil		1/8	Mt.A.	75	R. Stymeist
2/29 W. Gloucester	1	J. Nelson		1/16	Mattapan	100+	BBC (R. Stymeist)
<b>Clay-colored Sparrow</b>					<b>"Oregon" Junco</b>		
1/7-2/29 DWWS	1	S. Wheelock + v.o.		1/1-2/29	Easthampton	1	E. Labato + v.o.
<b>Field Sparrow</b>					<b>Lapland Longspur</b>		
1/1 Mattapan	1	R. Stymeist#		1/13	Hadley	1	B. Bieda
1/3 Fairhaven	4	M. Boucher		1/22	Fairhaven	4	BBC (R. Stymeist)
1/30, 2/25 S. Boston	1	R. Donovan		1/22	Halifax	50	K. Holmes
2/2 Rowley	1	M. Rines#		1/23	Edgartown	1	R. Knight
2/3 Southwick	1	S. Kellogg		1/29	Salisbury	40+	P. + F. Vale
2/4 S. Peabody	1	R. Heil		1/thr	Northampton	1	B. Packard + v.o.
2/5 Eastham	7	R. Stymeist#		2/1-11	Hadley	1	B. Packard
2/11 Dartmouth	6	R. Farrell#		2/3	Salisbury	50	D. + I. Jewell
2/14 Lexington	1	K. Hartel		2/20	Westport	1	M. Lynch
2/19-21 Lincoln	1	S. Perkins			<b>Snow Bunting</b>		
2/21 Acoaxet	1	E. Salmela		1/2, 2/15	Hadley	1, 55	S. Kellogg, H. Allen
2/27 Burlington	2	M. Rines		1/22	Fairhaven	30	BBC (R. Stymeist)
2/27 Westport	6	R. Heil		1/26	S. Boston	7	R. Donovan
<b>Vesper Sparrow</b>				1/29, 2/19	Salisbury	100, 32	P. + F. Vale
1/23, 30 Fairhaven	1, 2	S. Hedman, J. Meyers		1/30	Northampton	10	S. Surner
<b>Savannah Sparrow</b>				1/30	Rockport (A.P.)	11	M. Lynch#
1/1 Nantucket	2	G. d'Entremont#		2/7, 11	Northampton	4, 12	R. Packard, J. Moulton
1/20 Fairhaven	35	M. Faherty		2/9	Westhampton	1	B. Packard
1/24 Hadley	5	B. Bieda		2/9	Westfield	1	R. Packard
1/30 Northampton	1	S. Surner		2/20	Westport	78	M. Lynch
2/2 Salisbury	1	M. Rines#		2/20-24	Orange	20-25	J. Forbes + v.o.
2/5 W. Bridgewater	35	S. Arena		2/21	Plymouth	23	E. Salmela

<b>Snow Bunting (continued)</b>			
2/21	Templeton	12	T. Pirro
2/24	Nahant	30	R. Heil
2/26	P'town (R.P.)	150	J. Young
2/26	Worcester	2	M. Lynch
2/27	Northampton	40	G. d'Entremont#
<b>Dickcissel</b>			
thr	S. Boston	1	R. Donovan
<b>Red-winged Blackbird</b>			
1/1	S. Dartmouth	4000+	M. Boucher
1/1	Truro	15	J. Young
1/2	DWWS	20	S. Moore#
1/3	Groton	75	T. Pirro
1/4, 2/4	S. Peabody	20, 40	R. Heil
1/7	Sunderland	34	B. Bieda
1/8	Hadley	22	M. Williams
1/12, 23	Sudbury	85, 65	K. Hamilton
1/18	Cumb. Farms	ca 100	K. Anderson
1/19	Salisbury	30+	D. + I. Jewell
1/22	Middleboro	50	K. Holmes
1/30	Needham	17	A. Joslin
2/9, 17	W. Bridgewater	30, 200	M. Faherty
2/25	Concord (NAC)	100	S. Perkins
2/26	Lincoln	30	R. Crissman
2/27	Westport	750+	R. Heil
2/27	Bolton Flats	295	M. Lynch
2/28	Wayland	100+	G. Long
2/29	Ipswich	20+	J. Berry
2/29	Southwick	5	S. Kellogg
<b>Eastern Meadowlark</b>			
1/7	Hadley	4	H. Allen
1/8	Harvard	1	M. Lynch#
1/8	Worcester	1	J. Liller
1/8	DWWS	30	D. + S. Larson
1/20	Fairhaven	20	M. Faherty
1/22	Middleboro	6	K. Holmes
1/23	S. Dartmouth	20	M. Boucher
1/23	Salisbury	6	R. Heil
1/24	Newbypt.	8	P. Brown
1/30	Rowley	5	J. Berry
2/2	Salisbury	1	F. + M. Howes
2/13	Orleans	3	R. Heil
<b>Yellow-headed Blackbird</b>			
2/4-6	N. Dartmouth	1 f	A. Hankin
<b>Rusty Blackbird</b>			
1/3	Groton	7	T. Pirro
1/8	Hadley	6	M. Williams
1/15	Lincoln	1	S. Perkins
1/15-22	N. Dartmouth	1	H. Davenport
1/16	E. Natick	2	G. Long
1/16, 24	Wayland	1, 6	G. Long
1/18	Cumb. Farms	4	K. Anderson
1/22	Northbridge	3	M. Lynch#
1/24	Sudbury	37	K. Hamilton
1/30	GMNWR	8	S. Perkins#
1/31	Georgetown	10	A. Bennett
2/1-19	Wakefield	48 max	2/2 F. Vale
2/6	Williamsburg	1	R. Packard
2/20	E. Natick	6	G. Long
2/20	Needham	17	A. Joslin
2/27	Bolton Flats	8	M. Lynch
<b>Common Grackle</b>			
1/1	S. Dartmouth	4000+	M. Boucher
1/13	Marblehead	1	K. Haley
1/19	Salisbury	9	D. + I. Jewell
2/13	W. Bridgewater	8	J. Young
2/19	Wakefield	1	P. + F. Vale
2/20	Rehoboth	15	M. Lynch
2/20	Needham	1	A. Joslin
2/24	Fairhaven	1	K. Anderson
2/24	Hadley	1	H. Allen
2/24	Waltham	2	J. Forbes
2/24	W. Bridgewater	25	M. Faherty
2/26	Bedford	14	M. Rines
2/26	Framingham	26	K. Hamilton
2/27	Bolton Flats	120	M. Lynch
2/27	Burlington	10	M. Rines
2/27	Westport	5500	R. Heil
2/28	Wayland	40-50	G. Long
<b>Brown-headed Cowbird</b>			
1/1	S. Dartmouth	2000+	M. Boucher
1/22	DWWS	3	S. Peacock#
1/22	Concord	1	M. Rines
1/23	Salisbury	11	R. Heil
2/11	N. Dartmouth	209	M. Boucher
2/13	W. Bridgewater	2	J. Young
2/26	Fairhaven	2	J. Berry
2/28	Wayland	3	G. Long
<b>Baltimore Oriole</b>			
1/1	Westport	1	M. Boucher
1/18	Barnstable	1	M. Sylvia
<b>Pine Grosbeak</b>			
1/1	Chatham	1	B. Nikula
1/1	E. Sandwich	1	B. Nikula
1/26, 30	Northfield	8, 8	M. Taylor
2/12	Royalston	7	J. Paluzzi#
2/19	N. Orange	7	D. Small#
2/20	Royalston	2	G. d'Entremont#
<b>Purple Finch</b>			
thr	E. Boxford	1-8	J. Brown#
1/1	W. Boylston	1	M. Lynch#
1/2	Petersham	7	W. Laflay
1/3, 2/26	Mattapoisett	1, 7	F. Smith
1/7	Northampton	13	W. Laflay
1/7	Quabbin (G24)	7	B. Laflay
1/8, 2/22	Athol	1	B. Coyle
1/11-2/29	Lenox	1-3	R. Laubach
1/16	Templeton	3	T. Pirro
2/1	Ipswich	1 f	J. Berry
2/6	Sudbury	1	N. Schofield
2/18	Mendon	pr	J. + D. Moffett
2/19	N. Middleboro	2	K. Holmes
2/20	Royalston	4	G. d'Entremont
2/21	Blackstone	1	M. Lynch
<b>Red Crossbill</b>			
1/1	Truro	19	J. Young
1/1	Yarmouth	20+	B. Nikula
1/2	Petersham	2	W. Laflay
1/6	Dorchester	9	R. Donovan
1/6	S. Hadley	1	B. Cassie#
1/10	Nantucket	3	fide E. Ray
1/16, 22	Salisbury	12, 6	J. Lawrence, F. Vale
1/19	Washington	1	E. Neumuth
1/24	Tisbury	3+	P. Eulendorf
1/27	Oak Bluffs	1 f	A. Keith
2/26	Chatham	15+	J. Eddy
2/26	Salisbury	6	S. Moore#
2/29	Yarmouthport	12	K. Hamilton
<b>White-winged Crossbill</b>			
1/2-3	Dennis	20	R. Fisher
1/10	Nantucket	50	fide E. Ray
<b>Common Redpoll</b>			
1/1	Salisbury	37	BBC (L. de la Flor)
1/1	Nantucket	50	G. d'Entremont#
1/1-2/29	Blandford	50	M. + K. Conway
1/3	Princeton	40	S. Moore#
1/5	Northampton	40	W. Laflay
1/8	Hadley	200	M. Williams
1/8	HRWMA	45	T. Pirro
1/9	Ipswich	46	BBC (J. Nove)
1/9	P'town	250	B. Nikula
1/9	P.I.	35	J. Soucy#
1/16	W. Royalston	30	P. Meleski
1/16, 2/16	Easthampton	10, 70	S. Moore, R. Packard
1/20	New Braintree	50	C. Buelow
1/23	Dorchester	45+	W. Zuzevich

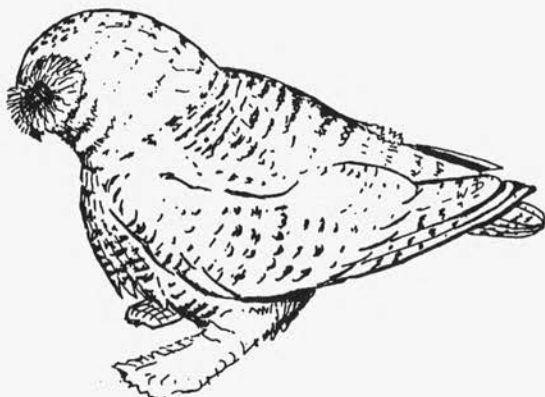
Common Redpoll (continued)			1/27	Brockton	1	M. Faherty
1/26, 2/25	Northfield	85, 200	M. Taylor	1/29	Royalston	75 G. d'Entremont#
1/29	Petersham	58	G. d'Entremont#	2/1-29	E. Boxford	4-10 J. Brown#
1/30	Windsor	75+	T. Collins	2/2	Amherst	1 H. Allen
2/5	Russell	50	S. Kellogg	2/13	Jamaica Plain	1 R. Lewis
2/5	Salisbury	200+	P. Roberts	2/13	Deerfield	1 S. Sumner
2/8	DWWS	25+	D. Comeau#	2/18	Williamsburg	1 R. Packard
2/10	Gardner	35	M. Rines	2/27	Lynnfield	20+ P. + F. Vale
2/13	Becket	40	R. Laubach	2/27	Douglas	4 M. Lynch
2/16	Groton	50	T. Pirro	2/29	Uxbridge	2 J. Barthel
2/18	Lexington	25	M. Rines	Evening Grosbeak		
2/18	Mt.A.	25	D. Larson	1/1-31	Washington	1-28 E. Neumuth
2/26	Wilbraham	53	D Morrison	1/2	Petersham	30 P. + F. Vale
2/29	Lenox	50	R. Laubach	1/2	Royalston	40 P. + F. Vale
<b>Hoary Redpoll * (no details)</b>				1/8, 2/13	HRWMA	6, 2 T. Pirro
2/12-29	Easthampton	1	R. Kuerzel + v.o.	1/10	Colrain	8 B. Bieda
<b>Hoary Redpoll *</b>				1/16	Templeton	22 T. Pirro
2/10	Rockport (H.P.)	1	D. + I. Jewell	1/16	Westport	1 M. Lynch#
Pine Siskin				1/16	Petersham	113 D. + S. Larson
1/1-2/7	Athol	1-7	B. Coyle	1/22	Westwood	3 G. Long
1/1, 2/7	E. Middleboro	1, 2	K. Anderson	1/26	Northfield	45 M. Taylor
1/2	Quabbin	1	R. Packard	1/29	Athol	30 G. d'Entremont#
1/3	Lincoln	5	M. Rines	1/30	Windsor	100+ T. Collins
1/5, 2/5	Blandford	2	S. Kellogg	2/13	Gardner	1 T. Pirro
1/7, 13	Upton	25, 15	P. + D. DeBruyn	2/13	Royalston	60 H. Allen
1/9	Petersham	10	M. Lynch#	2/13	Barre F.D.	18 M. Lynch
1/9	Woburn	2	J. Young	2/21	Templeton	12 T. Pirro
1/10	Becket	1	R. Laubach	2/25	Northfield	100+ M. Taylor
1/21, 2/25	Mendon	4, 32	D. Moffett	2/27	Petersham	15 W. Laflay
1/23	N. Pepperell	15	G. Coffee			

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ad	adult	Mt.A.	Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge
alt	alternate	Nant.	Nantucket
b	banded	Newbypt	Newburyport
br	breeding	P.I.	Plum Island
dk	dark (phase)	Pd	Pond
f	female	P'town	Provincetown
fl	fledged	Quab.	Quabbin Reservoir
imm	immature	Res.	Reservoir
ind	individuals	R.P.	Race Point, Provincetown
juv	juvenile	S.B.	South Beach, Chatham
loc	location	S. Dart.	South Dartmouth
lt	light (phase)	S.N.	Sandy Neck, Barnstable
m	male	Stellw.	Stellwagen Bank
max	maximum	Worc.	Worcester
migr	migrating	Barre F.D.	Barre Falls Dam, Barre, Rutland, Oakham
n	nesting	ABC	Allen Bird Club
ph	photographed	BBC	Brookline Bird Club
pl	plumage	BMB	Broad Meadow Brook, Worcester
pr	pair	CCBC	Cape Cod Bird Club
S	summer (1S = first summer)	DFWS	Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary
thr	throughout	DWMA	Delaney Wildlife Management Area Stowe, Bolton, Harvard
vid	videotaped	DWWS	Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary
v.o.	various observers	EMHW	Eastern Massachusetts Hawk Watch
W	winter (2W = second winter)	GMNWR	Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge
w/	with	HRWMA	High Ridge Wildlife Management Area, Gardner-Westminster
yg	young	IRWS	Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary
#	additional observers	LBS	Local Bird Survey
A.A.	Arnold Arboretum, Boston	LCES	Lloyd Center for Environmental Studies
A.P.	Andrews Point, Rockport	MARC	Massachusetts Avian Records Committee
A.Pd	Allens Pond, S. Dartmouth	MAS	Massachusetts Audubon Society
Arl.	Arlington	MBO	Manomet Observatory
B.	Beach	MBWMA	Martin Burns Wildlife Management Area, Newbury
B.I.	Belle Isle, E. Boston	MDFW	MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
B.R.	Bass Rocks, Gloucester	MNWS	Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary
Cambr.	Cambridge	MSSF	Myles Standish State Forest
C.B.	Crane Beach, Ipswich	NAC	Nine Acre Corner, Concord
Corp. B.	Corporation Beach, Dennis	NBC	Needham Bird Club
C.P.	Crooked Pond, Boxford	NEHW	New England Hawk Watch
Cumb. Farms	Cumberland Farms, Middleboro- Halifax	ONWR	Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge
E.P.	Eastern Point, Gloucester	Pont.	Pontoosuc Lake, Lanesboro
F.E.	First Encounter Beach, Eastham	SRV	Sudbury River Valley
F.H.	Fort Hill, Eastham	SSBC	South Shore Bird Club
F.M.	Fowl Meadow, Milton	TASL	Take A Second Look Harbor Census
F.P.	Fresh Pond, Cambridge	USFWS	US Fish and Wildlife Service
F.Pk	Franklin Park, Boston	WBWS	Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
G40	Gate 40, Quabbin	WMWS	Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary
G45	Gate 45, Quabbin		
H.P.	Halibut Point, Rockport		
H.	Harbor		
I.	Island		
L.	Ledge		
M.V.	Martha's Vineyard		

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