

BIRD SIGHTINGS

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January was on the mild side, with an average temperature in Boston of 29.9 degrees, 1.3 degrees above normal. The high was only 44 degrees in Boston on the thirty-first, a very cool January high, tied with 1956 as the second coldest in 131 years. The low was 12 degrees on January 10. New Year's Day was bright and sunny throughout the state and afforded a great start for the new year list. Rainfall totaled 1.67 inches, 1.92 inches under normal. This was the driest January since 1989 and the thirteenth driest in 131 years. Snowfall, on the other hand, totaled 12.4 inches in Boston, slightly under the average. Central Massachusetts to the Berkshires had considerably more snowfall. The state was mostly snow-covered all month. Black ice caused slippery and hazardous road and walkway conditions on several mornings, especially on January 5 and 25. February was also mild, with above-normal sunshine. The temperature averaged 31.8 degrees in Boston, 1.5 degrees above average. Precipitation totaled 1.39 inches, 2.23 inches less than normal rainfall for Boston. Snowfall continued to dominate west of Interstate 495, while Boston recorded 9.8 inches, 1.5 inches below normal. In many suburbs depths of over a foot were recorded by February 5 and remained nearly all month. The snowstorm on February 5-6 was heavy and wet, causing many downed limbs, particularly on white pines. R.H.S.

LOONS THROUGH ALCIDS

The usual triumvirate of rare loon and grebes was reported during the period. A well-described and sketched **Pacific Loon** was discovered along the Rowley Shore section of Gloucester on January 18. The resident **Eared Grebe** remained camped in Gloucester Harbor throughout January and February, while a **Western Grebe** was a one-day wonder off the beach at Salisbury January 14. The latter, somewhat distantly seen, first on the water and then in flight northbound, could not be differentiated from Clark's Grebe; however, Clark's would be much less likely in our area.

It seems to be a safe prediction that Black Vulture is on the verge of establishing itself as a regular, if not quite yet common, addition to the monthly records reports at all seasons, including winter. This winter singles were observed at Marion and Sheffield. Black Vulture was only recently found nesting in Massachusetts in the Blue Hills just south of Boston in 1998. More breeding records should be anticipated, particularly in the Sheffield area, in the extreme southwestern corner of the state, where the species has been most regular in spring and summer. At their Westport winter stronghold, thirty-one Turkey Vultures were counted flying into roost at the piggery January 28. Early migrant Turkey Vultures were noted northbound in many areas throughout the state by mid-February, despite the heavy snow cover in most inland areas.

Two long-staying adult **Greater White-fronted Geese** were present in Fairhaven during February, where a single bird had been seen back in November. Based on belly markings and bill color, both these birds gave indications of being the expected Greenland race *flavirostris*. The wintering flock of Snow Geese successfully negotiated the tough winter at Newburyport, and still numbered at least sixty-nine birds, including a first-winter blue morph, in late February. This is the first such flock ever to winter in the state. An additional thirty-one Snow Geese at fourteen other locations, nearly all during January and including a number in western

Massachusetts, was also remarkable. Nearly all of these disappeared during February, however. Apparently the expanding and increasing population of Snow Geese, throughout its range, has induced flocks to search for new potential wintering sites. On Cape Ann seven King Eiders were tallied on January 23, including a flock of five at Bass Rocks. A tour of Cape Ann produced ninety-one Harlequin Ducks, while fifty-five were counted at the traditional Squibnocket, Martha's Vineyard site. Forty-three Harlequins on February 2 may have been a new high for Nantucket. Observers on a ferry crossing from Hyannis to Nantucket on January 6, a little more than midway across Nantucket Sound, encountered a massive concentration of scoters, and made best effort estimates of 30,000 Surf and 9,000 Black, but only about 650 White-winged. February counts of 471 American Wigeon in Somerset and 230 Northern Pintails in Westport were noteworthy. Recently split from Green-winged Teal by the British Ornithologists' Union, a **Eurasian Teal** *Anas crecca (crecca)*, a rare but regular spring migrant in the state, was found in Scituate near the end of February.

Reports totaled forty-one Bald Eagles for the period, including ten found along the Merrimack on February 27. One of these, an immature with a numbered yellow band, was banded near Bondsville, south of the Quabbin, five months earlier. Cooper's Hawks are now as common, if not more common, than Sharp-shinned Hawks in winter in Massachusetts, with thirty-three individuals reported and many more not reported. It was another excellent winter for Rough-legged Hawks, the second year in a row. Birds were found throughout the state, but the majority, as usual, were concentrated around coastal salt marshes, particularly in Essex County. None were located on Cape Cod, where reports of this raptor seem to have diminished in recent years.

An itinerant **Purple Gallinule**, a redundancy when mentioning this species given its proclivity to wander, was picked up and brought to the Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary on Martha's Vineyard for recuperation on January 1. Following a very poor fall flight, forty-eight American Coot nevertheless ended up residing at Spy Pond in Arlington, a traditional wintering site for this species. A **Sandhill Crane** appeared in Fairhaven at the end of January and remained throughout the period. Very likely this was a returning individual, since three cranes were present in this same vicinity last winter. This species has steadily increased in the state in recent years, having gone from slightly less than annual, to several records and even multiple individuals per season.

A few returning Killdeer and American Woodcock were already being noted in several areas by the end of February. One-hundred and thirty Ruddy Turnstones at the southern tip of West Island in Fairhaven February 3 was an exceptional count, perhaps the largest winter flock ever noted in the state. More than 800 Sanderlings and 1800 Dunlins still lingered at South Beach in Chatham in late January. A **Western Sandpiper** was a good find among these masses of shorebirds at South Beach on January 27, establishing a late date for this species in Massachusetts. Although the details were scant, this is certainly the most expected of the small *Calidris* "peep" sandpipers to be here in midwinter. The rocky shoreline and offshore ledges of North Scituate have always been a favored locality for Purple Sandpiper in Massachusetts. Five-hundred and twenty counted on January 26 was only slightly below the highest tallies made there over the past several decades.

In the vicinity of the previously described mass of scoters in Nantucket Sound on January 6, a second-winter to adult **Pomarine Jaeger** was also discovered. Apparently this constitutes the latest record for Massachusetts waters, although it is certainly the most likely jaeger species here in winter, since at least small numbers are regularly known to winter as far north as the waters off North Carolina. Parasitic Jaeger, by contrast, migrates much farther south, and on an earlier timetable, and normally winters in the southern hemisphere.

The impressive concentration of gulls at Low Beach on the southeast corner of Nantucket continued from late December throughout much of the period. Among the several thousand Herring Gulls and at least fifteen Lesser Black-backed Gulls present came a report of one, to perhaps as many as three, **Yellow-legged Gulls** *Larus michahellis*. First reported and described by the observers in late December, this species breeds in southern Europe along the coast of Iberia and in the Mediterranean (subspecies *michahellis*), and on Atlantic islands at the Azores, Madeira, and Canary Islands (*atlantis*). Sight records of birds believed to be Yellow-legged Gulls have occurred up and down the east coast from North Carolina to Newfoundland, including several photographed, and a specimen, probably pertaining to *atlantis*, was obtained from Magdalen Island, Quebec, in 1983. Confusing the Nantucket situation considerably, or at least making it more interesting, a second party of observers who journeyed to Low Beach on January 4, in search of the Yellow-legged Gull, studied and photographed a putative hybrid Herring x Lesser Black-backed Gull, a form that shares many features with Yellow-legged Gull. Indeed these darkish-mantled, yellow-legged Herring-type gulls are a major identification challenge, even for gull experts. The record is currently under review by the Massachusetts Avian Records Committee.

Other gulls present in the Nantucket spectacle were up to six Little Gulls, 7000 Bonaparte's, and forty-five Iceland Gulls. On the North Shore, Iceland Gulls have steadily declined since the late 1970s and 1980s, particularly at Cape Ann, where they were often common in late winter. During that period, counts of 25-100 birds per day were not unexpected. By comparison, in the last five winter seasons there have been no counts from Cape Ann exceeding five individuals. It seems likely that the decline of the local fisheries and/or the closing of adjacent landfills since that time has led to these local declines as it has for other big gulls as well. Although regular as far north as Boston Harbor in early winter, a Laughing Gull at Rockport was a late surprise January 5. An adult **Mew Gull** of the expected European race *canus* performed well for more than a week in mid-February at Flax Pond in Lynn, where at times it fed on handouts with the numerous Ring-billed Gulls at thirty feet. Another Mew Gull, sans details, was reported from South Boston in early January.

Normally very scarce after December, but following a moderate flight back in the fall, small numbers of Dovekies were still being reported throughout the period at Cape Ann, and a single bird was a good find at Edgartown on February 16. Very large concentrations of Razorbills were observed at the east end of Nantucket in early January, and around the tip of Cape Cod in the waters off Provincetown and Truro in February. Common Murres, while not quite yet common, certainly seem to be increasing, with a total of sixteen birds being reported from seven locations, including a record six for Andrew's Point in Rockport during a nor'easter February 5. Observations of Thick-billed Murres increased during the month of February. Peak counts of this species along the Massachusetts coast, particularly at Cape Ann, almost always occur during the late winter. Four **Atlantic Puffins** were discovered, all at Cape Ann, including a very cooperative, and much enjoyed bird photographed at Eastern Point on January 3. R.S.H.

Red-throated Loon			1/17	Salem-Lynn	41	R. Heil	
1/7, 2/4	Boston H.	5, 20	TASL (M. Hall)	2/11	Sandwich	21	M. Lynch#
1/7	Nantucket	30+	R. Heil	2/13	P.I.	27	R. Heil
1/17	Plymouth H.	5	M. Faherty	2/25	P'town (R.P.)	25	J. Young
2/4	Chatham (S.B.)	5	P. Flood	Pied-billed Grebe			
2/13	P.I.	17	R. Heil	1/4	Nantucket	1	W. Petersen#
2/25	P'town (R.P.)	25	J. Young	1/11	Watertown	1	E. Nelson-Melby
Pacific Loon (details submitted)*				2/22	Chicopee	1	H. Allen
1/18	Gloucester	1	J. Smith#	2/27	Lakeville	1	K. Anderson
Common Loon				Horned Grebe			
1/4	Cape Ann	9	J. Berry	1/7, 2/4	Boston H.	73, 231	TASL (M. Hall)
1/6	Nant. Sound	83	R. Heil	1/7	S. Quabbin	1	T. Gagnon
1/7, 2/4	Boston H.	14, 13	TASL (M. Hall)	1/17	Salem-Lynn	77	R. Heil
1/14	Quabbin (G43)	3	C. Buelow	1/17	Plymouth H.	14	M. Faherty
1/17	Plymouth H.	18	M. Faherty	1/18, 2/20	Quincy	15, 10	R. Titus

Horned Grebe (continued)								
2/3	Swansea	35			1/5	Chatham	1	J. Kenneally
2/8	Winthrop	38	M. Lynch#	1/13	Cape Ann	1 imm		J. Hoye#
2/13	P.I.	62	R. Heil	1/13	Nantucket	1		BBC (J. Barton)
2/24	Fairhaven	10	R. Heil	1/17	Ellisville H.	1		M. Faherty
2/27	Hull	19	R. Stymeist#	1/18, 2/13	Newbypt.	77, 69	(inc. 1 blue)	R. Heil
			R. Titus	1/28	Westport	1		M. Lynch#
Red-necked Grebe				1/28	Falmouth	3		D. Furbish#
1/7, 2/4	Boston H.	21, 27	TASL (M. Hall)	2/17	Lakeville	1		R. Turner
1/13	Eastham	22	W. Petersen#	1/thr	Chilmark	1		A. Keith
1/17	Salem-Lynn	52	R. Heil	Brant				
1/23	Cape Ann	18	R. Heil	1/7, 2/4	Boston H.	1404, 1437	TASL (M. Hall)	
2/8	Winthrop	32	R. Heil	2/2	Plymouth	250		R. Titus#
2/17	Nantucket	44	F. Gallo#	2/3	Swansea	561		M. Lynch#
2/22	N. Scituate	18	R. Titus#	2/3	Barnstable (S.N.)	16		J. Liller
2/24	P'town (R.P.)	60+	C. Ekroth#	2/19	W. Dennis B.	12	CCBC (D. Silverstein)	
				2/24	W. Gloucester	30		D. Furbish#
Eared Grebe *								
thr	Gloucester	1	v.o.					
Western Grebe *								
1/14	Salisbury	1	T. Leverich#	1/1	S. Carver	20		K. Anderson#
Northern Gannet				1/7-17	Holyoke	4		B. Bieda#
1/4	Nantucket	12	S. Perkins#	1/20	Marlboro	23		E. Taylor
1/7	Winthrop B.	2	P. + F. Vale	1/28	Westport	53		M. Lynch#
1/21	Eastham (F.E.)	300	T. Raymond	1/31	Medford	10		D. + I. Jewell
1/27, 2/25	N. Truro	35, 79	B. Nikula	2/3	Somerset	42		M. Lynch#
2/5	Rockport (A.P.)	16	R. Heil	2/3	Swansea	45		M. Lynch#
2/17	Nantucket	76	F. Gallo#	2/4	Boston H.	17		TASL (M. Hall)
2/25	P'town	150+	B. Nikula	2/11	Plymouth	19		M. Lynch#
				2/24	Fairhaven	18		R. Stymeist#
Great Cormorant								
1/2	Newbypt.	33	J. Berry	1/4	Waltham	2		J. Forbes
1/7, 2/4	Boston H.	5, 111	TASL (M. Hall)	1/6	Falmouth	1		S. Kellogg#
1/17	Salem-Lynn	170	R. Heil	1/17-2/28	Lynn	2		R. Heil
1/23	Cape Ann	415	R. Heil	2/thr	S. Peabody	2 f		R. Heil
1/27	Chatham (S.B.)	60	R. Donovan#	2/10	Plymouth	1 f		K. Anderson#
1/28	Westport	14	M. Lynch#	2/19	Westfield	1		S. Kellogg
2/2	N. Scituate	248	R. Titus#	2/23	Springfield	4		S. Kellogg
2/2	Haverhill	18	J. Hogan#	2/27	Medford	1 m		M. Rines
2/18	N. Truro	22	B. Nikula	2/27	Haverhill	3		R. Heil
Double-crested Cormorant								
1/1	Worcester	1 imm	M. Lynch#	1/1	Worcester	1 f		M. Lynch#
1/6	Nantucket	1 W	R. Heil	1/4	Gloucester	54		J. Berry
2/1	Westport	1	R. Titus#	1/4	Belmont	2		M. Rines
American Bittern				1/6	Marstons Mills	20		S. Kellogg#
1/17	Fairhaven	1	D. Zimmerlin	1/7	Millbury-Blackstone	2		M. Lynch#
1/21	Eastham (F.H.)	1	T. Raymond	1/18, 2/13	Newbypt.	20, 36		R. Heil
Great Blue Heron				1/20	Woburn	2		M. Rines
1/4	Waltham	2	J. Forbes	1/27	Somerset	50		D. Zimmerlin
1/25	Springfield	1	A. + L. Richardson	2/8	Medford	3		M. Rines
2/3	Plymouth	12	D. + S. Larson	2/14	Salisbury	58		B. Stevens#
2/6	Southwick	1	S. Kellogg	2/22	Plymouth	22		R. Titus#
2/9	Arlington	6	M. Rines	Eurasian Wigeon				
2/23	Longmeadow	1	A. + L. Richardson	1/1-12	E. Harwich	1		B. Nikula
Black-crowned Night-Heron				1/30	Fairhaven	1 m		M. Boucher
1/7	Nantucket	1	R. Heil	2/3	Somerset	1 m		M. Lynch#
1/13	Eastham (F.H.)	1	W. Petersen#	American Wigeon				
Black Vulture				1/1	S. Carver	8		K. Anderson#
1/3	Marion	1	M. LaBossiere	1/2	Newbypt.	2 m		J. Berry
1/6	Bourne	1	Allen Club	1/5	Nantucket	14		S. Wheelock
2/11	Sheffield	1	D. Reid	1/23	Ipswich	2		J. Berry
Turkey Vulture				2/3	Mattapoisit	2		M. Lynch#
1/23	Dartmouth	15	W. Petersen#	2/3	Somerset	471		M. Lynch#
1/28	Westport	31	M. Lynch#	2/8	Medford	2		M. Rines
2/2	Edgartown	4	J. Verner	2/10	Plymouth	3		K. Anderson
2/6	Westfield	3	J. Hutchison	2/17	Nantucket	38		E. Ray
2/11	Sheffield	15	D. Reid	American Black Duck				
2/14	Braintree	2	M. Faherty	1/7, 2/4	Boston H.	966, 1630	TASL (M. Hall)	
2/17	Palmer	8	J. Berry	1/17	Plymouth H.	1450		M. Faherty
2/18	Winchester	2	M. Rines	1/18	Newbypt.	1100		R. Heil
2/20	Fairhaven	2	T. Cyder	1/18	Quincy	614		R. Titus
thr	Reports of indiv. from 16 locations			1/28	Acoaxet	599		M. Lynch#
Greater White-fronted Goose				1/28	Westport	762		M. Lynch#
2/1-28	Fairhaven	2 ad	R. Titus + v.o.	2/13	Newbypt.	1200		R. Heil
Snow Goose				2/19	P.I.	994		M. Lynch#
1/1	Northampton	4	T. Gagnon	Mallard				
1/1	Sheffield	8	via R. Laubach	1/1	Worcester	247		M. Lynch#
1/1	Plymouth	3	K. Anderson#	1/7, 2/4	Boston H.	271, 383	TASL (M. Hall)	
1/1-11	Hadley	4	S. Sumner	1/7	Millbury-Blackstone	805		M. Lynch#
1/1-15	Marstons Mills	1	v.o.	1/17	Salem-Lynn	610		R. Heil
1/4	DWWS	1	D. Furbish	1/27	Amesbury	375	SSBC (M. Emmons)	

Blue-winged Teal				1/31	Gay Head	1 m	A. Keith
2/26	Marshfield	1 f	D. Furbish	2/8	Bourne	1 m 1W	M. LaBossiere
Northern Shoveler				Common Eider			
thr	Boston	5 max	v.o.	1/2	Westport	2500	M. Boucher
1/28	Plymouth	3 m	D. Furbish#	1/7, 2/4	Boston H.	7760, 8903	TASL (M. Hall)
Northern Pintail				1/7	Ipswich	820	BBC (J. Nove)
1/2	Newbypt.	2	J. Berry	1/17	Plymouth H.	2400+	M. Faherty
1/6	Marstons Mills	3	S. Kellogg#	1/17	Salem-Lynn	2570	R. Heil
1/10	Marlboro	11	S. Hennin	2/11	Sandwich	570	M. Lynch#
1/23	Gloucester	4	R. Heil	2/11	Manomet	460	M. Lynch#
1/28	Amherst	3	T. Gagnon	2/12	P'town (R.P.)	700+	P. Flood
2/4	Cumb. Farms	3	M. Faherty	2/13	Fairhaven	1500+	M. Boucher
2/7	Sudbury	5	S. Arena	Harlequin Duck			
2/11	Plymouth	12	M. Lynch#	1/7	Westport	2	T. Raymond
2/13	P.I.	28	R. Heil	1/13	E. Orleans	12	W. Petersen#
2/19	Cummaquid	5	CCBC (D. Silverstein)	1/23	Cape Ann	91	R. Heil
2/19	Westport	230	R. Heil	1/26, 2/22	N. Scituate	2, 5	R. Titus
2/26	Longmeadow	2	A. + L. Richardson	2/2	Squibnocket (M.V.)	55	A. Keith
Green-winged Teal				2/2	Nantucket	43	E. Ray
1/1	Plymouth	1	K. Anderson#	2/4	Weymouth	1	TASL (M. Hall)
1/1	Cambridge	7	M. Rines	2/9	Bourne	2 m	M. LaBossiere
1/1	Worcester	1 m	M. Lynch#	2/11	Manomet	2	M. Lynch#
1/6	Marstons Mills	4	S. Kellogg#	2/26	Minot	9	W. Petersen#
1/7	Nantucket	8	R. Heil	Surf Scoter			
1/28	Tyringham	1	S. Gabel	1/2	Westport	350	M. Boucher
2/15	Revere	3	J. Berry	1/6	Nant. Sound	30,000	R. Heil
2/19	Eastham	7	D. + S. Larson	1/7, 2/4	Boston H.	275, 161	TASL (M. Hall)
2/23	Springfield	3	S. Kellogg	1/13	Rockport	30	J. Berry#
"Eurasian" Green-winged Teal				1/17	Salem-Lynn	200	R. Heil
2/28	Scituate	1	D. Furbish	2/11	Sandwich	30	M. Lynch#
Canvasback				2/11	Manomet	60	M. Lynch#
1/1	Worcester	1	J. Zumpfe#	2/13	Fairhaven	400+	M. Boucher
1/7	Acoaxet	50	D. Zimmerlin	White-winged Scoter			
1/8	Dighton	5 m	R. Titus	1/2	Westport	225	M. Boucher
1/14	Freetown	71	D. Larson	1/6	Nant. Sound	650	R. Heil
2/19	Dennis	40+	CCBC (D. Silverstein)	1/7, 2/4	Boston H.	617, 879	TASL (M. Hall)
2/19	Westport	180	R. Heil	1/17	Salem-Lynn	390	R. Heil
2/19	Falmouth	126	G. d'Entremont	1/23	Cape Ann	245	R. Heil
2/22	Nantucket	47	fide E. Ray	1/27	Ipswich	527	D. Chickering#
2/25	Lakeville	8	Mo. Taylor#	2/3	Fairhaven	606	M. Lynch#
2/27	Amesbury	1 m	R. Shore	2/5	P'town (R.P.)	800	P. Flood
Redhead				2/11	Manomet	80	M. Lynch#
1/1-2/11	Plymouth	1	R. Finch#, v.o.	2/13	P.I.	430	R. Heil
1/17	Whitman	1	M. Faherty	Black Scoter			
2/17	Nantucket	18	F. Gallo#	1/6	Nant. Sound	9000	R. Heil
2/26-28	Medford	3 m	R. LaFontaine#	1/13	E. Orleans	45	W. Petersen#
Ring-necked Duck				1/14	Rockport (A.P.)	8	P. + F. Vale
1/1	Worcester	2	M. Lynch#	1/30	Gloucester	5	J. Soucy
1/1	Sheffield	3	via R. Laubach	2/2	Plymouth	14	D. Furbish#
1/4	Waltham	9	J. Forbes	2/3	Fairhaven	40	BBC (R. Stymeist)
1/6	Gloucester	4	J. Nelson	2/4	Boston H.	1	TASL (M. Hall)
1/6	Halifax	9	W. Petersen#	2/27	Hull	8	R. Titus
1/10	Marlboro	3	S. Hennin	Long-tailed Duck			
1/13-15	Nantucket	20	BBC (J. Barton)	1/4	Nantucket	1000	S. Perkins#
1/20	Framingham	16	K. Hamilton	1/7, 2/4	Boston H.	25, 43	TASL (M. Hall)
2/5	Wayland	12	G. Long	2/2	Plymouth	300+	D. Furbish#
2/14	Hadley	1	M. Taylor	2/3	Fairhaven	60	BBC (R. Stymeist)
2/26	Arlington	10	R. LaFontaine	2/4	Chatham (S.B.)	40	P. Flood
Greater Scaup				2/19	P.I.	58	M. Lynch#
1/5	Worcester	1 m	J. Zumpfe	2/27	Hull	103	R. Titus
1/7, 2/4	Boston H.	961, 1304	TASL (M. Hall)	Bufflehead			
1/7	Gloucester	14	G. d'Entremont	1/1	Brookline	12	E. Taylor
2/1	Fairhaven	400	R. Titus#	1/1	Sheffield	1	via R. Laubach
2/3	Swansea	1230	M. Lynch#	1/4	Waltham	1	J. Forbes
2/19	Falmouth	38	G. d'Entremont	1/7, 2/4	Boston H.	1372, 1619	TASL (M. Hall)
2/20	Quincy	120	R. Titus	1/7	Nantucket	350	R. Heil
Lesser Scaup				1/17	Salem-Lynn	485	R. Heil
1/1	Gloucester	10	R. Heil	1/18	Newbypt.	330	R. Heil
1/7	Westport	50	D. Zimmerlin	1/28	Acoaxet	332	M. Lynch#
1/20	Framingham	1 f	K. Hamilton	2/4	Chatham (S.B.)	275	P. Flood
1/28	Nahant	80+	W. Petersen#	Common Goldeneye			
2/8	Winthrop	10	R. Heil	1/4	Nantucket	250	S. Perkins#
2/18	Lakeville	2	S. Hedman#	1/4	S. Hadley	84	H. Allen
2/21	Lynn	25	R. Heil	1/7, 2/4	Boston H.	864, 1095	TASL (M. Hall)
King Eider				1/8	Dighton	163	R. Titus
1/4	Nahant	1 m	T. Martin#	1/14	Freetown	36	D. Larson
1/7, 17	Hull	1	P. Fitzgerald	1/18, 2/13	Newbypt.	350, 360	R. Heil
1/23	Cape Ann	7	R. Heil	1/20	Framingham	18	K. Hamilton

Common Goldeneye (continued)								
1/26	Turners Falls	33		W. Lafley	1/17	Montague	2 ad	M. Taylor
1/27	Cape Ann	116	BBC (L. Ferraroso)		1/21	Arlington	1 ad	M. Rines
1/28	Westport	269		M. Lynch#	1/29	Sunderland	2 ad	R. Ranney
2/1	Fairhaven	498		R. Titus#	2/1-18	M.V.	1 ad	S. Murphy
2/3	Swansea	234		M. Lynch#	2/3	Fairhaven	1 imm	M. Lynch#
Barrow's Goldeneye					2/11	S. Quabbin	7	T. Gagnon
thr	Newbypt.	1-2		v.o.	2/14	Lowell	2 ad, 1 imm	M. Dumas
1/1	Gloucester	1 m		P. Vale#	2/15	Lakeville	1 ad	D. Larson
1/6	Falmouth	2		S. Kellogg#	2/18	Concord (NAC)	1 1W	M. Lynch#
1/7	Winthrop B.	2 m	TASL (P. + F. Vale)		2/21	Shrewsbury	1	L. Sherman
1/7	Quincy	1 m	TASL (D. Larson)		2/24	Hadley	1 ad	I. Dukovski
1/7-24	Holyoke	1		B. Bieda#	2/26	Melrose	1 ad	D. + I. Jewell
1/11	Orleans	1 m		E. Labato#	2/27	Haverhill-Newbypt.	10	R. Heil
1/11-14	S. Orleans	1		E. Labato#	Northern Harrier			
1/26	Swansea	2		R. Farrell	thr	DWWS	13 max	D. Furbish
2/3	Fairhaven	1 m		M. Lynch#	1/2	Westport	2	M. Boucher
2/3	Ipswich	1 m		D. Chickering#	1/10	Quincy	1 ad m	R. Titus
2/4	West Chop (M.V.)	1		V. Laux#	1/13	P.I.	7	S. + L. Hennin
2/4	Boston H.	2	TASL (M. Hall)		1/14	Rowley	3	J. Berry
2/17	Nantucket	5		F. Gallo#	1/17	Salisbury	4	M. Daley
2/24	Sunderland	1 m		I. Dukovski	1/20	Gloucester	1 BBC (W. Drummond)	
Hooded Merganser					1/21	Cumb. Farms	9	W. Petersen
1/1	S. Carver	5 m		K. Anderson#	1/22	Ipswich	2	J. Berry
1/1	Boston	13		G. d'Entremont	1/26	Scutuate H.	1	R. Titus
1/4	Waltham	10		J. Forbes	1/28	Salisbury	4 BBC (W. Drummond)	
1/7	Millbury-Blackstone	19		M. Lynch#	1/29	Essex-Salisbury	14	R. Heil
1/7	P.I.	7		J. Nelson	2/12	Fairhaven	2	M. Boucher
1/7	Nantucket	20		R. Heil	2/13	Newbypt.	7	R. Heil
1/13	Eastham (F.H.)	50		W. Petersen#	2/18	Revere	1	M. Lynch#
1/17	Holyoke	3		S. Kellogg	2/18	Winthrop	2	M. Lynch#
1/20	Framingham	18		K. Hamilton	2/27	W. Newbury	2	R. Heil
2/11	Plymouth	35		M. Lynch#	Sharp-shinned Hawk			
2/17	Wakefield	11		P. + F. Vale	1/7	Nahant	2	R. Stymeist#
2/18	Lakeville	11		K. Anderson	1/29	Essex	pr ad	R. Heil
2/19	Westfield	3		S. Kellogg	2/3	Plymouth	2	D. + S. Larson
2/24	Wareham	24		M. Boucher	2/24	Fairhaven	2	R. Stymeist#
2/27	Haverhill	8		R. Heil	thr	Reports of indiv. from 27 locations		
Red-breasted Merganser					Cooper's Hawk			
1/4	Cape Ann	158		J. Berry	2/18	Fairhaven	2	S. Hedman#
1/7, 2/4	Boston H.	677, 782	TASL (M. Hall)		thr	Reports of indiv. from 31 locations		
1/14, 2/25	N. Truro	800, 1200		B. Nikula	Northern Goshawk			
1/28	Westport	112		M. Lynch#	1/1	Gill	1	W. Lafley
2/3	Fairhaven	124		M. Lynch#	1/6	Windsor	1 ad	T. Gagnon
2/4	Chatham (S.B.)	330		P. Flood	1/17	Pepperell	1 ad	M. Resch
2/4	P'town (R.P.)	2000		B. Nikula	1/20	Ashfield	1	J. Hove#
2/9	Arlington	4		B. Krisler	1/24	Windsor	1	H. Allen
2/11	Sandwich	102		M. Lynch#	1/30	Fairhaven	1	M. Boucher
2/25	P'town	450		B. Nikula	2/2	E. Middleboro	1	R. Lee
Common Merganser					2/9	Halifax	1 ad	D. Furbish#
1/4	Waltham	30		J. Forbes	2/19	Ashfield	1 ad	V. Yurkunas#
1/6	Hadley	15+		M. Williams	2/21	DWWS	1	S. Noonan#
1/7	Millbury-Blackstone	19		M. Lynch#	Red-shouldered Hawk			
1/20	Framingham	42		K. Hamilton	thr	E. Middleboro	1-2	K. Anderson
1/28	Westport	50		M. Lynch#	1/1	Fairhaven	1	D. Zimmerlin
2/4	Fairhaven	40		D. Furbish#	1/11	Framingham	1 ad	L. Nachtrab
2/4	N. Truro	58		B. Nikula	1/14	Stoughton	1	D. Larson
2/11	Plymouth	52		M. Lynch#	1/28	Swansea	1	M. Lynch#
2/21	Cambridge (F.P.)	26		J. Damian	2/thr	DWWS	2	D. Furbish
2/26	Halifax	48		K. Anderson	2/14	Lincoln	1	M. Rines
2/27	Lawrence-Newbypt.	202		R. Heil	2/16	Easton	1 ad	R. Titus
2/28	Duxbury	23		N. Swirka	2/18	Lakeville	1	K. Anderson
2/28	Belmont	45		B. Miller	2/19	Westport	2 ad	R. Heil
Ruddy Duck					2/21	Avon	1	R. Titus
1/1	Gloucester	7		R. Heil	2/23	Hanover	1	W. Petersen
1/7	Boston H.	46	TASL (M. Hall)		2/25	Eastham (F.H.)	1 ad	G. Martin
1/7	Westport	2		D. Zimmerlin	2/26	Norwell	1	B. Litchfield
1/17	Nahant	228		R. Heil	Red-tailed Hawk			
2/4	Boston H.	56	TASL (M. Hall)		1/14	Boston	8	R. Stymeist#
2/24	Gloucester	12		D. Furbish#	1/28	Westport	8	M. Lynch#
Bald Eagle					1/29	Essex to Salisbury	39	R. Heil
1/3	Bradford	1 ad		C. Norris#	2/27	Lawrence to Newbypt.	19	R. Heil
1/6	Northampton	1 ad		J. Hove#	Rough-legged Hawk			
1/7	Westport	3 ad		D. Zimmerlin	thr	DWWS	7 max	D. Furbish
1/8	Assonet	1 ad		R. Titus	1/8, 23	GMNWR	2 lt, 1dk	M. Rines
1/12	Wachusett Res. (G23)	1 imm	J. Zumpfe#		1/16, 20	Dedham	1 dk, 1lt	A. Joslin
1/14	Dighton	1 2W		D. Larson	1/21	Cumb. Farms	2	K. Anderson#
1/15	Lawrence	1 imm		S. Hennin#	1/28	W. Bridgewater	1 dk, 1 lt	M. Faherty#
					1/29	Essex to Salisbury	14	R. Heil

Rough-legged Hawk (continued)				Sandhill Crane			
2/3	Fairhaven	2	M. Lynch#	1/27-2/31	Fairhaven	1 ad	D. Zimberlin + v.o.
2/13	Newbypt./P.I.	10 lt	R. Heil	Black-bellied Plover			
2/22	Beverly	1 lt	R. Heil	1/5	Nantucket	2	S. Wheelock
thr	Reports of indiv. from 14 loc. statewide			Killdeer			
Golden Eagle				1/1	Orleans	1	B. Nikula
1/20	Savoy	1	M. Lynch#	1/7	Nantucket	1	R. Heil
2/10	Pelham	1 ad	M. Lynch#	2/3	Plymouth	1	D. + S. Larson
American Kestrel				2/13	Fairhaven	2	M. Boucher
1/29	Newbury	2	R. Heil	2/20	Newbypt.	1	D. + I. Jewell
2/10	Salisbury	2	BBC (L. delaFlor)	2/20	Chilmark	1	A. Keith
thr	Reports of indiv. from 18 locations			2/24	Northbridge	1	S. Jordan
Merlin				Ruddy Turnstone			
1/7	Nantucket	3	R. Heil	1/5	Nantucket	30	S. Wheelock
thr	Reports of indiv. from 25 locations			1/6	Sandwich	1	S. Kellogg#
Peregrine Falcon				1/26	N. Scituate	4	R. Titus
1/1	Worcester	1 ad	M. Lynch#	1/27	Chatham (S.B.)	3	R. Donovan#
1/1	P.I.	1	D. + S. Larson	2/3	Fairhaven	130	BBC (R. Stymeist)
1/4	Shutesbury	1	W. Laflay	2/4	Boston H.	7	TASL (M. Hall)
1/9-16	Springfield	2	M. Williams#	2/7	Gloucester (B.R.)	1	D. Larson
1/11	Amherst	2	C. Holzapfel	Red Knot			
1/13	Eastham (F.H.)	1	W. Petersen#	1/27	Chatham (S.B.)	3	R. Donovan#
1/13-15	Nantucket	2	BBC (J. Barton)	2/1	P.I.	6	D. Chickering#
1/14	Newbypt.	1 imm	D. + I. Jewell	2/3	Fairhaven	1	M. Lynch#
1/23	Westport	2	D. Larson#	2/9	Cohasset	14	R. Titus#
1/24	Melrose	1 ad	D. + I. Jewell	2/thr	Katama	1	A. Keith# + v.o.
1/28	Salisbury	1 ad	P. Roberts	Sanderling			
1/28	Dorchester	1	R. Donovan#	1/4	Nantucket	300	S. Perkins#
2/4	Revere	1	R. Stymeist#	1/7, 2/4	Boston H.	142, 380	TASL (M. Hall)
2/15	Hadley	1	I. Dukovski	1/17	Plymouth H.	100+	M. Faherty
2/16	Lawrence	1 ad	J. Hogan	1/18	Quincy	44	R. Titus#
2/16	Boston (Logan)	2	N. Smith	1/27	P.I.	33	SSBC (M. Emmons)
2/17	Fairhaven	1	M. Barriger#	1/27	Chatham (S.B.)	800+	R. Donovan#
2/20	Lynn	1 ad	R. Heil	1/28	Acoaxet	1	M. Lynch#
2/21	Newbury	1	G. Leet#	2/3	Fairhaven	25	BBC (R. Stymeist)
Ring-necked Pheasant				2/3	Barnstable	6	J. Liller
1/17	Whitman	1	M. Faherty	2/4	Revere	380	R. Stymeist#
1/22	Ipswich	3 f	J. Berry	2/4	P'town (R.P.)	150+	B. Nikula
1/24	Dorchester	4	R. Donovan	2/6	Lynn B.	250+	D. Saffarewich
1/27	Nahant	2 m	J. Berry#	2/11	Sandwich	4	M. Lynch#
1/27	Bourne	2	J. Glydon	2/22	Plymouth	20	R. Titus#
Ruffed Grouse				2/22	Duxbury B.	2	K. Vespaziani#
1/6	Windsor	2	T. Gagnon	2/24	Salisbury	50	D. Tripp#
1/7	Gardner	1	T. Pirro	Western Sandpiper			
1/14	Quabbin (G43)	1	C. Buelow	1/27	Chatham (S.B.)	1	R. Donovan#
2/21	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson	Purple Sandpiper			
Wild Turkey				1/5	Nantucket	4	S. Wheelock
1/thr	Ipswich	9	J. Berry	1/7	Acoaxet	30	D. Zimberlin
1/7	Worcester	9	M. Lynch#	1/7	Boston H.	8	TASL (M. Hall)
1/16	Reading	9	D. Schromm	1/13	Sandwich	16+	B. Nikula
1/20	Barre	9	M. Lynch#	1/20	Gloucester (E.P.)	30	E. Morrier#
1/22	Marshfield	9	D. Furbish	1/26, 2/9	N. Scituate	520, 200	R. Titus
1/28	Templeton	8	T. Pirro#	1/28	Bourne	32	S. Hedman
1/31	Woburn	3	M. Rines	1/28	Westport	9	M. Lynch#
2/8	P.I.	9	D. + I. Jewell	2/3	Rockport (H.P.)	36	BBC (J. Noye)
2/10	S. Quabbin	12	M. Lynch#	2/3	Fairhaven	75	BBC (R. Stymeist)
2/12	Middleboro	37	D. Furbish	2/6	Nahant	20	E. Nelson-Melby
2/16	Erving	14	V. Yurkunas#	2/9	Cohasset	215	R. Titus#
2/20	Newbury	12	D. + I. Jewell	2/11	Manomet	8	M. Lynch#
Northern Bobwhite				2/14	Salisbury	1	B. Stevens#
1/8	Yarmouthport	8m,4f	K. Hamilton	Dunlin			
2/24	Truro	5	J. Young	1/2	Westport	118	M. Boucher
Virginia Rail				1/7, 2/4	Boston H.	8, 92	TASL (M. Hall)
1/1	Northbridge	1	M. Lynch#	1/7	Rockport	110	J. Berry
1/5	Nantucket	3	S. Wheelock	1/17	Plymouth H.	300+	M. Faherty
1/18	Newbypt.	1	R. Heil	1/27	Chatham (S.B.)	1800	R. Donovan#
Purple Gallinule				1/28	Acoaxet	178	M. Lynch#
1/1	Oak Bluffs	1	fide A. Keith	1/29	Essex	50	R. Heil
American Coot				2/24	Fairhaven	60	M. Rines#
1/1	Brookline	2	E. Taylor	Common Snipe			
1/6	Worcester	14	M. Lynch#	1/1	Fairhaven	1	R. Finch#
1/11	Watertown	1	E. Nelson-Melby	1/1	Northbridge	4	M. Lynch#
1/11	Boston	5	D. Larson	1/27	Newbypt.	4	H. Wiggin
1/thr	Lynn	6	R. Heil	American Woodcock			
2/11	Plymouth	16	M. Lynch#	1/28	Falmouth	1	D. Furbish#
2/12	Arlington	48	M. Rines	2/20	Fairhaven	1 display	M. Boucher
2/22	Gloucester	1	J. Soucy#	2/22	P.I.	1	C. Criscitiello#
2/thr	Lynn	5	R. Heil				

Pomarine Jaeger				1/3	Gloucester (B.R.)	1	C. Holzapfel
1/6 Nant. Sound	1 2W	R. Heil, J. Trimble, B. Nikula		2/10	Rockport (A.P.)	4	BBC (L. de la Flor)
Laughing Gull				2/16	Edgartown	1	V. Laux
1/5	Rockport (H.P.)	1 ad	M. Taylor#	2/24	Rockport (H.P.)	3	D. Furbish#
Little Gull				2/24	Gloucester (E.P.)	2	D. Furbish#
1/7	Nantucket	1 ad.	R. Heil	Common Murre			
2/10	Nantucket	6	E. Ray#	1/7	Rockport	1	J. Berry
Black-headed Gull				1/13	off Noman's Land	2	V. Laux#
1/4	S. Boston	1 1W	R. Donovan	1/23	Gloucester	1	R. Heil
1/7	Nantucket	1 1W	R. Heil	2/4	P'town (R.P.)	3+	B. Nikula
1/14	Plymouth	2	J. Hoye#	2/5	Rockport (A.P.)	6	R. Heil
1/27	Winthrop	1	M. Daley	2/18	N. Truro	1	B. Nikula
1/27	Gloucester	1	K. Mills	2/24	Gloucester (E.P.)	2	D. Furbish#
2/2	Plymouth	2	R. Titus#	Thick-billed Murre			
2/3	E. Boston	1	J. Young	1/7	Rockport	2	J. Berry
2/13	Rockport	1 1W	J. Berry	1/17	Nahant	2	R. Heil
2/24	Gloucester	2	D. Furbish#	1/21	Eastham (F.E.)	1	T. Raymond
Herring x Great Black-backed Gull				1/23	Cape Ann	3	R. Heil
2/8	Lynn	1 ad	R. Heil	1/27	Nahant	3	J. Berry#
Herring x Lesser Black-backed Gull (probable)				2/3	Plymouth B.	1	D. + S. Larson
1/4 Nantucket	1 ad	S. Perkins, D. Sibley#		2/4	P'town (R.P.)	3+	B. Nikula
Bonaparte's Gull				2/4	Boston H.	2	TASL (M. Hall)
1/6	Plymouth	5	Allen Club	2/4	Chatham (S.B.)	1	P. Flood
1/7	Gloucester	10	BBC (W. Drummond)	2/5	Rockport (A.P.)	13	R. Heil
1/7	Newbypt.	5	E. Mornier	2/6	Nahant	2	E. Nelson-Melby
1/7, 2/4	Boston H.	69, 1	TASL (M. Hall)	2/14	Cape Ann	9	BBC (B. Volkle)
1/7	Nantucket	7000	R. Heil	2/16-17	Edgartown	1	V. Laux#
Mew Gull *				2/19	P.I.	1	M. Lynch#
1/8	S. Boston	1	R. Donovan	2/25	Wellfleet H.	1	B. Nikula
2/8-15	Lynn	1 ad	R. Heil	2/25	P'town (R.P.)	4	J. Young
Yellow-legged Gull (details submitted) *				Razorbill			
12/28-1/2	Nant. 1 ad	R. Veit, P. + F. Buckley		1/1	Cape Ann	120+	R. Heil
Iceland Gull				1/4	Nantucket	7000	S. Perkins#
1/1	Worcester	1	J. Zumpfe#	1/7	Rockport	180	J. Berry
1/7	Nantucket	45	R. Heil	1/7, 2/18	N. Truro	60, 300	B. Nikula
1/8, 2/13	Newbypt.	5, 10	R. Heil	1/7, 2/4	P'town	150, 8000	B. Nikula
1/14, 2/4	N. Truro	13 ad, 8	B. Nikula	1/7, 2/4	Boston H.	1, 1	TASL (M. Hall)
1/17	Holyoke	1	S. Kellogg	1/13	Eastham	150	W. Petersen#
1/18	Rockport	1 2W, 1 3W	J. Smith#	1/13	off Noman's Land	40+	V. Laux#
1/18	Quincy	1 ad	R. Titus	1/31	Gloucester	11	B. Lawless#
1/27, 2/11	Wachusett Res.	1, 2	M. Lynch#	2/4	Nahant	2	J. Kricher#
1/27	Chatham (S.B.)	1	R. Donovan#	2/5	Rockport (A.P.)	188	R. Heil
2/14	Salisbury	3	B. Stevens#	2/13	P.I.	25+	R. Heil
2/18	Hull	1	SSBC (N. Swirka)	2/14	Salisbury	5	B. Stevens#
2/19	Gloucester	1	T. Pirro	2/16	off Edgartown	800+	V. Laux#
2/25	P'town (R.P.)	10	J. Young	2/17	Nantucket	182	F. Gallo#
Lesser Black-backed Gull				2/28	off Gay Head	20+	A. Keith
1/7	Nantucket	15	R. Heil	Black Guillemot			
1/7, 2/4	Boston	1	TASL (R. Stymeist)	1/1	Marshfield	20+	G. d'Entremont
1/21	Manomet	1 ad	T. Raymond	1/2	Gloucester (B.R.)	20+	P. Akers
1/23	Westport	1 ad	D. Larson#	1/7	Rockport	3	P. Roberts#
2/20	Quincy	1 ad	R. Titus	1/7, 2/4	Boston H.	3, 6	TASL (M. Hall)
2/22	Plymouth	2	R. Titus#	1/17	Marblehead-Nahant	33	R. Heil
Glaucous Gull				1/23	Cape Ann	56	R. Heil
1/2	Newbypt.	1 ad	J. Berry#	1/26	Minot	1	W. Petersen#
1/3	Rockport	1 imm	C. Holzapfel	1/27	P'town	1	B. Nikula
1/13-15	Nantucket	1	BBC (J. Barton)	1/31	Rockport	6	BBC (J. Paluzzi)
1/14	Wachusett Res.	1	F. McMenemy	2/2	Plymouth	5	D. Furbish#
1/17	S. Hadley	1 1W	B. Lafley	2/7	Gloucester (B.R.)	20+	D. Larson
Black-legged Kittiwake				2/17	Nantucket	1	F. Gallo#
1/4	Nantucket	400	S. Perkins#	2/24	Rockport (H.P.)	4	D. Furbish#
1/4	Rockport	14	J. Berry	2/25	P'town (R.P.)	2	J. Young
1/7	N. Truro	190	B. Nikula	2/27	Hull	2	R. Titus
1/7	P'town	50	B. Nikula	Atlantic Puffin			
1/21	Eastham (F.E.)	400	T. Raymond	1/3	Gloucester (E.P.)	1	C. Holzapfel
1/27	Chatham (S.B.)	12	R. Donovan#	1/14, 2/3	Rockport (A.P.)	1, 2	P. + F. Vale
1/27	N. Truro	200+	B. Nikula	large alcid species			
2/5	P'town (R.P.)	100+	P. Flood	1/7, 27	N. Truro	930, 1800	B. Nikula
2/5	Rockport (A.P.)	240 ad	R. Heil	1/7, 27	P'town	500, 800	B. Nikula
2/6	Eastham (F.E.)	700+	B. Nikula	2/4, 18	N. Truro	350, 7200	B. Nikula
2/10	Gloucester (E.P.)	6	M. Barriger	2/6	Eastham (F.E.)	360	B. Nikula
2/13	P.I.	5 ad	R. Heil	2/13	P.I.	55+	R. Heil
Dovekie				2/19, 25	P'town	200, 1700	B. Nikula
1/1	Rockport (A.P.)	2	S. Moore#				

OWLS THROUGH FINCHES

Early winter is a great time to hear owls calling, especially Great Horned and Barred, as they gear up for the nesting season. Hearing these owls call on a still winter night over a meadow or frozen marsh can send tingles up your spine. Jim Berry noted hearing both Great Horned and Barred owls calling at the same time, certainly not a common occurrence since Great Horned have been known to prey on Barred Owls! (Must have been new to the neighborhood). The owl show at Daniel Webster Sanctuary in Marshfield, although not as good as the winter of 1999-2000, provided a nice comparison for birders of Long-eared and Short-eared owls in flight. Logan Airport was busy with all sorts of flying machines, including as many as six different Short-eared and a consistent 4-6 Snowy owls throughout the period. These birds were easily seen from Castle Island in South Boston, especially late in the afternoon. A Snowy Owl in Pittsfield was the first western Massachusetts midwinter report since 1992, and a Short-eared Owl in Hadley was only the fifth February record for the western part of the state, and the first winter report since 1993.

Semihardy overwinterers showed up in good numbers, in particular one of my favorite birds, the Carolina Wren, which appears to be thriving and expanding its range. The increase in the number of feeders certainly has helped, but I do think this species has built up a New England tolerance for weather. Other semihardy species reported were: Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Eastern Phoebe, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Eastern Bluebird, Hermit Thrush, Gray Catbird, Eastern Towhee and Yellow-breasted Chat. Impressive numbers of American Robins were reported, but this species can be a quite common winter resident; we just have to convince the television weather forecasters that the first robin is not a sign of spring!

It was another off year for Brown Creepers and Red-breasted Nuthatches. Only about half as many Northern Shrikes as last year were reported, but their numbers were still above average. Sparrow numbers in western Massachusetts were noteworthy: White-throats were reported in excellent numbers, and reports of Savannah Sparrows exceeded any previous winter total. Fox Sparrows were reported in exceptional numbers statewide, with an amazing sixteen reported on a single day in Mattapoisett. There was a noticeable increase in the number of wintering Rusty Blackbirds and Eastern Meadowlarks, as was the case with Red-wings, grackles and cowbirds.

The period was not lacking in unusual birds: three House Wrens, a single Bohemian Waxwing in Monterey, a female Black-throated Blue Warbler throughout the period in Brewster, a Lark Sparrow in West Yarmouth, a Lincoln's Sparrow in the Cumberland Farm Fields, a female Painted Bunting in Wellfleet, a Yellow-headed Blackbird in Westport, and a Bullock's Oriole in South Dartmouth.

The winter finch show was confined almost exclusively to western Massachusetts, with very few Pine Siskins and Evening Grosbeaks, and not a single redpoll noted. The big news here was the invasion of White-winged Crossbills. In early January these birds were in full song, singing their brains out on the top spires of spruces and hemlocks; the forests were ringing with song! Over 140 were noted in Savoy. Some males were seen doing a "stall" flight, like male Red-winged Blackbirds, flying down to females. Geoff LeBaron of Williamsburg was able to confirm the first breeding in Massachusetts for this species in February near the junction of North Street and Route 9 in Windsor. He witnessed an adult male feeding three recently fledged birds repeatedly for about five minutes. It is interesting to point out that the adult male crossbill does most of the feeding of the young, as females immediately re-nest in areas where there is a good food source. There was a tremendous crop of conifer seeds last summer, and apparently the crossbills are taking full advantage of it. There were also many reports of these

birds "gritting," that is feeding along the roads picking through the sand, and this risky behavior resulted in a number of birds being hit by passing vehicles. R.H.S.

Monk Parakeet				2/16	Southwick	1	S. Kellogg
1/23, 2/24	Somerset	1, 4	D. Larson#	2/23	Longmeadow	1	A. + L. Richardson
Barn Owl				2/27	Haverhill	2	R. Heil
1/5	Nantucket	1	S. Wheelock	2/27	W. Newbury	2	R. Heil
Eastern Screech-Owl				thr	Reports of indiv. from 8 eastern MA loc.		
1/1	Deerfield	3	H. Allen	Red-bellied Woodpecker			
1/8	Rockport	4	P. Akers	1/thr	Maynard	3	L. Nachtrab
1/8	Stoneham	2	D. + I. Jewell	1/3-28	Erving	1 m	V. Yurkunas
1/thr	Mt.A	1-4	J. Heywood#	1/7	Hardwick	1 f	C. Buelow
thr	Reports of indiv. from 15 locations			1/12	S. Middleboro	2	K. Anderson
Great Horned Owl				1/17	Hadley	2	M. Taylor
1/8	Swampscott	1	R. Kipp	1/28	S. Dartmouth	2	M. Boucher
1/14	DWWS	3	G. Dolan#	2/3	Fairhaven	2	BBC (R. Stymeist)
1/20	Dedham	2	A. Joslin#	2/4	Whitman	1	M. Faherty
1/28	Cumb. Farms	2	M. Faherty#	2/16	Rockport	3	R. Heil
2/2	Ipswich	pr	J. + N. Berry	2/17	Swampscott	2	J. McLaughlin
2/5	Wayland	2	G. Long	2/23	Dennisport	2	D. Silverstein#
2/7	Hamilton	pr	J. Berry	2/28	Mattapoisett	3	F. Smith
2/22	S. Peabody	2	R. Heil	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			
2/24	Westboro	1 n	M. Lynch#	thr	Gloucester	1 f	D. Sandee
2/27	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson	1/1	Longmeadow	1 f	L. Atkinson
Snowy Owl				1/1-31	Marstons Mills	1	D. & S. Jurkowski
1/2, 12	Pittsfield	1, 1	J. Waterman, T. Lester	1/7-18	Westfield	1	J. Hutchison
1/3, 2/4	Rockport	1	C. Holzapfel#	1/8	Nantucket	1	E. Andrews
1/8, 13	Westport	1, 1	M. Boucher#	1/9-31	S. Middleboro	1 f	C. Sylvia
1/14, 21	Boston (Logan)	4, 6	N. Smith	1/13	Mt.A.	1	R. Stymeist
1/14-19	Eastham	1	v.o.	1/14	Westboro	1	S. Arena
1/17	Salisbury	1	D. + I. Jewell	2/25	Truro	1	J. Young
1/17-2/24	Lynn H.	1 imm	R. Heil + v.o.	Hairy Woodpecker			
1/25, 2/22	Duxbury B.	1	J. Chisholm#	1/7	Gardner	2	T. Pirro
1/27	P'town	1	B. Nikula	1/12	Mattapoisett	2	F. Smith
2/20, 26	Boston (Logan)	4, 5	N. Smith	1/27	Savoy	2	T. Gagnon
2/24	P.I.	1	D. Tripp#	1/thr	Maynard	4	L. Nachtrab
Barred Owl				2/5	Mattapoisett	2	F. Smith
1/14	Hamilton	1	P. Brown	2/18	Boxford (C.P.)	2	P. + F. Vale
1/25	Windsor	1	B. Lafley	2/thr	Maynard	3	L. Nachtrab
2/3	Amherst	1	I. Dukovski	Northern Flicker			
2/14	Quabbin (G43)	2	C. Buelow	1/1	Rockport	6	R. Heil
2/19	Stoneham	1 dead	D. + I. Jewell	1/7	Gr Barrington	2	J. Johnson
2/24	Topsfield	2	BBC (E. Giles)	1/14	Boston	11	R. Stymeist#
2/thr	Ipswich	pr	J. Berry	1/27	Squantum	3	E. Morrier
Long-eared Owl				1/27	Essex	6	R. Stymeist
1/28	Essex	10	J. Berry#	1/31	Longmeadow	1	A. + L. Richardson
2/16	Marshfield	2	D. Ludlow#	2/4	Fairhaven	3	K. Anderson#
2/thr	DWWS	2	D. Furbish	2/10	Hardwick	2	M. Lynch#
Short-eared Owl				2/18	Southwick	1	S. Kellogg
1/1	Acoaxet	1	R. Finch#	2/18	Belchertown	1	A. + L. Richardson
1/1, 12	Katama	1	V. Laux# + v.o.	Pileated Woodpecker			
1/4	Chappaquiddick	1	V. Laux	1/14	Quabbin (G43)	4	C. Buelow
1/6	Marshfield	3	S. Kellogg#	1/14	Worcester	1	S. Hennin
1/13, 2/27	P.I.	3, 4	S. Hennin	1/20	Ashfield	1	J. Hoye#
1/13	Salisbury	2	J. Soucy#	1/20	Monroe	1	M. Lynch#
1/14, 2/20	Boston (Logan)	6, 5	N. Smith	1/22	Wayland	2	G. Long
1/14	Cumb. Farms	2	W. + E. Lackey	1/26	Medford	1	D. + I. Jewell
1/18	Rockport	1	J. Smith#	2/1	Westford	1	D. Selesky
1/19	Newbury	1	C. Phipps	2/8	Petersham	2	D. + S. Larson
2/thr	DWWS	3	D. Furbish	2/16	Lincoln	1	M. Rines
2/4	Essex	1	I. Giriunas#	2/20	IRWS	1	J. Nelson
2/13	Hadley	1	C. Gentes#	2/23	Dennisport	1	D. Silverstein#
2/17-24	Lynn	2	R. Acher + v.o.	2/28	Gardner	1 pr	T. Pirro
2/19	Fairhaven	1	G. d'Entremont	Eastern Phoebe			
Northern Saw-whet Owl				1/21	Sudbury	1	E. Salmela
1/2	Wendell	2	W. Lafley	1/31	Nantucket	1	K. Blackshaw
1/4	New Salem	1	W. Lafley	2/20-28	Chilmark	1	A. Keith
1/5	Nantucket	1	S. Wheelock	Northern Shrike			
1/13	Brewster	1	W. Petersen#	1/17	P.I.	2	D. + A. Jewell
2/17	Nantucket	2	F. Gallo#	2/3	Windsor	2	T. Collins#
2/20	Cheshire	1	R. Rancatti	2/17	Nantucket	2	F. Gallo#
2/28	Northfield	3	M. Taylor	Reports of indiv. from 34 locations			
Belted Kingfisher				American Crow			
1/17	Ellisville H.	2	M. Faherty	thr	Framingham	10,000+	E. Taylor
2/11	Plymouth	2	M. Lynch#	thr	Lawrence	10,000+	J. Hogan#

American Crow (continued)				2/16-20	Westford	1	S. Wedge
1/7	Brookline	4000	A. Joslin#	2/19-20	Westwood	1	B. Wicks
1/8	Wakefield	500+	F. Vale	Winter Wren			
1/14	Boston	450	R. Stymeist#	1/5	New Braintree	5	C. Buelow
1/22	Melrose	850+	D. + I. Jewell	2/3	Fairhaven	2	BBC (R. Stymeist)
2/3	Springfield	2000	M. Taylor	2/8	Melrose	2	D. + I. Jewell
2/13	W. Cambridge	1326	B. Miller#	2/15	Boxford	2	D. + I. Jewell
2/20	Quincy	423	R. Titus	thr	Reports of indiv. from 19 locatoin		
Fish Crow				Marsh Wren			
1/14	Boston	59	R. Stymeist#	1/4	Nantucket	6	S. Perkins#
1/16	Dedham	3	A. Joslin	1/6	Somerset	1	R. Titus
1/21	Arlington	2	M. Rines	1/18	Newbypt.	2	R. Heil
1/24	Seekonk	2	R. Farrell	1/24	Dorchester	1	R. Donovan
1/24	Dorchester	22	R. Donovan	2/2	Essex	1	J. Berry#
2/23	Dennisport	1	D. Silverstein#	Golden-crowned Kinglet			
2/27	Haverhill	1	R. Heil	1/5	New Braintree	6	C. Buelow
Common Raven				1/6	Hawley	3	M. Williams
1/1	Greenfield	3	V. Yurkunas	1/7	Saugus	4	D. + I. Jewell
1/1	Gardner	3	T. Pirro	1/7	Northfield	3	V. Yurkunas
1/1	Gill	1	V. Yurkunas	1/7	Stoughton	8	R. Titus
1/3	Turners Falls	2	V. Yurkunas	1/8	GMNWR	10	G. Keresztes
1/5	New Braintree	2	C. Buelow	1/14	Quabbin (G43)	10	C. Buelow
1/6	Ashfield	1	M. Williams	1/20	Dedham	4	A. Joslin#
1/6	Cummington	1	T. Gagnon	1/20	Savoy	4	M. Lynch#
1/14	Quabbin (G43)	5	C. Buelow	1/29	Brockton	6	M. Faherty
1/20	Monroe	7	M. Lynch#	2/3	Fairhaven	4	M. Lynch#
1/27	Windsor	1	T. Gagnon	2/18	Boxford (C.P.)	4	P. + F. Vale
1/28	Templeton	1	T. Pirro#	2/24	Quabbin (G37)	6	SSBC (D. Ludlow)
2/9	Lunenburg	1	K. Reiner	Ruby-crowned Kinglet			
2/24	Ware	2	C. Buelow	1/7	Brookline	2	J. Young
Horned Lark				1/14	Boston	2	R. Stymeist#
1/1	S. Boston	35	G. d'Entremont	2/24	Fairhaven	2	R. Stymeist#
1/4	Hadley	250	C. Holzapfel	thr	Reports of indiv. from 29 locations		
1/10	Newbury	90	B. Stevens#	Eastern Bluebird			
1/14	Rowley	20	J. Berry	1/1	Stoughton	7	R. Titus
1/20	Northampton	90+	T. Gagnon	1/1	Northbridge	6	M. Lynch#
1/21	Cumb. Farms	200	K. Anderson#	1/13	Westport	10	D. Zimmerlin
1/27	Chatham (S.B.)	15	R. Donovan#	1/13	Cumb. Farms	16	K. Anderson
1/28	Westport	260	M. Lynch#	1/14	Dighton	6	D. Larson
1/29	Essex	30	R. Heil	1/21	Lincoln	6	H. Yelle#
1/29	P.I.	35	R. Heil	1/25	Ware	7	D. Norton
2/1	Fairhaven	110	R. Titus#	1/25	Walpole	6	G. Long
2/14	W. Gloucester	10	J. Nelson	1/28	Falmouth	7	D. Furbish#
2/19	Salisbury	30	M. Lynch#	1/28	Danvers	6	R. Stymeist
2/22	Duxbury B.	21	K. Vespaiziani#	1/29	S. Carver	24	D. Betinson
2/27	Hingham	12	R. Titus	2/3	Southwick	25	J. Hutchison
Red-breasted Nuthatch				2/3	GMNWR	15	E. Nelson-Melby
1/14	Boston	2	R. Stymeist#	2/4	Concord	7	J. Damian
1/14	Ashfield	2	B. Kane	2/10	E. Middleboro	6	K. Anderson
1/22	Groton	2	T. Pirro	2/21	Groton	8	I. Staub
1/27	Savoy	4	T. Gagnon	Hermit Thrush			
1/28, 2/28	Gardner	2	T. Pirro#	1/1	Rockport	2	R. Heil
2/3	Amherst	2	I. Dukovski	1/1	Acoaxet	4	R. Finch#
2/15	Pepperell	2	M. Resch	1/4	Marblehead	2	K. Haley
2/24	Quabbin (G37)	2	SSBC (D. Ludlow)	1/28	Westport	3	M. Lynch#
2/28	Duxbury	3	N. Swirka	2/24	Fairhaven	7	R. Stymeist#
Brown Creeper				thr	Reports of indiv. from 16 locations		
1/1	N. Marshfield	2	G. d'Entremont	American Robin			
1/8	GMNWR	2	G. Keresztes	1/1	P'town-N. Truro	800+	B. Nikula
2/3	Amherst	2	I. Dukovski	1/5	New Braintree	120	C. Buelow
2/10	Boxford (C.P.)	2	P. + F. Vale	1/14	Boston	178	R. Stymeist#
2/24	Plainfield	3	G. d'Entremont#	1/20	Boylston	125	S. Hennin#
Carolina Wren				1/20	Barton's Cove	100	M. Lynch#
1/7	Medford	3	R. LaFontaine	2/4	Nantucket	2000	E. Ray
1/7-25	Westfield	2	J. Hutchison	2/14	Ipswich	100+	J. Berry
1/13	Mt.A	3	R. Stymeist	Gray Catbird			
1/14	Boston	4	R. Stymeist#	1/1	Rockport	1	R. Heil
1/14	Stoughton	8	G. d'Entremont	1/2	S. Dartmouth	2	M. Boucher
1/29	Brockton	5	M. Faherty	1/3	Lexington	1	M. Rines
1/31	Rehoboth	7	R. Farrell	1/28	Falmouth	1	D. Furbish#
2/1	Westport	18	R. Titus	1/28	Topsfield	1	R. Stymeist
2/10	Pittsfield	2	N. Mole	2/3	Medford	1	R. LaFontaine
2/13	Wilbraham	2	A. + L. Richardson	2/11	Plymouth	1	M. Lynch#
2/16	Rockport	14	R. Heil	2/19	Westport	2	R. Heil
2/24	Holyoke	2	S. Kellogg	2/24	Fairhaven	5	R. Stymeist#
2/24	Fairhaven	34	R. Stymeist#	2/3, 27	Stoneham	1	D. + I. Jewell
House Wren				Brown Thrasher			
1/1	Fairhaven	1	R. Finch#	2/18	Westport	1	K. Anderson#

American Pipit				2/26	DWWS	56	D. Furbish
1/8	Westport	2	M. Boucher	Chipping Sparrow			
1/27	Chatham (S.B.)	7	R. Donovan#	1/1	Concord	1	M. Rines#
1/27	Fairhaven	8	D. Zimberlin	1/15	N. Dartmouth	1	M. Boucher
2/7	P.I.	9	N. Soulette#	1/21	Easthampton	1	B. Bieda
2/22	Scituate	1	R. Titus#	1/28	Falmouth	1	D. Furbish#
Bohemian Waxwing				2/4	Edgartown	2+	M. Pelikan
2/20	Monterey	1	K. Ryan	2/5	Mattapoisett	1	F. Smith
Cedar Waxwing				2/22	Plymouth	4	R. Titus#
1/1	Deerfield	253	T. Gagnon	2/22	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson
1/5	Ipswich	50	J. Berry	Field Sparrow			
1/17	Sunderland	100	M. Williams	1/1	Mattapan	3	G. d'Entremont
1/20	Barton's Cove	150	M. Lynch#	1/14	Stoughton	1	G. d'Entremont
1/28	Gardner	150	T. Pirro#	1/17	Mansfield	1	S. Wagner
1/31	Concord	120+	D. + I. Jewell	1/17	Montague	1	M. Taylor
2/16	Turners Falls	200	W. Lafley	1/24	Dartmouth	2	R. Farrell
2/18	Stoughton	59	G. d'Entremont	1/thr	Chilmark	3	A. Keith
2/19	Pittsfield	140	R. Ferren	2/4	Bridgewater	2	M. Faherty
Orange-crowned Warbler				2/24	Fairhaven	1	R. Stymeist#
1/7	Nahant	1	R. Stymeist#	Vesper Sparrow			
Black-throated Blue Warbler				1/28	Cumb. Farms	1	B. Zuzevich
thr	Brewster	1 f ph	J. Robb	2/18	Fairhaven	3	D. + S. Larson
Yellow-rumped Warbler				Lark Sparrow			
1/1	N. Marshfield	3	G. d'Entremont	1/14-15	W. Yarmouth	1	B. Nikula#
1/13	W. Newbury	10+	R. Heil	Savannah Sparrow			
1/27	Essex	18	R. Stymeist	1/1	Deerfield	6	T. Gagnon
1/27	Squantum	27	E. Morrier	1/1	Northampton	2	S. Surner
1/28	Westport	22	M. Lynch#	1/1	N. Marshfield	5	G. d'Entremont
2/2	Scituate	25	R. Titus#	1/4	Hadley	2	C. Holzapfel
2/14	W. Gloucester	2	J. Nelson	1/6	Halifax	12	W. Petersen#
2/19	P.I.	14	M. Lynch#	1/8	Dighton	9	R. Titus
2/19	Wellfleet	100	D. + S. Larson	1/17	Whitman	2	M. Faherty
2/22	Duxbury B.	11	K. Vespaziani#	1/20	Newbury	6	P. + F. Vale
2/24	Fairhaven	18	R. Stymeist#	1/27	Chatham (S.B.)	2	R. Donovan#
Pine Warbler				1/28	W. Bridgewater	16	M. Faherty#
1/1	N. Marshfield	1	G. d'Entremont	1/29	Fairhaven	175+	M. Boucher
1/8	GMNWR	1	G. Keresztes	2/4	Westport	20	D. Furbish#
2/25	Kingston	3	D. Ludlow#	"Ipswich" Sparrow			
Palm Warbler				1/4	Nantucket	2	S. Perkins#
1/1	Gloucester	1 western	R. Heil	1/25	Salisbury	2	J. Soucy#
1/6	P.I.	1	A. Pennington#	1/27	Chatham (S.B.)	4	R. Donovan#
2/17	Nantucket	2	F. Gallo#	2/22	Katama	9	A. Keith
2/28	Edgartown	1	A. Keith	Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow			
Common Yellowthroat				1/13	Eastham (F.H.)	2	W. Petersen#
2/3	Fairhaven	1	R. Stymeist#	Fox Sparrow			
Yellow-breasted Chat				1/8	Dighton	7	R. Titus
1/1	Westport	1	R. Finch#	1/11	Mattapoisett	16+	M. LaBossiere
1/1	Amesbury	1	P + F. Vale#	1/11	Hamilton	5	R. Wright
1/3	Mattapoisett	1	F. Smith	1/13	Melrose	3	D. + I. Jewell
1/14	Gay Head	1	J. Tobin	2/3	Weston	4	M. Rines
1/15	Edgartown	1	R. Steves	2/10	Malden	3	D. Jewell
1/23	Acoaxet	1	D. Larson#	thr	Reports of 1-2 indiv. from 30 locations		
1/23	Dartmouth	1	D. Larson#	Lincoln's Sparrow			
1/25	Nahant	1	O. Spalding	1/28	Cumb. Farms	1	B. Zuzevich
2/11	Fairhaven	1	M. Lynch#	Swamp Sparrow			
2/25	Falmouth	1	C. Ekroth#	1/2	Westport	3	M. Boucher
Eastern Towhee				1/3	DWWS	3	D. Furbish
thr	Sterling	1	E. Harlow	1/8	GMNWR	4	M. Rines
1/6	Marblehead	1 m	R. Kipp	1/17	Whitman	5	M. Faherty
1/9	Acton	2	G. Marley	1/18	Newbypt.	4	R. Heil
1/12	Mattapoisett	5	F. Smith	1/24	Westport	8	R. Farrell
1/13	Lee	1	L. Beltran	1/28	W. Bridgewater	9	M. Faherty#
1/15	Ashfield	1	L. Musante	2/16	Rockport	3	R. Heil
1/23	Dartmouth	1	W. Petersen#	2/24	Fairhaven	8	R. Stymeist#
1/24	Westport	1	R. Farrell	White-throated Sparrow			
1/29	Shutesbury	1 m	B. Lafley	1/1	Boston	45	G. d'Entremont
2/4	Gloucester	1 m	J. Soucy	1/12	Mattapoisett	32	F. Smith
2/15-28	Stoughton	1	P. Rudis	1/28	Westport	134	M. Lynch#
2/16	Rockport	1 m	R. Heil	2/thr	N. Dartmouth	38 max	M. Boucher
2/24	Fairhaven	6	R. Stymeist#	2/3	Fairhaven	30	M. Lynch#
American Tree Sparrow				2/15	Mattapoisett	35	F. Smith
1/1	N. Marshfield	25	G. d'Entremont	2/16	Rockport	42	R. Heil
1/4	Hadley	100	C. Holzapfel	White-crowned Sparrow			
1/20	Northampton	67	T. Gagnon	1/1	Deerfield	1	H. Allen
1/21	Cumb. Farms	150	W. Petersen	1/5	Nantucket	1	S. Wheelock
1/27	Newbypt.	25	P. Roberts#	1/13	Eastham (F.H.)	1	D. Wiehe
1/28	W. Bridgewater	22	M. Faherty#	1/28	Westport	9	M. Lynch#
1/28	Westport	30	M. Lynch#	1/29	Cumb. Farms	3	M. Boucher

Dark-eyed Junco				1/13	Wayland	6	A. McCarthy#
1/1	Uxbridge	60	M. Lynch#	1/14	Rockport	10+	P. + F. Vale
1/7	Worcester	60	M. Lynch#	1/21	Sudbury	2	E. Salmela
1/13	Mt. A.	52	R. Stymeist	1/25-2/1	Russell	1	W. Hardie
1/14	Boston	73	R. Stymeist#	1/27	Woburn	2	P. + F. Vale
2/10	Petersham	110	M. Lynch#	1/27	New Salem	3	D. Small
Lapland Longspur				2/3	GMNWR	10	E. Nelson-Melby
1/6	Northampton	40	J. Hoye#	2/4	Westport	5	D. Furbish#
1/7	Dorchester	5	R. Donovan	2/17	Windsor	2	S. Moore#
1/7	Cumb. Farms	3	R. Donovan	2/17	Mattapoisett	8	M. LaBossiere
1/13	S. Egremont	2	J. Johnson	2/17	Nantucket	1	F. Gallo#
1/14	Rowley	2	J. Berry	2/17	DWWS	6	D. Furbish
1/20	Salisbury	21	L. de la Flor	2/20	Newbury	3	D. + I. Jewell
1/22	Ipswich	2	J. Berry	2/24	Wakefield	1	P. + F. Vale
1/27	Newbypt.	50	P. Roberts#	2/24	Fairhaven	6	M. Rines#
2/1-22	Katama	18	A. Keith	Common Grackle			
2/4	Westport	2	D. Furbish#	1/1	Gloucester	120+	R. Heil
2/17	Fairhaven	3	M. Barriger#	1/7	Becket	50	R. Laubach
2/26	Boston (Logan)	3	W. Petersen#	1/13	Chilmark	250	A. Keith
Snow Bunting				1/14	Rockport	400+	P. + F. Vale
1/1	Deerfield	133	T. Gagnon	1/14	Dighton	35+	D. Larson
1/6	Marshfield	50+	S. Kellogg#	1/27	Woburn	35+	P. + F. Vale
1/7	Cumb. Farms	50	R. Donovan	1/28	Westport	1440	M. Lynch#
1/10	Quincy	81	R. Titus	1/31	Bridgewater	100+	M. Faherty
1/10	Newbury	70	B. Stevens#	2/1	Fairhaven	10	R. Titus#
1/13	P.I.	75	P. + F. Vale	2/20	Quincy	45	R. Titus
1/13	Hawley	50	S. Kellogg et al	2/27	Newbypt.	20+	R. Heil
1/16	Fairhaven	57	F. Smith	Brown-headed Cowbird			
1/20	Northampton	350+	T. Gagnon	1/13	Windsor	12	T. Collins
1/22	Westport	175	M. Boucher	1/18	Worc. (BMB)	8	J. Liller
2/4	Boston H.	94	TASL (M. Hall)	1/31	Woburn	40	M. Rines
2/8	Sunderland	300	H. Allen	2/1	Fairhaven	137	R. Titus#
2/8	Saugus	90+	R. Heil	2/1	Westport	425	R. Titus#
2/9	Halifax	200	D. Furbish#	2/4	Whitman	4	M. Faherty
2/19	Deerfield	40+	V. Yurkunas#	2/17	DWWS	5	D. Furbish
2/20	Salisbury	180+	D. + I. Jewell	2/19	Fairhaven	250	G. d'Entremont
2/24	Wellfleet	40	C. Ekroth#	2/20	Groton	7	T. Pirro
Painted Bunting				Baltimore Oriole			
2/1-12	Wellfleet	1 f	Hammerquist	1/7	W. Tisbury	1	J. Karalekas
Dickcissel				1/22	Essex	1 imm	J. Berry
1/1-6	S. Boston	1	R. Donovan#	1/thr	Middleboro	1	J. Leary
1/26	Salisbury	1	B. Gette	Bullock's Oriole *			
Red-winged Blackbird				1/19-23	S. Dartmouth	1 imm. m ph	P. Bullard
1/4	DWWS	500	D. Furbish	Purple Finch			
1/7	Kingston	85	D. Ludlow	1/1	Petersham	10	R. Coyle
1/14	Rockport	20+	P. + F. Vale	1/6	Windsor	52	T. Gagnon
1/14	Berkley	350	D. Larson	1/7	Ashburnham	12	T. Pirro
1/17	Ellisville H.	35	M. Faherty	1/11	Ashfield	83	S. Sauter
1/21	Cumb. Farms	60	W. Petersen#	1/13	Hawley	15	S. Kellogg et al
1/21	Nantucket	140	E. Ray	1/16	Carlisle	7	T. + D. Brownrigg
1/22	Longmeadow	40	A. + L. Richardson	1/27	Plainfield	25	T. Gagnon
1/25	Canton	25	G. Long	1/27	Cummington	68	T. Gagnon
1/31	Woburn	1000	M. Rines	1/27	Savoy	36	T. Gagnon
1/31	Bridgewater	1000+	M. Faherty	1/28	HRWMA	4	T. Pirro#
2/1	Westport	4000+	R. Titus#	2/thr	Hardwick	16 max	C. Buelow
2/20	Quincy	220	R. Titus	2/4	Becket	13	R. Laubach
2/20	Salisbury	250+	D. + I. Jewell	2/4	Mattapoisett	1	F. Smith
2/21	Concord (NAC)	25	D. Diggins	2/4	Amherst	3	D. Norton
2/22	Bolton	50+	R. Beaubien	2/4	Dedham	4	K. Bittner
2/27	Newbypt.	380	R. Heil	2/22	Blandford	10	M. + K. Conway
Eastern Meadowlark				2/23	Erving	9	V. Yurkunas
1/6	Halifax	25	W. Petersen#	Red Crossbill			
1/7	Gr Barrington	5	J. Johnson	1/8	Windsor	7	R. Laubach
1/13	S. Dart. (A. Pd)	6	D. Zimberlin	1/11	Colrain	1	A. + L. Richardson
1/14	DWWS	68	D. Furbish	White-winged Crossbill			
1/23	Salisbury	14	D. + I. Jewell	1/3-2/24	Savoy	140 max	M. Lynch#
1/27	S. Egremont	2	T. Collins	1/6-29	Hawley	5 max	M. Williams#
1/27	P.I.	4	SSBC (M. Emmons)	1/7	Ashburnham	1 f	T. Pirro
1/28	W. Bridgewater	3	M. Faherty#	1/8-2/18	Washington	5 max	R. Laubach#
1/29	Newbypt.	1	R. Heil	1/10-2/14	Ashfield	10 max	S. Sauter#
2/4	Westport	15	D. Furbish#	1/13	Windsor	17	T. Collins
2/4	Fairhaven	41	G. d'Entremont	1/20	Becket	1	R. Laubach
2/4	Bridgewater	14	M. Faherty	1/27	Windsor	23	T. Gagnon
2/24	Fairhaven	22	R. Stymeist#	1/28-2/24	Gardner	8 max	T. Pirro#
Yellow-headed Blackbird				2/17	Windsor	3	S. Moore#
1/23-2/1	Westport	1 imm m	R. Bowen + v.o.	2/18	Washington	5	M. Wiley
Rusty Blackbird				Pine Siskin			
1/thr	Chappaquidick	12+	K. Baron + v.o.	1/6	Hawley	12	M. Williams

Pine Siskin (continued)

1/7-2/24	Gardner	15 max	T. Pirro
1/7	Ashburnham	1	T. Pirro
1/11-2/26	Ashfield	18 max	B. Lafley#
1/13	Windsor	3	T. Collins
1/27-2/24	Savoy	74 max	T. Gagnon#
Evening Grosbeak			
1/1	Northfield	1 m	M. Taylor
1/13	Hawley	4	S. Kellogg et al
1/20	Windsor	1	M. Lynch#
1/20	Savoy	6	M. Lynch#
2/11	Athol	1	R. Coyle

Corrigendum

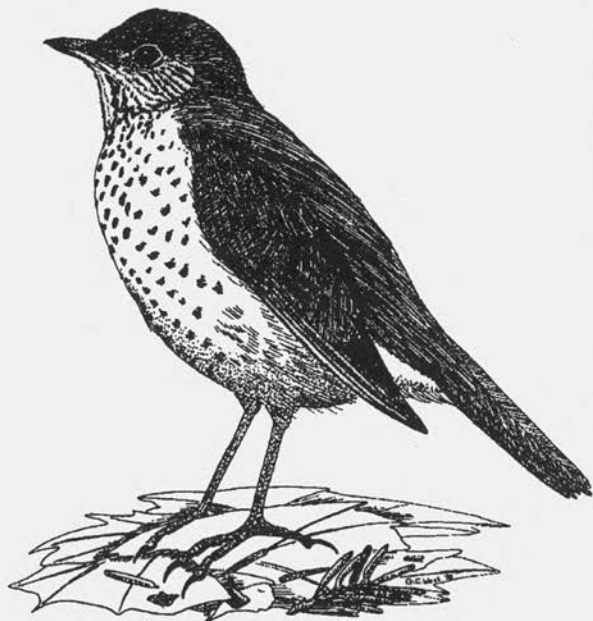
Northern Harrier			
11/19	Wellfleet H.	15	B. Nikula
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Laughing Gull			
11/19	Wellfleet H.	15	B. Nikula

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

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

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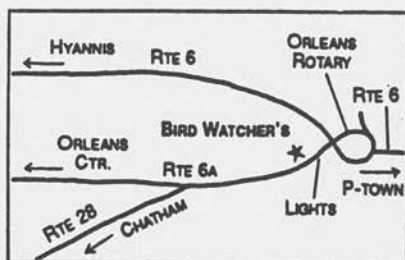
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News from MassWildlife

Eagle Cam Birds Fail — The nesting pair of bald eagles at Barton Cove on the Connecticut River, watched locally on cable TV and worldwide via the internet at <<http://www.nu.com>>, have lost the one chick that hatched from their 3-egg clutch. The chick survived less than 24 hours and may have died as a result of exposure to prolonged cold drizzle. This particular nesting territory was established in 1989, a direct result of MassWildlife's eagle releases at Quabbin Reservoir in the 1980s. Chicks have been produced annually beginning in 1990, with the exception of a blizzard-related failure in 1997 and a move to a new nest in 1999. A total of 16 chicks have fledged from this territory. Three Quabbin Reservoir eagle nests may have failed as a result of late winter storms. Only one Quabbin eagle pair is believed to have chicks. Other eagle nesting attempts on the southern stretch of the Connecticut River and in Berkshire and Plymouth counties have fared much better. New eagle territories are being formed in Longmeadow and Brookfield.

Peregrines Hatching — Peregrine falcons are hatching out successfully from Boston to Fall River to Springfield and hopes are high that the majority of chicks will fledge successfully in June. Established nesting pairs are believed to be feeding chicks at the Braga Bridge in Fall River, Christian Science Building and Custom House in Boston, and the Monarch Place building in Springfield. Evidence of eggs being laid at a peregrine nest box at UMass Amherst confirms the presence of a fifth Massachusetts pair. That nesting attempt was unsuccessful but it is likely that the pair will return to the campus nest site next year.

New Bird Conservation Directory

This is the first comprehensive listing of Partners in Flight, the North American Waterfowl Management Plan and Joint Ventures, the North American Wetlands Conservation Council, Flyway Councils, North American Waterbird and U.S. Shorebird Conservation Plans, the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network, North American Bird Conservation Initiative, and American Bird Conservancy Policy Council. With more than 1,200 listings of conservationists and their contact information, this is an invaluable resource for facilitating communication in the world of bird conservation. Hard copies are available from American Bird Conservancy for \$5.00 each. You can send your order, with a check made payable to ABC to: Elizabeth Ennis c/o ABC, P.O. Box 249, The Plains, VA, 20198; Tel. (540) 253-5780, Fax (540) 253-5782, e-mail eennis@abcbirds.org. You can also order by fax, phone or e-mail with your credit card information. The Directory is also available on-line at <www.abcbirds.org> and at <www.partnersinflight.org>.

What is an IBA?

Under the joint leadership of Scott Hecker, Andrea Jones, and Wayne Petersen, the Massachusetts Audubon Society has recently begun implementing the Important Bird Areas (IBA) Program in Massachusetts. Established by BirdLife International in 1985, IBA programs identify critical areas that provide essential habitat for

breeding, wintering, and migratory birds. A thriving worldwide initiative, IBA programs have been established in 100 foreign countries; in the United States, 32 states have started to implement IBA programs. Massachusetts Audubon, in conjunction with National Audubon, is leading this effort in New England. "This is an especially exciting opportunity," observes Hecker, "because it will allow us to bring bird conservation to sites throughout the state and beyond our own sanctuaries." To learn more about the IBA Program, please contact Massachusetts Audubon Society, Bird Conservation Programs, P.O. Box 390, Marshfield Hills, MA 02051, e-mail iba@massaudubon.org, or phone 781-834-7545. For full details, visit the Mass Audubon web page at www.massaudubon.org/IBA/.

Ducks Unlimited Conservation Plan for North America

For over six decades, DU has maintained a singleness of purpose that has guided the organization to become the leading waterfowl and wetlands conservation entity in North America. DU believes that solutions to fundamental problems must be anchored in the most up-to-date scientific understanding of waterfowl and the habitat resources to which they are intimately tied. Thus, this plan has been guided by a thorough review of our current knowledge of the biological issues affecting the birds and their habitats. Paul Baicich, editor of *Birding*, notes that "this plan is interesting for a couple of good reasons. For one, most of the regional profiles include sections on 'Importance to Other Birds,' where the impact of the plan on other birds species is evaluated. This often deals with shorebirds and long-legged waders, but owls, grassland species, and neotropical woodland migrants can be covered. Another interesting thing about the report is that the DU regions are usually correlated with the new NABCI (North American Bird Conservation Initiative), regions being used by increasing numbers of researchers and bird conservationists in order to use a common geographical frame of reference." For the complete DU conservation plan go to:

<http://ducksunlimited.rs88.com/servlet/cc?KJrDVWEIHpJpJoFHIHDhknE0EUC>
The plan is in five parts, as separate PDF files. (You need the free program Adobe Acrobat Reader to access them.)

Horseshoe Crab Sanctuary

The Commerce Department has finalized plans to establish a horseshoe crab sanctuary in Delaware Bay that will ban fishing to protect the ancient crustaceans. Beginning March 7, the roughly rectangular 1,500-acre sanctuary will ban horseshoe crab fishing in federal waters south of Atlantic City, NJ, to just north of Ocean City, MD. Commerce proposed a 2,400-square-mile area last August for the sanctuary, and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission successfully adopted guidelines to reduce horseshoe crab bait catch by twenty-five percent. The Carl N. Schuster Jr. Horseshoe Crab Reserve, honoring a horseshoe crab biologist and researcher, "is critically important for the preservation of horseshoe crabs, the well-being of migratory birds and the commitment to preserve our ocean's resources," said Delaware Sen. Tom Carper (D). — Natalie M. Henry, *Greenwire* staff writer, Western Atlantic Shorebird Association