

BIRD SIGHTINGS

January/February 2005

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The first day of the New Year was mild and sunny, 12° above the norm for the date — a perfect way to start a brand new year of birding. The abnormal warmth continued, with the first half of the month averaging 7° above normal. The high mark for Boston was 63° on January 14. A cold spell began on January 16, and the temperature did not rise above 32° until January 29. The last half of the month averaged 11° below normal, and the coldest temperature recorded in Boston was two below zero on January 22. Measurable rain fell on sixteen days, five above average, and totaled 4.45 inches in total, just about an inch over normal. Boston recorded an amazing total of 43.3 inches of snow during January, 30.9 inches above normal. The biggest storm was the blizzard on January 22-23 with 22.5 inches of snow. Cape Cod and the Islands were hit especially hard, with the blizzard knocking out power for over 25,000 residents. Windchill was a factor along with the cold temperatures; a peak gust of 55 mph from the northwest was noted on January 23. Of the five weekends, two Saturdays had rain or snow, and three Sundays had both rain and snow.

February started on a cold and sunny day, followed by a warming trend February 4 through 17. The temperatures during this period averaged 4.5° above normal. The high for Boston was 54° on February 16; the low was 13° on February 19. Rainfall totaled 2.70 inches, nearly an inch below average. Snow totaled 17.7 inches, 6.4 inches above average in Boston. Too much snow — birders were getting restless for spring! *R. Stymeist*

WATERFOWL THROUGH ALCIDS

A **Tundra Swan** that spent a month in Egremont was an unusual January visitor. Inland ducks made a lackluster showing due to the cold weather closing in fresh water ponds and lakes. A curious exception was the appearance of less common species in western Massachusetts, where singles of Northern Shoveler, Canvasback, and Barrow's Goldeneye were noteworthy. "Only" one **Pacific Loon** was reported during the period; in recent years there typically have been two or more individuals reported. Two inland reports of Red-necked Grebe in Arlington and at Quabbin Reservoir were unusual for New Year's Day — or for any time in this period. The Gloucester **Eared Grebe** was back for an astonishing eleventh season.

On February 23 a Least Bittern was discovered wandering down Commonwealth Avenue in Boston and was taken to a wildlife rehabilitator. This is only the second record of this species in winter, the first being an individual also discovered in distress in February of 1939. A Little Blue Heron in Orleans on January 14 was similarly only the second record for midwinter, the first being an individual seen in nearby Eastham in February 1975.

Bald Eagles were reported in excellent numbers. There was only a moderate showing of Rough-legged Hawks. For the third year in a row at least three Merlins were seen at the Mystic Lakes dam in Medford. Merlins are not known to be a sociable species, so this behavior seems a strange anomaly.

A Pomarine Jaeger seen on January 12 at Andrews Point in Rockport was a rare winter sighting for this species. A **Mew Gull** carefully observed in Haverhill was determined to be the European "Common Gull," *Larus canus canus*, rather than *L. c. brachyrhynchus*, the subspecies

from western North America that is more typical of Massachusetts sightings. Unfortunately, few people give details on subspecies, so that the actual occurrence of these individuals is not entirely clear. The larid of the season was a first-year **California Gull** discovered on Nantucket on January 3, which remained throughout the reporting period. It was seen and photographed by many, but no details were ever submitted to the Massachusetts Avian Records Committee (MARC). Rick Heil's seawatches at Andrew's Point on January 12 and February 10 included well over 1000 Black-legged Kittiwakes, eclipsing all of Rick's previous counts for this location. A Forster's Tern in Freetown on January 2 was one of only a handful of winter records for this species.

Remarkable numbers of dead alcids were discovered on Cape Cod beaches by one reporter on February 19, with Thick-billed Murres being particularly hard hit. Reports of this species were unusually high this reporting period, and Rick Heil speculated: "I think it is likely that the influx of inshore Thick-billed Murres recently is due to prey shortages in deep waters and on the offshore banks, and that the numerous reports of murres in the surf, in bays and river mouths and harbors are of near starved, weakened individuals. . . The earlier strong nor'easter of late January doubtless helped to weaken and push birds to the coast but I don't think it was the primary factor in their appearance." The January nor'easter was, however, undoubtedly responsible for the discovery of one on a pond in Plympton four days after the storm. It was taken to a rehabilitator and fed and released the next day in apparently good condition

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Snow Goose				1/12	Scituate	1 f	D. Furbish
1/1-15	P.I.	6	v.o.	1/15	P.I.	1	D. Chickering
1/17, 2/18	Newbury	4	Lynch, Offerman	1/18	Clinton	1 f	M. Lynch#
1/20	Chatham	8	R. Clem	Northern Pintail			
1/30, 2/18	Eastham	8, 10	Furbish, Thompson	1/1-2/2	Turners Falls	1-2	v.o.
Brant				1/4	P.I.	9	F. Vale#
1/9, 2/6	Boston H.	335, 261	TASL (M. Hall)	1/7	Westport	40	G. Gove#
1/11	Wareham	278	R. Farrell	1/29	Marlboro	2	E. Taylor
2/6	Swansea	987	M. Lynch#	2/12	Acoaxet	12	M. Lynch#
2/14	Nantucket	244	E. Ray	2/13	Marshfield	3	SSBC (Gd'E)
2/27	Plymouth	196	M. Lynch#	2/15	Bolton Flats	2 m	S. Sutton
2/28	N. Scituate	14	D. Furbish	2/19	Falmouth	2	M. Keleher
Tundra Swan				Green-winged Teal			
1/1-2/4	Egremont	1	D. St James	1/1, 2/7	Winchester	8, 6	M. Rines#
Wood Duck				1/15	Scituate	5	R. Bowes
thr	Reports of indiv. from 10 locations			2/6	Barnstable	5	BBC (S. Moore)
1/1, 24	Hadley	3, 2	C. Gentes	2/13	Marshfield	1 f	SSBC (Gd'E)
2/26	Bolton Flats	4	S. Sutton	2/15-17	Pittsfield (Onota)	3	D. St. James
Gadwall				2/19	Falmouth	3	M. Keleher
thr	Plymouth	15	v.o.	Canvasback			
1/2	Nantucket	17	G. d'Entremont#	1/1, 2/19	Falmouth	12	Gove, Keleher
1/7	Pittsfield	1	N. Mole	1/2, 2/10	Nantucket	71	G. d'E, Andrews
1/9, 17	Gloucester	34, 20	R. Heil	1/14	Egremont	1	B. Faggioni
1/9	Swansea	51	R. Farrell	1/19-2/21	Turners Falls	1 m	H. Streeter
2/7	Newbypt./P.I.	12	R. Heil	2/12	Acoaxet	32	M. Lynch#
2/12	Salisbury	8	D. Tripp#	Redhead			
Eurasian Wigeon				1/1	Chilmark	1 m	A. Keith
thr	Mashpee	1 m	M. Keleher#	1/1-9	Nantucket	4	G. d'Entremont#
1/9, 2/6	Swansea	1, 2	Farrell, Lynch	1/18	Clinton	1 m	M. Lynch#
1/15	Newbypt. H.	1 f	R. Heil	Ring-necked Duck			
1/15	Barnstable	1	CCBC (Keleher)	thr	Turners Falls	3-4	D. Ziomek
1/15	Scituate	1	R. Bowes	1/3, 2/22	Arlington	8, 7	M. Rines
1/20	Nantucket	2	E. Ray	1/16	Springfield	5	C. Gentes
2/12	Somerset	3 m	G. d'Entremont	1/20, 2/19	Falmouth	74, 118	M. Keleher
American Wigeon				1/29, 2/19	Waltham	5, 9	J. Forbes
1/5	Newbypt	6	MAS (B. Gette)	1/29	Uxbridge	3	M. Lynch#
1/9, 2/6	Swansea	158, 358	Farrell, Lynch	2/6	Swansea	18	M. Lynch#
1/15	Barnstable	21	CCBC (Keleher)	2/12	Framingham	8	E. Taylor
1/20	Nantucket	40	E. Ray	2/27	Plymouth	8	M. Lynch#
2/3	Turners Falls	2	H. Allen	Greater Scaup			
American Black Duck				1/2	Nantucket	100	G. d'Entremont#
1/9, 2/6	Boston H.	920, 889	TASL (M. Hall)	1/9, 2/6	Boston H.	1038, 1083	TASL (M. Hall)
Northern Shoveler				1/9	Fairhaven	598	M. Lynch#
1/2	Nantucket	2	G. d'Entremont#	1/9	Gloucester	14	R. Heil
1/3	Grafton	3	M. Lynch#	1/15	Barnstable	45	CCBC (Keleher)
1/7	Pittsfield	1	N. Mole	1/30	Orleans	60	D. Furbish#

Greater Scaup (continued)				1/9, 2/6	Boston H.	774, 909	TASL (M. Hall)
2/6	Swansea	940	M. Lynch#	1/15	Barnstable	150	CCBC (Keleher)
Lesser Scaup				1/29	Lawrence	44	R. Heil
1/1	Lynn	5	R. Heil	1/30	Turners Falls	40	G. Martel
1/9	Nantucket	16	G. d'Entremont#	2/5	S. Hadley	30	H. Allen
1/30	P'town H.	8+	B. Nikula#	2/6	Swansea	315	M. Lynch#
2/6	Swansea	17	M. Lynch#	2/12	Newbypt H.	550	S. Mirick#
2/11	Gloucester	12	M. Chase	2/19	Falmouth	131	M. Keleher
2/13-27	Turners Falls	3	T. Gagnon	2/27	Plymouth	131	M. Lynch#
King Eider				2/27	Sunderland	21	C. Gentes
1/1-2/17	Rockport	1-2	v.o.	Barrow's Goldeneye			
1/5	M.V.	1 m ad	T. Day	thr	Cotuit	1	v.o.
1/15	Orleans	1 ad m	SSBC (Gd'E)	thr	Gloucester (E.P.)	1 m	v.o.
1/16-2/13	Gloucester	1	v.o.	thr	Nantucket	1-4	E. Ray
Common Eider				1/1	Plymouth	1 m	D. Furbish#
1/7	Chatham	3000+	D. Manchester	1/4-22	Turners Falls	1	M. Taylor
1/9	Gloucester	440	R. Heil	1/5	Dorchester	1 m	R. Donovan
1/9	Fairhaven	1442	M. Lynch#	1/9, 2/6	Boston H.	2, 1	TASL (M. Hall)
1/9, 2/6	Boston H.	5702, 5516	TASL (M. Hall)	1/9	Fairhaven	3 m	M. Lynch#
1/11	Wareham	224	R. Farrell	1/11, 2/18	Falmouth	1 m, 4	G. Gove#
2/7	Newbypt./P.I.	400	R. Heil	1/15	Barnstable	1	CCBC (Keleher)
2/13	Chatham (S.B.)	2000	P. Flood	2/6	Swansea	1 m	M. Lynch#
2/27	Plymouth	1789	M. Lynch#	2/7-20	Newbypt	1-2	v.o.
Harlequin Duck				2/12	E. Sandwich	1 m	D. Furbish
thr	Dorchester	1-2	R. Donovan	Hooded Merganser			
thr	Rockport	60	v.o.	1/2	Nantucket	20	G. d'Entremont#
thr	N. Scituate	12	v.o.	1/8	Worcester	14	M. Lynch#
1/2	Nantucket	11	G. d'Entremont#	1/11	Eastham (F.E.)	50	S. Jaffe#
1/5	M.V.	11	T. Day	1/15	Woburn	11	M. Rines
1/7	Westport	2	G. Gove#	1/19	Wareham	64	G. Gove#
1/31	Gloucester	2	R. Heil	1/20	Falmouth	126	M. Keleher
2/6	Boston H.	2	TASL (M. Hall)	1/22	P.I.	15	MAS (Roberts)
2/6	Sandwich	4	J. Young	1/22	Newbury	13	P. + F. Vale
2/7	Newbypt. H.	1 f	R. Heil	2/6	Swansea	88	M. Lynch#
2/7	P.I.	1 f	T. Wetmore	2/20	Grafton	11	M. Lynch#
2/27	Orleans	4	D. Furbish#	Common Merganser			
Surf Scoter				1/7, 2/27	Lakeville	63, 7	K. Anderson
1/9, 2/6	Boston H.	347, 241	TASL (M. Hall)	1/10	Newbypt	13	J. Nelson
1/9	Fairhaven	310	M. Lynch#	1/15	Barnstable	35	CCBC (Keleher)
1/9	Nant. Sound	2000	G. d'Entremont#	1/15	Hadley	16	H. Allen
1/15	Barnstable	45	CCBC (Keleher)	1/17	Amesbury	24	J. Berry
2/5	Gloucester	39	M. Lynch#	1/29, 2/19	Waltham	25, 3	J. Forbes#
2/27	Plymouth	101	M. Lynch#	1/29	Lawrence	19	R. Heil
White-winged				2/5	W. Springfield	13	H. Allen
1/9, 2/6	Boston H.	1196, 1033	TASL (M. Hall)	2/6	Swansea	88	M. Lynch#
1/9	Fairhaven	112	M. Lynch#	2/19	Falmouth	48	M. Keleher
1/9	Nant. Sound	100	G. d'Entremont#	Red-breasted Merganser			
2/5	Gloucester	297	M. Lynch#	1/7	Chatham	165	D. Manchester
2/7	Newbypt./P.I.	126	R. Heil	1/9, 2/6	Boston H.	541, 471	TASL (M. Hall)
2/27	Plymouth	48	M. Lynch#	2/2	Gloucester	230+	P. + F. Vale
Black Scoter				2/7	Newbypt./P.I.	115	R. Heil
1/4	Orleans	400	G. Gove#	2/12	Westport	61	M. Lynch#
1/9	Nant. Sound	300	G. d'Entremont#	2/19	Falmouth	133	M. Keleher
1/15	Barnstable	12	CCBC (Keleher)	2/27	Manomet	119	M. Lynch#
2/10	Rockport (A.P.)	12	R. Heil	2/28	N. Scituate	65	D. Furbish
2/12	Westport	12	M. Lynch#	Ruddy Duck			
Scoter Species				1/2-29	Gloucester (E.P.)	1	J. Nelson
1/30	Westport	5000	G. d'Entremont	1/22	Jamaica Plain	2	A. Joslin
Long-tailed Duck				2/13	Brookline	2	E. Taylor
1/4	Newbypt	130+	F. Vale#	Ruffed Grouse			
1/8	Worcester	1 f	M. Lynch#	1/1	DWWS	1	D. Furbish#
2/6	Boston H.	96	TASL (M. Hall)	1/2	W. Barnstable	2	G. Gove#
2/7	Newbypt./P.I.	180	R. Heil	1/2	W. Boylston	1	S. Sutton
2/7	E. Gloucester	25	J. Berry	1/20	E. Sandwich	2	D. Manchester
2/20	Woods Hole	600	D. Furbish	Wild Turkey			
Bufflehead				1/8	Bedford	15	J. Offermann#
1/1	Hingham	100	E. Taylor	1/14	Beverly	18	J. Berry
1/2	Nantucket	230	G. d'Entremont#	1/15	Winchester	16	M. Rines
1/9, 2/6	Boston H.	1133, 1499	TASL (M. Hall)	1/16	Tyringham	49	R. Stymeist#
1/9	Fairhaven	346	M. Lynch#	1/19	Montague	27	D. Minnear
1/15	Barnstable	200	CCBC (Keleher)	1/30	Templeton	98	T. Pirro
2/5	Gloucester	103	M. Lynch#	1/30	Cheshire	38	M. Lynch#
2/6	Swansea	113	M. Lynch#	2/12	Salisbury	12	D. Tripp#
2/7	Newbypt./P.I.	150	R. Heil	Red-throated Loon			
2/12	Westport	156	M. Lynch#	1/2	Nantucket	15	G. d'Entremont#
2/27	Plymouth	177	M. Lynch#	1/8	Medford	1	A. Ankers#
Common Goldeneye				1/9, 2/6	Boston H.	34, 10	TASL (M. Hall)
1/9	Fairhaven	978	M. Lynch#	2/12	P.I.	15	D. Tripp#

Red-throated Loon (continued)				Black Vulture			
2/19 P'town (R.P.)	10	J. Hoye#		2/2 Gr Barrington	2	C. Barrett	
2/27 Eastham	15	D. Furbish#		2/19 Sheffield	10	M. Lynch#	
Pacific Loon *				2/24 Westfield	2	J. Zepko	
1/15, 2/19 P'town (R.P.)	1 ad	Gd'E#, Hoye#		Turkey Vulture			
Common Loon				1/1 P.I.	5	BBC (L.de la Flor)	
1/1-7 Southwick	1	S. Ricker		1/9, 2/7 Newbury	2, 5	Hills, Heil	
1/4, 2/5 Gloucester	20, 24	Vale#, Lynch#		1/17 Ipswich	4	P. + F. Vale	
1/8 Worcester	1	M. Lynch#		1/22 Westport	38	R. Hodson	
1/9 Nant. Sound	42	G. d'Entremont#		2/9 Nantucket	7	E. Ray	
1/9, 2/6 Boston H.	47, 26	TASL (M. Hall)		2/20 Palmer	4	J. Hoye#	
1/15 P'town (R.P.)	21	SSBC (Gd'E)		Bald Eagle			
1/19, 2/14 Salisbury	16, 33	R. Hodson		1/4 W. Newbury	2	P. Brown	
2/6 Ipswich	50	D. Chickering		1/7-2/18 Lakeville	4 ad, 3 imm max	v.o.	
2/12 Westport	11	M. Lynch#		1/7 Granville	5	J. Weeks	
Pied-billed Grebe				1/7-2/9 Arlington	3 ad + 2 imm max	v.o.	
1/15 Barnstable	2	CCBC (Keleher)		1/15, 2/19 Quabbin Pk	4, 3	M. Lynch#	
1/20 Nantucket	3	E. Ray		1/15 Bourne	2 ad	G. d'Entremont	
Horned Grebe				1/15 Barnstable	2	CCBC (Keleher)	
1/1 Quabbin	3	T. Gagnon		1/22 Newbypt	8 ad, 2 imm	MAS (Roberts)	
1/8, 2/26 P.I.	20, 10	T. Wetmore		1/29 P.I.	3	T. Wetmore	
1/9 Fairhaven	270	M. Lynch#		1/29 Lawrence	4	R. Heil	
1/9, 2/6 Boston H.	197, 64	TASL (M. Hall)		2/4 Sheffield	2	D. St James	
1/11 Wareham	20	R. Farrell		2/17 Springfield	2	R. Baumhauer	
1/14 Hadley	1	P. Yeskie		Northern Harrier			
1/31 Gloucester	21	R. Heil		1/1 Cumb. Farms	1 m	K. Anderson	
2/6 Swansea	89	M. Lynch#		1/1 Amherst	1	D. Minnear	
2/12 Somerset	10	G. d'Entremont		1/3-4 Egremont	1	T. Collins	
2/14 Nantucket	7	E. Ray		1/9 Fairhaven	5	M. Lynch#	
Red-necked Grebe				1/15 Barnstable	2	CCBC (Keleher)	
thr P'town	3-4	B. Nikula		1/16, 2/26 P.I.	4, 3	T. Wetmore	
1/1 Arlington	2	C. Floyd		2/7 DWWS	2	D. Furbish	
1/1 Quabbin	1	T. Gagnon		2/13 Chatham (S.B.)	1 m	P. Flood	
1/4 Dennis	12	G. Gove#		2/19 Hadley	1	C. Gentes	
1/5 M.V.	27	T. Day		2/27 Eastham	2 f ad	D. Furbish#	
1/31 Gloucester	7	R. Heil		Sharp-shinned Hawk			
2/4 Rockport (A.P.)	7	R. Heil		1/9 Gloucester	3	R. Heil	
2/7 Newbypt./P.I.	7	R. Heil		1/30 Westport	2	G. d'Entremont	
Eared Grebe *				2/12 Westport	2	M. Lynch#	
thr Gloucester	1	v.o.		Cooper's Hawk			
Northern Gannet				1/21 Watertown	2	R. Stymeist	
1/4 Orleans	50	G. Gove#		2/5 P.I.	2	T. Wetmore	
1/12, 2/10 Rockport (A.P.)	430, 25	R. Heil		2/18 Newbypt	2	F. Vale#	
1/15 P'town (R.P.)	33	SSBC (Gd'E)		2/18 Groveland	2	D. Chickering	
2/27 Eastham	3 ad	D. Furbish#		Northern Goshawk			
Double-crested Cormorant				1/4 DWWS	1	D. Manchester#	
1/3 Falmouth	1	G. Gove#		1/5 Alford	1	D. St James	
1/9 P'town H.	3	B. Nikula		1/9 E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson	
1/10 Arlington	1	M. Rines		1/19 W. Bridgewater	1	K. Anderson	
1/15 Plymouth	1 imm	R. Bowes		1/22 Northfield	1	M. Taylor	
2/8 Cambridge	1	K. Barnes		1/28 Maynard	1 imm	L. Nachtrab	
Great Cormorant				2/13 Newbypt	1 imm	J. Hoye#	
thr Turners Falls	1	T. Schottland		2/19 Royalston	1 ad	G. d'Entremont	
1/8 Arlington	2	M. Rines		2/21 Harvard	1	S. Hardy#	
1/9 Gloucester	89	R. Heil		2/25 Scituate	1	S. Maguire	
1/15 P'town (R.P.)	200	SSBC (Gd'E)		Red-shouldered Hawk			
1/15 N. Scituate	20+	C. Nims#		thr Groveland	1	v.o.	
1/17 Amesbury	25	J. Berry		1/7 Westport	1	G. Gove#	
1/29 Waltham	2	J. Forbes#		1/9 Lakeville	1	C. Longworth	
2/12 Acoaxet	23	M. Lynch#		1/24 Stow	1	T. Carrolan	
American Bittern				1/28 Hingham	2	C. Nims	
1/2 Nantucket	1	E. Ray#		2/7 Northfield	1	M. Taylor	
Least Bittern				2/8 Duxbury	1	R. Bowes	
2/25 Boston	1 m ph	D. Swenson		2/11 N. Falmouth	1	G. Gove#	
Great Blue Heron				2/11 Freetown	1	L. Gerrior	
1/1 Nantucket	3	G. d'Entremont#		2/13 Marshfield	1 imm	SSBC (Gd'E)	
1/2 Medford	4	P. + F. Vale		2/19 Leverett	1	H. Allen	
1/9 Fairhaven	4	M. Lynch#		2/24 Southwick	1	S. Kellogg	
1/22 Jamaica Plain	2	A. Joslin		2/27 Plymouth	pr	M. Lynch#	
2/20 Millbury	2	M. Lynch#		Rough-legged Hawk			
Great Egret				thr Cumb. Farms	3 max	K. Anderson	
1/19 Nantucket	1	M. Aquier		1/1, 2/5 P.I.	1, 3	de la Flor, Taylor	
Little Blue Heron				2/5 Arlington	1 ad	P. Roberts#	
1/14 Orleans	1 imm	J. Kenneally		2/12 Amherst	1	D. Spector	
Black-crowned Night-Heron				2/23 Hadley	1	P. Yeskie	
2/23-28 Falmouth	1	G. Gove#		2/26 DWWS	1 ft, 1 dk	MAS (Lowe)	
				Golden Eagle			
				1/1 Quabbin	1	fide S. Kellogg	

American Kestrel				Black-headed Gull			
1/2	Everett	1 f	P. + F. Vale	thr	Nantucket	2	fide E. Ray
1/4, 2/2	Newbury	1	P. + F. Vale	1/4-2/20	Milford	1	B. Milke + v.o.
1/4	Salisbury	1	P. Brown	2/10	Plymouth H.	1	W. Petersen
1/12-2/22	Hadley	1-2	C. Gentes	2/11	Dartmouth	1 ad	St. Miller#
1/16	Worcester	1 m	M. Lynch#	2/13	Plymouth B.	1 ad	SSBC (Gd'E)
1/16	W. Roxbury	1	M. Kaufman	Bonaparte's Gull			
2/13	Saugus	1 m	P. + F. Vale	1/2	Nantucket	300	G. d'Entremont#
2/16	Lynn	pr	P. B. Faherty	1/12	Rockport (A.P.)	167	R. Heil
2/26	Woburn (H.P.)	1	P. Ippolito#	2/20	Nantucket	105	E. Ray
Merlin				Mew Gull *			
1/3	Boston	2	J. Peterson	1/29	Haverhill	1	R. Heil
2/5-15	Medford	2-3	P. Roberts#	California Gull (no details) *			
thr	Reports of indiv. from 16 locations			1/3-2/28	Nantucket	1 W ph	P. Dugan, F. Gallo + v.o.
Peregrine Falcon				Iceland Gull			
1/4	Worcester	2	M. Lynch#	thr	Turners Falls	1-4	v.o.
1/7	Amherst	2	R. Packard	1/1	Woburn	1 imm	M. Rines#
1/8, 2/13	Boston (Logan)	3, 3	N. Smith	1/9, 31	Gloucester	15, 43	R. Heil
2/8	Agawam	3	H. Allen	1/16	Truro	2	S. + C. Thompson
thr	Reports of indiv. from 15 locations			2/6, 20	Nantucket	26, 161	E. Ray
Virginia Rail				2/7	P.I.	14	R. Heil
1/1	Nantucket	1	G. d'Entremont#	2/19	P'town (R.P.)	16	J. Hoye#
American Coot				Lesser Black-backed Gull			
1/1	Woburn	4	M. Rines	thr	Plymouth	1 ad	v.o.
1/1	Lynn	4	R. Heil	1/thr	Boston	1	v.o.
1/8, 2/20	Worcester	2	M. Lynch#	1/3	S. Dartmouth	1	A. + D. Morgan
1/9	Nantucket	13	G. d'Entremont#	1/9, 2/20	Nantucket	11, 26	G. d'E, E. Ray
1/15, 2/12	Plymouth	1	R. Bowes	1/9	Gloucester	1 2W	M. Taylor
2/6	Swansea	5	M. Lynch#	2/5-17	Newbypt	1 ad	T. Wetmore
2/14	Uxbridge	1	P. + B. Milke	2/23	Brewster	1 ad	G. Gove#
2/19	Waltham	1	J. Forbes#	Glaucous Gull			
Black-bellied Plover				thr	Gloucester	1-3	v.o.
1/9	Nantucket	4	BBC (J. Paluzzi)	1/9-2/14	Turners Falls	1-2	v.o.
1/11	Wareham	1	R. Farrell	1/16-2/27	S. Hadley	1	v.o.
1/15	Barnstable	1	CCBC (Keleher)	2/1, 20	Nantucket	2	E. Ray
2/13	N. Scituate	2	BBC (Gd'E)	2/4	Rockport (A.P.)	1 1W	R. Heil
Semipalmated Plover				2/9	Springfield	1	E. Rutman
1/3	Chilmark	1	A. Keith# + v.o.	2/10	Plymouth H.	1	Wayne Petersen
Killdeer				2/12	Chatham (S.B.)	1	R. Donovan
1/17	Chilmark	1	A. Keith	2/13	Marshfield	2 2W	D. Furbish
American Oystercatcher				2/19	P'town (R.P.)	1 ad, 1 1W	J. Hoye#
1/9	Fairhaven	2	M. Lynch#	2/27	Eastham	1 1W	D. Furbish#
Greater Yellowlegs				Black-legged Kittiwake			
1/9	Swansea	1	R. Farrell	1/4	Orleans	20	G. Gove#
Ruddy Turnstone				1/9	Nant. Sound	9	G. d'Entremont#
1/2	P'town H.	4	B. Nikula	1/12, 2/10	Rockport (A.P.)	1255, 1227	R. Heil
1/30	N. Scituate	6	S. Maguire#	1/15	P'town (R.P.)	14	SSBC (Gd'E)
2/26	Gloucester	7	G. d'Entremont#	1/29	N. Truro	65	B. Nikula
Red Knot				2/13	Chatham (S.B.)	10	P. Flood
1/9	Edgartown	5	A. Keith	Forster's Tern (details submitted)			
Sanderling				1/2	Freetown	1	J. Berry#
1/30	P'town H.	175	B. Nikula#	Dovekie			
2/12	Westport	29	M. Lynch#	1/7	Chatham	1	D. Manchester
2/20	Nantucket	88	E. Ray	1/9	Wellfleet H.	1	B. Nikula#
Purple Sandpiper				1/9-16	P'town H.	1	B. Nikula#
1/9, 2/6	Boston H.	56, 306	TASL (M. Hall)	1/15-2/7	Rockport	1	v.o.
1/9	P'town H.	12	B. Nikula	1/15	P'town (R.P.)	1	SSBC (Gd'E)
1/9	Fairhaven	23	M. Lynch#	2/1, 2/19	P'town 1, dead, 1 dead		Trull, Hoye
1/29, 2/10	Rockport (A.P.)	87, 30	Vale, Heil	2/7	Gloucester	1	J. Berry#
2/5	P.I.	10	T. Wetmore	Common Murre			
2/7	E. Gloucester	40	J. Berry	1/12, 2/4	Rockport (A.P.)	25, 27	R. Heil
2/9	Salisbury	10	MAS (B. Gette)	1/15, 2/19	P'town (R.P.)	1, 2	Gd'E, Hoye
2/12	Manomet	7	R. Bowes	2/19	Eastham (F.E.)	1 dead	J. Hoye#
2/13	N. Scituate	150	BBC (Gd'E)	Thick-billed Murre			
Dunlin				1/12, 2/4	Rockport (A.P.)	1, 110	R. Heil
1/7	Westport	100	G. Gove#	1/27	Plympton	1 inland	R. Turner
1/9	Fairhaven	26	M. Lynch#	1/29-2/13	P'town H.	9-12	v.o.
1/30	P'town H.	125	B. Nikula#	1/30	Annisquam	1 dead	S. Mirick#
2/6	P'town (R.P.)	210	J. Young	2/6-23	Wellfleet H.	3	v.o.
2/13	N. Scituate	50	BBC (Gd'E)	2/6	Sandwich	2	J. Young
Wilson's Snipe				2/6	Boston H.	6	TASL (M. Hall)
1/5	Buzzards Bay	3	G. Gove#	2/6	Gloucester	4	J. Offermann
2/2	Lynnfield	1	D. + I. Jewell	2/7	Newbypt./P.I.	9	R. Heil
American Woodcock				2/13	Chatham (S.B.)	1 dead	P. Flood
2/17	DWWS	4	D. Furbish	2/19	P'town (R.P.)	4	J. Hoye#
Pomarine Jaeger				2/19	Eastham (F.E.)	8 dead	J. Hoye#
1/12	Rockport (A.P.)	1	R. Heil	2/19	P'town (R.P.)	2 dead	J. Hoye#

Razorbill				2/13	N. Scituate	1	SSBC (Gd'E)
1/4, 2/27	Orleans	40, 200	Gove, Furbish	2/19	P'town (R.P.)	1 dead	J. Hoye#
1/8, 16, 2/6	P.I.	14, 10, 3	T. Wetmore	2/19	Eastham (F.E.)	2 dead	J. Hoye#
1/9	Nant. Sound	16	G. d'Entremont#	Atlantic Puffin			
1/12, 2/4	Rockport (A.P.)	253, 62	R. Heil	2/14	Nantucket	1 ad	E. Ray
1/15, 2/6	P'town (R.P.)	375, 180	Gd'E, Flood	2/19	Eastham (F.E.)	1 imm dead	J. Hoye#
2/27	Eastham	100+	D. Furbish#	Large alcid species			
Black Guillemot				1/2, 29	P'town	177, 37	B. Nikula
1/1, 2/10	Rockport (A.P.)	3, 7	Moore, Heil	1/12, 2/4	Rockport (A.P.)	55, 34	R. Heil
1/1	Nahant	2	R. Heil	1/29, 2/5	N. Truro	260, 1040	B. Nikula
1/2	Nantucket	1	G. d'Entremont#	1/30	Eastham	40+	B. Nikula#
1/9, 31	Gloucester	36, 16	R. Heil	2/6	P'town (R.P.)	300	P. Flood
2/6	P'town (R.P.)	1	P. Flood				

DOVES THROUGH FINCHES

A **White-winged Dove** that was first found at a feeder on Nantucket on November 23, 2004, was still present at least through January 17, 2005. There are over twenty records of this southwestern vagrant in Massachusetts. There is now an established population in Florida that continues to expand and move north, with more and more reports on the Atlantic coast north into Canada. For the second winter in a row, heavy snow and cold weather have had a devastating effect on the state's population of Barn Owls, so it is interesting to hear of a Barn Owl at Logan Airport this February. This species has been rare on the mainland in the last several years. At Logan Airport, Norm Smith has banded eight Snowy Owls this winter; two of them were equipped with transmitters to track their movement. One of the owls with the tracking equipment was released on Plum Island on February 19, and was hit and killed by a landing jet at Logan on March 10, 2005.

Red-headed Woodpeckers were noted from Leverett and Tyringham, and reports of Red-bellied Woodpeckers have become so numerous that there hardly seems a location in the state that these birds have yet to appear. Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were noted from five locations, with as many as three spending the winter at Mount Auburn Cemetery. Occasionally Eastern Phoebes overwinter in mild seasons, and these reports are most often from Cape Cod and the islands. There were just two reports of Eastern Phoebes in January, the same as last year.

It was a good season for Northern Shrikes for the second year in a row, with reports from over twenty locations. American Crows, on the other hand, continued in much reduced numbers with no significant roost totals noted as in the past. It was a poor year for Red-breasted Nuthatches compared to 2004, which was the only good year for this species in the past six years.

This winter southeastern Massachusetts was hit hard with record snowfall, and the numbers of those semi-hardy birds such as Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Hermit Thrush, Gray Catbird, Eastern Towhee, and even Carolina Wren, were much-reduced in numbers, although Eastern Bluebirds were reported in typical numbers.

Among the more unusual birds reported this season were four different **Varied Thrush** reports including one "the cat brought in." Seth Kellogg, our editor of birding records for western Massachusetts, was horrified when a neighbor delivered him a dead Varied Thrush which had been killed by a cat. It was only small consolation to learn that it had been caught several miles away, and that he hadn't missed a new "yard" bird. The Varied Thrush at Oak Bluffs was an adult male that was found associating with a flock of about 200 American Robins. The other Varied Thrush reports included one that came from Concord, which was recorded on the Christmas Bird Count, and one from Newburyport where another bird remained for this entire reporting period. Unlike last season, with near record numbers of **Bohemian Waxwings**, only a single Bohemian was noted from Nantucket. Also noted was a **Western Tanager** that was present most of January in Westwood. Among the more unusual finds this

winter included a Black-throated Blue Warbler in Brewster, and a Clay-colored Sparrow in Southwick, which was just the sixth wintering record ever for western Massachusetts.

The winter finch department was uneventful except for a female White-winged Crossbill that took up residence in Nahant for this entire period. Purple Finches, for the most part, were only noted in western Berkshire County and northern Franklin County. There were only three locations in the state that reported Pine Siskin, and two of those reports were of just a single individual!

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White-winged Dove (details submitted) *		1/22	Pepperell	1	M. Resch		
1/7-19	Nantucket	1	F. Karttunen + v.o.	1/24	W. Tisbury	1	L. McDowell
Barn Owl				Hairy Woodpecker			
1/30	Chilmark	2	A. Keith	1/thr	Maynard	4	L. Nachtrab
2/13	Boston (Logan)	1	N. Smith	1/18	Harwich	5	E. Banks
Eastern Screech-Owl				2/19	Royalston	3	G. d'Entremont
1/1	Winchester	2	M. Rines#	Northern Flicker			
1/2	Amherst	2	H. Allen	1/1-31	Sherborn	2	E. Taylor
1/15	Brewster	3	SSBC (Gd'E)	1/2	Gloucester (E.P.)	2	J. Nelson
2/1	Melrose	2	gray D. + I. Jewell	1/15	Mt.A.	3	J. Crystal#
Great Horned Owl				1/18	Harwich	4	E. Banks
1/thr	Mt.A.	1-2	R. Stymeist + v.o.	1/29	Newbury	2	P. + F. Vale
1/2	Bolton	3	S. + L. Sutton	2/5	Sherborn	2	E. Taylor
1/11	Scituate	4	S. Maguire#	Pileated Woodpecker			
1/15	Brewster	3	SSBC (Gd'E)	1/20	Clinton	1	S. Sutton
1/15	Amherst	6	H. Allen	1/31	Gardner	1	T. Pirro
2/17	DWWS	2	pr D. Furbish	2/14	Uxbridge	1	P. + B. Milke
2/20	Westboro	1	n M. Lynch#	2/16, 24	Groton	1	T. Pirro
2/23	Falmouth	2	G. Gove#	2/26	Groveland	1	J. Hoye#
2/24	Wayland	2	A. McCarthy#	Eastern Phoebe			
Snowy Owl				1/2-7	Melrose	1	D. + I. Jewell
thr	P.I./Newbypt	3	max v.o.	1/9	Chilmark	1	A. Keith
1/1-2/8	Duxbury	1	v.o.	Northern Shrike			
1/8, 2/13	Boston (Logan)	3, 6	N. Smith	1/1-2/2	Amherst	1	D. Minnear
1/11	Falmouth	1	G. Gove#	1/1-2/3	Hadley	1	v.o.
2/9	Squantum	1	C. Myers	1/1	Granville	1	J. Weeks
2/26	Gloucester	1	B. + S. Ross	1/4	Ipswich	1	P. Brown
Barred Owl				1/4, 2.13	DWWS	1	Manchester, Gd'E
1/2	Lexington	1	E. Smith	1/10-2/5	P.I.	1	v.o.
1/5	Cambridge	1	K. Barnes	1/21	Pepperell	1	T. Pirro
1/29	Gill	2	BBC (Drummond)	1/29	Hatfield	1	L. Terrien
2/6	Lincoln	1	dead C. Kwong	1/30	Cheshire	1	ad M. Lynch#
2/8	IRWS	1	J. Berry#	2/12	Northbridge	1	M. Lynch#
2/8	W. Townsend	1	C. Crupi	2/12	Sutton	1	ad M. Lynch#
2/12	Salisbury	1	D. Tripp#	2/13	Royalston	1	S. Moore#
2/18	Cambridge	1	ph B. Stevens#	2/13	Concord (NAC)	1	ad T. Carolan
2/19	E. Bridgewater	1	E. Giles	Fish Crow			
Long-eared Owl				1/3	Westfield	3	S. Kellogg
1/2-8	Hadley	1	C. Gentes	1/3, 2/19	Waltham	55, 4	J. Forbes
Short-eared Owl				1/4	Agawam	2	S. Kellogg
thr	Salisbury	1-3	v.o.	1/4	Lawrence	24	P. Brown
1/1	Duxbury B.	1	D. Furbish#	2/2	Belmont	4	P. Perry
1/2	P.I.	1	F. Vale	2/7	Andover	1	D. Tambasco
1/8, 2/13	Boston (Logan)	4, 2	N. Smith	2/23	Hingham	2	W. Petersen
2/19	Cumb. Farms	1	K. Anderson#	Common Raven			
2/20	Nantucket	1	E. Ray	1/7	Granville	4	J. Weeks
Northern Saw-whet Owl				1/9, 2/27	Manchester	2, 1	Heil, Ferrarasso
1/15	Brewster	3	SSBC (Gd'E)	1/22	Royalston	2	M. Lynch#
1/29	Hamilton	1	J. Berry#	1/30	Cummington	1	M. Lynch#
2/14-26	Lexington	1	M. Rines#	1/30	Ipswich	1	J. Paluzzi
Red-headed Woodpecker				1/30	Windsor	2	M. Lynch#
thr	Tyringham	1	imm v.o.	2/19	Quabbin	6	S. Leonard#
1/2-2/1	Leverett	1	H. Allen	Horned Lark			
Red-bellied Woodpecker				thr	P.I.	47	max v.o.
1/thr	Ipswich	2	pr J. Berry	1/4	Egremont	70	R. Reed
1/thr	Falmouth	1-2	G. Gove#	1/15	Scituate	11	R. Bowes
2/1-28	Sherborn	5	E. Taylor	1/15	P'town	25	SSBC (Gd'E)
2/9	Royalston	2	M. Taylor#	1/15	Northampton	300	H. Allen
2/13	Marshfield	5	SSBC (Gd'E)	1/17	Cumb. Farms	75+	K. Anderson
2/24	Groton	2	T. Pirro	1/30	Westport	50	G. d'Entremont
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				1/31	Turners Falls	80	H. Allen
1/thr	Mt.A.	1-3	R. Stymeist + v.o.	2/13	Chatham (S.B.)	18	P. Flood
1/10	Newbypt	1	J. Nelson	2/13	Sandwich	16	D. Furbish#
1/17	Gloucester	1	f ad D. Sandee#				

Tree Swallow			1/2	Sheffield	1 m	dead	M. Coon
1/9, 16	Nantucket	2, 10	Ray, Blackshaw	1/19-23	Oak Bluffs	1 m	K. Blake# + v.o.
Red-breasted Nuthatch				Gray Catbird			
1/1	Nahant	2	R. Heil	1/2	Nantucket	3	G. d'Entremont#
1/2	Nantucket	4	G. d'Entremont#	1/8	P.I.	1	S. Sutton#
1/17	Salisbury	4	S. Sutton	1/19	Rockport	1	BBC (B. Volkle)
1/29	P.I.	2	T. Wetmore#	1/30	S. Dartmouth	2	G. d'Entremont
2/13	Royalston	2	S. Moore#	2/12	Westport	1	M. Lynch#
2/13	Lexington	2	M. Rines	2/21	Nahant	1	S. Sutton
2/20	Oakham	8	M. Lynch#	Brown Thrasher			
Brown Creeper				1/10	Rockport (H.P.)	1	J. Adamson#
1/4	Ipswich	2	J. Berry	1/28	Chappaquiddick	1	E. Potter
1/8	Gloucester	2	J. + M. Nelson	1/29	Nahant	1	D. Wilkinson
1/18	Jamaica Plain	2	A. Joslin	1/30	S. Dartmouth	1	G. d'Entremont
1/30	Peru	2	M. Lynch#	American Pipit			
2/5	Malden	2	D. + I. Jewell	1/15	Nantucket	4	K. Blackshaw#
2/19	Sheffield	4	M. Lynch#	Bohemian Waxwing			
2/20	Oakham	7	M. Lynch#	2/6	Nantucket	1	E. Ray
Carolina Wren				Cedar Waxwing			
1/9	Gloucester	5	R. Heil	1/2	Newbypt	175+	P. + F. Vale
1/9	Fairhaven	5	M. Lynch#	1/16	N. Adams	25	R. Stymeist#
1/15-16	Berkshire Cty	7	R. Stymeist#	1/29	Haverhill	120+	R. Heil
2/13	Nahant	3	P. + F. Vale#	2/7	P.I.	35	R. Heil
2/15	Melrose	3	D. + I. Jewell	2/13	Arlington	65+	K. Hartel
Winter Wren				2/27	Turners Falls	200	C. Gentes
1/1	Nahant	1	R. Heil	2/28	Northampton	250	C. Gentes
1/1	Medford	1	M. Rines	Orange-crowned Warbler			
1/24, 2/23	Marion	1	M. Maurer	1/1	Falmouth	1	D. Furbish#
1/27	Granville	1	J. Weeks	Black-throated Blue Warbler			
1/28	Ashfield	1	S. Sauter	1/12	Brewster	1 m	fide M. Lowe
2/5	Melrose	1	D. + I. Jewell	Yellow-rumped Warbler			
2/17	Amherst	1	H. Allen	thr	P.I.	2-9	v.o.
Marsh Wren				1/9	Fairhaven	5	M. Lynch#
1/2	Nantucket	1	G. d'Entremont	1/30	Westport	6	G. d'Entremont
1/14	GMNWR	2	M. Rosenfeld	2/13	Marshfield	1	SSBC (Gd'E)
Golden-crowned Kinglet				Pine Warbler			
1/4	Northampton	8	L. Terrien	1/2	Medford	2	P. + F. Vale
1/7	Bolton Flats	6	T. Murray	1/9	Brookline	1	C. Gladstone#
1/9	Fairhaven	5	M. Lynch#	1/18	Mashpee	1 m	M. Keleher
1/22	Royalston	5	M. Lynch#	1/20	Marion	6	M. Maurer
2/20	Oakham	7	M. Lynch#	2/20	Falmouth	1	G. Hirth#
2/22	Medford	4	R. LaFontaine	Yellow-breasted Chat			
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				1/9	Fairhaven	1	M. Lynch#
thr	Stoughton	1	T. Johnston	Western Tanager (no details) *			
1/1	Melrose	1	D. + I. Jewell	1/1-23	Westwood	1 f ph	B. Saunders
1/1	Falmouth	1	D. Furbish#	Eastern Towhee			
1/17	Lexington	1	M. Rines	thr	P.I.	1 f	T. Wetmore
Eastern Bluebird				1/1	Nahant	1 f	R. Heil
1/thr	Falmouth	2-6	G. Gove#	1/1	Quabbin	1	T. Gagnon
1/15	Hadley	12	H. Allen	1/5	Aquinnah (M.V.)	2	T. Day
1/16	Rowley	7	P. + F. Vale	1/9	Fairhaven	2	M. Lynch#
1/19	Groton	7	T. Pirro	1/15	Barnstable	2	CCBC (Keleher)
1/24	Pembroke	12	D. Furbish	1/19	Rockport	1	BBC (B. Volkle)
2/13	W. Boylston	8	M. Lynch#	2/3	Nantucket	4	E. Andrews
2/26	Cumb. Farms	6+	MAS (Lowe)	2/12	Westport	3	M. Lynch#
Hermit Thrush				2/21	Nantucket	3	E. Andrews
1/2	Hadley	1	C. Gentes	American Tree Sparrow			
1/4	Ipswich	1	J. Berry	1/2	Medford	40+	P. + F. Vale
1/7	Westport	1	G. Gove#	1/4	P.I.	45+	F. Vale#
1/9	Berlin	1	F. Howes	1/7	Bolton Flats	100	T. Murray
1/10	Waltham	1	R. Haaseth	1/9	Fairhaven	38	M. Lynch#
1/29	P.I.	3	T. Wetmore	1/17	Cumb. Farms	100+	K. Anderson
1/30	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson	1/19	Groton	75	T. Pirro
1/31	Westfield	1	D. James	Chipping Sparrow			
2/4	Nahant	1	T. Murray#	thr	Falmouth	12 max	G. Gove#
2/12	Salisbury	1	D. Tripp#	1/18	Mashpee	1	M. Keleher
2/20	N. Truro	1	C. Skowron	1/20-26	Chilmark	1	T. Rivers
American Robin				1/22	Edgartown	1	A. Keith
1/9	Maynard	100+	L. Nachtrab	2/19	Groveland	1	D. Chickering
1/15	Gr Barrington	202	M. Lynch#	Clay-colored Sparrow			
1/16	Shrewsbury	100	B. deGraaf	2/2-28	Southwick	1	S. Kellogg
1/28	Falmouth	400	G. Gove#	Field Sparrow			
1/29	N. Truro	125	B. Nikula	thr	Falmouth	3	G. Gove#
1/29	Haverhill	165	R. Heil	1/1, 2/5	Cumb. Farms	1, 1	K. Anderson
2/28	Northampton	400	C. Gentes	1/2	Medford	1	P. + F. Vale
Varied Thrush				1/7	Bolton Flats	5	T. Murray
1/1-4	Concord	1	M. Rubel + v.o.	1/22, 2/13	Rockport (H.P.)	1	Murray, Tripp
1/1-2/25	Newbypt	1	R. Laite + v.o.	1/30	Westport	2	G. d'Entremont

Field Sparrow (continued)			2/19	Easthampton	80	H. Allen	
2/5	Westboro	1	S. Moore	2/20	Wakefield	37	P. + F. Vale
2/9	W. Newbury	1	R. Laité	2/23	Salisbury	15	MAS (B. Gette)
Savannah Sparrow				Eastern Meadowlark			
1/15	Barnstable	2	CCBC (Keleher)	1/4	DWWS	3	D. Manchester#
1/15	Newbypt	1	D. Chickering	1/24-29	Chappaquiddick	1	H. Potter
1/17	Marion	1	M. Maurer	1/25	Scituate	2	S. Maguire#
2/7	P.I.	1	R. Heil	2/27	Eastham	6	D. Furbish#
Ipswich Sparrow				Rusty Blackbird			
1/19	Salisbury	3	MAS (B. Gette)	1/1	Gr Barrington	1	R. Laubach
Seaside Sparrow				1/2	Wakefield	1	D. + I. Jewell
1/15	Newbypt	1-2	R. Heil	1/22	Dedham	1	E. Cutler
Fox Sparrow				1/23	Tyringham	1	R. Wheeler
1/1	Amherst	1	D. Minnear	1/29	Hatfield	1	L. Terrien
1/4	Agawam	2	S. Kellogg	1/31	Turners Falls	2	R. Packard
1/9-17	Jamaica Plain	2	R. Stymeist# + v.o.	2/3	Lynnfield	1	D. + I. Jewell
1/23	Harwich Port	2	B. Nikula#	Common Grackle			
1/23-2/28	E. Middleboro	4	K. Anderson	2/8	IRWS	12	J. Berry
2/3	Nantucket	1	E. Andrews	2/16	Northboro	56	B. Volkle
Swamp Sparrow				2/24	Wakefield	15	F. Vale#
1/4	Agawam	2	S. Kellogg	Brown-headed Cowbird			
1/15	Gr Barrington	1	M. Lynch#	1/8	Williamsburg	2	R. Packard
1/15	Newbypt	1	R. Heil	1/17	Cumb. Farms	200+	K. Anderson
1/21	DWWS	1	D. Furbish	1/22	Westport	50	R. Hodson
1/22	Hatfield	1	T. Gagnon	2/5	Sheffield	7	T. Collins
White-crowned Sparrow				2/16	Groton	2	T. Pirro
1/1-2/12	Salisbury	1	v.o.	2/20	Arlington	2 m	K. Hartel
2/20	Nantucket	1	B. Vigneau	Baltimore Oriole			
Dark-eyed Junco				1/1-28	Edgartown	1	R. Gordon
1/2	Malden	30+	P. + F. Vale	Purple Finch			
1/9	Fairhaven	24	M. Lynch#	1/1	Monterey	16	R. Laubach
1/19	Groton	165	T. Pirro	1/14	Washington	43	E. Neumuth
1/20	Scituate	24	S. Maguire#	1/17	Hinsdale	8	R. Stymeist#
2/19	Sheffield	27	M. Lynch#	1/30	Peru	27	M. Lynch#
Lapland Longspur				1/31, 2/19	Royalston	15, 30	Pirro, Gd'E
1/2	Hadley	1	M. Lynch#	2/6	DWWS	1 m	D. Furbish
1/7-30	Northampton	1	C. Gentes	2/7	Cummington	9	T. Gagnon
1/19, 2/28	Salisbury	1, 1	Gette, Brown	2/12	Lenox	20	D. St James
1/31, 2/27	Turners Falls	1	H. Allen	2/25	Lexington	2	R. Hodson
2/11	P.I.	2	D. Tripp#	White-winged Crossbill			
Snow Bunting				thr	Nahant	1 f	R. Heil + v.o.
1/7	Northampton	10	C. Gentes	Common Redpoll			
1/7, 2/6	Granville	1, 3	Weeks, Paxton	1/25, 29	P.I.	21, 27	Sutton, Vale
1/11	Hadley	4	H. Allen	1/30	Nantucket	5	v.o.
1/19, 2/9	Nantucket	45, 18	Aquie, Ray	2/12	Lexington	4	K. Hartel
1/29, 2/27	P.I.	12, 10	T. Wetmore	2/12	Salisbury	4	D. Tripp#
2/12	Montague	30	D. Minnear	thr	Reports of indiv. from 7 locations		
2/13	Chatham (S.B.)	40+	P. Flood	Pine Siskin			
2/13	S. Quabbin	50	R. Laubach	thr	E. Middleboro	20-35	
2/20	Fairhaven	4	C. Longworth	1/21	Rockport	1+	J. Robinson
Red-winged Blackbird				1/27	Northampton	1	T. Gagnon
1/1	Cumb. Farms	15	K. Anderson	Evening Grosbeak			
1/4	Agawam	2	S. Kellogg	1/29-2/27	Royalston	18 max	v.o.
1/20	N. Andover	12	B. Drummond	1/30	N. Adams	1	M. Lynch#
2/6	Swansea	16	M. Lynch#	1/30	Windsor	1	M. Lynch#
2/7	DWWS	230	D. Furbish	2/5	Athol	1	P. + F. Vale#
2/16	Bolton Flats	20	R. Beaubien				

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE BIRD SIGHTINGS TO BIRD OBSERVER

Sightings for any given month must be reported in writing by the eighth of the following month, and may be submitted by postal mail or e-mail. Send written reports to Bird Sightings, Robert H. Stymeist, 94 Grove Street, Watertown, MA 02172. Include name and phone number of observer, common name of species, date of sighting, location, number of birds, other observer(s), and information on age, sex, and morph (where relevant). For instructions on e-mail submission, visit: <<http://massbird.org/birdobserver/sightings/>>.

Species on the Review List of the Massachusetts Avian Records Committee (indicated by an asterisk [*] in the Bird Reports), as well as species unusual as to place, time, or known nesting status in Massachusetts, should be reported promptly to the Massachusetts Avian Records Committee, c/o Marjorie Rines, Massachusetts Audubon Society, South Great Road, Lincoln, MA 01773, or by e-mail to <marj@mrines.com>.

ABBREVIATIONS FOR BIRD SIGHTINGS

Taxonomic order is based on AOU checklist, Seventh edition, 44th Supplement, as published in *The Auk* 117: 847-58 (2000); 119: 897-906 (2002); 120: 923-32 (2003).

ABC	Allen Bird Club	ONWR	Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge
A.P.	Andrews Point, Rockport	P.I.	Plum Island
A.Pd	Allens Pond, S. Dartmouth	Pd	Pond
B.	Beach	P'town	Provincetown
Barre FD	Barre Falls Dam,	Pont.	Pontoosuc Lake, Lanesboro
	Barre, Rutland	R.P.	Race Point, Provincetown
B.I.	Belle Isle, E. Boston	Res.	Reservoir
B.R.	Bass Rocks, Gloucester	S. Dart.	South Dartmouth
BBC	Brookline Bird Club	S.B.	South Beach, Chatham
BMB	Broad Meadow Brook, Worcester	S.N.	Sandy Neck, Barnstable
C.B.	Crane Beach, Ipswich	SRV	Sudbury River Valley
CGB	Coast Guard Beach, Eastham	SSBC	South Shore Bird Club
C.P.	Crooked Pond, Boxford	TASL	Take A Second Look
Cambr.	Cambridge		Boston Harbor Census
CCBC	Cape Cod Bird Club	WBWS	Wellfleet Bay WS
Cumb. Farms	Cumberland Farms,	WMWS	Wachusett Meadow WS
	Middleboro	Wompatuck SP	Hingham, Cohasset,
DFWS	Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary		Scituate, and Norwell
DWMA	Delaney WMA	Worc.	Worcester
	Stow, Bolton, Harvard		
DWWS	Daniel Webster WS	Other Abbreviations	
E.P.	Eastern Point, Gloucester	ad	adult
EMHW	Eastern Mass. Hawk Watch	alt	alternate
F.E.	First Encounter Beach, Eastham	b	banded
F.P.	Fresh Pond, Cambridge	br	breeding
F.Pk	Franklin Park, Boston	dk	dark (morph)
G40	Gate 40, Quabbin Res.	f	female
GMNWR	Great Meadows NWR	fl	fledgling
H.	Harbor	imm	immature
H.P.	Halibut Point, Rockport	juv	juvenile
HRWMA	High Ridge WMA, Gardner	lt	light (morph)
I.	Island	m	male
IRWS	Ipswich River WS	max	maximum
L.	Ledge	migr	migrating
M.V.	Martha's Vineyard	n	nesting
MAS	Mass. Audubon Society	ph	photographed
MBWMA	Martin Burns WMA, Newbury	pl	plumage
MNWS	Marblehead Neck WS	pr	pair
MSSF	Myles Standish State	S	summer (1S = 1st summer)
	Forest, Plymouth	v.o.	various observers
Mt.A.	Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambr.	W	winter (2W = second winter)
NAC	Nine Acre Corner, Concord	yg	young
Newbypt	Newburyport	#	additional observers



GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER BY GEORGE C. WEST

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ABOUT THE YELLOW-NOSED ALBATROSS

William A. Marcy

While spending a vacation in Conway during the last of July and early August 1935, we heard an Albatross had been shot in Fryeburg, Maine. We went over to Fryeburg the next day filled with a desire to learn more about this bird. Several inquiries with no results began to make us feel foolish; as a last court of appeal I went to the Post Office and had the good fortune to find a young lady attendant that had seen the bird and directed us to Mrs. Archibald Walker about two miles from the centre, on the Bridgeton Road, where the bird was taken.

Mrs. Walker told us that her grandson George while spending the summer vacation in 1934 with her on the farm went fishing one day in the creek where he saw an unusually large bird standing on the shore, asleep. Curiosity prompted the boy to approach. The vibrations of the ground awakened the bird and it slowly removed its head from under its wing. It looked fearlessly at George and offered no resistance when it was picked up and taken home. The Walkers did not know what bird it was and had a busy time trying to find a diet that would appeal to its appetite. Everywhere George went in his auto the bird went with him and seemed to enjoy it.

For the next ten days it was the riddle of Fryeburg. Some thought it was the "Do-do" bird made famous by Raymond Hitchcock some years ago in the musical comedy "The Prince of Pilsen."

Then, the bird died and was sent to the museum of the Portland Society of Natural History to be mounted. There it was identified as a Yellow-nosed Albatross.

Time did not permit our going to Portland to see the specimen but we had a very pleasant visit with Miss Harriet Abbot of Fryeburg in her sanctuary and heard much about birds which visit that section.

As I wished more information about the albatross I wrote to the Curator of the Portland Society and he referred me to the note in "The Auk", October 1934, pages 507-508. Some day I hope to see the specimen itself.

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