

EDITOR'S PAGE

On September 13, 1979, Richard M. Butler of Norfolk, Massachusetts, died of as-yet-undetermined natural causes. An active and very careful bird-watcher, Dick will be missed by his many birding friends and acquaintances. Condolences can be sent to his mother, Mrs. John J. Butler, with whom he lived at 7 Everett Street, Norfolk, Massachusetts 02056.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

The Annual Greater Boston Christmas Bird Count will take place on Sunday, December 16, 1979. Interested birders should contact Bob Stymeist at (617) 734-1289 for further information. Many localities within Rte. 128 need coverage; if you could give even a few hours canvassing your own neighborhood it would better reflect the bird populations within Greater Boston.

TAKE A SECOND LOOK

On November 11, John Andrews will lead the last "Take A Second Look" field trip of the season. Under the rubric, "A Field Full of Sparrows," the trip will focus on the utilization of natural foods by birds in winter, devoting special attention to sparrows. Telephone John at 862-6498 for further information.

MASSACHUSETTS BIRD LIST

The new revised edition of the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife List of the Birds of Massachusetts is now available from the Division.

Compiled by Bradford G. Blodget, State Ornithologist, the list contains a total of 416 species accepted as Massachusetts birds.

To receive a copy send \$0.41 postage and a self-addressed label to:

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BERKSHIRE JAYS

Remember last winter? The Blue Jay counts were way down and their scarcity was attributed to the acorn crop failure. In the July-August 1979 issue of Bird News of Western Massachusetts it was reported that Constance Replenski of Plainfield regularly fed between 75-90 Blue Jays all winter. Plainfield is located in the Berkshires, above the dominant oak forest where beech, birch and maples predominate. The Blue Jays there are not dependent upon acorns and thus were not affected by the failure of the acorn crop.