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GREATER BOSTON CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

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1980-81 SEAL CENSUS

The Harbor Seal (*Rhoca vitulina concolor*) winters along the New England coast, and remains here until early March or April. Carol Price, of the University of Rhode Island, with the cooperation of the Manomet Bird Observatory, is continuing a Harbor Seal census which was initiated in 1975 by Dr. Howard E. Winn. The purpose of this census is to obtain information about population dynamics of these pinnepeds, including over-all distribution, migratory behavior, consistency in location preference, and characteristics of preferred "haul-out" sites.

This census relies heavily on public response. Birders interested in participating should contact Carol Price, Seal Census, Graduate School of Oceanography, University of Rhode Island, Narragansett, R.I. 02882, for further details and Seal Sighting Forms.

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