

# Index to the Regional Reports in Volume 51

The main part of this index covers those bird records that were considered significant enough to be mentioned in bold-face type in the Regional Reports: outstanding rarities, first nesting records, extreme out-of-season occurrences, and so on. Up through 1989, this publication (then called *American Birds*) carried such an index annually. Longtime readers found these indices very useful as a way of tracking down notable records from previous years. In response to many requests, we are pleased to bring back the index.

Each entry after the species name in the index begins with the state or province (two-letter postal codes in the U.S., two- or three-letter standard abbreviations in Canada). This is followed by the number of the issue (1: Spring 1997, with Fall 1996 reports; 3: Summer 1997, with Winter 1996-1997 reports; 4: Fall 1997, with Spring 1997 reports; 5: the current issue, Winter 1997, with Summer 1997 reports. Number 2 of this volume was the Christmas Bird Count issue, which will not be published as part of *Field Notes* in the future). Finally, the entry gives the page number for the boldfaced mention of the species.

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