



WHY BIRD OBSERVER OF EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS?

Many birders, newcomers and old-timers, have expressed an interest in and a need for an informative regional publication of purely bird news.

This bi-monthly newsletter plans to cover: where to go for "hard to find" species and seasonal species complete with maps, fine points of identification of confusing species, tips to backyard birders and for those using public transportation, statistics of previous two months plus a two-month forecast, occasional book reviews and conservation notes.

Year-round birding has become a rapidly expanding hobby in this country in recent years. During the 1969 Christmas count over 15,000 people participated, in 1970, 16,700 and in 1971, 18,800 - a gain of 12% per annum, with Massachusetts being one of the most active states. These numbers represent only the tip of the iceberg - surely the bulk of enthusiasts are watching backyard feeders.

In order for this publication to serve you and succeed, all clubs and individuals are asked to give support by reporting species, submitting articles, writing letters and questions to the editors, sharing bird interest stories, and giving criticism and suggestions for future expansion.

We look forward to your participation.

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