

Abbreviations

ad.	adult
imm.	immature
m.	male
f.	female
max.	maximum
thr.	throughout
v.o.	various observers
#	additional observers
ABC	Allen Bird Club
BBC	Brookline Bird Club
CCBC	Cape Cod Bird Club
FBC	Forbush Bird Club
FCBC	Felix Cutler Bird Club
NVBC	Nashoba Valley Bird Club
PBC	Paskamansett Bird Club
SSBC	South Shore Bird Club
CWA	Crane Wildlife Area
GMNWR	Great Meadows Nat'l. Wildlife Refuge
IRWS	Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary
MBO	Manomet Bird Observatory
MNWS	Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary
WBWS	Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
A.A.	Arnold Arboretum
A.P.	Andrews Point
E.P.	Eastern Point
F.H.	Fort Hill, Eastham
F.M.	Fowl Meadow, Milton
Mt.A	Mt. Auburn Cemetery
M.V.	Martha's Vineyard
P.I.	Plum Island

THE 74TH CHRISTMAS COUNT

Interest in the annual bird census (this year scheduled nationally for dates between Saturday, December 15th and Tuesday, January 1st) continues to grow each year. To many birders the Christmas Count is as traditional as the Christmas Tree or Plum Pudding.

Last year's census was no exception, and a total of 1,013 counts were published in American Birds. All but seven were from the United States and Canada, the others being from Mexico (2), Guatemala, British Honduras, El Salvador, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. In all, over 15,000 participants recorded 71,183,807 individuals representing 911 species!

In Massachusetts there were counts in Athol, Buzzards Bay, Cape Cod, Central Berkshire, Concord, Marshfield, Martha's Vineyard, Millis, Nantucket, New Bedford, Newburyport, Northampton, Northern Berkshire, Quincy, Springfield, Taunton, Westminster and Worcester. For the second year, the new Greater Boston Count will replace the Belmont and Jamaica Plain counts of previous years.

If you would like to join the Boston Count (Sunday, December 16th) or any other one, contact the undersigned at 54 Banks St., Cambridge, Mass. 02138.

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. . . SOUTHEAST ASIA . . . HONG
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. . . ARGENTINA . . . MEXICO . . .
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We take pride in the recommendations of veterans of our previous tours. For example, the following from Dr. Robert Pittell of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida:

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