

## 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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