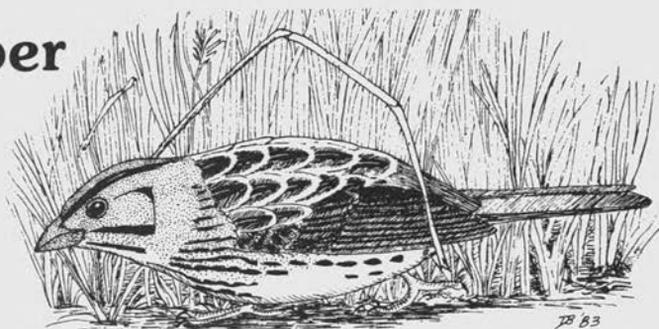


# Field Records

## December 1982



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December 1982 was very mild, dry and cloudy. The temperature averaged  $39.6^{\circ}$ ,  $6.6^{\circ}$  above normal. This December ties for the fifth warmest in 111 years! A cold spell of six days from the ninth through the fourteenth averaged nine degrees below normal and prevented the month from breaking the all time record. Many new records were set: the  $70^{\circ}$  on the fourth topped the old mark of  $63^{\circ}$  set in 1950;  $70^{\circ}$  again on the sixth topped the  $69^{\circ}$  of 1912. Three additional records were also broken. Also of note: the daily mean temperature of  $64^{\circ}$  on the sixth set a new record for so late in the year. In fact, just one week later, a mean of only  $14^{\circ}$  was noted, a drop of  $50^{\circ}$ . This was the largest range of mean temperatures in a month since January 1957. The month's low mark was  $10^{\circ}$  on the thirteenth, a drop of  $60^{\circ}$  from the high a week earlier.

Precipitation totaled 1.27 inches, 2.09 inches under normal. This was the eleventh driest December in 165 years. Snow totaled 5.5 inches, 2.6 inches less than the past average; the most in any one day was 1.4 inches on the twelfth. Minor glazing from freezing rain was noted on December 19, 23, and 24.

### LOONS THROUGH WATERFOWL

Both Common and Red-throated loons were migrating during strong northwest winds on December 12 though Red-throated Loons predominated with 155 counted in just one hour during midday. The report stated they had been flying all morning, but no count was taken. The Western Grebe, found in late November, was present throughout the month in the Duxbury - Third Cliff, Scituate area. During the month, seven Double-crested Cormorants were reported, including two inland records.

Two of the four immature Little Blue Herons found in Scituate during November continued through December 7, and another was seen on Nashawena Island on the last day of 1982.

At Nantucket, two Tundra Swans, a Eurasian Wigeon and a "Eurasian" Teal continued all month. Another Eurasian Wigeon was found on Rantoul Pond in Ipswich. Brant numbers were good along the Squantum - Weymouth shore, and 1275 were counted on the Cape Cod Christmas Bird Count (CBC). Two Blue-winged Teal in Ipswich (exceptional in winter) were well described. Other highlights included 102 Redheads in the Buzzards Bay CBC, 11 Barrow's Goldeneye, 7 Harlequin Ducks, 5 King Eiders, and 1235 Common Mergansers on the Plymouth CBC.

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<u>SPECIES/DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OBSERVERS</u>
Common Loon:			
5,25	Duxbury Beach, Ipswich (Crane's)	40, 16	W.Petersen#, J.Berry
Red-throated Loon:			
5,12	Duxbury Beach, Rockport	20, 155 in one hr.	W.Petersen#, R.Stymeist#
Red-necked Grebe:			
5,23	Duxbury Beach, Plymouth	3, 79	W.Petersen#, CBC
Western Grebe:			
thr.	Duxbury-Scituate	1	v.o.

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Horned Grebe:			
15	P.I.	75	R.Heil
Pied-billed Grebe:			
23	Plymouth	11	CBC
Great Cormorant:			
5	Nahant-Winthrop,N.Scituate	600, 40	R.Stymeist#, H.Mallers
Double-crested Cormorant:			
5,11	Braintree,Lynn(Flax Pond)	1, 1 imm.	SSBC(P.O'Neil),R.Heil
19;26	S.Boston; P.I.	3 imm; 1 ad, 1 imm.	CBC(D.Brown);J.Berry,G.Gove#
Great Blue Heron:			
6,18	Pocasset, Buzzards Bay	10, 36	P.Hallowell, CBC
19,25	Woburn, Weston	3, 1	G.Gove, L.Robinson
25,29	Winchester, Everett	1, 1	G.Gove, J.Berry
Little Blue Heron:			
1-7,31	Scituate, Nashawena I.	2 imm., 1 imm.	v.o.,R.Knott(fide J.Hatch)
American Bittern:			
26	Duxbury, Bridgewater	1, 1	CBC(D.Clapp),CBC(D.Briggs)
Tundra Swan:			
thr.	Nantucket	2(1 ad., 1 imm.)	E.Andrews + v.o.
Canada Goose:			
4	GMNWR	870	P.Roberts
Brant:			
4,18	Weymouth, Quincy	550, 952	L.Robinson, CBC
19	Cape Cod	1275	CBC
Snow Goose:			
5	P.I.	12	P.Roberts
"Blue" Goose:			
19	Cape Ann	1	CBC
Gadwall:			
4,5	GMNWR, Marston's Mills	34, 12	P.Roberts, B.Nikula
Northern Pintail:			
1,4,9	GMNWR, P.I., SRV	22, 24, 15	H.Mallers,BBC,R.Walton
Green-winged Teal:			
1	GMNWR	31	H.Mallers
Blue-winged Teal: (Details on file)			
6	Ipswich	2	R.Heil, J.Smith
'Eurasian' Teal:			
thr.	Nantucket	1	v.o.
Eurasian Wigeon:			
thr.,6-31	Nantucket, Ipswich	1 ad. m.,1 ad. m.	E.Andrews+v.o.,R.Heil+v.o.
American Wigeon:			
1	GMNWR	75	H.Mallers
Northern Shoveler:			
5,9	GMNWR, SRV	5, 5	P.Roberts, R.Walton
Wood Duck:			
1	GMNWR	2	H.Mallers
Redhead:			
18	Buzzards Bay	102	CBC
Ring-necked Duck:			
5,15	Braintree,Cambridge	22, 2	SSBC, F.Bouchard
18	Falmouth	48	CBC
Canvasback:			
5,26	Braintree,Middleboro-Taunton	52, 585	SSBC, CBC
Lesser Scaup:			
11	Lynn (Flax Pond)	21	R.Heil
Barrow's Goldeneye:			
2 on,4	Manomet, Quincy Bay	1, 1	K.Anderson, L.Robinson
5,8	Hull, Nantucket	1 f., 4	L.Robinson,E.Andrews+v.o.
18,19,23	Wareham,Rockport,Plymouth	1, 2, 1	CBC
Harlequin Duck:			
4;19	Cohasset;Gloucester,E.Orleans	1; 3, 3	R.Titus; CBC
Common Eider:			
5	Nahant-Winthrop	8700+	BBC
23,26	Plymouth, Marshfield	8758, 18507	CBC
King Eider:			
18	Quincy, Hull	1, 1	CBC
31	E.Orleans	3	B.Nikula
White-winged Scoter:			
5,23	Duxbury Beach, Plymouth	300, 1035	W.Petersen#, CBC

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Ruddy Duck:			
4,5	Waltham, Braintree	105, 83	R.Stymeist#, SSBC
Hooded Merganser:			
5,11	Braintree, Worcester	13, 8	SSBC, D.Crompton
19,23	Gr. Boston, Plymouth	19, 45	CBC
31	Lexington, Ipswich	3, 11 f.	J.Andrews, J.Berry#
Common Merganser:			
23	Plymouth	1235	CBC
Red-breasted Merganser:			
18	Quincy, Buzzards Bay	686, 3556	CBC
31	P'Town	2500	B.Nikula#

#### RAPTORS THROUGH COOT

Northern Goshawks were reported from seven locations. Three Cooper's Hawks, all well-described, were reported from three widely scattered localities. An adult Bald Eagle was found along the Merrimac River, and others were noted from Ashburnham and Lakeville. The only Peregrine reported was from Nantucket, and four Merlin were noted on the Cape Cod CBC.

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Northern Goshawk:			
4,5	Lexington, Duxbury	1, 1	A.Morgan, W.Petersen#
5,18,27	P.I., Millis, Lincoln	1 imm., 1, 1	P.Roberts, CBC, J.Baird
19,31	Thompson's I., Nantucket	1, 1	CBC(D.Brown), v.o.
Sharp-shinned Hawk:			
18	Buzzards Bay, Millis	7, 3	CBC
23,26	Plymouth, Marshfield	3, 3	CBC
Cooper's Hawk:			
14,19	Burlington, Everett	1, 1	C.Leahy, CBC(J.Grugan)
31	Newburyport	1	A.Blaisdell
Red-shouldered Hawk:			
18,19	Millis, Orleans	1, 1	CBC(B.Cassie), CBC(R.Forster)
21	Tewksbury	1	J.Fillery
Rough-legged Hawk:			
10,13	Framingham, Lexington	1, 1	F.Bouchard, J.Andrews
Bald Eagle:			
4,11	Ashburnham, Lakeville	1 ad., 1 subadult	D.MacKerron, R.Titus
26-31	Newburyport	1 ad.	B.Perna, J.Berry
Northern Harrier:			
12,19	P.I., Cape Cod	15, 17	BBC(S.Henderson), CBC
Peregrine Falcon:			
31	Nantucket	1	D.Arvidson# + v.o.
Merlin:			
19	Cape Cod	4	CBC
Virginia Rail:			
3	Middleboro	1	K.Holmes
Sora:			
4	W.Harwich	2	B.Nikula
American Coot:			
1, thr.	SRV, Lakeville	60, 150+	R.Walton, D.Briggs
5,18	Braintree, Millis	108, 118	SSBC, CBC

#### SHOREBIRDS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

A number of shorebirds lingered later than normal and have been doing so for the past few years. Included among these were Greater Yellowlegs, small sandpipers (a Least this year noted on the fourth), and Long-billed Dowitchers, one of which was seen and identified by call at Centerville on two occasions two weeks apart. Three Red Phalaropes were also late on the Marshfield Christmas Bird Count (CBC). There were other, more normal lingerers, including Killdeer, Black-bellied Plover, Ruddy Turnstone, American Woodcock and Common Snipe.

A probable Herring x Glaucous Gull hybrid was seen twice in Gloucester, and there were many reports of Iceland Gulls including one inland in Millis. Three Lesser Black-backed and five Black-headed gulls were reported. Laughing Gulls also tarried beyond their normal departure date with reports from four locations, the latest being on the December 26 from Marshfield. A Black Tern continued in Chatham being last reported on the fifth, ten weeks later than normal. This may be a record date.

Many alcids were seen on the Outer Cape CBC; winds had been strong from the SW from

the 14th to the 16th, then were strong out of the NNE from the 17th to the 20th, which probably accounts for the high counts of these species. Individual Common Murres were seen at Provincetown and from the ferry to Nantucket. Thick-billed Murres were seen passing Sandy Neck at the rate of 310 per hour on the ninth, a day of strong NW winds preceded by a day of strong SW winds.

Seven species of owls were reported this month including 19 Eastern Screech and 8 Great Horned on the Greater Boston CBC. A Snowy Owl landed at Logan International Airport, apparently without mishap, and the intellectual Barred Owl continued residency at Harvard Yard. The Outer Cape CBC recorded 89 flickers, and Pileated Woodpeckers were found on at least two CBCs. The Red-bellied Woodpecker in Holden continued; two were seen on the Buzzards Bay CBC and one on the Plymouth count. A Red-headed Woodpecker spent the month in Westwood and will probably spend the winter there, and a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker was found on the Greater Boston CBC, a late but not unusual date for that species. G.W.G.

<u>SPECIES/DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OBSERVERS</u>
Killdeer:			
3,18	Quincy	2, 1	R.Emery#,CBC
Black-bellied Plover:			
5,19	Boston Harbor, Cape Cod	14, 4	BBC,CBC
Ruddy Turnstone:			
19,31	Cape Ann, Nantucket	24, 9	CBC, v.o.
American Woodcock:			
19	Cape Cod	3	CBC
Common Snipe:			
18,19,23	Buzz. Bay, Cape Cod, Plymouth	4, 5, 4	CBC
19,26	Cape Ann, Bridgewater	4, 8	CBC
Greater Yellowlegs:			
19	Cape Cod	6	CBC
26,31	Hyannis, Orleans	4, 5	R.Stabins#
Purple Sandpiper:			
5	Boston Harbor, Scituate	220, 350	BBC,W.Petersen#
11,15	Rockport, Westport	60, 98	BBC,CBC
26,28	N.Scituate, Salisbury	35, 10	CBC,J.Carter
Least Sandpiper:			
4	W.Harwich	1	B.Nikula#
Dunlin:			
4,11	Westport, Newbypt	156, 43	G.Gove#
5,19	Boston Harbor, Cape Cod	100, 582	BBC,CBC
23,26	Plymouth, Marshfield	68, 400	CBC
Long-billed Dowitcher:			
13,26	Centerville	1	P.Trimble#
Sanderling:			
5,23	Boston Harbor, Plymouth	140, 28	BBC,CBC
Red Phalarope:			
26	Marshfield	3	CBC
Glaucous Gull:			
11,19	Newbypt, Gloucester	1 (2W), 3	G.Gove,CBC
19,26	Cape Cod, Marshfield	2, 1	CBC
Herring x Glaucous Gull:			
1,19	Gloucester	1 (1W)	R.Heil,J.Smith
Iceland Gull:			
12-26	Newbypt	max. 8 (12/26)	v.o.
17,28	Salisbury	1, 2	J.Carter
19,28	Cape Ann	max. 11 (12/19)	CBC + v.o.
19	Cape Cod	8	CBC
18,26	Quincy, Marshfield	4, 1	CBC
18,23	Millis, Plymouth	1, 2	CBC
Great Black-backed Gull:			
19	Cape Ann	2782	CBC
Lesser Black-backed Gull:			
18,18-23	Wareham, Westport	1 (3W), 1 (3W)	CBC
19	Orleans	1	BBC
Herring Gull:			
	200-8,000 reported from 5 CBCs		
Ring-billed Gull:			
18,19	Quincy, Cape Ann	754, 156	CBC
23,26	Plymouth, Bridgewater	709, 383	CBC
Common Black-headed Gull:			
18;19,25	Hull; Cape Ann, Cape Cod	1 each	CBC

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Common Black-headed Gull, cont.:			
26,25-30	Revere, Nantucket	1 ad., 1 ad.	G.Gove#,E.Andrews#
Bonaparte's Gull:			
5,7	Falmouth, Quincy	1500, 200	B.Nikula#,S.Higginbotham
17	Cohasset, Nantasket	300, 500	S.Higginbotham
18,19	Quincy, Cape Ann	623, 103	CBC
Laughing Gull:			
3,18	N.Scituate, Quincy	8, 2	H.Maller,CBC
19,26	Chatham, Marshfield	1, 1	V.Laux#,CBC
Little Gull:			
5,27	Chatham, Nantucket	2, 1 ad.	W.Harrington#,E.Andrews
Black-legged Kittiwake:			
19	Cape Cod, Cape Ann	3407, 35	CBC
Black Tern:			
5	Chatham	1	W.Bailey#
Large alcid species:			
19,23;31	Eastham, Plymouth; P'town	2557, 3; 400+	CBC;B.Nikula#
Razorbill:			
19	Cape Cod, Cape Ann	1210, 1	CBC
23,31	Plymouth, P'town	10, 25+	CBC,B.Nikula#
Common Murre:			
31	P'town, Nantucket	1, 1	B.Nikula#,G.Gove#
Thick-billed Murre:			
9	Sandy Neck, Barnstable	310 per hour	R.Pease
23,26	Plymouth, Mid-Cape	3, 1	CBC
Dovekie:			
19	Revere, Eastham, Cape Ann	1, 65, 1	CBC
26	Mid-Cape	4	CBC
Black Guillemot:			
4,5	N.Scituate	3, 1	B.Sorrie,W.Petersen#
17,23	Cohasset, Rockport	1, 3	S.Higginbotham,P.Hallowell
31	P'town	11	B.Nikula#
Mourning Dove:			
26	Bridgewater	216	CBC
Common Barn-Owl:			
18	Quincy	1	CBC
Eastern Screech-Owl:			
18	Milton, Quincy, Millis	8, 1, 3	CBC
19	Cape Ann, Boston	3, 19	CBC
23,30	Plymouth, Lexington	3, 1	CBC,J.Carter
Great Horned Owl:			
18	Millis, Quincy	2, 1	CBC
19	Cape Cod, Boston	5, 8	CBC
25,26	Woburn, Bridgewater	1, 1	G.Gove,CBC
27	Brookline	1	O.+N.Komar#
Snowy Owl:			
15,18	Boston (Logan), Quincy	1, 1	W.McMakin,CBC
19,22	Cape Cod, Bridgewater	1, 1	CBC
26,27-31	Duxbury, P.I.	1, 1	CBC,v.o.
Barred Owl:			
thr.	Cambridge-Harvard Yard	1	v.o.
Long-eared Owl:			
thr.	Lexington	max. 2	v.o.
19	Orleans	1	CBC
Short-eared Owl:			
thr.	P.I.	max. 4	v.o.
5	Duxbury	2	W.Petersen#
17,19	Quincy, Cape Cod	1, 1	D.Brown,CBC
Northern Saw-whet Owl:			
31	Rochester	1	S.Peak,fide D.Briggs
Belted Kingfisher:			
thr.	Single individuals from 7 locations		
19,23	Cape Cod, Plymouth	18, 6	CBC
Northern Flicker:			
thr.	Single individuals from 5 locations		
18;19	Westport, Quincy; Cape Cod 13, 9; 89		CBC
23	Plymouth	10	CBC
Pileated Woodpecker:			
18	Athol	1	CBC
26	Mid-Cape - Yarmouthport	1	CBC

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Pileated Woodpecker, cont.:			
28	Royalston	1	Athol BC
Red-bellied Woodpecker:			
thr.	Holden (from Nov.)	1	D.Crompton#
18,23	Buzzards Bay, Plymouth	2, 1	CBC
Red-headed Woodpecker:			
5-6,27	Westwood	1 imm.	C.Lillie,J.Clancy
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:			
19	Boston	1	CBC(G.+H. D'Entremont)
Downy Woodpecker:			
25	Weston	7	L.Robinson

#### FLYCATCHERS THROUGH WARBLERS

Heavy Blue Jay migration had been noted by a number of observers during the fall. Christmas Bird Count (CBC) data, however, showed that jays remained in the southeastern part of the state, concentrated particularly around Buzzards Bay. Common Raven, once considered a decidedly uncommon species in Eastern Massachusetts, has been reported rather frequently recently. In December two ravens were observed in the Mt. Watatic area, the site of several single sightings during the fall. The Jackdaw on Nantucket since November was seen through December 30. Questions as to the bird's origins were never answered, but there was suspicion of ship-assisted passage or escape.

An Ash-throated Flycatcher was discovered in Magnolia on the rather late date of December 27. A recent article in American Birds (Vol. 36 No. 3, May 1982) discussed records for this species east of the Mississippi and indicated that most fall occurrences in the Northeast have been in the late November to early December period. A few Tree Swallows commonly hang on to December, but a count of 75 at one location is certainly noteworthy. December wren reports were slightly above the average for the last few years with Winter Wren particularly notable. A House Wren was seen in Westport during the Christmas Count. There were several interesting reports of late wood warblers. In the first part of the month, single individuals of Black-throated Blue Warbler, Wilson's Warbler and American Redstart were found. Even later, on the Acoaxet Christmas Count, a Northern Waterthrush was seen. L.E.T.

Western Kingbird:			
1-2,5-7	Natick, Gloucester	1, 1	R.Barnes,C.+K.Leahy
Ash-throated Flycatcher:			
27	Magnolia	1	M.Barnett#
Horned Lark:			
12,23	P.I./Salisbury, Plymouth	98, 38	BBC,CBC
26,31	Saugus, Ipswich	9, 75 <sup>+</sup>	N.+O.Komar,J.Berry#
Tree Swallow:			
3	Medfield	75	J.Marshall
Blue Jay:			
18	Buzzards Bay, Quincy	727, 67	CBC
19	Cape Ann, Cape Cod	72, 238	CBC
23	Plymouth	190	CBC
Common Raven:			
8	Ashburnham	2	D.MacKerron
Fish Crow:			
18-28	6 locations	17	CBC
Jackdaw:			
from Nov.-30	Nantucket	1	v.o.
Black-capped Chickadee:			
18	Buzzards Bay, Athol	779, 1162	CBC
19	Cape Cod, Cape Ann	874, 469	CBC
23,26	Plymouth, Taunton	423, 231	CBC
Tufted Titmouse:			
18	Buzzards Bay, Quincy	176, 63	CBC
19,23	Cape Ann, Plymouth	86, 38	CBC
26	Taunton	90	CBC
Red-breasted Nuthatch:			
18	Buzzards Bay, Athol	3, 13	CBC
18,19	Millis, Cape Cod	1, 32	CBC
23,26	Plymouth, Bridgewater	2, 1	CBC
House Wren:			
18	Westport	1	CBC (D.Emerson)
Winter Wren.			
2-26,5	5 locations, Nahant	5, 5	v.o.,R.Heil

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Winter Wren (continued):			
18,19	Buzzards Bay, Gtr. Boston	3, 3	CBC
31	Nantucket	1	P.Buckley
Carolina Wren:			
4-26,18	6 locations, Buzzards Bay	6, 23	v.o., CBC
18	Millis, Westport	2, 5	CBC
26	Taunton	3	CBC
Marsh Wren:			
thr.,4	Newburyport, Marshfield	2, 1	R.Heil, R.Titus
19	Cape Cod	1	CBC
Northern Mockingbird:			
18	Quincy, Cape Cod	24, 70	CBC
23,26	Plymouth, Marshfield	34, 35	CBC
Gray Catbird:			
2-23,5	6 locations, Nahant	6, 2	v.o., R.Heil
18,30	Westport, Nahant	2, 1	CBC, R.Heil
Brown Thrasher:			
18,19	Westport, Cape Cod	1, 2	CBC
American Robin:			
5,18	E.Middleboro,Buzzards Bay	25, 423	K.Anderson, CBC
19,31	Cape Cod, Ipswich	43, 2	CBC, J.Smith#
Hermit Thrush:			
18-23,18	4 locations, Buzzards Bay	4, 9	CBC
19	Cape Cod	2	CBC
Golden-crowned Kinglet:			
19	Cape Cod, Cape Ann	100, 44	CBC
23,26	Plymouth, Marshfield	61, 18	CBC
Ruby-crowned Kinglet:			
18	Millis, Athol	3, 2	CBC
25	Weston, Woburn	1, 1	L.Robinson, G.Gove
23,26	Plymouth, Taunton	1, 1	CBC
Water Pipit:			
18,26	Westport, Taunton	14, 1	CBC
Cedar Waxwing:			
8-31,19	Middleboro, Cape Ann	30, 41	D.Briggs#, CBC
23	Plymouth	28	CBC
Northern Shrike:			
1,11	Sudbury, Shrewsbury	1, 1	R.Walton, T.Osborne
19,23	Eastham, Sudbury	1, 1	CBC, R.Walton
26	Marshfield	1	CBC
European Starling:			
18,19	Quincy, Gtr. Boston	100000, 200000	CBC
Orange-crowned Warbler:			
5,18	Falmouth, Buzzards Bay	1, 2	B.Nikula#, CBC
18+21,26	Cambridge,Duxbury Beach	1, 1	L.Robinson, CBC
Black-throated Blue Warbler:			
8	Middleboro	1 (details)	R.Turner
Yellow-rumped Warbler:			
18	Millis, Buzzards Bay	11, 349	CBC
19	Cape Ann, Cape Cod	20, 976	CBC
23,26	Plymouth, Marshfield	270, 113	CBC
Pine Warbler:			
19,23	Cape Cod, Plymouth	5, 3	CBC
Palm Warbler:			
1-3,19	Belmont, Cape Cod	1, 2	L.Robinson, CBC
Northern Waterthrush:			
18-23	Acoaxet	1	D.Emerson
Common Yellowthroat:			
2,21	Gloucester (E.P.),Lexington	2, 1	R.Heil, Rising
26	Scituate	1	CBC
Yellow-breasted Chat:			
2,5	Gloucester (E.P.),Chatham	1, 1	R.Heil, R.Comeau
5	Rockport, Falmouth	1 b., 1	R.Norris, D.Reynolds#
18,23	Buzzards Bay, Plymouth	1, 1	CBC
30-31	Nahant	1	L.Pivachek
Wilson's Warbler:			
6	Belmont	1	L.Robinson
American Redstart:			
5	Chatham	1	R.Comeau

BLACKBIRDS THROUGH SNOW BUNTING

At about the time of the flycatcher excitement, the same Magnolia feeder attracted both races of Northern Oriole. The "Bullock's" was not an adult male, but was well-described. Also in the last week of December, a Western Tanager was discovered in Chatham. The concurrent appearance of this number of rarities might be explained by the prevailing southwest winds and extraordinarily warm temperatures. A Henslow's Sparrow was found in a field adjacent to the Brookline incinerator during the Christmas Count and remained for the rest of the month. Another CBC find was the "Oregon Junco" in Marshfield.

Through December, this had not been a particularly good winter finch flight season. The only reports of Pine Grosbeaks and Common Redpoll were from the Athol CBC, site also of the only large numbers of Evening Grosbeaks. The single Red Crossbill sighting was in Brockton, and no White-winged Crossbills were reported. Pine Siskin occurred sparsely, south of Boston. L.E.T.

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Eastern Meadowlark:			
19,23	Cape Cod, Plymouth	68, 19	CBC
26,31	Taunton, Ipswich	10, 25	CBC, J.Berry#
Red-winged Blackbird:			
1-13,19	Belmont, Cape Cod	6 max., 10	L.Robinson, CBC
26,30	Marshfield, Hanover	50, 40	CBC, R.Fox
Northern Oriole:			
1-18,1	7 locations, Waltham	7, 2	v.o., Cotter
20,23-31	Southboro, S.Peabody	2, 1	C.Nilson, R.Heil
30	Magnolia	1	R.Heil
"Bullock's" Oriole:			
30	Magnolia	1 (good details)	R.Heil#
Rusty Blackbird:			
30	Nantucket	6	v.o.
Common Grackle:			
18	Medfield	3	CBC
Brown-headed Cowbird:			
12,18	P.I., Millis	12, 26	BBC, CBC
29	Middleboro	24	D.Briggs
<u>Western Tanager:</u>			
27-28	Chatham	1	R.Clem
Northern Cardinal:			
18,23	Buzzards Bay, Plymouth	236, 91	CBC
Dickcissel:			
26	Marshfield	1	CBC
Evening Grosbeak:			
2,9-31	Easton, Middleboro	15, 30	K.Ryan, D.Briggs#
18,19	Athol, Cape Cod	1739, 2	CBC
23,26	Plymouth, Taunton	76, 79	CBC
Purple Finch:			
18	Athol, Quincy	87, 30	CBC
19	Marlboro, Cape Cod	9, 4	B.Parker, CBC
23,26	SRV, Marshfield	63, 23	R.Walton, CBC
26	Taunton	10	CBC
House Finch:			
18,19	Quincy, Cape Cod	134, 371	CBC
23,25	Plymouth, Ipswich	168, 110	CBC, J.Berry
Pine Grosbeak:			
18	Athol	1	CBC
Common Redpoll:			
18	Athol	4	CBC
Pine Siskin:			
18,26	Milton, Marshfield	2, 2	CBC
American Goldfinch:			
18,23	Quincy, Plymouth	29, 154	CBC
26	Marshfield	126	CBC
Red Crossbill:			
20	Brockton	7	R.Titus
Rufous-sided Towhee:			
4-26	6 locations	6	v.o.
18	Westport, Buzzards Bay	7, 17	CBC
19	Cape Cod	10	CBC

SPECIES/DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS
"Ipswich" Sparrow:			
2,5	Marshfield, Salisbury	2, 3	CBC, P.Roberts
Savannah Sparrow:			
23,26	Plymouth, Saugus	2, 3	CBC, N.+O.Komar
26,31	Marshfield, Ipswich	15, 2	CBC, J.Berry
Henslow's Sparrow:			
19-31	Brookline 1 (details in this vol.)		A.Wilson+N.Mueller+O.+N.Komar+v.o.
Sharp-tailed Sparrow:			
18,19	Westport, Cape Cod	2, 2	CBC
Seaside Sparrow:			
thr.	Newburyport	max. 3 (12/15)	R.Heil
19	Cape Cod	1	CBC
Dark-eyed Junco:			
18	Athol, Quincy	145, 127	CBC
23,26	Plymouth, Middleboro	256, 197	CBC
"Oregon" Junco:			
26	Marshfield	1	CBC (D.Clapp)
American Tree Sparrow:			
18,19	Quincy, Cape Cod	184, 30	CBC
23	SRV	142	R.Walton
23,26	Plymouth, Marshfield	100, 53	CBC
31	Ipswich	150	R.Heil
Chipping Sparrow:			
5-31	Mt.A.	1	R.Stymeist + v.o.
15,18	SRV, Cohasset	1, 1	R.Walton, CBC
19,26	Cape Cod, Middleboro	6, 1	CBC
Field Sparrow:			
10,24	Easton	1, 4	K.Ryan
18,19	Buzzards Bay, Cape Cod	79, 38	CBC
25	Woburn, Weston	5, 5	G.Gove, L.Robinson
23,30	Plymouth, Lincoln	12, 7	CBC, J.Carter
White-crowned Sparrow:			
14	W.Newton	1	P.Macintosh
White-throated Sparrow:			
18	Westport, Buzzards Bay	102, 295	CBC
19,23	Cape Cod, Plymouth	224, 133	CBC
Fox Sparrow:			
18	Buzzards Bay	2	CBC
14-19	single individuals from 5 locations		
Swamp Sparrow:			
18	Buzzards Bay, Quincy	22, 5	CBC
19,23	Cape Cod, Plymouth	38, 40	CBC
Song Sparrow:			
18	Buzzards Bay, Quincy	202, 61	CBC
19,23	Cape Cod, Plymouth	160, 105	CBC
26	Marshfield, Middleboro	38, 40	CBC
Snow Bunting:			
5-28	P.I.	max. 700	v.o.
23	Plymouth	90	CBC

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