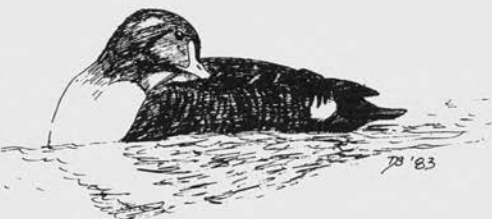


Field Records January 1983



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January 1983 was mild and wet. The temperature averaged 31.2° , 1.6° above normal; 8.2° milder than the severe January of last year. The mercury high for the month was 59° on the eleventh, the low was zero on the nineteenth. This was the third month in a row with the average temperature on the mild side.

Precipitation totaled 5.03 inches, 1.04 inches more than normal and the most in January since 1979. The most rain in a twenty-four hour period was 2.00 inches on the 15th-16th, followed closely by 1.15 inches again on the twenty-third. Snowfall totaled just 4.7 inches, 7.9 inches below normal. All the measurable snow came in one storm on the 15th and 16th. At Boston and along the south shore, this storm was mostly rain, but over inland locations to the west and north of Boston, up to two feet of snow fell. In many suburbs the heavy snow weighed down limbs of trees and several trees were toppled causing many power outages.

Special Note. Beginning with the January 1983 field records which follow, Bird Observer has adopted the new taxonomic sequence that is the presently accepted avian classification of the American Ornithologists' Union (A.O.U.). Bird Observer has already begun to use the new common names as provided in the Thirty-fourth Supplement to the A.O.U. Check-list of North American Birds (See: Time for a Change: Check Your List!, B.O.E.M. 10(5):271-272). To compare these taxonomic changes with the former sequence, look over the December records in this issue. For a copy of the complete revised checklist, send a check for \$3.00 to G. E. Woolfenden, Dept. of Biology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL 33620.

LOONS THROUGH HERONS

Two, possibly three, Arctic Loons were reported this month. The bird observed in Rockport appeared strikingly black and white on the water. The dark on the top of the head extended below the eye giving the bird a capped appearance. The bill appeared all dark; it was straight and not thick at the base. There was a noticeable lack of contrast between the tip and the base of the bill. The bird was seen in direct comparison with two species: 1) a Red-breasted Merganser, which was only marginally smaller and 2) a Herring Gull, which appeared larger and bulkier than the loon. The overall impression of the observer was that it resembled a large Thick-billed Murre. Common Loons were viewed before and immediately following the sighting.

A winter-plumaged Eared Grebe was found on the north end of Plum Island on the twenty-seventh where it was seen alongside a Horned Grebe. The former bird was visibly smaller, had a smaller, more rounded head, and was more slender necked. It lacked the distinct triangular white face-patch characteristic of winter-plumaged Horned Grebes. The bird's face was slightly paler than the cap, but rather dusky grayish brown in color. The rear of the neck was dark, fusing gradually on the sides into a lighter fore-neck; thus the sharp black and white demarcation of a Horned Grebe's neck was lacking.

The Western Grebe (from November 28, 1982) continued in the Third Cliff area of Scituate throughout the month. On the fifteenth of the month during northeasterly winds two Northern Fulmars were observed off the Brant Rock section of Marshfield. Nine Double-crested Cormorants were reported including three immatures present all month in Newburyport, possibly the first time that Double-cresteds spent so much winter time in this north shore location.

Fifty Great Blue Herons were seen on the Nantucket CBC, and the presence of others in

many locations is probably explained by the warmer than normal December. R.H.S.

<u>SPECIES/DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OBSERVERS</u>
Red-throated Loon:			
1	Nantucket	103	CBC
Arctic Loon:			
11-18	Quincy (Hough's Neck)	1	D.Brown, R.Emery + v.o.
21	Rockport (Thacher's I.)	1	R.Forster, J.Bertrand
25	Gloucester (Bass Rocks)	1	W.Drummond + v.o.
Common Loon:			
1,2	Nantucket, Newburyport	224, 34	CBC
28,30	P.I., Barnstable (SN)	33, 50	R.Heil, R.Abrams
Pied-billed Grebe:			
1	Nantucket, Lakeville	8, 5	CBC, K.Holmes
Horned Grebe:			
1,2	Nantucket, Newburyport	31, 36	CBC
28,30	P.I., Barnstable (SN)	120, 100	R.Heil, R.Abrams
Red-necked Grebe:			
1,8	Nantucket, Gloucester	10, 7	CBC, G.Gove#
21,22	Cape Ann, N.Scituate	16, 5	R.Forster#, N.Osborne
Eared Grebe:			
27	P.I. (N. end)	1 winter plumage	R.Heil, J.Smith
Western Grebe:			
thr.	Scituate (Third Cliff)	1 from 11/28/82	v.o.
Northern Fulmar:			
15	Marshfield (Brant Rock)	2	D.Brown
Northern Gannet:			
1,8	Nantucket, Cape Ann	33, 15	CBC, BBC
15,21	Rockport	2 ad., 1 ad.	J.Berry#, R.Forster#
Great Cormorant:			
16,22	Hingham, Rockport	112, 153	BBC, H.Wiggin#
Double-crested Cormorant:			
thr.,1	Newburyport, Buzzards Bay	3 imm., 1 ad.	R.Heil+v.o., R.Titus#
21,23	Somerville, Everett	2 ad., 1 ad. + 1 imm.	J.Berry, J.Heywood#
29	Falmouth	1	H.Wiggin#
American Bittern:			
1,2,22	P.I.	1, 1, 1	v.o., CBC, Allen Bird Club
Great Blue Heron:			
1,2	Nantucket, Newburyport	50, 4	CBC
7,11	E. Boston, Wareham	8, 3	fide R.Forster, D.Briggs
Other reports of 1-2 individuals from many locations			
Black-crowned Night-Heron:			
1	Nantucket	2	CBC

WATERFOWL

Special birds continuing into January from November 1982 included Tundra Swans, Eurasian Wigeon, King Eiders, and Harlequin Ducks.

The vast raft of Common Eider that was present off Low Beach in the Siasconset area of Nantucket was, in the opinion of several observers, awesome! The magnitude of this raft posed a difficult problem in estimating the numbers - give or take a few 100,000!!

Nantucket is also the major wintering home of the Oldsquaw. In recent years, the Nantucket Christmas Bird Count has recorded the highest count of individuals in the nation. This year 81,525 or so were logged as they flew by Madaket on their way to the Tucker-nuck-Muskeget Shoals for the night.

Brant were well represented along the south shore. At least eighteen individual King Eider were recorded, and Barrow's Goldeneye totaled at least twenty-two individuals. Hooded Mergansers were reported in good numbers from various parts of the state. R.H.S.

<u>SPECIES/DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OBSERVERS</u>
Tundra Swan:			
thr.	Nantucket (from Nov. '82)	2 (1 ad., 1 imm.)	E.Andrews + v.o.
2	Ipswich, M.V.	1, 6	CBC(J.Berry), CBC(V.Laux)
Snow Goose:			
1	Nantucket	1	CBC
Brant:			
13,15	Quincy (Hough's Neck), Thompson's I.	900, 1000+	H.Mallers, R.Stymeist#

<u>SPECIES/DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OBSERVERS</u>
Canada Goose: 2	Newburyport (area), Concord (area)	2690, 3044	CBC
Wood Duck: 10,28,30	N.Scituate, Nantucket, Wayland	1, 2, 1	H.Mallers, E.Andrews, R.Forster
Green-winged Teal: 1,14	Nantucket, P.I.	53, 1	CBC, D.Spencer#
"Eurasian" Teal: 1-2	Nantucket	1	D.Brown + v.o.
American Black Duck: 14,16	P.I., Plymouth	2518, 1100	D.Spencer#, H.Mallers#
Mallard: 22,27	Brockton, Belmont	225, 116	R.Titus, L.Robinson
Northern Pintail: 2,14	P.I.	26, 15	CBC, D.Spencer#
Blue-winged Teal: 2	P.I.	2	CBC
Northern Shoveler: 2	P.I.	2	CBC
Gadwall: 2,6,8	Newburyport, SRV, Gloucester	36, 3, 4	CBC, R.Walton, G.Gove#
Eurasian Wigeon: thr.,1-8	Nantucket, Ipswich	1 m., 1 m.	E.Andrews + v.o., J.Berry + v.o.
American Wigeon: 9	Braintree	20	S.Higginbotham
Canvasback: 9, 23	Wareham, Lakeville	167, 62	SSBC, BBC
Redhead: 2	Falmouth	6	BBC (Timberlake)
Ring-necked Duck: 2,8	Concord, Jamaica Plain	17, 4	CBC, H.Coolidge#
9,12	Braintree, Norwood	15, 12	S.Higginbotham, R.Titus
Greater Scaup: 15	Boston Harbor	4000	TASL
Lesser Scaup: 1,8	Lynn (Flax Pond), Jamaica Plain	11, 2	W.Foley, H.Wiggin#
9	Braintree	2	S.Higginbotham
Common Eider: 1-2	Nantucket	300,000-500,000	G.Gove, R.Stymeist + v.o.
King Eider: thr.	Gloucester (Bass Rocks)	1 imm. m., 1 f.	v.o.
1-2,2	Nantucket, Sagamore	4+, 1 m.	v.o., BBC
11+30	Rockport	3, 2	fide R.Forster, A.+N.Clayton
15-18	Quincy (Hough's Neck)	1-2	S.Higginbotham# + v.o.
13,16	N.Scituate, Bourne	1 f., 1 imm. m.	H.Mallers, R.Titus#
26,30	Manomet, P'town	1 imm.m., 1 imm.m.	D.Briggs, B.Nikula#
Harlequin Duck: thr.	E.Orleans, Rockport	2, max. 5	v.o., v.o.
2,30	M.V., Marshfield (Brant Rock)	10, 1 f.	CBC, W.Petersen#
Oldsquaw: 1	Nantucket	81,525	CBC
Black Scoter: 1	Nantucket	529	CBC
Surf Scoter: 21	Cape Ann	4	R.Forster#
White-winged Scoter: 1	Nantucket	3250	CBC
Common Goldeneye: 1,2	Nantucket, Concord	2346, 7	CBC
15,16	Newburyport, Quincy (Nut I.)	248, 450	E.Nielsen, D.Brown
Barrow's Goldeneye: thr.	Dennis, Nantucket	1, 7 max.	v.o., G.Gove#+v.o.
2	Newburyport, Falmouth	1, 1	CBC, BBC
3-23,8-23	N.Scituate, Quincy	1, 1	v.o., v.o.
8+16, 14+16	Chatham, Harwich	1, 1	B.Niemia + v.o.
15,22	Nahant, Plymouth	2, 1	L.Taylor#, G.Gove
22,22-30	Marshfield, Gloucester	1, 1-2	G.Gove, C.Floyd# + v.o.
28-29	Newburyport	1-2	R.Heil + v.o.
Bufflehead: 1,2	Nantucket, Newburyport	533, 235	CBC

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Hooded Merganser:			
1	Falmouth, Nantucket	78, 12	B.Nikula, CBC
2,3	Ipswich, Lakeville	7, 4	CBC, D.Briggs
9	Braintree, Buzzards Bay	33, 17	S.Higginbotham, SSBC
14,23	Quabbin, Everett	32, 17	G.Gove, R.Stymeist#
29,30	Westport, N. Falmouth	12, 18	R.Caron, R.Stymeist#
Common Merganser:			
1;2	Nantucket; Newburyport, Concord	37; 60, 56	CBC
3+23	Lakeville	62 + 33	D.Briggs + BBC
9	Rochester, Framingham	20, 3	SSBC, R.Forster
Red-breasted Merganser:			
1	Nantucket	6088	CBC
Ruddy Duck:			
1,2	Lynn, Concord	2, 34	W.Foley, CBC

RAPTORS THROUGH BOBWHITE

The eagle census at Quabbin on January 8 logged in eighteen Bald and three Golden eagles. Eagles continued all month at Quabbin, both from Hardwick (Gate 43) and Enfield Lookout (Western Massachusetts area).

Christmas Count compilers are faced with problems in estimating true numbers of roving species of birds; this was especially evident on the Nantucket CBC where 54 Northern Harriers were counted. True, Nantucket does host an exceptional number of wintering raptors, but in the case of the harrier, I think a little movement from area to area is evident. This could also be said of the numbers of Red-tailed Hawks reported on the Concord and Newburyport CBC's.

Other interesting raptor reports included eight sightings of Northern Goshawk, five reports of Red-shouldered Hawk, nine Merlins and three Peregrines. R.H.S.

<u>SPECIES/DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OBSERVERS</u>
Bald Eagle:			
thr.	Lakeville	1 imm.	K.Holmes + v.o.
thr.	Newburyport	1 ad.	v.o.
6-7,30	GMNWR, Middleboro	1 (3W), 1 imm.	R.Walton# + v.o., P.Hallowell
At Quabbin 18 eagles were seen on January 8.			
Northern Harrier:			
1	Nantucket	54-	CBC
2	Newburyport	21-	CBC
Sharp-shinned Hawk:			
1,2	Nantucket, Concord	13, 3	CBC
Singles reported from 13 locations.			
Cooper's Hawk:			
26,29	Nantucket, Sudbury	1 ad., 1 ad.	E.Andrews#, R.Walton
Northern Goshawk:			
2	Newburyport, Concord	2, 2	CBC
4-5,14	Easton, P.I.	1, 1 imm.	K.Ryan, D.Spencer#
22,30	Baldwinville, Newburyport	1, 1	J.O'Regan, P.Roberts
Red-shouldered Hawk:			
thr., 9	Orleans, Templeton	1 ad., 1	v.o., G.Gove#
10,15	Easton, Newburyport	1, 1	K.Ryan, E.Nielsen
22	Franklin	1 ad.	B.Parker
Red-tailed Hawk:			
1	Nantucket	32-	CBC
2	Newburyport, Concord	32-, 59-	CBC
23,29	SRV, Whitman-Bridgewater	14, 28	R.Walton# + v.o., W.Petersen# + v.o.
Many other reports of 1-6 individuals from many locations			
Rough-legged Hawk:			
thr.	Newburyport-Salisbury	max. 4 reported	v.o.
29	Whitman-Bridgewater	4	W.Petersen + v.o.
31	Marshfield	5	W.Petersen#
Golden Eagle:			
8;9	E.Quabbin; Naushon I.	2 ad., 1 imm.; 1 imm.	R.Forster#; J.Hatch
American Kestrel:			
1,2	Nantucket, Newburyport	18, 16	CBC
29	Whitman-Bridgewater	14	W.Petersen + v.o.
Merlin:			
1	Nantucket, Chatham	4, 1	CBC, B.Nikula#

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Merlin (continued):			
16,27	Squantum, Belmont	1, 1	D.Brown, L.Robinson
30	Provincetown, Truro	1, 1	B.Nikula + v.o.
Peregrine Falcon:			
1,2	Monomoy, M.V.	1 ad., 2	B.Nikula#, CBC
Ruffed Grouse:			
2	Lexington, Concord	1, 15	J.Andrews, CBC
Northern Bobwhite:			
2	Concord	10	CBC

RAILS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

The only rail species reported this month was Virginia with nine found on the Nantucket CBC. Counts of American Coot in Lakeville showed a decline by a factor of ten in 23 days. Some of the regularly wintering shorebirds were seen including Purple Sandpipers at the usual places and American Woodcock ("lesser bog lovers") always noteworthy in the winter. A Semipalmated Plover was seen at close range on two occasions in Marblehead; Bailey gives a late date for this species of December 8. A Laughing Gull was seen on the Nantucket CBC; this species is notable at this time of year. Three Little Gull individuals were seen, two of which were not in the usual locations reported, and Common Black-headed Gull reports outnumbered Lesser Black-backed this month. A Mew Gull (*Larus canus*) was seen at the north end of Plum Island, and the following is adapted from notes supplied by the observer:

There were about 110 gulls either sitting in the water or flying about relatively low. These included 45 Herring, 20 Great Black-backed, 25 Ring-billed, 20 Bonaparte's and a Little Gull. The subject gull was slightly smaller than the Ring-billed but had the same basic shape. It was seen flying with kittiwakes and Ring-billed and appeared to be in between in size. It was in the air most of the time but landed for a short while, about one minute, being on the water with some Bonaparte's Gulls where it was studied with a 25x scope at about 60 yards. The head appeared rounded compared to the head shape of Ring-billed Gulls. The bill was relatively small and thin, was yellowish-green, and no marks or bands were present. The general shape of head and bill was not unlike that of kittiwakes seen nearby. Spots were noted on the head, mainly on the hindneck; however, these were less distinct than on Ring-billed Gulls. The wings were relatively long; when sitting on the water, they reached well beyond the tail. The primaries were black with large white mirrors, noticeably larger than on the Ring-billed. The rest of the upper wing was uniformly gray. The tail was white without any trace of subterminal band thus suggesting a fully adult bird.

If one wants to see lots of gulls and other seabirds, one should go to Nantucket. Among a total of nine species of gulls reported, about 50,000 Herring Gulls, 6000 Great Black-backed and 16,000 kittiwakes were estimated on the CBC there. Iceland Gulls were reported from three inland locations, and a Lesser Black-backed Gull, found on the Concord CBC, spent the month at the Cambridge Reservoir. Four species of alcids were reported, including a fairly good showing of Dovekies which have been relatively rare in recent years.

Barn-Owls apparently like the Islands; they are difficult to find anywhere else, but this is, after all, the northern limit of their range. A red-phase Screech-Owl was seen in Ipswich and the Concord CBC recorded 21 Eastern Screech and 20 Great Horned owls. The Great Horned Owl at Mt. Auburn is apparently a permanent resident, and the Barred Owl is still enrolled at Harvard University; that bird will produce an interesting anecdote for future records. Snowy Owls were down in numbers this winter but they are cyclical. Nothing like the Long-eared Owl roost in Lexington two years ago materialized. Northern Saw-whet Owls put on a great audio/visual show at Nantucket; see the description by Leif Robinson elsewhere in this issue. A Red-headed Woodpecker continued from December in Westwood as did a Red-bellied at Manomet, and four of the latter species were counted on the Martha's Vineyard CBC. Two late Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers, one of which at least was an immature, were present for the Nantucket CBC, and the Concord CBC recorded almost 400 Downy and 150 Hairy Woodpeckers, giving a ratio of 8 Downys to 3 Hairys; I've always assumed the ratio was about 5 to 1. G.W.G.

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Virginia Rail:			
1; 2	Nantucket; Ipswich, Concord	9; 2, 1	CBC
American Coot:			
1,8; 23	Lakeville	130, 30; 10	K.Holmes#; BBC
1	Nantucket, Lynn	41, 10	CBC, W.Foley

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American Coot (continued):			
9,16	Braintree, Plymouth	30, 16	S.Higginbotham, H.Mallers
Black-bellied Plover:			
2	Newburyport	6	CBC
Semipalmated Plover:			
16-18	Marblehead	1	J.Smith#
Greater Yellowlegs:			
8,19	Newburyport, Orleans	1, 1	H.Coolidge#, J.Aylward#
Ruddy Turnstone:			
22,29	N.Scituate	3, 1	N.Osborne, H.Wiggin#
Red Knot:			
22,29	N.Scituate	9, 3	N.Osborne, H.Wiggin#
Sanderling:			
30	Barnstable	100	R.Abrams
Purple Sandpiper:			
12,13; 29	N.Scituate	300, 75; 50	H.Mallers; M.Argue
15,21	Rockport	100, 25	J.Berry#, R.Forster
22,30	Cape Ann	60, 24	BBC
Dunlin:			
2,16	P.I., Quincy	56, 21	CBC, D.Brown
22	Marshfield	50	G.Gove
Common Snipe:			
1	Ipswich, Nantucket	2, 2	J.Berry#, CBC
2	Concord, Newburyport	1, 6	CBC
9,23	Buzzards Bay, Bridgewater	1, 1	SSBC, BBC
American Woodcock:			
1,2	Nantucket, Concord	2, 1	CBC
Laughing Gull:			
1	Nantucket	1	CBC
Little Gull:			
2,11,15	Lynn, Rockport, P.I.	1, 1, 1	W.Foley, fide R.Forster, E.Nielsen
Common Black-headed Gull:			
7,8	E.Boston, Gloucester	3, 1	fide R.Forster, H.Wiggin#
8,16; 15	Chatham; Boston Harbor	1, 3 (2 ad.); 2	B.Nikula#; TASL
Bonaparte's Gull:			
1	Nantucket	258	CBC
15	P.I.	108	E.Nielsen#
Mew Gull:			
15	P.I.	1 ad. (details)	TASL-E.Nielsen
Ring-billed Gull:			
1,2	Nantucket, Newburyport	537, 117	CBC
2,16	Concord, Plymouth	21, 500	CBC, H.Mallers#
Herring Gull:			
1,2	Nantucket, Newburyport	49627, 8852	CBC
2,16	Concord, Quincy	276, 2500	CBC, D.Brown
Iceland Gull:			
thr.	Cape Ann	max. 40 (1/22)	v.o.
1,2	Nantucket, Newburyport	51, 13	CBC
thr.	Newburyport-P.I.	max. 35 (1/15)	v.o.
3-6	Walpole	1 (2 w)	R.Titus
7,23	Wayland, Sudbury	1 ad., 3 (1 w)	R.Forster
30	Provincetown	6	B.Nikula
Lesser Black-backed Gull:			
1	Nantucket	3	CBC
2-31	Lincoln/Waltham	1	CBC + v.o.
Glaucous Gull:			
thr.	Gloucester	max. 3 (1/22)	v.o.
1,5	Nantucket, S.Boston	7, 1 (2 w)	CBC, J.Berry
16,18	Quincy, Milton	1 (2 w), 1	D.Brown, S.Higginbotham
Great Black-backed Gull:			
1,2	Nantucket, Concord	5692, 276	CBC
Black-legged Kittiwake:			
1	Nantucket	15904	CBC
8,15,22	Cape Ann	max. 10 (1/15)	v.o.
30	Provincetown	400	B.Nikula
alcid species:			
11,15	Rockport, Marshfield	73, 20	P.Yawkey, D.Brown
Dovekie:			
2	Rockport	1	B.Hallett#
15	Marshfield, P.I.	24, 1	D.Brown, E.Nielsen
16,30	Scituate, Barnstable	1, 1	R.Titus, R.Abrams

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Thick-billed Murre:			
2,9	Rockport, Naushon I.	4, 1	B.Hallett#, J.Hatch
15,22	Marshfield, Salisbury	2, 1	D.Brown, Allen BC
30	Gloucester	1	N.+A.Clayton + v.o.
Razorbill:			
1,2	Nantucket, M.V.	22, 90	CBC
2	P.I., Rockport	2, 1	CBC, B.Hallett#
15,30	Marshfield, Provincetown	6, 35	D.Brown, B.Nikula#
Black Guillemot:			
1	Nantucket	25	CBC
thr.	Cape Ann	max. 12 (1/30)	v.o.
15,22	Marshfield, N.Scituate	7, 1	D.Brown, N.Osborne
Mourning Dove:			
thr.	Brookline	max. 40 (1/22)	B.Rielly
2,21	Concord, Marshfield	1290, 55	CBC, D.Clapp
Common Barn-Owl:			
1,2	Nantucket, M.V.	1, 4	CBC
Eastern Screech-Owl:			
2,3	Concord, Ipswich	21, 1 (red)	CBC, J.Berry
9	Framingham	2	R.Forster#
Four individuals from as many locations.			
Great Horned Owl:			
thr.	Mt.A.	1	v.o.
2	Lexington, Concord	1, 20	J.Andrews, CBC
9	Framingham	2	K.Hamilton
Five individuals from as many locations.			
Snowy Owl:			
thr.	P.I.	max. 6 (1/2)	v.o.
2,16	M.V., Quincy	1, 1	CBC, D.Brown
24	Winthrop	1	J.Huff
Barred Owl:			
thr.	Cambridge-Harvard Yard	1	v.o.
2	Concord	2	CBC
Long-eared Owl:			
thr.	Lexington	1	v.o.
2,16-18	M.V., Quincy	4, 1	CBC, D.Brown
29,30	P.I.	1	P.Roberts
Short-eared Owl:			
thr.	Newburyport	max. 6 (1/5)	v.o.
1; 4,16	Nantucket; Quincy	2; 1, 2	CBC; G.Wilson, D.Brown
13	Bridgewater	1	K.Holmes#
Northern Saw-whet Owl:			
1,2	Nantucket, M.V.	4, 2	CBC
9	Framingham	1	K.Hamilton#
Belted Kingfisher:			
2,30	Concord, Falmouth	6, 4	CBC, R.Stymeist
Four individuals from as many locations.			
Red-headed Woodpecker:			
2,30	M.V., Westwood	3, 1 imm.	CBC, v.o.
Red-bellied Woodpecker:			
2,15	M.V., Manomet	4, 1	CBC, MBO staff
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:			
1	Nantucket	2 (1 imm.)	CBC
Downy Woodpecker:			
2	Concord	<u>395</u>	CBC
Hairy Woodpecker:			
2	Concord	<u>152</u>	CBC
19	Brookline	<u>1 m.</u> +2 f.	H.Wiggin
Northern Flicker:			
1,2	Nantucket, Concord	<u>175</u> , 6	CBC
5	Rowley	<u>4</u> (in 1 tree)	J.Carter
Three individuals from as many locations.			
Pileated Woodpecker:			
2,14	Concord, Hardwick	1, 1	CBC, G.+C. Gove
21,23	Sudbury, Hamilton	1, 1	L.Cunningham, J.Berry#

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH WARBLERS

The majority of January reports were generated by New Year's weekend Christmas Bird Counts at Nantucket, Newburyport and Concord and a January 9 Framingham town count. The Concord CBC produced its usual large numbers of winter residents including over 1000 American Tree Sparrows, over 2000 American Crows, and close to 3000 Black-capped Chickadees. Yellow-rumped Warbler was abundant on Nantucket, with more than 5000 counted.

The most unusual species reported for the month was Say's Phoebe in Littleton, unfortunately seen only on the day of the CBC. House Wrens often linger in our area into early winter, but the bird at Marblehead on the dead-of-winter date of January 28 was surprising. Over 100 Golden-crowned Kinglets were in the Concord area on Christmas Count day, constituting one of the highest winter counts for kinglet in the last five years. Cedar Waxwing numbers were up slightly from December, with notable counts from Concord and Lincoln.

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<u>SPECIES/DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OBSERVERS</u>
<u>Say's Phoebe:</u>			
2	Littleton	1	CBC (J.Baird)
<u>Horned Lark:</u>			
1-15, 1	P.I., Nantucket	127 max. (1/2), 41	v.o., CBC
4,29	Concord, Ipswich	55+, 30	J.Carter, J.Berry
<u>Blue Jay:</u>			
1,2	Nantucket, Concord	80, 242	CBC
2,9	Newburyport, Framingham	97, 24	CBC, R.Forster#
<u>American Crow:</u>			
1,2	Nantucket, Concord	528, 2343	CBC
2,23	Newburyport, Bridgewater	398, 310	CBC, BBC
<u>Fish Crow:</u>			
2,9	Concord, Framingham	43, 58	CBC, K.Hamilton
<u>Black-capped Chickadee:</u>			
1,2	Nantucket, Concord	208, 2885	CBC
2,9	Newburyport, Framingham	743, 184	CBC, R.Forster#
<u>Tufted Titmouse:</u>			
2	Concord, Newburyport	554, 64	CBC
9	Framingham	38	K.Hamilton
<u>Red-breasted Nuthatch:</u>			
1,2	Nantucket, Concord	22, 5	CBC
2,9	Newburyport, Framingham	10, 6	CBC, K.Hamilton#
9-30	4 locations	6 total	v.o.
<u>White-breasted Nuthatch:</u>			
2	Concord, Newburyport	406, 63	CBC
<u>Brown Creeper:</u>			
2	Concord, Newburyport	59, 9	CBC
<u>Carolina Wren:</u>			
9-30, 9	N.Falmouth, Framingham	6 max. (1/30), 1	v.o., K.Hamilton
10, 29	Newton, Lakeville	1, 2	P.Lichtman, W.Petersen#
<u>House Wren:</u>			
28	Marblehead	1	R.Heil
<u>Marsh Wren:</u>			
1,2	Nantucket, Newburyport	5, 2	CBC
2	Concord, M.V.	1, 1	CBC
<u>Golden-crowned Kinglet:</u>			
1,2	Nantucket, Concord	18, <u>110</u>	CBC
2,9	Newburyport, Framingham	21, <u>9</u>	CBC, R.Forster
<u>Ruby-crowned Kinglet:</u>			
2,15	Concord, Nahant	1, 1	CBC, L.Taylor#
<u>Eastern Bluebird:</u>			
3	M.V.	5+	V.Laux#
<u>Hermit Thrush:</u>			
1,2	Nantucket, P.I.	2,1	CBC
2,12	Ipswich, Hingham	1, 2	CBC, H.+L. Mallery
15,30	Milton, N.Falmouth	1, 3	D.Brown, R.Stymeist#
<u>American Robin:</u>			
1,2	Nantucket, Newburyport	461, 75	CBC
2,21	Concord, N.Scituate	65, 40	CBC, Mrs.G.Kelly
<u>Gray Catbird:</u>			
1,2	Nantucket, Concord	8, 3	CBC
16-29,30	3 locations, N.Falmouth	3 singles, 4	v.o., R.Stymeist#

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Northern Mockingbird:			
1,2	Nantucket, Newburyport	33, 63	CBC
2,9	Concord, Framingham	157, 24	CBC, K.Hamilton#
Brown Thrasher:			
29	Lakeville	1	W.Petersen#
Cedar Waxwing:			
2	Concord, Newburyport	283, 42	CBC
12,19	Hingham, Norwell	56, 95	H.+L.Mallers, D.Clapp
27,30	Hopkinton, Lincoln	30, 160	J.Eastman, R.Forster#
Northern Shrike:			
1,2-26	Nantucket, Concord	1, 3 max. (1/2)	CBC, R.Walton
Orange-crowned Warbler:			
1,2	Nantucket, M.V.	1, 1	CBC
Yellow-rumped Warbler:			
1	Nantucket, W. Newbury	5128, 55	CBC, A.Blaisdell#
2,29	Concord, Bridgewater	35, 20	CBC, W.Petersen#
Pine Warbler:			
1	Nantucket	1	CBC
Palm Warbler:			
1,2	Nantucket, Ipswich	5, 1	CBC
Common Yellowthroat:			
1	Nantucket	2	CBC
Yellow-breasted Chat:			
from Dec.-9,29	Nahant, N.Falmouth	1, 1	L.Pivachek#, M.Argue#

NORTHERN CARDINAL THROUGH EVENING GROSBEEK

In addition to the Henslow's Sparrow which continued from December into January at the Brookline incinerator site, a second individual was seen in Wayland on New Year's Day. Purple Finches were reported in good numbers from most Christmas Counts in the region this year. The 612 individuals at Concord was a remarkable count, however, far eclipsing last year's national CBC high of 397 in Virginia.

Winter finch numbers remained low in January, with the only Pine Siskins and one of few large counts of Evening Grosbeak occurring in Concord. No crossbills or Pine Grosbeaks were reported.

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Northern Cardinal:			
1,2	Nantucket, Concord	44, 266	CBC
9	Framingham	55	E.Morrier#
Dickcissel:			
1-18,2	WBWS, Ipswich	1, 1	D.Reynolds#, CBC
22,30	Marshfield, Pocasset	1, 1	N.Osborne, P.Hallowell
Rufous-sided Towhee:			
1,2	Nantucket, Newburyport	14, 2	CBC
2,9	Concord, Framingham	2, 1	CBC, R.Forster#
16,30	Milton, N.Falmouth	1, 3 m. together	D.Brown, R.Stymeist#
American Tree Sparrow:			
1,2	Nantucket, Newburyport	45, 262	CBC
2,9	Concord, Framingham	1001, 190	CBC, E.Morrier#
8, 8-22	Belmont, Ipswich	80, 90 max. (1/8)	L.Taylor#, J.Berry
Chipping Sparrow:			
1,2	Middleboro, Concord	3, 3	R.Titus#, CBC
Field Sparrow:			
2	Concord, Newburyport	39, 8	CBC
10,30	Lincoln, N.Falmouth	18, 6	J.Carter, R.Stymeist#
Savannah Sparrow:			
1,2	Nantucket, Concord	47, 4	CBC
2	Newburyport	2	CBC
"Ipswich" Sparrow:			
1,2	Nantucket, Salisbury	2, 2	CBC
17,30	P.I., Duxbury Beach	1, 1	H.Mallers#, W.Petersen#
Henslow's Sparrow:			
1,15(from Dec.)	Wayland, Brookline	1, 1	J.Hines, v.o.
Sharp-tailed Sparrow:			
29,30	N.Scituate, Eastham	4, 4	J.Heywood#, B.Nikula#
Seaside Sparrow:			
2	Newburyport	2	CBC

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Fox Sparrow:			
2	Newburyport, Concord	1, 1	CBC
Song Sparrow:			
1,2	Nantucket, Newburyport	129, 65	CBC
2,9	Concord, Framingham	225, 79	CBC, E. Morrier#
Swamp Sparrow:			
1,2	Nantucket, Concord	20, 15	CBC
9,22-30	Framingham, Ipswich	3, 2	K.Hamilton#, J.Berry
White-throated Sparrow:			
1,2	Nantucket, Concord	215, 111	CBC
9	Framingham	56	K.Hamilton#
White-crowned Sparrow:			
1,2	Nantucket, Concord	1, 1	CBC
Dark-eyed Junco:			
2	Newburyport, Concord	270, 1120	CBC
9	Framingham	191	R.Forster#
Lapland Longspur:			
1	P.I.-Salisbury	18	v.o.
Snow Bunting:			
1,1-30	Nantucket, P.I.	129, 170 max. (1/30)	CBC, v.o.
Red-winged Blackbird:			
1,25	Nantucket, Belmont	36, 4	CBC, L.Robinson
Eastern Meadowlark:			
1	Nantucket, Bridgewater	32, 2	CBC, D.Davis#
2,29	Newburyport	21, 10	CBC, P.Roberts
29	Ipswich	13	J.Berry
Rusty Blackbird:			
2	Concord	3	CBC
Common Grackle:			
1,2	Nantucket, Concord	2, 5	CBC
12	Wayland	8	R.Forster
Brown-headed Cowbird:			
1,2	Nantucket, Concord	1, 25	CBC
19,21	Abington, Marshfield	50, 4	W.Petersen, D.Clapp
24	Easton	2 (pr.)	K.Ryan
Northern Oriole:			
1	Nantucket	1	CBC
7(from Dec.), 18	Peabody, Woburn	1, 1	R.Heil
Purple Finch:			
1,2	Nantucket, Concord	11, 612	CBC
2,9	Newburyport, Framingham	132, 90	CBC, R.Forster#
10,15	Lincoln, Sudbury	14, 15	J.Carter, R.Forster
16,29	Ipswich, Bridgewater	16, 20	J.Berry, W.Petersen
House Finch:			
2	Concord, Newburyport	546, 374	CBC
9	Framingham	487	K.Hamilton#
Pine Siskin:			
2	Concord	4	CBC
American Goldfinch:			
1; 2	Nantucket; Concord, Newburyport	88; 899, 190	CBC
8, 15+16	Lexington, Easton	80, 50	L.Taylor#, K.Ryan
Evening Grosbeak:			
1	Stoughton, Topsfield	11, 10	R.Titus, BBC
2	Concord, Newburyport	691, 153	CBC
6; 9	Hanover; Petersham, Framingham	25; 32, 284	R.Fox;G.Gove#,K.Hamilton#

CORRIGENDA

Field Records: September 1982

Connecticut Warbler:			
11	Nantucket	1 b.	E. Andrews
		should be deleted.	
Yellow-breasted Chat:			
27	Lexington	1	A. Williams
		should read	
26	E. Orleans	1	A. Williams