



# Field Records December 1985

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December 1985 was cold, dry, and with near normal sunshine. The temperature averaged 31.3°, 2.4° below normal and the coldest since 1980. The high temperature for the month was 60° on December 2, and the low was 7° on December 19. Rainfall totaled only 1.21 inches, 3.27 inches less than normal, making this the seventh driest December in 115 years of official record. Snow totaled 1.3 inches, 6.5 inches less than the past average. Wind-chill was especially noteworthy on December 3 when subfreezing temperatures and wind gusts of 45 mph were recorded.

The weather on the two Christmas Bird Count weekends was clear, and no snow or precipitation spoiled the eighty-sixth count. "The Christmas Bird Count is the single most popular, voluntary, early winter bird continental inventory in the world," according to Susan R. Drennan, editor of *American Birds*, the journal that publishes the results of over 1500 different counts throughout North America, Central America, and the Caribbean. In Massachusetts there are twenty-five different count circles, twenty of which are in eastern Massachusetts. Cape Cod traditionally leads the way in the number of species recorded, and this year logged in 126 species. We received reports from fourteen compliers, and the results can be found in the compilation that follows. R.H.S.

## LOONS THROUGH HERONS

A new revision of the American Ornithologists' Union (A.O.U.) Checklist was just released in the July 1985 issue of its journal *The Auk* (102: 680-686). The Thirty-fifth Supplement to the Checklist has three changes that will affect North American birds. (1) The Clark's Grebe (*Aechmophorus clarkii*) is considered distinct from the Western Grebe (*Aechmophorus occidentalis*) rather than a light morph of the Western Grebe; (2) the Red-naped Sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus ruficalis*) is considered distinct from the Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus varius*); and (3) the Pacific Loon (*Gavia pacifica*) is considered distinct from the Arctic Loon (*Gavia arctica*). Our first post-split report of a Pacific Loon comes from Duxbury Beach. The reporter sent in details, but unfortunately, field identification of the two loon species is still in its infancy, and observers should be careful. This word of caution should also be extended to the Clark's-Western Grebe split as well. The best single field mark of the Clark's Grebe is the bright orange-yellow beak; the Western Grebe's bill is dull yellow-olive.

Also included in the tabulation below is a waterfowl census of Cape Cod beaches and ponds sponsored by the Cape Cod Bird Club; a report on this census appears elsewhere in this issue.

The Greater White-fronted Goose continued all month in Rochester (from November 3). A Tundra Swan was found in the Newburyport-Salisbury area on the weekend of December 7 and 8. Good numbers of Brant were reported from Boston south, and Snow Geese were found in five areas. Blue-winged Teal were found early in the month from two locations on Cape Cod, and Eurasian Wigeon were found in three places, five males alone on Nantucket. Redheads were not easy to come by, with only nine individuals reported outside of the large flock of 163 in Nantucket. The counts of Common Eider are interesting to look at; surely Massachusetts is the place to see this species especially from Boston south. At least fourteen individual King Eider were reported during the month as compared with eight last year. Nantucket traditionally is the place to see Oldsquaw, thousands upon thousands throughout the month were counted there this December. Other waterfowl species I would like to call your attention to in the tabulation are Common and Barrow's goldeneye, and the three species of mergansers. R.H.S.

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Red-throated Loon:

1	Duxbury, Lakeville	4, 2	D.Clapp#, W.Petersen#	
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<b>Red-throated Loon (cont.):</b>				
21	Quincy, Buzzards Bay	4, 3	CBC	
22	Cape Ann, Cape Cod	3, 29	CBC	
28,29	Nant., Marshfield	17, 8	CBC	
<b><u>Pacific Loon:</u></b>				
1	Duxbury Beach	1 (details)	D.Clapp#	
<b>Common Loon:</b>				
7-8	Barnstable, Mashpee	3, 5	CCBC pond census	
21	Buzzards Bay, Quincy	38, 6	CBC	
22	Cape Ann, Cape Cod	63, 18	CBC	
22,28	Westport, Nantucket	10, 71	CBC	
29	Marshfield, Newbypt	22, 63	CBC	
<b>Pied-billed Grebe:</b>				
7-8	Cape Cod	57 (total)	CCBC pond census	
11,12	Woburn, Wareham	2, 3	L.Taylor, L.Robinson	
21,22	Buzzards Bay, Cape Cod	27, 4	CBC	
28,29	Nantucket, Concord	8, 5	CBC	
<b>Horned Grebe:</b>				
1	Wachusett Res., Lakeville	6, 8	M.Lynch#, W.Petersen#	
8	Wareham, Winthrop	40, 38	L.Robinson, R.Stymeist#	
21	Buzzards Bay, Quincy	158, 56	CBC	
22	Cape Ann, Cape Cod	46, 23	CBC	
22,29	Gr. Boston, Newbypt	70, 36	CBC	
<b>Red-necked Grebe:</b>				
thr.	Dennis (Corp. Beach)	8+	v.o.	
8	Marshfield, Manomet	4, 2	W.Petersen	
8	Scusset, Winthrop	3, 2	W.Petersen, R.Stymeist	
21,22	Quincy, Cape Ann	8, 9	CBC	
22,28	Cape Cod, Nantucket	9, 53	CBC	
29	Marshfield, Newbypt	10, 3	CBC	
<b>Northern Gannet:</b>				
1	M.V., Duxbury Beach	1000's flying e., 25+	V.Laux, D.Clapp#	
22,28	Cape Cod, Nantucket	453, 517	CBC	
<b>Great Cormorant:</b>				
21,22	Quincy, Gr. Boston	412, 145	CBC	
22	Cape Ann, Cape Cod	272, 101	CBC	
<b>Double-crested Cormorant:</b>				
1,7	Ipswich, Newbypt	1, 2	J.Berry, BBC (G.d'Entremont)	
21,22	Quincy, Gr. Boston	7, 6	CBC	
22,29	Cape Cod, Newburyport	5, 1	CBC	
<b>American Bittern:</b>				
28,29	Nantucket, Newbypt	1, 1	CBC	
<b>Great Blue Heron:</b>				
8,12	E.Boston (Logan), Saugus	8, 6	R.Stymeist#, J.Berry	
21	Buzzards Bay, Quincy	33, 44	CBC	
22	Cape Ann, Cape Cod	5, 70	CBC	
22	Gr. Boston, Millis, Westport	21, 3, 36	CBC	
28;29	Nant.; Marshfield, Concord	32; 5, 21	CBC	
<b>Black-crowned Night-Heron:</b>				
22,28	Cape Cod, Nantucket	15, 5	CBC	
Single birds on Buzz. Bay, Quincy, Cape Ann, Gr. Boston, Newbypt CBC's				
<b>Tundra Swan:</b>				
7,8	Newbypt-Salisbury	1 ad.	v.o.	
<b>Mute Swan:</b>				
7-8	Cape Cod	75 (total)	CCBC pond census	
21	Buzzards Bay, Cohasset	113, 4	CBC	
22	Cape Ann, Cape Cod, Westport	11, 7, 99	CBC	
28,29	Nantucket, Newbypt	92, 2	CBC	
<b>Greater White-fronted Goose:</b>				
thr.	Rochester	1 ad.	v.o.	
<b>Snow Goose:</b>				
thr.	P.I.	max. 15 (12/1)	BBC (J.Nove) + v.o.	
7,8-11	Sandwich, Millis	1, 1	CCBC pond census, R.Forster	
29	Concord, Marshfield	1, 1	CBC	
<b>"Blue" Goose:</b>				
7	Clinton (Wachusett Res.)	1	M.Lynch#	
<b>Brant:</b>				
1,2	Duxbury Beach, E.Boston	210, 200+	D.Clapp#, S.Thomas	
7,8	Quincy (Nut I.), E.Boston (Logan)	400, 425	SSBC, R.Stymeist#	
12,21	Plymouth, Buzzards Bay	1200, 478	CBC	
22	Quincy, Gr. Boston, C.Cod	2773, 464, 1306	CBC	

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<b>Canada Goose:</b>				
1	P.I., Worcester	950, 200+	BBC (J.Nove), M.Lynch#	
4,5	Ipswich (Ap. Farm), Rochester	1000+, 300	J.Berry, K.Ryan	
7-8	Cape Cod	1504	CCBC pond census	
7	Clinton (Wachusett Res.)	602	M.Lynch, S.Carroll	
21	Buzzards Bay, Quincy	1065, 539	CBC	
22	Millis, Gr. Boston	2833, 698	CBC	
22	Cape Ann, Cape Cod	1686, 2199	CBC	
22,28	Westport, Nantucket	835, 491	CBC	
29	Concord, Marshfield	5351, 721	CBC	
29	Newbypt	3311	CBC	
<b>Wood Duck:</b>				
7	Barnstable, Arlington	1, 1	CCBC pond census, L.Taylor	
21	Buzzards Bay	3	CBC	
22	Gr. Boston, Millis	3, 1	CBC	
<b>Green-winged Teal:</b>				
1,7-8	P.I., Barnstable	210, 35	BBC (J.Nove), CCBC pond census	
21,22	Quincy, Cape Ann	4, 1	CBC	
22	Cape Cod, Gr. Boston	13, 20	CBC	
22,28	Westport, Nantucket	4, 9	CBC	
29	Concord	2	CBC	
<b>American Black Duck:</b>				
1,5,8	P.I., Rochester, Plymouth	106, 250, 800+	BBC, K.Ryan, W.Petersen	
7-8	Cape Cod	1044	CCBC pond census	
21	Buzzards Bay, Quincy	2107, 2401	CBC	
22	Millis, Cape Ann	134, 1402	CBC	
22	Cape Cod, Gr. Boston	3334, 1626	CBC	
22,28	Westport, Nantucket	929, 540	CBC	
29	Concord, Marshfield	290, 806	CBC	
29	Newbypt	3994	CBC	
<b>Mallard:</b>				
7-8	Cape Cod	1731	CCBC pond census	
21	Buzzards Bay, Quincy	712, 238	CBC	
22	Millis, Cape Ann	972, 794	CBC	
22	Cape Cod, Gr. Boston	367, 1833	CBC	
22,28	Westport, Nantucket	332, 349	CBC	
29	Concord, Marshfield	1096, 278	CBC	
29	Newbypt	704	CBC	
<b>Northern Pintail:</b>				
1,7-8	P.I., Cape Cod	135, 91 (total)	BBC (J.Nove), CCBC pond census	
7-20	Arlington (2 locations)	max. 8	L.Taylor	
21,22	Quincy, Gr. Boston	1, 2	CBC	
22	Millis, Cape Cod	2, 3	CBC	
22	Westport	23	CBC	
<b>Blue-winged Teal:</b>				
7-8	Yarmouth, Falmouth	1, 2	CCBC pond census	
29	Concord	1 m.	CBC	
<b>Northern Shoveler:</b>				
7-8	Barnstable	1	CCBC pond census	
<b>Gadwall:</b>				
5,7-8	Rochester, Harwich	2, 9	K.Ryan, CCBC pond census	
8	Plymouth	28	W.Petersen	
22	Cape Ann, Millis	9, 1	CBC	
28,29	Nantucket, Marshfield	11, 1	CBC	
<b>Eurasian Wigeon:</b>				
thr.,8	Nantucket, Orleans	5 m., 1 m.	E.Andrews, B.Nikula	
~21	Quincy (Blacks Creek)	1 m.	CBC	
<b>American Wigeon:</b>				
1,7	Nantucket, Braintree	250+, 120	E.Andrews, SSBC (P.O'Neil)	
21	Quincy, Buzzards Bay	18, 20	CBC	
22	Cape Cod, Gr. Boston	11, 52	CBC	
<b>Canvasback:</b>				
4,19	Cambridge (Fr. Pond)	258, 55	J.Barton, L.Taylor	
7-8	Cape Cod	1169 (total)	CCBC pond census	
7	Braintree, Lakeville	38, 130	SSBC (P.O'Neil), W.Petersen	
21	Buzzards Bay, Quincy	138, 1	CBC	
22	Cape Cod, Gr. Boston	37, 6	CBC	
22,28	Westport, Newbypt	125, 31	CBC	
<b>Redhead:</b>				
7-8	Eastham, Falmouth	1, 1	CCBC pond census	
8	Plymouth	6	W.Petersen	
28,31	Nantucket, Worcester	163, 1	CBC, M.Lynch#	

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Ring-necked Duck:				
7-8	Cape Cod	168 (total)	CCBC pond census	
21,22	Buzzards Bay	102, 202	CBC	
Greater Scaup:				
1,8	Lakeville, Barnstable	250+, 150	W.Petersen, CCBC pond census	
8	Winthrop-Revere	900	BBC (R.Stymeist)	
21	Quincy, Buzzards Bay	1093, 4964	CBC	
22	Cape Cod, Gr. Boston	27, 4238	CBC	
Lesser Scaup:				
7	Barnstable, Braintree	6, 30	CCBC pond census, SSBC (P.O'Neil)	
21,22	Buzzards Bay, Cape Cod	3, 9	CBC	
22,23	Gr. Boston, Lakeville	7, 2	CBC, K.Holmes	
Common Eider:				
1,8	Duxbury Beach, Monomoy	1500, 25,000+	D.Clapp#, W.Harrington#	
8,12	Revere-Winthrop,Plymouth	2200, 1400	BBC (R.Stymeist),L.Robinson	
21	Quincy, Buzzards Bay	4202, 853	CBC	
22	Cape Ann, Cape Cod	548, 12,239	CBC	
22,28	Gr. Boston, Nantucket	918, 5954	CBC	
29	Marshfield, Newbypt	14,284, 31	CBC	
King Eider:				
1,8	Duxbury Beach, Winthrop	1 m., 1 m.	D.Clapp#, BBC (R.Stymeist)	
8,13 on	Scusset Beach, Rockport	1 f., max. 6	W.Petersen,P.William Smith+v.o.	
15	Dennis (Corp. Beach)	1 ad. m.	J.Aylward	
21,22	Quincy, Westport	1 f., 1	CBC	
28	Nantucket	2	CBC	
Harlequin Duck:				
6 on	N.Scituate	2	J.Hassett + v.o.	
28	Nantucket	3	CBC	
Oldsquaw:				
6,25;28	Nantucket	20,000, 50,000; 86,243	E.Andrews; CBC	
21	Quincy, Buzzards Bay	22, 153	CBC	
22	Cape Ann, Cape Cod	181, 301	CBC	
29	Marshfield, Newbypt	39, 106	CBC	
Black Scoter:				
1	Duxbury Beach	40	D.Clapp#	
21,22	Buzzards Bay, Cape Cod	79, 309	CBC	
22	Cape Ann, Westport	16, 39	CBC	
28,29	Nantucket, Marshfield	288, 25	CBC	
Surf Scoter:				
1,8	Lakeville, Winthrop	1, 120	W.Petersen#, BBC (R.Stymeist)	
21	Quincy, Buzzards Bay	6, 449	CBC	
22	Cape Ann, Cape Cod	43, 78	CBC	
22	Westport, Gr. Boston	25, 66	CBC	
White-winged Scoter:				
8	Winthrop-Revere	800	BBC (R.Stymeist)	
21	Quincy, Buzzards Bay	800, 444	CBC	
22	Cape Ann, Cape Cod	159, 629	CBC	
22,28	Gr. Boston, Nantucket	739, 704	CBC	
29	Marshfield, Newbypt	727, 94	CBC	
Common Goldeneye:				
8	Revere-Winthrop	400	BBC(R.Stymeist)	
21	Quincy, Buzzards Bay	747, 967	CBC	
22	Cape Ann, Cape Cod	1030, 482	CBC	
22,28	Gr. Boston, Nantucket	620, 1174	CBC	
29	Marshfield, Newbypt	332, 753	CBC	
Barrow's Goldeneye:				
6,8	N.Scituate, Plymouth	1 m., 4 (3 m., 1 f.)	J.Hassett, W.Petersen	
8,12	Winthrop, Plymouth	1, 4	BBC (R.Stymeist), L.Robinson	
21,22	Quincy, Gr. Boston	1, 4	CBC	
22,28	Cape Cod, Nantucket	6, 7	CBC	
29	Newbypt	2	CBC	
Bufflehead:				
7-8	Cape Cod	819	CCBC pond census	
8	Winthrop-Revere	300	BBC (R.Stymeist)	
21	Quincy, Buzzards Bay	953, 2119	CBC	
22	Cape Ann, Cape Cod	250, 1194	CBC	
22	Westport, Gr. Boston	170, 520	CBC	
28,29	Nantucket, Marshfield	215, 326	CBC	
Hooded Merganser:				
1,5	Lakeville,Waltham (Camb.Res.)	16, 12	W.Petersen#, R.Forster	
7-8	Cape Cod	324 (total)	CCBC pond census	
7,7-19	Braintree,Arlington (Spy Pond)	12, max. 34 (12/16)	SSBC(P.O'Neil), L.Taylor	

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Hooded Merganser (cont.):				
11,20	Winchester, Arlington (Mystic Lakes)	17, 31	L. Taylor	
21	Buzzards Bay, Quincy	344, 3	CBC	
22	Cape Cod, Gr. Boston	67, 17	CBC	
28,29	Nantucket, Concord	22, 15	CBC	
Common Merganser:				
5	Waltham (Camb. Res.)	100	R. Forster	
21	Quincy, Buzzards Bay	50, 222	CBC	
22	Cape Cod, Westport	701, 175	CBC	
29	Concord, Newbypt	12, 140	CBC	
Red-breasted Merganser:				
8	Revere-Winthrop	240	BBC (R. Stymeist)	
21	Quincy, Buzzards Bay	1054, 695	CBC	
22	Cape Ann, Cape Cod	262, 14, 272	CBC	
22,28	Gr. Boston, Nantucket	571, 4218	CBC	
29	Marshfield, Newbypt	161, 192	CBC	
Ruddy Duck:				
5,7	Waltham, Braintree	66, 50	R. Forster, SSBC (P.O'Neil)	
8,13	Plymouth, Arlington	13, 3	W. Petersen, L. Taylor	
21	Quincy, Buzzards Bay	2, 1	CBC	
22	Cape Cod, Gr. Boston	7, 12	CBC	
29	Concord	1	CBC	

#### BALD EAGLE THROUGH NORTHERN BOBWHITE

Eleven Bald Eagles were reported during December, four immatures in the Quabbin area and three birds in the Lakeville area. Looking at the tabulation below, you have to consider a significant overlap on the CBC totals especially for Northern Harrier and Red-tailed Hawk. Good numbers of Sharp-shinned Hawks were found, and six Cooper's Hawks were reported. Thirteen Northern Goshawks were noted this year compared with seven last December. A total of seven Red-shouldered Hawks were counted compared with just one last December. An immature Golden Eagle was found at the Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary in Marshfield, and another immature was located in East Quabbin.

Falcon totals included good numbers of kestrels and Merlins and four sightings of Peregrine Falcon.

Ring-necked Pheasant numbers seem surprisingly low outside of Greater Boston. Ruffed Grouse were reported from nine counts, and Northern Bobwhite from five counts, with eleven birds found in Belmont as the most unusual. R.H.S.

#### Bald Eagle:

3,8	Gloucester, Lakeville	1 imm., 1 imm.	C. Leahy, R. Forster + v.o.
15,29	Newbypt	1 ad.	P. Roberts, CBC
27	Wayland	2 imm.	R. Forster#
29,30	Lakeville, Quabbin (Gate 40)	1 ad., 1 sub ad., 4 imm.	K. Holmes, M. Lynch#

#### Northern Harrier:

1	Marshfield, P.I.	4, 7	D. Clapp#, BBC (J. Nove)
5	Rochester, Lakeville	2, 1	K. Ryan
14,15	Marshfield, Newbypt area	3, 7	T. Carrolan, P. Roberts
21	Quincy, Buzzards Bay	3, 7	CBC
22	Cape Ann, Cape Cod	3, 18	CBC
22	Westport, Gr. Boston	6, 2	CBC
28,29	Nantucket, Marshfield	31, 16	CBC
29	Newbypt	12	CBC

#### Sharp-shinned Hawk:

thr.	Single individuals at eight locations excluding CBC counts.		
21,22	Buzzards Bay, Millis	5, 10	CBC
22	Cape Cod, Gr. Boston	18, 5	CBC
28,29	Nantucket, Marshfield	3, 6	CBC
29	Concord, Newbypt	7, 6	CBC

#### Cooper's Hawk:

21,22	Buzzards Bay, Millis	1, 1	CBC
22,29	Cape Cod, Concord	1, 2	CBC
29	Newbypt	1	CBC

#### Northern Goshawk:

thr., 1	Brookline, Middleboro	1 imm., 1 ad.	H. Wiggin, W. Petersen#
22	Millis, Cape Ann	1, 1	CBC
22,28	Cape Cod, Nantucket	2, 1	CBC
29	Concord, Newbypt	3, 3	CBC

#### Red-shouldered Hawk:

5,13	Rochester	1	K. Ryan
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Red-shouldered Hawk (cont.):				
22	Millis, Cape Cod	2, 1	CBC	
22,29	Gr. Boston, Norwell	1, 1	CBC, M. + B.Litchfield	
29	Concord	1	CBC	
Red-tailed Hawk:				
21	Quincy, Buzzards Bay	13, 7	CBC	
22	Millis, Cape Ann	68, 21	CBC	
22	Cape Cod, Westport	11, 11	CBC	
22,28	Gr. Boston, Nantucket	53, 13	CBC	
29	Marshfield, Concord	17, 110	CBC	
29	Newbypt	48	CBC	
Rough-legged Hawk:				
thr.	Newbypt area	max. 6 (12/16)	H. Parker + v.o.	
thr.	Marshfield (DWWS)	max. 5 (12/14)	T.Carrolan + v.o.	
22	Millis, Cape Ann	3, 2	CBC	
29	Concord, Newbypt	3, 16	CBC	
Golden Eagle:				
22-31	Marshfield (DWWS)	1 imm.	v.o.	
30	Quabbin (Gate 37)	1 imm.	M.Lynch, S.Carroll	
American Kestrel:				
21	Quincy, Buzzards Bay	6, 5	CBC	
22	Millis, Cape Ann	14, 6	CBC	
22	Cape Cod, Westport	20, 6	CBC	
22,28	Gr. Boston, Nantucket	20, 9	CBC	
29	Marshfield, Concord	9, 11	CBC	
29	Newbypt	14	CBC	
Merlin:				
1,7	Duxbury Beach, N.Monomoy	1, 1	D.Clapp#, B.Nikula	
8,9	Marshfield, Halifax	1, 1	W.Petersen, K.Holmes	
21	Quincy, Buzzards Bay	1, 1	CBC	
22	Cape Ann, Cape Cod	1, 3	CBC	
22,28	Westport, Nantucket	2, 4	CBC	
29	Marshfield, Concord	1, 1	CBC	
29	Newbypt	1	CBC	
Peregrine Falcon:				
22	Cape Cod, Westport	2, 1	CBC	
22	E.Boston (Logan)	1	CBC	
Ring-necked Pheasant:				
21	Athol, Quincy, Buzz. Bay	9, 7, 7	CBC	
22	Millis, Cape Ann, Gr. Boston	59, 10, 105	CBC	
28,29	Nantucket, Marshfield	68, 2	CBC	
29	Concord, Newbypt	41, 13	CBC	
Ruffed Grouse:				
21	Athol, Quincy, Buzz Bay	3, 3, 4	CBC	
22	Millis, Cape Ann, Gr. Boston	32, 2, 1	CBC	
25,29	Lexington, Concord	1, 10	L.Taylor, CBC	
29	Marshfield, Newbypt	1, 6	CBC	
Northern Bobwhite:				
7	Belmont	11	L.Taylor	
21,22	Buzzards Bay, Cape Cod	40, 78	CBC	
22,28	Millis, Nantucket	11, 5	CBC	

#### RAILS THROUGH ALCIDS

December is the month of the Christmas Bird Counts (CBC) with intensive searches for birds, particularly unusual birds. This results in several things, including the following:

- \* Most of the records are from the CBC's;
- \* The numbers reported are usually higher than at other times;
- \* Some unusual (either rare or extralimital) birds are recorded.

This December is no exception. However, the intensive search for some birds shows that they were not present in any numbers this December. Rails, gallinules, and coot were relatively scarce, as were Killdeer. The presence of American Oystercatchers constitutes only the second BOEM December record. The numbers reported were high, but it is difficult to know whether these were all different birds. Greater Yellowlegs were in low numbers compared with those of previous years. For example, the last four Cape Cod CBC's had these numbers of Greater Yellowlegs: 1985 (1), 1984 (12), 1983 (8), 1982 (6). A Lesser Yellowlegs found on the Newburyport CBC was also an unusual December bird (seen in only 7 of the last 14 Decembers) as was a Willet (4 of 14) on the Cape Cod CBC and a Western Sandpiper found at Martha's Vineyard (5 of 14). Common

Snipe and American Woodcock were represented in their usual numbers.

Two Laughing Gulls were noted in East Boston, and only one Little Gull was reported. On the Greater Boston CBC, six adult and one immature Common Black-headed Gulls were found in Winthrop. A total of 14 to 17 of this species were reported this month. Approximately 2200 Ring-billed Gulls were estimated in Middleboro, and 2656 of these gulls were counted on the Greater Boston CBC. This is the only time of year comprehensive estimates of Herring and Black-backed Gulls are reported, and the numbers indicate that these species are abundant. Iceland Gulls favor Cape Ann and Nantucket, judging by the numbers of them at these locations. Only two Lesser Black-backed Gulls were reported; apparently none were found on the Nantucket CBC where they have been regular for years. A Glaucous Gull was found inland at Athol, and seven were noted on the Cape Ann CBC.

Only one Dovekie and one Thick-billed Murre were reported, both from Rockport. The outer Cape Cod CBC counted 2382 Razorbills; they probably congregate off the Cape for the same reason a lot of other birds and whales do -- the presence of large numbers of sand lance. G.W.G.

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Virginia Rail:				
22	Cape Ann, Cape Cod	1, 8	CBC	
28,29	Nantucket, Marshfield	3, 5	CBC	
Sora:				
22,28	Cape Cod, Nantucket	1, 1	CBC	
Common Moorhen:				
7-8	Chatham	1	CCBC pond census	
American Coot:				
7-8,7-19	Cape Cod, Arlington	76, max. 21 (12/10)	CCBC pond census, L.Taylor	
8,7	Plymouth, Braintree	125+, 67	W.Petersen, SSBC (P.O'Neil)	
22	Cape Cod	25	CBC	
Black-bellied Plover:				
21	Buzzards Bay, Quincy	9, 32	CBC	
22	Cape Cod, Gr. Boston	6, 3	CBC	
28,29	Nantucket, Marshfield	7, 8	CBC	
Killdeer:				
1,9	Halifax, Concord	8, 2	W.Petersen, R.Forster	
22	Millis, Gr. Boston	1, 3	CBC	
29	Newbypt	2	CBC	
American Oystercatcher:				
1,15	Duxbury	4, 3	D.Clapp, E.Einhorn	
8,28;22	Chatham; Orleans	5, 1; 5	P.Trull; R.Forster#	
Greater Yellowlegs:				
1	P.I., Duxbury	1, 1	BBC (J.Nove), D.Clapp#	
21,22	Buzzards Bay, Cape Cod	1, 1	CBC	
Lesser Yellowlegs:				
28	Newbypt	1	R.Heil	
Willet:				
22	Chatham	1	CBC (V.Laux#)	
Ruddy Turnstone:				
1,14	Duxbury, Salem	1, 12	D.Clapp#, J.Nove	
22,28	Gr. Boston, Nantucket	2, 27	CBC	
Red Knot:				
1,21	Duxbury, Quincy	51, 22	D.Clapp#, CBC	
Sanderling:				
8,21	Revere, Quincy	70, 93	BBC (R.Stymeist), CBC	
22	Cape Cod, Gr. Boston	94, 107	CBC	
28,29	Nantucket, Marshfield	450, 22	CBC	
Western Sandpiper:				
29-30	M.V.	1 (no details)	B.Nikula# + v.o.	
Purple Sandpiper:				
14,22	N.Scituate, Gr. Boston	200, 20	R.Charlton#, CBC	
22,28	Westport, Nantucket	34, 40	CBC	
Dunlin:				
1,12	Duxbury, Plymouth	1850, 135	D.Clapp#, L.Robinson	
22	Cape Cod, Westport	658, 255	CBC	
22,29	Gr. Boston, Newbypt	91, 46	CBC	
Common Snipe:				
21,22	Buzzards Bay, Cape Ann	10, 6	CBC	
22,29	Cape Cod, Newbypt	15, 9	CBC	
American Woodcock:				
20,21	E.Middleboro, Buzz. Bay	1, 2	K.Anderson, CBC	
22,29	Cape Cod, Newbypt	2, 1	CBC	

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Laughing Gull:				
2	E. Boston	2	S. Thomas	
Little Gull:				
1	Chatham	1	W. Bailey	
Common Black-headed Gull:				
1,8	Chatham, Winthrop	1, 6 ad. + 1 imm.	W. Bailey, BBC (R. Stymeist)	
13,16	Gloucester, Newbypt	1, 2	W. Smith, H. Parker	
21,22	Quincy, Cape Cod	3, 2	CBC	
29	Marshfield	1	CBC	
Bonaparte's Gull:				
8,21	Revere, Quincy	350+, 369	BBC (R. Stymeist), CBC	
22	Cape Ann, Gr. Boston	389, 525	CBC	
28	Nantucket	544	CBC	
Ring-billed Gull:				
1,8	Middleboro, Revere	2200, 1000+	W. Petersen#, BBC (R. Stymiest)	
21,22	Quincy, Gr. Boston	1119, 2656	CBC	
Herring Gull:				
21,22	Quincy, Cape Ann	6302, 14,435	CBC	
22,28	Cape Cod, Nantucket	10,893, 9449	CBC	
Iceland Gull:				
22,24	Cape Ann, Barre	25, 2	CBC, M. Lynch#	
28,29	Nantucket, Newbypt	24, 4	CBC	
Lesser Black-backed Gull:				
14,28	Gloucester, Centerville	1 ad., 1 ad.	C. Floyd, B. Nikula#	
Glaucous Gull:				
21,22	Athol, Cape Ann	1 (no details),	7 CBC	
22,31	Cape Cod, Worcester	3, 1 (3W)	CBC, M. Lynch#	
Great Black-backed Gull:				
22	Cape Ann, Cape Cod	4609, 2100	CBC	
28,29	Nantucket, Marshfield	2975, 1665	CBC	
Black-legged Kittiwake:				
22	Cape Ann, Cape Cod	153, 1804	CBC	
28,29	Nantucket, Newbypt	97, 143	CBC	
alcid sp.:				
22	Cape Cod	26	CBC	
Dovekie:				
13	Rockport	1	W. Smith	
Thick-billed Murre:				
15	Rockport	1	M. Lynch#	
Razorbill:				
8,22	Scusset Beach, Cape Cod	50, 2382	W. Petersen, CBC	
28	Nantucket	16	CBC	
Black Guillemot:				
13,22	Rockport, Cape Ann	10, 18	W. Smith, CBC	

#### DOVES THROUGH WOODPECKERS

Mourning Doves are to be found in the suburbs with 2118 on the Millis CBC and 1360 on the Concord CBC. The Millis area also had four species of owls. Two Common Barn-Owls were found dead on Georges Island, two others were noted on Lovell's Island, and one was found in a pine grove on the Nantucket CBC. Eastern Screech-Owls are relatively common in Eastern Massachusetts as probably are Great Horned Owls, in appropriate habitat. Six Snowy Owls were banded, and two others were seen at Logan Airport. Short-eared Owls were found on three CBC's and Northern Saw-whet Owls were present at four locations. Belted Kingfishers were very common on Cape Cod and the shores of Buzzards Bay. A Yellow-bellied Sapsucker was seen on the Cape. An interesting statistic to the writer is the ratio of Downy to Hairy Woodpecker. From the CBC data, this ratio is about four to one. A Black-backed Woodpecker was photographed in Provincetown, and one was found at Quabbin where it was seen by many through the end of the month. Nantucket and Cape Cod counted over 100 Northern Flickers, and eight Pileated Woodpeckers were found on the Concord CBC.

G.W.G.

Rock Dove:				
22	Millis, Gr. Boston	1175, 2958	CBC	
Mourning Dove:				
thr.	Brookline	max. 105 (12/22)	H. Wiggin#	
22,29	Millis, Concord	2118, 1360	CBC	
Common Barn-Owl:				
20	Georges I., Lovell's I.	2 (dead), 2	N. Smith	
28	Nantucket	1	S. Zende#	
Eastern Screech-Owl:				
21;22	Quincy;Gr. Boston, Millis	14; 30, 4	CBC	

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Eastern Screech-Owl (cont.):				
29	Newbypt, Concord	33, 65	CBC	
Great Horned Owl:				
22	Millis, Westport	10, 12	CBC	
29	Newbypt, Concord	15, 25	CBC	
Snowy Owl:				
21-31	Logan Airport	6 (b.) + 2	N.Smith	
29	Marshfield	1	CBC	
Barred Owl:				
14, 21	Halifax, Athol	1, 2	K.Holmes, CBC	
22, 27	Millis, Petersham-Hardwick	4, 4	CBC, M.Lynch#	
29	Newbypt, Concord	3, 5	CBC	
Long-eared Owl:				
22, 29	Millis, Concord	1, 1	CBC	
Short-eared Owl:				
1, 28	Nantucket	3, 4	E.Andrews#, CBC	
21, 22	Quincy, Cape Cod	3, 5	CBC	
Northern Saw-whet Owl:				
22, 28	Cape Ann, Wellfleet	3, 1	CBC, P.Trull	
28, 29	Nantucket, Newbypt	3, 2 (heard)	CBC	
Belted Kingfisher:				
21, 22	Buzzards Bay, Cape Cod	21, 22	CBC	
22	Westport, Gr. Boston	7, 11	CBC	
29	Concord	9	CBC	
Red-headed Woodpecker:				
22	Millis	1	CBC	
29	Marshfield	1	CBC	
Red-bellied Woodpecker:				
29	Concord	2	CBC	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:				
28	W.Yarmouth	1	N. + S.Osborne#	
Downy Woodpecker:				
21, 22	Quincy, Millis	50, 503	CBC	
22, 29	Gr. Boston, Concord	168, 353	CBC	
Hairy Woodpecker:				
22	Millis, Gr. Boston	132, 39	CBC	
29	Concord	110	CBC	
Black-backed Woodpecker:				
6	P'town	1 (ph.)	R.LeBlond# + v.o.	
21-31	Quabbin (Gate 40)	1 m.	S.Carroll + M.Lynch + v.o.	
Northern Flicker:				
21, 22	Buzzards Bay, Millis	29, 21	CBC	
22, 28	Cape Cod, Nantucket	87, 105	CBC	
Pileated Woodpecker:				
thr.	Newton	1 f.	M.Rugo	
10, 22	Wayland, Millis	1, 1	C.Littman, CBC	
29, 30	Concord, Quabbin (Gate 37)	8, 2	CBC, S.Carroll#	

#### FLYCATCHERS THROUGH WARBLERS

The Christmas Bird Count efforts found notable numbers of Blue Jays throughout the Eastern Massachusetts region. Their presence was likely a result of the year's good mast crop. Millis CBC tallies for many common wintering species including American Crow and Black-capped Chickadee in addition to Blue Jay were particularly high, exceeding even the traditionally high Concord CBC totals! These high Millis counts were mainly due to the large number of observers deployed at feeders. This year comparatively few semihardy species had individuals in any numbers lingering far into December, explainable by the severely cold weather during the week before the first CBC's. This dearth is well exemplified by Ruby-crowned Kinglet, for which the total of three individuals for the month is among the lowest in the past ten Decembers. Northern Shrike reports, at a total of fourteen individuals for the month, were very close to norms for nonflight years. One individual White-eyed Vireo was seen in Eastham at midmonth, just before the most severe cold weather arrived. A total of seven warbler species was reported, with only a couple of unexpected varieties. These included an amazing two Yellow-throated Warbler individuals observed at southeastern Massachusetts sites and a Wilson's Warbler seen in Eastham just before the CBC period. The CBC activities resulted in an excellent count of ten Pine Warblers on Cape Cod. Otherwise, warbler numbers were low, particularly notable with Palm Warbler and Yellow-breasted Chat.

The Eurasian Jackdaw stayed put on Nantucket for yet another CBC season, its fourth. Other rarities for the month included a Varied Thrush at Ashburnham and two Bohemian

Waxwings together in Hardwick on December 21, diminishing to a single individual seen at least until December 28.

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Eastern Phoebe:				
6-10,27;29	WBWS, Newbypt	1, 1; 1	D.Reynolds#; CBC	
Western Kingbird:				
1,7	Nantucket, Dennis	1, 1	E.Andrews, A.Tait#	
Horned Lark:				
thr.,21	Rochester, Athol	max. 250 {2/5}, 1	v.o., CBC	
22	Cape Ann, Cape Cod	19, 112	CBC	
22	Gr. Boston, Westport	29, 23	CBC	
28,29	Nantucket, Marshfield	28, 56	CBC	
29	Newbypt, Concord	438, 55	CBC	
Blue Jay:				
21	Athol, Quincy	1033, 326	CBC	
21,22	Buzzards Bay, Millis	465, 3077	CBC	
22	Cape Ann, Cape Cod	453, 420	CBC	
22,29	Gr. Boston, Marshfield	607, 399	CBC	
29	Newbypt, Concord	942, 2659	CBC	
American Crow:				
21	Quincy, Buzzards Bay	383, 395	CBC	
22	Millis, Cape Ann	4420, 661	CBC	
22	Cape Cod, Gr. Boston	420, 1498	CBC	
28,29	Nantucket, Marshfield	360, 725	CBC	
29	Newbypt, Concord	853, 3229	CBC	
Fish Crow:				
22,29	Millis, Concord	2, 79	CBC	
Common Raven:				
21,30	Quabbin (Gate 40, Gate 37)	1, 1	M.Lynch#	
Eurasian Jackdaw:				
thr.	Nantucket	1	E.Andrews#	
Black-capped Chickadee:				
21	Athol, Buzzards Bay	1030, 885	CBC	
22	Millis, Cape Cod	4066, 864	CBC	
22,29	Gr. Boston, Newbypt	1116, 1169	CBC	
29	Concord	3083	CBC	
Tufted Titmouse:				
21,22	Buzzards Bay, Millis	162, 1947	CBC	
22	Cape Ann, Gr. Boston	139, 311	CBC	
29	Marshfield, Concord	179, 970	CBC	
Red-breasted Nuthatch:				
21	Quabbin (Gate 40), Athol	7, 11	S.Carroll#, CBC	
21,22	Buzzards Bay, Millis	5, 89	CBC	
22	Cape Ann, Cape Cod	10, 28	CBC	
22,28	Gr. Boston, Nantucket	12, 23	CBC	
29	Marshfield, Concord	16, 29	CBC	
White-breasted Nuthatch:				
21,22	Athol, Millis	84, 619	CBC	
22	Cape Ann, Gr. Boston	89, 170	CBC	
29	Newbypt, Concord	173, 450	CBC	
Brown Creeper:				
21,22	Buzzards Bay, Millis	12, 52	CBC	
22	Cape Ann, Gr. Boston	12, 23	CBC	
29	Newbypt, Concord	25, 54	CBC	
Carolina Wren:				
thr.	Winchester, Ipswich	1, 1	M.McClellen#, J.Berry	
21	Quincy, Buzzards Bay	3, 58	CBC	
22	Cape Cod, Westport	14, 22	CBC	
29	Marshfield, Concord	7, 2	CBC	
Winter Wren:				
21,22	Buzzards Bay, Cape Cod	2, 1	CBC	
22,29	Gr. Boston, Marshfield	1, 1	CBC	
Marsh Wren:				
22,28	Gr. Boston, Nantucket	1, 3	CBC	
29	Newbypt	1	CBC	
Golden-crowned Kinglet:				
21	Athol, Buzzards Bay	47, 70	CBC	
22	Millis, Cape Cod	25, 41	CBC	
22,29	Gr. Boston, Newbypt	47, 47	CBC	
29	Concord	40	CBC	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet:				
3,21	M.V., Buzzards Bay	1, 1	fide V.Laux, CBC	

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Ruby-crowned Kinglet (cont.):				
22	Cape Cod	1	CBC	
Eastern Bluebird:				
6,8	Marshfield, Hardwick	1, 4	J.Hassett, G.Gove#	
Hermit Thrush:				
21	Quincy, Buzzards Bay	4, 15	CBC	
22	Cape Ann, Cape Cod	1, 2	CBC	
22	Gr. Boston, Westport	2, 6	CBC	
29	Marshfield, Newbypt	1, 3	CBC	
29	Concord	1	CBC	
American Robin:				
21,22	Buzzards Bay, Cape Cod	179, 109	CBC	
22,29	Gr. Boston, Newbypt	156, 133	CBC	
Varied Thrush:				
4	Ashburnham	1	D.Fetig	
Gray Catbird:				
21	Buzzards Bay, Millis	6, 1	CBC	
22	Cape Ann, Cape Cod	1, 12	CBC	
22	Gr. Boston, Westport	2, 3	CBC	
28,29	Nantucket, Newbypt	5, 1	CBC	
29	Concord	1	CBC	
Northern Mockingbird:				
21,22	Buzzards Bay, Millis	86, 139	CBC	
22,29	Gr. Boston, Concord	152, 207	CBC	
Brown Thrasher:				
21,22	Buzzards Bay, Cape Cod	1, 1	CBC	
Bohemian Waxwing:				
21	Hardwick	2	M.Lynch#	
Cedar Waxwing:				
21,22	Buzzards Bay, Millis	173, 312	CBC	
22,29	Gr. Boston, Newbypt	180, 415	CBC	
29	Concord	654	CBC	
Northern Shrike:				
22	Millis, Cape Ann	1, 1	CBC	
15,25	Nantucket (2 sites)	1 imm., 1 imm.	E.Andrews#	
29	Newbypt, Concord	6, 4	CBC	
European Starling:				
21	Athol, Quincy	1106; 50000	CBC	
22,29	Gr. Boston, Newbypt	184400; 11862	CBC	
White-eyed Vireo:				
15	Eastham	1	N.Waldron	
Yellow-rumped Warbler:				
21,22	Quincy, Cape Cod	99, 709	CBC	
28,29	Nantucket, Newbypt	1246, 48	CBC	
Yellow-throated Warbler:				
3,9-31	M.V., Harwich	1, 1 (ph.)	fide V.Laux, R.Comeau#	
Pine Warbler:				
thr.,21	Nantucket, Buzzards Bay	max. 4, 1	E.Andrews, CBC	
22	Millis, Cape Cod	1, 10	CBC	
Palm Warbler:				
8,21	Winthrop, Quincy	1, 1	R.Stymeist#, CBC	
22	Cape Cod, Gr. Boston	1, 2	CBC	
Common Yellowthroat:				
21,22	Buzzards Bay, Cape Cod	1, 1	CBC	
22,28	Gr. Boston, Nantucket	1, 1	CBC	
Wilson's Warbler:				
18-19	Eastham	1	A.Thomas	
Yellow-breasted Chat:				
22	Cambridge	1	J.Gohres	

#### CARDINAL THROUGH HOUSE SPARROW

Low numbers of Rufous-sided Towhees on the CBCs further exemplified the lack of semi-hearty passerines in our region this December. There were reports of single individuals of some relatively uncommon sparrow species, including a Vesper at Concord and a Lark at Chatham. Dark-eyed Juncos were notable in their wide distribution and large numbers. An average count for December of twelve "Baltimore" Orioles was augmented by two individuals of the "Bullock's" variety seen December 3 on Martha's Vineyard. This year's winter finch flight started out fairly well, with December reports of at least some individuals of all the species that could reasonably be expected. Numbers of Pine Grosbeaks and Common Redpolls were both significant, and the reports were widely distributed throughout the region. L.E.T.

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Northern Cardinal:				
21,22	Buzzards Bay, Millis	302, 623	CBC	
22,29	Cape Cod, Newbypt	229, 119	CBC	
29	Concord	303	CBC	
Rufous-sided Towhee:				
8,21	Quabbin (Gate 35),Whitman	1, 2	BBC, B.Petersen	
21,22	Buzzards Bay, Millis	2, 2	CBC	
22	Gr. Boston, Westport	1, 1	CBC	
29	Marshfield, Concord	1, 2	CBC	
American Tree Sparrow:				
21,22	Athol, Millis	285, 668	CBC	
22	Cape Cod, Gr. Boston	36, 288	CBC	
28,29	Nantucket, Newbypt	1, 643	CBC	
29	Concord	1173	CBC	
Chipping Sparrow:				
22,28	Cape Cod, Nantucket	2, 1	CBC	
29	Marshfield	1	CBC	
Field Sparrow:				
5,21	Wareham, Buzzards Bay	20, 35	L.Robinson, CBC	
22	Millis, Cape Cod	14, 21	CBC	
22,29	Gr. Boston, Concord	13, 17	CBC	
Vesper Sparrow:				
29	Concord	1	CBC	
Lark Sparrow:				
22	Chatham	1	B.Nikula#	
Savannah Sparrow:				
22	Cape Cod, Gr. Boston	12, 4	CBC	
28,29	Nantucket, Newbypt	14, 5	CBC	
"Ipswich" Sparrow:				
22	Cape Cod, Gr. Boston	6, 1	CBC	
29	Marshfield	6	CBC	
Sharp-tailed Sparrow:				
22	Cape Cod	3	CBC	
Seaside Sparrow:				
22,29	Cape Cod, Newbypt	4, 1	CBC	
Fox Sparrow:				
21,22	Buzzards Bay, Millis	2, 2	CBC	
22	Cape Ann, Cape Cod	2, 1	CBC	
22	Gr. Boston, Westport	2, 1	CBC	
29	Newbypt, Concord	1, 4	CBC	
Song Sparrow:				
21,22	Buzzards Bay, Millis	201, 133	CBC	
22	Cape Cod, Gr. Boston	210, 312	CBC	
29	Concord	205	CBC	
Swamp Sparrow:				
21	Quincy, Buzzards Bay	4, 30	CBC	
22	Millis, Cape Cod	9, 42	CBC	
29	Newbypt, Concord	6, 28	CBC	
White-throated Sparrow:				
21	Quincy, Buzzards Bay	74, 232	CBC	
22	Millis, Cape Ann	230, 81	CBC	
22	Cape Cod, Gr. Boston	152, 165	CBC	
29	Marshfield, Concord	121, 226	CBC	
White-crowned Sparrow:				
21,22	Quincy, Cape Ann	2, 1	CBC	
22,28	Cape Cod, Nantucket	1, 3	CBC	
Dark-eyed Junco:				
21	Quincy, Buzzards Bay	243, 219	CBC	
22	Millis, Cape Cod	2295, 207	CBC	
22,29	Gr. Boston, Newbypt	1009, 405	CBC	
29	Concord	1244	CBC	
Lapland Longspur:				
22	Cape Cod, Gr. Boston	1, 2	CBC	
29	Newbypt	30	CBC	
Snow Bunting:				
8,21	Winthrop, Athol	26, 10	BBC, CBC	
21,22	Buzzards Bay, Cape Cod	2, 6	CBC	
22	Westport	12	CBC	
29,30	Newbypt, Quabbin (Gate 37)	1, 13	CBC, S. Carroll#	
Red-winged Blackbird:				
22	Cape Cod, Gr. Boston	40, 71	CBC	
29	Marshfield, Concord	46, 13	CBC	

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<b>Eastern Meadowlark:</b>				
21,22	Buzzards Bay, Millis	2, 1	CBC	
22	Cape Cod, Gr. Boston	33, 6	CBC	
22,28	Westport, Newbypt	3, 20	CBC	
29	Marshfield, Newbypt	18, 1	CBC	
<b>Rusty Blackbird:</b>				
18,22	Peabody, Millis	25, 6	R.Forster, CBC	
22,29	Gr. Boston, Newbypt	3, 1	CBC	
<b>Common Grackle:</b>				
15,16	Waltham, Arlington	1, 1	R.Stymeist#, L.Taylor	
21	Buzzards Bay, Millis	1, 1	CBC	
22	Cape Ann, Cape Cod	2, 1	CBC	
22,28	Gr. Boston, Nantucket	3, 3	CBC	
29	Marshfield, Concord	7, 10	CBC	
<b>Brown-headed Cowbird:</b>				
21	Athol, Quincy	25, 19	CBC	
22	Millis, Gr. Boston	19, 20	CBC	
22,29	Westport, Concord	15, 9	CBC	
<b>Northern Oriole:</b>				
3	M.V., Lexington	2, 1	T.Rivers, R.Gubisch	
10,17	Grafton, Groveland	1, 1	S.White, B.Ayer	
19,21	Hopedale, Hingham	1, 1	C.Osterosky, R.Hornstra	
22	Arlington, Cape Ann	1, 2	W.McIntosh, CBC	
22,28	Cape Cod, Nantucket	1, 1	CBC	
<b>"Bullock's" Oriole:</b>				
3	M.V.	2	T.Rivers	
<b>Pine Grosbeak:</b>				
1,11	Worcester, Halifax	45, 9	M.Lynch#, K.Holmes	
21,22	Athol, Millis	37, 37	CBC	
22,24	Cape Ann, Lexington	20, 8	CBC, L.Taylor	
29	Newbypt, Concord	89, 102	CBC	
<b>Purple Finch:</b>				
21	Athol, Quincy	9, 4	CBC	
21,22	Buzzards Bay, Millis	12, 131	CBC	
22	Cape Ann, Cape Cod	13, 20	CBC	
22,29	Gr. Boston, Marshfield	23, 3	CBC	
29	Newbypt, Concord	22, 33	CBC	
<b>House Finch:</b>				
21	Athol, Buzzards Bay	94, 421	CBC	
22	Millis, Cape Ann	863, 357	CBC	
22	Cape Cod, Gr. Boston	485, 473	CBC	
29	Newbypt, Concord	538, 655	CBC	
<b>Red Crossbill:</b>				
13,21	Nantucket, Quabbin (Gate 40)	1 m., 1	E.Andrews, S.Carroll#	
22,29	Gr. Boston, Newbypt	1, 6	CBC	
<b>White-winged Crossbill:</b>				
4,22	Littleton, Gr. Boston	10, 15	V.Sprong, CBC	
29	Newbypt	2	CBC	
<b>Common Redpoll:</b>				
4,21	Cambridge, Athol	1, 230	L.Robinson, CBC	
21,22	Quincy, Millis	84, 7	CBC	
22,29	Gr. Boston, Newbypt	85, 25	CBC	
29	Concord	13	CBC	
<b>Pine Siskin:</b>				
thr.,21	Middleboro, Buzzards Bay	max. 80 (12/28), 36	D.Briggs, CBC	
22	Millis, Cape Cod	5, 18	CBC	
28,29	Nantucket, Marshfield	30, 4	CBC	
29	Newbypt, Concord	3, 17	CBC	
<b>American Goldfinch:</b>				
21	Quincy, Buzzards Bay	74, 96	CBC	
22	Millis, Cape Ann	624, 135	CBC	
22	Cape Cod, Gr. Boston	162, 347	CBC	
29	Marshfield, Concord	157, 402	CBC	
<b>Evening Grosbeak:</b>				
2	Nantucket, E.Middleboro	3, 20	E.Andrews#, K.Anderson	
3,21	Easton, Athol	12, 912	K.Ryan, CBC	
21,22	Quincy, Millis	10, 328	CBC	
22	Cape Ann, Cape Cod	21, 16	CBC	
29	Marshfield, Newbypt	48, 55	CBC	
29	Concord	72	CBC	
<b>House Sparrow:</b>				
22	Millis, Gr. Boston	1949, 1234	CBC	
29	Newbypt, Concord	883, 1442	CBC	