



# Field Records January 1986

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January was mild and very sunny; the temperature averaged 31.3°, 1.7° above normal, and was the mildest since January 1977. The month's high was 58° on January 18, and the low was 1° on January 15. The month was marked by thaws and freezes. Precipitation totaled 3.42 inches, just 0.57 inch less than normal; snowfall was but 0.8 inch, 11.7 inches under normal - the least in January since 1980. This ties with 1934 for the fifth least of January records; the seasonal total now stands at 5.1 inches, 16.3 inches under the average, and second only to 2.6 inches in 1979-80 for the least in 92 years! Heavy fog was noted on four days, and sleet was noted on two days, causing very hazardous road conditions. R.H.S.

## LOONS THROUGH WATERFOWL

Thirteen observers participated in the annual Boston Harbor census held on January 12 and tallied twenty-three species of waterbirds not including raptors, gulls, or shore-birds. The weather conditions were horrendous (normal for all TASL counts), with strong southwest winds most likely affecting the totals of some of the waterbirds, notably Great Cormorants and Common Eider. Also noteworthy on the census was a high count of twenty-five Double-crested Cormorants, all found within the inner harbor.

An American Bittern was flushed on Tuckernuck Island during the Christmas Bird Count (CBC). The only other herons reported were the usual Great Blues and four Black-crowned Night-Herons.

A Tundra Swan was found in Fairhaven, and presumably the same immature individual was later seen in Wareham. The Greater White-fronted Goose continued in Rochester at least through mid-month. At Wachusett Reservoir in Clinton, a "Blue" Goose kept company with a single Snow Goose. Good numbers of Brant were reported, especially in the Boston Harbor area. Specialty duck reports included five Eurasian Wigeon, nine King Eider, five Harlequin Duck, and eighteen Barrow's Goldeneye. Nantucket remains the best place to see Redheads in Massachusetts with a maximum of over 150 reported. R.H.S.

<u>SPECIES/DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OBSERVERS</u>	<u>JANUARY 1986</u>
Red-throated Loon:				
2	E.Sandwich, Tuckernuck	3, 6	K.Anderson, CBC	
11	Rockport	3	H.Wiggin#	
Common Loon:				
2,4	Tuckernuck, Cape Ann	21, 6	CBC, BBC (D.+D.Hale)	
11,25	Rockport, Salisbury-P.I.	6, 8	H.Coolidge#, M.Lynch#	
Pied-billed Grebe:				
11	Framingham, Nantucket	3, 7	K.Hamilton, R.Stymeist#	
18	Lakeville	2	K.Anderson#	
Horned Grebe:				
5,11	Cape Ann, N. Scituate	5, 3	J.Berry, M.Lynch#	
12,25	Boston Harbor, Salisbury-P.I.	12, 4	TASL(S.Zendeh), S.Carroll#	
Red-necked Grebe:				
thr.	Dennis (Corporation Beach)	max. 7+	B.Nikula# + v.o.	
2,4	Tuckernuck, Cape Ann	4, 7	CBC, BBC (D.+D.Hale)	
11,24	Rockport, Cape Ann	4, 2	H.Coolidge#, B.Cassie	
Northern Gannet:				
1,2	P'town, Tuckernuck	50+, 3	B.Nikula, CBC	
5,11	Rockport (A.P.), Nantucket	13, 4	J.Berry, R.Stymeist#	
Great Cormorant:				
2,4	Tuckernuck, Cape Ann	45, 76	CBC, BBC (D.+D.Hale)	
11,12	N. Scituate, Boston Harbor	25+, 147	M.Lynch#, TASL (S.Zendeh)	

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<b>Double-crested Cormorant:</b>				
11	Nantucket (Eel Pt.), Orleans	2, 1	R. Stymeist#, B. Nikula	
12	Boston Harbor (Boston)	25	TASL (S. ZendeH)	
<b>American Bittern:</b>				
2	Tuckernuck	1	CBC (M. Litchfield)	
<b>Great Blue Heron:</b>				
1	P.I.-Newburyport, Lexington	5, 1	BBC (A. Blaisdell), L. Taylor	
1, 11	E. Boston, Nantucket	5, 6	R. Stymeist#	
11, 12	Framingham, Milton	4, 3	K. Hamilton, L. Taylor	
<b>Black-crowned Night-Heron:</b>				
1, 11	E. Boston (Belle Isle)	1, 1	R. Stymeist#, C. Jackson	
2, 9	Eastham, Middleboro	1, 1	M. Lynch#, D. Briggs	
<b>Tundra Swan:</b>				
5, 9	Fairhaven, Wareham	1 imm., 1 imm.	K. Anderson, D. Briggs	
<b>Mute Swan:</b>				
4, 5	Cape Ann, Buzzards Bay	6, 27	BBC (D.+D. Hale), K. Anderson	
<b>Greater White-fronted Goose:</b>				
19	Rochester	1	M. Lynch, S. Carroll	
<b>Snow Goose:</b>				
1	Wareham, Ipswich	1, 1	K. Holmes, J. Berry	
3, 18	Clinton, W. Dennis	1, 1	M. Lynch#, P. Trull	
<b>"Blue" Goose:</b>				
3	Clinton (Wachusett Res.)	1	M. Lynch, S. Carroll	
<b>Brant:</b>				
1, 2	E. Boston (Logan), Sandwich	350, 75	R. Stymeist#, K. Anderson	
5, 12	Quincy, Boston Harbor	1400, 2121	J. Heywood#, TASL (S. ZendeH)	
<b>Canada Goose:</b>				
thr.	Beverly-Salem Harbor, Ipswich	max. 300+, max. 1000+	J. Berry	
1	Newburyport	1500+	BBC (A. Blaisdell)	
2, 4	Tuckernuck, Uxbridge	23, 190	CBC	
11, 19	Framingham, Rochester	1500, 700+	K. Hamilton#, M. Lynch#	
<b>Wood Duck:</b>				
11	Framingham	1	K. Hamilton	
<b>Green-winged Teal:</b>				
11, 28	Framingham, S. Acton	1, 2	K. Hamilton, S. Whaley	
<b>American Black Duck:</b>				
2, 4	Tuckernuck, Uxbridge	109, 81	CBC	
11, 25	Boston Harbor, Salisbury-P.I.	1415, 150+	TASL (S. ZendeH), M. Lynch#	
<b>Mallard:</b>				
4, 12	Uxbridge, Boston Harbor	141, 241	CBC, TASL (S. ZendeH)	
17	Brockton (Fields Park)	330	R. Titus	
<b>Northern Pintail:</b>				
1	Arlington, Lexington	3, 1	L. Taylor	
11, 12	Framingham, Ipswich	1, 2	K. Hamilton, J. Berry	
31	Yarmouthport	65	J. Aylward	
<b>Gadwall:</b>				
3, 5	Worcester, Nantucket	4, 10	S. Carroll#, E. Andrews#	
6, 11	Brockton, Framingham	3, 5	R. Titus, K. Hamilton	
11, 19	Nantucket, Marston Mills	5, 5	R. Stymeist#, M. Lynch#	
<b>Eurasian Wigeon:</b>				
thr.	Quincy, Nantucket	1, max. 3 m.	v.o., E. Andrews# + v.o.	
thr.	Orleans	1	A. Williams + v.o.	
<b>American Wigeon:</b>				
1, 4	Lexington, Belmont	12, 48	L. Taylor, R. Stymeist	
9	Wareham, Natick	5, 1	D. Briggs, C. Quinlan	
14, 19	Nantucket, Lexington	65, 23	E. Andrews#, L. Taylor	
<b>Canvasback:</b>				
6, 11	Dighton, Nantucket	89, 110	R. Titus, R. Stymeist#	
12, 18	Milton, Falmouth	6, 3	L. Taylor, H. Wiggin#	
<b>Redhead:</b>				
3, 11	Worcester, Nantucket	1 f., 150+	M. Lynch#, R. Stymeist#	
18, 19	Falmouth (2 locations)	1 m., 2	M. Argue#, M. Lynch#	
<b>Ring-necked Duck:</b>				
3, 11	Sterling, Nantucket	2, 10	M. Lynch#, R. Stymeist#	
19, 24	Falmouth, Lakeville	5, 4	S. Carroll#, K. Ryan	
<b>Greater Scaup:</b>				
12, 18	Boston Harbor, Newbypt	1994, 6	TASL (S. ZendeH), J. Berry#	
19	Falmouth	30+	M. Lynch, S. Carroll	
<b>Lesser Scaup:</b>				
18	Newburyport, Lakeville	1 imm. m., 2	J. Berry#, K. Anderson#	
19	Falmouth	6	M. Lynch, S. Carroll	

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Common Eider:				
2	Tuckernuck, Sandwich	480, 200	CBC, K.Anderson	
12,20	Boston Harbor, Scituate	2774, 400	TASL (S.Zendeh), D.Clapp	
King Eider:				
thr.	Rockport (A.P.+Halibut Pt.)	max. 8 (6 imm. m, 2 f.)	H.C.Floyd#+v.o.	
11	N.Scituate	1 f.	M.Lynch, S.Carroll	
Harlequin Duck:				
thr.	N. Scituate	2	v.o.	
1,12	Brant Rock, Winthrop	1 f., 1	W.Petersen, D.Wang	
20	Rockport (A.P.)	1 m.	F.Bouchard	
Oldsquaw:				
2	Tuckernuck	27,000	CBC (M.Litchfield)	
12	Nantucket Sound	5000	C.Floyd#	
Black Scoter:				
2,5	Tuckernuck, Rockport (A.P)	45, 8	CBC, J.Berry	
11,12	N.Scituate, Nantucket Sound	25+, 1000+	M.Lynch#, C.Floyd#	
Surf Scoter:				
5,12	Marion, Nantucket Sound	400, 3000+	K.Anderson#, C.Floyd#	
White-winged Scoter:				
12	Boston Harbor, Nantucket Sound	253, 3000+	TASL (S.Zendeh), C.Floyd#	
20,25	Scituate, Plum Island	60, 30	D.Clapp, M.Lynch#	
Common Goldeneye:				
2,4	Tuckernuck, Uxbridge	175, 8	CBC	
5,11	Newburyport area, N.Scituate	226, 50+	BBC (R.McHale), M.Lynch#	
11,18	Framingham, Newburyport	1, 350+	K.Hamilton, J.Berry#	
12	Boston Harbor	473	TASL (S.Zendeh)	
Barrow's Goldeneye:				
thr.	Nantucket	max. 12 (1/11)	G.Gove# + v.o.	
thr.	Newburyport, N. Scituate	max. 2, 1	v.o., v.o.	
12	Winthrop	3	TASL (C.Jackson)	
Bufflehead:				
2,12	E.Orleans, Boston Harbor	75+, 1084	M.Lynch#, TASL (S.Zendeh)	
Hooded Merganser:				
1,2-13	Falmouth (Salt Pond), Somerville	1 m., 4-6	H.Wiggin#, J.Berry	
11,16	Framingham, S. Boston	16, 2	K.Hamilton, A. Gillette	
19,20	Falmouth, Lakeville	11, 5	S.Carroll#, D.Briggs + v.o.	
23,26	Hyannis, Barnstable	10, 15	J.Aylward	
Common Merganser:				
2,4	Brewster, Uxbridge	250+, 28	M.Lynch#, CBC	
5,12	Wellesley, Milton	5, 97	Mrs.Gaw, L.Taylor	
18,24	Newburyport, Lakeville	75+, 15	J.Berry, K.Ryan	
Red-breasted Merganser:				
12	Boston Harbor	799	TASL (S.Zendeh)	

#### TURKEY VULTURES THROUGH NORTHERN BOBWHITE

There were four reports of Turkey Vultures, probably two individuals, noted during the month. The bird on the south shore was observed over a span of ten days. Reports of Bald Eagles continue to be encouraging; at least seventeen individuals were noted. Through careful observation of plumage differences, observers were able to identify seven individual birds in Lakeville.

Feeder watchers reported an assortment of accipiters visiting their stations and consuming more than sunflower seeds. Fifteen Sharp-shinned Hawks, six Cooper's Hawks, and seven Northern Goshawks were noted. Four Red-shouldered Hawks were seen, one less than last January. Golden Eagles were reported from three locations, with an adult or near adult found in East Quabbin. R.H.S.

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Turkey Vulture:				
16,17	Marshfield, Wayland	1, 1	K.Ryan#, D.White	
18,26	Hingham, Marshfield	1, 1	R.Fox, D.Clapp	
Bald Eagle:				
thr.	Lakeville	7 ind. (3 ad., 4 imm.)	K.Holmes# + v.o.	
thr.	Newburyport	max. 2 ad.	v.o.	
thr.	E.Quabbin	max. 7 (2 ad., 5 imm.)	M.Lynch,S.Carroll+v.o.	
6	Chatham	1 imm.	P.Trull	
Northern Harrier:				
2	Tuckernuck, Eastham	5, 2	CBC, M.Lynch#	
12,18	Bridgewater, Marshfield	3, 4	D.Briggs#, W.Petersen#	

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Northern Harrier (cont.):				
25	Salisbury, Plum Island	4	M.Lynch, S.Carroll	
Other reports of single birds from six locations				
Sharp-shinned Hawk:				
11	Framingham	4	K.Hamilton#	
12,16	Brookline	1 eating Hse. Sparrow, 1 eating Rock Dove	B.Rielly	
Other reports of single birds from ten locations				
Cooper's Hawk:				
1,3	Gilbertville, Swampscott	1, 1	M.Lynch#, L.Sager	
7,12	Halifax, Lakeville	1, 1	K.Anderson, K. Holmes	
18,20	E.Orleans, Annisquam	1, 1	R.Titus, F.Bouchard	
Northern Goshawk:				
1,12,18	Quabbin (Gate 37)	1 ad.	M.Lynch, S. Carroll	
1,5-11	Easton, Bedford	1, 1 (taking doves)	T.Kirshner, Mrs.W.Davis	
12;17,21	Lakeville; Brookline	1; 1 imm.	K.Holmes; H.Wiggin	
24,25	Canton, Newburyport	1 ad., 1	R.Titus, BBC (I.Giriunas)	
Red-shouldered Hawk:				
thr.11	Orleans, Gloucester	1 ad., 1 ad.	v.o., H.Wiggin#	
22,31	Norwell, Canton	1 imm., 1	D.Clapp, R.Titus	
Red-tailed Hawk:				
2,4	Tuckernuck, Uxbridge	2, 21	CBC	
13	Salisbury-P.I.-Newburyport	16	D.Arvidson	
Rough-legged Hawk:				
thr.	Bridgewater	max. 3 (1/18)	W.Petersen# + v.o.	
thr.	Salisbury-Plum Island	max. 6 (1/13)	D.Arvidson# + v.o.	
2,4;10	Tuckernuck,Uxbridge,Nant.	2, 1; 2	CBC; E.Andrews#	
12,21;31	Ipswich,Saugus; Halifax	2, 1; 4	J.Berry; K.Anderson	
<u>Golden Eagle:</u>				
1,10	Quabbin (Gates 37, 43)	1 ad.	M.Lynch#, R.Forster#	
1,21	Mansfield, Pembroke	1, 1	K.Holmes, L.Ashley	
American Kestrel:				
4	Uxbridge	4	CBC	
Merlin:				
1,5	Dennis, Nantucket	1, 1	J.Aylward, C.Andrews#	
10,12	Harwich, Nantucket	1, 1	P.Trull, E. Andrews#	
13	Orleans, Plum Island	1, 1	P.Trull, D.Arvidson#	
30,31	Milton, Monomoy	1, 1	R.Abrams, P.Trull#	
Peregrine Falcon:				
6,9	Chatham, Winthrop	1, 1	P.Trull, M.Simmons	
12	Nantucket	1	E.Andrews#	
Ring-necked Pheasant:				
27	Somerville	4	J.Berry	
Ruffed Grouse:				
1,10	Hardwick	5, 10	R.Stymeist#, R.Forster#	
1	E.Middleboro	2	K.Anderson	
4,18,31	Uxbridge,Petersham,Sharon	6, 5, 3	CBC, S.Carroll#, R.Titus	
Northern Bobwhite:				
8,28	Marion, Rochester	8, 12	K.Ryan, R.Forster	

#### RAILS THROUGH ALCID

Although rails were scarce last month, three Clapper Rails were spotted this month. One of the several American Oystercatchers seen in December apparently made it as far south as Nantucket, constituting the only January record for this species in fourteen years of BOEM records. The Lesser Yellowlegs found on the Newburyport CBC continued into January, making the second appearance in BOEM records; January 1985 was the first. No Greater Yellowlegs were reported this month, which is somewhat unusual. The usual hardy winter shorebirds were noted, but the numbers of Purple Sandpiper reported were low.

Although no Lesser Black-backed Gull was found on the Nantucket CBC, two were seen there this month. This species probably moves south in the winter, as there seem to be more reports of it from farther south this time of year. Glaucous Gulls were seen in Newburyport and in Gloucester. The large number of Razorbills off Cape Cod has evidently moved; only 120 large alcids were seen from Provincetown. G.W.G.

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Clapper Rail:				
11	E.Boston; Nantucket	1; 1	C.Jackson;R.Stymeist,M.Blazis	
26	Duxbury	1	D.Clapp	

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American Coot:				
thr.	Medford (Mystic Lake)	max. 4 (1/11)	L. Taylor	
9,11	Natick, Plymouth	4, 20+	C.Quinlan, M.Lynch#	
18	Lakeville, Falmouth	3, 6	K.Anderson#, M.Argue#	
Black-bellied Plover:				
5	Buzzards Bay	1	K.Anderson#	
Killdeer:				
4,12	Yarmouth, Ipswich	1, 1	J.Aylward#, BBC (J.Nove)	
American Oystercatcher:				
13	Nantucket	1	D.Beattie	
Lesser Yellowlegs:				
4	Newburyport	1	G.Soucy	
Ruddy Turnstone:				
11	Nantucket	22+	R.Stymeist#	
Sanderling:				
2,26	Tuckernuck, Duxbury	134, 2	CBC, D.Clapp	
Purple Sandpiper:				
1,11	Plum Island, N. Scituate	20, 75	BBC(A.Blaisdell), S.Carroll#	
5,18	Rockport	30, 120	J.Berry, C. Floyd	
Dunlin:				
26	Duxbury	20	D.Clapp	
Common Snipe:				
1	Ipswich, Newburyport	1, 1	J.Berry, BBC (A.Blaisdell)	
5,8	Buzzards Bay, Lakeville	4, 1	K.Anderson#, D.Briggs#	
Common Black-headed Gull:				
thr	Yarmouth (dump)	1 ad.	v.o.	
1,12	Newburyport, Winthrop	1, 1 ad.	H.Wiggan#, TASL (S.Zendeh)	
11	Winthrop, Quincy	4 ad., 1	J.Barton, M.Lynch	
Bonaparte's Gull:				
5,12	Cape Ann, Boston Harbor	10, 343	J.Berry, TASL (S.Zendeh)	
18-21	Salem	100	L.Sager	
Ring-billed Gull:				
30	Stoughton	115	R.Titus	
Iceland Gull:				
1	Quabbin (Gate 37)	1 (1W)	S.Carroll#	
5,18	Newburyport	2, 2 ad.	BBC (R.McHale), J.Berry	
5,24	Cape Ann	1 ad. + 1 (1W), 13+	J.Berry, B.Cassie	
11	Nantucket	6	G.Gove#	
Lesser Black-backed Gull:				
10,12	Nantucket	1 ad., 1 imm.	E.Andrews, C.Floyd	
Glaucous Gull:				
5,25	Newburyport	1, 1 (1W)	BBC(R.McHale), M.Lynch#	
24	Gloucester	1	B.Cassie#	
Black-legged Kittiwake:				
1,5	Newburyport	9, 29	BBC(A.Blaisdell),BBC(R.McHale)	
5	Rockport	250	J.Berry	
Large Alcid sp.:				
1,18	Provincetown	120+, 34	B.Nikula	
5,12,28	Rockport; Dennis	2; 2, 15	R.McHale; B.Nikula	
Dovekie:				
24	Rockport	1	B.Cassie#	
Thick-billed Murre:				
5,18	Rockport	1-3, 4	J.Berry, L.Taylor#	
Razorbill:				
24	Rockport	1	B.Cassie#	
Black Guillemot:				
5,20	Rockport	7, 2	J.Berry, F.Bouchard	
24	Gloucester	1	B.Cassie	

#### DOVE THROUGH WOODPECKER

Where there had been 104 Mourning Doves at a feeder, there were only 77, and speculation was that the rest had "(a) flown off to greener pastures, (b) died of an epidemic being so close together, or (c) been eaten by my Goshawk." The Common Barn-Owl at Nantucket continued to be seen through mid-month, and Great Horned Owls were seen throughout the month at Waltham and at Belmont (ADL). Although there were up to eight Snowy Owls at Logan Airport last month, only one or two were noted in that vicinity this month. Seven Short-eared Owls were found at six locations. A Long-eared and a Northern Saw-whet Owl were seen by many people in the last days of the month at Hamilton. A Northern Flicker with two red primaries was picked up dead at Nantucket, where another was seen with "watermelon-pink underwings."

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Mourning Dove:				
8	Brookline	77	H.Wiggin	
Common Barn-Owl:				
1-12	Nantucket	1	fide E.Andrews	
Eastern Screech-Owl:				
1	Scituate, Belmont	1, 2	W.Petersen, R.Stymeist	
1	Hopkinton	1	G.Gove#	
7	Worcester	1	S.Carroll#	
18	Lakeville-Middleboro	1, 8	SSBC (K.Holmes)	
Great Horned Owl:				
thr., 1-19	Waltham, Belmont	1-2, 1	L.Taylor	
1	Middleboro-Bridgewater	2	K.Holmes	
12	Ipswich	2	BBC (J.Nove)	
18, 20	Lakeville, P.I.	3, 1	K.Anderson#, F.Bouchard	
Snowy Owl:				
1	Duxbury, Boston	1, 2	W.Petersen, R.Stymeist#	
27	Saugus	1	J.Berry	
Barred Owl:				
1	Oakham, Bridgewater	1, 1	M.Lynch#, K.Holmes	
4, 19	S.Carver, Hamilton	1, 1	K.Anderson, BBC (W.Drummond)	
Long-eared Owl:				
1, 18-25	Bridgewater, Hamilton	1, 1	K.Holmes, J.Berry + v.o.	
Short-eared Owl:				
thr.	Chatham	max. 3	v.o.	
11	E.Boston, Squantum, Nantucket	1, 1, 2	C.Jackson, J.Barton, R.Stymeist	
13, 20	Plum Island	1, 1	D.Arvidson#, F.Bouchard	
25	Salisbury	1	S.Carroll#	
31	Middleboro	1	D.Briggs	
Northern Saw-whet Owl:				
thr.	Nantucket	1-3	fide E.Andrews	
1, 12	Oakham, Quabbin (Gate 37)	2, 1	M.Lynch + S. Carroll	
19-25	Hamilton	1	J.Berry + v.o.	
Belted Kingfisher:				
5, 11	Buzzards Bay, Framingham	2, 8	K.Anderson, K.Hamilton#	
4-19	reports of 6 individuals			
Red-bellied Woodpecker:				
6	Waban	1	R.Moore	
Black-backed Woodpecker:				
1-14	Quabbin (Gate 40)	1 (from Dec.)	v.o.	
Northern Flicker:				
5, 11	Fairhaven, Nantucket	5, 25+	K.Anderson#, R. Stymeist#	
12, 13	Nantucket	1 (dead)	G.Gove, F.Reed	
2-23	reports of 4 individuals			
Pileated Woodpecker:				
thr.	Newton	1 f. (from Dec.)	M.Rugo	
18	Quabbin (Gate 40)	5	BBC (M.Lynch)	

#### FLYCATCHERS THROUGH EVENING GROSEBEAK

Although a small number of flycatchers was observed on the Christmas Bird Counts toward the end of December, none were tallied in January. Eurasian Jackdaw reports from Nantucket continued into their fifth calendar year, an individual having first been observed there in November of 1982. An impressive corvid roost developed in Framingham this winter, in January including over 20,000 American Crows and 165 Fish Crows. Individuals of a few semi-hardy species were observed at some interior (i.e. comparatively cold) sites during the first week of the month. Included were Eastern Bluebirds on the Uxbridge CBC and a Brown Thrasher in Groton. Also robust must have been the Northern Oriole seen at a feeder in West Roxbury toward the end of the month. Northern Shrike reports, at four individuals, continued to trickle in at a rate suggestive of a non-flight winter. The warbler species totaled seven, the same as December, but this month the Orange-crowned replaced the December Wilson's. Pine Warblers, both at Millis and on Nantucket, were coming to feeders. The total of 102 Field Sparrows for the Uxbridge CBC is quite impressive, compared with a maximum of 35 from any of the December CBC's. Scattered reports of all the winter finch species continued, with no significant concentrations anywhere. For diversity, the Newburyport/Plum Island area was the place to be. L.E.T.

Horned Lark:			
20, 25	Rochester, Salisbury	400, 35+	D.Briggs, M.Lynch#
26, 31	Duxbury, E.Middleboro	30, 200	D.Clapp, K.Anderson
<u>Eurasian Jackdaw:</u>			
thr.	Nantucket	1	E.Andrews#

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American Crow: thr.,9	Framingham, Easton	20,000 (roost), 50	B.Cassie#, K.Anderson	
Fish Crow: 11,18	Framingham, Watertown	165, 1	K.Hamilton#, R.Stymeist	
Common Raven: 1	Petersham	2	M.Lynch#	
12,13	Millis, Wayland	1, 1	B.Cassie, B.Miller	
Red-breasted Nuthatch: 5-7,12	Sherborn, Lakeville	2, 4	E.Cabot, K.Holmes	
18-25,26-31	Plum Island, Marshfield	4, 3	v.o., D.Clapp	
Brown Creeper: 11,25	Lakeville, Plum Island	5, 1	K.Holmes, S.Carroll#	
Carolina Wren: thr.	Easton, Ipswich	2, 1	K.Ryan, J.Berry	
thr.	Winchester, Lakeville	1, 2	M.McClellan, R.Turner	
thr.,5	Middleboro, Marion	5, 2	v.o., K.Anderson#	
Winter Wren: 8	WBWS	1	P.Trull	
Marsh Wren: 11	Nantucket	1	M.Blazis#	
Eastern Bluebird: 4	Uxbridge	3	CBC	
Hermit Thrush: 2,11	E. Orleans, Harwich	1, 1	M.Lynch#, J. Aylward#	
11,17	Plymouth, Nantucket	4, 2	S.Carroll#, J.VanVorst	
American Robin: 1,11	Lexington (2 sites)	26, 30+	L.Taylor	
18,28	Cambridge, Acushnet	23, 65	L.Taylor#, R.Forster	
Gray Catbird: 2	Chatham	1	S.Carroll#	
2,17	Tuckernuck, Nantucket	2, 1	CBC, J.C.Andrews#	
Northern Mockingbird: 11	Framingham	77	R.Forster#	
Brown Thrasher: 1-10	Groton	1	F.Smith	
Cedar Waxwing: 11,19	Framingham, Marshfield	195, 250	R.Forster#, D.Clapp	
23,29	Easton, Ipswich	100, 130	K.Ryan, R. Forster	
Northern Shrike: 11-25,13	Plum Island, Nantucket	2 max. (1/11), 2 imm.	v.o., J.White#	
Orange-crowned Warbler: 18	Marion	1	J.Gordon#	
Yellow-rumped Warbler: 11,12	Nantucket, Squantum	75+, 2	R.Stymeist#, L.Taylor	
18-25,19	Plum Island, Falmouth	4 max. (1/25), 10	v.o., M.Lynch#	
Yellow-throated Warbler: from Dec-2	Harwich	1	R.Comeau#	
Pine Warbler: thr.	Millis, Nantucket	3, 2-4	fide B.Cassie, E.Andrews#	
Palm Warbler: 2,10	Tuckernuck, Nantucket	2, 6	CBC, E.Andrews#	
Common Yellowthroat: 22	WBWS	1	P.Trull	
Yellow-breasted Chat: 6	Yarmouthport	1	J.Aylward	
Rufous-sided Towhee: 3,7	Concord, Sherborn	1, 1	M.Inman, E.Cabot	
9,19	Wellesley, Falmouth	1 m., 5	B.Thrasher, S.Carroll#	
American Tree Sparrow: 1,25	Hardwick, Newburyport	20+, 40	M.Lynch#, BBC	
Field Sparrow: thr., 4	Middleboro, Uxbridge	1-5, 102	D.Briggs, CBC	
Lark Sparrow: from Dec.-2	Chatham	1	M.Lynch#	
Fox Sparrow: 2	E.Orleans	1	S.Carroll#	
Swamp Sparrow: 4	Uxbridge	2	CBC	
White-throated Sparrow: thr.	Brookline, Ipswich	10, 10 max. (1/14)	B.Reilly, J.Berry	
19	Falmouth	29	S.Carroll#	

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Snow Bunting:				
1	Petersham	60+	M.Lynch#	
11,18	P.i., Provincetown	45, 1	H.Coolidge#, B.Nikula	
31	E.Middleboro	10+	K.Anderson	
Red-winged Blackbird:				
5,18	Nantucket, Cambridge	23, 60 m.	E.Andrews, L.Taylor	
Eastern Meadowlark:				
12,29	Nantucket, Ipswich	4, 2	G.Gove#, R.Forster	
Rusty Blackbird:				
1,2	Wayland, W.Roxbury	1, 55	R.Forster, M.Murphy	
29	Peabody	20	R.Forster	
Common Grackle:				
2	Northbridge	1	S.Wheelock	
2,7	Tuckernuck, Chatham	1, 1	CBC, B.Nikula	
Brown-Headed Cowbird:				
31	Winthrop	18	J.Farmer	
Northern Oriole:				
30	W. Roxbury	1 m. at feeder	L.Arvey	
Pine Grosbeak:				
1,10	Ipswich, Petersham	13, 40	J.Berry, R.Forster	
11,18	Framingham, Newburyport	2, 6	E.Morrier, J. Berry	
Purple Finch:				
1,11	Quabbin (Gate 40), Lexington	1, 4	S.Carroll#, L.Taylor	
House Finch:				
11,25	Framingham, Ipswich	375, 32	R.Forster#, J.Berry	
Red Crossbill:				
1,12	Quabbin (Gate 40), P.I.	1, 12	M.Lynch#, J.Berry#	
White-winged Crossbill:				
4,18-25	Uxbridge, Plum Island	2, 5 max. (1/25)	CBC, v.o.	
Common Redpoll:				
1-4,11	Belmont, Framingham	21 max. (1/1), 69	L.Taylor, R. Forster#	
18,25	Plum Island, Ipswich	1 m., 1	J.Berry	
Pine Siskin:				
thr.	Middleboro, Nantucket	40-80, 24 max.	D.Briggs, E.Andrews#	
Evening Grosbeak:				
thr., 4	Middleboro, Hardwick	50, 12	D.Briggs, M.Lynch#	
11,26	Ipswich, Lakeville	8, 25	J.Berry, K.Holmes	

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ad.	adult	F.E.	First Encounter Beach, Eastham
alt.	alternate (plumage)	F.H.	Fort Hill, Eastham
b.	banded	F.M.	Fowl Meadow, Milton
br.	breeding	gr.	greater as in Gr. Boston area
dk.	dark (phase)	I.	Island
f.	female	M.V.	Martha's Vineyard
fl.	fledge	Mt.A.	Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge
imm.	immature	Nant.	Nantucket
ind.	individuals	Newbypt	Newburyport
loc.	locations	P.I.	Plum Island
lt.	light (phase)	P'town	Provincetown
m.	male	R.P.	Race Point, Provincetown
max.	maximum	S.N.	Sandy Neck, Barnstable
migr.	migrating	Stellw.	Stellwagen (Bank)
N.S.E.W.	direction	BBC	Brookline Bird Club
ph.	photographed	BOEM	Bird Observer of Eastern Massachusetts
pl.	plumage	CCBC	Cape Cod Bird Club
pr.	pair	DFWS	Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary
thr.	throughout	GMNWR	Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge
v.o.	various observers	IRWS	Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary
W	winter (2W = second winter)	LCES	Lloyd Center for Environmental Studies
w/	with	MAS	Massachusetts Audubon Society
yg.	young	MBO	Manomet Bird Observatory
#	additional observers	MNWS	Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary
A.A.	Arnold Arboretum	NEHW	New England Hawk Watch
A.P.	Andrews Point, Rockport	ONWR	Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge
Buzz.	Buzzards (Bay)	PRNWR	Parker River National Wildlife Refuge
C.	Cape as in C.Cod or C.Ann	SRV	Sudbury River Valley
E.P.	Eastern Point, Gloucester	SSBC	South Shore Bird Club
		WBWS	Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary