

# FIELD RECORDS

## MARCH 1987



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The March lion roared at both ends of the month, but the lamb dominated most of the time. The temperature averaged 38.5 degrees, just 0.1 degree above normal. The high was 65 degrees on March 25, and the lowest mark was 12 degrees on March 10. Precipitation totaled 4.27 inches, 0.14 inch more than normal. On the first day of the month 1.72 inches fell, and on the last day 1.89 inches were recorded. Snowfall totaled 3.5 inches, 4.1 inches less than normal. Flurries were quite frequent, though the most on any day was 1.2 inches on March 2. The seasonal total became 38.4 inches, just 2.0 inches less than normal. The peak gust of 53 mph on March 31 was the strongest since 63 mph last December 19. At Blue Hill in Milton a gust of 87 mph from the SSE was the strongest since Hurricane Gloria in September 1985.

### LOONS THROUGH WATERFOWL

The Pacific Loon first reported in January continued through March 9 at Sagamore Beach. The build-up of Red-necked Grebes was especially noteworthy along the south shore with counts of over 100 at North Scituate and over 200 at Hull early in the month. Northern Gannets were moving early in the month with 600 recorded during a two-hour watch at Race Point in Provincetown. At Brant Rock in Marshfield a total of 287 adult gannets was seen sitting in a calm sea not far from shore.

Great Blue Herons were back on territory at the Suasco area in Westboro where 36 birds were present at the end of the month. The first Snowy Egrets were noted along the marshes at Logan Airport on March 29.

Snow Geese were noted from two locations with over 50 birds found in Newburyport on March 25. Over 2000 Brant were tallied in Boston Harbor, though counts of this species were down in number at other traditional locations. Wood Ducks were back in all their usual haunts, and the number of Green-winged Teal increased during the month, with a "Eurasian" type reported from East Orleans.

The first Blue-winged Teal were reported at the end of the month, later than usual, and only 4 individuals were noted. A Eurasian Wigeon continued at Ryders Cove in Chatham through March 21.

In Bristol County good numbers of Canvasbacks were seen with other good counts in Harwich and in Lakeville. Over 200 Redheads were tallied at Nantucket and others were reported from Lakeville, Harwich and Plymouth. Ring-necked Ducks were on the move and 155 were counted at the end of the month in the Sudbury River Valley. The King Eider and Harlequin Ducks continued all month at Winthrop. Another King Eider was found along Sagamore Beach, and Harlequins were noted from Rockport, Gloucester and Wellfleet. The Oldsquaw flight at Nantucket continued throughout the month, though far fewer than in December.

A maximum of just 5 Barrow's Goldeneye was found in Newburyport Harbor during the month; others were noted in Sagamore, Hull and Chatham. Common Mergansers were found in good numbers in many locations, and about 6000 Red-breasted Mergansers were reported off Truro. R.H.S.

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	MARCH 1987
Red-throated Loon				
1-8, 7	Winthrop, P'town	2, 1	J. Cumming, D. Morimoto	
22, 30	Nantucket	8, 8	E. + C. Andrews	

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<b>Pacific Loon</b>				
1-9 from Jan.	Sagamore Beach	1	S. Dinsmore + v.o.	
<b>Common Loon</b>				
4, 7	Salisbury, P.I.	12, 11	M. Lynch#, R. Humphrey	
21	Plymouth	29	BBC (J. Barton)	
24-30	Crane Reservation	5-7	D. Rimmer	
29	Salisbury	5	D. Chickering	
<b>Pied-billed Grebe</b>				
thr	Plymouth (Billington Sea)	8 max 3/8-10	S. Dinsmore + v.o.	
8, 13	Lakeville, Norton	1, 1	K. Holmes, K. Ryan	
30	Wayland	1	E. Salmela	
<b>Horned Grebe</b>				
8, 29	Sagamore	45, 200	R. Stymeist#, W. Petersen#	
8, 21	Winthrop	2-3, 4	J. Cumming	
22, 28	Nantucket, Salisbury	6, 20	E. + C. Andrews, BBC (S. Whittum)	
<b>Red-necked Grebe</b>				
thr	Dennis (Corp. B.)	12 max	J. Aylward + v.o.	
6, 7	N. Scituate, Hull	100, 200	E. Salmela, P. Thayer	
7, 8	Marshfield, Winthrop	30, 28	D. Taylor, J. Cumming	
13, 14	Gloucester, Salisbury	10, 1	R. Buchsbaum, I. Giriunas	
22, 23	Winthrop, Manomet	32, 46	J. Cumming, R. Titus	
29	Winthrop, Gloucester	45, 68	J. Cumming, G. Gove	
<b>Northern Gannet</b>				
4	P'town (Race Pt)	600 in 2 hrs	S. Dinsmore	
7	P'town (Race Pt)	5	D. Morimoto	
8, 13	Brant Rock, Nahant	287, 16	R. Stymeist#, J. Quigley	
21, 28	Truro, Salisbury	80, 30	D. Donovan#, BBC (S. Whittum)	
<b>Great Cormorant</b>				
7, 8	Newburyport, Monomoy	46, 40	BBC (F. Bouchard), B. Nikula	
13	Nahant	100	T. Aversa	
<b>Double-crested Cormorant</b>				
6	Newburyport	12	D. Chickering	
21	Falmouth	6	BBC (J. Barton)	
<b>Great Blue Heron</b>				
6, 7	Wareham, Wellesley	25, 1	E. Salmela, R. Forster	
7, 8	Watertown, Westport	1, 6	M. Hall, L. Taylor#	
24, 27	Brookline, P.I.	1, 1	B. Hallett, R. Humphrey	
28, 29	Westboro (Suasco Dam)	24, 36	G. Gove#, M. Lynch#	
<b>Snowy Egret</b>				
29	E. Boston (Logan)	2	N. Smith	
<b>Black-crowned Night-Heron</b>				
8, 15	Brighton, Eastham	3, 5	J. Paputseanos, J. Aylward	
29	Nantucket	17	E. Andrews	
<b>Mute Swan</b>				
8	Plymouth, Lakeville	23, 1	R. Stymeist#, K. Holmes	
8, 17	Westport, Quincy	40, 9	D. Morimoto, K. Ryan	
<b>Snow Goose</b>				
1, 28-29	Bolton Flats	1, 1	D. Donovan, M. Lynch#	
25	Newburyport	50+	BBC (A. Blaisdell)	
<b>Brant</b>				
8	Boston Harbor	2000	BBC (J. Barton)	
11	Plymouth	100+	K. Anderson	
21	Eastham, Wellfleet	45, 15	D. Donovan, E. Salmela	
21, 28	Winthrop, Ipswich	400, 18	J. Cumming, D. Rimmer	
<b>Canada Goose</b>				
3	S. Dartmouth	140	LCES (R. Marshall)	
7	Middleboro	200	W. Petersen	
7, 11	Newburyport, P.I.	450+, 381	M. Lynch#, R. Humphrey	
12	Halifax	400	K. Anderson	
20	W. Bridgewater	250	K. Ryan	
<b>Wood Duck</b>				
7	Lakeville, Holliston	2, 1	W. Petersen, R. Hildreth	
8, 10	Fall River, Bolton Flats	1, 3	J. Gordon#, E. Salmela	
15, 29	Bolton Flats	7, 10	D. Donovan, M. Lynch#	

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Wood Duck (continued)				
26, 28	Medford, Ipswich	3, 6	P. Roberts, J. Berry	
28	GMNWR, SR Valley	8, 13	T. Aversa, R. Forster	
Green-winged Teal				
8	S. Monomoy, Dartmouth	12+, 2	B. Nikula, G. Gove#	
11, 13, 27	P.I.	29, 85, 158	R. Humphrey	
21	Halifax	5	W. Petersen#	
29	W. Bridgewater	30	W. Petersen#	
25, 28	Millis, Newburyport	24, 12	B. Cassie#, BBC (S. Whittum)	
"Eurasian" Teal				
25	E. Orleans(Pochet inlet)	1 m	A. Williams	
American Black Duck				
thr	S. Dartmouth	333 max 3/11	LCES (R. Marshall)	
4, 11, 27	P.I.-Newburyport	65, 839, 227	R. Humphrey	
7	Halifax-Middleboro	800	W. Petersen	
7	Salisbury, Newbypt, P.I.	250, 300, 200+	M. Lynch#	
Mallard				
20	W. Bridgewater	225	K. Ryan	
29	Bolton Flats	57	M. Lynch#	
Northern Pintail				
4, 9, 11	P.I.-Newburyport	2, 12, 27	R. Humphrey	
7	Holliston, Halifax	1, 2	R. Hildreth, W. Petersen	
7, 8	Middleboro, S. Monomoy	4, 5+	W. Petersen, B. Nikula	
8, 13	Westport, P.I.	30, 39	D. Morimoto, R. Humphrey	
19, 20	W. Bridgewater	6, 20	K. Ryan#	
23	Concord	3	R. Forster	
Other reports of 1 or 2 birds from a wide area.				
Blue-winged Teal				
28, 29	Sudbury, W. Bridgewater	2, 2	R. Forster, W. Petersen#	
Northern Shoveler				
19, 28	Chatham, Newbypt	2, 1	S. Dinsmore, J. Cumming	
Gadwall				
thr	Salem	10 max 3/23	J. Berry	
6	S. Dartmouth	4	LCES (R. Marshall)	
8-10, 8	Plymouth, S. Monomoy	20, 22	S. Dinsmore, B. Nikula	
28	Sudbury, Arlington	1, 1	R. Forster, L. Taylor	
Eurasian Wigeon				
7-21	Chatham	1 m	B. Nikula + v.o.	
American Wigeon				
7	Belmont, Chatham	18, 3	R. Stymeist, D. Morimoto	
10, 20	Plymouth (Billington Sea)	30, 52	S. Dinsmore, B. Cassie#	
Canvasback				
5, 7	Harwich, Lakeville	180, 20	S. Dinsmore, W. Petersen	
8	Assonet, Westport	200+, 230	L. Taylor#, D. Morimoto	
9, 11	Lakeville, S. Dartmouth	40, 29	D. Briggs, LCES (R. Marshall)	
21, 28	Chatham, Dennis	12, 13	D. Donovan#, S. Clifton	
Redhead				
5, 9	Narwich, Lakeville	7, 1	S. Dinsmore, D. Briggs	
14	Nantucket, Plymouth	200+, 11	J. Barton#, W. Petersen	
Ring-necked Duck				
thr	Plymouth (Billington Sea)	90 max 3/14	W. Petersen + v.o.	
thr	Lakeville	65 max 3/7	W. Petersen + v.o.	
19, 21	Waltham, Halifax	5, 175	D. Gorgone, W. Petersen	
28	SR Valley	155	R. Forster	
Greater Scaup				
7	Lakeville, Newbypt	30, 6	W. Petersen, J. Berry#	
18	Salisbury, Newbypt	3, 18	M. Lynch, S. Carroll	
22	Falmouth	2000	BBC (J. Barton)	
Lesser Scaup				
7, 8	Lakeville, Plymouth	6, 15	W. Petersen, S. Dinsmore	
21	Falmouth	20	BBC (J. Barton)	
Common Eider				
7, 15	Salisbury, Winthrop	35, 67	M. Lynch#, D. Chickering	
21	Plymouth	2500	BBC (J. Barton)	

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King Eider				
thr	Winthrop	1 m	J. Cumming + v.o.	
1-8	Sagamore	1 imm m	S. Dinsmore	
Harlequin Duck				
6, 8	Rockport, Winthrop	3, 2	D. Chickering, J. Cumming	
13, 21	Gloucester, Wellfleet	2 m, 1	R. Buchsbaum, D. Donovan	
Oldsquaw				
thr	Nantucket	1000s each evening	E. Andrews + v.o.	
7	Newburyport-P.I.	410	M. Lynch#	
Black Scoter				
1, 14	Gloucester, Nant.	20+, 50	J. Berry#, BBC (J. Barton)	
23	Scusset Beach	15	R. Titus	
Surf Scoter				
1, 7	Gloucester, Salisbury	10, 3	J. Berry#, M. Lynch#	
8, 14	Winthrop, Nantucket	4, 500+	J. Cumming, BBC (J. Barton)	
White-winged Scoter				
1, 7	Gloucester, Salisbury	10, 20	J. Berry#, M. Lynch#	
14	Nantucket	500+	BBC (J. Barton)	
Common Goldeneye				
7	Newbypt-Salisbury	410	M. Lynch#	
7, 11	Lakeville, S. Dartmouth	80, 16	W. Petersen, LCES (R. Marshall)	
Barrow's Goldeneye				
thr	Newbypt, Sagamore	5 max, 1 m	v.o., S. Dinsmore	
6, 19	Hull, Chatham	1 m, 4	P. Thayer, S. Dinsmore	
Bufflehead				
thr	S. Dartmouth (Allens Pd)	38 max	LCES (R. Marshall)	
7, 8	Newbypt, Lakeville	125, 35	M. Lynch#, K. Holmes	
Hooded Merganser				
8	Plymouth, Holliston	9, 2	S. Dinsmore, R. Hildreth	
9, 12	Lakeville, Cambridge	8, 2	D. Briggs, O. Komar#	
12, 14	Salisbury, W. Newbury	13, 3	K. Wyman, BBC (I. Girianus)	
21	Belmont, Halifax	2, 2	J. + R. Goetze, W. Petersen	
Common Merganser				
7	Newbypt, Watertown	40, 20	M. Lynch#, M. Hall	
8	Plymouth, Assonet	126, 175+	R. Stymeist#, L. Taylor#	
15, 21	Bolton Flats, Belmont	19, 6	D. Donovan, J. + R. Goetze	
27, 28	Millis, Arlington	8, 73	M. Kasprzyk, L. Taylor	
28, 30	W. Boylston, S. Carver	29, 14	M. Lynch#, J. Shaw	
Red-breasted Merganser				
7	Salisbury, Truro	326, 6000+	F. Bouchard#, D. Morimoto	
7	Cambridge	4	G. Gove#	
8	Boston Harbor	500	BBC (J. Barton)	
28	GMNWR	1	T. Aversa	
30	Ipswich (Cranes Beach)	75+	D. Rimmer	
Ruddy Duck				
7	Cambridge (Charles R)	1	J. Paputseanos	

#### VULTURES THROUGH SHRIKES

Among earlier than normal migrant raptors were a Turkey Vulture on March 6, an Osprey on March 8, a Sharp-shinned Hawk on March 11, and a Cooper's Hawk on March 7. Many reports of Bald Eagles were received with about half of the reports not coming from the usual areas. A Red-tailed Hawk spent late fall and the winter on Boston Common, and on March 12 a crowd stood in a circle around the hawk and watched as it dined on one of the local pigeons. Two Golden Eagles were reported; the two reports from Plymouth County may be of the same individual. A Gyrfalcon was photographed on South Monomoy.

Piping Plovers and American Oystercatchers appeared on time. Unusual for March was the fact that Purple Sandpipers were not reported from any of the customary locations, probably reflecting nonreporting rather than nonoccurrence. A dowitcher species was noted in Hyannisport where a Long-billed Dowitcher had been seen in December and January. Laughing Gulls were reported about a month early from the Cape although last year's early date was March 17. Two Least Terns were reported about six weeks early at Eastham. There was an unconfirmed report that 3 Least Terns were seen the

previous week, and some had been noted in Rhode Island at about that time. An adult Common or Mew Gull was seen at Raccoon Island in Quincy where one was present a year ago from December 1985 to March 1986.

Great Horned Owls were noted nesting at many locations, and Pileated Woodpeckers were seen at eleven locations. An early Tree Swallow was noted on March 8 before the general arrival of the species in the third and fourth weeks of March. A Varied Thrush was seen again at a feeder in Dedham where it had been seen occasionally since January. Seven Bohemian Waxwings were noted in North Truro on March 21; 19 were photographed there last March 4. G.W.G.

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<b>Turkey Vulture</b>				
6, 14	Wellesley, Easton	1, 1	E. Sanders, K. Ryan	
19, 22	Southbridge, Hardwick	4, 3	D. Donovan, M. Lynch	
27	Milton, Barnstable	11, 2	N. Smith, A. Williams	
8-30	10 individuals reported from 10 locations.			
<b>Osprey</b>				
8, 23	Chatham, Lakeville	1, 2	B. Nikula, R. Turner	
25, 27	Nantucket, Milton	2, 1	fide E. Andrews, N. Smith	
<b>Bald Eagle</b>				
thr	Newburyport-Amesbury	1 ad	K. Larmand#	
15, 22	Newburyport-Amesbury	3, 1 imm	J. MacDougall, D. Donovan#	
8; 8, 15	Westport; Quabbin (G40)	1 ad; 7, 3	G. Gove#; M. Lynch	
8, 8-23	P'town, Lakeville	1 imm, 1	J. Aylward#, v.o.	
19, 24	Sudbury, Shrewsbury	1 imm, 1 imm	R. Walton#, C. Racine	
<b>Northern Harrier</b>				
11, 27	S. Dartmouth	3, 6	LCES (R. Marshall)	
22, 28	Salisbury, Marshfield	2, 2	D. Donovan#, R. Abrams	
<b>Sharp-shinned Hawk</b>				
11, 14	Norwood, N. Middleboro	1, 1	O. Komar, K. Holmes	
29	Eastham	20	C. Goodrich	
17-31	8 individuals reported from 8 locations.			
<b>Cooper's Hawk</b>				
7, 17	Newburyport, Needham	1, 1	K. Hamilton, W. Petersen	
29	Westboro	1	M. Lynch	
<b>Northern Goshawk</b>				
8	P.I., Newburyport	1 imm, 1 ad	P. Roberts	
8	S. Wellfleet	2 imm	R. Prescott	
15, 17	Middleboro, Quabbin (G40)	2, 3	BBC (D. Davis), M. Lynch	
10-29	9 individuals reported from 9 locations.			
<b>Red-shouldered Hawk</b>				
3-25, 7	E. Middleboro, Lakeville	2-3, 8	K. Anderson, W. Petersen	
19, 29	Easton, Holliston	2, 2	K. Ryan, R. Hildreth	
7-30	1 or 2 individuals reported from each of 7 locations.			
<b>Red-tailed Hawk</b>				
thr	E. Middleboro	1 or 2	K. Anderson	
12	Boston Common	1 ad	M. Murphy	
8, 15	Bridgewater-Middleboro	7, 5	K. Holmes#	
<b>Rough-legged Hawk</b>				
4-12, 8	E. Middleboro, Halifax	1, 3 lt + 2 dk	K. Anderson, L. Taylor#	
8-29	Bridgewater-Middleboro	6 max (2 lt + 4 dk)	v.o.	
8, 15	Marshfield, Salisbury	2, 3 lt + 1 dk	R. Stymeist#, P. Roberts	
<b>Golden Eagle</b>				
3, 8	Whitman, Quabbin (G40)	1, 1 ad	D. Briggs#, S. Peak	
14	Brockton	1 ad	S. Peak	
<b>American Kestrel</b>				
7	Salisbury, Holliston	5, 2	BBC (F. Bouchard), R. Hildreth	
29	Eastham, Milford	20, 3	C. Goodrich, R. Hildreth	
<b>Merlin</b>				
30	Ipswich	1	D. Rimmer	
<b>Peregrine Falcon</b>				
17-24	Boston	2	T. Billings	

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<b>Gyr Falcon</b>				
8	S. Monomoy	1 ph	B. Nikula	
<b>Ruffed Grouse</b>				
7, 21	Halifax, Easton	1, 3	W. Petersen, K. Ryan	
23, 27	Canton, E. Middleboro	3, 2	R. Titus, K. Anderson	
<b>Wild Turkey</b>				
21, 22	Petersham	14, 10	M. Lynch	
<b>American Coot</b>				
8-10, 14	Plymouth, Marshfield	200, 2	S. Dinsmore, M. Walsh	
<b>Black-bellied Plover</b>				
6, 8	S. Dartmouth, Boston	1, 3	LCES (R. Marshall), BBC(J. Barton)	
<b>Piping Plover</b>				
24, 27	S. Dartmouth, Ipswich	2, 2m + 2f	LCES (R. Marshall), D. Rimmer	
27	Duxbury, Chatham	1, 2	F. Bygate, W. Bailey	
29	Nantucket	2	fide E. Andrews	
<b>Killdeer</b>				
6, 7	Salisbury	1, 4	D. Chickering, R. Forster	
8, 15	Halifax, Ipswich	2, 2	J. Gordon#, D. Rimmer	
15, 28	Easton, Marshfield	9, 5	K. Ryan, R. Abrams	
<b>American Oystercatcher</b>				
21, 30; 29	Chatham; N. Monomoy	1, 5; 2	W. Bailey; B. Nikula	
<b>Greater Yellowlegs</b>				
25, 31; 27	Hyannisport; E. Orleans	2, 4; 1	S. Clifton; A. Williams	
<b>Lesser Yellowlegs</b>				
31	Hyannisport	2	S. Clifton	
<b>Sanderling</b>				
4-18	P.I.-Newburyport	19 max 3/4	R. Humphrey	
25-30	Ipswich	28 max	D. Rimmer	
<b>Purple Sandpiper</b>				
8	Boston	3	BBC (J. Barton)	
<b>Dunlin</b>				
28	Salisbury	10	J. Cumming	
<b>dowitcher species</b>				
25, 31	Hyannisport	1	S. Clifton	
<b>Common Snipe</b>				
15, 28	Newbypt, W. Newbury	1, 8	E. Salmela, BBC (S. Whittum)	
28, 29	Marshfield, Easton	10, 12	R. Abrams, K. Ryan	
<b>American Woodcock</b>				
7	Salisbury	1	BBC (R. Vernon)	
8	Belmont-Cambridge	12	S. Sanders	
12	N. Middleboro	3	K. Holmes	
15	Bridgewater	12	BBC (D. Davis)	
28	Marshfield, Ipswich	10, 8	R. Abrams, D. Rimmer	
6-31	1 or 2 individuals reported from each of 8 locations.			
<b>Laughing Gull</b>				
27	Chatham	20	W. Bailey	
<b>Little Gull</b>				
25	Newburyport	1	BBC(A. Blaisdell)	
<b>Common Black-headed Gull</b>				
8-22	Winthrop	11 max 3/20	v.o.	
15, 17	Newburyport, Quincy	1 ad, 2	W. Petersen, R. Abrams	
<b>Common Gull</b>				
15	Quincy (Raccoon I.)	1 ad	R. Abrams	
<b>Iceland Gull</b>				
thr	Nantucket	14 max	E. Andrews	
15	Newburyport	20	E. Salmela	
<b>Lesser Black-backed Gull</b>				
14	Lynn	1 ad	J. Quigley	
<b>Glaucous Gull</b>				
13, 15	Newbypt, Gloucester	1, 1	E. Salmela, R. Buchsbaum	
<b>Least Tern</b>				
16	Eastham	2	L. MacIvor	
<b>Dovekie</b>				
8	Chatham	1 oiled	P. Bailey	

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Razorbill				
30	Nantucket	1	E.+ C. Andrews	
Black Guillemot				
7, 13	Cape Ann, Gloucester	8, 4	S. Clifton, R. Buchsbaum	
13-14	Nahant	2	J. Quigley	
Common Barn-Owl				
17	Nantucket	1	D. Beattie	
Eastern Screech-Owl				
thr, 3, 26	Easton	1 red, 1 gray, 1 red	K. Ryan	
8, 15	Norwell, Lakeville	1 dead, 2	R. Stymeist#, BBC (D. Davis)	
Great Horned Owl				
thr	Bridgewater, Ipswich	pr at nest, pr	W. Petersen, J. Berry	
8-24, 9	E. Middleboro, P.I.	1-3, 1	K. Anderson, R. Humphrey	
15	Lakeville-Bridgewater	6	BBC (D. Davis)	
22	PRNWR	pr at nest	D. Donovan#	
29	Westboro	1 on nest	M. Lynch#	
Snowy Owl				
7, 14	Salisbury	3, 3	R. Forster, P. Roberts	
8, 26	E. Boston	13, 6	N. Smith	
11, 27	S. Dartmouth	1, 1	LCES (R. Marshall)	
14-25	Nantucket	1	fide E. Andrews	
29	N. Monomoy, P'town	2, 1	B. Nikula, fide R. Prescott	
Barred Owl				
7	Hamilton	1	BBC (F. Bouchard)	
15	Lakeville	1	BBC (D. Davis)	
14, 28	Boxford, Quabbin (G40)	5, 6	J. MacDougall, M. Lynch#	
24, 27	Wakefield, Holliston	1, 1	R. Titus, R. Hildreth	
Long-eared Owl				
14	Nahant	1	J. Quigley	
Short-eared Owl				
8, 15	N. Truro, E. Boston	1, 1	J. Aylward + v.o., B. Fay	
18, 24	S. Dartmouth	1, 1	LCES (R. Marshall)	
20, 21	Quincy	1, 1	T. Aversa	
28	Salisbury	1	BBC (S. Whittum)	
Northern Saw-whet Owl				
14	Hamilton	1	BBC (I. Giriunas)	
15	Middleboro	1	BBC (D. Davis)	
21, 28	Chatham, Quabbin (G40)	1, 1	B. Nikula, M. Lynch#	
Belted Kingfisher				
28	Ipswich	3	J. Berry	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				
28	Quabbin (G40)	1	M. Lynch#	
Downy Woodpecker				
26	Medford	4	P. Roberts	
Hairy Woodpecker				
thr	Nantucket	1 m + 1 f	E. Andrews	
8, 26	Quabbin (G43), Medford	3, 3	M. Lynch#, P. Roberts	
Northern Flicker				
7, 28	Newburyport, Peabody	7, 4	M. Lynch#, D. Hill	
28	Marshfield	3	R. Abrams	
Pileated Woodpecker				
thr	Acton	1 or 2	C. Reeves	
8, 15	Quabbin (G40)	5, 3	M. Lynch#	
6-29	9 individuals reported from 9 locations.			
Eastern Phoebe				
14, 23	Berlin, N. Middleboro	5, 2	D. Donovan, K. Holmes	
25	E. Middleboro, Pembroke	2, 2	K. Anderson, D. Ludlow	
29	Concord, Sudbury	1, 1	G. Gove#	
29	Wayland, Milford	1, 2	G. Gove#, R. Hildreth	
29	Bolton, ONWR	2, 2	M. Lynch#	
Horned Lark				
7, 9	Salisbury, Sagamore	14, 40	M. Lynch#, R. Stymeist#	
14	Salisbury	18	BBC (I. Giriunas)	
15	Bridgewater	30	BBC (D. Davis)	

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Tree Swallow				
8	Sagamore	3	S. Dinsmore	
26, 27	W. Bridgewater, P.I.	8, 2	K. Ryan, R. Humphrey	
28, 29	Concord, S. Hanson	35, 25	R. Forster, W. Petersen#	
American Crow				
15	Bridgewater	111	BBC (D. Davis)	
Fish Crow				
8-29, 14	Hanson, Mattapan	6 max, 25	W. Petersen, O. Komar	
19, 26	E. Middleboro, Middleboro	1, 1	K. Anderson, D. Briggs	
Common Raven				
7, 15	Quabbin	1, 2	J. Cumming, M. Lynch#	
15	Ashburnham	1	D. Donovan	
Tufted Titmouse				
thr	Holliston	5	R. Hildreth	
Red-breasted Nuthatch				
27	Quabbin (G40)	15	T. Aversa	
Carolina Wren				
thr	Belmont	1 (since Nov '86)	J. Wissman	
7	Bridgewater, Rockport	1, 1	W. Petersen, E. Salmela	
8, 22	Westport, N. Middleboro	4, 2	G. Gove#, K. Holmes	
8-28	4 individuals reported from 4 locations.			
Winter Wren				
10, 13	Plymouth, Gloucester	1, 1	S. Dinsmore, T. Aversa	
Eastern Bluebird				
7, 19	Lakeville, E. Middleboro	1, 1	W. Petersen, K. Anderson	
25, 27	Sudbury, Quabbin (G40)	2m + 2f, 4	R. Forster, T. Aversa	
28, 29	Westboro, Milford	pr, 2	G. Gove#, R. Hildreth	
Varied Thrush				
2 from Jan.	Dedham	1	E. Cutler	
American Robin				
12	E. Middleboro	30	P. Anderson	
Gray Catbird				
14	Nantucket	1	BBC (J. Barton)	
Bohemian Waxwing				
21	N. Truro	7	D. Donovan, E. Salmela	
Cedar Waxwing				
13, 30	DFWS, DWWS	15-20, 41	D. Arvidson, D. Ludlow	
Northern Shrike				
4-18, 24	P.I., DWWS	1 or 2, 1	R. Humphrey, D. Ludlow	
14-21	5 individuals reported from 5 locations.			

#### WARBLERS THROUGH GROSBEAKS

The first migrant Yellow-rumped Warblers were noted on March 30 at Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge. At least 7 Ipswich Sparrows were reported with 3 birds found at Allens Pond in South Dartmouth. Seventeen Fox Sparrows were seen during March with an influx near the end of the month. The **Harris' Sparrow** continued at a feeder on Nantucket.

Red-winged Blackbirds were on the move, and many reports of this species were received as birders watched for signs of spring. Other blackbirds migrating included Eastern Meadowlarks, Rusty Blackbirds, cowbirds and grackles.

Six Pine Grosbeaks were found at Quabbin near Shaft 12, and other winter finches noted included one report of White-winged Crossbill and Red Crossbills reported from six locations. Between 11 and 17 crossbills were seen most of the month at Salisbury State Reservation. Redpolls and siskins continued at feeders throughout the area, and the **Hoary Redpoll** continued at a feeder in Watertown. Evening Grosbeaks continued to be reported in good numbers from Worcester county. R.H.S.

Yellow-rumped Warbler				
13, 30	Gloucester, GMNWR	1, 4	T. Aversa, E. Salmela	
Pine Warbler				
25	Chatham	1	W. Bailey	



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Rufous-sided Towhee				
28	DWWS	1	R. Abrams	
American Tree Sparrow				
1-29	Nantucket	1-3	E. Andrews	
15	Bolton Flats	22	D. Donovan	
28, 29	Newbypt, ONWR	3, 4	BBC (S. Whittum), M. Lynch#	
Field Sparrow				
29	Waltham	1	L. Taylor	
Savannah Sparrow				
28	Salisbury	1	J. Cumming	
"Ipswich" Sparrow				
8	Chatham, S. Monomoy	1, 1	B. Nikula	
11, 18, 24	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	3, 1, 1	LCES (R. Marshall)	
15, 29	P.I., N. Monomoy	1, 1	W. Petersen, B. Nikula	
Sharp-tailed Sparrow				
18	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1	LCES (R. Marshall)	
Seaside Sparrow				
25	Hyannisport	1	S. Clifton	
Fox Sparrow				
11, 25	Wakefield, Brookline	1, 1	M. Martinek, B. Hallett	
25	Sudbury, Concord	2, 5	R. Forster, R. Walton	
26, 28	Scituate, Hopkinton	2, 1	S. Smith, G. Gove#	
29	Hingham (World's End)	5	S. Smith	
Song Sparrow				
7, 27	Watertown, Ipswich	22, 20+	M. Hall, D. Rimmer	
29	Sudbury, Wayland	12, 12	G. Gove, J. Gordon	
Harris' Sparrow				
thr	Nantucket	1	R. Harnish#	
Dark-eyed Junco				
thr	Ipswich	18 max	J. Berry	
7	Salisbury	41	BBC (F. Bouchard)	
Lapland Longspur				
12, 20	P.I.	2, 1	S. Dinsmore	
14	Salisbury	3	T. Aversa	
Snow Bunting				
6	Nantucket	30-35	E. + C. Andrews	
7	P.I.	38	E. Salmela	
17	Middleboro	30+	D. Briggs	
24, 25, 30	Ipswich (Crane Res.)	11, 3, 4	D. Rimmer	
Red-winged Blackbird				
3, 4	Wayland, E. Middleboro	6, 50+	H. Parker, K. Anderson	
4, 5	Hopkinton, Dedham	5, 25	J. Gordon, M. MacLean	
7, 9	Middleboro, E. Boston	400, 300	W. Petersen, J. Cumming	
11	Halifax, Salisbury	1000+, 200+	K. Anderson, J. Berry	
15	Bridgewater-Lakeville	3250	BBC (D. Davis)	
Many other flocks of 10-50 birds reported in many areas.				
Eastern Meadowlark				
17, 18	Middleboro, P.I.	1, 6	D. Briggs, R. Humphrey	
19	Essex	1	J. MacDougall	
25	Newburyport	2	BBC (A. Blaisdell)	
26, 28	IRWS, Ipswich	1, 2	M. West, J. Berry	
30	DWWS	1	D. Ludlow	
Rusty Blackbird				
4, 6	E. Middleboro, DWWS	1, 4	K. Anderson, R. Stymeist#	
13, 28	W. Roxbury, Sudbury	15, 5	T. Aversa, R. Forster	
28, 30	Hyannisport, Wayland	2, 30	S. Clifton, E. Salmela	
Common Grackle				
4	Middleboro, Hudson	20, 15	K. Anderson, D. Donovan	
7	Rowley, Hopkinton	2, 14	J. Berry, J. Gordon	
8	Westport, E. Boston	100+, 2	D. Morimoto, J. Cumming	
29	Milford	84	R. Hildreth	
Other reports of 2-15 birds from many areas.				

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Brown-headed 15	Cowbird Bridgewater-Lakeville	500	BBC (D. Davis)	
Pine Grosbeak 8	Quabbin	6	M. Lynch#	
Purple Finch 1-6, 1	Wayland, Middleboro	1, 1	T. Hart, D. Briggs	
7, 23	W. Newbury, E. Middleboro	3, 1	J. Berry#, K. Anderson	
Red Crossbill 1	Middleboro, P.I.	5, 8	D. Briggs, BBC (R. McHale)	
6-28	Salisbury	11-17	D. Chickering + v.o.	
12, 28	Plymouth, Topsfield	1, 26	S. Dinsmore, J. MacDougall	
30	Millis	2	B. Cassie	
White-winged 1	Crossbill P.I.	2	BBC (R. McHale)	
Common Redpoll thr	Watertown	60 max 3/10	R. Stymeist + v.o.	
thr	Nantucket	11 max	E. Andrews	
8, 10	Belmont, Arlington	5, 2	S. Sanders, L. Taylor	
14	Berlin	25	E. Salmela	
<b>Hoary Redpoll</b> thr	Watertown	1 ph	R. Stymeist + v.o.	
Pine Siskin thr	Millis	2-4+	M. Kasprzyk	
thr	Middleboro	1-3	D. Briggs	
thr	Nantucket	7-18	E. Andrews	
thr	Lakeville	2-3	H. La Pointe	
2, 29	Arlington	35, 4	L. Taylor	
Other reports of 1-15 birds at various times from many locations.				
Evening Grosbeak thr	Middleboro	8-10	D. Briggs	
8, 14	Hardwick, Ipswich	60+, 3	M. Lynch#, J. Berry	
15, 22	Berlin, Petersham	3, 40+	E. Salmela, M. Lynch#	

#### CORRIGENDUM TO DECEMBER 1986 FIELD RECORDS

On page 89 of the April 1987 issue of *Bird Observer*,

Pine Grosbeak  
10 E. Orleans; Quab. (G40) 3, 5; 6 A. Williams; M. Lynch#

should read

Pine Grosbeak  
10 P. I., E. Orleans 1 f, 20+ M. Schoene, E. Williams  
11 Quabbin (G40) 6 M. Lynch#

#### CORRIGENDUM TO 1986 CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS

On page 101 of the April 1987 issue of *Bird Observer*, the Nantucket CBC total should be 114 species, not 113 species. A White-Breasted Nuthatch was added after the compilation.