

# BIRD SIGHTINGS

## JANUARY/FEBRUARY 1995

### SUMMARY



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The winter of 1994-1995 was very mild compared with last year's devastating weather. January's temperature averaged 34.6° at Boston, a full 6° above normal, and tied with 1949 for the 11th warmest in 125 years. A high of 66° was recorded on January 15, breaking the record of 65° set in 1932. This general warmth began in November, and the three months of November through January averaged the warmest since 1931-1932, ranking 3rd warmest in 125 years. Measurable amounts of rain fell on 17 days in January, totaling 4.33 inches, almost an inch above normal. There were only 4.4 inches of snow, 8.0 inches less than average. Another phenomenon of the warm month was two days with thunderstorms, a record for January. Dense fog was noted on five days, more than double the average amount.

February was colder, with an average temperature of 28.5°, 2.8° below normal. Rainfall totaled 2.57 inches, 1.05 inches less than normal. On February 28, rain combined with freezing temperatures, creating a serious ice storm that coated tree limbs with heavy icing, creating a photographer's winter wonderland but an arborist's nightmare. Snowfall was 8.5 inches, 3.2 inches less than normal. The only major snow storm of the season brought 6.6 inches on February 4-5. The season's total was 14.5 inches, 18.2 inches less than average. The season's total was a great contrast to last year's record 81.5 inches.

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#### LOONS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

Loons and grebes were reported in normal numbers. A **Pacific-type loon** was observed in Sandwich, while an **Eared Grebe** put in an extended stay at Nauset Beach in Orleans, where it was first located on January 14. Both species occur almost annually in the state. An excellent early winter count of Northern Gannet was observed at Nantucket just after New Year's Day. Presumably the majority of these birds departed soon thereafter. A **Tundra Swan** made a brief appearance at Mashpee in early January. A subadult **Greater White-fronted Goose** sporting white at the base of the bill but lacking black mottling on the belly was present throughout the period in the Newburyport vicinity.

The extremely warm weather during the early portion of the period resulted in a considerable amount of open water at inland locations. These open conditions encouraged some waterfowl species to remain in the region instead of retreating farther south to winter in more typical locations. This was particularly true for Ring-necked and Ruddy ducks and Hooded and Common mergansers. It may also have benefited Northern Shovelers which were reported in better than normal numbers. Winter reports of Blue-winged Teal are unusual but have increased in recent years; thus one in West Barnstable comes as no surprise. The sea ducks were generally reported in normal numbers. Harlequin Ducks put in a good appearance, but a single King Eider continued to underscore the species' scarcity in recent winters. Reports of Barrow's Goldeneyes came in from scattered locations along the coast. A drake **Tufted Duck**, the first record for Worcester County, was discovered at the Wachusett Reservoir in West Boylston in late January, where it remained through February. About two weeks later another drake, a subadult, was found in Taunton. At approximately the same time as many as six were present in Rhode Island. Clearly something unusual happened to account for the unprecedented numbers of this rare winter visitor.

The mild season may have accounted for above average numbers of most raptor species. Winter reports of Turkey Vulture are now routine, but a **Black Vulture** coming to a night roost with other vultures in Randolph provided an unusual winter record. Bald Eagles were widely reported. One of the more memorable events of the season was the presence of upwards of 20 Northern Harriers at the Cumberland Farms fields in Middleboro throughout most of the season. The spectacle was most obvious in late afternoon with numerous birds coursing low over the fields while others were standing on the ground. Rough-legged Hawks were seen in below average numbers. Reports of sizable flocks of Wild Turkeys from Petersham and Barre indicate clearly that central Worcester County is the stronghold for the species in eastern portions of

the state. The open water was most beneficial for American Coot, which were widely reported in very good numbers relative to recent winters.

The usual winter shorebirds were present at standard locations in near normal numbers. Black-bellied Plover was present in better than normal numbers on Martha's Vineyard. Both Greater Yellowlegs and American Woodcock appeared more prevalent than normal. Surprising finds were a Semipalmented Plover in Revere and a Western Sandpiper in Westport, both in midmonth. Both species are rare in winter but are among the more likely species to occur in winter because small numbers of each species winter not too far to our south. The better than average shorebird showing was undoubtedly related to the mild weather.

Gulls are a staple feature along the coast in winter. Bonaparte's Gulls were found in abundance at selected southeastern coastal areas, where the only Little Gulls were found. A Common Black-headed Gull continued at Quabbin Reservoir from November, when it initially appeared. An adult Mew Gull was present in Winthrop. This gull is undoubtedly the same individual that has been present off and on at the same location since the winter of 1990-1991. Iceland Gulls were notably scarce, and Black-legged Kittiwake were scarcer than usual on outer Cape Cod. The most surprising and incredible find of the season was a Bridled Tern in first winter plumage found moribund on a golf course in Hyannisport on January 16. The bird succumbed shortly after it was found. The bird seemingly arrived at the end of a three-day period of unusually mild weather with temperatures in the 60s and moderate but constant south winds. Bridled Tern is most likely to be encountered in August or September after coastal storms or hurricanes, and even then it is an extremely rare find. Amazingly, there is a similar record for extralimital occurrence for this species in the northeastern portion of the continent during winter. The previous report is one taken at Custlett, Newfoundland, on January 21, 1891!

A trip to Stellwagen Bank in late January recorded four species of alcids including eight Dovekies and three Atlantic Puffins. Otherwise alcid reports were spotty and generally below average. Thick-billed Murres were very scarce, and Razorbills on outer Cape Cod were well below the numbers we have become accustomed to in recent winters. Both Snowy and Long-eared owls were poorly reported. Northern Saw-whet Owls continued to be a feature in the Athol vicinity. Observers visiting the aforementioned Cumberland Farm fields searching for harriers were treated to an equally fine display of up to a dozen Short-eared Owls. The abundance of microtine prey must have been astounding to host such a large number of these specialized raptors. The *Selasphorus hummingbird* first discovered in Fairhaven in October inevitably succumbed about January 25. There was no indication that the bird had begun molting into a plumage that would allow specific identification.

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Date	Location	Number	Observers	Date	Location	Number	Observers
Red-throated Loon				2/19	Gloucester	14	M. Lynch#
1/15	Nauset	10	M. Lynch#	Eared Grebe			
1/22	Cape Ann	4	D. Chickering	1/14-2/12	E. Orleans	1	S. Arena# + v.o.
1/28	Scituate	5	E. Cutler	Northern Gannet			
Arctic/Pacific Loon (details submitted)				1/2	Nantucket	5500+	R. Heil
2/18	Sandwich	1	S. Carroll#	1/14	P'town (R.P.)	100	S. Arena#
Common Loon				1/15	Orleans	350+	M. Lynch#
1/15	Ipswich	19	BBC (J. Nove)	2/5	Eatsham (F.E.)	58	S. Arena
1/15	Boston H.	7	TASL (M. Hall)	2/11	E. Orleans	75	B. Nikula#
1/21	Cape Ann	15	J. Berry#	Great Cormorant			
1/29	Wachusett Res.	9	J. Brown#	1/21	Rockport	100	J. Berry#
2/10	Westport	7	E. Nielsen	1/25	Vineyard Haven	125+	A. Brown
Pied-billed Grebe				1/29	Newburyport	225+	I. Lynch#
1/2	Plymouth	2	E. Weinheimer	2/10	Westport	80	E. Nielsen
1/13	Lakeville	4	K. Anderson	2/19	Gloucester	44	M. Lynch#
1/28	Hyannis	4	K. Weinheimer#	Double-crested Cormorant			
2/11	Plymouth	2	M. Lynch#	1/15	Westport	3	E. Nielsen
2/12	Wareham	5	J. Hoye#	1/15	Boston H.	35	TASL (M. Hall)
2/13	Nantucket	5	B. Weinig	1/29	Falmouth	2	R. Stymeist#
2/25	Belmont	2	D. F. Oliver	2/11	Cambridge	1	D. F. Oliver#
Horned Grebe				American Bittern			
1/7	Rockport	34	T. Young	1/1	Eastham	1	G. Ferguson
1/15	Boston H.	47	TASL (M. Hall)	1/2	Nantucket	1	S. Arena#
1/27	P.I.	27	M. Pelikan	1/14	P.I.	1	BBC (T. Young)
2/11	Newburyport	7	BBC (M. Rines)	Great Blue Heron			
2/19	Manchester	18	S. Arena	1/8	Framingham	6	K. Hamilton#
2/19	Westport	7	E. Nielsen	1/8	Eastham (F.H.)	2	K. Weinheimer#
Red-necked Grebe				1/8	Wareham	2	K. Anderson
1/15	Winthrop	99	TASL (M. Hall)	1/21	WBWS	2	K. Weinheimer#
1/21	Cape Ann	14	J. Berry#	1/25	Yarmouth	18	T. Aversa
2/19	Winthrop	36	R. Forster	2/11	Plymouth	8	M. Lynch#

Great Blue Heron (continued)				
2/25	Dartmouth	4	S. Arena	
2/27	Framingham	3	K. Hamilton	
Black-crowned Night-Heron				
thr	Vineyard Haven	33 max	A. Brown#	
1/2	Nantucket	1	G. d'Entremont#	
1/23	Dorchester	5	R. Donovan	
2/22	M. V.	2	v.o.	
Whooper Swan (probable escapes)				
1/22-2/18	M.V.	3	J. Verner + v.o.	
2/20	Ipswich	1	BBC (J. Berry)	
Tundra Swan				
1/3	Mashpee	1	P. Trimble	
Mute Swan				
1/21	Gloucester	13	J. Berry#	
1/23	Framingham	5	K. Hamilton	
2/12	Westport	102	M. Boucher	
Greater White-fronted Goose				
thr	Newbury/Newbypt	1	v.o.	
Snow Goose				
thr	Winthrop	2	v.o.	
1/8	E. Boston (B.L.)	2	G. Long	
1/15	Sterling	1 imm	R. Bradbury	
1/17	Concord (NAC)	1 imm	R. Forster	
2/18	Newburyport	4	S. Haydock	
2/20	Chilmark	1	A. Keith	
Brant				
1/8	Marion	35	K. Anderson	
1/15, 2/12	Boston H.	1146, 635	TASL	
1/22	Eastham (F.E.)	1920	BBC (B. Volkle)	
2/11	Plymouth	150+	M. Lynch#	
Barnacle Goose (probable escape)				
2/25	Dartmouth	1	S. Arena	
Canada Goose				
thr	Sherborn	500+	E. Taylor	
1/8	Newburyport	600+	M. Lynch#	
2/1	Newburyport	650	BBC (M. Rines)	
2/12	Boston H.	642	TASL (M. Hall)	
2/16	Wayland	300+	N. Patterson	
Wood Duck				
1/29	Eastham (F.H.)	1	G. d'Entremont#	
2/8	Edgartown	25	A. Ben David	
2/12	N. Dartmouth	2	M. Boucher	
2/18	Taunton	1 m	S. Arena	
2/18	Lakeville	1 m	S. Arena	
2/20	W. Boylston	1 m	M. Lynch#	
2/25	Orleans	2	B. Nikula	
2/26	Middleboro	2	K. Weinheimer#	
Green-winged Teal				
thr	Cambridge	6-10	M. Rines	
1/2	Nantucket	10	G. d'Entremont#	
1/8	Marstons Mills	40	P. Trimble	
1/15	Marlboro	6	R. Forster#	
1/24	W. Harwich	12	K. Hamilton	
1/27	Fall River	28	T. Aversa	
American Black Duck				
thr	P.I.	1165 max	W. Drew#	
1/11	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	206	LCES (J. Hill)	
1/15, 2/12	Boston H.	1589, 1112	TASL	
2/11	Plymouth	800+	M. Lynch#	
2/16	Cumb. Farms	128	S. Arena	
2/19	Westport	850	E. Nielsen	
Northern Pintail				
thr	Framingham	1 m	K. Hamilton#	
1/8	Rowley	2	J. Berry	
1/14	Cumb. Farms	3	T. Aversa	
1/15	Yarmouth	26	M. Lynch#	
1/21, 2/19	Wakefield	2	P. + F. Vale	
1/22	P.I.	45	E. Nielsen	
2/27	Framingham	1	K. Hamilton	
Blue-winged Teal				

2/18	W. Barnstable	1 m	M. Tuttle
Northern Shoveler			
1/1	Worcester	1	M. Lynch#
1/1-15	Marlboro	1 m	R. Walton#
1/7-31	Belmont	1 f	M. Rines + v.o.
1/16	Seekonk	2 m	M. Boucher
1/17	Somerset	1	M. LaBossiere
1/27-29	Marstons Mills	1 f	v.o.
1/30, 2/13	Boston (F.Pk)	1 f	T. Aversa
2/6	Edgartown	2	A. Ben David
2/18	Falmouth	1 f	M. Lynch#
Gadwall			
thr	Belmont	7-9	v.o.
1/2	Plymouth	15	K. Weinheimer
1/16	Seekonk	268	M. Boucher
1/17	Somerset	100+	M. LaBossiere
2/20	Plymouth	27	K. Weinheimer#
2/19	Gloucester	5	S. Arena
Eurasian Wigeon			
1/1-1/31	Belmont/Camb.	1	v.o.
1/28	Chatham	3 m	R. Stymeist#
2/11	E. Harwich	2 m	B. Nikula#
2/17	Nantucket	1 m	E. Andrews
2/20	Somerset	1 m	S. Davis
American Wigeon			
1/3	S. Carver	20	K. Anderson
1/15	Belmont	46	D. F. Oliver
1/27	New Bedford	14	T. Aversa
2/11	E. Harwich	40	B. Nikula#
Canvasback			
1/8	Wareham	65	K. Anderson#
1/14	Falmouth	50	J. Hoye#
1/15	Dennis	150	B. Nikula
1/15	Yarmouth	70	M. Lynch#
2/12	Westport	109	M. Boucher
2/23	Lakeville	65	K. Weinheimer#
Redhead			
1/14	Edgartown	3	A. Brown#
1/16	Seekonk	1 m	M. Boucher
2/7-26	Plymouth	2	v.o.
2/13-15	Nantucket	6	B. Weinig
Tufted Duck			
1/27-2/28	W. Boylston	1 m	F. McMenemy#
2/12-28	Taunton	1 m	S. Arena + v.o.
Ring-necked Duck			
thr	Framingham	42-44	K. Hamilton#
1/4	Newton	15	E. Cutler
1/8	Sterling	275	R. Bradbury
1/14	Bourne	30	J. Hoye#
1/21	Lakeville	40	S. Arena#
1/28	Wachusett Res.	200+	M. Lynch#
2/18	Falmouth	41	M. Lynch#
Greater Scaup			
1/15, 2/12	Boston H.	802, 364	TASL
1/10	Fairhaven	175	M. Boucher
1/28	Wachusett Res.	28	M. Lynch#
2/18, 2/25	Lakeville	16, 62	S. Arena
Lesser Scaup			
thr	Natick	pr	R. Forster#
1/8	Medford	2	P. + F. Vale
1/8	Wachusett Res.	1	R. Bradbury
1/13	Lakeville	7	K. Anderson
1/27	Fall River	pr	T. Aversa
2/18	Falmouth	114	M. Lynch#
Common Eider			
1/8	Plymouth H.	300	J. Hoye#
1/8	Marion	500	K. Anderson
1/15, 2/12	Boston H.	8118, 5514	TASL
1/21	Cape Ann	200+	J. Berry
2/11	Plymouth	2000+	M. Lynch#
2/11	Newbypt H.	1100	BBC (M. Rines)

Common Eider (continued)								
2/19	Westport	2000	E. Nielsen	1/19	Quabbin (G35)	195	J. Nove	
2/26	Buzzards Bay	2000	K. Weinheimer#	1/24	Acton	60	M. Resch	
King Eider				1/25	Yarmouth	46	T. Aversa	
1/30	Truro	1 imm m	W. Bailey#	1/29	Wachusett Res.	146	M. Lynch#	
Harlequin Duck				2/17	Taunton	29	S. Arena	
1/7	Rockport	16	T. Young	2/25	Belmont	22	D. F. Oliver	
1/8	Wellfleet H.	2	K. Weinheimer#	Red-breasted Merganser				
1/15	Duxbury	7	E. Neumuth	1/8	Buzzards Bay	150	K. Anderson#	
1/29	Squibnocket	50	A. Brown#	1/8	Sterling	1 f	R. Bradbury	
2/19	Sconset	6	E. Andrews#	1/15	Boston H.	726	TASL (M. Hall)	
2/19	Rockport (A.P.)	25	M. Lynch#	Ruddy Duck				
Oldsquaw				1/4	Newton	22	E. Cutler	
1/8	Newburyport	150+	M. Lynch#	1/6	S. Carver	11	J. Shaw	
1/21	Katama	300+	A. Brown	1/8	Framingham	48	K. Hamilton#	
2/20	Salisbury	600	E. Taylor	1/15	Dennis	6	B. Nikula	
Black Scoter				2/9	Lynn	4	J. Quigley#	
1/14	E. Orleans	400	B. Nikula	2/10	Gay Head	4	A. Fischer	
2/12	Nauset B.	200	J. Hoye#	2/18	Lakeville	3	S. Arena#	
2/17	P.I.	115	W. Drew#	2/19	Brookline	3	N. Komar	
Surf Scoter				thr	Reports of 1-2 indiv. from 7 locations			
1/15	Boston H.	206	TASL (M. Hall)	Black Vulture				
1/21	Cape Ann	26	J. Berry#	1/30	Randolph	1	N. Smith	
2/12	Orleans	15	J. Hoye#	Turkey Vulture				
2/20	Scituate	20	K. Weinheimer#	1/14	Plymouth	2	K. Weinheimer#	
White-winged Scoter				1/15	Westport	5	E. Nielsen	
1/7	P.I.	150	D. Chickering	1/15	S. Middleboro	2	P. Trimble	
1/15	Boston H.	736	TASL (M. Hall)	1/30	Randolph	13	N. Smith	
2/19	Rockport	175+	S. Arena	1/30	Plainville	2	G. Valade	
Common Goldeneye				2/16	W. Bridgewater	3	E. Weinheimer	
1/8	Rowley	90+	J. Berry	2/17	Wrentham	2	W. Riley	
1/10	Fairhaven	125	M. Boucher	2/20	Ipswich	1	BBC (J. Berry)	
1/15, 2/12	Boston H.	646, 469	TASL	2/25	Northboro	2	M. Lynch#	
1/21	Katama	250	A. Brown#	2/26	Barre	1	M. Lynch#	
1/22	Cape Ann	200+	D. Chickering	Bald Eagle				
2/11	Newburyport	200	BBC (M. Rines)	thr	Lakeville	2 ad + 1 imm	v.o.	
2/18	Lakeville	36	S. Arena#	1/3	Lincoln	1 ad	fide MAS	
2/19	Westport	150	E. Nielsen	1/8	Framingham	1 ad	P. Iarrobino#	
Barrow's Goldeneye				1/15, 1/27	Clinton	1 imm	M. Lynch + v.o.	
thr	Winthrop	1 m	v.o.	1/29	Lexington	1	T. Boyle	
1/8	Gloucester	1 m	BBC (W. Drummond)	1/29	Sudbury	1	H. Shaw	
1/8	Vineyard Haven	3	A. Brown	1/29	Newburyport	3	I. Lynch#	
1/15	Boston	1	D. Brown#	2/1-28	Brewster/Harwich	2 ad	v.o.	
1/15-2/25	Newbypt H.	1-4	v.o.	2/3, 2/19	Westport	1 ad	M. Boucher + v.o.	
1/22	Magnolia	1	C. Leahy	2/5	Freetown	1	D. McRae	
1/28	Winthrop	1	P. Fitzgerald	2/6	Dracut	1	M. Magee	
2/9	Wareham	1 f	M. Sylvia	2/9	Gay Head	1	A. Fischer	
2/18	Lakeville	1 f	S. Arena#	2/10	Plainville	1 ad	G. Valade	
Common Goldeneye x Barrow's Goldeneye				2/10, 24	Waltham	1	D. Hartman + v.o.	
1/15	Newburyport	1 m	J. Berry#	2/11	Eastham	1 ad	T. Cameron#	
Bufflehead				2/12	Wareham	1 ad	J. Hoye#	
1/8	Newburyport	200+	M. Lynch#	2/19	Taunton	2	P. Ferreira	
1/15, 2/12	Boston H.	1083, 858	TASL	2/20	Essex	1 ad	D. Ring	
2/2, 2/11	Somerville	5, 24	D. F. Oliver#	Northern Harrier				
2/10	Westport	122	E. Nielsen	thr	Cumb. Farms	21 max	v.o.	
2/18	Falmouth	160+	M. Lynch#	1/8	DWWS	5	S. Perkins#	
Hooded Merganser				1/22	Sandwich	2	P. Trimble	
1/4	Newton	75	E. Cutler	1/31, 2/14	W. Roxbury	2, 2	T. Aversa	
1/6	S. Carver	23	J. Shaw	2/20	P.I.	4	W. Drew#	
1/6	Petersham	81	R. Bradbury	2/20	Sudbury	2	R. Forster	
1/8, 2/27	Framingham	97, 17	K. Hamilton	2/20	Essex	4	T. Young#	
1/11	Cambridge	20	E. Malloy	2/26	Rowley	2 imm	J. Berry	
1/15	Belmont	24	G. d'Entremont#	1/3	S. Carver	1	K. Anderson	
1/22	Orleans	22	B. Volkle	1/13, 2/2	Wayland	1	N. Patterson	
2/18	Falmouth	69	M. Lynch#	Sharp-shinned Hawk				
2/26	W. Brookfield	27 f	M. Lynch#	1/14	Cumb. Farms	2	T. Aversa	
Common Merganser				1/15	Westport	3	E. Nielsen	
1/3	Dorchester	47	T. Aversa	2/2	Wareham	2	M. LaBossiere	
1/4	Newton	65	E. Cutler	2/11	Plymouth	2	M. Lynch#	
1/6	S. Carver	41	J. Shaw	thr	Reports of individuals from 21 loc.			
1/8, 2/27	Framingham	86, 38	K. Hamilton	Cooper's Hawk				
				thr	Reports of individuals from 25 loc.			

Northern Goshawk			1/1			Rochester	175	E. Weinheimer
1/13	Lakeville	1	K. Anderson#	1/1	Acton	60+	M. Lynch#	
1/30	Hopkinton	1 ad	R. Wolanin	1/2	W. Newbury	40	J. Brown#	
2/1	Boxford	1	D. Jewell#	1/4	Newton	100	E. Cutler	
2/10	Wareham	1	M. Sylvia	1/6	S. Carver	55	J. Shaw	
2/10	Franklin	1	J. Hoye#	1/13	Lakeville	85	K. Anderson	
2/12	Petersham	1 BBC (W. Drummond)		1/19	Norwood	35	C. McKenzie	
2/18	Taunton	1	M. Lynch#	1/31	Arlington	141	M. Rines	
2/20	Maynard	1 ad	L. Nachtrab	2/11	Plymouth	66	M. Lynch#	
Red-shouldered Hawk			2/17			35+	E. Andrews	
thr Reports of 1-29 indiv. from many loc.								
Black-bellied Plover								
1/14	Duxbury	8	E. Neumuth					
1/21	Katama	50	A. Brown#					
1/22	Westport	2	M. LaBossiere					
2/18	Katama	20	A. Keith					
Semipalmed Plover								
1/15	Revere	1	R. Stymeist#					
Killdeer								
1/2	Nantucket	3	G. d'Entremont#					
1/7	Gloucester	1	R. Lockwood					
1/8	Plymouth	1	R. Stymeist#					
1/15	Squantum	4	TASL (M. Hall)					
Greater Yellowlegs								
1/2	Nantucket	5 H. D'Entremont#						
1/8	Fairhaven	3 H. D'Entremont#						
1/14	M. V.	2 A. Brown#						
1/14	Falmouth	1 J. Hoye#						
2/25	Westport	1 S. Arena						
Ruddy Turnstone								
1/2	Winthrop	1 J. Berry						
1/2	Nantucket	15 G. d'Entremont#						
Sanderling								
1/2	Winthrop	100 J. Berry						
1/15	Revere	320 R. Stymeist#						
1/16	Barnstable	178 T. Cameron						
1/21	Katama	50 A. Brown#						
2/12	Westport	29 M. Boucher						
2/12	Revere	104 R. Stymeist#						
2/19	Salisbury	75 R. Heil						
Western Sandpiper (details submitted)								
1/14	Westport	1 M. Sylvia						
Purple Sandpiper								
1/21	Winthrop	31 M. Lynch#						
1/22	Westport	100+ M. LaBossiere						
2/5	Scituate	40 BBC (G. d'Entremont)						
2/7	Cape Ann	80 R. Forster#						
2/10	Westport	132 E. Nielsen						
2/19	Squibnocket	12 A. Keith						
Dunlin								
1/2	Winthrop	40 J. Berry						
1/8	Rowley	31 J. Berry						
1/14	Duxbury	300+ E. Neumuth						
1/15	Revere	91 TASL (M. Hall)						
1/16	Barnstable	45 T. Cameron						
2/5	Eastham (F.E.)	250+ S. Arena						
2/19	Westport	95 E. Nielsen						
2/20	Katama	35 A. Brown						
Common Snipe								
1/2	Nantucket	5 G. d'Entremont#						
1/8	Buzzards Bay	1 K. Anderson						
1/14	Newburyport	3 BBC (T. Young)						
1/23	Bourne	3 M. LaBossiere						
2/10	Bridgewater	2 S. Arena#						
2/18	Cumb. Farms	1 S. Arena#						
American Woodcock								
1/3	Wayland	1 N. Patterson						
1/12	M.V.	1 L. McDowell						
1/25	Marstons Mills	1 T. Aversa						
2/1	Milton	1 T. Cameron						
2/11	W. Bridgewater	1 T. Cameron#						
Virginia Rail								
1/12	Cotuit	4 P. Trimble						
American Coot								

American Woodcock (continued)							
2/16	Middleboro	3	S. Arena	1/2	Nantucket	2	R. Heil
Little Gull				1/15	Rockport (A.P.)	1	E. Salmela
1/2	Nantucket	2	R. Heil	1/22	Vineyard Haven	1 oiled	A. Brown
1/28	Vineyard Haven	1	V. Laux#	1/31	Stellwagen	2	S. Highley
Common Black-headed Gull				Razorbill			
1/1-30	Hardwick	1 imm	R. Bradbury	1/2	Winthrop	3	J. Berry
1/2	Nantucket	1	G. d'Entremont#	1/2	Nantucket	115	R. Heil
1/7	Winthrop	12	R. Lockwood	1/19	P'town (R.P.)	100	A. Strauss
1/14-2/25	Newburyport	1	v.o.	1/21	Katama	25	A. Brown#
1/16	New Bedford	1	D. Zimberlin	1/28	Orleans	83	M. Lynch#
1/16	Lynn	1	J. Quigley	1/28	Dennis	13	K. Weinheimer#
2/3	Newbypt H.	2	N. Nash	1/31	Stellwagen	53	S. Highley
2/4	Squibnocket	1	V. Laux	2/11	E. Orleans	20+	B. Nikula#
2/20	Nantucket	1	E. Andrews	2/19	Rockport (H.P.)	11	S. Arena
Bonaparte's Gull				2/20	Gay Head	10	A. Keith
1/2	Winthrop	145	J. Berry	Black Guillemot			
1/15	Westport	410	E. Nielsen	1/14	P'town (R.P.)	2	S. Arena#
1/16	Lynn	105	J. Quigley	1/21	Cape Ann	11	J. Berry#
2/13-15	Nantucket	1000+	B. Weinig	2/7	Cape Ann	18-20	R. Forster#
Mew Gull				Atlantic Puffin			
1/15-2/28	Winthrop	1 ad	G. d'Entremont#	1/31	Stellwagen	3	S. Highley
Ring-billed Gull				Large alcid species			
1/1	Worcester	300+	M. Lynch#	2/11	E. Orleans	200	B. Nikula#
1/16	Lynn	201	J. Quigley	Mourning Dove			
2/12	Newburyport	600+	M. Lynch#	1/8	Framingham	176	fide K. Hamilton
Herring Gull				1/22	Sandwich	140	P. Trimble
1/30	Acton	1200	M. Resch	Barn Owl			
Herring x Great Black-backed Gull				1/2	Nantucket	2	G. Frost#
thr	Lynn	1	J. Quigley	1/17-18	Pepperell	1	M. Resch
Iceland Gull				Eastern Screech-Owl			
1/1	Worcester	1	M. Lynch#	thr	Mt. A.	3	v.o.
1/7	Winthrop	3	R. Lockwood	1/1, 2/7	Ipswich	2, 4	J. Berry
1/13	Provincetown	7	T. Aversa	1/8	Framingham	5	K. Hamilton
1/22	P.I.	4	J. Berry	2/1-28	Arlington	2	R. Kaumeheiwa
1/27	Acton	3	M. Resch	2/11	E. Middleboro	6	K. Holmes
1/31	Stellwagen	1	S. Highley	Great Horned Owl			
2/19	Newburyport	11	R. Heil	1/6	Barre	2	M. Lynch#
2/20	Nantucket	6	E. Andrews	1/8	W. Gloucester	pr	R. Medic#
thr	Reports of indiv. from 4 locations			2/6-28	Essex	pr n	R. Young#
Lesser Black-backed Gull				2/7	Ipswich	4	J. Berry
1/21	W. Concord	1	R. Stymeist#	Snowy Owl			
1/29, 2/20	Nantucket	1	E. Andrews	1/1	Winthrop	1	P. + F. Vale
2/25	Westport	2 ad	S. Arena	1/8	Martha's Vineyard	1	A. Brown#
2/25	Taunton	1 3W	S. Arena	1/22	Newbypt/P.I.	3	J. Berry#
Glaucous Gull				2/7	Edgartown	1	F. Markwika
1/6	Sandwich	1	R. Lockwood	2/19	Nantucket	1	E. Andrews#
1/14	P'town H.	1 ad	S. Arena#	Barred Owl			
1/16	Salisbury	1	E. Cutler	1/6	Petersham	1	M. Lynch#
1/19	P'town (R.P.)	1	A. Strauss	1/8	Framingham	1	K. Hamilton
1/31	Acton	1 imm	M. Resch	Long-eared Owl			
2/11	Eastham	2	E. Nielsen	thr	Lexington	1	T. Cameron + v.o.
2/11, 19	Lynn	1	J. Quigley	2/8	Essex	1	T. Young
2/18	Newburyport	1 2W	T. Young	Short-eared Owl			
2/25	Gloucester	1	M. Resch	thr	Cumb. Farms	12 max	v.o.
Black-legged Kittiwake				1/2	Lakeville	1	J. Hoye#
1/14	E. Orleans	25	S. Arena#	1/8	DWWS	3	BBC (T. Prince)
1/19	P'town (R.P.)	24	A. Strauss	1/28	Katama	3-4	M. Curtin#
1/21	Katama	24	A. Brown#	2/7	Fairhaven	3	M. Boucher
1/21	Rockport	10-12	J. Berry#	2/19	Salisbury	1	R. Heil
2/5	Eastham (F.E.)	376	S. Arena	2/26	Rowley	1	J. Berry
2/11	E. Orleans	30+	B. Nikula#	Northern Saw-whet Owl			
Bridled Tern				1/2	Nantucket	1	G. d'Entremont
116	Hyannisport	1	N. Handy	1/6	Petersham	2	M. Lynch#
Dovekie				2/12, 20	Hamilton	1	J. Berry
1/2	Nantucket	1	R. Heil	2/16	Athol	6	D. Small
1/7	Rockport	1	T. Young	2/26	Weston	1	K. Griffis#
1/14	Provincetown	4	E. Salmela	Selasphorus hummingbird			
1/31	Stellwagen	8	S. Highley	1/1-25	Fairhaven	1	N. Mach + v.o.
1/21	Rockport (A.P.)	1	J. Berry#	Belted Kingfisher			
Thick-billed Murre				1/8	Framingham	5	K. Hamilton
				1/14	Outer Cape Cod	3	S. Arena#

Red-headed Woodpecker				2/1-28	Chelmsford	1	D. Dunn
thr	Georgetown	1 imm	v.o.	2/10	Northboro	1 f	B. Volkle
thr	Petersham	1 imm	v.o.	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			
1/8	W. Yarmouth	1 imm	P. Trimble	1/14	Worcester	1	R. Bradbury
Red-bellied Woodpecker				2/17	Watertown	1	N. Dane
thr	Acushnet	1 m	M. LaBossiere	Northern Flicker			
thr	Lincoln	1 m	S. Perkins	1/2	Nantucket	27	G. d'Entremont#
thr	Holliston	2	J. Howe	Pileated Woodpecker			
1/8	Westport	3	E. Salmela	1/6	Petersham	1	M. Lynch#
1/8	Edgartown	1	M. Donnelly	2/11	Belmont	1	M. Hall
1/13	Newburyport	1 M	R. Heil	2/14	Needham	1	D. MacIntyre
1/19	Acton	1	K. Castle	2/16	Lincoln	1	S. Perkins
1/29	Bourne	1	R. Stymeist#	2/19	Manchester	2	S. Charette

#### FLYCATCHERS THROUGH GROSBEAKS

The big story for this group was the exceptionally mild and snowless winter. Several indicator species such as Eastern Bluebird, American Robin, American Pipit, and (unfortunately) Brown-headed Cowbird were reported in unusually large flocks. Winter reports of some species are not entirely uncommon on Cape Cod and in Bristol County, but this year brought reports from throughout the region. Some of the birds in this group include Tree Swallow, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Hermit Thrush, Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Palm and Yellow-rumped warblers, Yellow-breasted Chat, Rufous-sided Towhee, and Chipping and Clay-colored sparrows.

Many unusual species were also noted, the most noteworthy being three **Mountain Bluebirds** at the Marconi area of South Wellfleet. This was only the third record of this species in Massachusetts, but certainly the most cooperative. They lingered in the area for many weeks and were seen by hundreds of birders. Good feeder birds included a **Western Tanager**, which visited two feeders in Belmont, and a **Painted Bunting**, which returned to a feeder in Brewster for a remarkable third consecutive year. Dickcissels were noted from two locations, and **Harris' Sparrows** were found on Nantucket and in Hopkinton.

A **Sedge Wren** was discovered at Fort Hill in Eastham, and a Northern Waterthrush was found in Marstons Mills, for only the third winter record of this species. Several single **Bohemian Waxwings** were noted, with the exception of over 10 individuals reported from Pembroke. Northern Shrikes were exceptionally well reported, and Red-breasted Nuthatches were virtually unreported, in stark contrast to last year's invasion.

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Eastern Phoebe				2/20	Royalston	1	M. Lynch#
1/14	Acushnet	1	M. LaBossiere	Red-breasted Nuthatch			
Horned Lark				1/2	Lakeville	1	J. Hoye#
1/8	P.I.	22	M. Lynch#	1/11	E. Boxford	2	J. Brown#
1/21	Cumb. Farms	200	S. Arena#	1/13	Quabbin	5	E. Nielsen
1/22	Eastham (F.E.)	42	K. Weinheimer#	1/26	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson
1/28	Wellfleet	15	E. Nielsen	1/28	Truro	3	BBC (R. Stymeist)
2/7	Fairhaven	85	M. Boucher	1/29	Wellfleet	1	G. d'Entremont
2/13	Newburyport	130	G. Long	2/1	Boxford	1	D. Jewell
2/25	Dartmouth	65	S. Arena	2/6	Rochester	2	M. LaBossiere
2/25	P.I.	89	M. Lynch#	2/20	Royalston	2	M. Lynch#
Tree Swallow				2/20	W. Boylston	2	M. Lynch#
1/21	Falmouth	20	C. Leahy	Brown Creeper			
1/24	Mashpee	3	S. Miller#	1/7	Medfield	2	E. Nielsen
2/5	Squibnocket	1	V. Laux	1/23	E. Middleboro	2	K. Anderson
American Crow				2/19	S. Natick	2	D. F. Oliver#
thr	Framingham	5200+	E. Taylor	Carolina Wren			
1/14	Methuen	5607	J. Hogan	1/1	Worcester	1	M. Lynch#
2/7	W. Roxbury	1000+	T. Aversa	1/8	Fairhaven	17	R. Stymeist#
2/26	Lawrence	3000+	E. Taylor	1/8	Westport	15	E. Salmela
Fish Crow				1/8	Framingham	7	fide K. Hamilton
thr	Framingham	2	E. Taylor	1/14	Belmont	1	R. Stymeist
thr	Mt.A.	1-8	v.o.	1/14	Lexington	1	M. Lynch#
1/8	Marstons Mills	1	P. Trimble	1/22	Westwood	1	E. Nielsen
1/22	Sandwich	2	P. Trimble	1/22	Sandwich	10	P. Trimble
1/23	Roslindale	2	T. Aversa	1/29	Falmouth	16	M. Rines#
2/7	W. Roxbury	3+	T. Aversa	2/5	Medford	1	P. + F. Vale
Common Raven				House Wren			
1/19	Quabbin (G35)	2	J. Nove	thr	Boston	1	T. Aversa
2/15	Bridgewater	1	A. Hankin	1/16	S. Dartmouth	1	T. Aversa
2/15	Clinton	1	C. Ralph#	1/22	Cumb. Farms	1	K. Anderson

Winter Wren				Cumb. Farms				54		R. Stymeist#
1/8	Framingham	2	C. Quinlan	1/29	N. Dartmouth	10	T. Aversa			T. Aversa
1/21	Woods Hole	4	P. Trimble	1/27	Sandwich	7	T. Aversa			T. Aversa
2/2	Wareham	2	M. LaBossiere	<b>Bohemian Waxwing</b>						
2/3	Marshfield	2	T. Aversa	1/14	W. Peabody	1	R. Donovan			
thr Reports of individuals from 10 loc.				1/20	N. Eastham	1 ph	R. Everett			R. Heil#
Sedge Wren				1/28	Wellfleet	1	R. Heil#			
1/8	Eastham (F.H.)	1	S. Arena	2/22	Pembroke	10-15	M. Dwyer			
Marsh Wren				<b>Cedar Waxwing</b>						
1/2	Nantucket	1	G. d'Entremont	1/2	Nantucket	50	G. d'Entremont			
1/14-24	Cumb. Farms	1	T. Aversa	1/3	Essex	60+	T. Young			
1/16	S. Dartmouth	1	T. Aversa	1/8	Sherborn	100	E. Taylor			
1/28	Cotuit	2	T. Aversa	1/13	W. Newbury	215+	R. Heil			
2/26	Westport	1	G. Gove#	1/22	Ipswich	200+	J. Berry			
Golden-crowned Kinglet				1/28	Eastham	100+	M. Lynch#			
1/13	Quabbin	15	E. Nielsen	2/20	S. Acton	50+	M. Blackshaw			
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				2/26	Worcester	75+	M. Lynch#			
1/1-2/15, 2/15-28	Wellesley	1, 2	R. Weinig	<b>Northern Shrike</b>						
1/1	Waltham	1	C. Ralph	thr	Sandwich	1	P. Trimble			
1/16	S. Dartmouth	1	T. Aversa	1/1-2	Nantucket	2	D. Lange			
1/15	Everett	1	R. Stymeist#	1/4	Ipswich	1	J. Nove			
1/16	Acushnet	2	D. Zimberlin	1/7-2/10	P.I.	1-2	v.o.			
1/19	Lakeville	1	M. LaBossiere	1/7	Dorchester	1	T. Cameron#			
1/21	Woods Hole	1	P. Trimble	1/8, 2/21	Rockport	1, 1	C. Leahy, N. Nash			
1/21	Milton	1	J. Cameron	1/13, 2/10	Wayland	1	N. Patterson			
1/21	Centerville	1	G. Ferguson	1/15	Princeton	1 imm	R. Bradbury			
1/22	Watertown	1	R. Stymeist	1/15-2/18	Eastham (F.H.)	1 ad	v.o.			
1/22	Boston	1	T. Aversa	1/16	Orleans	1	T. Cameron			
1/29	Bourne	1	R. Stymeist#	1/27	Whitman	1	K. Holmes			
2/5	Waltham	1	C. Ralph	1/30	Provincetown	1	W. Bailey#			
2/15	W. Roxbury	1	M. Rines	2/1	Edgartown	1	A. Mohrman			
Eastern Bluebird				2/2	Truro	1	J. Sones#			
1/2, 2/7	N. Attleboro	9, 21	G. Valade	2/11	Gay Head	1	A. Fischer			
1/6	Edgartown	15	J. Verner	2/18	Middleboro	1 imm	S. Arena#			
1/28	Wellfleet	20	P. Trimble	<b>Orange-crowned Warbler</b>						
1/29	Barnstable	12	G. d'Entremont#	1/2	Boston	1	T. Aversa			
1/29	Cumb. Farms	35	R. Stymeist#	2/3	Harwich Port	1	B. Nikula			
2/1-28	Rochester	10	fide F. Smith	<b>Yellow-rumped Warbler</b>						
thr Reports of 1-9 indiv. from 18 loc.				1/15	Brewster	30+	M. Lynch#			
Mountain Bluebird				1/15	Westport	17	E. Nielsen			
1/27-2/28	Wellfleet	3	E. Hoopes + v.o.	1/16	P.I.	8	K. Disney			
Hermit Thrush				1/28	Wellfleet	60	E. Nielsen			
1/8	Marstons Mills	1	P. Trimble	1/29	Squibnocket	50	A. Brown#			
1/8	Ipswich	1-2	J. Berry	2/20	Scituate	18	K. Weinheimer			
1/8	Fairhaven	4	R. Stymeist#	2/25	Dartmouth	15	S. Arena			
1/15	Westport	3	E. Nielsen	2/26	Falmouth	20	K. Weinheimer#			
2/22	Concord	1	M. Schwope	<b>Pine Warbler</b>						
2/25	Dartmouth	1	S. Arena	thr	Yarmouthport	2	K. Hamilton			
American Robin				1/14	Katama	1	A. Brown#			
1/13	W. Newbury	135+	R. Heil	1/16	S. Dartmouth	2	T. Aversa			
1/15	N. Dartmouth	225	M. Boucher	1/29	Wellfleet	4	E. Nielsen			
1/22	Sandwich	500	P. Trimble	2/1-28	Dover	1	P. Hallowell			
1/28	Eastham	200+	M. Lynch#	<b>Palm Warbler</b>						
2/5	Acushnet	200	M. Boucher	1/2	Nantucket	1	G. d'Entremont#			
2/20	Ipswich	275+	BBC (J. Berry)	1/3	Dorchester	1	fide MAS			
2/22	Wayland	150+	N. Patterson	1/16	S. Dartmouth	1	T. Aversa			
Gray Catbird				1/22	Forestdale	3	P. Trimble			
1/8	Fairhaven	4	R. Stymeist#	1/24	Cumb. Farms	2	T. Aversa			
1/15	Eastham	2	M. Lynch#	1/27	Fairhaven	6	T. Aversa			
1/15	Westport	3	E. Nielsen	<b>Northern Waterthrush</b>						
1/29	Gay Head	4	A. Brown#	1/1-14	Marstons Mills	1	v.o.			
1/29	Woods Hole	7	R. Stymeist#	<b>Yellow-breasted Chat</b>						
2/5	Marshfield	1	BBC (G. d'Entremont)	1/7	Dorchester	1	T. Cameron#			
2/14	W. Roxbury	1	T. Aversa	2/18	Falmouth	1	M. Lynch#			
2/18	Falmouth	7	M. Lynch#	<b>Western Tanager</b>						
Brown Thrasher				thr	Belmont	1	J. Campbell, G. Speck			
1/1-2/8	Boston	1	T. Aversa	<b>Painted Bunting</b>						
1/15, 2/11	Westport	1	E. Nielsen	thr	Brewster	1 m	A. Furman + v.o.			
1/29	Chappaquiddick	1	J. Cressy#	<b>Dickcissel</b>						
American Pipit				1/1-8	Melrose	1	D. Jewell + v.o.			
1/16	S. Dartmouth	44	T. Aversa	1/16	S. Dartmouth	1	T. Aversa			



Brown-headed Cowbird (continued)									
1/15	Sudbury	50	R. Forster#	1/13	W. Newbury	1	R. Heil		
1/16	S. Dartmouth	350	T. Aversa	1/21	Middleboro	1	S. Arena#		
1/24	Yarmouthport	72	K. Hamilton	2/3	Scituate	1	L. Burbank		
2/5	Harwich Port	12	B. Nikula	2/4	Acushnet	1 m	M. LaBossiere		
2/19	Wakefield	16	P. + F. Vale	2/19	Cambridge	1	R. Graf		
Northern Oriole				House Finch					
1/14	Newbury	1	R. Heil	1/8	Framingham	319	fide K. Hamilton		
1/19-23	Watertown	1	L. Coccia	White-winged Crossbill					
2/2	Edgartown	1	A. Colter	2/10	W. Boylston	8	B. LaBrie		
2/27	Mt.A.	1 m	fide J. Heywood	American Goldfinch					
Purple Finch				1/13	W. Newbury	103	R. Heil		
				1/22	Sandwich	150	P. Trimble		

#### LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ad	adult	H.	Harbor
alt	alternate	I.	Island
b	banded	L.	Ledge
br	breeding	M.V.	Martha's Vineyard
dk	dark (phase)	Mt.A.	Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge
f	female	Newbypt	Newburyport
imm	immature	P.I.	Plum Island
ind	individuals	Pd	Pond
juv	juvenile	P'town	Provincetown
loc	location	Res.	Reservoir
lt	light (phase)	R.P.	Race Point, Provincetown
m	male	S. Dart.	South Dartmouth
max	maximum	S.F.	State Forest
mi	mile	S.N.	Sandy Neck, Barnstable
migr	migrating	S.P.	State Park
n	nesting	Stellw.	Stellwagen Bank
ph	photographed	Worc.	Worcester
pl	plumage	BBC	Brookline Bird Club
pr	pair	BMB	Broad Meadow Brook, Worcester
S	summer (1S = first summer)	CBC	Christmas Bird Count
thr	throughout	CCBC	Cape Cod Bird Club
v.o.	various observers	DWWS	Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary
W	winter (2W = second winter)	EMHW	Eastern Massachusetts Hawk Watch
w/	with	GMNWR	Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge
yg	young	HRWMA	High Ridge Wildlife Management Area, Gardner-Westminster
#	additional observers	IRWS	Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary
A.P.	Andrews Point, Rockport	LCES	Lloyd Center for Environmental Studies
A.Pd	Allens Pond, S. Dartmouth	MARC	Massachusetts Avian Records Committee
B.	Beach	MAS	Massachusetts Audubon Society
B.I.	Belle Isle, E. Boston	MBO	Manomet Observatory
Cambr.	Cambridge	MBWMA	Martin Burns Wildlife Management Area, Newbury
C.P.	Crooked Pond, Boxford	MNWS	Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary
Cumb.	Farms Cumberland Farms, Middleboro-Halifax	MSSF	Myles Standish State Forest
E.P.	Eastern Point, Gloucester	NAC	Nine Acre Corner, Concord
F.E.	First Encounter Beach, Eastham	NEHW	New England Hawk Watch
F.H.	Fort Hill, Eastham	ONWR	Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge
F.P.	Fresh Pond, Cambridge	SRV	Sudbury River Valley
F.Pk	Franklin Park, Boston	TASL	Take A Second Look Harbor Census
G40	Gate 40, Quabbin	WBWS	Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
G45	Gate 45, Quabbin		