

BIRD SIGHTINGS

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 1997

SUMMARY

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January 1997 was mild, dry and on the sunny side. There were wide variations in temperature, with seven days recording readings of 50° or higher. The high was 55° on January 25. The low recorded at Boston was zero on January 19, the first zero reading since January 27, 1994. Precipitation totaled 2.5 inches, 1.09 inches less than average, and snowfall was recorded at 9.7 inches, 2.9 inches less than normal. On the 31st, a prolonged period of light rain produced very slippery surface conditions and caused numerous accidents. The very dangerous conditions continued into the morning of February 1. February was also mild, averaging 5.7° above normal. This was the seventh warmest February in 129 years. The high was 66° on the 22nd, and the temperature reached 64° on the 19th and 61° on the 21st. Rainfall reached 1.55 inches, 1.25 inches less than average, and snowfall totaled 4.8 inches, 6.9 inches under the average. The deepest snow cover was 3 inches, a great contrast to last year.

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LOONS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

An "Arctic/Pacific" type loon reported from Boston Harbor was seen by two observers on February 9, but later attempts to relocate the bird were unsuccessful. This species is included on the Review List of the Massachusetts Avian Records Committee (MARC), and beginning with this issue of *Bird Observer*, Review List species will be noted with an asterisk (*) to indicate that the report is pending a vote by the MARC. An **Eared Grebe**, initially discovered in October 1996, remained at Eastern Point in Gloucester through the beginning of February. One or two American Bitterns are routinely reported in midwinter, but seldom from as far north as the one seen on Plum Island in January. The **Least Bittern** reported from Cotuit represented only the third ever in Massachusetts in winter, the second being a bird discovered in Newburyport during the 1996 Newburyport Christmas Bird Count in December.

Mild temperatures in late December and early January kept many lakes and ponds free of ice, and as a result, waterfowl were reported in above-average numbers. Among these were a few unusual species. **Tundra Swans** on Nantucket and in Newton were a pleasant surprise, and **Greater White-Fronted Geese** were reported from several locations, including individuals in Wellesley and the Ipswich area that lingered for most of the reporting period. Unusually high numbers of Snow Geese were reported. **Eurasian Wigeon** are regular visitors to Plymouth and Cape Cod during winter months, but reports from Plum Island and in the Belmont area were unusual. The Belmont Eurasian Wigeon frequented areas where another individual was seen last winter, and is presumably the same one reported later from the adjacent town of Arlington. **Tufted Duck**, historically rare in Massachusetts, has become almost an annual winter visitor to the state, with two individuals reported during January and February. **King Eider** are usually seen singly in our waters, so reports of three individuals in Rockport and two in Sandwich were noteworthy.

A large Turkey Vulture roost on the Westport/Dartmouth town line was found to include two **Black Vultures**. As the vulture flies, Bourne is a short glide from Westport, and Chatham not much more, so reports from these towns could have involved the same birds. Bald Eagles were widely reported, as were Red-shouldered Hawks, but it was a poor winter for Rough-legged Hawks. Three inland reports of Merlin were unusual, and suggest the changing status of this interesting little raptor. A **Gyrfalcon** in Lowell was photographed, and is described in more detail in this issue of *Bird Observer*.

An exceptionally warm day on February 22 coincided with the first reports of migrant Killdeer and displaying American Woodcock. Black-headed Gulls were more widely reported than usual, but reports from the Winthrop area, where they have recently wintered in greater numbers, were low. This decline may relate to a reduction in the discharge of sewage into Boston Harbor from the Deer Island waste water facility. A **Mew Gull** in Winthrop was reported by numerous observers, although no details have been submitted to the MARC. A report of a second **Mew Gull** in South Boston (possibly the same individual) was accompanied by

details. Among alcids, Razorbills were very poorly reported. Two oiled Common Murres were discovered in early February on Cape Cod beaches, but as is usually the case, the source of the oil remained a mystery.

Snowy Owls were well reported, especially from Logan Airport in Boston, Duxbury and Nantucket. The bird of the season was Boston's Back Bay Boreal Owl. Originally reported in November, it continued to delight hundreds of visitors into the new year. Five reports of Red-headed Woodpeckers represented a relatively high midwinter total.

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Date	Location	Number	Observers	Date	Location	Number	Observers
Red-throated Loon				1/1	Wood's Hole	81	G. d'Entremont#
1/12	Boston H.	4	TASL (M. Hall)	1/4	Rockport	300	P. + F. Vale
1/20	Provincetown	25	W. Ellison	1/18	Lawrence	10	J. Hogan
2/8	Winthrop	3	M. Pelikan	2/8-9	No. Scituate	70	K. Godfrey
2/9	Boston H.	11	TASL (M. Hall)	2/9	Rockport	85	J. Berry
Arctic/Pacific Loon (details submitted) *				2/9	Boston H.	7	TASL (M. Hall)
2/9	Boston H.	1	B. Zuzavich#	2/15	Gloucester	45	J. Berry
Common Loon				2/16	Newbypt	35	J. Berry
1/4	Rockport	8	P. + F. Vale	Double-crested Cormorant			
1/12	Boston H.	3	TASL (M. Hall)	1/1	Wood's Hole	6	R. Styneist#
1/20	Provincetown	13	W. Ellison	1/4	Provincetown	1	B. Nikula#
1/20	Ipswich	11	J. Berry	1/5	Nantucket	2	G. d'Entremont#
2/2	Salisbury	15	M. Lynch#	1/11	Cambridge	1	R. Styneist
2/9	Rockport	1	J. Berry	1/18	Lawrence	1	J. Hogan
2/9	Boston H.	4	TASL (M. Hall)	1/20	Lakeville	1	D. Sandee
2/23	Cape Ann	8	J. Berry	2/1	Falmouth	2	H. Wiggin#
Pied-billed Grebe				2/12	Boston	3	J. Berry
1/1-31	Lynn	1-2	J. Quigley	American Bittern			
1/2-16	Salem	1	L. Healy	1/15	P.I.	1	fide B. Gette
1/3	Medford	1	D. + I. Jewell	2/7	Eastham (F.H.)	2	P. Trull#
1/4	Arlington	2	M. Pelikan	Least Bittern			
1/4	Nantucket	8	G. d'Entremont#	1/12	Cotuit	1	R. Lancaster
1/7	Framingham	1	K. Hamilton	Great Blue Heron			
1/9	Wareham	5	R. Finch	1/3	Nantucket	6	G. d'Entremont#
1/19	Bolton	1	L. Hennin	1/7	Framingham	3	K. Hamilton
2/1	Falmouth	2	S. + L. Hennin	1/21	Boston	3	K. Hudson
2/8	Wayland	1	N. Patterson	1/26	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	5	LCES (J. Hill)
2/16	Eastham	2	W. Petersen#	2/8	Chatham	5	R. Finch
2/21	Marstons Mills	1	G. d'Entremont	2/14	Boston	3	K. Hudson
Horned Grebe				2/21	Plymouth	5	G. d'Entremont
1/1	Winthrop	28	P. + F. Vale	Black-crowned Night-Heron			
1/4	Rockport	15	P. + F. Vale	1/4	Nantucket	5	G. d'Entremont#
1/12	Boston H.	40	TASL (M. Hall)	1/20	Boston	1	K. Hudson
1/19	P.I.	18	BBC (D. Oliver)	2/1	Falmouth	1	H. Wiggin#
1/21	Truro	7	W. Ellison	2/1	Saugus	1	J. Quigley
2/2	Salisbury	20	M. Lynch#	Tundra Swan			
2/8	Newbypt	12	R. Donovan	1/16	Nantucket	1	E. Ray
2/9	Boston H.	81	TASL (M. Hall)	2/28	Newton	1	C. Hepburn, D. Oliver
2/23	Cape Ann	25	D. Chickering	Whooper Swan			
Red-necked Grebe				2/22	Ipswich	1	R. Styneist#
1/1	Winthrop	15	P. + F. Vale	2/23	P.I.	4	BBC (M. Burns)
1/2	Hull	55	N. Swirka	Mute Swan			
1/4	Rockport	8	P. + F. Vale	2/9	Boston H.	20	TASL (M. Hall)
1/12	Winthrop	12	F. Bouchard	Greater White-fronted Goose			
1/12	Boston H.	12	TASL (M. Hall)	1/4-26	Ipswich/Hamilton	1-2	v.o.
2/1	Newbypt H.	3	J. Berry	1/6-2/25	Wellseley	1 imm	R. Forster + v.o.
2/8	Eastham	1	R. Forster	1/20	New Bedford	1	M. Boucher
2/9	Boston H.	13	TASL (M. Hall)	2/10	Newbury	1	D. + I. Jewell
2/15	E. Gloucester	7	J. Berry	Snow Goose			
2/23	Cape Ann	8	J. Berry	thr	Arlington	1	M. Rines
2/23	Gloucester	15	D. Chickering	1/1-11	Ipswich	1	J. Berry
2/28	N. Scituate	22	v.o.	1/1	P.I.	1	P. + F. Vale
Eared Grebe (details submitted) *				1/4	Wellfleet H.	1	G. Martin
1/1-02/8	Gloucester	1	J. Soucy + v.o.	1/7	Melrose	1 imm	D. + I. Jewell
Northern Gannet				1/12	Ipswich	1	D. Sandee
1/19	Duxbury B.	2	SSBC (N. Swirka)	1/18	Hamilton	1 ad	R. Styneist
1/23	Provincetown	20	J. Sones	1/24	Dighton	2	E. Brunkhurst
2/2	P.I.	1	M. Pelikan	2/2	Nantucket	1	fide E. Ray
2/9	Boston H.	2	TASL (M. Hall)	2/22	P.I.	5	R. Heil
2/22	Rockport	25 ad	R. Heil	2/23	E. Bridgewater	1 imm	R. Finch
Great Cormorant				2/24	Newbypt/P.I.	5	S. Perkins#

Oldsquaw				Black Vulture			
1/12	Boston H.	4	TASL (M. Hall)	1/6	Bourne	1	M. Boucher#
1/18	Newbypt H.	500	H. Wiggins#	1/26-2/28	Dartmouth	1-2	BBC (R. Styneist)
2/2	Newbypt	250	M. Lynch#	2/1	Chatham	1	W. Bailey#
2/9	Boston H.	27	TASL (M. Hall)	Turkey Vulture			
Black Scoter				1/1-31	Dartmouth	50+	J. Clancy
1/3	Nant. Sound	27	G. d'Entremont#	2/16	Pocasset	1	L. Cocco
2/23	Rockport	45	M. Lynch#	2/18	Arlington	1	D. Chickering
Surf Scoter				2/22	Newbury	1	R. Styneist#
1/1	Winthrop	3	P. + F. Vale	2/22	Waltham	1	R. Forster
1/3	Nant. Sound	400	G. d'Entremont#	2/22	Dedham	1	E. Kile
1/12	Boston H.	27	TASL (M. Hall)	2/22	Maynard	6	L. Nachtrab
2/9	Boston H.	46	TASL (M. Hall)	2/22	GMNWR	1	M. Pelikan
White-winged Scoter				2/23-28 General arrival			
1/3	Nant. Sound	250	G. d'Entremont#	Bald Eagle			
1/12	Boston H.	243	TASL (M. Hall)	1/2, 22	Wayland	1	N. Patterson
2/9	Boston H.	621	TASL (M. Hall)	1/5	Natick	1 imm	M. King
Common Goldeneye				1/7	Winchendon	1 ad	C. Crosby
1/1	Winthrop	35	P. + F. Vale	1/8	Salisbury	1	B. Gette
1/7	Framingham	14	K. Hamilton	1/8	Duxbury	1 imm	D. Ludlow
1/12	Boston H.	337	TASL (M. Hall)	1/10-15	M.V.	2	fide V. Laux
1/20	Rowley	36	J. Berry	1/18	Lawrence	4	J. Hogan
2/2	Newbypt	100	D. Chickering	1/19	Lakeville	1	D. Small#
2/9	Boston H.	675	TASL (M. Hall)	1/20	Wareham	1 ad	M. Boucher
2/15	Rowley	90	J. Berry	1/21-25	Waltham	1	M. Beckwith + v.o.
2/16	Newbypt/Salis.	800	M. Lynch#	1/21	Pembroke	2	C. Sherman
Barrow's Goldeneye				1/22	Fall River	1	F. Thurber
thr	Newbypt	1-2	v.o.	1/23	Danvers	1 ad	L. Healy
1/1-2/13	Winthrop	1	v.o.	1/24	Amesbury	1 ad	D. + I. Jewell
1/1	Chilmark	1 f	D. Lange#	1/24	Lakeville	2	B. Wicks
1/2	M.V. (East Chop)	2 m	A. Keith	1/24	Sudbury	1 imm	R. Forster
1/12	Quincy	2 m	B. Zuzavich	1/28	Plymouth	1	P. Hecht
1/12	Boston H.	3	TASL (M. Hall)	1/28	Dracut	2	R. LeTendre
1/18	New Bedford	2	G. Gove	1/28	Boylston	2	J. Liller
1/21	Beverly	1 m	L. Healy	1/29	Wachusett Res.	2 imm	M. Lynch#
1/26	Quincy	1	B. Zuzavich	1/30	S. Carver	1 ad	J. Shaw
1/29	Osterville	2	fide J. Jones	1/31	Wareham	1	M. LeBossiere
2/1	Oak Bluffs	2	V. Laux#	2/1-10	Hanson	1 ad	J. Hall
2/2	Chappaquiddick	1 m	A. Keith#	2/2	Westport	2	F. Thurber
2/15	Plymouth	1 f	R. Heil	2/7	P.I.	1	W. Drew#
2/17	Nantucket	2	fide E. Ray	2/7	Pepperell	1 imm	E. Stromsted
2/22	Gloucester	1 m	R. Heil	2/12-15	W. Tisbury	1 imm	v.o.
Bufflehead				2/12	Chilmark	1 ad	S. Kelly#
1/11	Lynn	300	M. Lynch#	2/22	Petersham	4	SSBC (D. Ludlow)
1/12	Boston H.	953	TASL (M. Hall)	2/23	Newbypt area	3	BBC (M. Burns)
2/2	Newbypt/Salis.	1200	M. Lynch#	2/24-25	Wayland	1 imm	K. Hamilton
2/9	Boston H.	1484	TASL (M. Hall)	2/28	S. Hanson	3	W. Petersen
Hooded Merganser				Northern Harrier			
1/1	Plymouth	40	M. Lynch#	thr	Cumb. Farms	2-8	v.o.
1/7	Framingham	43	K. Hamilton	1/1	DWWS	2	D. Furbish
1/18	Medford	17	M. Rines	1/9	Dedham	1	N. Komar
2/1	Oak Bluffs	75	V. Laux	1/12	Rowley	1	J. Berry
2/8	Eastham	35	R. Forster	1/19	Barnstable	1	N. Komar
thr	Reports of 1-8 indiv. from 12 loc.			1/19	Truro	2	W. Ellison#
Common Merganser				1/19	P.I.	2	D. Oliver
1/4	Cambridge	25	R. Styneist	1/19	Bourne	1	R. Finch
1/7	Framingham	161	K. Hamilton	2/24	Salisbury	2	S. Perkins#
1/18	Medford	34	M. Rines	Sharp-shinned Hawk			
1/20	Wareham	42	M. Boucher	thr	Reports of indiv. from 28 locations		
2/22	N. Andover	60	E. Stromsted	Cooper's Hawk			
2/22	Southboro	100	E. Taylor	thr	Reports of indiv. from 39 locations		
2/22	Wayland	67	N. Patterson	Northern Goshawk			
Red-breasted Merganser				1/4, 2/1	Newbury	1	P. + F. Vale
1/12	Boston H.	524	TASL (M. Hall)	1/7	Groton	1	T. Pirro
2/9	Boston H.	716	TASL (M. Hall)	1/16	Beverly	1	J. Brown#
Ruddy Duck				1/25	Middleboro	1	S. + L. Hennin
thr	Medford	49 max	M. Rines	2/4	Chatham	1	R. Clem
1/1	Plymouth	2	M. Lynch#	2/16	E. Boxford	1 ad	J. Brown#
1/1	Lakeville	6	M. Boucher	2/20	Hopkinton	1	R. Wolanin
1/4	Nantucket	1 f	G. d'Entremont#	2/22	Newbypt	1 imm	R. Heil
1/5	Falmouth	4	B. Parker	2/22	Groton	1	E. Stromsted
1/12	Boston	50	A. Young				

Red-shouldered Hawk									
1/1-31 DWWS	1 imm	v.o.	thr	Arlington	85 max	M. Rines			
1/3 Wayland	1	R. Forster	1/2	Eastham	65	R. Forster			
1/15 Essex	1	J. Brown#	1/20	Lynn	14	R. Forster			
1/18 Westport	1	G. Gove	1/28	Nantucket	36	E. Ray			
1/27 S. Dartmouth	1	M. Boucher	2/1	Wareham	9	J. Titus			
1/30 Norwell	1	R. Shea	2/16	Lynn	12	J. Brown#			
2/2 Halifax	1	K. Anderson	1/1	Chilmark	4	G. d'Entremont#			
2/6-28 E. Middleboro	pr	K. Anderson	1/9	Plymouth	1	R. Finch			
2/8 Lexington	1	C. Cook	1/19	Orleans	1	B. Parker			
2/9 S. Dartmouth	1	D. Larson	2/8	Cumb. Farms	1	R. Finch			
2/12 Hanover	3	W. Petersen	2/22	P.I.	4	S. Moore			
2/16 Lincoln	2	R. Styemeist#	2/22	Ipswich	7	R. Heil			
2/16 Sudbury	1 ad	J. Hoye#	2/22	Newbury	5	R. Heil			
2/18 Westport	1	D. Chickering	2/22	Essex	1	J. Hoye#			
2/21 Medford	1	M. Rines#	2/22	Winthrop	2	R. Forster#			
2/22 GMNWR	1	M. Pelikan	2/22	Arlington Res	1	M. Pelikan			
2/22 Carlisle	1	D. Sandee	2/22	Lexington	1	M. Pelikan			
2/28 S. Hanson	1	W. Petersen							
2/28 E. Boxford	2	K. Disney							
Rough-legged Hawk									
1/4-2/3 P.I.	1-2	v.o.							
1/6 Cumb. Farms	1	R. Finch	1/3	Nantucket	9	G. d'Entremont#			
1/10 Salisbury	1 lt	D. + I. Jewell	2/3	Gloucester	2	B. Parker			
1/12 Rowley	1 lt	J. Berry	2/16	Rockport	2	L. Nachtrab			
1/12 Ipswich	1	D. Sandee							
1/21 Ipswich	1	K. Disney							
2/3 Cumb. Farms	1	M. Boucher							
2/17 Nantucket	1	fide E. Ray							
American Kestrel									
1/5, 1/29 Boston	7, 3	N. Smith							
thr		Reports of indiv. from 20 locations							
Merlin									
1/22 Wayland	1	N. Patterson	1/4	P'town (R.P.)	2	G. Martin			
2/14 Cambridge	1	C. Cook	2/9	No. Scituate	3	K. Godfrey			
2/11, 28 Wellesley	1	R. Forster							
thr		Reports of indiv. from 14 coastal loc.							
Gyrfalcon									
2/1 Lowell	1	L. Hunnewell							
Peregrine Falcon									
thr	Boston	1-2	v.o.						
1/4 Gloucester	1	H. Wiggin#	1/1	2/16 Westport	9	M. Boucher			
1/11 Newbypt	1	E. Tarry	1/12	Boston H.	29	TASL (M. Hall)			
1/17 Peabody	1	P. Roberts	1/19	Rockport	25	J. Berry#			
1/24 Salisbury	1	D. + I. Jewell	1/20	Marblehead	60	R. Forster			
1/26 Newbury	1	J. Brown#	2/7	Marshfield	65	D. Clapp			
2/17 Natick	1	D. Larson	2/8	Winthrop	4	S. + L. Hennin			
2/17 Nantucket	1	fide E. Ray	2/9	Manomet	15	E. Kile			
2/28 P.I.	1 ad	M. Pelikan	2/9	Boston H.	11	TASL (M. Hall)			
Ruffed Grouse				2/15	Newbypt	15+	fide S. Grinley		v.o.
1/5 Kingston	1 m	D. Ludlow#	2/28	N. Scituate	250				
1/5 Wayland	1	N. Patterson							
1/24 Worc. (BMB)	1	B. Rasku							
2/8 Boxford	1	P. + F. Vale							
2/9 Topsfield	1	R. Finch							
2/12 Medford	2	D. + I. Jewell							
2/24 Kingston	1	D. Ludlow							
Wild Turkey									
1/1-31 Braintree	1	R. Campbell + v.o.							
1/15 Gardner	66	T. Pirro							
1/16 S. Dartmouth	2	M. Boucher	1/1	Katama	1	A. Keith			
1/24 Worc. (BMB)	5	B. Rasku	1/4	Lynn	2	L. Healy			
2/8 Newbypt	20+	C. Cook	1/6	Winthrop	3	R. Cressman			
2/8 Petersham	18	M. Lynch#	1/1-2/28	Newbypt	1	v.o.			
2/21 Medford	1	M. Rines#	1/10-28	S. Boston	1-2	R. Donovan#			
2/22 Petersham	11	SSBC (D. Ludlow)	1/31	Cotuit	1 ad.	G. Martin			
Northern Bobwhite			1/20-2/28	Gloucester	1-2 1W	v.o.			
1/7 Newton	3 f	H. Miller	1/25	E. Boston	1 ad	J. Quigley			
2/15 Cumb. Farms	1	G. d'Entremont	1/26	Rockport	1	S. Gaulin			
Virginia Rail			2/2	Nantucket	1	fide E. Ray			
1/11 Barnstable (S.N.)	1	B. Zuzavich	2/9	Boston H.	3	TASL (M. Hall)			
American Coot			2/19	Lynn	1	J. Quigley			

Bonaparte's Gull					2/17	Wayland	1	N. Patterson
1/1	Salisbury	1	J. Berry		Great Horned Owl	1, 2	J. Berry	
1/6	Bourne	23	M. Boucher		1/1, 2/9	Ipswich	1	R. Stymeist
1/11	Lynn	170	M. Lynch#		1/2	Mt.A.	2, 1	S. + L. Hennin
1/28	Nantucket	500	E. Ray		1/3, 2/2	Bolton	2	F. Sutton
2/2	Newbypt	7	M. Lynch#		1/16	Boston	1	D. + I. Jewell
2/9	Boston H.	13	TASL (M. Hall)		1/19	Essex	1	C. Warren
Mew Gull (no details)*					1/31	E. Boston	1	H. Wiggin#
1/1-2/28	Winthrop	1	v.o.		2/2	Brookline	1	R. Finch
Mew Gull (details submitted)*					2/7	Cumb. Farms	1	C. Cook
1/1-28	S. Boston	1	R. Donovan + v.o.		2/9	Lexington	1	M. Rines
Iceland Gull					2/13	Medford	1	D. + I. Jewell
1/4	Acton	3	C. Paine		2/16	Concord	1	M. Boucher
1/8	Newbypt	4	B. Gette		2/23	S. Dartmouth	2	D. Sandee
1/11	P'town	5+	J. Young		2/23	Newbury	pr	
1/22	Gloucester	2	R. Forster		Snowy Owl			
2/2	Nantucket	28	fide E. Ray		thr	Newbypt/P.I.	1-2	v.o.
2/8	Newbypt	5	S. Perkins#		1/5, 1/29	Boston	5, 4	N. Smith
2/8	Gardner	1	T. Pirro		1/14-2/18	Salisbury	1	v.o.
Lesser Black-backed Gull					1/17	Duxbury	2	D. Ludlow
1/4	Edgartown	1	A. Keith		1/23, 2/14	Nantucket	4, 5	E. Ray
1/5	Boston	1 ad	R. Kelley		2/1-28	Chatham (S. B.)	1	v.o.
2/15	Acton	1	M. Rines		2/8-15	Edgartown	1	E. Leslie
2/17	Nantucket	1	fide E. Ray		2/9	Barnstable (S.N.)	2	N. Handy#
Glaucous Gull					2/23	Duxbury B.	3	E. Cleveland
1/2	Orleans	1 1W	R. Forster		Barred Owl			
1/3, 19	S. Boston	1	R. Donovan		1/9	Foxboro	1	T. Davis
1/4	Acton	2	C. Paine		2/9	Topsfield	1	R. Finch
1/4	Gloucester	1	J. Soucy#		Short-eared Owl			
1/4	Gardner	1 2W	T. Pirro		thr	Cumb. Farms	1-4	v.o.
1/8	Newbypt	1	B. Gette		1/19	Katama	1	L. McDowell
1/12	Provincetown	1	S. Clifton		2/17	Nantucket	1	fide E. Ray
2/2	Nantucket	1	fide E. Ray		Boreal Owl (details submitted)*			
2/22	P.I.	1 ad	H. Wiggin#		1/1-2/13	Boston	1 ph	v.o.
Black-legged Kittiwake					Red-headed Woodpecker			
1/4	Provincetown	35	B. Nikula#		1/1-31	Orleans	1 imm	v.o.
2/22	Rockport (A.P.)	5	J. Hoye#		1/1-2/28	Sherborn	1	E. Taylor
Dovekie					1/1-2/28	Essex	1 imm	v.o.
1/1	Rockport (H.P.)	1	R. Cressman		1/31	Worcester	1 imm	M. Lynch#
1/1	Sandwich	1	P. Trimble#		2/8	Amesbury	1	fide S. Grinley
Common Murre					Red-bellied Woodpecker			
2/1	Eastham	2	fide K. Von den Deale		1/1-31	Pepperell	3	E. Stromsted
2/6	Truro	1	fide K. Von den Deale		1/1	Chilmark	5	R. Stymeist#
Thick-billed Murre					2/1-28	Sherborn	3	E. Taylor
1/4	P'town (R.P.)	2	G. Martin		2/15	Medford	3	D. + I. Jewell
Razorbill					2/20	Lincoln	2 pr	S. Perkins
1/4	P'town (R.P.)	25	G. Martin		thr	Reports of 1-2 indiv. from 33 loc.		
1/12	Rockport	10	M. Lynch#		Northern Flicker			
Black Guillemot					1/1-31	Natick	3	R. Natt
1/4	Rockport	2	P. + F. Vale		1/8	Marlboro	4	B. Parker
1/12	Gloucester	7	M. Lynch#		1/25	Mt.A.	3	fide B. Volkle
1/20	P'town (R.P.)	1	W. Ellison#		2/8	Medford	3	D. Oliver
2/9	Boston H.	1	TASL (M. Hall)		Pileated Woodpecker			
2/15	E. Gloucester	9	J. Berry		1/1-31	Wayland	1	N. Patterson
2/16	P'town	2	W. Petersen#		1/14	IRWS	1	L. Healy
2/22	Cape Ann	19	R. Heil		1/15	Athol	1	T. Pirro
2/26	Gloucester	7	R. Forster		1/15	Gardner	1	T. Pirro
Barn Owl					1/26	Gloucester	1	P. + F. Vale
1/1	Chilmark	1	R. Stymeist#		1/31	Georgetown	1	fide S. Grinley
Eastern Screech-Owl					2/8	Medford	1	D. Oliver
1/1, 2/1	Ipswich	1	J. Berry		2/9	Wayland	2	G. Long
1/1	Chilmark	1	R. Stymeist#		2/16	Westford	1	S. Selesky
1/4	Lexington	1 red	M. Pelikan		2/18	Barre	1	C. Phillips
1/18	Worcester	1	M. Lynch#		2/22	Dedham	1	E. Kile
2/1	Newbury	1	D. Jacques		2/27	Petersham	1	C. Phillips

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH GROSBEAKS

This group of birds benefited from the exceptionally mild and snowless weather of the winter of 1997. Either birders were able to get out more often, or these species survived in significantly higher numbers than during last year's snow-glutted winter. The open, snowless fields, such as those on Littles Lane in Newbury

and the Cumberland Farms area of Middleboro, played host to good flocks of Horned Larks, Snow Buntings, and fair numbers of American Pipit and Lapland Longspurs. Carolina Wren reports were typical of the past three winters. The winter of 1994 was particularly harsh, and reports of this species since that time have been lower than in the early 1990s. Winter Wrens were well reported, and three Marsh Wrens, reported from Boston and areas north, is unusual for midwinter. A **Townsend's Solitaire**, originally discovered in December, lingered through the entire reporting period, affording many birders the opportunity to see this rare western vagrant. There are often reports of Hermit Thrushes, Gray Catbirds and Brown Thrashers during January and February, but seldom as many as were reported from the northern part of the state. The scattering of **Bohemian Waxwings** reports were lucky finds for only a few observers. While nothing to compare to the invasion of 1996, Northern Shrikes were reported in good numbers. A surprising lingerer was a Black-throated Blue Warbler seen on New Year's Day on Martha's Vineyard. Winter occurrences of this species are extremely unusual, so it was some solace to observers searching unsuccessfully for the Northern Lapwing seen for a few days at the end of December.

Eastern Towhee was another species that benefited from the mild winter, and a **Spotted Towhee**, seen by at least two observers at Marblehead Neck sanctuary, was an exceptional find. An excellent variety of sparrows were reported. Chipping, Clay-colored, Field, Savannah, Fox and Swamp Sparrows are regular overwinterers, but seldom in as good numbers as during this reporting period. An obliging **Harris' Sparrow** which was discovered at a Salisbury feeder in mid-January, and stayed through the reporting period. Several "Northern" and Baltimore orioles spurred many discussion on the field identification of oriole females. Winter finches? What winter finches!

Horned Lark								
1/1	S. Dartmouth	75	M. Boucher	2/21	Northboro	5	A. Boover	
1/1	Newbury	610	BBC (L. de la Flor)	2/23	Melrose	3	P. + F. Vale	
1/4	P.I.	50	P. + F. Vale	2/27	Petersham	5	C. Phillips	
1/9, 2/8	Cumb. Farms	175, 100	R. Finch	2/27	Medford	3	M. Rines	
1/11	Ipswich	60	J. Berry	Carolina Wren			R. Natt	
1/19	Bourne	10	N. Komar	1/1-31	Natick	2	D. Furbish	
1/19	Bridgewater	150	D. Small#	1/1-31	DWWS	2	J. Berry	
2/1	Duxbury B.	17	D. Clapp	1/1	Ipswich	2	R. Stymeist#	
2/04	Newbury	150	R. Heil	1/1	Chilmark	20	B. Volkle	
2/7	DWWS	16	D. Clapp	1/3	Northboro	1	R. Finch	
2/22	Rowley	12	R. Heil	1/4	East Bridgewater	1	E. Taylor	
American Crow			2/1-28			2	J. Rose	
1/1-2/28	Framingham	9000 max	E. Taylor	2/1	Rockport	1	M. Rines	
1/12	Brookline	1000+	E. Taylor	2/15	Acton	1	A. Boover	
1/26	Lawrence	6500	J. Hogan	2/16	Westboro	1	N. Swirka	
2/8	Woburn	4-5000	S. Perkins	2/23	Marshfield	6		
Fish Crow			Winter Wren			thr	M. Rines	
1/9	Watertown	2	R. Stymeist	1/2	MNWS	1	L. Healy	
1/11	Falmouth	1	S. + L. Hennin	1/4	Gardner	1	T. Pirro	
1/12	Newbury	1	C. Corley	1/5	Harvard	1	S. + L. Hennin	
1/26	Lawrence	2	J. Hogan	1/20	Worc. (BMB)	1	B. Rasku	
2/1	Woburn	20	M. Rines	1/30	Gloucester	1	M. Rines	
2/1	Salisbury	1	M. Rines#	2/4	Marshfield	1	D. Ludlow	
2/6	Duxbury	1	F. Bygate	2/8	MNWS	1	J. Smith	
2/8	Braintree	1	G. d'Entremont	2/22	Rockport	1	R. Heil	
2/9	Arlington	1	J. Soucy	Marsh Wren				
2/23	Worcester	1	M. Lynch#	1/13	Dorchester	1	R. Donovan	
2/28	S. Hanson	2	W. Petersen	2/04	Newbypt	1	R. Heil	
Common Raven			2/22			1	R. Heil	
1/12	Gardner	1	T. Pirro	Golden-crowned Kinglet				
1/28	Boylston	2	J. Liller	1/17	Marshfield	4	D. Furbish	
1/29	Wachusett Res.	2	M. Lynch#	1/30	Stoneham	4	D. + I. Jewell	
2/21	Groton	1	T. Pirro	2/1	Gardner	4	T. Pirro	
2/22	Athol	2	SSBC (D. Ludlow)	2/9	Ipswich	5	J. Berry	
Red-breasted Nuthatch			Ruby-crowned Kinglet					
1/4	Nantucket	4	G. d'Entremont#	1/1	S. Dartmouth	1	M. Boucher	
1/4	Mt.A.	3	R. Stymeist	1/23	Lexington	1	M. Rines#	
2/8	Kingston	2	D. Ludlow	Eastern Bluebird				
2/16	Cohasset	2	N. Swirka	1/1	Chilmark	9	M. Rines#	
2/16	Weston	3	M. Rines#	1/9	Sherborn	24	E. Taylor	
2/27	Petersham	2	C. Phillips	1/11	Pepperell	20	S. Hill	
Brown Creeper			1/15			6	D. Murphy	
1/4	Mt.A.	2	R. Stymeist	1/17	Duxbury	7	R. Crissman	
1/25	Lincoln	3	M. Rines	1/17	Sudbury	20	J. Clancy	
2/6	Melrose	4	D. + I. Jewell	1/17	Norfolk	12	M. Rines	
2/16	Cohasset	6	N. Swirka	1/25	Lincoln	8	F. Smith	
1/27			1/27			8		

Eastern Bluebird (continued)			
2/2	Rochester	12	J. Titus
2/10	Norfolk	20	J. Clancy
2/17	Eastham	9	fide M.A.S.
2/23	Needham	8	J. Samulson
Townsend's Solitaire (details submitted) *			
1/1-2/28	W. Barnstable	1	v.o.
Hermit Thrush			
1/1	Chilmark	4	M. Rines#
1/2	Marshfield	2	D. Furbish
1/11	Boston	2	J. Young
1/18	Westport	2	G. Gove
1/30	Gloucester	2	M. Rines
thr	Reports of indiv. from 20 locations		
American Robin			
1/1	Osterville	150	B. Nikula#
1/4	Mt.A.	180	R. Styneist
1/8	Wellesley	200	R. Forster
1/27	Boston	775	K. Hudson
2/6	Wayland	175	R. Forster
2/8	Maynard	100	L. Nachtrab
2/8	Halifax	189	R. Finch
Gray Catbird			
1/1	Acoaxet	5	E. Salmela#
1/1	Chilmark	5	M. Rines#
1/9	Westport	1	R. Finch
1/10	Cambridge	1	M. Rines
1/11	Turbo	1	J. Young
1/20	Barnstable	2	W. Ellison#
1/21	Wellesley	1	R. Forster
1/21	Stoneham	1	D. + I. Jewell
2/8	Worcester	1	H. Tibbets
2/15	Dartmouth	1	R. Heil
2/23	Marshfield	1	N. Swirka
Brown Thrasher			
1/1	Chilmark	1	D. Lange#
1/18	Westport	1	G. Gove
1/28	Nantucket	1	E. Ray
1/28	Lexington	1	J. Stetson
2/8	Orleans	1	R. Forster
American Pipit			
1/11	Cumb. Farms	4	S. Henin
2/1	Cumb. Farms	1	M. Lynch#
2/22	Katama	1	A. Keith
Bohemian Waxwing			
1/10,12	Brewster	2	G. Martin
2/6	Brewster	1	S. Highley
2/7	Eastham (F.H.)	1	J. Sones#
2/11	Lincoln	1	B. Sisson
Cedar Waxwing			
1/1	Ipswich	30	J. Berry
1/1	Osterville	80+	B. Nikula#
1/4	Rockport	40	H. Wiggin#
1/23	Boxford	40	D. + I. Jewell
1/27	Maynard	68	L. Nachtrab
2/6-28	Taunton	125 max	G. d'Entremont
2/7	Westboro	33	A. Boover
2/8	Gardner	120	T. Pirro
2/12	Malden	100+	D. MacDonald
2/15	IRWS	95	J. Brown#
2/17	Ipswich	75	J. Berry
Northern Shrike			
1/1	Barnstable (S.N.)	1	E. Salmela#
1/3	Wayland	1 ad	R. Forster
1/4	Gardner	1 imm	T. Pirro
1/9	Groton	1 imm	T. Pirro
1/19	Bourne	1	R. Finch
1/22	Provincetown	1	J. Sones
1/22	Lexington	1	D. + I. Jewell
1/23	Westport	1	D. Bowen
1/30	Sudbury	1	K. Smith
2/2	Nantucket	1	fide E. Ray
2/3-8 Gardner			
2/9	Hardwick	1	BBC (W. Drummond)
2/17	Barnstable (S.N.)	1	W. Petersen#
2/17	Bolton	1	S. + L. Hennin
2/20	Chatham	1	W. Bailey
2/22	Wayland	2	S. Cronenweth
2/23	Cumb. Farms	2	M. Rines
Orange-crowned Warbler			
1/5	Nantucket	1	G. d'Entremont#
1/18	Gloucester	1	v.o.
Black-throated Blue Warbler			
1/1	Chilmark	1	R. Styneist#
Yellow-rumped Warbler			
1/19	S. Middleboro	12	D. Small#
1/30	Gloucester	5	M. Rines
2/2	P.I.	15	M. Pelikan
2/23	Marshfield	8	N. Swirka
Pine Warbler			
1/10	M.V.	1	J. Verner
1/19	Kingston	1	D. Ludlow
2/9	Duxbury	1	F. Bygate
Palm Warbler			
1/1	Chilmark	1	G. d'Entremont
Common Yellowthroat			
1/1	Scusset	1	R. Forster
1/1	Acoaxet	1	E. Salmela#
Yellow-breasted Chat			
1/1	Westport	1	E. Salmela#
1/1	S. Dartmouth	1	W. Miller#
1/1	Falmouth	1	M. Lynch#
1/3-5	Nantucket	1	M. Rines# + v.o.
1/14-2/23	Essex	1	D. Brown
Dickcissel			
1/1-2/17	Newbury	1-2	v.o.
1/1-2/23	Gloucester	1	v.o.
1/1-2/28	Athol	1	B. Fregeau
1/26-31	Westport	1	S. Denison
Eastern Towhee			
1/1-31	N. Dartmouth	2	M. Boucher
1/1, 2/1	Gardner	1	T. Pirro
1/1	Chilmark	15	R. Styneist#
1/17	Westford	1	M. Leggett
1/18	Westport	2	G. Gove
1/19-31	Gloucester	1 m	G. d'Entremont#
1/24	Marshfield	1	D. Ludlow
1/26	S. Dartmouth	3	BBC (R. Styneist)
2/1-28	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson
2/1-8	Gloucester	1 m	G. d'Entremont
2/12	Marblehead	2	L. Healy
Spotted Towhee (no details)*			
2/6	MNWS	1 m	L. Healy + v.o.
American Tree Sparrow			
1/1-31	Dedham	15	N. Komar
2/8	IRWS	30	P. + F. Vale
2/16	Westboro	31	A. Boover
2/23	Cumb. Farms	45	M. Rines
2/25	West Roxbury	25	N. Komar
Chipping Sparrow			
1/15	Chilmark	1	L. McDowell
1/19	S. Middleboro	1	D. Small#
Clay-colored Sparrow			
1/1-27	Rockport	1	v.o.
2/8	Dorchester	1	R. Donovan
Field Sparrow			
1/1-31	Truro	5	W. Ellison#
1/1	Chilmark	8	D. Lange#
1/5	Wachusett Res.	3	M. Lynch#
1/19	Essex	4	P. + F. Vale
2/1	Templeton	1	T. Pirro
2/3	Rochester	1	M. Boucher
2/8	Dorchester	4	R. Donovan
2/16	Harvard	1	R. Styneist#

Savannah Sparrow						2/19		W. Bridgewater		35		G. d'Entremont	
1/1	Melrose	5	P. + F. Vale	2/21	Concord	60	R. Forster						
1/14	P.I.	1	D. + I. Jewell	2/23	Westboro	103	A. Boover						
2/04	Newbury	13	R. Heil	2/23	W. Harwich	200+	B. Nikula#						
2/23	Cumb. Farms	1	M. Rines	2/24	Newbury	150+	S. Perkins#						
2/25	W. Roxbury	2	N. Komar	2/24	Wakefield	100	S. Perkins#						
Fox Sparrow						Eastern Meadowlark							
1/1-10	Mt.A.	1	v.o.	1/11	Middleboro	2	S. + L. Hennin						
1/16	Norfolk	3	N. McGlynn	1/14	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	14	LCES (J. Hill)						
1/20	Melrose	1	D. + I. Jewell	2/7	DWWS	31	D. Clapp						
1/26	Middleboro	1	R. Finch	2/7	E. Boston (B.I.)	5	R. Cressman						
1/29, 2/17	Arlington	1	K. Dorsey	2/8	Princeton	1	H. Tibbets						
1/31	Mattapoisett	1	M. LeBossiere	2/19	Cumb. Farms	35	R. Finch						
2/13	Wenham	1	C. Leahy	2/27	Burlington	1	K. Ohmart						
2/17	Natick	3	D. Larson										
Swamp Sparrow						Rusty Blackbird							
1/1	Plymouth	3	M. Lynch#	1/6	Belmont	2	C. Cook						
1/2	Marshfield	8	N. Swirka	1/24	Sudbury	4	R. Forster						
1/4	Nantucket	1	G. d'Entremont#	2/1	Rowley	14	R. Symeist#						
1/11	Melrose	1	P. + F. Vale	2/3	Middleboro	13	M. Boucher						
1/20	Worc. (BMB)	1	B. Rasku	2/19	Lexington	4	M. Telfer						
2/3	Rochester	1	M. Boucher	2/22	Westwood	3	E. Nielsen						
2/8	Dorchester	3	R. Donovan										
2/15	IRWS	1	J. Brown#										
2/16	Ipswich	2	J. Berry										
White-crowned Sparrow						Common Grackle							
1/2	Nantucket	1	M. Rines#	1/1	Oak Bluff	2	G. d'Entremont#						
2/4	Marblehead	1	L. Healy	1/3	Nantucket	1	G. d'Entremont						
White-crowned Sparrow (Gambel's)				1/19	Essex	1	J. Amirault						
2/12	MNWS	1 imm	R. Heil	1/20	Lynnfield	1	R. Forster						
Harris' Sparrow				2/19	W. Bridgewater	10	G. d'Entremont						
1/18-2/28	Salisbury	1	S. Bolduic + v.o.	2/22	Framingham	40	E. Taylor						
Dark-eyed Junco				2/23	Methuen	800	D. Duxbury						
1/2	Marshfield	55	N. Swirka	2/23	W. Harwich	200	B. Nikula#						
"Pink-sided" Junco				2/24	Burlington	100+	S. Perkins#						
2/8-27	Medford	1	D. Oliver + v.o.	2/24	Framingham	200	E. Taylor						
Lapland Longspur				2/27	Billerica	150	S. Wedge						
1/1-2/2	Newbury	25 max	v.o.										
2/8	Cumb. Farms	2	R. Finch										
2/9	No. Scituate	1	K. Godfrey										
Snow Bunting						Brown-headed Cowbird							
1/1	Salisbury	70	J. Berry	1/1	Belmont	1	J. Campbell						
1/11	Winthrop	10	M. Lynch#	1/3	Nantucket	1	G. d'Entremont						
1/24	Brant Rock	8	v.o.	1/7	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson						
2/1	Newbury	60	D. Jacques	1/19	Gloucester	1 m	G. d'Entremont						
2/1	Duxbury B.	17	D. Clapp	2/1	Rowley	6	M. Rines#						
2/3	Wareham	150	L. Robinson	2/9	Somerville	2	J. Young						
2/6	Gardner	200	T. Pirro	2/19	W. Bridgewater	5	G. d'Entremont						
2/7	Marshfield	2	D. Clapp										
2/8	Ipswich	50	I. Romanow										
2/9	Gloucester	40	M. Flor										
2/21	Groton	2	T. Pirro										
Red-winged Blackbird						Baltimore Oriole							
thr	DWWS	118 max	D. Furbish	1/1-2/8	Gloucester	1	v.o.						
thr	Dedham	56 max	E. Cutler	1/15	Gay Head	1	A. Fisher						
1/1	Rowley	30	D. + I. Jewell	1/18-2/26	Andover	1	D. Duxbury						
1/3	Nantucket	50	G. d'Entremont#	1/23-28	Nantucket	2	E. Ray						
1/6	Cumb. Farms	12	R. Finch										
1/17	DWWS	40	D. Ludlow										
1/19	Cumb. Farms	325	D. Small#										
1/19	Bridgewater	250	D. Small#										
1/29	Norfolk	15	B. Riddoch										
2/1	Rowley	25	R. Symeist#										
2/4	Beverly	16	E. Brown										
Evening Grosbeak						Purple Finch							
thr	DWWS	56 max	E. Cutler	1/25	Lexington	2	M. Pelikan						
thr	Dedham	56 max	E. Cutler	1/25	Middleboro	9	R. Finch						
1/1	Rowley	30	D. + I. Jewell	1/27	S. Dartmouth	1	M. Boucher						
1/3	Nantucket	50	G. d'Entremont#	2/3	E. Gloucester	1 f	B. Parker						
1/6	Cumb. Farms	12	R. Finch	2/6	Maynard	6	L. Nachtrab						
1/17	DWWS	40	D. Ludlow	2/6	Mattapoisett	5	F. Smith						
1/19	Cumb. Farms	325	D. Small#	2/7	Westford	2	S. Wedge						
1/19	Bridgewater	250	D. Small#	2/8	Marlboro	1 f	B. Parker						
1/29	Norfolk	15	B. Riddoch	2/9	Wayland	14	G. Long						
2/1	Rowley	25	R. Symeist#	2/18	Barre	7	C. Phillips						
2/4	Beverly	16	E. Brown	2/22	Essex	1	R. Symeist#						
				2/22	GMNWR	1	S. Cronenweth						
Evening Grosbeak						Evening Grosbeak							
				2/22	Petersham	6	D. Small						

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

* Indicates a species on the review list of the Massachusetts Avian Records Committee (MARC). These sightings are usually published before the MARC votes, so they normally have not been voted on by the MARC. The editors only publish records supported by detailed description, multiple observers, or both.

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	Nant.	Nantucket
fl	fledged	Newbypt	Newburyport
imm	immature	P.I.	Plum Island
ind	individuals	Pd	Pond
juv	juvenile	P'town	Provincetown
loc	location	Quab.	Quabbin
lt	light (phase)	Res.	Reservoir
m	male	R.P.	Race Point, Provincetown
max	maximum	S.B.	South Beach, Chatham
migr	migrating	S. Dart.	South Dartmouth
n	nesting	S.N.	Sandy Neck, Barnstable
ph	photographed	Stellw.	Stellwagen Bank
pl	plumage	Worc.	Worcester
pr	pair	BBC	Brookline Bird Club
S	summer (1S = first summer)	BBS	Breeding Bird Survey
thr	throughout	BMB	Broad Meadow Brook, Worcester
v.o.	various observers	CCCB	Cape Cod Bird Club
W	winter (2W = second winter)	DFWS	Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary
w/	with	DWWS	Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary
yg	young	EMHW	Eastern Massachusetts Hawk Watch
#	additional observers	GMNWR	Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge
A.A.	Arnold Arboretum	HRWMA	High Ridge Wildlife Management Area, Gardner-Westminster
A.P.	Andrews Point, Rockport	IRWS	Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary
A.Pd	Allens Pond, S. Dartmouth	LCES	Lloyd Center for Environmental Studies
Arl.	Arlington	MARC	Massachusetts Avian Records Committee
B.	Beach	MAS	Massachusetts Audubon Society
B.I.	Belle Isle, E. Boston	MBO	Manomet Observatory
B.R.	Bass Rocks, Gloucester	MBWMA	Martin Burns Wildlife Management Area, Newbury
Cambr.	Cambridge	MDFW	MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
C.B.	Crane Beach, Ipswich	MNWS	Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary
Corp. B.	Corporation Beach, Dennis	MSSF	Myles Standish State Forest
C.P.	Crooked Pond, Boxford	NAC	Nine Acre Corner, Concord
Cumb.	Farms Cumberland Farms, Middleboro-Halifax	NBC	Needham Bird Club
E.P.	Eastern Point, Gloucester	NEHW	New England Hawk Watch
F.E.	First Encounter Beach, Eastham	ONWR	Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge
F.H.	Fort Hill, Eastham	SRV	Sudbury River Valley
F.M.	Fowl Meadow	SSBC	South Shore Bird Club
F.P.	Fresh Pond, Cambridge	TASL	Take A Second Look Harbor Census
F.Pk	Franklin Park, Boston	USFWS	US Fish and Wildlife Service
G40	Gate 40, Quabbin	WBWS	Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
G45	Gate 45, Quabbin	WMWS	Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary
H.P.	Halibut Point, Rockport		