

BIRD SIGHTINGS

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 1998

SUMMARY

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January and February were both unseasonably mild. In January the temperature averaged 33.9°, 5.3° above normal, ranking the month as the seventeenth mildest in 128 years of official records for Boston. The temperature in February averaged 35.3°, a full 5° above normal, and tied for the eighth warmest February of record. January 1 was awful, the coldest and windiest day of the month, and so the start of the new year for birders was rough, but full of good birds. Rainfall for both months exceeded the norm, with 4.76 inches in January (1.17 inches above average), and 5.54 inches in February (1.92 inches above normal). Snowfall totaled 9.8 inches in January, 2.9 inches less than normal. In February, snowfall was barely measurable at 0.3 inch, 11.2 inches less than average. The Blue Hills Observatory in Canton recorded the warmest winter of record, going back to 1886.

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LOONS THROUGH ALCIDS

Four different loons reported as **Pacifics** were found during the period. Until Pacific Loon has been added to the state list by the MARC, Bird Observer will publish all loons reported as Pacific as **Arctic/Pacifics**. The relatively mild temperatures this winter resulted in Quabbin Reservoir remaining largely ice-free throughout the period. Consequently, Common Loons, Ring-necked Ducks, and Common Goldeneye were able to linger there later than usual. The **Eared Grebe** that returned to East Gloucester last fall remained there through the period. While Northern Fulmar was reported in above-average numbers in February (though, curiously, it was unreported in January), the real standout among tubenoses was a Sooty Shearwater seen from First Encounter Beach in Eastham on January 17. This represented the fifth winter record for this species in the state. Food for thought: an astonishing first Atlantic Ocean occurrence of Short-tailed Shearwater was reported off North Carolina several months earlier. Following reports in November of a Brown Booby in Nantucket came word of an immature **Brown Pelican** that was observed fishing in the surf on the south shore of Nantucket on two consecutive days in January. Not surprisingly, this bird represented the first winter record for the species in the state. Boobies, shearwaters, and pelicans? Somehow, El Nino must fit into the equation somewhere.

Sightings of **Black Vultures** are becoming increasingly frequent in Massachusetts. Assuming that two reports six weeks apart in different towns on Martha's Vineyard involved the same bird, three different individuals were present during the period.

The only report of **Greater White-fronted Goose** came from West Bridgewater. The aforementioned mild conditions also allowed above-average numbers of certain species of waterfowl to remain north of Boston late into the winter season: Gadwall, Northern Pintail, Green-winged Teal, Ring-necked Duck, Lesser Scaup, Hooded Merganser, and American Coot. Most of the state's wintering **Eurasian Wigeons** occur in southeastern Massachusetts, so a drake in Newburyport was noteworthy. The recent and apparently inexplicable increase in the numbers of **Tufted Ducks** in southern New England, resulted this winter in reports of at least three different individuals, including a female in Westport. Another recent trend in local duck numbers has involved a range extension (or shift) of wintering Common Eider from the waters around the Cape and Islands, westward toward Rhode Island. A count of roughly 10,000 eiders in Westport was indicative of this pattern. Wintering Harlequin Ducks continue to increase in numbers, as evidenced by a count of 59 around Rockport, a high total for that locale.

Twelve Northern Harriers at one site in Marshfield represented a very high total. Fifteen to twenty years ago, Cooper's Hawk was very scarce in New England. But, now it is nearly as common as Sharp-shinned Hawk in winter and, as a nesting species, it has become more common than Sharp-shinned. In late February, two adult Northern Goshawks were observed in nuptial flight in Lincoln, and Merlin were well reported throughout the period. A **Gyrfalcon**, first found at Logan Airport January 10, remained through the rest of the period (and beyond). During its prolonged stay, birders had numerous opportunities to study this elusive arctic visitor. Another (?) Gyr put in a more typical one-day appearance in Marshfield.

Despite numerous failed attempts dating back several decades, the Wild Turkey reintroduction program has recently gathered tremendous momentum in eastern Massachusetts and has become a smashing success.

Among shorebirds, other apparent by-products of the mild winter were a Semipalmated Plover in Eastham, the continued presence from December (see previous summary) of Whimbrel, Bar-tailed Godwit, Marbled Godwit, Least Sandpiper, and early displaying American Woodcocks.

The best gull show in the state is often at the southeast corner of Nantucket, and this year was no exception. Found among the throng early in January were 7 Little Gulls, 3 Black-headed Gulls, (very) roughly 10,000 Bonaparte's Gulls, 40 Iceland Gulls, and at least two Lesser Black-backed Gulls. Large numbers of Black-legged Kittiwakes were reported from Rockport and various points around Cape Cod.

In most years, Dovekies are very scarce after December. But this year they were found in above-average numbers throughout the winter. Also, Thick-billed Murres were much more numerous than in any year since the anomalous winter of 1976-77. In winters during which sandlance are abundant off the outer shores of Cape Cod, Razorbill numbers can be impressive. A tally of 3,000 in early January this year was one of at least five counts that involved a thousand or more birds. Atlantic Puffins are rarely seen from land in Massachusetts because most of them typically winter far at sea in the waters over the margins of the continental shelf. Therefore, two off Rockport in February were especially noteworthy. Yet the puffins paled in comparison to the Ancient Murrelet that was observed January 4 off Race Point in Provincetown. This most recent sighting followed by a mere six years the observation of another Ancient Murrelet off Rockport, a bird that represented the first record for the Atlantic Seaboard.

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Date	Location	Number	Observers	Date	Location	Number	Observers
Red-throated Loon							
1/4	Eastham	5	D. Larson#	2/5	Rockport (A.P.)	4	R. Heil
1/11	Boston H.	20	TASL (M. Hall)	2/6	Eastham (F.E.)	7+	B. Nikula
1/19	Westport	8	M. Lynch#	2/13	M.V.	1	R. Kelley
2/7	P'town (R.P.)	10	G. Wood	2/18	Rockport (A.P.)	78	R. Heil
2/8	Boston H.	7	TASL (M. Hall)	2/24	Rockport (A.P.)	237	R. Heil
Arctic/Pacific Loon (details submitted)							
1/11	Hull	1	D. Oliver#	2/25	Eastham (F.E.)	8	A. Strauss
1/17	P'town	1 ad	M. Sylvia	Sooty Shearwater			
1/18	Nantucket	1	F. Gallo	1/17	Eastham (F.E.)	1	B. Nikula
2/7	Gay Head	1	B. Zuzavich#	Northern Gannet			
Common Loon							
1/3	Salisbury B.	12	J. Berry	1/1	Truro-P'town	500+	M. Lynch#
1/4	Nant. Sound	43	G. d'Entremont	2/5	Rockport (A.P.)	4	R. Heil
1/11	Boston H.	10	TASL (M. Hall)	2/22	P'town	86	D. F. Oliver#
1/19	Cape Ann	41	R. Heil	2/25	Eastham (F.E.)	25	A. Strauss
1/22	P.I.	39	R. Heil	Brown Pelican			
2/1	Quabbin (G 43)	8	R. Heil	1/12-13	Nantucket	1 imm	E. Andrews, R. Veit
2/8	Boston H.	8	TASL (M. Hall)	Great Cormorant			
2/16	Plymouth	15	M. Lynch#	1/1	Quabbin (G35)	1	D. Small
Pied-billed Grebe				1/4	Sharon	2	S. Arena
1/2	Plymouth	1	J. + D. Lounsbury	1/11	Boston H.	16	TASL (M. Hall)
1/3	Wareham	1	K. Anderson	1/19	Cape Ann	95+	R. Heil
1/3	Marstons Mills	2	E. Salmela#	1/19	Newhyp	27	J. Berry
1/12	P.I.	4	W. Drew#	2/1	Amesbury	34	D. F. Oliver#
1/30	Oak Bluffs	1	M. Pelikan	2/16	Plymouth	61	M. Lynch#
2/7	Falmouth	2	F. Bouchard#	2/21	Boston H.	50	S. Zendeh
Horned Grebe				Double-crested Cormorant			
1/4	Brockton	1	S. Arena	1/1	Plymouth	2	G. d'Entremont#
1/11	Boston H.	170	TASL (M. Hall)	1/1	Cambridge	6	R. Stymeist
1/19	Cape Ann	44	R. Heil	1/2	Marlboro	1	S. + L. Hennin
1/22	P.I.	23	R. Heil	1/10	Woods Hole	1	B. Nikula#
2/8	Boston H.	149	TASL (M. Hall)	2/13	Medford	4	M. Rines
2/14	Newhyp/P.I.	30	T. Maloney#	American Bittern			
2/16	Plymouth	38	M. Lynch#	1/11	Eastham (F.H.)	2	J. Trimble #
2/22	Wellfleet	20	D. F. Oliver#	1/22	Nantucket	1	E. Ray
Red-necked Grebe				1/25	Rowley	1	J. Berry
1/3	Salisbury B.	10	J. Berry	Great Blue Heron			
1/4	P'town (R.P.)	40+	B. Nikula#	1/11	Boston H.	7	TASL (M. Hall)
1/11	Boston H.	57	TASL (M. Hall)	1/19	Westport	9	M. Lynch#
1/15	Cape Ann	12	J. Brown#	Black-crowned Night-Heron			
1/17	Winthrop B.	105	F. Bouchard	1/2	Nantucket	1	G. d'Entremont#
1/19	Cape Ann	36	R. Heil	1/2	Lynn	2	J. MacDougall
2/8	Boston H.	21	TASL (M. Hall)	1/14	Newton	6	H. Miller
2/16	Plymouth	15	M. Lynch#	1/29	Boston	1	L. Kaplan
Eared Grebe				1/30	Oak Bluffs	2	M. Pelikan
thr	E. Gloucester	1	J. Soucy + v.o.	Black Vulture			
Northern Fulmar							
2/5	Barnstable (S.N.)	2	A. Strauss	thr	Randolph	1	N. Smith
				1/1	Edgartown	1	A. Keith + v.o.
				1/13	Groton	2	T. Pirro
				2/18	W. Tisbury	1	G. Daniels
				2/25	Westwood	1	J. Clancy

Turkey Vulture				1/18	Falmouth	8	S. + L. Hennin
1/14	Worcester	1	J. Liller	1/30	P.I.	6	R. Lockwood#
1/24	Westport	34	BBC (R. Stymeist)	2/7	Lakeville	44	BBC (R. Finch)
1/31	Quincy	2	N. Smith	American Black Duck			
2/3	Winchester	1	D. + I. Jewell	1/1	Plymouth	800+	M. Lynch#
2/10	Wayland	2	N. Patterson	1/11, 2/8	Boston H.	1286, 967	TASL (M. Hall)
2/16	Attleboro	2	K. Meyer	1/12, 2/23	P.I.	1660, 560	W. Drew#
2/17	Osterville	2	S. Miller#	1/19	Westport	760	M. Lynch#
2/20	Needham	3	J. Samelson	2/8	Rowley	500	J. Berry
Greater White-fronted Goose				2/16	Plymouth	580+	M. Lynch#
1/11	W. Bridgewater	1	S. Arena	2/20	Newbypt H.	600	S. Perkins#
Snow Goose				Northern Shoveler			
thr	P.I.	7	W. Drew + v.o.	1/1	Boston	1 m	R. Stymeist
1/1	New Bedford	1	M. Boucher	1/3	Marston's Mill	3	BBC (R. Finch)
1/5	Chilmark	12	M. Pelikan	1/31	Worcester	1 f	S. + L. Hennin
1/10	W. Bridgewater	1	M. Faherty	1/4-8	Kingston	1 m	D. Ludlow
1/29	Nantucket	3	fide E. Ray	2/1	Seekonk	1 m	M. Boucher
2/8	Boston H.	1	TASL (M. Hall)	2/1	Boston	1	D. F. Oliver#
Canada Goose				Northern Pintail			
1/4	Newbypt	1000+	J. Berry	1/2	Marlboro	2	S. + L. Hennin
1/10	W. Bridgewater	800	S. Arena	1/6	P.I.	25	R. Heil
1/11	Boston H.	580	TASL (M. Hall)	1/19	W. Newbury	3 m	M. Rines
2/1	Westport	1305	M. Boucher	2/1	Seekonk	9	M. Boucher
2/9	P.I.	1685	W. Drew#	2/8	Rowley	2	J. Berry
Brant				2/8	Halifax	14	R. Finch
1/11	Boston H.	1334	TASL (M. Hall)	2/11	Brookline	2	N. Miller
2/8	Boston H.	1070	TASL (M. Hall)	2/23	P.I.	20	W. Drew#
2/14	Newbypt H.	6	T. Maloney	2/26	W. Bridgewater	6	M. Faherty
2/16	Plymouth	859	M. Lynch#	2/28	Concord (NAC)	6	S. Perkins#
2/28	Essex	53	P. + F. Vale	2/8, 14	Marlboro	2	E. Taylor
2/28	Salisbury	25	D. Hill	Green-winged Teal			
Mute Swan				thr	Cambridge	11 max	J. Campbell
1/3	Wareham	43	K. Anderson	1/1	Marstons Mills	13	M. Lynch#
2/7	Lakeville	14	BBC (R. Finch)	1/1	Ipswich	1 m	J. Berry
2/8	Boston H.	16	TASL (M. Hall)	1/2	Marlboro	2	S. + L. Hennin
Whooper Swan				1/31	Boston	2	M. Faherty#
thr	Ipswich	1-5	J. Berry	2/8	Chatham	30	E. Banks #
2/1	P.I.	4	J. Berry	2/16	Newbypt	1 m	R. Cressman
Wood Duck				2/21	Wakefield	1	P. + F. Vale
1/31	Boston	3	M. Faherty#	2/26	W. Bridgewater	4	M. Faherty
2/9	Woburn	2	D. + I. Jewell	2/26	Newbury	2	S. Perkins#
2/14	Wakefield	2	I. Giriunas	2/28	Concord (NAC)	5	S. Perkins#
2/18	Lakeville	1	K. Holmes	Canvasback			
2/28	W. Bridgewater	4	M. Maurer#	1/3	Wareham	24	K. Anderson#
2/28	GMNWR	8	S. Perkins#	1/3	Falmouth	72	BBC (R. Finch)
2/28	Concord (NAC)	9	S. Perkins#	1/4	Braintree	1	S. Carey
Gadwall				1/9	Plymouth	4	M. Faherty
thr	Arlington	2-8	K. Hartel	1/10	Braintree	1	S. Carey
1/9	Marstons Mills	28	S. Smolen-Morton	1/10	Nantucket	250	BBC (H. Cramer)
1/12	P.I.	22	M. Lynch#	1/11	Boston H.	2	TASL (M. Hall)
1/14	N. Plymouth	45	R. Turner	1/12	Wareham	122	R. Turner
1/17	Gloucester	51	R. Stymeist#	1/18	Falmouth	38	M. Lynch#
1/20	Peabody	1	R. Heil	2/3	Westport	265	M. Boucher
2/1	Seekonk	12	M. Boucher	2/16	Lakeville	50	H. Coolidge#
2/6	Quincy	2	R. Parsons	Redhead			
2/12	DWWS	26	Dan Furbish	1/1-2/2	Plymouth	1	v.o.
2/14	Gloucester	45	G. d'Entremont#	1/3	Falmouth	1	BBC (R. Finch)
Eurasian Wigeon				2/15	Nantucket	22	E. Ray
1/2	Newbypt	1	J. McLaughlin	2/16	Edgartown	12	A. Keith#
1/12	Fairhaven	1 m	M. Boucher	2/16	Lakeville	4	H. Coolidge#
1/1-2/19	Oak Bluffs	1 m	G. Daniels	Ring-necked Duck			
2/1	Marstons Mills	1	S. Miller#	1/1	Quabbin (G35)	6	D. Small
2/8	Chatham	3 m	E. Banks#	1/1	Plymouth	2	R. Lockwood#
2/19-28	Carver	1 m	M. Sylvia	1/3	S. Carver	4	K. Anderson#
American Wigeon				1/10	Peabody	22	D. + I. Jewell
thr	Arlington	12 max	K. Hartel	1/10	Framingham	6	E. Taylor
1/1	Wareham	36	M. Boucher	1/18	Falmouth	6	S. + L. Hennin
1/3	Newbypt	8	J. Brown#	1/23	Easton	4	S. Arena
1/4	Eastham	21	D. Ludlow	1/26	Medford	8	M. Rines
1/9	Plymouth	25	M. Faherty	2/7	Lakeville	45	BBC (R. Finch)
1/11	M.V.	15	V. Laux#	2/27	W. Bridgewater	20	S. Arena
1/13	Wareham	43	R. Turner	2/8, 28	Framingham	50, 15	E. Taylor

Tufted Duck								
1/1-2/7 Bourne	1 N.	Paulson + v.o.	2/5	Barnstable (S.N.)	3	A. Strauss		
1/3 Wachusett Res.	1 m	D. + I. Jewell	2/8	Boston H.	34	TASL (M. Hall)		
2/3 Westport	1 f	M. Boucher	2/21	P.I.	26	R. Lockwood#		
Greater Scaup			2/28	Rockport	5	R. Lockwood#		
1/1 Plymouth	20	R. Lockwood#	Bufflehead					
1/11 Boston H.	167	TASL (M. Hall)	1/11	Boston H.	1573	TASL (M. Hall)		
1/18 Falmouth	600+	M. Lynch#	1/19	Westport	355	M. Lynch#		
2/3 Westport	25	M. Boucher	1/22	Newbypt	235	R. Heil		
2/7 Falmouth	500	F. Bouchard#	2/8	Boston H.	1080	TASL (M. Hall)		
2/8 Boston H.	365	TASL (M. Hall)	2/11	M.V.	200+	M. Pelikan		
2/16 Edgartown	300+	A. Keith	2/16	Plymouth	470	M. Lynch#		
2/16 Lakeville	250	H. Coolidge#	Common Goldeneye					
Lesser Scaup			1/1 Quabbin (G35)	10	D. Small			
1/1 Hingham	20	J. Melithonotes	1/10 Braintree	15+	S. Carey			
1/3 Plymouth	2	P. + F. Vale	1/11 Boston H.	933	TASL (M. Hall)			
1/11 P.I.	3	N. Paulsen	1/19 Westport	165	M. Lynch#			
1/11 Waltham	1 m	S. Perkins	2/8 Framingham	8	E. Taylor			
1/18 Falmouth	5+	M. Lynch#	2/8 Boston H.	627	TASL (M. Hall)			
2/4 Lynn	2	R. Heil	2/9 P.I.	35	W. Drew#			
King Eider			2/11 M.V.	30	M. Pelikan			
1/1-24 Ipswich	2	J. Berry	2/16 Plymouth	234	M. Lynch#			
1/1-2/20 Nahant	1 m	L. Pivacek	2/20 Newbypt	650	R. Heil			
1/3 Sandwich	1 f	K. Anderson#	2/27 W. Bridgewater	15	S. Arena			
1/4 P.I.	1	J. Brown#	2/28 GMNWR	8	S. Perkins#			
1/11 Boston H.	1	TASL (M. Hall)	Barrow's Goldeneye					
1/11 Orleans	1 imm	mB. Nikula#	thr Winthrop	1 m	v.o.			
1/11 Nahant	1 f	R. Stymeist#	thr Gloucester	3 max	v.o.			
1/19-2/7 Gloucester	1 m, 2 f	R. Heil + v.o.	1/1 Ipswich	1 m	J. Berry			
2/14, 22 Winthrop	1 f	M. Lynch#	1/2 Salisbury	1	J. McLaughlin			
2/28 Orleans	5	J. Trimble	1/10 Nantucket	1	BBC (H. Cramer)			
Common Eider			1/12-27 Salem	2	L. Healey			
1/1 Plymouth	1000+	N. Paulson	1/18 Rowley	1	R. Cech			
1/11 Boston H.	12494	TASL (M. Hall)	1/19 Centerville	1 f	B. Nikula#			
2/1 Westport	10,000+	M. Boucher	1/29 Essex	1 m	R. Heil			
2/8 Boston H.	9199	TASL (M. Hall)	2/1 P.I.	1 m	J. Berry			
2/16 Ipswich	500	BBC (J. Berry)	2/4 Barnstable	1 m	B. Good			
2/16 Plymouth	4445	M. Lynch#	2/15 M.V.	2	S. Moore#			
2/20 Newbypt	850	R. Heil	2/28 Westboro	1 m	E. Taylor			
Harlequin Duck			Hooded Merganser					
thr Rockport	59	v.o.	1/1 Boston	28	R. Stymeist			
1/3 P'town	1 f	R. Stymeist	1/1 Bourne	25+	M. Lynch#			
1/4 N. Scituate	5	D. Oliver#	1/3 Plymouth	10	P. + F. Vale			
1/5 M.V.	2 m	M. Pelikan	1/3 Wareham	30	K. Anderson#			
1/19 Westport	1	M. Lynch#	1/3 S. Carver	26	K. Anderson#			
1/30 Oak Bluffs	3	M. Pelikan	1/31 Worcester	13	S. + L. Hennin			
2/22 P'town H.	1 f	B. Nikula	2/3 Brookline	20+	B. Mayer			
2/28 Orleans	3	J. Trimble	2/7 Lakeville	18	BBC (R. Finch)			
Surf Scoter			2/8 Winchester	11	M. Rines			
1/11 Boston H.	155	TASL (M. Hall)	2/22 Melrose	13	D. + I. Jewell			
1/19 Westport	25	M. Lynch#	Red-breasted Merganser					
2/8 Boston H.	55	TASL (M. Hall)	1/11 Boston H.	745	TASL (M. Hall)			
2/16 Plymouth	153	M. Lynch#	1/19 Westport	130	M. Lynch#			
White-winged Scoter			2/7 P'town (R.P.)	500	G. Wood			
1/11 Boston H.	1477	TASL (M. Hall)	2/8 Boston H.	662	TASL (M. Hall)			
1/19 P.I.	20	P. + F. Vale	2/16 Plymouth	328	M. Lynch#			
1/31 Rockport	30+	J. Berry	Common Merganser					
2/8 Boston H.	504	TASL (M. Hall)	1/1 Plymouth	200	M. Faherty#			
2/16 Plymouth	265	M. Lynch#	1/1 Bourne	50+	M. Lynch#			
2/20 Newbypt	65	R. Heil	1/9 Lakeville	450	K. Anderson			
Black Scoter			1/20 Lynn	29	R. Heil			
1/11 Boston H.	12	TASL (M. Hall)	2/1-28 Sharon	120 max	S. Arena			
1/19 Westport	60+	M. Lynch#	2/7 Lakeville	130	BBC (R. Finch)			
2/5 Rockport (A.P.)	29	R. Heil	2/8 Arlington	271	M. Rines			
2/7 Gay Head	9	F. Bouchard#	2/13 Andover	80	E. Stromsted			
2/8 Boston H.	4	TASL (M. Hall)	2/21 Pepperell	130	E. Stromsted			
2/16 Plymouth	51	M. Lynch#	2/25 Wayland	61	N. Patterson			
2/28 Gloucester	4	R. Lockwood#	2/27 Brewster	50+	J. Sones			
Oldsquaw			2/28 Peabody	43	P. + F. Vale			
1/10 Rockport (A.P.)	8	P. + F. Vale	2/28 W. Boxford	96	T. Walker			
1/11 Boston H.	19	TASL (M. Hall)	Ruddy Duck					
1/11 Duxbury	35	E. Neumuth	1/4 Eastham	58	D. Ludlow			
			1/4 Peabody	8	P. + F. Vale			

Ruddy Duck (continued)				2/7	Lakeville	2	BBC (R. Finch)
1/4 Cambridge	13	L. Kaplan		2/13	Mattapoisett	1	M. LaBossiere
1/10 Peabody	27	D. + I. Jewell		2/14	Winthrop	1	M. Lynch#
1/14 Lynn	4	I. Lynch		2/17	Arlington	1 imm	M. Rines#
1/15 Arlington	19	M. Rines		2/20	Pembroke	pr	D. Ludlow#
1/19 Boston	29	P. Fitzgerald		2/21	Plympton	1	K. Anderson
1/20 Lynn	6	R. Heil		2/21	DWWS	1	D. Furbish
1/4-5 Cambridge	13	L. Kaplan		2/22	Sharon	1	S. Arena
2/15 Brookline	17	G. d'Entremont		2/28	Holliston	1	M. Rines
2/15 Nantucket	4	E. Ray		2/28	W. Bridgewater	2	M. Maurer#
2/19 Andover	4	E. Stromsted		2/28	Lincoln	2	R. Walton
Bald Eagle				Red-tailed Hawk			
1/9 Lakeville	3	K. Anderson		1/19	Westport	6	M. Lynch#
1/10 Newbypt	4	S. + S. Grinley		2/7	Cumb. Farms	8	M. Maurer
1/11 Quabbin (G37)	4-5	E. Nielsen#		2/16	Ipswich	5	BBC (J. Berry)
1/17 S. Middleboro	1 ad	S. Arena		2/28	W. Newbury-Ips.	22	R. Heil
1/18 Amesbury	2	P. + F. Vale		2/thr	DWWS	max 9	v.o.
1/21 Roslindale	1	K. Ryan		Rough-legged Hawk			
1/21 Westwood	1 imm	T. Raymond		thr	DWWS	1 dk	D. Furbish#
1/23 Lawrence	1 ad	J. Hogan		1/4	Wakefield	1 lt	D. + I. Jewell
1/26 W. Newbury	2	R. Dennett		1/4	W. Bridgewater	1	R. Finch
1/29 Methuen	2 ad	A. Kaminsky		1/10	Newbypt/P.I.	2 lt	P. Roberts#
2/3 Waltham	1 imm	L. Harvey		1/11	Salisbury	1	J. Kuivenhoven#
2/6 Chilmark	1 ad	T. Rich		1/22	Nantucket	1	E. Ray
2/9 Lowell	2	R. Letender		1/26	Gloucester	1	D. Jacques
2/13 Tyngsboro	1	D. Pile		1/28	Wayland	1	N. Patterson
2/15 Plymouth	1	R. Holmes		2/1	Maynard	1 lt	L. Nachtrab
2/20 Groton	1 ad	T. Pirro		2/1	P.I.	3	J. Soucy
2/21 Wayland	1 ad	N. Patterson		2/14	W. Bridgewater	2	S. Arena
2/28 W. Bridgewater	1 imm	M. Maurer#		Golden Eagle			
1/25 Wrentham	1	E. Swanson		thr	Quabbin (G37)	1 ad	fide D. Small
1/27 Uxbridge	1	G. Bronnes		1/3	Quabbin (G43)	1 imm	R.Lockwood
1/28 Newbypt H.	2	B. Gette		American Kestrel			
1/30 P.I.	1	P. Roberts		1/3	Salisbury	1 ad	D. Larson#
Northern Harrier				1/4	Dedham	1	T. Maloney
thr DWWS	12 max	D. Furbish		1/5	Brockton	1	M. Faherty
thr Cumb. Farms	4 max	K. Anderson		1/15	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson
thr P.I.	4 max	R. Heil		1/26	Concord	1	M. Rines
thr W. Bridgewater	4 max	S. Arena		1/27	P.I.	3	N. Claflin
1/17 P'town	2	M. Sylvia		1/30	Cambridge	1	M. Rines
1/22 Wareham	5	M. Sylvia		1/31	Cumb. Farms	1	R. Finch
2/16 Ipswich	2	BBC (J. Berry)		2/22	Boston (Logan)	4	P. Roberts#
1/31 Barnstable (SN)	4	H. Ferguson		Merlin			
Sharp-shinned Hawk				thr	Reports of indiv. from 16 coastal loc.		
thr Reports of indiv. from 26 locations				1/17	Wakefield	1	P. + F. Vale
1/19 Salisbury B.	2	J. Berry		1/19	GMNWR	1	K. Dorsey
1/22 Newbypt	3	R. Heil		1/21	Waltham	1	C. Ralph
2/20 Woburn	2	M. Rines		2/11	Brockton	1	M. Faherty
2/26 Newbury	2	S. Perkins#		2/20	Nantucket	2	E. Ray
Cooper's Hawk				Peregrine Falcon			
thr Reports of indiv. from 20 locations.				1/12-2/1	Gloucester	1 ad	v.o.
1/10-11 Hanover	2	S. Katz		1/3	Wollaston	1	E. Cutler
Northern Goshawk				1/3	P.I.	1 ad	D. Larson#
1/11 Quabbin (G37)	2 ad	E.. Nielsen#		1/11	Eastham	1	B. Nikula, J. Trimble
1/16 Princeton	1 ad	T. Mongeon		1/13	Nauset M.	1	M. Halloran
1/28 Plymouth	1	D. Peacock		1/19	Salisbury	1	fide S. Grinley
2/1 Groton	1	D. Fisch		1/25	Worcester	1	S. + L. Hennin
2/7 HRWMA	1 ad	T. Pirro		2/2	Wareham	1	M. LaBossiere
2/12 Fitchburg	1 immT.	Brownrigg		2/3	Boston	2	M. Rines#
2/18 Halifax	1	K. Holmes		2/20	Nantucket	1	E. Ray
2/20 Carlisle	1	J. Innella		Gyrfalcon (details submitted)			
2/21 Salisbury	1 ad	R. Lockwood#		1/10-2/28	Boston (Logan)	1 b	N. Smith + v.o.
2/27 E. Boxford	1	J. Brown#		1/26	Marshfield	1	F. Zurif
2/28 Lincoln	2 ad	R. Walton		Ring-necked Pheasant			
Red-shouldered Hawk				1/27	W. Newbury	2	M. Rines
thr Gardner	1	T. Pirro		2/27	Lexington	3	M. Rines
thr E. Middleboro	2	K. Anderson		Ruffed Grouse			
thr Easton	1 ad	S. Arena		1/3	Templeton	1	T. Pirro
1/17 S. Middleboro	1 ABNC (S. Arena)			1/4	Gardner	1	P. + F. Vale
1/22 Wareham	1	M. Sylvia		2/7	Bolton	1	R. Lockwood
2/1 Westport	1	M. Boucher		2/16	Saugus	1	P. + F. Vale
2/4 Westminster	1 ad	J. Kricher		2/23	Carlisle	1	T. Brownrigg

Ruffed Grouse (continued)											
2/28	Hardwick	2	G. d'Entremont#	1/11	Boston H.	119	TASL (M. Hall)				
2/28	Millville	1	M. Rines	1/17	Gloucester	26	M. Rines#				
Wild Turkey											
1/3	N. Beverly	12	M. Barry	1/18	Nantucket	20	F. Gallo				
1/6	Bridgewater	7	R. Finch	1/22	P.I.	86	R. Heil				
1/12	Carver	4	M. Boucher	1/30	Salisbury	35	R. Lockwood#				
1/18	Plympton	8	J. Shaw	2/4	Rockport	24	R. Hodson				
1/19	Athol	36	R. Hodson	2/8	Boston H.	90	TASL (M. Hall)				
1/25	Templeton	50	T. Pirro	2/9	Westport	8	D. Ludlow				
1/31	Ipswich	33	J. Berry	1/28	Salisbury	35	B. Gette				
2/4	Danvers	9	D. Hill	Dunlin							
2/5	Wellesley	6	B. Weinig	1/3	Plymouth	125	P. + F. Vale				
2/10	W. Newbury	8	R. Heil	1/11	Boston H.	125	TASL (M. Hall)				
2/15	Petersham	33	E. Giles#	1/11	Duxbury	65	E. Neumuth				
2/19	Easton	10	G. d'Entremont	1/18	Barnstable	300	S. + L. Hennin				
2/23	Middleboro	100	R. Turner	1/19	Salisbury B.	100	J. Berry				
Northern Bobwhite											
1/3	WBWS	5	P. + F. Vale	2/1	Westport	89	M. Boucher				
Virginia Rail											
1/4	Nantucket	6	R. Heil	2/1	P.I.	48	J. Berry				
1/15,22	Newbypt	1,2	R. Heil	2/8	Boston H.	35	TASL (M. Hall)				
American Coot											
thr	Arlington	66 max	K. Hartel	2/3, 10	Newbypt	200+	R. Heil				
thr	Medford	49 max	M. Rines	Common Snipe							
1/9	Plymouth	15	M. Faherty	1/3	Buzzards Bay	3	K. Anderson				
1/14	Lynn	13	I. Lynch	1/4	Athol	1	M. Lynch#				
1/23	Easton	13	S. Arena	1/17	Salisbury	1	J. Berry				
2/3	Brookline	10	B. Mayer	1/21,27	Newbypt	1	R. Heil				
Black-bellied Plover											
1/2	Nantucket	2	G. d'Entremont#	1/28	DWWS	1	D. Furbish				
1/11	Duxbury	2	E. Neumuth	American Woodcock							
1/11	Edgartown	30+	R. Heil	1/10	Nantucket	2	BBC (H. Cramer)				
Semipalmented Plover				2/13-29	DWWS	4-11	Dan Furbish				
1/18	Eastham (F.E.)	1	S. Cronenweth	2/15	IRWS	1	C. Decker				
Killdeer				2/20-28	Wayland	5 max	N. Patterson				
1/11	Cumb. Farms	2	D. Larson#	2/22	Marshfield	2	D. F. Oliver#				
1/17	Plymouth	2	ABNC (S. Arena)	2/22	Carlisle	1D. + T.	Brownrigg				
1/19	Westport	3	M. Lynch#	2/27	Easton	5	S. Arena				
2/14	Newbury	1	D. Davis	2/27	Cumb. Farms	4-5	M. Faherty				
2/14	Easton	2	S. Arena	Little Gull							
2/15	Nantucket	4	E. Ray	1/2-4	Nantucket	7	R. Heil				
2/16	Plymouth	3	M. Lynch#	Black-headed Gull							
2/26	Newbury	3	N. Soulette#	thr	Newbypt	1 ad	R. Heil + v.o.				
2/27	W. Newbury	2	R. Heil	thr	Plymouth	1	v.o.				
Greater Yellowlegs				1/2	Nantucket	3	S. Perkins#				
1/10	Chatham	5	J. Trimble	1/3	Chilmark	1 ad	A. Keith				
2/14	Hyannis	1	B. Nikula	1/16-30S.	Boston	3 ad	R. Donovan#				
Whimbrel (<i>hudsonicus</i>)				1/17	E. Gloucester	1	R. Cech				
1/1-2/1	W. Yarmouth	1	fide B. Nikula	2/8	Revere	1	N. Shore				
Bar-tailed Godwit				2/9	Winthrop	5	M. Rines				
1/1-2/12	Plymouth	1	J. Sones + v.o.	2/15-20	Belmont	1 ad	W. Bishop				
Marbled Godwit				Bonaparte's Gull							
1/1-31	Eastham	1	S. Carroll + v.o.	1/1	Westport	97	M. Boucher				
Ruddy Turnstone				1/11	Boston H.	420	TASL (M. Hall)				
1/4	Nantucket	35	G. d'Entremont#	1/2-4	Nantucket	10,000+	R. Heil				
1/15	N. Scituate	12	K. Anderson	2/4	Lynn	26	R. Heil				
Sanderling				2/8	Boston H.	44	TASL (M. Hall)				
1/3	Plymouth	45	P. + F. Vale	2/26	Newbypt	6	S. Perkins#				
1/3	Salisbury	100	D. Larson#	Mew Gull (details submitted)							
1/11	P'town (R.P.)	50	M. Resch	1/28-2/27	S. Boston	1 ad	R. Donovan + v.o.				
1/11	Boston H.	30	TASL (M. Hall)	2/7-22	Winthrop	1 ph	N. Samson + v.o.				
1/18	Barnstable	250	S. + L. Hennin	Herring Gull							
2/8	Boston H.	30	TASL (M. Hall)	2/3	Newbypt	2500+	R. Heil				
2/8	Dennis	30	R. Hodson	Iceland Gull							
2/16	P.I.	8	J. Berry	1/3	Salisbury B.	4 ad	J. Berry				
Least Sandpiper				1/2	Nantucket	40	S. Perkins#				
1/9	Yarmouth	1 ph	R. Heil	1/3	Easton	1	S. Arena				
Purple Sandpiper				1/10	Gloucester (E.P.)	1	D. Larson#				
1/3	Salisbury B.	25	J. Berry	1/15, 2/7	S. Boston	1 1W	R. Donovan				
1/4	Manomet Pt.	12	D. Oliver#	1/21-22	Newbypt	13	R. Heil				
1/5	Newbypt	20	K. Cole	1/25-2/21	Gardner	1 ad	T. Pirro				
				2/5	Framingham	1 ad	A. Reposa				
				2/6	Brockton	1 1W	S. Arena				
				2/20	M.V.	2	M. Pelikan				
				2/20	Nantucket	9	E. Ray				
				2/21	Newbypt	8	J. Brown#				
				2/28	P'town (R.P.)	30+	B. Nikula				

Lesser Black-backed Gull				Thick-billed Murre			
1/3	Chilmark	1	A. Keith	1/1	P'town	1	R. Lockwood#
2/3	Newbypt	1	R. Heil	1/18	Rockport	1	J. Berry
2/20	Nantucket	2	E. Ray	1/18	Sandwich	1	S. + L. Hennin
2/21	Plymouth	1 ad	M. Lynch#	1/21	Wellfleet H.	1	G. Martin
2/22	P'town	1 2W	B. Nikula	2/5	Rockport (A.P.)	63	R. Heil
Glaucous Gull				2/7	Barnstable (S.N.)	1	J. Trimble
1/1	Ipswich	1 1W	J. Berry	2/7	Essex	1	M. Jordan
1/3	Truro	1	R. Styneist	2/8	Boston H.	1	TASL (M. Hall)
1/4	Newbypt	1	K. Cole	2/8	Rockport (A.P.)	3	E. Nielsen
1/12	Gloucester	1 ad	M. Lynch#	2/14-16P.I.		1T.	Maloney# + v.o.
1/18	Nantucket	2	F. Gallo	2/18	Rockport (A.P.)	9	R. Heil
1/23	Easton	1	S. Arena	2/21	P'town	11	M. Lynch#
1/31	Rockport	1 2W	J. Berry	2/22-28	Gloucester	4-5	J. Soucy#
2/8	Newbypt	2-3	D. Larson#	2/22	Barnstable (S.N.)	1	M. Partridge
2/21	Newbypt	2	R. Lockwood#	2/24	Rockport (A.P.)	7	R. Heil
2/22	P'town	1 ad	D. F. Oliver#	2/28	P'town (R.P.)	3+	B. Nikula
Black-legged Kittiwake				Razorbill			
1/17	Eastham (F.E.)	230	B. Nikula	1/1	P'town	3000	R. Lockwood#
1/17	P'town	725	M. Sylvia	1/1	Truro-P'town	220+	M. Lynch#
2/3	Vineyard Sound	200+	V. Laux#	1/3	Salisbury B.	8	J. Berry
2/5	Rockport (A.P.)	1200	R. Heil	1/4	Marconi	1000+	G. Levandoski#
2/6	Eastham (F.E.)	200	B. Nikula	1/4	Eastham	30	D. Larson#
2/8	Boston H.	36	TASL (M. Hall)	1/4	Scusset B.	5	D. Oliver#
2/15	P'town-Eastham	1800	D. Ludlow#	1/4, 10	P'town (R.P.)	2100, 350	B. Nikula#
2/24	Rockport (A.P.)	315	R. Heil	1/10	Rockport (A.P.)	20	D. Larson#
Dovekie				1/19	Nantucket	140	F. Gallo
1/2	Scusset B.	1	L. de la Flor#	1/23	Vineyard Sound	20+	V. Laux#
1/10	P'town (R.P.)	1	B. Nikula	1/25	Barnstable (S.N.)	5	A. Strauss
1/12-13	Nantucket	1	E. Andrews#	2/5	Rockport (A.P.)	236	R. Heil
1/15	Rockport	1	D. + I. Jewell	2/7	P'town	1000	C. Leahy
1/17	Gloucester	1	R. Styneist#	2/8	Rockport (A.P.)	340	E. Nielsen
1/17	P'town	1	M. Sylvia	2/15	P'town-Eastham	1200	D. Ludlow#
1/18, 20	Rockport (A.P.)	1	J. Soucy	2/21	Truro	450+	M. Lynch#
2/5	Rockport (A.P.)	6	R. Heil	2/28	P'town (R.P.)	30+	B. Nikula
2/5	Barnstable (S.N.)	5	A. Strauss	Black Guillemot			
2/8	Rockport (A.P.)	11	E. Nielsen	1/10	Rockport (A.P.)	1	P. + F. Vale
2/22	E. Gloucester	2	E. DeBellevue	1/11	P'town (R.P.)	1	M. Resch
2/23	P'town	7	H. D'Entremont	1/11	Boston H.	1	TASL (M. Hall)
Common Murre				1/19	Gloucester	38	R. Heil
1/4, 10	P'town (R.P.)	1, 3	B. Nikula#	2/15	Rockport (A.P.)	3	M. Rines#
2/5	Rockport (A.P.)	1	R. Heil	2/21	Boston H.	3	S. Zendeh (MDC)
2/8	Boston H.	1	TASL (M. Hall)	2/28	P'town (R.P.)	8	B. Nikula
Ancient Murrelet (details submitted)*				Atlantic Puffin			
2/11	P.I.	1	B. Stevens#	2/5	Rockport (A.P.)	2	R. Heil
2/15	M.V.	1	E. DeBellevue	Large alcid species			
2/21	Rockport	1	S. Moore#	2/5	Rockport (A.P.)	146	R. Heil
2/23	Gloucester	1	M. Rines#	2/28	P'town (R.P.)	200	B. Nikula
2/28	P'town (R.P.)	2	B. Nikula				

OWLS THROUGH GROSBEAKS

A small group of Long-eared Owls spent the winter at the Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary in Marshfield, roosting together by day and hunting the fields by night. Just before sunset, birders at the observation platform were treated to the spectacular sight of these birds cruising the meadows - or were they Short-ears? Seeing these two species together underscores the difficulty of field identification when these birds are in flight. A Whip-poor-will was reported singing in Edgartown. There are no previous January records. This report followed closely on the heels of an unidentified nightjar seen on Nantucket in November. Red-headed Woodpeckers have become a real rarity in Massachusetts, so five individuals in four locations was a bonanza.

The mild winter and the lack of any significant snowfall was a bonus for land birds (are you tired yet of hearing of *El Nino*?). On a few mild days in February, insects could be seen in significant numbers and were doubtless welcome food for the numerous overwintering semi-hardies. Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers, Eastern Phoebes, Tree Swallows, House Wrens, Winter Wrens, Ruby-crowned Kinglets, Hermit Thrushes, and Eastern Meadowlarks are sometimes reported in eastern Massachusetts in the winter, but seldom do we see all these species, and usually reports come from the southeastern part of the state. A review of these reports show many coming from north of Boston, and, even more unusual, from the north-central part of the state. Other signs of the mild winter included reports of unusually high numbers of Eastern Bluebirds, American Robins, and —especially — Cedar Waxwings.

Northern Shrikes were well reported from a wide area, although certainly not as many as in the invasion of two years ago. This was a great winter for other northern species. While Red-breasted Nuthatches were generally difficult to find, a large flock in Bedford foraging in white pine lingered from December. Bohemian Waxwings were reported from a variety of locations. Several flocks of Pine Grosbeaks in Worcester County foraged in heavily fruited areas and were enjoyed by many birders. Both crossbill species were reported in good numbers, and flocks at Salisbury Beach State Park were easy to find and a delight to Essex County aficionados. Common Redpolls were nearly as plentiful as they were in the bonanza year of 1994. Pine Siskins were harder to find, but nice flocks of Evening Grosbeaks were reported from several locations in Worcester County.

The list of very unusual birds seen during the period was amazing. A Varied Thrush spent the month at a feeder in Oakham. Warblers included typical overwintering birds such as Yellow-rumped, Pine, and Palm warblers, but others were more surprising. An Orange-crowned Warbler and Common Yellowthroat were unusual, but not unheard-of for winter, but an Ovenbird and Northern Waterthrush were exceptional. Seven Yellow-breasted Chats is an extraordinary number, especially when it includes individuals in Salem and Byfield in the northeastern part of the state. The birds of the winter, however, continued to be the Hermit Warbler which spent the winter in a small section of the State Forest in Edgartown on Martha's Vineyard.

A Lark Sparrow spent over a week at the Marconi area of Wellfleet, and several other sparrow species were unusual in winter, including several sharp-tailed, Seaside, Fox, and White-crowned sparrows. A Painted Bunting was reported coming to a feeder in Seekonk. A male Bullock's Oriole was well fed at a feeder in Wakefield until the homeowner had to leave town for a week. A week later, undoubtedly the same individual found its way to a similarly hospitable feeder in Reading, only five miles away.

It was an extraordinary winter all in all. Blame it on El Nino? We'll probably never know.

Barn Owl				2/19	HRWMA	1	T. Pirro
2/9	M.V.	3	M. Pelikan	Whip-poor-will			
Eastern Screech-Owl				1/4	Edgartown	1 heard	C. Morano
thr	Reports of indiv. from 12 locations			Belted Kingfisher			
thr	Winchester	2	D. + I. Jewell	thr	Reports of indiv. from 13 locations		
1/1	Wakefield	2	P. + F. Vale	Red-headed Woodpecker			
2/9	M.V.	2	M. Pelikan	1/5-2/28	W. Brookfield	2	M. Lynch# + v.o.
2/13	Middleboro	3	K. Holmes	1/24	Sutton	1	N. Sawtelle
2/15	Marshfield	3	D. Peacock#	2/2	Dennis	1 imm	S. Miller#
Great Horned Owl				2/3	Auburn	1	B. Walker
thr	Reports of indiv. from 23 locations			Red-bellied Woodpecker			
thr	DWWS	3 max	D. Furbish	thr	Lincoln	4	S. Perkins#
1/1	N. Dartmouth	2	M. Boucher	1/6	Medford	5	M. Rines
2/3	S. Middleboro	pr	K. Anderson#	1/13	Lakeville	2	G. Levandoski
2/15	E. Middleboro	3	K. Anderson	1/25	Chilmark	4	R. Styneist#
Snowy Owl				1/27-2/28	W. Newbury	6	R. Heil
thr	P.I.	1-3	J. Soucy + v.o.	2/7	M.V.	2	D. Small
1/1-2/4	Newbypt	1	J. Berry + v.o.	2/28	Blackstone	3	M. Rines
1/10	Boston (Logan)	2	N. Smith	2/28	W. Brookfield	3	G. d'Entremont#
1/19	Salisbury	1 imm	T. Raymond	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			
1/22	Nantucket	1	E. Ray	1/27	Marshfield	1	D. Peacock
1/29	Chappaquiddick	1	M. Pelikan#	1/28	Mt.A.	1	M. Rines
2/8	Boston (Logan)	2	N. Smith	Hairy Woodpecker			
Barred Owl				1/27	W. Newbury	8	R. Heil
1/4	Royalston	2	M. Lynch#	1/thr	Mattapoisett	4	F. Smith
1/26	Lanesville	1	D. Jacques	Northern Flicker			
1/27	Melrose	1	D. + I. Jewell	thr	Reports of indiv. from 13 locations		
2/1-28	DWWS	2	v.o.	1/24	Westport	3BBC (R. Styneist)	
2/22	IRWS	2	G. d'Entremont#	1/30	Oak Bluffs	3	M. Pelikan
2/26	Hamilton	1	N. Nash	2/16	E. Middleboro	3	K. Anderson
2/28	Easton	2	S. Arena	2/28	Millville	2	M. Rines
Long-eared Owl				Pileated Woodpecker			
thr	DWWS	6 max	D. Furbish + v.o.	1/2	Westford	1 m	S. Selesky
1/29	Nantucket	1	fide E. Ray	1/2	Petersham	1 m	D. Larson#
Short-eared Owl				1/3	Templeton	1	T. Pirro
thr	DWWS	4 max	D. Furbish + v.o.	1/18	Westminster	1	T. Pirro
1/5	Halifax	1	R. Finch	1/18	W. Brookfield	1	M. Lynch#
1/15-2/22	P.I.	1	J. Gawienowski	1/31	Pepperell	3	E. Stromsted
2/13	Cumb. Farms	2	M. Maurer	1/31	Wayland	3	N. Patterson
2/14	W. Bridgewater	1	S. Arena	2/1	Quabbin (G 43)	4	R. Heil
Northern Saw-Whet Owl				2/8	Gloucester	1	D. Chickering
1/1	DWWS	5	N. Smith	2/8	W. Andover	1 f	M. Timko
1/4	Royalston	1	M. Lynch#	2/12	Lincoln	1	R. Zaring
1/22	Dedham	1	E. Cutler	2/14	IRWS	1	P. + F. Vale
2/11	M.V.	3	M. Pelikan#	2/28	W. Newbury	1	R. Heil
2/15	Middleboro	1	D. Peacock#	2/8-10	Boxford	1	J. Weldon

Eastern Phoebe								
1/3-2/1 Chilmark	1	A. Keith	1/25	Chilmark	8	R. Stymeist#		
1/14-2/23 HRWMA	1	T. Pirro	2/7	Lakeville	5	BBC (R. Finch)		
2/19 Cumb. Farms	1	R. Finch	2/21	Barnstable	5	M. Rines		
Northern Shrike			2/28	Millville	2 m	M. Rines		
thr P.I.	3 max	2/1 J. Soucy	House Wren					
1/3 Hamilton	1	C. Leahy	2/21 Edgartown	1	M. Pelikan			
1/4 Lynnfield	1	D. + I. Jewell	Winter Wren					
1/4-19 Wellfleet	1 imm	D. Larson#	1/2 Nantucket	1	G. d'Entremont			
1/4 Concord	1	S. Ells	1/11 Nahant	1	M. Rines#			
1/6 Wayland	1	N. Patterson	1/18 Boxford (C.P.)	1	P. + F. Vale			
1/20 W. Newbury	1	R. Heil	1/22 Wareham	1	M. Sylvia			
1/20 Salem	1 imm	R. Heil	1/26 E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson			
1/21-2/8 GMNWR	1	R. Lockwood	Marsh Wren					
1/27 Ashburnham	1 ad	T. Pirro	thr Newbypt	2	R. Heil			
2/1 Chilmark	1	A. Keith#	1/4 Nantucket	4	R. Heil			
2/4 Royalston	1	J. Kricher	Golden-crowned Kinglet					
2/14 Salisbury	1	T. Maloney#	1/24 Westport	15BBC (R. Stymeist)				
2/16 Cumb. Farms	1	M. Maurer	1/30 Oak Bluffs	7	M. Pelikan			
2/21 S. Carver	1 imm	K. Anderson	2/16 Boxford	3	M. Rines			
2/21 Pepperell	1	E. Stromsted	2/21 Barnstable	6	M. Rines			
2/21 Truro	1 imm	M. Lynch#	Ruby-crowned Kinglet					
American Crow			1/18 Bourne	2	R. Stymeist#			
1/27 Worc. (BMB)	1200+	J. Liller	1/19 W. Newbury	1	M. Rines			
1/30-31 Lawrence	15,000	J. Hogan#	1/30 Oak Bluffs	1-2 m	M. Pelikan			
1/1-31 Framingham	13,000+	E. Taylor	Eastern Bluebird					
2/13 Fitchburg	1000	D. Koski	1/1 Hingham	8	J. Melithonotes			
Fish Crow			1/1 Wellfleet	5	M. Lynch#			
1/3 Watertown	32	R. Stymeist	1/10 Bolton	3	S. + L. Hennin			
1/4 Belmont	2BBC (R. Petersen)		1/12 DWWS	5	D. Furbish			
1/18 W. Brookfield	1	M. Lynch#	1/14 Acton	3	G. Bullock			
2/13 Worcester	1	M. Lynch#	1/18 Taunton	8	M. Hatfield			
2/21 Middleboro	15	K. Anderson	1/19 GMNWR	5	K. Dorsey			
2/25 Brookline	3	A. Lear	1/29 Essex	3	R. Heil			
Common Raven			1/30 Mattapoisett	4	F. Smith			
1/4 Royalston	1	P. + F. Vale	2/6 Lincoln	3	S. Perkins#			
1/11 Quabbin (G37)	1	E. Nielsen#	2/7 Cumb. Farms	10	M. Maurer			
2/1 Hardwick	3	R. Heil	2/9 Quincy	12	N. Smith			
2/21 Gardner	1	T. Pirro	2/22 Carlisle	4	T. Brownrigg			
Horned Lark			2/26 Groton	8	M. Rines			
1/1-27 Hanscom AFB	43 max	R. Lockwood	2/28 Blackstone	3	M. Rines			
1/11 Duxbury	14	E. Neumuth	2/28 Holliston	10	M. Rines			
1/17 Cumb. Farms	175 ABNC (S. Arena)		Hermit Thrush					
1/19 Newbury	129	M. Rines	1/3 P.I.	1	K. Haley			
1/28 Salisbury	40	MAS (B. Gette#)	1/17 Gardner	1	T. Pirro			
2/9 Dartmouth	125	D. Ludlow	1/18 Bourne	4	R. Stymeist#			
2/20 Halifax	65	D. Ludlow#	1/18 Falmouth	1	S. + L. Hennin			
Tree Swallow			1/22 Nantucket	1	E. Ray			
1/2-2/3 Chilmark	4	v.o.	1/23 IRWS	1	K. Dorsey			
Red-breasted Nuthatch			1/23 Mattapoisett	1	M. LaBossiere			
1/15 Bedford	30	M. Rines	1/24 Westport	1BBC (R. Stymeist)				
1/27 W. Newbury	6	R. Heil	1/31 DWWS	1	D. Furbish			
2/20 Groton	2 m	T. Pirro	1/31 Plymouth	1	D. Ludlow			
2/27 W. Newbury	6	R. Heil	2/14 Rockport (H.P.)	1	J. Melithonotes			
Brown Creeper			2/21 Barnstable	1	M. Rines			
1/23 IRWS	1	K. Dorsey	American Robin					
1/27 Marshfield	1	D. Peacock	1/15 Newbury	250	R. Heil			
1/30 GMNWR	2	K. Dorsey	1/16 Groton	150+	T. Pirro			
1/30 Mattapoisett	1	F. Smith	1/18 Wellfleet	225	R. Stymeist#			
2/15 Lincoln	1	S. Perkins#	1/19 Newbypt	350	J. Berry			
2/18 Middleboro	1	K. Holmes	1/24 Westport	130BBC (R. Stymeist)				
2/27 W. Newbury	3	R. Heil	1/26 W. Newbury	1065	R. Heil			
Carolina Wren			2/1 Salem	100+	J. McLaughlin			
thr Reports of indiv. from 18 locations			2/7 HRWMA	125	T. Pirro			
1/4 Nantucket	12	G. d'Entremont#	2/9 Wayland	100	D. Vanderberg			
1/10 Hudson	2	R. Stymeist#	2/22 Boston	320	K. Hudson			
1/10 Leicester	2	R. Stymeist#	Varied Thrush					
1/11 Worc. (BMB)	4	J. Liller	2/7-28 Oakham	1 f	C. Graham			
1/11 Falmouth	11	R. Heil	Gray Catbird					
1/17 Rockport (A.P.)	2	fide J. Soucy	1/5 Edgartown	1	M. Pelikan			
1/18 Falmouth	22	M. Lynch#	1/11 Falmouth	4	R. Heil			
1/24 Westport	28BBC (R. Stymeist)		1/20 Salem	1	R. Heil			
			1/24 Westport	4	BBC (R. Stymeist)			

Gray Catbird (continued)					
1/27	Gloucester	1	M. Officer	1/25	Centerville
2/15	P.I.	1	A. Binns	1/30-2/22	Byfield
2/16	IRWS	1	B. Speare	1	J. Soucy + v.o.
2/21	Barnstable	1	M. Rines	Eastern Towhee	
Brown Thrasher					
1/3	Falmouth	1	BBC (R. Finch)	1/12	Falmouth
2/15	DWWS	1	M. Rines	1/16	Acton
Bohemian Waxwing					
1/17-27	Wellfleet	21 max	J. Sones + v.o.	1/24	Westport
1/23	Rockport	1	J. Soucy	1/25	Chilmark
1/24	Dennis	9	E. Giles	2/27	Medford
1/26	W. Newbury	2	D. + I. Jewell	American Tree Sparrow	
1/29	Nantucket	9	fide E. Ray	1/3	Everett
1/30	Royalston	1	M. Taylor#	1/4	Wakefield
1/30-2/15	P.I.	4	v.o.	1/11	Cumb. Farms
1/31-2/16	Eastham	20 max	D. Peacock#	1/19	Salisbury
2/2	Cummaquid	1	S. Miller	2/1	W. Bridgewater
2/25	Groton	10	A. Neilson	2/11	Saugus
Cedar Waxwing					
1/1	Marion	86	M. Boucher	Chipping Sparrow	
1/3	Quabbin (G40)	60+	M. Lynch#	2/1-16	Chilmark
1/10	Pepperell	120	E. Stromsted	2/1-28	Brewster
1/15	Newbury	65+	R. Heil	Field Sparrow	
1/16	Athol	750	D. Small	1/1	S. Wellfleet
1/17	Templeton	300+	T. Pirro	1/18	Falmouth
1/17	Gardner	150	T. Pirro	1/19	Newbury
1/18	Westminster	150+	T. Pirro	1/24	Westport
1/31	Easton	80	S. Arena	2/1-16	Chilmark
2/1	Eastham	200	B. Nikula#	2/1-28	Brewster
2/11	Maynard	70	L. Nachtrab	Vesper Sparrow	
2/20	Amesbury	95	M. Rines	1/2	Cumb. Farms
1/25	Acton	150	A. Duncan	1/11, 28	Katama
Orange-crowned Warbler					
1/20	Cohasset	1	S. Avery	1/12	Middleboro
Yellow-rumped Warbler					
1/1	Rowley	1	P. + F. Vale	2/14	Edgartown
1/9	Westport	34	M. Lynch#	Lark Sparrow	
1/17	Lakeville	3	ABNC (S. Arena)	1/1-9	Wellfleet
1/24	Westport	25BBC (R. Stymeist)	Savannah Sparrow		
1/29	Essex	6	R. Heil	1/11	M.V.
1/30	P.I.	7	R. Lockwood#	1/19	Newbury
2/14	Rowley	1	P. + F. Vale	1/27	S. Dart. (A. Pd)
2/26	Brockton	2	M. Faherty	2/1	Cumb. Farms
1/20	Ipswich	1	D. Cassidy	2/16	P.I.
Hermit Warbler					
thr	Edgartown	1	M. Pelikan + v.o.	"Ipswich" Sparrow	
Pine Warbler					
1/3	Marstons Mills	1	M. Partridge	1/1	Bourne
1/3	Kingston	1	D. Ludlow#	1/11	Edgartown
1/4	Eastham	3	D. Larson#	1/17	P.I.
1/17	S. Middleboro	1	ABNC (S. Arena)	1/17	Salisbury
1/20	Cohasset	1	S. Avery	1/27	S. Dart. (A. Pd)
2/20	Westford	1	S. Selesky	sharp-tailed sparrow species	
2/27	Brewster	1	J. Sones #	1/11	Eastham (F.H.)
Palm Warbler				3+	B. Nikula#
1/2-19	Eastham	1	J. Eddy + v.o.	Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow	
2/8	E. Gloucester	1	P. Knowlton	1/31	Eastham
2/17	Hyannis	1	S. Miller#	Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	
2/27	Brewster	1	J. Sones #	1/31	Eastham
Ovenbird				Seaside Sparrow	
1/1-31	Athol	1	D. Small#	thr	Newbypt
Northern Waterthrush				1/11	Eastham (F.H.)
1/11	Woods Hole	1	R. Heil#	4+	J. Trimble #
Common Yellowthroat				Fox Sparrow	
2/11	Middleboro	1	M. Sylvia	1/2	Nantucket
Yellow-breasted Chat				1/3	Everett
1/3	Edgartown	1	M. Pelikan	1/1-2/28	Kingston
1/11-2/3	Falmouth	1-2	R. Heil + v.o.	1/23	Mattapoisett
1/20	Salem	1	R. Heil	1/25	Essex
1/20	Pembroke	1	R. Groves	1/26	E. Middleboro
1/24	Westport	1BBC (R. Stymeist)	Swamp Sparrow		
				1/5	Topsfield
				1/11	Cumb. Farms
				1/18	Marshfield
				1/18	Falmouth
				1/19	Westport
				1/28	GMNWR
				White-crowned Sparrow	
				1/2	Nantucket
				1 ad	E. Andrews#

White-crowned Sparrow (continued)								
1/12	Middleboro	3	M. Boucher	1/31	Lexington	20	M. Rines	
2/21	Sandwich	2	M. Rines	2/18	Halifax	15	K. Holmes	
Oregon Junco				2/26	Easton	20	S. Arena	
thr	Maynard	1 m	L. Nachtrab	2/27	W. Newbury	20	R. Heil	
Laplant Longspur				2/27	W. Bridgewater	60	S. Arena	
thr	Newbury	40	max S. Perkins + v.o.	2/28	Harvard	27	R. Lockwood	
1/31	Cumb. Farms	3	R. Finch	Baltimore Oriole				
Snow Bunting				2/3	Franklin	1 m	D. Briggs	
thr	Newbury	100	max J. Berry + v.o.	Bullock's Oriole				
1/11	Cumb. Farms	25	M. Faherty	1/1-2/19 Wakefield	1 m	P. Stark#		
1/17	Gloucester	20	M. Rines#	2/26-28 Reading	1 m	D. Shromm + v.o.		
1/17	P'town	400	M. Sylvia	Pine Grosbeak				
1/19	Salisbury	60	D. Williams	thr	Gardner	40 max	T. Pirro	
1/22	Wareham	32	M. Sylvia	thr	HRWMA	11 max	T. Pirro	
1/24	Sharon	17	S. Arena	1/4	Winchendon	4	P. + F. Vale	
2/1	Bedford	45	M. Rines#	1/19	Athol	2	D. Small	
2/4	P.I.	150	B. Gette	1/19	Peabody	30	P. Roberts	
Painted Bunting				1/27	S. Dart. (A. Pd)	1	LCES(J. Hill)	
1/10	Seekonk	1 m	R. Leonard	1/29	Westminster	17	T. Pirro	
Dickcissel				1/30-2/25 Royalston	80+	D. Small + v.o.		
1/9-17	Marshfield	2	D. Peacock	2/1	Westport	2	M. Boucher	
Red-winged Blackbird				2/6	Harvard	1	fide G. Marley	
1/3	Templeton	1	T. Pirro	2/25	Rowley	3	R. Heil	
1/3	WBWS	6	P. + F. Vale	Purple Finch				
1/10	W. Bridgewater	30	S. Arena	1/1	Hingham	6	J. Melithoniotes	
1/10	Salisbury	2	P. + F. Vale	1/4	Nantucket	1	G. d'Entremont	
1/11	Wakefield	10	D. + I. Jewell	1/8	Maynard	3 f	L. Nachtrab	
1/22	DWWS	127	D. Furbish	1/12	P.I.	1	M. Lynch#	
2/12-28	Wayland	max 100+	N. Patterson	1/26	Petersham	1	S. + L. Hennin	
2/13	Ashland	6	D. Cole	2/28	Millville	6	M. Rines	
2/14	Newbury	20	D. Davis	2/6-13	Mattapoisett	2	M. LaBossiere	
2/15	Royalston	16	R. Lockwood#	Red Crossbill				
2/16	Ipswich	50	C. Leahy	thr	Salisbury	10 max	T. Roberts + v.	
2/27	W. Bridgewater	400	S. Arena	1/4	Gay Head	2	A. Keith	
2/27	W. Newbury	350+	R. Heil	1/11	Chilmark	2	A. Goldman	
Eastern Meadowlark				1/22	Nantucket	14	E. Ray	
thr	DWWS	max 27	Dan Furbish + v.o.	1/26-29 W. Newbury	1 m	R. Heil		
1/1	Cumb. Farms	10	K. Anderson	2/15	W. Boylston	2	M. Lynch#	
1/19	P.I.	4	P. + F. Vale	2/27	Dorchester	2	R. Donovan	
1/24	Westport	1BBC	(R. Symeist)	White-winged Crossbill				
1/27	S. Dart. (A. Pd)	19	LCES(J. Hill)	thr	Salisbury B.	50 max	R. Heil + v.o.	
2/1	Bedford	2	M. Rines#	1/4	Easton	3	S. Arena	
2/8	Rowley	2	J. Berry	1/11	M.V.	1	V. Laux#	
2/16	Attleboro	2	K. Meyer	1/15	Newbury	3	R. Heil	
2/21	Eastham	4	M. Lynch#	1/17	Dorchester	1	R. Donovan	
1/31	Barnstable (S.N.)	5	H. Ferguson	1/24	Athol	1	D. Small	
Rusty Blackbird				1/29	Essex	3	R. Heil	
1/10	Wakefield	24	P. + F. Vale	1/31	Mt.A.	10	P. Perry#	
1/29	Saugus	12	D. + I. Jewell	2/5	Weston	4	J. Mulvrey	
2/15	M.V.	1	S. Moore#	2/7	HRWMA	1	T. Pirro	
2/15	Woburn	5	P. + F. Vale	2/15	Hardwick	1	R. Lockwood#	
Common Grackle				1/30	Belmont	10	P. Wicks	
1/2	Nantucket	10	G. d'Entremont	Common Redpoll				
1/19	Westport	42	M. Lynch#	1/3	Templeton	50	T. Pirro	
2/13-2/22	DWWS	9-29	D. Furbish	1/4	Gardner	33	M. Lynch#	
2/13	Brookline	1	J. Kuivenhoven	1/10	Harvard	30	S. + L. Hennin	
2/13	Ipswich	1	D. Cassidy	1/10	Bolton	100	S. + L. Hennin	
2/14	Easton	1	S. Arena	1/11	P'town (R.P.)	25	M. Resch	
2/15	Woburn	20	P. + F. Vale	1/11	Quabbin (G37)	60-70	E. Nielsen#	
2/20	IRWS	1	D. Hill	1/18	Barre	100+	E. Salmela#	
2/21	Wakefield	1	P. + F. Vale	1/19	Salisbury	30+	P. + F. Vale	
2/21	GMNWR	2	S. Perkins#	1/27	Athol	18	D. Small	
2/22	WMWS	1	S. Moore#	1/27	Worc. (BMB)	35	J. Liller	
2/26	Easton	80	S. Arena	1/30	Westboro	18	A. Boover	
2/27	W. Newbury	125	R. Heil	1/31	P.I.	40	J. Brown#	
2/27	W. Bridgewater	200	S. Arena	2/4	Barre	19	C. Phillips	
Brown-headed Cowbird				2/7	Wakefield	27	D. Chickering	
1/1	S. Dartmouth	80	M. Boucher	2/1-24	Hopkinton	30-50	N. Facklam	
1/19	Westport	675	M. Lynch#	2/13, 14	Pepperell	50, 20	E. Stromsted	
1/19	Lincoln	7	S. Perkins#	2/14-15	Groton	50	A. Neilson	
1/31	Middleboro	50	S. + L. Hennin	2/15	Hardwick	25	R. Lockwood#	
				2/21	Westminster	25-30	D. Jacques#	

Pine Siskin							
1/1, 16 Athol	2, 35	D. Small	1/3	Templeton	20	T. Pirro	
1/4 Royalston	1	P. + F. Vale	1/4	Royalston	85+	P. + F. Vale	
1/10 Spencer	1	R. Styneist#	1/12	Gardner	40	M. Rines	
1/18 E. Boxford	1	J. Brown#	1/18	Petersham	18	D. Peacock#	
1/18 Petersham	1	D. Peacock#	1/18	Westminster	10+	T. Pirro	
Evening Grosbeak			2/7	HRWMA	20-25	T. Pirro	
			2/22	Royalston	50	R. Lockwood	

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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 Reservoir
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)	BMB	Broad Meadow Brook, Worcester
thr	throughout	CCBC	Cape Cod Bird Club
vid	videotaped	DFWS	Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary
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.A.	Arnold Arboretum, Boston	LBS	Local Bird Survey
A.P.	Andrews Point, Rockport	LCES	Lloyd Center for Environmental Studies
A.Pd	Allens Pond, S. Dartmouth	MARC	Massachusetts Avian Records Committee
Arl.	Arlington	MAS	Massachusetts Audubon Society
B.	Beach	MBO	Manomet Observatory
B.I.	Belle Isle, E. Boston	MBWMA	Martin Burns Wildlife Management Area, Newbury
B.R.	Bass Rocks, Gloucester	MDFW	MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
Cambr.	Cambridge	MNWS	Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary
C.B.	Crane Beach, Ipswich	MSSF	Myles Standish State Forest
Corp. B.	Corporation Beach, Dennis	NAC	Nine Acre Corner, Concord
C.P.	Crooked Pond, Boxford	NBC	Needham Bird Club
Cumb. Farms	Cumberland Farms, Middleboro-Halifax	NEHW	New England Hawk Watch
E.P.	Eastern Point, Gloucester	ONWR	Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge
F.E.	First Encounter Beach, Eastham	SRV	Sudbury River Valley
F.H.	Fort Hill, Eastham	SSBC	South Shore Bird Club
F.M.	Fowl Meadow, Milton	TASL	Take A Second Look Harbor Census
F.P.	Fresh Pond, Cambridge	USFWS	US Fish and Wildlife Service
F.Pk	Franklin Park, Boston	WBWS	Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
G40	Gate 40, Quabbin	WMWS	Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary
G45	Gate 45, Quabbin		
H.P.	Halibut Point, Rockport		