

# HOT BIRDS

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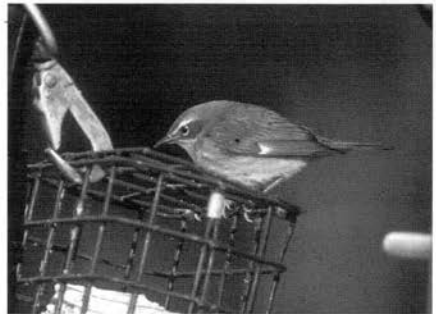
Some Hot Birds are rarities and some are oddities. In this issue, we cover both bases. First, this extremely accommodating male **Painted Bunting** was a fairly reliable feature of a yard in Malden this winter. This photograph was taken by David Larson, shooting with a digital camera through the lens of his binoculars, on March 11, 2001.

Marj. Rines snapped this image of an **European Starling** at her suet feeder in Arlington. Nicknamed "Cyrano de Vulgaris," this bird's beak is half again as long as a normal starling's bill.



A visit to a wildlife rehabilitation center brought Marj. Rines into the presence of this odd leucistic duck, apparently a **Wood Duck**. While leucism and albinism in ducks are not tremendously rare, this specimen is a very striking example.

In what could be a state first record of overwintering for this species, a female **Black-throated Blue Warbler** was resident on Cape Cod at least from December to the end of March. This copyrighted photograph was taken by Roger S. Everett in January 2001.



***Editor's note:** Please consider submitting your photographs of rare birds, unseasonable birds, or just interesting birds for publication in **HOT BIRDS**. We encourage you to get in touch with David Larson (<davlars@bu.edu> or 1921 Central Street, Stoughton, MA 02072) if you have a photograph for us to consider. We would be delighted to have more diversity in photocredits for this feature.*