

## THE BIRD OBSERVER SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 1974

Unseasonably high temperatures characterized the first week of November, and, in general, the temperature averaged 3-4° above normal throughout the month, with the only periods of cold weather occurring on the 21st-22nd and during the last five days of the month. Precipitation, in the form of rain only, fell on the 4th, during a northeasterly storm on the 7th-9th, and during the week of the 11th. The total rainfall for the month was very close to normal.

Large numbers of northern oceanic species were swept into Cape Cod Bay following a north-easterly rainstorm during a four-day period starting on the 7th. Observers at traditional lookouts such as Sandy Neck, Barnstable and First Encounter Beach, Eastham witnessed, among other species, 17 Leach's Storm-Petrels, 1 Northern Fulmar, 3 Manx Shearwaters and 1800+ Gannets.

Three Little Blue Herons lingered into November, one bird until the 24th at Martha's Vineyard, while a Cattle Egret was reported from Bridgewater on the 23rd. A flock of 9 Whistling Swans flew by Manomet Point on the 19th, constituting the only record for this species in our area in the fall, and the single Snow Goose present on Plum Island was unique for the month. Typical wintering populations of waterfowl built up during November, as is illustrated by 30 Redhead and 60 Canvasback at Falmouth, 493 Bufflehead off Revere Beach, European Wigeons at Cohasset and E. Orleans, and 700 American Wigeon at Concord (although a greater portion of these may represent migrants). Several surprisingly high counts of sea ducks were received; noteworthy being 4000+ Common Eider at Eastham (perhaps blown into the bay by the storm of the previous two days), a staggering 15,000+ White-winged Scoters apparently feeding on the shoals south-southwest of Monomoy on November 28th, and 1800+ Red-breasted Mergansers in Duxbury Bay on the 17th.

Rough-legged Hawk has recovered from its virtual absence last year with at least 8 birds reported, and a roughly "normal" total of 14 Red-tails was reported. Totals for Goshawk, Sharp-shinned and Cooper's Hawk were 1, 4 and 3, respectively. At least 3 Bald Eagles, all immatures, were reported, and the Gyrfalcon remained on Monomoy until at least the 14th.

Shorebird counts of note included a total of 17 Semipalmated Plovers, the last one seen on the 17th, 600 Purple Sandpipers at Scituate on the 2nd, Marbled Godwits at Plum Island and Chatham, and a Spotted Sandpiper in Cambridge on the 2nd. Although several Semipalmated Sandpipers were reported early in the month, not one report of Western Sandpiper was received for November. Sanderling at Revere Beach this month totaled only 400, somewhat less than half the number of birds that wintered there last year.

In addition to the oceanic species previously mentioned, the following birds were also carried close to the shore by the storm of the 7th-9th: 50+ Red Phalaropes, 3 Pomarine and 20+ unidentified Jaegers (mostly immatures), an absolute minimum of 1000+ Dovekies, 20 Razorbills, 3 Black Guillemots (a rare bird south of the rocky shores of Cape Ann), and at least 400 Kittiwakes. One species which has been particularly numerous this fall is the Common Puffin. The 6 individuals reported this month, 2-3 during the aforementioned storm, bring to a total of 9 the birds recorded this fall on the coast of Massachusetts alone. Normally, 1-3 birds during a fall would represent a maximum count.

The populations of Black-headed Gull at Boston Harbor and Newburyport built up to 24 and 10, respectively, and 6 additional birds were reported from the Cape. A count of 6 Laughing Gulls at Nauset probably consisted of lingering breeding birds from Monomoy. Snowy Owls numbered 8+ in the state by the end of the month, with the maximum, as usual, in the Newburyport-Salisbury area.

A late Ruby-throated Hummingbird was seen in Waban on the 12th. Red-headed Woodpeckers were reported from Newton and Dover, and a total of 5 Black-backed Three-toed Woodpeckers were found, possibly indicating a failure of northern food supply.

Perhaps the most interesting aspect of the month's birdlife was the retarded departure of many passerines. It seems senseless to list all of these birds, but 3 Great-crested Flycatchers were certainly one of the highlights. In addition, 20 species of warbler lingered into the month, a White-eyed Vireo was banded at Manomet, and 65 Chipping, 2-3 Clay-colored and 1 Lark Sparrow remained on the Cape. Undoubtedly, the presence of these birds in November can be directly attributed to the prevailing high temperatures, particularly during the first two weeks of the month. Note that there were very few, if any,

reports of late lingering warblers, especially after the cold snap in the third week of the month.

Following the reports of last fall, 2 Brewer's Blackbirds were again reported, one at Truro and one on Monomoy, on the 1st and 14th respectively. It would seem that this species is indeed a regular fall vagrant to the Northeast and should be looked for carefully in future years.

The only "winter finches" reported, except for Evening Grosbeak, were scattered individuals, although a large flock of 1000 Snow Buntings spent the first week of the month at Salisbury, after which the flock dwindled to 200 and moved to Plum Island.

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Common Loon:			
8	Barnstable (S.N.)	48	W.Petersen
Red-throated Loon:			
8,23	Barnstable(S.N.),Chatham	331,200+	W.Petersen,B.Nikula#
Red-necked Grebe:			
9	Eastham(First Encounter)	10	C.Goodrich#
17	Rockport	3	R.Veit & R.Stymeist
Horned Grebe:			
1,16;23	Wollaston Beach;Westport	56,60;16	W.Cornwell;BBC(R.O'Hara)
Pied-billed Grebe:			
thr.,30	Cambridge(F.P.),Harwich	5-6,21	R.Stymeist#,CCBC(Baines)
<u>Northern Fulmar:</u>			
10	Eastham(First Encounter)	1	V.Laux,J.Harris,C.Goodrich,B.Nikula
Greater Shearwater:			
8	Eastham(First Encounter)	1	W.Bailey#
<u>Manx Shearwater:</u>			
9	Barnstable(S.N.)	3	R.Pease#
Leach's Storm-Petrel:			
8,9	Barnstable(S.N.)	<u>17</u> ,10	V.Laux#,W.Petersen#
Gannet:			
8,9	Rockport,Cape Cod Bay	200/hr.,1800+	R.Emery#,R.Veit#
Great Cormorant:			
2,10	Scituate,N.Scituate	100,45	SSBC(J.Nichols),W.Cornwell
Double-crested Cormorant:			
3,4	Newburyport,Manomet	3,3	J.Berry,B.Sorrie
29	East Boston	1	R.Stymeist,J.Quigley
Great Blue Heron:			
19,30	Oak Bluffs(M.V.),Chatham	19,6	M.Hancock,CCBC(Baines)
Little Blue Heron:			
12,17	Rowley,Wellfleet(WBWS)	1 imm.,1 imm.	D.C.Alexander,W.Bailey#
24	Martha's Vineyard	1	K.Anderson
Cattle Egret:			
23	Bridgewater	1	F.Reed,A.Bouchard,D.Wood
Snowy Egret:			
4&5,4-16	Squantum,P.I.	1,1-2	W.Cornwell,BBC(N.King)#
Black-crowned Night Heron:			
2,10	Ipswich	4,1 imm.	J.Berry
10,11	P.I.,Squantum	1 ad.,5	B.Sorrie,E.Morrier
American Bittern:			
9,30	Eastham,W.Gloucester	1,1	BBC(A.Tait),W.Petersen#
11-23	P.I.	1	v.o.
Whistling Swan:			
19	Manomet	9	S.Parsons & S.Wachman
Canada Goose:			
thr.	Ipswich	300+	J.Berry
9,29	Concord(GMNWR),Duxbury	350,750+	BBC(E.Taylor),W.Petersen
Brant:			
1,9,24	Cohasset,Eastham,Manomet	50,40+,23	G.Wilson,R.Veit#,J.Loughlin
Snow Goose:			
4-25	P.I.	1 ad.	R.Emery#
Mallard:			
16	W.Boylston	62	B.Blodget
Black Duck:			
2,17	P.I.,Revere	2000,780+	BBC(V.Albee),R.Stymeist#

Gadwall:				
9,16&17	Concord(GMNWR),Ipswich	25,150+		BBC(E.Taylor),J.Berry
Pintail:				
9,23	Concord(GMNWR),P.I.	20,100		BBC(E.Taylor),R.Emerly#
Green-winged Teal:				
9,24&25	Concord(GMNWR),P.T.	100+,350		BBC(E.Taylor),v.o.
Blue-winged Teal:				
2,9	P.I.,Concord(GMNWR)	3,2		BBC(V.Albee),BBC(E.Taylor)
European Wigeon:				
17,10-30	Cohasset,E.Orleans	1,1		E.Morrier,v.o.
American Wigeon:				
9;3-10,22	Concord;Ipswich	700;50+,147		BBC(E.Taylor);J.Berry,D.Alexander
16	Belmont	39		R.Stymeist
Northern Shoveler:				
23	P.I.	46		R.Emerly#
Wood Duck:				
9,16	Concord(GMNWR),Boylston	4,1 m.		BBC(E.Taylor),B.Blodget
Redhead:				
10,17	Falmouth	13,30		P.Garrey,B.Nikula
Ring-necked Duck:				
thr.,10	Cambridge(F.P.),Braintree	10-34,21		R.Stymeist & v.o.,W.Petersen
Canvasback:				
2-31,10	Cambridge(F.P.),Falmouth	1-30,60		R.Stymeist,P.Garrey
16,23	Braintree,Westport	40,40		E.Morrier,R.O'Hara
Greater Scaup:				
2	Cambridge(F.P.),Newburyport	73,6		R.Stymeist,BBC(V.Albee)
Lesser Scaup:				
16,29	Winthrop,Cambridge(F.P.)	2,4		R.Veit#,R.Stymeist
Common Goldeneye:				
13,16	Cambridge(F.P.),Sterling	1 imm.,18		S.Raabe,B.Blodget
23	Medford	1		BBC(D.Weaver)
Bufflehead:				
3,19	Newburyport,Revere-Winthrop	140+,493		J.Berry,BBC(R.Stymeist)
Oldsquaw:				
10,21	Rockport,Nantucket Sound	52,250+		M&A Argue,R.Veit
Common Eider:				
9	Eastham	4000+		R.Veit,T.Lawrence,S.Perkins
19	Winthrop	950		BBC(R.Stymeist)
King Eider:				
4 on,19	Manomet,Rockport	1 m.,3 f.		G.Soucy,M.Gardler
17 on	Winthrop	3 m.,2 f.		R.Veit & R.Stymeist#
White-winged Scoter:				
28	Nantucket Sound	<u>15,000+</u>		R.Veit
Surf Scoter:				
28	Nantucket	75+		R.Veit
Black Scoter:				
17,28	Winthrop,Nantucket Sound	10,750+		BBC(R.Stymeist),R.Veit
Ruddy Duck:				
2,16	P.I.	25,20		BBC(V.Albee,N.King)
3,23	Eastham,Braintree	26,66		W.Petersen
Hooded Merganser:				
thr.	9 localities	98 individuals		v.o.
Common Merganser:				
9-23,23	Stoneham,Braintree	7,12		J.Andrews,W.Petersen
16	Sterling & Worcester,Dana	16&17,20		B.Blodget,J.Clancy
Red-breasted Merganser:				
17	Duxbury Bay	1800+		W.Petersen
Goshawk:				
16	P.I.	1		B.Sorrie
Sharp-shinned Hawk:				
7,8	Manomet,Martha's Vineyard	1 b.,1		M.B.O.Staff,G.Ben David
15,13-24	Dover,Manomet	1,1		F.Hamlen,F.Gardner
Cooper's Hawk:				
2,3,9	P.I.,Eastham,Concord(GMNWR)	1,1,1		J.Kellogg#,R.Forster,BBC(E.Taylor)
Red-tailed Hawk:				
thr.	7 localities	14 individuals		v.o.
Rough-legged Hawk:				
3-28,28	5 localities,Tuckernuck Is.	singles,3		v.o.,R.Veit
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Bald Eagle:			
4	Chappaquiddick Is. (M.V.)	2	E. Phelan
7,10	Middleboro, Newburyport	1 imm., 1 imm.	D. Briggs, R. Forster#
23	Duxbury	1 imm.	W. Petersen
Eagle (species ?):			
24	Truro	1	B. Nikula
Marsh Hawk:			
thr.	5 localities	12 individuals	v.o.
Osprey:			
8,10	N. Tisbury (M.V.), Braintree	1,1	G. Ben David, W. Petersen
<u>Gyr Falcon:</u>			
14	Monomoy	1	W. Bailey#
Merlin:			
thr.	7 localities	8 individuals	v.o.
American Kestrel:			
11,23	Squantum, P.I.	5,3	E. Morrier, D. Alexander
Bobwhite:			
thr.; 16	S. Dennis, Manomet; E. Milton	23, 22 b.; 12	Holdridges, M.B.O. Staff; D. Brown
Virginia Rail:			
2	W. Harwich	5 calling	S. Higginbotham
Common Gallinule:			
10,30	P.I., Chatham	1,1	BBC (C. Simmons), CCBC (Baines)
American Coot:			
9,16-17	Concord (GMNWR), Ipswich	100, 50+	BBC (E. Taylor), J. Berry
23	Woburn (Horn Pond)	50	BBC (D. Weaver)
Semipalmated Plover:			
2	Duxbury, Scituate	3, 10	W. Petersen, SSBC (J. Nichols)
3,10	P.I., Provincetown	1, 2	R. Emery#, R. Bailey
17	Gay Head (M.V.)	1	M. Hancock
Killdeer:			
thr.	6 localities	18 individuals	v.o.
Black-bellied Plover:			
2	Scituate, P.I.	50, 20	SSBC (J. Nichols), BBC (V. Albee)
3,30	P.I., Winthrop	50, 26	Argues, R. Stymeist
Ruddy Turnstone:			
8,17,27	Dennis, Winthrop, Centreville	2, 18, 14	B. Nikula, BBC (R. Stymeist), V. Laux
American Woodcock:			
1,3	Boston, Felix Neck (M.V.)	1,1	R. Stymeist, G. Ben David
10;16	West Newbury, Ipswich	1;1	L. Robinson, R. Stymeist; J. Berry
Common Snipe:			
2-24	5 localities	8 individuals	v.o.
Spotted Sandpiper:			
2	Cambridge (F.P.)	1	R. Stymeist
Willet:			
3 on	Eastham (Nauset Beach)	1	R. Forster, W. Petersen#
Greater Yellowlegs:			
2	P.I., Scituate	10, 10	BBC (V. Albee), SSBC (J. Nichols)
17	E. Boston	2	N. Claflin
Lesser Yellowlegs:			
3,12	P.I., W. Harwich	20+, 1	J. Berry, B. Nikula
Red Knot:			
17,25	Winthrop, P.I.	71, 4	BBC (R. Stymeist), M. McClellan
Purple Sandpiper:			
2,22	Scituate, Gloucester	600, 50+	SSBC (J. Nichols), D. Alexander#
Pectoral Sandpiper:			
9,10	Concord (GMNWR), Truro	1,1	BBC (E. Taylor), J. Clancy
White-rumped Sandpiper:			
3	Eastham (Nauset), P.I.	1, 2	W. Petersen#, J. Berry
4,5	P.I.	4, 7	S&J Harrison
Dunlin:			
2,17	Duxbury	1800+, 2000+	W. Petersen
3,23	P.I., Newburyport	2000+, 200	M&A Argue#, D. Alexander
Long-billed Dowitcher:			
3	P.I.	2	M. Argue#
Semipalmated Sandpiper:			
2	Duxbury	10	W. Petersen
2	P.I., Scituate	10, 10	BBC (V. Albee), SSBC (J. Nichols)

<u>Marbled Godwit:</u>			
3,23	P.I., Chatham(North Beach)	1,1	G.Wilson, C.Goodrich#
<u>Hudsonian Godwit:</u>			
4,10	P.I.	9,1	M.McClellan, R.Forster
<u>Sanderling:</u>			
8,17	Dennis, Revere	300+, 400	Holdridges, R.Stymeist
<u>Red Phalarope:</u>			
8	Barnstable(S.N.)	6	W.Petersen
9	Eastham(First Encounter)	50	C.Goodrich & W.Bailey
<u>Pomarine Jaeger:</u>			
9;12	Eastham; Wellfleet	1;2+	W.Bailey, C.Goodrich; J.Harris#
8	Eastham(First Encounter)	20+	R.Veit, B.Nikula, C.Goodrich#
<u>Glaucous Gull:</u>			
9	Barnstable(S.N.), Provincetown	1,1	W.Petersen#, H.D'Entremont#
22	Gloucester(E.P.Niles Pond)	1,1	D.Alexander & R.Emery
<u>Iceland Gull:</u>			
8,14	Barnstable(S.N.), Gloucester	1,3	J.Murphy#, M.McClellan
<u>Ring-billed Gull:</u>			
2,17	Worcester, Revere	1,150	B.Blodget, R.Veit#
<u>Black-headed Gull:</u>			
thr.	Newburyport	2-10	v.o.
thr.	Winthrop-East Boston	3-5	R.Veit, R.Stymeist
10,23-31	Wellfleet, Nauset	4,2	J.Clancy, B.Nikula#
24	Boston Harbor	24	D.Brown
<u>Bonaparte's Gull:</u>			
8,16	Barnstable, Newburyport	78,70+	W.Petersen#, BBC(N.King)
17,30	Lynn, Hull	225+, 24	R.Stymeist#, R.Fox
<u>Laughing Gull:</u>			
5&6,17	Manomet, Nauset	1 ad., 6	B.Sorrie, C.Goodrich
23	Bourne(Scusset Beach)	1	W.Petersen
<u>Little Gull:</u>			
2;12	Duxbury; Barnstable	1 ad.; 1 imm., 1 ad.	W.Petersen; R.Veit, R.Pease
17,30	Nauset, Ipswich	3,1 ad.	fide B.Nikula, W.Petersen#
<u>Black-legged Kittiwake:</u>			
8	Barnstable, Rockport	50,25(1 hr.)	R.Forster#, H.D'Entremont#
9,29	Eastham, Duxbury	400,5	W.Bailey, W.Petersen
<u>Common Tern:</u>			
3,9;30	Truro; Nantasket	60,25;1	W.Petersen#, H.D'Entremont#; R.Fox
<u>Razor-billed Auk:</u>			
3;3,9	Truro; Eastham	3;1,20	W.Petersen#; W.Petersen#, v.o.
8	Barnstable	1	R.Forster#
<u>Dovekie:</u>			
8,12	Barnstable(S.N.), Rockport	500,60-70	H.D'Entremont, N.Claflin# & v.o.
9	Eastham(First Encounter)	1000(500 in 1 hr.)	W.Bailey
14,12	Monomoy, Lowell	500,1	W.Bailey, E.Delger
17,29	Winthrop, Duxbury	1,1	R.Veit, W.Petersen#
<u>Black Guillemot:</u>			
9	Barnstable, Eastham, Wellfleet	1,1,1	V.Laux#, P.Donahue#, H.D'Entremont#
10;14	N.Scituate; Monomoy, Rockport	2;1,1	D.Brown#; W.Bailey#, M.McClellan#
<u>Common Puffin:</u>			
9-10	Eastham(First Encounter)	2-3	J.Harris, C.Goodrich & v.o.
11,12	Sandwich, Rockport	1,1	R.Pease, N.Claflin & P.Butler#
14	Monomoy	1	W.Bailey#
<u>Orange-fronted Parakeet:</u>			
1-25	Newburyport	1	G.Soucy and v.o.
<u>Barn Owl:</u>			
thr.	Boston(Long Island)	1	W.Cornwell
<u>Screech Owl:</u>			
17	Rockport	1	J.Murphy#
<u>Great Horned Owl:</u>			
10;16	P.I.; Belmont, E.Milton	1;1,2	S.Raabe#; N.Harris, D.Brown#
<u>Snowy Owl:</u>			
2-30	Salisbury, P.I.	2-3, 2-5	G.Soucy# & v.o., J.Kellogg# & v.o.
19,22,28	Worcester, Nahant, Bridgewater	1,1,1	B.Blodget, N.Karl#, L.Resmini & v.o.
<u>Barred Owl:</u>			
5,30	Sandwich, Boxford	1,1	R.Pease, W.Petersen#

Short-eared Owl:				
thr;2-30	Plymouth,P.I.	1,1		M.B.O.Staff,BBC(V.Albee) & v.o.
13,24	Buzzards Bay, Rowley	1,1		B.Sorrie#,R.Emery#
Saw-whet Owl:				
7,20	Manomet, Bedford	1 b.,1		M.B.O.Staff,P.Wade
23-24	P.I.	1		R&D Hale# & v.o.
<u>Ruby-throated Hummingbird:</u>				
12	Waban	1		D.Wells
Belted Kingfisher:				
17-30	5 localities	singles		v.o.
Common Flicker:				
3-21	6 localities	8 individuals		v.o.
<u>Red-bellied Woodpecker:</u>				
19	Beverly	1		Mrs.N.Soucy
Red-headed Woodpecker:				
17,18	Newton,Dover	1,1		D.Christiello,F.Hamlen
<u>Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:</u>				
2	P.I.	1		BBC(V.Albee)
<u>Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker:</u>				
3,5	Chatham,Brewster	1,1		H.Rich & v.o.,fide R.Forster
15,16,17	N.Andover,Stoneham,Newton	1,1,1		fide J.Kellogg,J.Andrews.D.Howard
Western Kingbird:				
10,24	Wellfleet,Manomet	1,1		V.Laux#&v.o.,B.Sorrie#
29-30	Nantucket	1		Craig Jackson
<u>Great-crested Flycatcher:</u>				
9-17,16	S.Wellfleet,P.I.	1,1		W.Bailey# & v.o.,BBC(N.King)
23	Martha's Vineyard	1		P.Rabinowitz
Eastern Phoebe:				
2	Worcester	1		C.Quinlan
Horned Lark:				
2-30,10	Salisbury,Provincetown	12-75+,200		J.Berry & v.o.,R.Bailey
Tree Swallow:				
3,7	W.Tisbury(M.V.),Newburyport	100,1		S.Whiting,E.Taylor
14	Plymouth	6		T.Lloyd-Evans
21(latest)	Squantum	1		G.Wilson
Barn Swallow:				
14,16	Manomet,Chatham	8,2		F.Gardner#,V.Laux# & v.o.
17(late)	Gloucester	1		H.D'Entremont#
Tufted Titmouse:				
thr.	Cambridge(F.P.)	9-10		L.Robinson# & v.o.
White-breasted Nuthatch:				
16	Weston	8		L.Robinson
Red-breasted Nuthatch:				
16,17	Cambridge(Mt.A.),Ipswich	3,1		R.Stymeist,J.Berry
30	Newburyport	1		BBC(I.Giriunas)
Brown Creeper:				
8	Boston(Long Island)	6		W.Cornwell
Winter Wren:				
2	Marshfield,Needham,Worcester	1,1,1		J.Nichols#,E.Cushman#,C.Quinlan
9,19,28	Duxbury,Manomet,Melrose	2,4,1		W.Petersen#,B.Sorrie,J.Andrews
Carolina Wren:				
thr.,2	Manomet,Worcester	2,1		B.Sorrie,C.Quinlan
23,25	Westport,Waltham	4,1		R.O'Hara,B.Lassie
Long-billed Marsh Wren:				
thr.	Marshfield(North River marshes)	3		T.Lloyd-Evans#
Gray Catbird:				
2;25	Ipswich,Needham;Manomet	1,1;1		J.Berry,BBC(E.Cushman);B.Sorrie
3,23	Belmont,Westport	1,2		BBC(L.DeGiacomo),BBC(R.O'Hara)
Brown Thrasher:				
3,12	Cambridge(Mt.A.),Manomet	1,1 b.		BBC(C.Marks),M.B.O.Staff
American Robin:				
3	Cambridge(Mt.A.)	100+		BBC(C.Marks) & v.o.
Wood Thrush:				
27	Middlesex Fells	1		H.Payson
Hermit Thrush:				
28	Marion,Ipswich	1,1		G.Mock,J.Berry

<u>Eastern Bluebird:</u>			
3,4	Sherborn,W.Tisbury(M.V.)	10,4	E.Taylor,S.Whiting
23	Chilmark(M.V.)	4	S.Whiting
<u>Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:</u>			
1,6	Manomet	1 b.,2	M.B.O.Staff
<u>Golden-crowned Kinglet:</u>			
16	Weston	27	L.Robinson
<u>Ruby-crowned Kinglet:</u>			
10	N.Scituate,P.I.	1,1	W.Cornwell#,R.Forster
<u>Water Pipit:</u>			
2,3	P.I.,W.Tisbury(M.V.)	5,50	BBC(V.Albee),S.Whiting
<u>Cedar Waxwing:</u>			
24,29	Weston,Brookline	7,5	L.Robinson,S.Maloney
<u>Northern Shrike:</u>			
9,13	Wellfleet,Manomet	1,1 b.	W.Bailey#,M.B.O.Staff
18,23	Andover,Woburn	1,1	fide J.Kellogg,BBC(D.Weaver)
30	P.I.	1	G.Soucy# & v.o.
<u>Loggerhead Shrike:</u>			
17	Ipswich-Essex	1(no details rec'd.)	G.Soucy#
<u>White-eyed Vireo:</u>			
25	Manomet	1 b.	M.B.O.Staff
<u>Red-eyed Vireo:</u>			
3,10,18	Orleans,Mattpoisett,Manomet	1,1,1 b.	C.Goodrich#,G.Mock,M.B.O.Staff
<u>Black-and-white Warbler:</u>			
10	Wellfleet	1	V.Laux & v.o.
<u>Tennessee Warbler:</u>			
3,4,28	Truro,Cambridge,Wellesley	1,1,1	W.Petersen#,S.Raabe,L.Robinson
<u>Orange-crowned Warbler:</u>			
2;3	Duxbury,Orleans;Eastham	1,1;1	W.Petersen#,C.Goodrich;R.Forster
7,17	Manomet,Falmouth	1 b.,1	M.B.O.Staff,B.Nikula
<u>Nashville Warbler:</u>			
2	Manomet	1 b.	M.B.O.Staff
3	Truro (well seen & excellent details)	1	W.Petersen
<u>Parula Warbler:</u>			
1	W.Tisbury(M.V.)	1	S.Whiting
<u>Yellow Warbler:</u>			
8	Vineyard Haven(M.V.)	1	E.Rogers
<u>Magnolia Warbler:</u>			
3	P.I.	1	S&J Harrison
<u>Cape May Warbler:</u>			
11	Manomet	1 b.	M.B.O.Staff
<u>Yellow-rumped Warbler:</u>			
2	Ipswich,Scituate	24,50	J.Berry,J.Nichols#
10,30	Cambridge,P.I.	2,50	S.Raabe,BBC(I.Giriunas)
<u>Black-throated Green Warbler:</u>			
2	Duxbury	1	W.Petersen
<u>Chestnut-sided Warbler:</u>			
2,4	Truro,Cambridge	1,1	B.Nikula#,S.Raabe#
<u>Bay-breasted Warbler:</u>			
17	Braintree	1	D.Brown
<u>Blackpoll Warbler:</u>			
4,10	Cambridge,N.Plymouth	2,1	S.Raabe,B.Sorrie
<u>Pine Warbler:</u>			
3	Chatham	1	W.Petersen
<u>Palm Warbler:</u>			
3-11,10-16	Salisbury,Rockport	1,1	M&A Argue#&v.o.,R.Emery#&v.o.
17,25	Chilmark(M.V.),P.I.	1,1	M.Hancock,D.Alexander#
<u>Northern Waterthrush:</u>			
23	Nahant	1	N.Karl
<u>Common Yellowthroat:</u>			
2,10	Worcester,N.Plymouth	2,1	C.Quinlan,B.Sorrie
11	Squantum,Salisbury	1,1	E.Morrier,M.McClellan
<u>Yellow-breasted Chat:</u>			
thr.,1&5	Methuen,Manomet	1,2 b.	D.Kelleher,M.B.O.Staff
2,28	Orleans,W.Acton	1,1	C.Goodrich,D.Verger
<u>Wilson's Warbler:</u>			
27	Middlesex Fells	1	H.Payson

American Redstart:			
6&7	Manomet	2 b.	M.B.O.Staff
Eastern Meadowlark:			
3,11	W.Tisbury(M.V.),Salisbury	10,2	S.Whiting,M.McClellan
17	Lynn	2	BBC(R.Stymeist)
Redwinged Blackbird:			
10	S.Dennis	1	B.Holdridge
<u>Northern Oriole:</u>			
1,30	Reading,Burlington	1,1	C.Smith,N.Connors
Rusty Blackbird:			
2,10	Needham,Ipswich	11,3	BBC(E.Cushman),J.Berry
<u>Brewer's Blackbird:</u>			
1,14	Truro,Monomoy	1 f.,1	W.Bailey#,W.Bailey#
<u>Western Tanager:</u>			
21 on	Annisquam	1	I.Donnan & v.o.
<u>Rose-breasted Grosbeak:</u>			
9	Wellfleet(WBWS)	1	BBC(A.Tait)
<u>Black-headed Grosbeak:</u>			
2 on	Worcester	1 ad.	C.Quinlan,B.Blodget & v.o.
Indigo Bunting:			
3	Truro	1	W.Petersen#
Dickcissel:			
9&10,13&16	Truro,Rutland	1,1	R.Veit# & v.o.,Klunk
Evening Grosbeak:			
2,3	P.I.,Boston(Pru.)	3,1	BBC(V.Albee),S&J Harrison
3 on,3	Byfield,N.Tisbury(M.V.)	12-75,15	T.Joyce# & v.o.,A.Woodruff
Purple Finch:			
3	Belmont,Cambridge	4,1	BBC(L.DeGiacomo),BBC(C.Marks)
30	Newburyport	1	BBC(I.Giriunas)
House Finch:			
thr.,6,17	Cambridge,Dennis,Rockport	16,55,10	R.Stymeist,R.Pease,J.Murphy
<u>Pine Grosbeak:</u>			
9	Rockport	1 f.	R&D Hale
<u>Common Redpoll:</u>			
10	N.Scituate	1	D.Brown
Pine Siskin:			
3,17	Truro,Orleans	1,2	W.Petersen#,CCBC(Baines)
<u>White-winged Crossbill:</u>			
10	Cambridge	3	S.Raabe
Rufous-sided Towhee:			
2&3	Scituate,Princeton	2,1	SSBC(J.Nichols),B.Blodget#
12,15	Waban,Manomet	1,1 b.	D.Wells,M.B.O.Staff
Savannah Sparrow:			
2	P.I.,Scituate	2,10	BBC(V.Albee),SSBC(J.Nichols)
25,29	P.I.,Duxbury(both Ipswich type)	2,2	M.McClellan,W.Petersen
<u>Grasshopper Sparrow:</u>			
1,14	Truro,Manomet	1,1 b.	W.Bailey#,M.B.O.Staff
Vesper Sparrow:			
3	W.Tisbury(M.V.)	1	S.Whiting
<u>Lark Sparrow:</u>			
2	Chatham(North Beach)	1	C.Goodrich,B.Nikula
Dark-eyed Junco:			
2	P.I.	50	BBC(V.Albee)
Tree Sparrow:			
1,2	Squantum,Truro	1,15-20	W.Cornwell,J.Clancy
Chipping Sparrow:			
9,16	Truro,P.I.	65+,1	R.Veit#,BBC(N.King)
<u>Clay-colored Sparrow:</u>			
1&3,17	Truro,Falmouth	1&1,1	W.Bailey & R.Forster,B.Nikula
Field Sparrow:			
10,28	N.Plymouth,Wellesley	26,1	B.Sorrie,L.Robinson
White-crowned Sparrow:			
2&16;17	P.I.;Rockport	2&1;1	BBC(V.Albee,N.King);R.Stymeist#
Fox Sparrow:			
4-30	6 localities	8 individuals	v.o.
Swamp Sparrow:			
2	Worcester	10	B.Blodget#



Lapland Longspur:			
2,3	Duxbury,P.I.	150,26	SSBC(J.Nichols),R.Forster#
Snow Bunting:			
thr.,2	Sandwich,Salisbury	250+,1000	R.Pease,BBC(V.Albee)
5,11,16	Holden,Squantum,P.I.	14,7,200	B.Blodget,E.Morrier,D.Brown

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This colorful book which has been out in Australia for several years is now available in the United States. It has superb color photographs of about 80 species, many taken by electronic flash as fast as 1/7000 of a second.

With so many birds illustrated with their wings in all sorts of contortions, it is hard to visualize what some of them really look like. The selection of species emphasizes colorful birds to the exclusion of thornbills, grass-wrens, sandpipers and the like. In a book aimed at beginners, non-birders, and tourists, this is to be expected.

Michael Morcombe and the publishers should be congratulated on producing one of the first books of bird photographs free from glaring misidentifications. The text is minimal, perhaps too short. Readers contemplating a trip to Australia will find this book whetting their appetite even more.

Those of you who already own Wild Australia, by Michael Morcombe, (Taplinger Press, New York, 1972, \$7.95) will be most disturbed to find that many of the plates are exactly the same in both books and that you are paying twice for more of the same.

Peter Alden

#### "Weather or Not"

Nancy Claflin wrote to Don Kent early in January to find out why our sunsets had been so intense. He said that the clear air was a result of strong winds at high levels and an absence of stable air masses over the United States for six weeks. Upper winds had been blowing at twice the normal speed at all levels. Our high-pressure areas have been coming at us from the west and southwest and not from the northwest as is usual. The highs and lows have been racing past so that we seem to get rain or rain and snow every other day with sun in between.

Could this strong west-east pattern of winds explain some of the specialties seen in January: Varied Thrush, Northern Three-toed Woodpecker; Black Backed Three-toed Woodpecker and Black Headed Grosbeak in New England and the Mountain Bluebird in New York?

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NORTHERN THREE-TOED WOODPECKER

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