

BIRD SIGHTINGS

January/February 2002

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January and February 2002 were unusually mild. The temperature averaged 7.5 degrees above normal in January and 4.8 degrees above normal during February in Boston, making this the seventh warmer-than-normal month in a row. January was the warmest since 1937. The high for the month was 65 degrees on January 29, and even more interesting was that the low mark of 22 degrees was a record "mild" low for the month of January in Boston. In February only six days averaged below normal. The high in Boston was 60 degrees on February 26, 15 degrees above normal for that date.

Rainfall was below normal for both months and serious drought conditions are foreseen. In February the total precipitation was just 1.81 inches in Boston, 1.49 inches less than the average. Snowfall totaled 7.9 inches in Boston during January, 14.9 inches below the average, and just a mere half inch of snow was recorded during February in Boston, 10.8 inches under normal conditions. The season total for Boston now stands at 13.4 inches, 19.1 inches under average and the sixth least amount of snow on record. The snow depth in the suburbs barely reached an inch and the ground was bare most of the time during January. A messy mix of sleet, snow and rain on the last day of January produced some glazing of the roadways in many communities.

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LOONS THROUGH WATERFOWL

In New England, April may be the cruelest month, but January and February have traditionally been the harshest. It is a season when avian diversity reaches its lowest ebb. However, undeniably milder winters in recent years, resulting in less snow and ice, have made this less true, perhaps never more so than this winter season. Some species, particularly those waterfowl near the northern limits of their ranges, lingered throughout the winter in many locations in unprecedented numbers. Midwinter counts of waterfowl such as Wood Duck, Northern Shoveler, Northern Pintail, Green-winged Teal, and Ruddy Duck have never been higher. Other species, traditionally (read: formerly) wintering well to our south, are now braving the local winters, which of late requires far less fortitude than it once might have. Those species reported during the period, therefore de facto "wintering," or at least attempting to winter (ignoring for the purpose of illustration the fact that bird movements can occur throughout the year, beyond the periods we define as migration), either as pioneering individuals or even as small flocks, include Double-crested Cormorant, Turkey Vulture, Snow Goose, Semipalmated Plover, Killdeer, both yellowlegs, Least Sandpiper, Pomarine Jaeger, and Laughing Gull.

Continuing an apparent trend, yet two more **Pacific Loons** were seen, at Andrew's Point in Rockport from late January to mid-February, and at Race Point in Provincetown in late February, perhaps the same individual last noted there on December 6. Both of these locations are responsible for many of the ever burgeoning number of Massachusetts records. Reflective of the mild winter, a number of loons and grebes lingered on the larger bodies of water inland. Fourteen Common Loons at Quabbin Reservoir, January 11, two Pied-billed Grebes at Wachusett Reservoir, January 27, and twenty-two Horned Grebes also at Wachusett, January 11, all probably moved on during February. The Gloucester **Eared Grebe** continued throughout February, while a second bird was reported from Sandy Neck in Barnstable in mid-January.

Perhaps as many as six **Greater White-fronted Geese** made appearances, but due to a lack of descriptions, the number originating from Greenland versus continental North America remains speculative. The wintering flock of Snow Geese at Plum Island began January numbering seventy-six strong, but dwindled to seventeen by the middle of February. Three or four Richardson's Canada Geese were reported, although none were described. Accompanied by Canadas, a **Barnacle Goose** showed well for three days from February 17-19 in the vicinity of the Lynnfield and Wakefield marshes and a golf course. This sighting follows the report of a bird in Gloucester for one day only on December 7. Apparently part of a region-wide incursion of Barnacle Geese into the Northeast, some twelve individuals were found from New Brunswick to New Jersey between November 2001 and March 2002. A total of forty-six Wood Ducks were reported, more than usual, including four probable early migrants at Northampton, February 26. An excellent count of 362 American Wigeon at a favored site in Somerset in late January also included one of the state's five Eurasian Wigeons found during the period. Two Blue-winged Teal on Martha's Vineyard were a nice late January find. An unprecedented twenty-two Northern Shovelers were reported, headed up by a flock at Arlington that peaked at ten birds January 5. In the Plum Island marshes maximum counts of 118 Northern Pintail and 74 Green-winged Teal during February were more typical of those usually made in late March. Two male "**Common (Eurasian) Teal**" were located at Plum Island on January 12 and at Scituate on February 23. Besides the Wachusett bird, a second drake **Tufted Duck** appeared in Bourne January 5-12. Six-hundred and eighty Common Mergansers was an impressive concentration in Harwich on Cape Cod January 6, and was made all the more remarkable given that there were also an additional 300 counted in adjacent Brewster the same day. Less than a decade ago, Veit and Petersen (*Birds of Massachusetts*, 1993) termed Ruddy Duck "rare in winter," as indeed they generally had been. In January and February of this year, a total of 555 Ruddies were noted at ten sites in eastern Massachusetts, not including additional smaller counts elsewhere.

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RAPTORS THROUGH ALCIDS

Bald Eagles were unusually well reported during this period, perhaps a function of the warm winter which resulted in more open water than is common at this time of year. Rough-legged Hawks were well represented, but not equalling 2001, which was an exceptional year for this species. Two **Gyrfalcons** were reported, one for a single day in Salisbury, but the second, the same individual that was reported on the Boston Christmas Bird Count in December, alternated between Logan Airport and an easily-viewed building in South Boston, where it delighted hundreds of fans.

A **Common Moorhen** on Nantucket was an unusual visitor. American Coots, like the waterfowl, benefited from the ample open water and were reported in unusually high numbers.

Thirteen species of shorebirds were reported during January and February, and while many of these are typical for this time of year, others were exceptional, including a **Semipalmated Plover** that overwintered in Boston, a flock of five **Lesser Yellowlegs** in Newburyport, and a **Least Sandpiper** seen on New Year's Day at South Beach in Chatham.

A **Pomerine Jaeger** at First Encounter Beach in Eastham on February 18 was reported by an experienced observer, perhaps the only February record for this species. Two reports of **Laughing Gull**, possibly the same individual, were exceptional for the winter, the more so because of the North Shore locations. While Little Gull is unusual in Massachusetts, it has become routine in the gull extravaganza in winter on Nantucket. A **Thayer's Gull** was photographed on Nantucket and details were submitted to the Massachusetts Avian Records Committee (MARC). Gull identification is always a lively subject among larid fans, and the

problems presented are compounded by hybridization among the species. There were three reports of "Nelson's Gull," the Glaucous x Herring gull hybrid. It was a lackluster season for alcids, although a count of 21 Common Murres at Race Point in Provincetown was excellent.

Red-throated Loon	1/1, 2/10	Chatham (S.B.)	55, 8	P. Flood	1/21	N. Truro	2	B. Nikula	
	1/12, 2/14	P.I.	11, 25	R. Heil	1/27	Boston H.	8	TASL (M. Hall)	
	1/21	Nantucket	15	BBC (J. Barton)	American Bittern	1/1	Eastham (F.H.)	2	v.o.
	1/26	P'town (R.P.)	52	R. Heil	1/27	Nantucket	1	E. Ray	
	1/27, 2/10	Boston H.	28, 22	TASL (M. Hall)	1/27	Nauset B.	2	S. Finnegan#	
Pacific Loon (no details) *	1/24-2/27	Rockport (A.P.)	1	J. Paluzzi + v.o.	2/23	Westport	1	E. Neilsen	
	2/16	Rockport (A.P.)	1	J. Hoye#	2/24	P.I.	1	S. Haydock	
	2/24-26	P'town (R.P.)	1	E. Nielsen + v.o.	2/26	S. Dart. (A. Pd)	2	O. Spalding#	
Arctic/Pacific Loon (details) *	2/10-11	Winthrop	1	P. Randall + v.o.	Great Blue Heron	1/19	Fairhaven	4	BBC (R. Stymeist)
Common Loon	1/6	Bourne	50	SSBC (K. Anderson)	1/19	Salisbury	4	J. Mullen#	
	1/6	Wachusett Res.	8	R. Lockwood	1/27	Boston H.	5	TASL (M. Hall)	
	1/11	Quabbin (G43)	14	S. Perkins	1/27	Nauset B.	7	S. Finnegan#	
	1/21	Nantucket	30	BBC (J. Barton)	2/8	Yarmouth	10	D. Silverstein#	
	1/27, 2/10	Boston H.	10, 7	TASL (M. Hall)	2/19	Maynard	4	L. Nachtrab	
	1/29	Cape Ann	68	R. Heil	Black-crowned Night-Heron	1/1	Winthrop	7	R. Stymeist#
	2/2, 15	Sterling	3, 2	S. Sutton	1/6	Hingham H.	2	D. Peacock	
	2/27	Marblehead	20	K. Haley	1/6	Boston	3	G. d'Entremont	
Pied-billed Grebe	1/1	Nantucket	5	G. d'Entremont#	1/24	Cambridge	1	D. Cowell	
	1/4	Arlington	3	M. Rines	2/10	N. Marshfield	2	BBC (G. d'Entremont)	
	1/4	Plymouth	13	M. Faherty	2/23	P.I.	1 ad	S. Mirick#	
	1/12	Bourne	7	G. d'Entremont	Turkey Vulture	1/26	E. Sandwich	3	D. Manchester
	1/23	Cambr. (F.P.)	7	S. Simpson	2/2	Westport	25	G. d'Entremont	
	1/27	Wachusett Res.	2	M. Lynch#	2/16	Newton	3	M. Kanaracus	
Horned Grebe	1/5	Newbypt./P.I.	10	J. Berry#	2/18	Millbury	4	M. Lynch#	
	1/11	Quabbin (G43)	22	S. Perkins	2/23	Lexington	9	A. Ankers#	
	1/12	New Salem	4	W. Lafley	Greater White-fronted Goose	1/20	Westport	1	M. Lynch#
	1/12	Marblehead	25	K. Haley	1/30-2/17	Westwood	1	M. McCarthy + v.o.	
	1/19	Fairhaven	14	BBC (R. Stymeist)	2/3-19	Southwick	2	S. Kellogg	
	1/21	Swansea	85	M. Lynch#	2/3	Fairhaven	2 ad	G. d'Entremont	
	1/27	P.I.	50	G. Haydock	2/18-27	Easton	1	K. Ryan	
	1/27, 2/10	Boston H.	357, 118	TASL (M. Hall)	Snow Goose	thr	Waltham	1	J. Michaels
	1/29	Cape Ann	28	R. Heil	1/1	Plymouth	3	K. Anderson#	
	2/27	Marblehead	18	K. Haley	1/1-4	Chilmark	4	A. Keith	
Red-necked Grebe	1/1	Chatham (S.B.)	22	P. Flood	1/8	Northampton	1	B. Bieda	
	1/10	N. Scituate	12	R. Clem	1/12, 2/28	P.I.	76, 17	R. Heil	
	1/27, 2/20	Boston H.	125, 87	TASL (M. Hall)	1/17	Rochester	10	CCBC (S. Finnegan#)	
	2/9	Marblehead	30+	K. Haley	1/20	Westport	6	M. Lynch#	
	2/19	Cape Ann	8	J. Berry#	1/20	Acoaxet	10	M. Lynch#	
Eared Grebe	thr	Gloucester	1	J. Soucy + v.o.	2/10	Rochester	9	W. Petersen	
	1/12	Barnstable (S.N.)	1	M. Sylvia	2/11	Southampton	1	J. Weeks	
Northern Fulmar	2/18	Eastham (F.E.)	85+	B. Nikula	2/14-27	Southwick	1	J. Weeks	
Northern Gannet	1/1, 2/10	Chatham (S.B.)	450, 24	P. Flood	Richardson's Canada Goose	1/2	Gill	1	J. Morris-Siegel
	1/1	Salisbury	650	P. + J. Roberts	1/11	Medford	1	P. Roberts	
	1/7	Rockport (A.P.)	70	R. Heil	1/12	Hadley	1	H. Allen	
	1/26	P'town (R.P.)	70	R. Heil	1/12	Gill	1	H. Allen	
	2/18	Eastham (F.E.)	250	B. Nikula	2/7-8	Dedham	1	D. Furbish + v.o.	
	2/24	Nauset B.	75	P. Flood	Brant	1/5	Eastham (F.H.)	34	S. Finnegan
Great Cormorant	1/5	Hull	65	G. d'Entremont	1/5	Nahant	120	L. Pivacek	
	1/6, 2/24	P'town	85, 200	B. Nikula	1/6	Bourne	54	SSBC (K. Anderson)	
	1/27	Boston H.	178	R. Stymeist#	1/21	Swansea	1500	M. Lynch#	
	1/29	Cape Ann	485	R. Heil	1/27, 2/10	Boston H.	1055, 930	TASL (M. Hall)	
	2/10	N. Scituate	142	BBC (G. d'Entremont)	2/10	Chatham (S.B.)	110	P. Flood	
	2/16	Worcester	1 imm	M. Lynch#	2/17	Plymouth	200	P. Donahue#	
	2/20	Arlington	8	M. Rines	2/25	Newbypt.	30	R. Heil	
Double-crested Cormorant	1/1	Sandwich	6	B. Nikula#	2/27	Marblehead	50+	K. Haley	
	1/1	Nantucket	16	G. d'Entremont#	Barnacle Goose (details submitted) *	2/17-19	Wakefield	1 ad ph	F. Vale# + v.o.
	1/6	Boston	16	BBC (R. Stymeist)	Tundra Swan	2/24-26	Westport	4	S. Moore# + v.o.
	1/6	Gloucester	4	P. + F. Vale	Wood Duck	1/2	W. Boxford	6	T. Walker
					1/4	Plymouth	5	O. Spalding#	

Wood Duck (continued)				1/29	W. Boylston	1 m	J. Liller
1/6 Boston	4	BBC (R. Stymeist)		1/31	Falmouth	13	G. Hirth
1/12 Medford	12	R. LaFontaine#		2/9	Seekonk	17	J. Sweeney
1/18 Springfield	3	H. Allen		2/16	Arlington Res.	3	J. Nelson
1/19 Plymouth	4	S. Hedman		2/23	Westport	51	E. Neilsen
1/23 Oak Bluffs	8	A. Keith		2/24	Nantucket	71	E. Ray
2/26 Northampton	4	R. Packard#		Redhead			
Gadwall				thr	Boston	1	v.o.
1/1 Ipswich	10	J. Berry		1/4-6	Plymouth	1	C. Fiorini + v.o.
1/5 Newbypt.	77	J. Berry#		1/21, 2/18	Nantucket	8, 12	E. Ray
1/6 Plymouth	30	SSBC (K. Anderson)		1/23	Edgartown	1	A. Keith#
1/12 P.I.	58	R. Heil		2/2	Brookline	1 pr	A. Joslin
1/21 Somerset	46	M. Lynch#		Ring-necked Duck			
1/21 Manomet	20	W. Petersen		1/1	Melrose	22	D. + I. Jewell
2/6 Gloucester	24	J. Berry		1/2	Oak Bluffs	59	A. Keith#
2/10 Woburn	8	M. Rines		1/2	W. Boxford	140+	T. Walker
2/16 Barnstable	32	G. Hirth		1/12	W. Newbury (C.H.)	24	R. Heil
2/16 DWWS	13	P. + F. Vale		1/27	Wachusett Res.	99	M. Lynch#
2/28 Salem	32	K. Haley		2/7	W. Boylston	60	S. Sutton
Eurasian Wigeon				2/10	Plymouth	75	BBC (G. d'Entremont)
thr Newbypt./Salisbury	2	R. Heil + v.o.		2/16	Worcester	51	M. Lynch#
1/1 Vineyard Haven	1 m	A. Keith		2/16	Barnstable	101	G. Hirth
1/4-6 Plymouth	1 m	M. Faherty + v.o.		2/25	Hadley	16	E. Labato
1/21 Somerset	1 m	M. Lynch#		Tufted Duck			
American Wigeon				thr	Wachusett Res.	1 m	v.o.
1/4 Arlington	30	M. Rines		1/5-12	Bourne	1	G. Ferguson + v.o.
1/6 Newbypt.	26	M. Lynch#		2/16	Worcester	1 m	M. Lynch#
1/12 Plymouth	25	G. d'Entremont		Greater Scaup			
1/21 Somerset	362	M. Lynch#		1/1	Nantucket	500	G. d'Entremont#
1/21 Manomet	60	W. Petersen		1/3	Falmouth	900	D. Larson
2/10 Plymouth	10	BBC (G. d'Entremont)		1/5	Nahant	48	L. Pivacek
2/16 Barnstable	20	G. Hirth		1/12	Bourne	300	G. d'Entremont
2/26 Northampton	4	H. Allen		1/20	Acoaxet	54	M. Lynch#
2/thr Salisbury	max. 44	R. Heil		1/27, 2/10	Boston H.	2125, 657	TASL (M. Hall)
American Black Duck				2/3	Fairhaven	100	G. d'Entremont
1/12 Newbypt./P.I.	2600	R. Heil		2/9	Seekonk	120+	J. Sweeney
1/27, 2/10 Boston H.	540, 1030	TASL (M. Hall)		2/16	Centerville	50	G. Hirth
Blue-winged Teal				2/24	Westport	100	R. Lockwood#
1/22 Chilmark	1 f	A. Keith		2/25	Newbypt.	35	R. Heil
1/23 Chappaquiddick	1 m	A. Keith#		Lesser Scaup			
Northern Shoveler				1/2	W. Boxford	4	T. Walker
1/1 Woburn	1 f	M. Rines#		1/11	Nahant	140	R. Heil
1/4 GMNWR	1 f	M. Durand		1/20	Acoaxet	32	M. Lynch#
1/5 Arlington	10	H. Hoffman		1/26	Marstons Mills	37	J. Liller
1/6 Boston	3 m	G. d'Entremont		2/17	Seekonk	7	J. Sweeney
1/6 Plymouth	1 f	D. Peacock		2/23	Westport	45	E. Neilsen
1/13 Wakefield	1 f	P. + F. Vale		2/24	Lakeville	28	K. Anderson#
1/21 Manomet	2	W. Petersen		King Eider			
2/10 Easton	1	K. Ryan		thr	Gloucester	1 m	v.o.
2/10 Middleboro	1	K. Ryan		thr	Rockport (A.P.)	1	v.o.
2/24 MNWS	1 m	K. Haley		1/3	Gay Head	1 m	T. Day
Northern Pintail				1/6	Scusset B.	1 f	D. Peacock
1/1 Plymouth	3	K. Anderson#		2/21	Scituate	2	R. Titus
1/1 Marlboro	20	E. Taylor		2/28	Nantucket	1	E. Ray
1/12, 2/25 P.I.	65, 118	R. Heil		Common Eider			
1/20 Acoaxet	14	M. Lynch#		1/1	Salisbury	800	P. + J. Roberts
1/25 Amherst	2	M. Faherty		1/5, 2/3	Nahant	1400, 800	L. Pivacek
2/8 Barnstable H.	6	D. Silverstein#		1/5	Ipswich	450	BBC (J. Nove)
2/16 Cummiquid	19	G. Hirth		1/19	Fairhaven	500+	BBC (R. Stymeist)
2/16 Halifax	9	C. Julius#		1/20	Nantucket	18,000	BBC (J. Barton)
2/24 Westport	55	G. d'Entremont#		1/27, 2/10	Boston H.	8824, 6443	TASL (M. Hall)
Green-winged Teal				2/8	Barnstable H.	2000	D. Silverstein#
1/1-12 Marlboro	3	E. Taylor		2/10	Chatham (S.B.)	330	P. Flood
1/5 GMNWR	3	B. Volkle#		2/16	Sandwich	400+	D. Manchester
1/11 Chatham	4	D. Silverstein#		2/16	off Gay Head	5000+	J. Young
1/12, 2/25 P.I.	23, 74	R. Heil		Harlequin Duck			
1/26, 2/23 Scituate	25, 12	G. d'Entremont		thr	Rockport	82 max	v.o.
2/16 Northbridge	3	M. Lynch#		thr	E. Orleans	8	v.o.
2/16 Cummiquid	9	G. Hirth		1/21	Nantucket	40	BBC (J. Barton)
2/25 Hadley	3	E. Labato		1/27	N. Scituate	30	P. Fitzgerald
Eurasian Teal				2/16	Sandwich	2 m	D. Manchester
1/12 P.I.	1 m	R. Heil		2/24	Nauset B.	3 m, 8 f	P. Flood
2/23 Scituate	1 m	G. d'Entremont		Surf Scoter			
Canvasback				1/19	Fairhaven	75+	BBC (R. Stymeist)
1/thr Harwich	87 max	v.o.		1/21	Nantucket	10,000	BBC (J. Barton)
1/2 W. Boxford	2	T. Walker		1/26	Rockport	34	M. Lynch#
1/15 Cambr. (F.P.)	60	S. Simpson		1/27, 2/10	Boston H.	138, 161	TASL (M. Hall)
1/20 Acoaxet	32	M. Lynch#		2/3	Nahant	13	L. Pivacek

Surf Scoter (continued)									
2/16	Plymouth B.	30		P. + F. Vale	2/20	Belmont	20		M. Rines
2/16	Bourne	30		P. + F. Vale	2/21	Turners Falls	1 A.	+ L.	Richardson
White-winged Scoter					2/23	Westport	70		E. Neilsen
1/5	Nahant	300+		L. Pivacek	2/26	Northampton	1		H. Allen
1/6	P'town	300		B. Nikula	Common Merganser				
1/19	Fairhaven	225+		BBC (R. Stymeist)	1/5	New Salem	200		W. Lafley
1/21	Nantucket	2,000		BBC (J. Barton)	1/6	Harwich	680		B. Nikula
1/27, 2/10	Boston H.	689, 635		TASL (M. Hall)	1/6	Brewster	300		S. Finnegan
1/29	Cape Ann	520		R. Heil	1/12	Plymouth	150		G. d'Entremont
2/16	Plymouth B.	50+		P. + F. Vale	1/23	Arlington	71		O. Spalding
Black Scoter					1/26	Truro	140		R. Heil
1/21	Nantucket	5,000		BBC (J. Barton)	2/16	N. Truro	130+		P. Flood
1/27	Boston H.	5		TASL (M. Hall)	2/17	Forestdale	122		D. Manchester
1/28, 2/9	Gloucester	180, 200		J. Berry#	2/23	Cambr. (F.P.)	200		M. Rines
2/13	Orleans	50		D. Silverstein#	2/23	Northampton	150 A.	+ L.	Richardson
2/24	Nauset B.	55		P. Flood	2/25	Westboro	123		E. Morrier
Long-tailed Duck					2/26	W. Newbury (C.H.)	70		R. Heil
1/1	Chatham (S.B.)	13		P. Flood	Ruddy Duck				
1/6	P.I.	38		M. Lynch#	1/1	Stoneham	140		D. + I. Jewell
1/8	Ipswich (C.B.)	35		J. Berry#	1/10	Wakefield	26		P. + F. Vale
1/20	Nantucket	50,000		BBC (J. Barton)	1/10	Woburn	25		J. Brown
1/27	Boston H.	73		TASL (M. Hall)	1/11	Nahant	65		R. Heil
2/16	Barnstable (S.N.)	20		G. Hirth	1/15	Lynn	27		R. Heil
2/24	Gloucester	25		P. + F. Vale	1/20	Acoaxet	84		M. Lynch#
Bufflehead					1/26	Marblehead	80		K. Haley
1/20	Acoaxet	440		M. Lynch#	1/26	Cohasset	32		C. Nims#
1/25	Newbypt.	370		R. Heil	2/5	Eastham	35		D. Silverstein#
1/26	Gloucester	103		M. Lynch#	2/17	Seekonk	41		J. Sweeney
1/27, 2/10	Boston H.	1589, 1472		TASL (M. Hall)	Bald Eagle				
2/3	Nahant	180		L. Pivacek	1/2	Gill	2 ad	J. Morris-Siegel	
2/5	S. Carver	30		K. Anderson	1/5	Agawam	2 ad	J. LaPointe	
2/23	Westport	180		E. Neilsen	1/9	Northampton	2 ad	B. Bieda	
2/25	Newbypt.	210		R. Heil	1/14	Deerfield	1 ad, 1 3yr	M. Williams	
Common Goldeneye					1/16	Quabbin	30		MDFW
1/1	Turners Falls	37		H. Allen	1/18	Newbypt.	3 ad	G. Haydock	
1/4, 2/3	Sunderland	50, 25		M. Williams	1/18	Housatonic River	5		MDFW
1/6	Falmouth	54		D. Peacock	1/19	Pepperell	2 imm	B. Taus	
1/11	Quabbin (G43)	30		S. Perkins	1/28	Methuen	2 ad	T. Wetmore	
1/11	Holyoke	90		S. Kellogg	2/8	Brewster	2 ad	S. Finnegan	
1/21	Swansea	139		M. Lynch#	2/11	N. Andover	2 imm	S. McGrath	
1/21	Somerset	272		M. Lynch#	2/13	Newbypt.	4MAS	(B. Stevens#)	
1/27, 2/10	Boston H.	1168, 775		TASL (M. Hall)	2/17	Conn. River	16		MDFW
2/3	Fairhaven	155		G. d'Entremont	2/28	Sunderland	1 ad, 2 imm	M. Williams	
2/23	Westport	320		E. Neilsen	thr	Reports of indiv. from 28 locations			
2/25	Newbypt.	260		R. Heil	Northern Harrier				
Barrow's Goldeneye					thr	DWWS	7 max	D. Furbish	
1/5	Nahant	1		L. Pivacek	1/1	Cumb. Farms	3		K. Anderson#
1/6	Gloucester (E.P.)	1 m		P. + F. Vale	1/11	Bolton Flats	4		T. Murray
1/6	Scituate	2		D. Peacock	1/14	Salisbury	5		T. Wetmore
1/6	Falmouth	2		D. Peacock	1/20	Westport	3		M. Lynch#
1/16	Ipswich	1		D. + I. Jewell	1/21	Nantucket	6		BBC (J. Barton)
1/19, 2/16	Barnstable (S.N.)	1 m		v.o.	2/16	Bourne	2		P. + F. Vale
1/21	Nantucket	3		E. Ray	2/21	Concord (NAC)	2		S. Perkins#
1/21	Swansea	1 m		M. Lynch#	2/26	Wayland	3		G. Long
1/25, 2/25	P.I.	1 f, 2		J. Berry#	2/thr	P.I.	6+		R. Heil
2/thr	Orleans	1 f		v.o.	Sharp-shinned Hawk				
2/3	Gloucester (E.P.)	1 f		D. Bates#	1/6	Wachusett Res.	2		M. Lynch#
2/25	Newbypt.	3		R. Heil	2/16	Centerville	2 imm		G. Hirth
Hooded Merganser					thr	Reports of indiv. from 26 locations			
1/5	Arlington	30		B. Volk#	Cooper's Hawk				
1/5	Eastham	130		S. Finnegan	2/3	Boston (A.A.)	2		A. Joslin
1/6	Boston	22		G. d'Entremont	2/thr	DWWS	1-2		D. Furbish
1/6	Wachusett Res.	28		R. Lockwood	thr	Reports of indiv. from 32 locations			
1/19	Westboro	17		M. Faherty	Northern Goshawk				
1/21	Somerset	78		M. Lynch#	1/5	Groton	1 ad		R. Stymeist
1/22	Essex	21		D. Brown	1/12	Westminster	1		C. Caron
2/10	Plymouth	121		BBC (G. d'Entremont)	1/21	Essex	1 im (dead)		J. Berry
2/17	Forestdale	67		D. Manchester	1/28	Pepperell	1		E. Stromsted
2/23	Wakefield	20		P. + F. Vale	Red-shouldered Hawk				
Red-breasted Merganser					1/1	Cumb. Farms	2		K. Anderson
1/1	Chatham (S.B.)	275		P. Flood	1/4	Acushnet	1		O. Spalding
1/6	P'town	350		B. Nikula	1/6	Hingham	2		D. Peacock
1/12, 2/19	Cape Ann	165, 150		J. Berry#	1/14	Raynham	1		J. Sweeney#
1/21	Somerset	92		M. Lynch#	1/27	Bourne	2		St. Miller
1/27, 2/10	Boston H.	1091, 749		TASL (M. Hall)	2/2	Kingston	1 ad		D. Furbish#
2/10	Salisbury	140+		M. Lynch#	2/3	Easton	1		K. Ryan
2/14	Newbypt.	320		R. Heil	2/4	Gloucester (E.P.)	1 imm		T. Leverich
					2/23	N. Marshfield	3 ad		G. d'Entremont

Red-shouldered Hawk (continued)			1/6	Boston	18	BBC (R. Stymeist)
2/26 Carlisle	1	J. Keskulla	1/8	Arlington	56	O. Spalding
Rough-legged Hawk			2/thr	Lynn	6	R. Heil
1/1 Salisbury	2	T. Wetmore	2/10	Plymouth	27	BBC (G. d'Entremont)
1/3 Sudbury	1	N. Soulette#	2/11	Springfield	4	A. + L. Richardson
1/8 Ipswich (C.B.)	2 lt	J. Berry#	2/16	Worcester	7	M. Lynch#
1/12, 25 P.I.	1 dk, 2 lt	R. Heil	2/23	Westport	6	E. Neilsen
1/12 Hadley	1	H. Allen	Black-bellied Plover			
1/21 Cumb. Farms	2	K. Anderson#	1/1, 2/23	Chatham (S.B.)	45, 10	P. Flood
1/24 Kingston	1	K. Vespaziani	2/10	Boston H.	1	TASL (M. Hall)
2/4 GMNWR	1 lt	S. Perkins#	2/23	Chatham (S.B.)	10	P. Flood
2/10 Bolton Flats	1	T. Murray	Semipalmated Plover			
2/18 Wakefield	1	D. Wilkinson	1/27, 2/10	Boston H.	1	TASL (M. Hall)
2/28 DWWS	1 lt	D. Furbish	Killdeer			
Golden Eagle			1/1	Salisbury	1	BBC (L. delaFlor)
2/25 W. Newbury	1 ad	R. Heil	1/6	Hingham H.	1	D. Peacock
American Kestrel			1/12	Hadley	1	E. Labato
2/16 Salisbury	2	J. Ouellette	1/25	Brewster	3	J. Sones#
2/16 P.I.	2	J. Ouellette	1/30	Randolph	1	T. Raymond
thr	Reports of indiv. from 20	locations	2/10	Plymouth	1	BBC (G. d'Entremont)
Merlin			2/26	Topsfield	2	R. Heil
1/12 Nantucket	4	J. Palale#	2/27	Bolton Flats	10	S. Sutton#
2/16 Katama	2	J. Young	Greater Yellowlegs			
thr	Reports of indiv. from 28	locations	1/1	Ipswich	1	J. Soucy#
Peregrine Falcon			1/6	Hingham H.	2	D. Peacock
thr			1	Worcester	1	M. Lynch#
1/1 S. Boston	1 imm	R. Stymeist#	thr	Newbypt. H.	5	R. Heil
1/6 Bourne	1	SSBC (K. Anderson)	Ruddy Turnstone			
1/9 Chappaquiddick	1	V. Laux	1/1	Nantucket	1	G. d'Entremont#
1/10-2/12 Cambridge	1	S. Simpson + v.o.	1/24	Gloucester	8	R. Heil
1/11 Lynn	1 ad	R. Heil	1/27, 2/10	Boston H.	30, 26	TASL (M. Hall)
1/12 Salisbury/P.I.	3	R. Heil	2/10	Fairhaven	48	W. Petersen
1/18 Essex	1 ad	R. Heil	2/16	Sandwich	2	D. Manchester
1/19 Springfield	1	T. Gagnon	2/18	Westport	5	J. Sweeney
1/21 Nantucket	2	BBC (J. Barton)	Red Knot			
1/25 Bolton Flats	1	T. Murray	1/1, 2/23	Chatham (S.B.)	1	P. Flood
1/29 Rockport	1 imm.	R. Heil	2/24	Westport	8	A. Brissette
2/5 Amherst	1	W. Lafley	Sanderling			
2/10 Stoneham	1	D. + I. Jewell	1/1, 2/10	Chatham (S.B.)	400, 300	P. Flood
2/14-23 Plymouth	1	E. Neumuth	1/1	Nantucket	155	G. d'Entremont#
2/23 Chatham (S.B.)	1 imm	P. Flood	1/1	P.I.	35	P. + J. Roberts
Gyrfalcon (details submitted) *			1/6	Bourne	30	SSBC (K. Anderson)
1/13 Salisbury	1	T. Raymond	1/11	Harwich	100+	D. Silverstein#
thr			1/27	Barnstable	700+	D. Manchester#
2/10-28 S. Boston	1 ad ph	M. McWade + v.o.	2/3	Nahant	600+	L. Pivacek
Ring-necked Pheasant			2/7	Revere (POP)	480	R. Heil
1/3 Salem	5	R. Heil	2/16	P'town (R.P.)	73	P. Flood
1/27 Mattapan	2	O. Spalding	2/23	Westport	28	E. Neilsen
2/19 HRWMA	2	T. Pirro	Least Sandpiper			
2/25 W. Newbury	2 m	R. Heil	1/1	Chatham (S.B.)	2	P. Flood
Ruffed Grouse			Purple Sandpiper			
1/6 Hingham	1	D. Peacock	1/6	Scituate	140	D. Peacock
1/8 E. Sandwich	4	D. Manchester	1/12	Marblehead	80+	K. Haley
1/14 Sunderland	1	M. Williams	1/27	Boston H.	142	TASL (M. Hall)
1/29 Westboro	1	S. Sutton#	1/29	Rockport	700+	R. Heil
2/9 Chesterfield	1	R. Packard	2/24	Westport	60	A. Brissette#
2/19 Lancaster	3	C. Caron	Dunlin			
2/25 W. Boylston	2	S. Sutton	1/1, 2/23	Chatham (S.B.)	3500, 2400	P. Flood
Wild Turkey			1/18	Salisbury	100	J. Berry
1/1 Hadley	26	H. Allen	2/3	Nahant	400+	L. Pivacek
1/5 Ipswich	40	J. Berry	2/3	Fairhaven	50	G. d'Entremont
1/5 Middleboro	62	D. Furbish	2/7	Revere	190	R. Heil
1/31 Erving	17	V. Yurkunas	2/14-20	Plymouth	140	E. Neumuth
2/thr Easton	13	K. Ryan	2/18	Eastham (F.E.)	250	B. Nikula
2/10 Lincoln	14	M. Rines	2/23	Westport	200	E. Neilsen
2/16 Athol	42	G. d'Entremont#	2/24	Brewster	150	B. Nikula
2/17 Templeton	80	T. Pirro	2/24	Nauset B.	220	P. Flood
2/19 Sherborn	18	E. Taylor	2/25	P.I.	22	R. Heil
2/24 Sheffield	32	K. + M. Conway	Common Snipe			
Virginia Rail			1/1	Northbridge	1	M. Lynch#
1/1 Nantucket	5	G. d'Entremont#	1/6	Marshfield	1	D. Peacock
1/1 Northbridge	1	M. Lynch#	1/6	Bourne	5	SSBC (K. Anderson)
1/6 Marshfield	3	D. Peacock	1/12	Barnstable (S.N.)	1	M. Sylvia
Common Moorhen			1/13	Wayland	1	G. Long
thr			1/30	Randolph	1	T. Raymond
American Coot			2/16	Newbypt.	4	T. Wetmore
1/1 Nantucket	26	G. d'Entremont#	2/27	DWWS	1	D. Furbish
1/2 W. Boxford	30	T. Walker				

American Woodcock			2/10	Chatham (S.B.)	1	P. Flood
1/1 Lakeville	1	R. Titus	2/24	Brewster	3	B. Nikula
2/19 DWWS	1	D. Furbish#		Glaucous Gull		
2/22 W. Tisbury	1	S. Bowman	1/12	S. Boston	1	R. Donovan
2/22 Nantucket	10	J. Van Voorst	1/21	Plymouth H.	1 1W	S. Moore
2/26 Burlington	5	M. Rines	2/3	Wachusett Res.	1 ad	M. Lynch#
2/26 Dedham	3	T. Raymond	2/9	Chatham	1 ad	S. Mirick#
2/26 W. Newbury	4 m	R. Heil	2/9	Gloucester	1	B. Machover
Pomarine Jaeger			2/14	Northampton	1	B. Bieda
2/18 Eastham (F.E.)	1	B. Nikula	2/16	W. Boylston	1 2W	T. Pirro#
Laughing Gull			2/20	Boston	1 3W	M. Taylor#
1/6 P.I.	1	S. Moore#	2/24	Salisbury	1	J. Hoye#
2/10 Salisbury	1	B. Cormier		"Nelson's Gull"		
Little Gull			1/15	Lynn	1 1W	R. Heil
1/1 Nantucket	7	G. d'Entremont#	1/29	Gloucester	1 2W	R. Heil
Black-headed Gull			2/21	Plymouth	1	R. Titus
1/1 Osterville	1 ad	B. Nikula#		Black-legged Kittiwake		
1/1 Cotuit	1 ad	B. Nikula#	1/1	Nantucket	10	G. d'Entremont#
1/5 New Salem	1	W. Lafley	1/1	Chatham (S.B.)	120+	P. Flood
1/6 Brewster	1 ad	B. Nikula	1/23	Chappaquiddick	25	A. Keith
1/12 Gloucester	2	BBC (J. Berry)	1/24	Gloucester	40 ad	R. Heil
1/15 Newbypt.	1	J. Paluzzi	1/26	P'town (R.P.)	170 ad	R. Heil
1/15 Plymouth	1	K. Anderson#	2/14	P.I.	12 ad	R. Heil
2/3 Milford	1	J. Hoye#	2/18	Eastham (F.E.)	60	B. Nikula
2/10 Salisbury	1 ad	M. Lynch#	2/24	Nauset B.	25	P. Flood
2/14 Nantucket	1	E. Anderson		Dovekie		
Bonaparte's Gull			1/19	W. Tisbury	1	A. Ben David
1/1-31 Eastham (F.H.)	80	B. Nikula#	1/20	Rockport (A.P.)	4	O. Spalding#
1/6 Salisbury	30	S. Moore#		Common Murre		
1/13 Nantucket	2000	E. Ray	2/3	Gloucester (E.P.)	1	D. Bates#
1/24 Gloucester	45	R. Heil	2/10	Chatham (S.B.)	1 dead	P. Flood
1/26 N. Scituate	13	G. d'Entremont	2/24	P'town (R.P.)	21	E. Nielsen
Thayer's Gull (details submitted) *				Thick-billed Murre		
1/1 Nantucket	1 ph	F. Gallo + v.o.	1/6	Scusset B.	2	D. Peacock
Iceland Gull			1/6	Scituate	1	D. Peacock
1/1 Turners Falls	1	H. Allen	1/12	Gloucester (B.R.)	1	ABNC (M. Taylor#)
1/1 Nantucket	39	G. d'Entremont#	1/24	Magnolia	1	R. Heil
1/6 N. Truro	8	B. Nikula	2/24	P'town (R.P.)	4	E. Nielsen
1/6 Rockport (A.P.)	2	P. + F. Vale		Razorbill		
1/19 Westboro	1 1W	M. Faherty	1/6	Scusset B.	8	D. Peacock
1/19 Northampton	1 1W	T. Gagnon	1/20	Nantucket	100	E. Ray
1/31 Gloucester	2	R. Heil	1/21	off Katama	200+	V. Laux
2/3 Wachusett Res.	3	M. Lynch#	1/24	Gloucester	58	R. Heil
2/14, 25 Newbypt.	6, 6	R. Heil	1/26	P'town (R.P.)	160	R. Heil
2/15 Lynn	1 ad	R. Heil	1/26	Rockport	55+	M. Lynch#
2/16 W. Boylston	2	T. Pirro#	1/27	Boston H.	4	TASL (M. Hall)
2/18 Salisbury	2	P. + F. Vale	2/10	Wellfleet	100	S. Mirick#
2/24 P'town (R.P.)	13	E. Nielsen	2/10	Chatham (S.B.)	5	P. Flood
Lesser Black-backed Gull				Black Guillemot		
thr Boston	1	v.o.	1/1	Nantucket	3	G. d'Entremont#
1/1 Nantucket	10	O. Spalding#	1/6	Scituate	12	D. Peacock
1/2 Seekonk	1	D. Zimmerlin	1/26, 2/10	Marshfield	4, 2	G. d'Entremont
1/4 Plymouth	1	O. Spalding#	1/27	Boston H.	9	R. Stymeist#
1/21 Katama	3	V. Laux	1/29	Cape Ann	119	R. Heil
1/29 P'town	2	O. Spalding#	2/3	Nahant	2	L. Pivacek
2/9 Orleans	1 ad	S. Mirick#				

PARAKEETS THROUGH FINCHES

New Year's Day was bright and sunny with near normal temperatures, a great day to start a new year of birding. The mild weather made this a good winter for this group of birds. Eighty-four species were recorded during January and February, 19 more than last year which also was on the mild side. One birder, Dennis Peacock, after starting out with a great pre-dawn day of owling on January 6, was inspired to try a "big day" after he found every midwinter target species he was seeking. The end result was a personal total of 111 species, surely a record number for the month of January!

All seven regularly-occurring owl species were noted during the period. At Logan Airport, Norman Smith had banded 22 Snowy Owls as of February 28, 21 of which were re-released on Duxbury Beach, and one bird was released on Plum Island. The first Snowy Owl appeared on

November 4, 2001 and the highest count for a single day was 12 individuals on January 18. The ongoing raptor extravaganza at Daniel Webster continued this winter with a maximum of seven Long-eared Owls hidden along the Secret Trail. A Short-eared Owl was found for the second winter in a row in the Connecticut River Valley, the only reports since 1993. There were better than normal numbers of Barred and Northern Saw-Whet owls reported during the period.

Birders had two Red-headed Woodpeckers to search for this winter: one found on the Boston CBC in Melrose continued throughout the period, and another was found at Great Esker Park in Weymouth. Red-headed Woodpeckers are irregular visitors to our area and often depend on a good crop of acorns or beech nuts over the winter months. The number of sapsuckers found in our area during the winter has been increasing each year, with nine reports during this period. Several consecutive mild winters have resulted in an increase in certain southern species that have expanded their range into Massachusetts. A comparison of Christmas Bird Count totals of two of these species is dramatic: in 1990 557 Carolina Wrens were reported; in 2001 this increased to 1185. In 1990 only 29 Red-bellied Woodpeckers were reported; in 2001 this increased to an astonishing 376.

The mild winters also tend to help many of our semihardy lingerers such as Eastern Phoebe, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Eastern Bluebird, Hermit Thrush, Gray Catbird, and Eastern Towhee, all of which were well accounted for during this period.

The folks out in the western parts of our state also fared well with far less snow than normal; a count of 400 Horned Larks in Northampton was the largest number in the Connecticut Valley since 1985 and a count of 25 Fish Crows in West Springfield was the largest single flock reported from western Massachusetts in any season. Better numbers were also noted for Golden-crowned Kinglets, Eastern Bluebirds (21 reports was the best ever), and Field Sparrows.

This was a banner period for the unusual. A **Selasphorus** hummingbird was photographed in Chatham, a Western Kingbird was noted from Woods Hole on two separate days in January, the **Gray Jay** first found in December in Windsor remained through at least mid-January, and **Boreal Chickadees** were noted from five locations. A **Townsend's Solitaire** was found in Essex in February, undoubtedly the same individual that was discovered not far away on December 4. A **Varied Thrush** was noted from Belchertown and Bohemian Waxwings were noted from Truro and on Nantucket. Ten species of warblers were noted during the period as compared with just seven during the same period last year. A **Townsend's Warbler** photographed in Centerville takes top honors followed by a **Yellow-throated Warbler** that visited a Scituate feeder for two days in early February. Ovenbird and Northern Waterthrush have been very rare in winter, but this season produced two of each. These are robust *Seiurus* warblers and probably could survive a mild winter fairly easily. Still other noteworthy birds found this winter include Grasshopper Sparrow, Dickcissel, Baltimore Oriole, and **Yellow-headed Blackbird**.

Finches had a good year, but not as good as the fall flight would have suggested. The birds seemed to move in response to the modest food crop. Mark Lynch commented that looking for winter finches was the inland equivalent of pelagic birding; sometimes the birds are there in numbers, sometimes not. With a lot of territory and only a few birds, you have to move about in hopes of finding anything and be prepared to see nothing, just like a pelagic trip. *R. Stymeist*

Monk Parakeet				1/26	Ipswich	3 ECOC (P. Brown#)
thr	Somerset	2-6	J. Sweeney	2/thr	DWWS	3 D. Furbish
Barn Owl				thr	Reports of indiv. from	16 locations
1/21	Nantucket	2	F. Gallo	Great Horned Owl		
Eastern Screech-Owl				1/26	Ipswich	2 ECOC (P. Brown#)
1/6	Marshfield	10	D. Peacock	2/23	Lexington	pr M. Rines#

Great Horned Owl (continued)									
2/24 Bolton Flats	3	M. Lynch#	2/23 Boxford (C.P.)	3	P. + F. Vale				
2/thr DWWS	2	D. Furbish	2/23 Falmouth	3	K. Ryan				
thr Reports of indiv. from 15 locations			2/thr Maynard	3	L. Nachtrab				
Snowy Owl			Northern Flicker						
thr P.I.	1-4	v.o.	1/6 Boston	6	BBC (R. Stymeist)				
1/thr Chappaquiddick	2	V. Laux#	1/18 W. Gloucester	6	R. Heil				
1/1, 2/10 Chatham (S.B.)	2, 2	P. Flood	2/17 Mt.A.	8	P. + F. Vale				
1/1-23 Nahant	1	L. Pivacek + v.o.	Pileated Woodpecker						
1/2-16 New Bedford	1	J. DeMello	1/5 Windsor	2	M. Lynch#				
1/5 Gloucester (E.P.)	1	C. Nims	1/18, 2/15 Stoneham	2, 2	D. + I. Jewell				
1/6 Duxbury	3	N. Smith	1/27 Royalston	2	S. Leonard				
1/6 Lynn H.	1	D. Saffarewich	1/30 Sherborn	2	E. Taylor				
1/8 Ipswich (C.B.)	1	J. Berry#	Eastern Phoebe						
1/18, 2/18 Boston (Logan)	12, 8	N. Smith	1/10-20 W. Tisbury	1	S. Hickman				
1/20 M.V.	1 imm	J. Liller#	1/12, 23 Chilmark	1	A. Keith				
1/20 Salisbury B.	2	C. Buelow	1/14 Groton	1	M. Lane				
1/26 P'town (R.P.)	1	R. Heil	2/21 E. Middleboro	1	A. Brissette#				
1/29 Rockport	1	R. Heil	Western Kingbird						
2/10 Edgartown	1	W. Smith	1/10, 18 Woods Hole	1	G. Hirth				
2/14-24 Plymouth	1	E. Neumuth	Northern Shrike						
2/17 Nantucket	2	E. Ray	thr P.I.	1 ad	v.o.				
Barred Owl			1/1-2/23 Windsor	2	v.o.				
1/4-31 Westminster	2	C. Caron	1/8 Sandwich	1	W. Laflay				
2/13 Westminster	2	C. Caron	1/12 Barnstable (S.N.)	1	M. Sylvia				
thr Reports of indiv. from 17 locations			2/19 Bolton Flats	2	T. Pirro				
Long-eared Owl			2/20 W. Townsend	1	T. Pirro				
1/1 Wayland	1	G. Long	2/21 Sudbury	1	S. Perkins#				
thr DWWS	4-7	D. Furbish	2/28 Amherst	1	I. Dukovski				
Short-eared Owl			Gray Jay						
1/6 Duxbury	2	N. Smith	1/1-5 Windsor	1	v.o.				
1/11 Newbypt.	1	P. Arrigo	American Crow						
1/17-2/9 Salisbury	3-4	v.o.	1/13 Newton	3000	A. Joslin				
1/17-2/18 P.I.	1-2	v.o.	1/thr Framingham	6000+	E. Taylor				
1/27 Northampton	1	T. Gagnon	2/19 Springfield	1000+	D. Norton				
2/thr DWWS	2 max	D. Furbish	2/24 Newton	4000+	A. Joslin				
2/14-15 Plymouth	1	E. Neumuth	2/thr Framingham	6000+	E. Taylor				
2/18 Boston (Logan)	5	N. Smith	Fish Crow						
2/24 Rowley	1	S. McGrath	1/2 W. Roxbury	20+	G. Long				
Northern Saw-whet Owl			1/5 Weymouth	4	G. d'Entremont#				
1/1 Douglas	3	M. Lynch#	1/6 Boston	48	BBC (R. Stymeist)				
1/5-2/28 Lexington	2	M. Rines	1/12 Medford	2	R. LaFontaine				
1/31 Ashfield	2	R. Packard	1/17 W Springfield	25	S. Kellogg				
2/thr Chatham	2	R. Clem#	2/3 Southwick	1	S. Kellogg				
2/7 Sunderland	2	M. Williams	2/15 Dedham	45	G. Long				
2/10 Marshfield	2	SSBC (D. Peacock#)	2/16 Newton	21	G. Long				
thr Reports of indiv. from 6 locations			Common Raven						
Selasphorus species (details submitted)*			1/1 Cummington	1	S. Moore#				
1/1-21 Chatham 1 ph		S. Hertford + v. o.	1/2 Becket	11	R. Laubach				
Belted Kingfisher			1/3 Windsor	3	J. LaPointe#				
1/6 Bourne	2	SSBC (K. Anderson)	1/5 Phillipston	1	F. Vale				
1/8 Wachusett Res.	2	C. Buelow	1/5 Savoy SF	2	M. Lynch#				
1/11 Bolton Flats	3	T. Murray	1/7 Erving	2	V. Yurkunas				
1/19 Fairhaven	2	BBC (R. Stymeist)	1/10 Belchertown	1 pr	M. Faherty				
2/3 Westport	2	G. d'Entremont	2/3 Barre Falls	1	S. Hedman#				
2/10 Newbypt.	2	S. Haydock	2/5 Sunderland	2	M. Williams				
Red-headed Woodpecker			2/14 Mt. Tom	2	B. Bieda				
thr Melrose	1	D. + I. Jewell	2/20 Cambridge	1	K. Hartel				
1/1-26 Weymouth	1	S. Harrington + v.o.	Horned Lark						
Red-bellied Woodpecker			1/6 Rochester	140	SSBC (K. Anderson)				
1/1 Wayland	3	G. Long	1/10 P.I.	40	E.+ A. Slattery				
1/5 Weymouth	3	M. Hall	1/12 Northampton	400	H. Allen				
1/6 Boston	5	BBC (R. Stymeist)	1/13 Salisbury	64	T. Raymond				
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			1/20 Westport	60+	M. Lynch#				
1/1 Windsor	1	S. Moore	1/21 Cumb. Farms	200	K. Anderson#				
1/1 W. Cummington	1 m	S. Moore#	2/2 Chatham (S.B.)	30+	C. Dalton				
1/5 Newbypt.	1	T. Wetmore	2/2 P'town (R.P.)	20	P. Flood				
1/6 Arlington	1	H. Hoffman	2/16 Bourne	16	P. + F. Vale				
1/9 S. Middleboro	1	F. Sylvia	Boreal Chickadee						
2/3 Gloucester	1 f ad	D. Sandee#	1/1-5 Windsor	1	v.o.				
2/17 Mt.A.	1	P. + F. Vale	1/5 Savoy S.F.	1	M. Lynch#				
2/19 Westfield	1	S. Kellogg	1/23 Westford	1	B. Hoermann				
2/24 Westport	1	S. Moore#	1/29 Quabbin (G6)	2	B. Laflay				
Hairy Woodpecker			1/29 Belchertown	2	W. Laflay				
1/1 Wayland	3	G. Long	Red-breasted Nuthatch						
1/5 Groton	5	R. Ntymeist	1/thr Ipswich	2	J. + N. Berry				
1/5 Royalston	4	P. + F. Vale	1/1 Nantucket	2	G. d'Entremont#				
1/thr Maynard	3	L. Nachtrab	1/1 Westminster	2	C. Caron				
			1/6 Salisbury	8	M. Lynch#				

Red-breasted Nuthatch (continued)			
1/26	Mt. A.	2	R. Stymeist
1/28	Windsor	4	H. Allen
2/5	Worcester	2	M. Lynch#
2/17	Boston	3	G. d'Entremont
Brown Creeper			
thr	Medford	6	R. LaFontaine
1/1	Westminster	2	C. Caron
1/10	Woods Hole	2	G. Hirth
1/17	Maynard	2	L. Nachtrab
1/27	Northbridge	2	M. Lynch#
2/6	Dennisport	2	D. Silverstein
2/23	Boxford (C.P.)	6	P. + F. Vale
2/26	Northampton	5	H. Allen
Carolina Wren			
1/thr	Sherborn	8	E. Taylor
1/1	Nantucket	6	G. d'Entremont#
1/6	Boston	9	BBC (R. Stymeist)
1/12	W. Newbury	3	R. Heil
1/12	Medford	4	R. LaFontaine
1/19	Fairhaven	34	BBC (R. Stymeist)
1/20	Westport	11	M. Lynch#
2/3	Shrewsbury	2	R. Stymeist
2/24	Westport	18	G. d'Entremont#
Winter Wren			
1/3	Salem	2	R. Heil
2/3	Fairhaven	2	G. d'Entremont
2/19	Medford	2	M. Rines#
Marsh Wren			
1/4, 2/24	Cumb. Farms	1	M. Faherty
1/4	W. Bridgewater	1	R. Titus
1/26	Cotuit	1	R. Heil
1/29, 2/25	Harwich	1, 1	B. Nikula
Golden-crowned Kinglet			
1/5	Groton	22	R. Stymeist
1/6	Wachusett Res.	6	R. Lockwood
1/13	Wayland	7	G. Long
1/14	Sunderland	7	M. Williams
1/18	Pepperell	6	E. Stromsted
2/8	S. Quabbin	13	S. Sutton#
2/23	Boxford (C.P.)	10	P. + F. Vale
2/23	Windsor	20	K. + M. Conway
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			
1/1	Nantucket	1	G. d'Entremont#
1/3	Boston	1	G. Tepke
1/4, 2/3	Nahant	1	L. Pivacek
1/6	Falmouth	1	D. Peacock
1/8	Taunton	1	J. Sweeney
1/12	Rochester	1	K. Anderson
1/12	Lakeville	1	K. Anderson
1/12	S. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson
1/19	Fairhaven	1	BBC (R. Stymeist)
1/24	Watertown	1	O. Spalding
Eastern Bluebird			
1/2	DWWS	12	D. Furbish
1/3	Falmouth	25	C. Buelow
1/5	Groton	18	R. Stymeist
1/5	GMNWR	30	B. Volkle#
1/14	Cumb. Farms	12	K. Anderson
1/14	Berkley	12	J. Sweeney#
1/19	Ipswich	12	D. + I. Jewell
1/20	Truro	15	S. Hedman#
Townsend's Solitaire (details submitted) *			
2/2-10	Essex	1 ph	J. Behnke + v.o.
Hermit Thrush			
1/1	Medford	4	M. Rines#
1/1	Nantucket	2	G. d'Entremont#
1/4	W. Bridgewater	2	R. Titus
1/6	Hingham	2	D. Peacock
1/19	Fairhaven	7	BBC (R. Stymeist)
2/7	Essex	2	J. Berry#
2/19	Marblehead	2	K. Haley
American Robin			
1/1	Nantucket	200	G. d'Entremont#
1/6	N. Truro	200	B. Nikula
1/12	W. Newbury	230	R. Heil
1/15	Maynard	200+	L. Nachtrab
1/18	W. Gloucester	510	R. Heil
1/19	Peabody	200+	D. + I. Jewell
1/26	Mt. A.	250+	R. Stymeist#
1/28	Pepperell	200	E. Stromsted
2/3	Williamsburg	322	R. Packard
2/3	Wachusett Res.	775	M. Lynch#
2/5	Worcester	750+	M. Lynch#
2/11	Bolton	200+	S. Sutton#
2/17	Templeton	200	T. Pirro
2/18	Templeton	200	T. Pirro
2/20	Athol	200	R. Coyle
2/20	Ipswich	200	J. Berry
2/26	Methuen	4500+	J. Hogan
Varied Thrush			
2/19	Belchertown	1	T. O'Neil
Gray Catbird			
1/1	Nantucket	5	G. d'Entremont#
1/1	Medford	2	M. Rines#
1/19	Fairhaven	9	BBC (R. Stymeist)
2/16	Gay Head	2	J. Young
2/20	Chatham	2	P. Donahue#
2/24	Westport	2	S. Moore#
2/24	Dartmouth	3	G. d'Entremont#
2/24	MNWS	1	K. Haley
2/24	Amherst	1	H. Allen
Brown Thrasher			
thr	Wayland	1	G. Long
1/1	Osterville	1	P. Trimble#
2/5	WBWS	1	D. Silverstein#
2/25	Marblehead	1	K. Haley
European Starling			
2/27	Methuen	10000+	J. Hogan
American Pipit			
1/4	Cumb. Farms	35	M. Faherty
1/12-14	Marblehead Neck	1	K. Haley
1/13	Salisbury	1	T. Raymond
2/11	P.I.	1	P. Brown
Bohemian Waxwing			
1/3	Nantucket	2	J. Papale
1/18-20	Truro	1	St. Miller
Cedar Waxwing			
1/10	Royalston	45	J. Paluzzi
1/12	Newbypt.	275+	R. Heil
1/15	Maynard	56	L. Nachtrab
1/26	Westboro	30	S. Sutton#
1/29	Huntington	55	R. Packard
2/5	Southampton	50	H. Allen
2/10	N. Scituate	40	BBC (G. d'Entremont)
2/17	Worcester	300+	M. Lynch#
2/17	Orange	40	T. Pirro
2/27	Ipswich	30	J. Berry#
Orange-crowned Warbler			
1/6, 2/3	Lynnfield	1	P. + F. Vale
Yellow-rumped Warbler			
1/5	Sunderland	1	M. Williams
1/18	W. Gloucester	17	R. Heil
1/19	Fairhaven	18	BBC (R. Stymeist)
1/20	Westport	11	M. Lynch#
1/27	Nauset B.	100+	S. Finnegan#
2/6	Essex	20	R. Heil
2/10	N. Marshfield	3	BBC (G. d'Entremont)
2/16	Bourne	12	P. + F. Vale
Townsend's Warbler (details submitted) *			
1/1-2/3	Centerville	1 ph	S. Johnson + v.o.
Yellow-throated Warbler			
2/5-6	Scituate	1	E. Burbank + v.o.
Pine Warbler			
1/1	Nantucket	1	E. Andrews
1/5	Wellfleet	2	G. Ferguson
1/5	Groton	1	R. Stymeist
1/6	Hingham	1	D. Peacock
1/14	Berkley	1	J. Sweeney#
2/6	Dennisport	1	D. Silverstein
Palm Warbler			
1/6	W. Sutton	1	A. + L. Richardson
1/11	Nantucket	1	J. Palale
1/20	Acoxet	1	M. Lynch#
1/26	Rockport	1	M. Lynch#

Ovenbird				thr		Reports of indiv. from 18 locations	
1/16	Sagamore	1	R. Buckner	Swamp Sparrow			
2/3	Chatham	1	J. Kenneally	1/4	Cumb. Farms	12	M. Faherty
Northern Waterthrush				1/4	W. Bridgewater	15	R. Titus
1/27	Bourne	1	St. Miller	1/6	Marshfield	70+	D. Peacock
2/10	N. Marshfield	1	BBC (G. d'Entremont)	1/16	Northampton	4	R. Packard
Common Yellowthroat				2/3	Fairhaven	4	G. d'Entremont
1/24	Cambridge	1	D. Cowell	2/16	Westboro WMA	6	M. Lynch#
2/28	DWWS	1	D. Furbish	White-crowned Sparrow			
Yellow-breasted Chat				1/1-21	Nantucket	1 imm	E. Andrews
1/3	Gay Head	1	T. Day	1/4	W. Bridgewater	2	M. Faherty
1/7-13	Hamilton	1	P. Moroney	1/10	Woods Hole	1	G. Hirth
1/19	Brighton	1	R. Salvucci	1/15	Chilmark	3	T. Rivers
1/20	W. Falmouth	1	R. Vanderpyl#	2/12	Lexington	1	M. Rines
1/21	Nantucket	1	F. Gallo	2/20	Cumb. Farms	4	R. Titus
1/23	Marblehead	1	F. Mayo	2/24	Westport	2 imm	G. d'Entremont#
2/23-24	Falmouth	1	K. Ryan	Lapland Longspur			
2/23-24	Orleans	1	C. Ekroth#	1/6	P.I.	1	M. Lynch#
Eastern Towhee				1/6	Bourne	1	SSBC (K. Anderson)
thr	Westboro	1 m	S. Sutton#	1/8-21	Northampton	2-5	B. Bieda
1/6	S. Dartmouth	3	D. Zimmerlin	1/13	Salisbury	2	T. Raymond
1/6	Falmouth	3	D. Peacock	2/18	P.I.	16	R. Packard
1/10	Woods Hole	5	G. Hirth	Snow Bunting			
1/12	Mattapoisett	2	F. Smith	1/1	Nantucket	20	G. d'Entremont#
1/19	Fairhaven	8	BBC (R. Stymeist)	1/1, 2/23	Chatham (S.B.)	26, 42	P. Flood
1/21	Rockport (H.P.)	1	J. Barber	1/4	Salisbury	22	J. Berry#
1/21	Wendell	1	W. Lafley	1/8	Ipswich (C.B.)	45	J. Berry#
1/27	W. Boxford	1	J. Berry#	1/11	W. Dennis B.	28	D. Silverstein#
2/9, 25	Marblehead	1	K. Haley	1/12	Northampton	2	H. Allen
American Tree Sparrow				1/26	Marblehead	17	K. Haley
1/4	Cumb. Farms	75	M. Faherty	1/27	Nauset B.	50+	S. Finnegan#
1/6	Marshfield	190+	D. Peacock	1/27	P.I.	41	R. Heil
1/13	Bridgewater	75+	J. Sweeney	2/9	Worthington	90	R. Packard
2/25	W. Bridgewater	200	R. Finch	Dickcissel			
2/27	Bolton Flats	130	S. Sutton#	1/18-27	Ipswich	1 m	J. Berry + v.o.
Chipping Sparrow				2/3-9	Essex	1 imm f	T. Young#
1/3	Westford	1	L. Clark	Red-winged Blackbird			
1/8	W. Tisbury	4	A. Keith	1/4	W. Bridgewater	900	M. Faherty
2/3	Bridgewater	1	J. Sweeney#	1/6	Cumb. Farms	750	M. Faherty
2/17	Edgartown	2+	J. Young	1/6	Marshfield	165	D. Peacock
2/22	Dennisport	1	D. Silverstein	1/12	Lakeville	200	K. Anderson
Clay-colored Sparrow				1/22	Westport	2000	O. Spalding
1/4	Cumb. Farms	1	M. Faherty	2/4	Southwick	15	S. Kellogg
2/25	W. Bridgewater	1	R. Finch	2/17	Williamsburg	3	R. Packard
Field Sparrow				2/24	Sheffield	1000	K. + M. Conway
thr	Southwick	1	S. Kellogg	2/26	Northampton	1000	H. Allen
1/3	Salem	7	R. Heil	2/27	Bolton Flats	2300	S. Sutton
1/3	Falmouth	18	C. Buelow	Eastern Meadowlark			
1/11	Bolton Flats	4	T. Murray	1/2	DWWS	12	D. Furbish
1/23	Northampton	3	E. Labato	1/12	Gloucester	2	BBC (J. Berry)
1/26	Cotuit	3	R. Heil	1/19	Fairhaven	42	BBC (R. Stymeist)
2/20	Woburn	4	R. LaFontaine	1/21	Rochester	8	W. Petersen
2/thr	Chilmark	2	W. Keith	1/27	Chatham	4	B. Nikula
Vesper Sparrow				1/27	Barnstable	6	D. Manchester#
2/20	Cumb. Farms	1	R. Titus	2/10	Chatham (S.B.)	5	P. Flood
Savannah Sparrow				2/16	Katama	55	J. Young
1/1	Nantucket	2	G. d'Entremont#	Yellow-headed Blackbird			
1/1, 2/10	Chatham (S.B.)	5, 8	P. Flood	1/20	Westport	1 ad m	M. Lynch#
1/3	Falmouth	7	C. Buelow	Rusty Blackbird			
1/4	W. Bridgewater	28	R. Titus	1/3	Salem	13	R. Heil
1/4	Cumb. Farms	16	M. Faherty	1/6	Marshfield	35	D. Peacock
1/6	Rochester	2	SSBC (K. Anderson)	1/9	Norton	167	J. Sweeney
1/19	Fairhaven	4	BBC (R. Stymeist)	1/11	Bolton Flats	27	T. Murray
2/20	Cumb. Farms	14	R. Titus	1/13	Wakefield	38	P. + F. Vale
2/23	Marshfield	1	G. d'Entremont	1/27	Northfield	60	V Yurkunas
2/28	Concord (NAC)	3	S. Perkins	1/28	Ipswich	47	J. Berry#
"Ipswich Sparrow"				1/30	Taunton	69	J. Sweeney
1/1, 2/23	Chatham (S.B.)	2	P. Flood	2/thr	DWWS	2	D. Furbish
1/12	Salisbury	2	R. Heil	Common Grackle			
Grasshopper Sparrow				1/6	Marshfield	2	D. Peacock
2/25	W. Bridgewater	2	M. Maurer	1/16	Southwick	1	S. Kellogg
Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow				1/17	Wenham	75+	J. MacDougall#
1/1	Eastham (F.H.)	6	P. Trimble#	2/4	Northboro	8	B. Volkle
Fox Sparrow				2/17	W. Harwich	5	B. Nikula
1/3-23	Gay Head	4	T. Day#	2/23	Westport	1500	E. Neilsen
1/21	E. Middleboro	2	K. Anderson	2/24	W. Bridgewater	300	M. Faherty
1/26	Mt.A.	2	R. Stymeist	2/24	Bolton Flats	2100	M. Lynch#
2/28	Carlisle	2	J. Keskulla	2/27	Methuen	8000+	J. Hogan

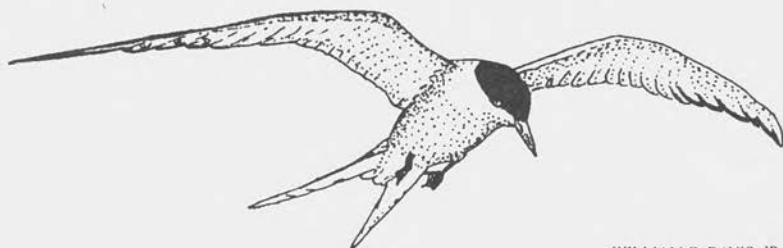
Brown-headed Cowbird			1/6	Milton	30	J. Hatch
1/4	W. Bridgewater	60	M. Faherty	1/15	Windsor	5
1/10	Southwick	30	S. Kellogg	1/19	Salisbury	10
1/20	Westport	83	M. Lynch#	2/1	Dover	1
2/10	Concord	20	M. Rines	2/10	Westwood	30
2/10	Fairhaven	150	W. Petersen	2/16	E. Harwich	25+
2/13	S. Hadley	40	H. Allen	2/21	E. Middleboro	12
2/24	W. Bridgewater	10	M. Faherty			
Baltimore Oriole				Common Redpoll		
1/26	Belmont	1	B. Zinn	1/1	Woburn	43
Pine Grosbeak				1/5	Groton	87
1/1	Windsor	35	S. Moore	1/27, 2/25	P.I.	35, 5
1/3	Plainfield	18	W. Lafley	2/3	Windsor	50
1/5	Royalston	40	P. + F. Vale	2/3	Malden	28
1/5	Charlestown	8	C. Buelow	2/10	Quincy	80+
1/5	Peru	30	R. Lockwood#	2/10	N. Scituate	50
1/5	HRWMA	16	R. Lewis	2/17	Northfield	100
1/27	Middlefield	1	R. Packard	2/17	Upton	30+
1/27	Chesterfield	10	R. Packard	2/19	DWWS	28
2/3	Washington	5	E. Neumuth	2/25	Norfolk	2
2/6	Becket	18	R. Laubach	2/25	Waltham	8
2/22	Royalston	30	J. Berry#			
Purple Finch				Pine Siskin		
1/1	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson	1/1	Windsor	35
1/5	Royalston	1	P. + F. Vale	1/6-7	Blandford	45
1/6	Hingham	3	D. Peacock	1/11	Royalston	80
1/14	Taunton	4	J. Sweeney#	1/13	New Salem	75
1/19	Hamilton	4	D. + I. Jewell	1/14	Northfield	10
1/23	Becket	8	T. Fiore#	1/23	Becket	20+
1/26	Mattapoisett	1	F. Smith	1/29	Ashburnham	14
2/3	Blandford	1	K. + M. Conway	2/thr	Washington	40
2/6	DWWS	3	D. Furbish	2/thr	E. Middleboro	15-20
2/10	Essex	2	M. Lynch#	2/1-5	Easton	5
2/19	S. Quabbin	6	H. Allen	2/8	Hingham	5
2/20	Woburn	1	R. LaFontaine			
Red Crossbill				Evening Grosbeak		
1/2	Salisbury	20	B. Lawless	1/5	Windsor	124
1/25	W. Tisbury	13	S. Anderson	1/11	Royalston	30
2/10	Salisbury	7	M. Lynch#	1/14	Northfield	40
White-winged Crossbill				1/24	Blandford	40
1/1, 2/16	Nantucket	15, 8	F. Gallo	1/24	Marlboro	2
1/3	Newbypt.	3	T. Wetmore	2/1-23	Washington	55
				2/16	Royalston	47
				2/17	Templeton	5

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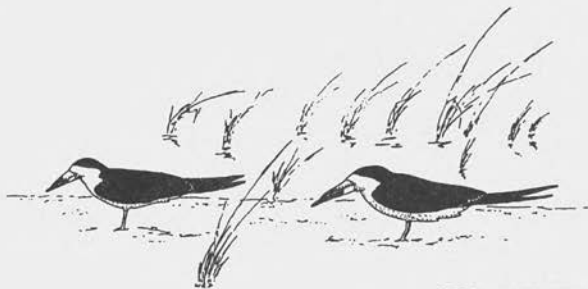
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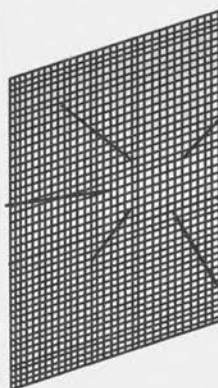
LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

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



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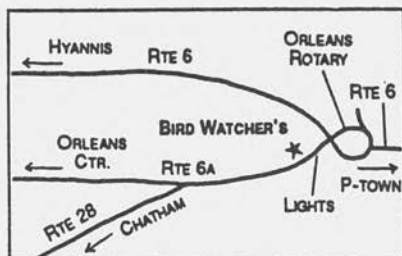
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