

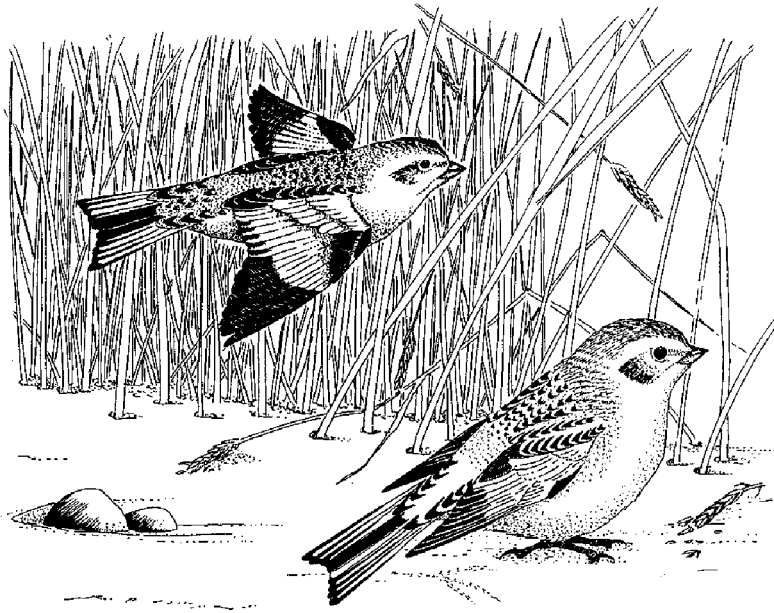
Greetings,

Almost thirty years ago, I joined an ambitious and talented group of volunteers who had just begun publishing *Bird Observer of Eastern Massachusetts*. At first, I was a contributor, then the second editor of the journal, and finally first president of the corporation. After several years the weight of my other work forced me to leave the group.

As I rejoin *Bird Observer* now, I feel great satisfaction in realizing that so many of the decisions of those early years were sound and productive. I want to continue the traditions of the magazine as a publisher of records, field notes, book reviews, and personal essays and scientific articles of local interest. I hope to bring a few new twists to some of these texts. Birders surely know how much ornithology owes to the activities of laypeople. The reverse influence is also rich: the more one knows about ornithology, the more interesting birding becomes.

Please let me know what you want in future issues. Tell me when you see me in the field, or write to me at the addresses given on page four.

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