

BIRD SIGHTINGS

January/February 2003

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The first two months of the year were colder, wetter, and snowier than normal, making five consecutive months with below-normal temperatures. New Year's Day was rainy and mild, in fact the mildest day of the month, with 44° recorded in Boston. During January the temperature averaged 24.4° in Boston, 5.2° below normal and 12.7° colder than last year. The mercury was below 32° from January 13 until January 26. Rain totaled 1.81 inches during January in Boston, 2.11 inches less than normal, although persistent with measurable amounts falling on 13 days. Snowfall was just 4.2 inches in Boston, 8.4 inches less than the January average. The entire state had an appreciable snow cover all month.

In February the temperature averaged 26.3° in Boston, 5.3° below normal. The maximum temperature did not get above the freezing mark on 15 days during the month. Rainfall was about normal with 4.21 inches noted during the month. Snow was the big news during February: a total of 41.6 inches fell in Boston, 30.4 inches over the average. The seasonal total for Boston of 60.5 inches was 28.2 inches above the average. *R. Stymeist*

LOONS THROUGH ALCIDS

Two Pacific Loons reported during the period reflect this species' growing frequency in Massachusetts waters. Published reports going as far back as the 1930s show regular reports of this species (considered conspecific with Arctic Loon prior to 1985). However, only in recent years have four to six individuals per year been reported. There is a growing body of published information on loon identification, and, combined with improved optics and more birders in the field, it is an open question whether the increase in reports reflects an actual trend or simply better reporting. Notwithstanding this apparent increase, Pacific Loon remains on the MARC Review List because of the difficulty of identification, and written details (plus photographs and field sketches, if available) should always be included in reporting a Review List species. Also, observers should keep in mind that there is still no accepted record of Arctic Loon in Massachusetts, making documentation of either species even more important.

Rare grebes present somewhat less difficult identification problems, and in this group too some western species have become pretty regular. In the case of the **Eared Grebe**, that regularity is due largely to a single individual that has wintered in the Niles Beach area of East Gloucester for at least eight straight winters. Jerry Soucy reports that he has seen it for ten years, starting in the winter of 1994. Jerry recounts another loyal Eared Grebe that spent nine winters at Bass Rocks, also in East Gloucester, from 1964 through 1972, and logically asks, "What is the Cape Ann attraction?" Two **Western Grebes** showed up, one of which, in Nahant, delighted birders for almost three weeks in January. This species has long shown a tendency to winter in New England in small numbers. Interesting is the winter when these two vagrant species are virtually as numerous as Pied-billed Grebes. We can attribute this to the cold weather and the solidity of the ponds, which pushed the northernmost wintering Pied-bills farther south than usual.

Two thousand Northern Gannets off Nantucket January 13 was a good count for the period. Three American Bitterns in a very cold January, two on the North Shore, were likewise impressive if only for their lack of judgment. Not surprisingly, all were coastal. Not so Great

Blue Herons: two tried to tough it out in western Massachusetts, where, as Seth Kellogg reports, "the snow was deep, and the ice was thick." Turkey Vultures likewise are learning to deal with (sometimes) tough New England winters and are becoming routine.

Four **Greater White-fronted Geese** of the Greenland race spent the period from January 26 on in Fairhaven. Since January 2000 there have been regular winter reports of one or two Greater White-fronted Geese from Fairhaven and neighboring Rochester, and last fall there was a sighting of a family group, possibly including the same individuals reported this period. Mute Swans chose a strange time to pick up the pace in the Connecticut Valley, but as many as 24 were at Turners Falls, some at least into early February, the highest western count ever. The competition for space must be getting intense along the coast. The severe weather did not prevent a variety of ducks from attempting to winter in western valleys either, especially Common Goldeneyes and Hooded Mergansers. The most remarkable waterfowl in western Massachusetts this period were two Lesser Scaup (only 15 records since 1978), a Black Scoter in Greenfield (first western January record), and a Long-tailed Duck at Turners Falls (only the fifth ever in the western counties).

Ducks that prefer to winter in freshwater ponds were most numerous in the southeastern counties, where the warmer temperatures mean more open water. Up to 400 Hooded Mergansers in Falmouth and 194 Northern Pintails in Westport, both in January, were good examples. Two notable exceptions were Gadwalls and Ruddy Ducks. Gadwalls, which are most common as breeding birds in Essex County, seem to prefer to winter there too: in most recent winters the highest counts have come from East Gloucester and Newburyport harbor. Ruddy Ducks have historically wintered on inland ponds, but in the last few winters (not just this severe one), flocks in the dozens have wintered in open salt water from Nahant to Marblehead.

Among the rarer ducks, four Eurasian Wigeons and a single male "**Eurasian**" **Green-winged Teal** were typical numbers. Redheads were reported only from Nantucket, which usually has the highest counts, but not the only ones. **Tufted Ducks** were found in West Boylston and Acoaxet (both returning from previous winters) and Edgartown. King Eiders were scarce, with only three singles reported. Harlequin Ducks, although not rare, continue to gradually increase each winter at Rockport, with 104 counted in January. Such totals are a recent phenomenon: the highest count as of Veit and Petersen's *Birds of Massachusetts* (1993) was 35 off Martha's Vineyard in 1941. Barrow's Goldeneyes in ones and twos were all up and down the coast.

In the big numbers department, 100,000 Common Eiders were estimated off Wasque Point on the Vineyard in late February, but no comparable counts of the huge Long-tailed Duck flights among the islands were received during the period.

Bald Eagles were seen all over the state, with the largest numbers reported along the Merrimack River from Lawrence to Newburyport. A check of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife website showed 19 reported from Quabbin Reservoir, 7 along the Connecticut River, and 12 along the Merrimack January 10 on the annual eagle survey, but birders reported very few at Quabbin thereafter. Perhaps the ice forced them to scatter, as frequent reports from the Connecticut Valley indicate. A **Golden Eagle** at Quabbin on the survey was the only one reported during the period.

It was a good year for Rough-legs, with reports from all over the state and maxima of nine in Marshfield and eight on Plum Island. The famous South Boston **Gyr Falcon** returned for another winter and another show for birders. Reports of Merlins and Peregrines exceeded those of American Kestrels, indicating that kestrels are still way down from earlier years.

Ruffed Grouse were unreported east of Worcester County, and one wonders whether they are disappearing, or birders are simply not finding them. At least one flock of Northern Bobwhites was hanging on in Wellfleet. Who would have thought two decades ago that Wild Turkeys would soon appear to outnumber all other gallinaceous birds combined? American Coots were understandably down from recent winters with all the ice, while all other marsh birds were unreported except for a single Virginia Rail in Topsfield.

Not unexpectedly, the greatest wintering shorebird concentrations were on Cape Cod and the South Shore, though the highest count of Sanderlings came from Nahant, with 750 January 6. Ruddy Turnstones were also reported in higher-than-normal numbers north of Boston, with up to 16 in Rockport through most of the period. Western Massachusetts anomalies were a Greater Yellowlegs in Sheffield January 1 (the previous late date was November 26), an American Woodcock in Agawam on Groundhog Day, and a Killdeer pushing the envelope at Turners Falls February 22. Top billing goes to a **Western Sandpiper** on South Beach in Chatham January 6, presumably one of three found on the CBC a little earlier. This is the second in the last three Januarys from that location.

There are only four previous records for Pomarine Jaeger in January, all singles, and three of these in the past four years. Eleven Pomarines on Cape Cod January 4 were an impressive escalation in scale. A “**yellow-legged**” gull was reported from Salisbury February 19, too far away for the observer to attempt identification, but the options are complex, as described in Rick Heil’s notes in the June 2001 issue (*Bird Observer* 29 (3): 235). That same summary discusses the decline of Iceland Gulls on the North Shore since the 1980s, although the numbers there seem to have bounced back a bit this year. Several also wintered in the Connecticut Valley, as did two or three Glaucous Gulls.

A **Forster’s Tern** was very late at Woods Hole January 6-11, one of few January records ever in the state. Thirty-nine Common Murres off Andrews Point in Rockport January 3 reflected the phenomenal December flight at the same location, and 790 Razorbills there the same day were the highest count for the period in the state. The bird of the season was a probable **Long-billed Murrelet**, also at Andrews Point January 3. Details are before the MARC for consideration. This would be only a second state record, the first being a dead Marbled Murrelet of the (then) subspecies *perdix*, which was collected by a cat in inland Middleboro in September 1982.

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Red-throated Loon				Horned Grebe			
1/4 Eastham (F.E.)	3	M. Faherty#		1/5 Salisbury	17	P + F. Vale	
1/5 Gloucester	3	P + F. Vale		1/5 Ipswich	25	P + F. Vale	
1/25 Eastham	135	J. Trimble#		1/12 Swansea/Somerset	60	M. Lynch#	
2/16 Boston H.	13	TASL (M. Hall)		1/19, 2/16 Boston H.	80, 37	TASL (M. Hall)	
2/21 Salisbury	4	M. Mitchell		2/9 Westport	12	M. Lynch#	
2/26 Nahant/Lynn	4	R. Heil		2/10 Sandwich	9	J. Kricher	
2/27 Cape Ann	3	R. Heil		2/19 Newbypt/P.I.	28	R. Heil	
Pacific Loon *				2/26 Nahant/Lynn	67	R. Heil	
1/4-5 Woods Hole	1	G. Gove#		2/27 Cape Ann	74	R. Heil	
2/27 Gloucester	1 ad	R. Heil		Red-necked Grebe			
Common Loon				1/1 Scituate	39	G. d’Entremont	
1/1 W. Boylston	4	P. Meleski		1/1, 2/27 Cape Ann	27, 23	R. Heil	
1/5 Newbypt	30	BBC (S. Grinley)		1/19 Boston H.	9	TASL (M. Hall)	
1/5 Ipswich	76	P + F. Vale		1/25 Eastham	5	J. Trimble#	
1/5 Westport	24	M. Lynch#		2/19 Newbypt/P.I.	3	R. Heil	
1/5 Gloucester	13	P + F. Vale		2/26 Nahant/Lynn	9	R. Heil	
1/7 Sandwich	22	J. Kricher		Eared Grebe *			
2/22 Salisbury	30	S. Grinley		thr Gloucester	1	v.o.	
2/26 Nahant/Lynn	28	R. Heil		Western Grebe *			
2/27 Cape Ann	117	R. Heil		1/1 Scituate	1	G. d’Entremont	
Pied-billed Grebe				1/2-20 Nahant	1	D. Wilkinson + v.o.	
1/1 Plymouth	1	G. d’Entremont		Northern Gannet			
1/5 Arlington	1	M. Rines		1/3, 2/17 Rockport (A.P.)	41, 2	R. Heil	
2/25 W. Harwich	1	D. Silverstein#		1/4, 2/17 P’town (R.P.)	30, 55	Dorsey, Nikula	
				1/4 Eastham (F.E.)	210	M. Faherty#	

Northern Gannet (continued)				1/3	Osterville	30	G. Gove#
1/5	Wellfleet	70	J. Hoye#	1/3	Bourne	14	J. Kricher
1/13	Nantucket	2000	E. Ray	1/12	Swansea/Somerset	174	M. Lynch#
Great Cormorant				1/29	Sandwich	17	T. Prince
1/1	N. Scituate	72	G. d'Entremont	2/8	Springfield	1	C. Gentes
1/1	Cape Ann	530	R. Heil	2/8	E. Gloucester	20	J. Berry#
1/5, 2/9	Acoaxet	23, 25	M. Lynch#	2/15	Sandwich	8	G. Hirth
1/11	P'town (R.P.)	525	W. Petersen#	2/22	Salisbury	16	M. + J. Halloran
1/25	Lawrence	43	J. Hogan	2/27	Gloucester	44	R. Heil
2/18	Amesbury	60	E. Johnson	Eurasian Wigeon			
2/27	Cape Ann	108	R. Heil	1/3, 2/21	Osterville	1	G. Gove#
American Bittern				1/12	Swansea/Somerset	2	M. Lynch#
1/1	P.I.	1	J. Hoye#	2/2	Falmouth	1	G. Gove#
1/19	Salisbury	1	B. Stevens#	American Wigeon			
1/20	W. Barnstable	1	G. Gove	1/1	Belmont	3 m	M. Rines
Great Blue Heron				1/1	Northboro	4	M. Lynch#
1/5	Boston	4	BBC (R. Stymeist)	1/3	Osterville	80	G. Gove#
1/5	Winchester	5	B. Kernan	1/3	Bourne	4	J. Kricher
1/11	Amherst	1	S. Hillborn	1/4	W. Barnstable	30	C. Dorsey
1/12	Westport	9	BBC (R. Stymeist)	1/5	Acoaxet	11	M. Lynch#
2/8	Ludlow	1	C. Gentes	1/12	Brookline	4	K. Lewis#
2/10	Sandwich	5	J. Kricher	1/12	Swansea/Somerset	785	M. Lynch#
Black-crowned Night-Heron				1/26	Northbridge	2 m	M. Lynch#
1/12	Boston	4	M. Verdoes	2/16	Newbypt	7	T. Wetmore
1/18	Newbypt	1 imm	T. Wetmore#	2/23	Medford	2	R. LaFontaine
1/19	Winthrop	9	TASL (P. + F. Vale#)	American Black Duck			
1/25	Hyannis	1 imm	B. Nikula	1/6	Chatham (S.B.)	600+	P. Flood
2/6	Mashpee	1	G. Gove#	1/8	Newbypt/P.I.	1300+	R. Heil
2/19	W. Tisbury	1	K. + T. Branhall	1/19, 2/16	Boston H.	1123, 480	TASL (M. Hall)
Turkey Vulture				Northern Shoveler			
1/5	Westfield	2	J. Hutchison	1/1	Arlington	9	M. Rines#
1/7	Mashpee	6	M. Keleher	1/5	Newbypt	1 f	J. Offermann
1/12	Westport	8	BBC (R. Stymeist)	2/22	Millbury	1 f	M. Lynch#
2/thr	Tisbury	7	v.o.	Northern Pintail			
2/2	Montague	2	P. Serrentino	1/1	Uxbridge	2	M. Lynch#
2/8	P.I.	3	T. Wetmore	1/1	Northboro	2 m	M. Lynch#
2/23	Nantucket	2	J. Manley	1/2	Turners Falls	2	R. Packard
2/26	Ipswich	2	E. Johnson	1/5	P.I.	2	T. Martin
Greenland Greater White-fronted Goose				1/8	Gloucester	2	MAS (N. Soulette)
1/26-2/28	Fairhaven	4	G. Mock + v.o.	1/11, 2/15	Marlborough	5, 2	E. Taylor
Snow Goose				1/12	Westport	194	BBC (R. Stymeist)
1/thr	Newbypt	4	R. Heil	1/23-2/24	Amherst	2	H. Allen
1/12	Swansea/Somerset	1	M. Lynch#	1/26	Northbridge	2 m	M. Lynch#
1/17	Mendon	1	C. Ezell	2/27	Gloucester	2	R. Heil
1/18	Hingham	4	C. Nims#	Green-winged Teal			
1/19	Orleans	1	C. Thompson	1/1	Scituate	12	G. d'Entremont
2/1	Hingham	4	G. d'Entremont	1/1	Bourne	2	J. Kricher
2/1	P.I.	3	P. McFarland	1/11	Eastham	12	W. Petersen#
2/6-9	Newbypt	3	T. Wetmore	1/18	Cambridge	8	M. Rines
Canada Goose				1/25	Sandwich	27	J. Trimble#
1/19, 2/16	Boston H.	558, 402	TASL (M. Hall)	1/26	Belmont	3 pr	K. Hartel
2/9	Westport	1830	M. Lynch#	1/26	Newbypt	1	MAS (J. Liller)
2/9	Acoaxet	1362	M. Lynch#	2/19	Salisbury	3	M. Mitchell
Brant				Eurasian Teal			
1/4	Eastham (F.E.)	270	M. Faherty#	1/11	Eastham	1 m	W. Petersen#
1/4	Swansea	800+	J. Sweeney	Canvasback			
1/11	Nahant	70+	M. Lynch#	thr	Falmouth	31	G. Gove#
1/12	Swansea/Somerset	1564	M. Lynch#	1/5, 2/9	Acoaxet	43, 139	M. Lynch#
1/18	N. Scituate	30+	C. Nims#	1/9	Plymouth	1	R. Titus
1/19, 2/16	Boston H.	423, 72	TASL (M. Hall)	1/12	Swansea/Somerset	4	M. Lynch#
1/25	Buzzard's Bay	800	G. Gove#	1/12	Westport	64	BBC (R. Stymeist)
1/25	Barnstable H.	225	J. Trimble#	1/18	Edgartown	35	A. Keith
2/16	Sandwich	70	CCBC (E. Winslow)	1/26	Nantucket	8	E. Ray
2/26	Nahant/Lynn	145	R. Heil	2/12	Cotuit	9 m, 2 f	E. Foster
Mute Swan				2/23	Gloucester	2 m, 2 f	S. Mirick#
1/1-2/10	Turners Falls	15-24	v.o.	Redhead			
1/4	W. Barnstable	10	C. Dorsey	1/13	Nantucket	6	E. Ray
2/5	Holyoke	7	H. Allen	Ring-necked Duck			
2/16	Westport	95	G. d'Entremont	1/6	Arlington	10	M. Rines
Wood Duck				1/6	Edgartown	13	A. Keith
1/2, 2/2	Springfield	2, 2	G. Kingston	1/8	Brocton	19	M. Faherty
1/11	Plymouth	pr	G. d'Entremont	1/25	Brookline	1 m	A. Joslin
1/28	S. Hadley	2	H. Allen	1/29	Sandwich	12	T. Prince
2/23	Medford	3	R. LaFontaine	1/31	E. Sandwich	35	D. Manchester
2/24	Springfield	2	R. Packard#	2/8	Natick	4	E. Taylor
Gadwall				2/20	P.I.	1	M. Halloran
1/1	P.I.	27	BBC (L. de la Flor)	2/25	W. Harwich	3	D. Silverstein#
1/1	Plymouth	4	G. d'Entremont				

Tufted Duck	1/1	W. Boylston	1 m	S. Spangenberg#	1/6	Nahant	530		R. Heil
	1/5, 2/9	Acoaxet	1 f	M. Lynch#	1/6	Chatham (S.B.)	210		P. Flood
	1/5-7	Edgartown	1 m	A. Keith# + v.o.	1/19, 2/16	Boston H.	1488, 1433	TASL	(M. Hall)
Greater Scaup					1/25	Nantucket	620		E. Ray
thr		Nahant	110	L. Pivacek#	2/26	Nahant/Lynn	450		R. Heil
thr		Turners Falls	1-2	v.o.	2/27	Cape Ann	180		R. Heil
1/1		W. Boylston	46	P. Meleski	Common Goldeneye				
1/4		Swansea	400+	J. Sweeney	1/1 2/27	Cape Ann	170, 145		R. Heil
1/4		Swampscott	40	L. de la Flor#	1/1	Holyoke	31		T. Gagnon
1/6		Falmouth	970	G. Gove#	1/1	W. Boylston	48		P. Meleski
1/12		Westport	195	BBC (R. Stymeist)	1/5, 2/9	Westport	158, 173		M. Lynch#
1/19, 2/16		Boston H.	2405, 806	TASL (M. Hall)	1/6	Chatham (S.B.)	65		P. Flood
2/1		Newbypt	9	T. Wetmore	1/19, 2/16	Boston H.	953, 1209	TASL	(M. Hall)
2/16		Fairhaven	600	G. d'Entremont	1/30	Newbypt	220		R. Heil
2/27		Gloucester	17	R. Heil	2/5	Agawam	12		S. Kellogg
Lesser Scaup					2/10	Newbypt	150		T. Wetmore
thr		Nahant	80	L. Pivacek#	2/10	Sandwich	85		J. Kricher
1/5, 2/9		Acoaxet	87, 91	M. Lynch#	2/16	Falmouth	155		G. Gove#
1/6		Falmouth	100	G. Gove#	2/16	Fairhaven	100		G. d'Entremont
2/4		Lakeville	11	K. Anderson#	2/26	Nahant/Lynn	100		R. Heil
2/5		Agawam	2	S. Kellogg	Barrow's Goldeneye				
Scaup species					thr	Ipswich	2 m		J. Berry
1/6		Falmouth	970	G. Gove#	thr	Falmouth	1-2		G. Gove#
1/6		Swampscott	540	R. Heil	thr	Gloucester	1 m		v.o.
2/26		Nahant/Lynn	280	R. Heil	1/thr	P.I.	1-2		v.o.
King Eider					1/1	Rockport	1 m		R. Heil
thr		Gloucester	1 m	v.o.	1/5	Westport	1 m		M. Lynch#
1/1-6		Woods Hole	1	G. Gove#	1/5	Cotuit	1 m		S. Moore#
2/27		Magnolia	1 ad m	R. Heil	1/11	Scituate	1 m		C. Nims
Common Eider					1/11-22	Nahant	2		L. Pivacek#
1/9		Falmouth	200+	R. Titus	1/12	S. Boston	1		J. Young
1/19, 2/16		Boston H.	6692, 6535	TASL (M. Hall)	1/18	N. Scituate	1 m		C. Nims#
1/20		Fairhaven	350+	J. Sweeney	1/25	Plymouth H.	1		K. Holmes
1/25		Barnstable H.	4700	J. Trimble#	1/29	Barnstable (S.N.)	1 m		T. Prince
2/10		Sandwich	350	J. Kricher	2/15	Cotuit	1 m		C. Buelow
2/14		Nahant	915	L. Pivacek	2/16	Fairhaven	1 f		G. d'Entremont
2/15-28		Wasque Pt. M.V.	100,000	V. Laux	2/21	Newbury	1 f		M. + J. Halloran
2/23		Salisbury	435	D. Chickering	Hooded Merganser				
2/27		Cape Ann	1100	R. Heil	1/thr	Falmouth	200-400		G. Gove
Harlequin Duck					1/1	W. Boylston	97		P. Meleski
1/thr		Rockport	104 max	J. Berry	1/1	Plymouth	30		G. d'Entremont
1/4		Eastham (F.E.)	3	M. Faherty#	1/5	Lawrence	22		J. Hogan
1/7, 2/10		Sandwich	3	J. Kricher	1/6, 2/24	Arlington	12, 1		M. Rines
1/11		Scituate	12	C. Nims	1/7	Newbypt	15		B. Krisler
2/27		Rockport	94	R. Heil	1/12	Swansea/Somerset	84		M. Lynch#
Surf Scoter					1/25	Eastham	15		J. Trimble#
1/5		Westport	17	M. Lynch#	2/5	Agawam	18		S. Kellogg
1/19, 2/16		Boston H.	897, 225	TASL (M. Hall)	2/21	Newbury	5		M. + J. Halloran
1/20		Fairhaven	450+	J. Sweeney	2/24	Marston Mills	15		M. Keleher
2/26		Nahant/Lynn	320	R. Heil	Red-breasted Merganser				
2/27		Cape Ann	28	R. Heil	1/1, 2/27	Cape Ann	460, 240		R. Heil
White-winged Scoter					1/5, 2/9	Acoaxet	129, 84		M. Lynch#
1/6		Nahant	600	R. Heil	1/19, 2/16	Boston H.	635, 413		TASL (M. Hall)
1/19, 2/16		Boston H.	958, 1196	TASL (M. Hall)	1/28	Arlington	6		M. Rines
1/20		Fairhaven	300+	J. Sweeney	2/9	Westport	153		M. Lynch#
2/24		P.I.	100	T. Wetmore	2/22	Salisbury	50		M. + J. Halloran
2/26		Nahant/Lynn	1260	R. Heil	2/26	Nahant/Lynn	60		R. Heil
2/27		Cape Ann	220	R. Heil	Common Merganser				
Black Scoter					1/1	W. Boylston	105		P. Meleski
1/1		Scituate	9	G. d'Entremont	1/1	Plymouth	20		G. d'Entremont
1/6		Chatham (S.B.)	30	P. Flood	1/3	W. Roxbury	22		A. Joslin
1/9		Greenfield	1	H. Lappen	1/10, 2/4	Lakeville	65, 23		K. Anderson
1/19, 2/16		Boston H.	37, 75	TASL (M. Hall)	1/11	Wachusett Res.	38		M. Lynch#
1/20		Fairhaven	100+	J. Sweeney	1/12	Westport	190+ BBC		(R. Stymeist)
2/19		Rockport	32	J. Berry	1/13, 2/24	Arlington	21, 22		M. Rines
2/24		P.I.	30	T. Wetmore	2/2	Haverhill	54		R. Heil
2/26		Nahant/Lynn	12	R. Heil	2/2	Newbypt	22		R. Heil
Long-tailed Duck					2/2	W. Newbury	50		R. Heil
1/4		Eastham (F.E.)	16	M. Faherty#	2/9	Belmont	28		K. Hartel
1/5		Ipswich	10	P. + F. Vale	2/16	Amesbury	40		T. Wetmore
1/9		Turners Falls	1	W. Lafley	2/20	Salisbury	25+		S. Hedman
2/9		Woods Hole	30	R. Vander Pyl#	2/27	Holyoke	11		W. Lafley
2/16		Ipswich	36	P. + F. Vale	Ruddy Duck				
2/19		Newbypt/P.I.	50	R. Heil	thr	Nahant	97 max		L. Pivacek#
2/27		Cape Ann	13	R. Heil	1/6	Swampscott	63		R. Heil
Bufflehead					1/11	Lynnway	60+		M. Lynch#
1/5, 2/9		Acoaxet	453, 686	M. Lynch#	1/13	Arlington	7		M. Rines
					1/25	Brookline	3		A. Joslin

Bald Eagle				2/19	Springfield	2	T. Tynan
thr	Arlington	2 4W	M. Rines#	2/24	Amherst	2	W. Lafley
thr	Newbypt	6 max	v.o.	2/24	Salisbury	2	T. Wetmore
1/25	Lakeville	4 ad, 1 imm	K. Holmes	thr	Reports of indiv.	From 17 locations	
2/2	Haverhill	5	R. Heil	Gyr Falcon			
2/2	Lawrence	7	R. Heil	thr	S. Boston/Logan	1	v.o.
2/9	Acoaxet	2 ad	M. Lynch#	Ruffed Grouse			
2/11	W. Newbury	2 ad, 1 2W	S. McGrath	1/2	Westboro	1	C. Buelow
2/19	Amesbury	9	M. + J. Halloran	1/13	Shelburne	1	R. Stymeist#
2/21	Quabbin Park	2	O. Spalding#	2/2	W. Boylston	1	S. Sutton
Northern Harrier				2/13	Quabbin (G40)	4	C. Buelow
1/thr	DWWS	9 max	1/28D. Furbish	Wild Turkey			
1/1, 2/10	P.I.	8, 6	T. Wetmore#	thr	Brimfield	36-39	I. Lynch#
1/4	Barnstable (S.N.)	5	J. Hoye#	1/10	Concord	14	D. + I. Jewell
1/6	Chatham (S.B.)	2	P. Flood	1/11	Shelburne	14	T. Gagnon#
1/9	W. Bridgewater	3	M. Faherty	1/24	Rowley	24	J. Berry#
1/10	Rowley/P.I.	10	J. Berry	1/25	Bridgewater	12	K. Holmes
1/12	Westport	3	BBC (R. Stymeist)	1/31	E. Middleboro	12	K. Anderson
1/12, 2/8	Cumb. Farms	9, 4	J. Sweeney	2/1	Grafton	28	M. Lynch#
1/20	S. Dart (A. Pd)	2	J. Sweeney	2/2	Haverhill	14	R. Heil
1/25	Eastham	3	J. Trimble#	2/26	Hampton	32	F. Gardner
2/1	Salisbury	5	P. + F. Vale	Northern Bobwhite			
Sharp-shinned Hawk				1/6	Wellfleet	12BBC (D. Wilkinson)	
1/5	Wareham	2	K. Anderson#	1/26	Falmouth	1	M. Keleher
1/5	Bourne	2	K. Anderson#	Virginia Rail			
1/12	Cape Ann	2	BBC (D. Peloquin)	1/2	IRWS	1	J. MacDougall
1/12	Westport	3	BBC (R. Stymeist)	American Coot			
2/9	Acoaxet	2	M. Lynch#	thr	Woburn	6-7	M. Rines
thr	Reports of indiv.	From 30 locations		thr	Lynn	3	R. Heil
Cooper's Hawk				1/1	Plymouth	10	G. d'Entremont
2/8	Newbypt	2 ad	P. Roberts#	1/4	Swansea	2	J. Sweeney
2/13	Newbury	2	T. Wetmore#	1/6	Arlington	7	M. Rines
2/15	Nahant	2	L. Pivacek#	1/23	Newbypt	1	L. Pivacek
2/thr	DWWS	2	D. Furbish#	2/9	Acoaxet	1	M. Lynch#
thr	Reports of indiv.	From 42 locations		2/23	Medford	7	R. LaFontaine
Northern Goshawk				Black-bellied Plover			
1/11	Lenox	1	R. Wheeler	1/6	Chatham (S.B.)	17	P. Flood
1/16	Brookline	1 ad	H. Wiggan	1/7, 2/10	Sandwich	2, 5	J. Kricher
1/26, 2/18	Groveland	1	D. Chickering	Killdeer			
2/2	W. Newbury	1 ad	R. Heil	1/9	Plymouth	1	R. Titus
Red-shouldered Hawk				1/16	West Tisbury	1	C. Jones
thr	Reports of indiv.	From 23 locations		2/2	Fairhaven	2	G. d'Entremont
Red-tailed Hawk				2/22	Turners Falls	1	S. Sumner
1/12	Westport	10	BBC (R. Stymeist)	Greater Yellowlegs			
1/19	Boston H.	11	TASL (M. Hall)	1/1	Sheffield	1	W. Cook
Rough-legged Hawk				1/5	Acoaxet	1	M. Lynch#
thr	P.I.	4-8	v.o.	Ruddy Turnstone			
thr	DWWS	7-9	D. Furbish	1/6	Chatham (S.B.)	1	P. Flood
1/1	Cape Ann	2 lt imm	R. Heil	1/7, 26	Sandwich	14, 17	J. Kricher
1/4	Woods Hole	1	G. Gove#	1/8	Gloucester (B.R.)	5	MAS (N. Soulette)
1/4	Barnstable (S.N.)	1	J. Hoye#	1/11, 2/12	Rockport	16, 7	Taylor, Weeks
1/5	Acoaxet	1 lt	M. Lynch#	1/18	N. Scituate	1	C. Nims#
1/8, 2/8	Hadley	1	Yeskie, Ziomek	1/19	P'town	2	R. Packard#
1/9, 2/9	Cumb. Farms	3 lt, 2 lt	Faherty, Rodman	1/20	Fairhaven	16	J. Sweeney
1/9	W. Bridgewater	1 imm lt	M. Faherty	1/26	Oak Bluffs	1	T. Raymond#
1/13	Windsor	1 m dk	T. Collins#	1/30	Nantucket	20	E. Ray
1/14	Chilmark	1	A. Keith	2/27	Magnolia	2	R. Heil
1/21	Rowley	3	S. McGrath	Red Knot			
1/25	Egremont	1	T. Collins	1/6	Chatham (S.B.)	22	P. Flood
2/9	Millbury	1 dk	M. Lynch#	Sanderling			
2/9	Nantucket	1	B. Kennedy	1/6	Chatham (S.B.)	165	P. Flood
Golden Eagle				1/6	Nahant	750	R. Heil
1/10	E. Quabbin	1	fide MassWildlife	1/6	Salisbury	20	J. Berry
American Kestrel				1/7	P.I.	12	T. Wetmore
thr	Reports of indiv.	From 16 locations		1/19, 2/16	Boston H.	91, 1	TASL (M. Hall)
Merlin				2/8	Rockport (A.P.)	15	P. + F. Vale
1/1	Arlington	3	J. Sutherland	2/15	Falmouth	15	G. Hirth
1/3	P.I.	2	M. Tingley	2/26	Nahant/Lynn	300	R. Heil
1/5	Boston	2	BBC (R. Stymeist)	Western Sandpiper			
1/31	Salisbury B.	2	F. Gardner	1/6	Chatham (S.B.)	1	P. Flood
1/31	P.I.	2	T. Wetmore	Purple Sandpiper			
2/8	Newbypt	2	BBC (S. Hunt)	1/2, 2/14	Nahant	130, 87	Martin, Pivacek
thr	Reports of indiv.	From 18 locations		1/5, 2/12	Scituate	398, 250	Giles, Petersen
Peregrine Falcon				1/5	Salisbury	19	D. Chickering
1/thr	Lawrence	pr	J. Hogan	1/8	Sandwich	4	G. Gove#
1/11	Boston	2	T. Nickerson#	1/8, 2/21	Gloucester	200, 30	Soulette, Hedman
1/12	Lowell	2 ad	J. Hogan	1/15, 2/8	Rockport	60, 105	Berry, Vale
2/6	Worcester	pr	M. Lynch#	1/18	N. Scituate	200	C. Nims#

Purple Sandpiper (cont.)				2/19	Newbypt/PI.	12		R. Heil
1/19	Plymouth	25	T. Prince#	2/26	Nahant/Lynn	3		R. Heil
1/19	Boston H.	137	TASL (M. Hall)	2/27	Gloucester	4		R. Heil
1/20	Fairhaven	8	J. Sweeney		Lesser Black-backed Gull			
Dunlin				1/1-2/9	Boston	1 ad		v.o.
1/5	Acoaxet	170+	M. Lynch#	1/9	Plymouth	1 3W, 1 2W		R. Titus
1/6, 2/26	Nahant	180, 35	R. Heil	1/30, 2/22	Newbypt	1		Heil, Chickering
1/6	Chatham (S.B.)	600+	P. Flood	1/31	Nantucket	21		R. Kennedy
1/7, 2/10	Sandwich	28, 29	J. Kricher	2/16	Westport	1 ad		G. d'Entremont
1/7, 2/8	PI.	25, 42	Wetmore, Hunt	2/19	Salisbury	1 4W		R. Heil
1/11	Eastham	200	W. Petersen#	2/26	Nahant	1 ad		R. Heil
1/14	Scituate	61	P. O'Neill		Glaucous Gull			
1/17	Ipswich (C.B.)	185	J. Berry#	1/1-2/5	Agawam	1		S. Kellogg
1/19	Boston H.	26	TASL (M. Hall)	1/16	Salisbury	1		J. Nelson
1/20	Fairhaven	75	J. Sweeney	1/30, 2/22	Northampton	1		T. Gagnon
1/25	Newbypt	25	D. Chickering	2/6	Gloucester	1 2W		C. Petrak#
2/16	Salisbury	3	B. Krisler	2/27	Springfield	1		W. Lafley
Wilson's Snipe					Nelson's Gull			
1/1	Ipswich	1	J. Berry	1/1-19	Plymouth	1 2W		G. d'Entremont + v.o.
1/5	Bourne	4	K. Anderson#		Black-legged Kittiwake			
1/7	Arlington	1	A. Piccolo	1/1	N. Truro	70		B. Nikula
1/8	Newbypt	8	R. Heil	1/2, 2/17	Rockport (A.P.)	120, 15		R. Heil
1/25	Sandwich	10	J. Trimble#	1/4	Woods Hole	5		G. Gove#
1/25	E. Orleans	4	J. Trimble#	1/4	Eastham (F.E.)	720		M. Faherty#
1/28	Edgartown	1	W. Bailey	1/4	Dennis (Corp.B.)	540		B. Nikula#
2/9	Oak Bluffs	1	N. Weaver	1/19, 2/17	P'town (R.P.)	40, 22		B. Nikula#
American Woodcock					Forster's Tern			
2/2	Agawam	1	J. Hoye#	1/6-11	Woods Hole	1		J. Kricher + v.o.
2/3	N. Medfield	1	E. Morrier		Dovekie			
Pomarine Jaeger				1/2	Rockport (A.P.)	1		R. Heil
1/4	Dennis (Corp.B.)	1	B. Nikula#	1/5	P'town (R.P.)	20		J. Hoye#
1/4	Eastham (F.E.)	10	B. Nikula#		Common Murre			
Little Gull				1/3, 2/17	Rockport (A.P.)	39, 1		R. Heil
1/4	Dennis (Corp.B.)	1 ad	B. Nikula	2/9	Woods Hole	1		R. Vander Pyl#
1/13	Nantucket	5	E. Ray		Thick-billed Murre			
Black-headed Gull				1/3, 2/17	Rockport (A.P.)	3, 1		R. Heil
1/3	Osterville	1	G. Gove#		Razorbill			
1/6	Nahant	2	R. Heil	1/1	PI.	90		T. Wetmore
2/14	Plymouth	1 ad	D. Furbish#	1/3, 2/17	Rockport (A.P.)	790, 32		R. Heil
2/16	Nantucket	1	F. Gallo	1/4, 1/25	Eastham	120, 260		Faherty, Trimble
2/22	Beverly H.	1 ad	R. Buchsbaum	1/4	Woods Hole	10		G. Gove#
Bonaparte's Gull				1/5	Wellfleet	72		J. Hoye#
1/2	Rockport (A.P.)	42	R. Heil	1/5	Barnstable (S.N.)	1		S. Moore#
1/4	Dennis (Corp.B.)	260	B. Nikula#	1/19, 2/22	P'town (R.P.)	200, 80		B. Nikula#
1/6	Nahant	2200	R. Heil	2/9	Acoaxet	1		M. Lynch#
1/13, 2/3	Nantucket	2500, 600	E. Ray		Black Guillemot			
"yellow-legged" gull				1/1	Scituate	2		G. d'Entremont
2/19	Salisbury	1 ad	R. Heil	1/1, 2/27	Cape Ann	73, 93		R. Heil
Iceland Gull				1/12	Nahant	4		L. Pivacek
1/1-2/5	Agawam	2-3	S. Kellogg	1/19	Boston H.	1		TASL (M. Hall)
1/1	Northampton	1	T. Gagnon	1/25	PI.	1		M. Lynch#
1/1-20	Oak Bluffs	2	A. Keith#		Long-billed Murrelet (details submitted) *			
1/2, 2/17	Rockport (A.P.)	3, 1	R. Heil	1/3	Rockport (A.P.)	1		R. Heil
1/5	Hull	1 1W	C. Dalton		Large alcid species			
1/5	Salisbury	3 ad	P. + F. Vale	1/1	N. Truro	260		B. Nikula
1/10	Barre	1 1W	C. Buelow	1/2	Rockport (A.P.)	470		R. Heil
1/11-2/11	Turners Falls	2	v.o.	1/19, 2/17	P'town (R.P.)	220, 275		B. Nikula#
1/19, 2/22	P'town (R.P.)	2, 5	B. Nikula#	1/25	Eastham	600+		J. Trimble#
1/31, 2/24	Nantucket	38, 23	Kennedy, Ray					

PARAKEETS THROUGH FINCHES

A sad casualty of the severe winter was the crash of the Barn Owl population on Martha's Vineyard. Gus Ben David, the director of the Felix Neck Mass Audubon Sanctuary, reported that 11 dead Barn Owls were brought to the sanctuary. The unusual snow depth on the Vineyard made it difficult, if not impossible, for the owls to find their primary food source, white-footed mice. It took over a decade for the owls to re-establish themselves on the Vineyard after the severe winter of 1960-1961, and it is feared that it may be many years again before the population reaches last year's numbers. Observers on Nantucket saw no evidence of a similar die-off, but the winter there was also severe, so an evaluation of the population will have to wait until owl boxes can be checked in the spring.

Short-eared Owls really were in evidence at Plum Island and in the Cumberland Farms fields with a maximum of 7 individuals noted from each location. Other owls such as Screech, Great Horned, Barred, and Saw-whet were reported in normal numbers. In recent years Daniel Webster Sanctuary in Marshfield has been a good overwintering spot for Long-eared Owls, with six to twelve reported, but no more than two individuals were reported this year. Other Long-ears were seen at Salisbury and on Plum Island during the period. For the last three years in a row, a Snowy Owl was found in western Massachusetts; prior to the Pittsfield bird there were no reports from 1993-2000.

A Red-headed Woodpecker at Turners Falls was the only one reported during the period. At least 15 sapsuckers were noted from a widespread area, continuing the trend in recent years of many wintering reports. There was no shortage of Northern Shrike reports during the period, and the West Nile Virus did not seem to have any effect on the various crow roosts in the state. As many as 60 Fish Crows could be found in Watertown, and over 50 were tallied from the Arnold Arboretum in Boston. Interesting was a report of crows roosting in a snow-covered field in Worcester, and even more interesting is that this field is partially lit at night. Some researchers have speculated that crows don't see well at night, and that roosting on snow could help reflect light and thus make the crows feel safe. Another theory is that the snow, especially if it's glazed over, would make it harder for predators to approach quietly. Over the past few years Common Ravens have been increasingly reported from nontraditional places, and during this period these included North Andover, Sturbridge, and Carlisle.

Some hardy Tree Swallows were noted from Falmouth and nearby Cotuit early in January. Red-breasted Nuthatches were few and far between, with mostly single birds noted. Carolina Wrens seemed to be holding on at least through early January, but fewer were noted during February, especially after all the heavy snow. A **Sedge Wren** was carefully described from the Acoaxet area of Westport at the end of January. Eastern Bluebirds and Hermit Thrushes were noted in impressive numbers throughout the state despite the weather, and large flocks of American Robins continued through January.

A Valentine's Day report of a surviving Orange-crowned Warbler was most reassuring given the cold and snowy winter. An impressive collection of sparrows was noted during the period. A Clay-colored Sparrow spent the period at the Bird Watchers' Supply and Gift in Newburyport – now that is an incentive to shop! Other Clay-colored Sparrows were noted from Arlington and the Cumberland Farm fields. Two Vesper Sparrows and a Grasshopper Sparrow in the southeastern part of the state were noteworthy, as was a Dickcissel in Bolton. A Blue Grosbeak in Chatham was only the second February record for this species in Massachusetts. Winter finches were virtually a no-show. Purple Finches have been very scarce in western Massachusetts three out of the last four years. For the first time ever not a single Evening Grosbeak was reported during the period in the western counties. Only two individual Pine Siskins were reported. One would think that with all this winter weather, we should have had a better showing of "winter" finches.

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Monk Parakeet				1/1	Douglas	4	M. Lynch#
1/5	Somerset	5	M. Lynch#	1/4	N. Hadley	3	C. Gentes
2/5	Woods Hole	3	I. Valiela	1/11	Quincy	2	C. Dalton
Barn Owl				1/12	Topsfield	2	J. MacDougall#
2/9	Nantucket	1	B. Kennedy	1/26	Middleboro	2	K. Holmes
Eastern Screech-Owl				2/1	Mt.A.	2	M. Verdoes#
1/1	Ipswich	2	J. Berry	2/16	Ipswich	2	J. Berry
1/11	Middleboro	2	K. Holmes	Snowy Owl			
2/3	Winchester	2	M. Rines	thr	P.I.	1-3	v.o.
2/16	Beverly	2	P. Brown	thr	Boston (Logan)	1-2	N. Smith
thr	Reports of indiv. From 14 locations			1/7	Duxbury B.	1	D. Furbish
Great Horned Owl				1/23	Pittsfield	1	J. Areno
thr	DWWS	3-4	D. Furbish	1/25	Salisbury	1	P. + F. Vale
1/1	Sutton	3	M. Lynch#	2/3-06	Newbury	1 m	v.o.

Snowy Owl (cont.)				Eastern Phoebe		
2/26 Ipswich (C.B.)	1 f	E. Johnson	1/2 IRWS	1	J. MacDougall	
Barred Owl			1/7 GMNWR	1	J. Forbes	
1/1 Douglas	2	M. Lynch#	1/9 Tisbury	1	A. Keith#	
1/1 Sutton	1	M. Lynch#	1/13 Wayland	1	G. Long	
1/7 Wayland	1	G. Long	1/15 Chilmark	1	A. Keith	
1/24 Deerfield	1	R. Ranney	Northern Shrike			
2/1 Hamilton	1	BBC (J. Berry)	thr Lexington	1-2	M. Rines#	
2/4 Quabbin (G43)	3	C. Buelow	thr P.I.	1-2	T. Martin	
2/7 Ashfield	1	S. Sauter	1/1 Sheffield	1	R. Packard	
2/16 Ipswich	2	J. Berry	1/1 Ipswich	1	J. Berry	
2/22 Amesbury	pr	S. Grinley	1/11 N. Andover	1 ad	B. Drummond#	
Long-eared Owl			1/11, 20 Bolton Flats	1, 3	S. Sutton	
thr DWWS	1-2	D. Furbish#	1/12 Uxbridge	1	M. Lynch#	
1/6-2/15 P.I.	1	P. Brown + v.o.	1/17 Pepperell	1 imm	T. Pirro	
1/20-22 Salisbury	1	P. Brown + v.o.	1/19 Edgartown	1	V. Laux	
2/13 Essex	1-2	J. Berry#	1/25, 2/16 Worthington	1 ad	R. Packard#	
Short-eared Owl			1/27 Pelham	1	W. Lafley	
thr DWWS	2	D. Furbish	1/27 Chilmark	1	T. Rivers	
thr P.I.	4-6	v.o.	2/8 Cumb. Farms	1	J. Sweeney	
1/5, 23 Nahant	1	L. Pivacek#	2/9 Newbypt	1 ad	J. Berry#	
1/11 P'town	1	W. Petersen#	2/16 Nahant	1	TASL (F. Vale)	
1/16 Salisbury	1	J. Nelson	2/28 Marshfield	1 imm	D. Furbish	
1/18, 2/8 Cumb. Farms	7	J. Sweeney	American Crow			
1/19 Duxbury B.	2	N. + J. Nickerson	1/6 Fitchburg	2000+	C. Caron	
1/20 Fairhaven	1	J. Sweeney	1/9 Lawrence	9000+	J. Hogan#	
2/14 Chatham	1	D. Silvestein	1/10 Brighton	4000+	A. Joslin	
2/17 Rowley	1	S. McGrath	1/25 Framingham	4300+	E. Taylor	
Northern Saw-whet Owl			2/3 Watertown	1000	D. Bates	
1/1 Douglas	1	M. Lynch#	2/8 Lawrence	2000+ ABNC	(M. Taylor)	
1/1 Sutton	2	M. Lynch#	2/19 Worcester	1000+	M. Lynch#	
2/13 Brimfield	1	I. Lynch	2/22 Belmont	1175	B. Miller	
2/13 Essex	1	L. Cook	2/thr Framingham	4000+	E. Taylor	
2/19 Brimfield	1	I. Lynch	Fish Crow			
2/22 Concord	1	M. Maloney	1/thr Watertown	60 max	R. Stymeist	
Belted Kingfisher			1/1 Boston (A.A.)	50+	A. Joslin	
1/1 Arlington	2	M. Rines	1/1 Medford	12	M. Rines#	
1/1 Ipswich	2	J. Berry	1/5 Westport	3	M. Lynch#	
1/5 Bourne	3	K. Anderson#	1/10 Brookline	20	A. Joslin	
1/6 Newbypt	3	J. Berry	1/25, 2/21 Northampton	2	Gagnon, Lafley	
1/18 Cambridge	2	M. Rines	2/23 DWWS	2	D. Furbish	
Red-headed Woodpecker			Common Raven			
thr Turners Falls	1 imm	v.o.	1/1 Sturbridge	1	I. Lynch	
Red-bellied Woodpecker			1/5 N. Andover	2	J. Young	
1/1 N. Marshfield	3	G. d'Entremont	1/10 Barre	1	C. Buelow	
1/13 Wayland	4	G. Long	1/12 Quabbin (G40)	5	C. Buelow	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			1/14, 2/3 Carlisle	1	T. Brownrigg	
1/thr Mt.A.	1-2	R. Stymeist#	1/15 Sunderland	1	R. Ranney	
1/thr M.V.	4 indiv.	fide A. Keith	1/16 Westminster	1	C. Caron	
1/1 Newbypt	1	P. + F. Vale	1/29 Erving	2	C. Buelow	
1/5 Westbypt	1	M. Lynch#	2/16 Chesterfield	1	R. Packard	
1/8-2/28 Springfield	1	J. Simpson	2/16 S. Quabbin	3	M. Lynch#	
1/19 Winchester	1	L. Kaplan	Horned Lark			
1/25 Truro	1	J. Young	thr P.I.	25-60	v.o.	
1/27 Stoneham	1	D. + I. Jewell	thr Salisbury	10-35	v.o.	
1/28 Pittsfield	1	S. Poulin	1/1 Concord	58	L. Nachtrab	
1/30 Fitchburg	1 imm	C. Caron	1/4 Eastham (F.E.)	25	M. Faherty#	
Hairy Woodpecker			1/5 Raynham	28	G. d'Entremont#	
1/thr Maynard	4	L. Nachtrab	1/5 Deerfield	65	S. Surner#	
1/thr Brimfield	3	I. Lynch#	1/11 P'town	28	W. Petersen#	
1/1 N. Marshfield	4	G. d'Entremont	1/20 Sheffield	100	C. Barrett	
1/13 Wayland	4	G. Long	1/25 Rockport	30	G. d'Entremont	
1/30 Quabbin (G40)	4	C. Buelow	1/25 Gr. Barrington	100	T. Collins	
Northern Flicker			2/2 Middleboro	200	J. Kricher	
1/1 N. Marshfield	6	G. d'Entremont	2/8 Rochester	100	M. LaBossiere	
1/5 Westport	3	M. Lynch#	2/16 Fairhaven	50	M. Maurer	
2/9 Acoaxet	6	M. Lynch#	2/21 Southwick	100	S. Kellogg	
2/25 Dennisport	3	D. Silverstein#	Tree Swallow			
Pileated Woodpecker			1/1-15 Falmouth	2-6	G. Gove	
1/5 Turners Falls	1	S. Surner#	1/3 Cotuit	2	G. Gove#	
1/9 Carlisle	1	T. Brownrigg	Red-breasted Nuthatch			
1/10 Brimfield	2	I. Lynch#	1/9 Plymouth	1	R. Titus	
1/18 Lexington	1	M. Rines	1/15, 2/24 Mashpee	2, 1	M. Keleher	
2/4 Quabbin (G43)	1	C. Buelow	1/17 Montague	1	C. Buelow	
2/6 Stoneham	1 m	D. + I. Jewell	1/18 W. Boylston	2	S. Sutton	
2/16 S. Quabbin	1	M. Lynch#	1/19 Royalston	2	M. Resch	
2/24 Springfield	1 m	R. Packard#	1/22 Pittsfield	1	T. Collins	
2/28 N. Andover	1	J. Berry#	1/24 Lincoln	1	M. Rines	

Red-breasted Nuthatch (continued)				Hermit Thrush			
1/29 Ipswich	1	J. Berry		1/5 Acoaxet	12	M. Lynch#	
2/19 Quabbin (G43)	1	C. Buelow		1/5 Westport	12	M. Lynch#	
Brown Creeper				2/8 Cumb. Farms	4	J. Sweeney	
1/2 Brimfield	2	I. Lynch		2/9 Medford	2	M. Rines#	
1/5 Taunton	2	G. d'Entremont#		2/14 Plymouth	2	MAS (D. Furbish)	
1/13 Wayland	4	G. Long		thr		Reports of indiv. From 23 locations	
1/13 Quabbin (G43)	4	I. Lynch		American Robin			
1/16 Burlington	4	T. O'Connor#		1/thr M.V.	500+	fide A. Keith	
1/17 Montague	2	C. Buelow		1/1 Cape Ann	200	R. Heil	
1/30 Mattapoisett	2	F. Smith		1/3 Westboro	286	C. Buelow	
1/30 Quabbin (G40)	3	C. Buelow		1/5 Ipswich	142	BBC (J. Nove)	
2/9 Medford	2	M. Rines#		1/6 P.I.	300	T. Wetmore	
2/19 Petersham	2	C. Buelow		1/9 Fitchburg	113	C. Caron	
3/7 Mashpee	2	M. Keleher		1/12 Westport	330	BBC (R. Stymeist)	
Carolina Wren				1/19 Eastham	100+	B. Nikula#	
1/1 Westboro	3+	S. Sutton		2/2 Fairhaven	180	G. d'Entremont	
1/1 N. Marshfield	13	G. d'Entremont		2/16 Falmouth	1200	G. Gove#	
1/5 Westport	25	M. Lynch#		2/18 Amesbury	100	E. Johnson	
1/11 Lee	2	R. Stymeist#		2/23 Boston	150+	A. Joslin	
1/12 Westport	22	BBC (R. Stymeist)		Gray Catbird			
1/12 Stockbridge	2	R. Stymeist#		1/thr Agawam	1	S. Kellogg	
1/12 Gr. Barrington	2	R. Stymeist#		1/1 Melrose	1	D. + I. Jewell	
1/13 Richmond	2	R. Stymeist#		1/3 Westboro	1	C. Buelow	
1/26 Northbridge	3	M. Lynch#		1/5 Westport	8	M. Lynch#	
2/2 Fairhaven	7	G. d'Entremont		1/9 Saugus	1	D. + I. Jewell	
2/22 Millbury	2	M. Lynch#		1/12 Freetown	1	J. Sweeney	
Winter Wren				1/13-26 Wayland	1	G. Long	
1/1 MNWS	1	K. Haley		1/19 Lincoln	1	N. Soulette	
1/1 N. Marshfield	3	G. d'Entremont		1/25 Medford	1	A. Ankers#	
1/1 New Marlboro	1	W. Cook		1/25 Barnstable	1	J. Trimble#	
1/1 Woburn	1	M. Rines#		1/26 P.I.	1	P. Brown	
1/2 Northampton	1	T. Gagnon		2/thr Agawam	1	S. Kellogg	
1/5 WBWS	1	J. Hoye#		2/13 Essex	1	J. Berry#	
1/12 Westport	1	BBC (R. Stymeist)		2/22 Fairhaven	1	G. d'Entremont	
1/12 Boxford (C.P.)	1	J. MacDougall#		Brown Thrasher			
1/24 Rowley	1	J. Berry#		1/5 Acoaxet	1	M. Lynch#	
1/25 Sandwich	1	J. Trimble#		American Pipit			
1/26 Northbridge	1	M. Lynch#		1/23 P.I.	7	L. Pivacek	
2/4 Winchester	1	M. Rines		2/16 Fairhaven	4	M. Maurer	
2/9 Wayland	1	G. Long		Cedar Waxwing			
Sedge Wren				1/thr M.V.	250+	fide A. Keith	
1/27 Acoaxet	1	M. Boucher		1/11 Williamsburg	110	T. Gagnon	
Marsh Wren				1/11 Turners Falls	250+	T. Gagnon#	
1/12 Westport	1	BBC (R. Stymeist)		1/14 Deerfield	125	S. Sauter	
Golden-crowned Kinglet				1/16 Lincoln	100	W. Petersen	
1/4 Brimfield	4	I. Lynch		Orange-crowned Warbler			
1/5 Westport	4	M. Lynch#		2/14 Marshfield	1	MAS (D. Furbish)	
1/7 GMNWR	2	J. Forbes		Yellow-rumped Warbler			
1/15 Medfield	2	E. Morrier		1/thr Westboro	2	S. Sutton	
1/16 Burlington	3	T. O'Connor#		1/1 N. Marshfield	11	G. d'Entremont	
2/13 Quabbin (G40)	2	C. Buelow		1/1 W. Boylston	1	P. Meleski	
2/16 Ipswich	2	J. Berry		1/5 Westport	30	M. Lynch#	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				1/17 W. Gloucester	4	J. + M. Nelson	
1/1 Bourne	1	J. Kricher		1/17 Ipswich (C.B.)	8	J. Berry#	
1/12, 2/9 Westboro	1	S. Sutton		1/20 S. Dart (A. Pd)	6	J. Sweeney	
1/14 Newbypt	1	T. Wetmore		1/20 Fairhaven	10	J. Sweeney	
1/16 Amherst	1	D. Ziomek		1/26 Falmouth	6	M. Keleher	
1/21 Turners Falls	1	H. Allen		1/27 Squantum	12	P. O'Neill	
2/10-28 Wayland	1	A. McCarthy#		2/23 P.I.	47	BBC (S. Grinley)	
2/22-25 W. Tisbury	1	L. McDowell		Pine Warbler			
Eastern Bluebird				1/1 Bourne	1	J. Kricher	
1/thr M.V.	100+	fide A. Keith		1/5 Acoaxet	1	M. Lynch#	
1/5 Turners Falls	7	S. Surner#		1/5 Groveland	1	D. Chickering	
1/5 Acoaxet	9	M. Lynch#		1/11 Quincy	1	C. Dalton	
1/5 Bourne	8	K. Anderson#		1/15, 2/24 Mashpee	2	M. Keleher	
1/8 Westboro	30+	C. Passarelli		1/30 E. Sandwich	1	D. Manchester	
1/11 Lakeville	12	K. Holmes		2/7 Dennisport	1	D. Silverstein	
1/12 Westport	26	BBC (R. Stymeist)		2/15-19 M.V.	14 total	fide A. Keith	
1/13 Wayland	8	G. Long		2/24 Mashpee	1	M. Keleher	
1/21 Hyannis	18	C. Buelow		Yellow-breasted Chat			
1/25 Halifax	7	J. Sweeney#		1/1 Jamaica Plain	1	A. Joslin	
1/25 Ipswich	7	J. Berry#		1/1-12 Nahant	1	L. Pivacek + v.o.	
1/28 Medfield	10	E. Morrier		1/5 Westport	2	M. Lynch#	
2/1 Hamilton	8	BBC (J. Berry)		1/5 Eastham (F.H.)	1	J. Hoye#	
2/2 Rochester	9	J. Kricher		1/9-20 Falmouth	1	v.o.	
2/5 Rowley	10	J. Soucy#		Eastern Towhee			
2/28 Franklin	7	G. Jorgensen		1/5 Acoaxet	11	M. Lynch#	

Eastern Towhee (continued)				1/5	Taunton	3	G. d'Entremont#
1/11 Ipswich	1 f	J. Berry#		1/7	GMNWR	6	J. Forbes
1/11 Petersham	1	M. Sylvia		1/9	Arlington	2	M. Rines
1/20 Newbury	1 m	S. Stichter		1/18	Hanson	4	J. Young
1/26 Stoneham	1	D. + I. Jewell		1/26	Northbridge	3	M. Lynch#
1/30 Mattapoisett	3	F. Smith		2/9	Wakefield	2	F. Vale
2/thr Middleboro	1 m	K. Anderson			White-crowned Sparrow		
2/2 Fairhaven	4	G. d'Entremont		1/2-2/24	Marblehead	1	K. Haley
2/9 Woods Hole	1	R. Vander Pyl#		1/5	Boston	1	BBC (R. Stymeist)
American Tree Sparrow				2/16	Westport	2 ad	G. d'Entremont
1/1 N. Marshfield	32	G. d'Entremont		2/22	Cumb. Farms	1	J. Sweeney
1/3 Westboro	35	C. Buelow		2/28	Littleton	1	G. Marley
1/5 Westport	21	M. Lynch#			Lapland Longspur		
1/18 Cumb. Farms	50	K. Anderson		1/1-5	Northampton	10-12	v.o.
1/18 Bridgewater	75+	J. Sweeney		1/5	Deerfield	1	S. Sumner#
1/19 P.I.	75	BBC (J. Barton)		1/16	P.I.	8	J. Nelson
2/23 DWWS	22	D. Furbish		2/1-8	Northampton	1	v.o.
2/23 Boston	80+	A. Joslin		2/13	Middleboro	9	J. Kricher
Chipping Sparrow					Snow Bunting		
thr E. Middleboro	1 imm	K. Anderson		1/4	P'town (R.P.)	60	M. Faherty#
1/thr E. Falmouth	18 max	G. Gove#		1/5	Boston	30	BBC (R. Stymeist)
1/12 Chilmark	1	A. Keith		1/5	Bolton Flats	9	S. Sutton
2/1-15 Falmouth	10-12	G. Gove		1/6	Newbypt	6	D. + I. Jewell
2/26 Mashpee	4	M. Keleher		1/11	Northampton	3	R. Packard#
2/28 Southwick	1	S. Kellogg		1/12	Cape Ann	12	BBC (D. Peloquin)
Clay-colored Sparrow				1/17	Ipswich (C.B.)	3	J. Berry#
thr Newbypt	1	S. Grinley + v.o.		1/25	Gr. Barrington	70	T. Collins
1/1 Arlington	1	K. Hartel		1/25	Chester	6	R. Packard#
1/18, 25 Cumb. Farms	1	J. Sweeney		2/2	Fairhaven	35	G. d'Entremont
Field Sparrow				2/8	Rochester	4	M. LaBossiere
1/thr E. Falmouth	1	G. Gove#		2/10	Cumb. Farms	5	K. Anderson#
1/5 Raynham	15	G. d'Entremont#		2/26	Orange	10	M. Taylor
1/12 Westport	3	BBC (R. Stymeist)		2/27	Hadley	10	C. Gentes
1/26 Northbridge	1	M. Lynch#			Blue Grosbeak		
2/23 Nantucket	1	B. Vigneau		2/23	Chatham	1	J. Kenneally
Vesper Sparrow					Dickcissel		
1/18 W. Bridgewater	1	J. Sweeney		1/5	Bolton Flats	1	S. Sutton
2/16 Fairhaven	1	G. d'Entremont			Red-winged Blackbird		
Savannah Sparrow				thr	DWWS	150 max	D. Furbish
1/1 Gr. Barrington	1	J. Johnson		1/3	W. Roxbury	27	A. Joslin
1/5 Bolton Flats	15	S. Sutton		1/9	Halifax	450	M. Faherty
1/9 W. Bridgewater	1	M. Faherty		1/12	Sheffield	24 f	R. Stymeist#
1/11 Northampton	1	R. Packard		1/18	Bridgewater	200+	J. Sweeney
1/11 P.I.	2	R. Gray#		1/25	Cumb. Farms	60	J. Sweeney#
1/12 Swansea/Somerset	2	M. Lynch#		1/25	Orleans	42	J. Trimble#
1/16 Sunderland	1	R. Ranney		2/2	Fairhaven	35	G. d'Entremont
2/8 Cumb. Farms	10	J. Sweeney		2/23	Boston	375+	A. Joslin
2/9 Westport	3	M. Lynch#			Eastern Meadowlark		
2/16 Fairhaven	10	M. Maurer		1/thr	DWWS	22 max	D. Furbish
2/22 Haydenville	1	R. Packard		1/4	Barnstable (S.N.)	8	D. Furbish
Ipswich Sparrow				1/8	Marston Mills	11	D. Manchester
1/5 Salisbury	1	D. Chickering		1/12	Cumb. Farms	3	K. Anderson
1/5 Ipswich	1	BBC (J. Nove)		1/19	Falmouth	14	BBC (R. Campbell)
1/19 P'town (R.P.)	2	B. Nikula#		1/20	S. Dart (A. Pd)	2	J. Sweeney
1/20 Fairhaven	1	J. Sweeney		2/8	Newbury	1	F. Gardner#
1/30, 2/29 P.I.	4	R. Heil		2/8	P.I.	1	F. Gardner
2/14 W. Dennis B.	2	D. Silvestein#		2/9	Westport	3	M. Lynch#
Grasshopper Sparrow				2/12	Attleboro	6	J. Sweeney
2/8-9 Cumb. Farms	1	J. Sweeney		2/20	Fairhaven	9	O. Spalding#
Fox Sparrow					Rusty Blackbird		
1/thr Boston	1	M. Verdoes		1/8	Wayland	1 f	A. McCarthy#
1/1 N. Marshfield	1	G. d'Entremont		1/11	Lenox	4	R. Wheeler
1/5 WBWS	1	J. Hoye#		1/13	Wayland	2	G. Long
1/5, 20 DWWS	1	D. Furbish		1/26	Lakeville	1	J. Sweeney
1/12 Westport	2	BBC (R. Stymeist)		1/26	Northbridge	2	M. Lynch#
1/12 Mt.A.	1	L. Ferrarasso		1/30	Seekonk	30	E. Slattery
1/13 Newton	1	R. Danca		2/10	Dedham	15	E. Cutler
1/15 Woods Hole	2	G. Gove		2/23	DWWS	4	D. Furbish
2/4 Lincoln	1	M. Durand		2/23	Boston	1	A. Joslin
2/7 Harwich	3	E. Banks			Common Grackle		
2/12 Mattapoisett	11	M. LaBossiere		1/29	Falmouth	15	G. Gove#
2/21 Falmouth	8	M. Kasprzyk		2/15	Falmouth	84	G. Gove#
2/22 Gay Head	1	M. Moreis		2/21	W. Dennis B.	3	P. Flood
2/26 Nahant	1	R. Heil		2/23	Boston	3	A. Joslin
Swamp Sparrow				2/24	Longmeadow	4	R. Packard#
1/1 S. Berkshire	4	CBC		2/28	Franklin	12	G. Jorgensen
1/1 N. Marshfield	3	G. d'Entremont			Brown-headed Cowbird		
1/4 Barnstable (S.N.)	2	D. Furbish		1/thr	DWWS	3	D. Furbish

Brown-headed Cowbird (continued)				Purple Finch			
1/9	Cumb. Farms	40	M. Faherty	1/1	S. Berkshire	3	CBC
1/12	Westport	115	BBC (R. Stymeist)	1/5	Westport	1 m	M. Lynch#
2/2	Fairhaven	12	G. d'Entremont	1/7	New Salem	1 m	W. Lafley
2/23	Boston	2	A. Joslin	1/11-20	New Ashford	1	B. Lafley
Baltimore Oriole				1/24	Halifax	1	K. Holmes
1/1	Melrose	1	J. Young	2/11	Pittsfield	1	T. Collins
1/1-2	Bradford	1 m 1W	D. + S. Larson	2/22	New Bedford	1 m	T. O'Connor
2/15	Tisbury	1	M. + E. Sibert	Pine Siskin			
2/18	Westport	1 f	fide M. Maurer	1/7	Duxbury	1	T. Nickerson
				1/7	Lenox	1	R. Laubach

ABBREVIATIONS FOR BIRD SIGHTINGS

Locations and Organizations

A.A.	Arnold Arboretum
ABC	Allen Bird Club
A.P.	Andrews Point, Rockport
A.Pd	Allens Pond, S. Dartmouth
B.	Beach
Barre F.D.	Barre Falls Dam,
	Barre, Rutland
B.I.	Belle Isle, E. Boston
B.R.	Bass Rocks, Gloucester
BBC	Brookline Bird Club
BBS	Breeding Bird Survey
BMB	Broad Meadow Brook, Worcester
C.B.	Crane Beach, Ipswich
C.P.	Crooked Pond, Boxford
Cambr.	Cambridge
CCBC	Cape Cod Bird Club
Corp. B.	Corporation Beach, Dennis
Cumb. Farms	Cumberland Farms,
	Middleboro
DFWS	Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary
DWMA	Delaney WMA
	Stow, Bolton, Harvard
DWWS	Daniel Webster WS
E.P.	Eastern Point, Gloucester
EMHW	Eastern Mass. Hawk Watch
F.E.	First Encounter Beach, Eastham
F.H.	Fort Hill, Eastham
F.M.	Fowl Meadow
F.P.	Fresh Pond, Cambridge
F.Pk	Franklin Park, Boston
G40	Gate 40, Quabbin Res.
GMNWR	Great Meadows NWR
H.	Harbor
H.P.	Halibut Point, Rockport
HRWMA	High Ridge WMA, Gardner
I.	Island
IRWS	Ipswich River WS
L.	Ledge
M.V.	Martha's Vineyard
MAS	Mass. Audubon Society
MARC	Mass. Avian Records Committee
MBO	Manomet Center for
	Conservation Science
MBWMA	Martin Burns WMA, Newbury
MNWS	Marblehead Neck WS
MSSF	Myles Standish State Forest, Plymouth

Mt.A.	Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambr.
NAC	Nine Acre Corner, Concord
NEHW	New England Hawk Watch
Newbyp	Newburyport
ONWR	Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge
P.I.	Plum Island
Pd	Pond
P'town	Provincetown
Pont.	Pontoosuc Lake, Lanesboro
R.P.	Race Point, Provincetown
Res.	Reservoir
S. Dart.	South Dartmouth
S.B.	South Beach, Chatham
S.N.	Sandy Neck, Barnstable
SRV	Sudbury River Valley
SSBC	South Shore Bird Club
TASL	Take A Second Look
WBWS	Boston Harbor Census
WMWS	Wellfleet Bay WS
Worc.	Wachusett Meadow WS
WS	Worcester
	Wildlife Sanctuary

Other Abbreviations

ad	adult
alt	alternate
b	banded
br	breeding
dk	dark (morph)
f	female
fl	fledgling
imm	immature
juv	juvenile
lt	light (morph)
m	male
max	maximum
migr	migrating
n	nesting
ph	photographed
pl	plumage
pr	pair
S	summer (1S = 1st summer)
v.o.	various observers
W	winter (2W = second winter)
yg	young
#	additional observers

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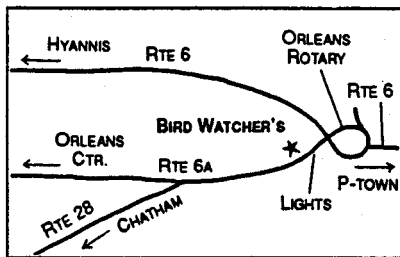
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