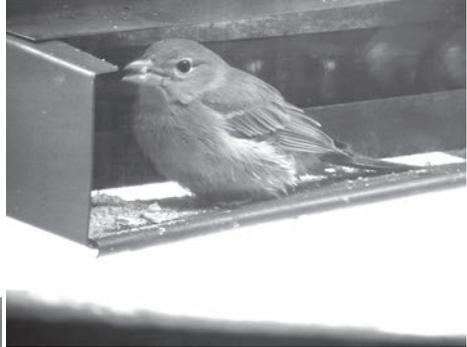


HOT BIRDS



Quick, which tanager is the most likely in New England in winter? This **Western Tanager** (left) was visiting a feeding station in Brewster when Phil Brown took this portrait on January 19, 2004.

Okay, what is the second most likely tanager? This **Summer Tanager** (right) was well and truly lost in Stow in January. On January 12, the bird's congenial host, Bob Stewart, took this photograph through his window.



Another, more persistent winter visitor has been this **Varied Thrush** (left) in Belchertown. It has been delighting hundreds while hanging around in a parking lot at Quabbin Park. Phil Brown took this stunning photo on January 25, but the bird stayed throughout the winter.

And yet another adult male **Varied Thrush** (right) showed up, this time at a feeding station on Nantucket. This photograph by Edie Ray was taken on January 30.



Aside from thrushes and tanagers, this was the winter of the **Bohemian Waxwings!** Flocks of these handsome birds ravaged New England fruit crops throughout the region. The bird at the left was one of a flock of merely 62. Many birders found flocks in the hundreds. Photograph by Blair Nikula, taken in Truro on January 25.