

HOT BIRDS



A **Pacific Loon** (one of at least two seen from late February to early April) with two Common Loons was photographed by Blair Nikula in Provincetown on April 4, 2004. The Pacific Loon is developing some alternate plumage. Pacific Loons are being reported more commonly, but this may be the first Massachusetts photographic record.

Trumpeter Swan was the verdict on the identity of this juvenile bird (right) seen and photographed by scores of people in the East Meadows in Northampton, MA. Do you agree? This photograph was taken by Phil Brown on March 21, 2004.



Yet another **Barnacle Goose** (left) showed up in Essex County (West Newbury) this spring, found by Tom Wetmore. Will this one turn out to be acceptable to the Mass Avian Records Committee? Stay tuned. Digiscoped photograph by David Larson taken on April 14, 2004.

This female **Ruff** (Reeve) delighted many birders as it commuted between the wet meadows on Scotland Rd., Newbury, and the Joppa Flats in Newburyport. This photograph (right) was taken by Phil Brown on April 25, 2004.



This **Bar-tailed Godwit** (left) was found and photographed by Blair Nikula on North Monomoy Island in Chatham on May 12, 2004.