

ANNOUNCING:

WHERE TO FIND BIRDS IN EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS

Bird Observer announces the forthcoming publication of the first book of its kind for Massachusetts. This 176-page, soft-cover volume contains 34 articles, most of which have previously appeared in Bird Observer. All articles have been revised and updated, however, and many are accompanied by new, more-detailed maps.

In addition to chapters on pelagic birding from land and hawk watching, 28 choice birding locations in eastern Massachusetts are presented, including:

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Horn Pond and the Middlesex Fells  
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Prudential Center  
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Squantum and Wollaston Beach  
Thompson Island

NORTH OF BOSTON

Cape Ann  
Lynnfield Marsh  
Marblehead Neck  
Newburyport  
Plum Island  
Rowley and Newbury  
Springs Pond

SOUTH OF BOSTON

Bridgewater-Lakeville  
Monomoy N.W.R.  
Nantucket  
Plymouth Beach  
Plymouth-Manomet  
Provincetown  
Westport-Dartmouth

WEST OF BOSTON

Bolton-Lancaster Flats  
Great Meadows N.W.R.  
Lancaster  
Sudbury Valley

Compiled, revised and edited by Leif J. Robinson and Robert H. Stymeist, with the assistance of the staff of Bird Observer, this book will be a valuable addition to any birder's library. If you've subscribed to Bird Observer since its inception, the book will update your knowledge and, conveniently kept in the glove compartment of your car, will prove a handy reference on birding trips. If you're a recent subscriber to Bird Observer, the book will introduce you to a number of birding areas in the eastern half of the state. This volume will also make an excellent gift for anyone interested in birds.

Where to Find Birds in Eastern Massachusetts will be available in early December. It will retail for at least \$4.00, but until February 15, 1979, Bird Observer subscribers may order as many copies as they wish for only \$3.00 per copy, plus 5% sales tax for Massachusetts residents. Include 75¢ for postage and handling for each book ordered.

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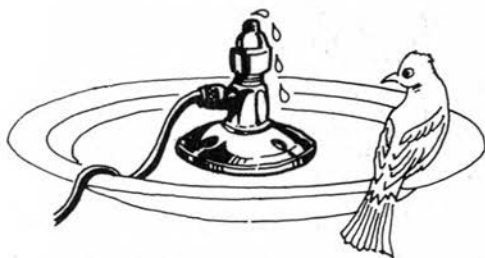
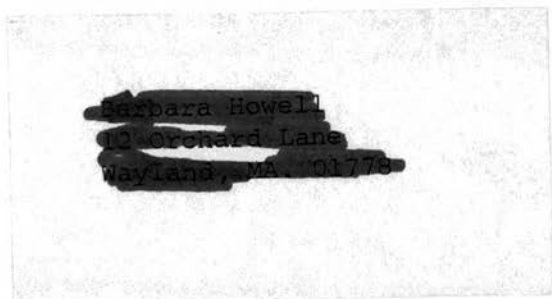
1977 was an excellent spring migration through MBO and by comparison this spring can only be described as poor. Although the 96 species banded approximate the 101 of last year, and repeats were only 408 down due to increased effort, the drop in new bandings of 1,299 birds represents a 38% decline!

Powdermill, Penn., on the west of the Eastern Flyway, also had a low spring so the decline may have been general. After two severe winters numbers of the more northern sparrows were low, but so were warblers, catbirds and thrushes generally. Species which were more numerous than usual this year included male Sharp-shinned Hawks, Mourning Doves, Acadian Flycatchers, Traill's Flycatchers and Blue Jays; while the birds of the year for our banding operation were a Blue Grosbeak male on May 9 and a male Yellow-throated Warbler on May 29.

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