

BIRD OBSERVER FIELD SUMMARIES

Following the publication of Vol. 6, no. 6, we received several comments regarding the absence of field summaries from the issue. In Vol. 5, no. 6, we announced that Bird Observer would publish records on a seasonal, not monthly basis, beginning with 1978 records. This format allows the compilers to assess meaningful trends in observers' reports and avoid the inclusion of marginal sightings. Thus, only four issues of each volume will contain records. For the remaining two issues, Bird Observer will stress particular topics of broad interest, such as breeding bird surveys, migration studies, species accounts, and other items that have been a traditional part of the magazine.

We plan to publish records as follows:

Vol. 7, no. 1	- Jan.-Feb.	The Fall Season, Aug. 1-Oct. 31, 1978
2	- Mar.-Apr.	The Winter Season, Nov.1, 1978-Feb. 28, 1979
3	- May-June	No records.
4	- July-Aug.	The Spring Season, Mar. 1-May 31.
5	- Sept.-Oct.	The Breeding Season, June 1-July 31.
6	- Nov.-Dec.	No records.

As always, Bird Observer is pleased to receive well-prepared material on topics relevant to field ornithology. Suggestions concerning the scope and content of the magazine are also welcome. Bird Observer exists to serve the birding community of eastern Massachusetts; thus, readership participation is not only desired, it is essential.

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