

Mid-Atlantic Region

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A mild December and relatively mild January and February set this winter in stark contrast with the past two. Several Christmas Bird Count participants even kept reptile and amphibian lists, with the best recording three species of snakes! Avian evidence of the warm weather was strikingly demonstrated by abundant Osprey reports, high Wood Duck and Chipping Sparrow counts, a persistent Northern Parula, and at least two reports each of such rare winterers as Indigo Bunting, Grasshopper Sparrow, Nashville Warbler, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Solitary Vireo, and Dickcissel. Water, on the other hand, was pretty cold off the Region this year, and a plume of cold Labrador current decreed a northern theme to the two pelagic trips. Northerners just didn't grace us with their presence this season, and duck numbers were on the low side. Finding owls was quite a test in contrast to last year's invasion. Gulls may have been the highlight, with two mega-rarities consorting with some otherwise exciting finds among the heightened numbers of Lesser Black-backed and Iceland gulls. A few other interesting notes included several reports of "Oregon-type" Dark-eyed Juncos, two

more Barrow's Goldeneye reports, another Pacific Loon, more Brown Pelicans than Northern Gannets in the Bay, and a Piping Plover wintering in the southern Chesapeake Bay. All locations listed in the text can be assumed to be in Maryland, except that each Virginia location is annotated the *first time* it is mentioned.

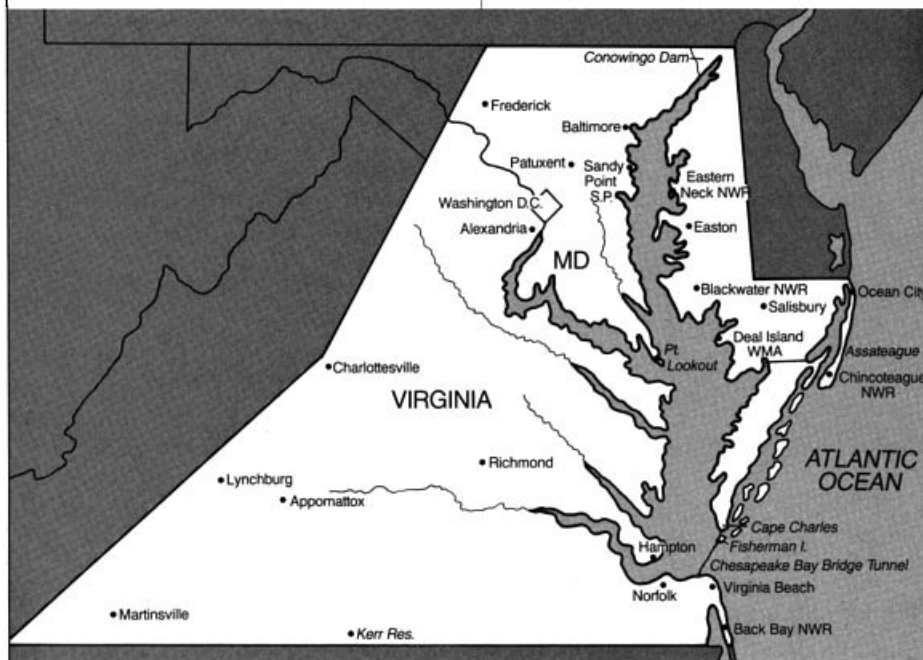
Abbreviations: Assat. (*Assateague Island National Seashore*); Bay (*Chesapeake Bay*); Black. (*Blackwater N.W.R.*); C.B.B.T. (*Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel*); Chinc. (*Chincoteague N.W.R.*); Conowingo (*Conowingo Dam*); Craney (*Craney I. Disposal Area*); D.C. (*District of Columbia*); Hart (*Hart-Miller I.*); p.a. (*pending acceptance by state records committee*); P.R.N.A.S. (*Patuxent River Naval Air Station*); P.L.S.P. (*Point Lookout S.P.*).

Loons to Waterfowl

A spectacular count of 800 Red-throated Loons in tight feeding flocks in the Bay off *Mathews, VA*, must have been quite a spectacle Dec. 6 (JBB). **Pacific Loon** should be regular in the Region in winter. A single adult reported from Back Bay N.W.R., Dec. 29 (†BP, †NB, †GLA, †PS *et al.*) was superbly documented, while 2 other reports from both states were received without adequate descriptions. Nine Red-necked Grebes were reported, and a single Eared Grebe was at Chinc., *Accomack, VA* (RFR). Northern Fulmars were found on both pelagic trips off Virginia Beach, with two Jan. 19 and a Virginia high of 41 there Feb. 2, along with a single Manx Shearwater (BP *et al.*). A seemingly infinite stream of 8000 N. Gan-

nets filtered into the Bay Dec. 14, witnessed by Brinkley from the C.B.B.T., *Northampton, VA*. Only three n. Bay reports of N. Gannets were received, contrasting with the upward trend which typified the early 1990s. Brown Pelican numbers, however, are remaining high even in winter. Up to three lingered in *Mathews, VA*, through the season (JBB), and the Back Bay, Cape Charles, Little Cr., and Nansemond R. CBCs reported 12, 52, 3, and 103, respectively. An Am. White Pelican was reported only once from Chinc., Dec. 29 (*fide* TK). Six Great Cormorants at Wetipquin provided the 3rd *Wicomico* record Dec. 22 (SHD), the first coming only 2 years ago. Another immature was at Conowingo Jan. 19 (JLS). Both Great and Snowy egrets lingered in coastal Maryland well into January, and of the four Little Blue Herons (typically one of the rarest lingerers) at West Ocean City Pond, *Worcester, Dec. 28 (fide* CSR), one remained through Jan. 18 (SHD). Cattle Egrets were spotted on both the Ocean City (one) and Back Bay (eight) CBCs. Even an ad. Yellow-crowned Night-Heron was found on the Nansemond River CBC Jan. 5 (DS, TG). The 28 White Ibis at Fisherman's I., *Northampton*, for the Cape Charles CBC were most unusual; it is very rare here in winter, and such a high count was a real surprise.

The Canada Goose explosion continues. To quote Solem in her report on the *Howard Winter Bird Count*, "the total Canada Goose count was a deplorable 10,384 ... the fact is, it is becoming a pest species not just to farmers." This has become an all too common sentiment in the Region as feral birds have been taking over local lakes and ponds. Greater White-fronted Geese were present at 6 localities, with the most surprising being a Regional high count of five adults and one immature discovered at Goody Hill Rd., *Worcester*, for the Ocean City CBC Dec. 27; it was seen for at least the next 2 days (MO, ph. MJI, m.ob.). Ross' Geese were found at Black., *Dorchester* (SHD, HTA, m.ob.), Back Bay (†NB, †HTA), and Chinc. (NB, BS); observers seem to be having less difficulty finding this species, which is now expected at these sites annually. Reports of small race Canada Geese came from Back Bay (†NB) and Black. (SHD), with singles Dec. 29, and Kershner Pond, *Frederick*, with two Feb. 2-9 (†IRC, WLH). The always controversial Barnacle Goose was found at Rising Sun, *Cecil*, Jan. 25 (HF, *fide* GG), with possibly the same bird at Bethel W.M.A., *Cecil*, Feb. 21 (MWW *fide* GG), and two were near Trappe, *Talbot*, Feb. 7 (WS, *fide* JR). Remarkable



Wood Duck counts brought by the warmth included the 95 in Rock Cr. Park Dec. 21 (*fide* SF) and 266 on the Little Cr. CBC (*fide* PS). A few Blue-winged Teal were around for CBC season, and a pair lasted until Jan. 26 at Elliot I., *Dorchester* (HTA). Male Eur. Wigeon cropped up at Triadelphia, *Howard*, Dec. 21 (RM), Schoolhouse Pond, *Prince George's*, Dec. 23 (JLS), Craney, VA Jan. 3–9 (NB, LW, DC), Deal, *Somerset*, Jan. 12 (SHD) and Feb. 17 (RFR *et al.*), and Scotland Beach, *Saint Mary's*, Feb. 2–22 (PC). Numbers of prairie breeders like Canvasbacks and scaup were only a fraction of what they were last year on the Western Shore, though Reese, on the terribly underbirded Eastern Shore, reports that all species were plentiful, if not abundant. Redheads were pretty numerous throughout the Region. Last year the cold weather concentrated the birds in certain well-birded areas and this year—with almost all water remaining open—the large numbers of ducks may have been more remote.

SA One of the biggest surprises of the season was the truly enormous flock of Ruddy Ducks, estimated at 100,000, that was counted by Williams and Armour on the York R. for the Williamsburg CBC Dec. 22. The masses of birds stretched 15 mi from Queen's Cr. to West Pt. Only occasional Lesser Scaup and Canvasback were interspersed among the Ruddies. Williams said of the flock, "I've never experienced anything like what I saw that day with the size, density, and distribution of a single species."

Common Eiders were the commonest jetty ducks, as expected, found at the 3 jetty duck hotspots: Virginia Beach, the C.B.B.T., and Ocean City Inlet. The high count was 17 at the latter location Jan. 12 (SHD). King Eiders were scarcer, but reported at the same locales, with the addition of a female and imm. male at P.L.S.P., Dec. 29–Feb. 1 (ph. †PC, †KR, m.ob.) for a *Saint Mary's* first. An ad. male (very rare, if not unheard of, in the Region) was present at the C.B.B.T., Feb. 17 (OJ, PP). Harlequin Ducks were found at all 3 coastal jetty hotspots, but also at P.L.S.P., with one Dec. 15 (PC), and Shady Side, where two males lingered from at least Dec. 17–23 (BR, DMu) for *Anne Arundel's* 3rd record. Scoters of all 3 species were notably absent from the coast and the Bay, where at least Surfs are usually common. Craig was the only one to report four-digit Surf Scoter counts, all of

which came from P.L.S.P. Barrow's Goldeneyes turned up for the 3rd consecutive year in *Saint Mary's*, with a drake back at P.R.N.A.S., Jan. 22–March 1 (p.a., PC, DL, KR, m.ob.), and another drake spotted at George's I., on the other side of the county, Feb. 7 (p.a., †PC) & 9 (p.a., ph. JLS). With 4 reports from this area in the last 3 years, one questions whether it is a recent trend or whether these birds have been here all along. There are several other old reports from the area that were not well documented, but may support the latter theory. Ruddy Ducks were in excellent numbers. The Calvert County Winter Bird Count had 10,007 Jan. 12. Finally, two–three Ruddy Shelducks roamed *Howard* (*fide* JS) through the season.

Hawks to Shorebirds

The 17 reports of Osprey were distributed so evenly throughout the season that it was nearly impossible to separate the early spring arrivals in late February from the lingering birds. The three N. Goshawk reports (two Piedmont, one coastal) were consistent with all other northerners, which seem to have avoided our Region. A dark Red-tailed Hawk reported Jan. 25 from *Carroll*, near the town of Harney, represented only Maryland's 3rd report of a bird of this color morph (IRC, DRS). Efforts should be made to document such birds in the future. Rough-legged Hawks were scarce as always, and Golden Eagles were found only at Black., where two adults and two immatures were present through the winter (GI, *fide* HTA). Fifteen Merlins were reported, mostly from the coast, with several in the Piedmont during December (v.o.).

Ruffed Grouse occur only on the westernmost periphery of our Region. One turned up Jan. 19 off Reno Monument Rd., *Frederick* (SJH). The high CBC total for N. Bobwhites was an abysmal 33 at Back Bay Dec. 29 (*fide* PS), and Ring-necked Pheasants seem to be barely hanging on in the Piedmont. Up to three King Rails wintered at Huntley Meadows, *Fairfax*, VA (*fide* AH), while 15 were found on the Back Bay CBC Dec. 29, with four Soras and a Com. Moorhen (*fide* PS). Another Sora was kicked out of a wet field in Upper Marlboro, *Prince George's*, Jan. 19 by Stasz. American Coots have been reported in large numbers for the past several years, a trend continued this year: Several CBCs reported record highs and several observers mentioned their good numbers. Two Sandhill Cranes were found. An immature was near Thurmont, *Frederick*, Dec. 27–Jan. 1 (†IRC, WLH, m.ob.) and another immature was at South Pt.,

Worcester, from early January through at least Feb. 23 (ph. MLH, PO).

The 24 species of shorebirds reported could only be expected in this kind of winter. A Piping Plover at Winter Harbor, *Matthews*, VA Dec. 6–Feb. 15 (JBB *et al.*) provided the first winter record ever for the Bay, and would be rare there at any season. This species used to be found wintering in the Region semi-regularly, but hasn't appeared on coastal CBCs for years. American Avocets were discovered on 2 more CBCs than usual. The Cape Charles CBC had six at Fisherman's I., Dec. 29 (*fide* HTA) and 18 were found on the Nansemond R. CBC Jan. 5 (*fide* NB). Killdeer were notably scarce on Coastal Plain CBCs, and may have remained to the north in the mild weather. The two Willets on Assat, *Worcester*, Dec. 27 (JLS, MJI) for the Ocean City CBC were especially unusual, since they showed characters more typical of the eastern race, which is probably a much rarer winterer. Three very late Spotted Sandpiper reports came from the Piedmont; one was at Woodmark L., *Howard*, Dec. 9 (†M&GM), and another was at the C&O Canal, *Montgomery*, Dec. 19 (JG) & 22 (*fide* SF). A Marbled Godwit in the Ocean City area from Dec. 22+ (JBC, MLH, MJI, m.ob.) joined the few other winter records for the species in Maryland. Purple Sandpipers were seen at New Pt Comfort, *Matthews*, VA, in December and February by Bazuin, who noted that though unrecorded in the county 3 years ago, they have proven regular in winter at this site since. Ten Red Phalaropes on the Jan. 19 pelagic off Virginia Beach rounded out the shorebirds (BP *et al.*).

Jaegers to Alcids

Unusual in winter, especially in the Bay, were the four imm. Pomarine Jaegers that passed the C.B.B.T. Island #4 for the Dec 26 CBC (NB, AW). More usual in winter was an ad. Parasitic Jaeger at Ocean City Inlet Dec. 27 (JSh *et al.*) and another that lit on the beach at Back Bay for the CBC there Dec. 28. The incursion of cold Labrador current waters into the Region in early winter was probably responsible for the exceptional count of eight Great Skuas off Virginia Beach Jan. 19, since the two there Feb. 2 might have been noteworthy enough on their own in most years (BP *et al.*).

Our Region typically attracts excellent winter gulls, and the 16 species this winter must have set some kind of record. Laughing Gulls lingered in better-than-average numbers through the end of December, but vanished promptly by New Year's, with only a couple reports thereafter. At

least one first-winter Franklin's Gull lingered with the Laughings in *Prince George's*, and was spotted by Stasz Dec. 5 & 16 at Schoolhouse Pond. Another appeared Dec. 4 at Seashore S.P., Virginia Beach, VA (KR). A Little Gull cavorted with the Ocean City Inlet Bonaparte's Gull flock, and was picked out Dec. 26 (MLH), 28 (SHD), & 30 (KB). An ad. Black-headed Gull was seen resting in Norfolk, VA Dec. 13 (NB) and another was found on the Little Cr. CBC, VA Dec. 30 (*vide* PS). Perhaps the highlight of the season was a **Black-tailed Gull**, a Regional 3rd and 6th continental United States record (p.a.). Found at Island #4 of the C.B.B.T., Dec. 27 by Brinkley, the ad. bird lingered through through the season and was seen and photographed by many, though its movements were somewhat erratic. Though the increasing opinion seems to be that this species occurs in the East as a natural vagrant, the fact that most United States records have been from major shipping areas is inescapable. The mouth of the Bay sees as much shipping traffic as anywhere in the states. An ad. **Slaty-backed Gull**, seen well both at rest and in flight for several minutes Dec. 17 at Schoolhouse Pond, provided a Regional first report (p.a. †JLS). This species should be watched for carefully in the future. California Gulls, for which the Region now has some 20 reports, made the list with a 3rd-winter bird at Schoolhouse Pond Dec. 16–17 (p.a. ph JLS) and an adult at the C.B.B.T., Dec. 26 (NB, AW). Quite a number of Thayer's Gulls were reported; three first-winter birds were at the Virginia Beach Landfill Dec. 13 and two were there the next day (NB). An adult was at the *Cecil* Landfill Dec. 21 (†EJS, EB), and a first-winter was at Schoolhouse Pond Dec. 22 (JLS, FF) and seen again the next day (JLS, MJI). A first-winter Thayer's was seen Dec. 26 at the C.B.B.T. (NB, AW), as was an adult at Alpha Ridge Landfill, *Howard*, Jan. 15 (EJS), a first winter at Eastern Landfill, *Baltimore*, Jan. 18 (†EJS, RC), one at C.B.B.T., Jan. 18 (LW), and two first-winters at Schoolhouse Pond Jan. 27, with one returning Jan. 29 (JLS). The first-winter at Schoolhouse Pond Dec. 22–23 was paler than the Iceland Gull it accompanied, and differed only by subtleties of structure. At least 20 Iceland Gulls were found at 13 locations, a fine showing; as expected, all were first-winters except for a single adult at Conowingo (EJS, EB). Glaucous Gulls were a little scarcer, with six at as many locations. They were highlighted by *Saint Mary's* firsts at P.R.N.A.S., Jan. 30 (†PC) and California Feb. 14 (ph.†TB, †JK). At least 99 Lesser Black-

backed Gulls were found at ≥ 30 locations, with <10% being first-winters and close to 75% being adults. While this species is probably under-reported, it was clearly far more common than last winter. High counts were 13 at the Virginia Beach Landfill Dec. 13 (NB), 17 on the Little Cr. CBC, VA Dec. 30 (*vide* PS), and 13 on the Nansemond R. CBC Jan. 5 (*vide* NB). It is always worth remembering that this species was considered accidental 20 years ago. A first-winter Black-legged Kittiwake entertained many of the Region's gullwatchers at Conowingo, lingering from Dec. 1–Jan. 18 (p.a. EJS, m.ob., † ph.) among larger gulls there. This may be the longest and latest inland stay for the species in the East. Another was at Portsmouth, VA Dec. 17 (DMa), and 200 were found off Virginia Beach Jan. 19, with 68 Feb. 2 (BP *et al.*). Virtually unreported elsewhere in the Region after New Year's, Forster's Terns were present at Haven Beach, *Matthews*, VA, through Feb. 17, with flocks of 75, 126, and 150 amassed there Jan. 3, Jan. 6, and Feb. 17, respectively. These numbers are most unusual for this time and place (JBB). A cruise inside the lower Bay, VA Jan. 25 located 2 tern species: Forster's and one Royal (NB).

The cold waters had less influence on alcids than might be expected, but the whole gamut of species was reported. Dovekie reports included one well inside Lynnhaven Inlet, VA, observed at point blank range Dec. 4 (PA), and 23 off Virginia Beach Jan. 19 and 118 Feb. 2 (BP *et al.*). Razorbills were pretty scarce, with five found at 4 tidewater Virginia locations, and only seven offshore Feb. 2 (BP *et al.*). A Com. Murre Dec. 30 at Rudee Inlet (BS) was undescribed, while a **Thick-billed Murre** off Virginia Beach Feb. 2 (BP *et al.*) was apparently seen well by many. Single Atlantic Puffins were found on the 2 Virginia Beach pelagics Jan. 19 and Feb. 2 (BP *et al.*). Most unusual was a flyby **guillemot** sp. at the C.B.B.T., Dec. 26 (NB, AW). There are only a few Regional reports of this genus.

Owls to Finches

Short-eared Owls were found in about one-third of the numbers of last year, and only one Long-eared and four N. Saw-whet Owls were reported, contrasting sharply with last year's high counts across the board. An imm. Snowy Owl was found in the dunes at Chinc., Feb. 16 (EMW, RFR, ph. FW *et al.*) for the only report.

Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers had a good season in the Region; many more were reported than last year. Eastern Phoebe broke with the trend of most semi-hardy

lingerers. They were not particularly common in the Region this winter, with most CBCs finding about average numbers. A single W. Kingbird at Back Bay N.W.R., Dec. 29 was the only other flycatcher found (†NB, GLA, BP). Tree Swallows did not arrive in February, with some CBC-period lingerers being the only ones to make the reporting deadlines. Cornelius reported that a chickadee, showing characters of both species, he found on the Catocin CBC, *Frederick* (where hybrids are relatively common) was the first ever for the count that was *not* identified to species (!). Red-breasted Nuthatches were extremely scarce, and found on only a handful of CBCs. White-breasted Nuthatches were specifically noted on most CBCs as much scarcer than last year. Brown-headed Nuthatches continue to struggle in the Region, and CBC numbers remain a mere fraction of what they once were, though 34 on the Pt. Lookout CBC Dec. 29 (*vide* PC) was good, and 62 on the Back Bay CBC was the best count in 27 years (*vide* PS).

Most CBCs and Winter Bird Counts reported drastically reduced Carolina Wren counts, with many vying with 1979 numbers for all-time lows. Five December Blue-gray Gnatcatchers (three Coastal Plain, two Piedmont), and one Feb. 2 in Bowie, *Prince George's* (F&JF), represented a surprising number, though this was a good season for such lingerers.

White-eyed Vireos on the St. Michael's (DM) and Back Bay CBCs Dec. 29 (†FT, *vide* PS) were unexpected, though the species occasionally lingers for a couple CBCs in our Region. Solitary Vireos winter somewhat more regularly, but the discovery of three (eastern) individuals (with 3 separate landbird flocks) at Hickory Pt., along the Pocomoke R. in *Worcester*, was remarkable Dec. 27 (ph. MLH). Three others were found in Virginia in late December (v.o). The 10 species of Parulids reported was above average, and was illustrative of the mild season. A Nashville Warbler was at Hunting Cr., Alexandria, VA Dec. 23 (DB), and another was uncovered at E.A. Vaughn W.M.A., *Worcester*, Dec. 27 (ph. MLH, MO). A N. Parula resided at Conowingo from Dec. 15–Jan. 25, surpassing the previous Maryland late date by almost a month (EB, m.ob.). A lone Prairie Warbler on the Back Bay CBC Dec. 27 (†NB, BP, GLA) was late and provided the 4th ever for that count. Three Black-and-white Warblers were found, with singles at Seneca Creek S.P., *Montgomery*, Dec. 22 (*vide* SF), Dyke Marsh, *Fairfax*, VA Dec. 26 (HE), and the Chincoteague CBC Dec. 29 (*vide* TK).

Two lingering Indigo Buntings must also have found the weather agreeable, being seen on the Triadelphia CBC Dec. 21 in *Howard* (*fide* SF) and at Conowingo Dec. 29 (EB). There was only one previous December record for Maryland. Dickcissels appeared on the Cape Charles and Annapolis CBCs, and another was found in *Carroll* Jan. 25 (IRC). This species seemed to linger in good numbers on the East Coast this winter, though whether it was a product of the mild weather or their easterly breeding is open to speculation. American Tree Sparrows did not nearly match last year's counts, but still managed a strong showing. The best count was 125 on the *Howard* Winter Bird Count Feb. 1 (*fide* JS). Chipping Sparrows perhaps were most strongly influenced by the unseasonal season, with almost every count recording them noting record-high numbers. Ocean City, Chincoteague, and Cape Charles CBCs all produced three-figure counts, with the Ocean City count of 306 nearly doubling the previous high. A single Clay-colored Sparrow at Seneca Creek S.P., *Montgomery*, Dec. 22 (*fide* SF) was Maryland's 2nd ever for the Piedmont in winter. Vesper Sparrows seemed scarcer than normal, but Ipswich Sparrows made a strong showing for the Ocean City CBC Dec. 27: The 25 recorded provided one of the highest counts ever (*fide* CSR). Remarkably, two Grasshopper Sparrows were kicked up. The first, at Norris Farm Landfill, *Baltimore*, Jan. 4 (†EJS, †RC, EB), was refound Jan. 24 (EB), while the 2nd was at Crystal Spring Farm, Annapolis, *Anne Arundel*, Jan. 5 (†MJI). Two Le Conte's Sparrows Dec. 28 were uncovered at Back Bay N.W.R. (†GLA, †NB, BP), the only locale in the Region where this species can be expected.

Some sharp-tailed sparrows were identified, with Saltmarsh proving the more common winterer. Nelson's were not uncommon, however, and *nelsoni/aliterus* types were found on the coast between E.A. Vaughn W.M.A. and Back Bay. No *subvirgatus* were reported. The high count of Nelson's was 15 on the Cape Charles CBC Dec. 29 (*fide* HTA). Lincoln's Sparrows regularly winter in the Region, and five found at 4 locales was slightly above average. Piedmont White-crowned Sparrow counts were notably lower than last year's record highs. "Western" Dark-eyed Junco races were reported more commonly than in recent years, though, fortunately, observers tread on the side of caution when it came to assigning these birds to subspecies. An ad. male *oreganus* was reported from Ocean City Dec. 27 (p.a. DH), and another ad. male was found on

the Cape Charles CBC 2 days later (*fide* HTA). A ♀ *oreganus* at Liberty, *Carroll*, discovered Dec. 12 (p.a. ph. †EJS, RFR, m.ob.), was joined by a 2nd paler, probable female Jan. 27. Both birds lingered through the end of the season. Another non Slate-colored Junco was on the Nansemond R. CBC Jan. 5 (*fide* NB).

Lapland Longspurs were virtually absent, with only 2 reports away from *Frederick*, where they are annual. Snow Bunting reports were almost exclusively from coastal and Bay beaches, with the 300 at Hart Jan. 4 (SR, CM) providing the highest count. Two Brewer's Blackbirds were found in coastal *Worcester*: a male in Ocean City Dec. 27 (PP, OJ) and a male the next day at Ironshire (MJI). Only three Baltimore Orioles were reported, from *Wicomico*, *Charles*, and *Alexandria*, VA. House Finches were specifically reported as scarce by observers and CBC compilers across the Region. Clapp noted that conjunctivitis has nearly wiped out the population near his home in w. *Loudoun*, VA; only 12 were present this season, while last year he had hundreds.

Small groups of Purple Finches were thinly distributed through the Region all winter, but that was about all for winter finches. Exactly six Pine Siskins were reported from 3 localities (v.o.), two Evening Grosbeak reports came in from *Montgomery* (*fide* SF), and a single flock of 16 Red Crossbills appeared at Seneca Creek S.P., *Montgomery*, Dec. 22 (*fide* SF). Do goldfinches count as winter finches?

Addenda

Two Royal Tern eggshells found destroyed by a predator among a small Least Tern colony at Cedar Pt. Beach, P.R.N.A.S., provided a surprising first nesting record for the W. Shore of the Bay June 19, 1996 (KR). It would be interesting if, with some protection, this species established a small outpost there.

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