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A Sage Thrasher in Massachusetts.—On 26 October 1965 W. R. DeGarmo, W. R. Forward, and the writer discovered a Sage Thrasher (*Oreoscoptes montanus*) on the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, Newburyport, Essex County, Massachusetts. The bird was observed feeding in the high tide wrack on the landward side of the barrier beach at a distance varying from 50 to 300 feet for a period of 90 minutes, when I left to obtain a telephoto lens for my camera. Although the light was failing fast upon my return, I managed to obtain a number of Kodachrome slides of the bird (Fig. 1). The pictures were taken using a 500-mm telephoto lens, gunstock mount, with a Honeywell Pentax 35-mm camera.

This apparently is the first record of the Sage Thrasher for Massachusetts (Bailey, 1955. "Birds in Massachusetts," Massachusetts Audubon Society; Griscom & Snyder, 1955. "The Birds of Massachusetts," Peabody Museum; Hill, 1965. "The Birds of Cape Cod," Morrow & Company; *Records of New England Birds*, Vol. I through XXI), although Sage Thrashers have been recorded several times along the Atlantic Coast in the past 10 years. Duplicate Kodachromes and 8 × 10 inch color prints of the Sage Thrasher have been deposited with the Massachusetts Audubon Society and the Peabody Museum in Salem.—WILLIAM L. FRENCH, *Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, Newburyport, Massachusetts, 9 May 1966.*