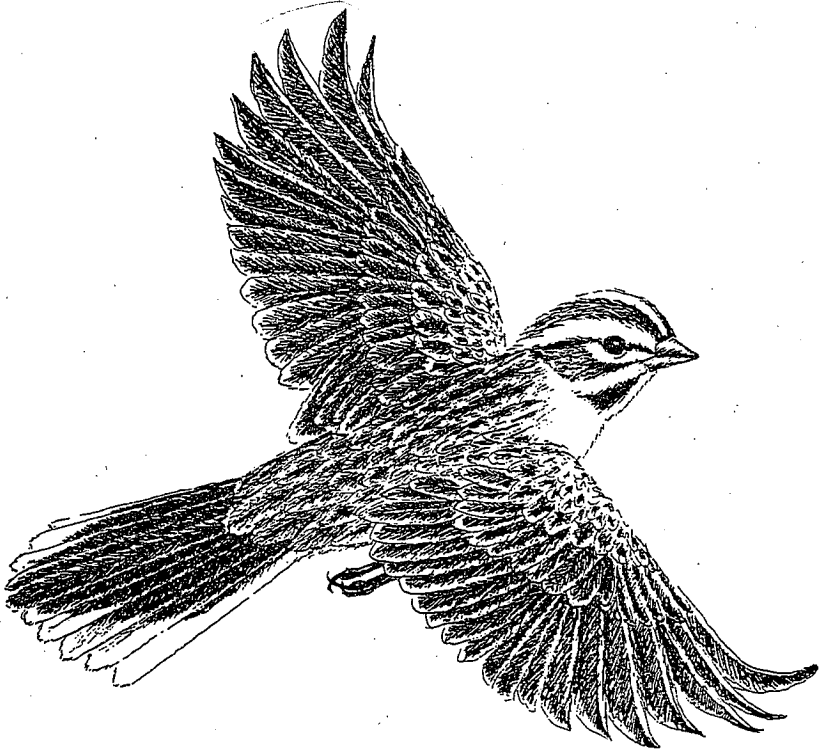


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From the Editor

Welcome to our new subscribers and thank you to those who have renewed their subscription. We still need help spreading the word about NH Bird Records so let your birding friends know about us. If you have ideas for publicity or locations for distributing flyers please let us know.

I am currently looking for a volunteer to assist with publicity and new subscriptions. It would involve coordinating our publicity efforts, investigating new subscription opportunities, creating appropriate pieces for them, tracking subscriptions, and processing mid-year subscriptions. (Money, renewals, and subscriber list maintenance are handled by the ASNH Membership Department.) The position needs someone with ideas as well as good attention to detail and the ability to operate with little supervision. A familiarity with birding and birders resources is preferred. While some work can be done at home, I'd like to find someone who can come to Audubon House twice a month when I'm in the office (Monday & Friday 9-3, and all day Wednesday). If you're interested please let me know (phone 224-9909).

For those of you who report your sightings to NH Bird Records, the editors would like to encourage you to include extra details on your reporting slips for some sightings. If the sighting is particularly rare, we will request details with an unusual sighting Documentation Form. Some other sightings, though, would not normally warrant such a form if just a few details describing the bird were added to the slip. These are usually sightings that are slightly out of season or species which could be easily confused with a more common, similar species. For example, we would like a few details for a fall sighting of an inland Black-bellied Plover because the similar Golden-Plover is more likely inland in the fall and we'd like to know why the observer eliminated it. If a description of the key field marks is included on the slip, we will not need to request documentation. Another species, the Cooper's Hawk is so difficult to tell from the Sharp-shinned Hawk, that a few words of description would help put any doubts at rest.

If you are interested in reporting your sightings, please contact me at ASNH. Thanks!

Rebecca W. Suomala
Managing Editor

Standard Abbreviations Used

ASNH	Audubon Society of New Hampshire	NWR	National Wildlife Refuge
BBS	Breeding Bird Survey	R.	River
CA	Conservation Area	Rd.	Road
CBC	Christmas Bird Count	Rt.	Route
CBC-CW	Christmas Bird Count, count week	St. Pk.	State Park
CC	Country Club	SPNHF	Society for the Protection of NH Forests, Concord Center
FT	Field Trip	WMA	Wildlife Management Area
LPC	Loon Preservation Committee	WMNF	White Mountain National Forest
NHBR	<i>NH Bird Records</i>	WS	ASNH Wildlife Sanctuary



Winter Season

December 1, 1993 - February 28, 1994

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The winter of 1993-1994 will be remembered as the year of irruptions. No, not volcanic eruptions, but rather bird irruptions, in this case the "invasion" of species that normally winter farther north: Bohemian Waxwings, Pine Grosbeaks, and Common Redpolls. All three irrupted into our state in record-breaking numbers this season. Throughout all three winter months, they were seen feasting on fruit-laden trees and shrubs or visiting feeders, as was their wont, from the North Country to the southern border.

Most of December 1993 was pleasantly warm in New England, with temperatures near or above normal. But a blast of Arctic air arrived just in time for Christmas Bird Counts, knocking temperatures down to 10° to 15° degrees below normal for the final week. Significant freeze-up began at that time, encouraged by an Alberta Clipper that brought wind chills of -30° to -35° degrees on December 26 and record-breaking cold on December 28. A coastal storm on December 29 closed the month. The delayed freeze-up allowed several dabbling duck species, a Black-crowned Night-Heron, nine Snow Geese, a Wood Thrush, an Eastern Phoebe, and several blackbird species to linger in the state.

The cold that began at the end of December only increased in severity through January. Temperatures averaged as much as 13° below normal, making this not only New England's coldest January on record but also the second-coldest of any month! Precipitation was above normal, with 157% of New Hampshire's norm making January the eleventh-wettest on record. Significant weather events for the month included a nor'easter on January 3, winter storms with ice on January 7 and 17, the coldest weather of the season from January 15 through 20, and a brief warming flow on January 28. The harsh, cold, and deep snows made hunting conditions especially difficult for Barred Owls. A Lark Sparrow turned up at a Portsmouth feeder during early January (see "Warblers through Snow Bunting" for details), and an emaciated Turkey Vulture was recovered in Andover mid-month.

January's cold, snowy weather continued into February, with one break of above-normal temperatures between February 18 and 21. Despite the brief warm period, February's temperature averaged 4° to 5° below normal, making this the 14th-coldest February in 100 years. Snowfall was generally less than the long-term average, and precipitation for the month was 50% of the norm. Significant storms occurred on February 8, 13, and 23. The first migrant Canada Goose, Hooded Merganser, Fish Crow, Peregrine Falcon, and Red-winged Blackbird were noted during February.

Many species were reported in high numbers, with new record totals established during various Christmas Bird Counts. As mentioned, Bohemian Waxwings, Pine Grosbeaks, and Common Redpolls were more than plen-

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Loons and Grebes

The 16 Red-throated Loons recorded during the Coastal Christmas Bird Count raised the yearly average of that species for the early 1990s to 16.5 individuals per year. This surpasses the low average of 5.6 per year recorded during the '80s. Winter numbers of Common Loons were typical along the coast, while a few inland sightings in mid-December represented late lingerers.

Typical numbers of Horned and Red-necked Grebes wintered offshore. Most significant, however, were two separate reports of grounded Red-necked Grebes discovered inland on February 16. The grebes, which had become stranded on snow-covered ground from which they were unable to take off, were taken to bird rehabilitators. One bird refused food and was released onto the Sugar River in Sunapee. The other, although it ate many fish, could not be saved. Why were these grebes, which normally winter off our coast, as many as 75 miles inland? According to Kimball Elkins, author of *The Checklist of the Birds of New Hampshire*, it has been known for years that these grebes are sometimes found on the snow at inland localities in late winter. Forbush, in his *Birds of Massachusetts* (1929), presents a plausible explanation. He says this occurs "when severe cold waves freeze up the Great Lakes or other large lakes of States or Provinces to the westward in which, in ordinary seasons, many of the birds pass the winter. Such lakes are most often frozen over in February. . . . Then these wintering grebes must either remain to be frozen in or must climb out upon the ice where they lie helpless, as they cannot rise from the slippery surface; or they must attempt to escape by flight from the fast-freezing lakes. In trying to reach the sea with wings unaccustomed to long flights, some become fatigued and fall or alight on the snow or ice in New England, eastern New York and New Jersey." Presenting another theory, Forbush also says: "During severe storms some are driven in from the sea and die miserably in extreme cold weather when they find no open water in the ponds." In New Hampshire we experienced no coastal storm around February 16 (of the type that blew three Dovekies inland in December 1990). It was, however, the first winter in many years that near complete freeze-over occurred on the Great Lakes, which may provide the answer.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Red-throated Loon				
12-18	16	Coastal	CBC	
12-25	3	Rye	Pulpit Rocks	A. & B. Delorey
01-01	2	New Castle	Great Is. Common	A. & B. Delorey
Common Loon				
12-01	1	Laconia	Lake Opechee, upper end	H. Anderson
12-15	4	Sunapee	Lake Sunapee, near Star Is.	B. Burdett
12-18	125		Coastal CBC	
12-19	3		Lake Sunapee CBC	
01-01	6		coast, Portsmouth to Hampton	D. Kirwan, L. Ring

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01-01	4		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-05	30	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk. & Rye coast	J. Romano, S. Walker
01-25	3	Hampton	harbor	A. Ports
02-16	10	Rye	off shore	J. Romano, S. Walker
02-27	6	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	A. & G. Robbins
02-27	2	New Castle		A. & G. Robbins

Pied-billed Grebe

12-18	1		Coastal CBC-CW
12-19	1		Lake Sunapee CBC
01-02	1		Nashua-Hollis CBC

Horned Grebe

12-05	2	Laconia	Lake Winnisquam	A. & G. Robbins
12-18	32		Coastal CBC	
02-15	12	Rye	Rt 1A, s. of Odiorne Pt.	A. Ports
02-16	1	Rye	harbor	J. Romano, S. Walker
02-27	3	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	A. & G. Robbins

Red-necked Grebe

12-04	3		coast	J. McIlwaine
12-18	73		Coastal CBC	
12-19	1		Lake Sunapee CBC	
01-01	8		coast, Portsmouth to Hampton	D. Kirwan, L. Ring
01-25	2	Hampton	harbor	A. Ports
01-29	20	Rye	off Pulpit Rocks	A. & B. Delorey
02-16	1	Winchester	residence	M. Colby
02-16	1	New London	Norsk Ski Area	R. Leavitt
02-26	30	Rye	just s. of Odiorne Pt.	A. & B. Delorey

Cormorants through Herons

The 17 Great Cormorants recorded by the Coastal CBC were only half of the 20-year average of 35. Apparently some individuals preferred to frequent the Merrimack River until it froze tightly in early February. The Coastal and Laconia CBCs each had a single Double-crested Cormorant. While the Coastal CBC might expect to see double-crests about every other year, it was only the second record in 44 years for double-crests on the Laconia count. This comparison highlights the unlikelihood of seeing Double-crested Cormorants inland in winter.

A Great Blue Heron, discovered by George Robbins along the Winnisquam River, was another species recorded only once on the Laconia CBC (way back in 1957!). The new high total of 38 great blues on the Coastal CBC was up 50% over its old record of 25, from 1975. With so many Great Blue Herons around as winter slowly settled in, it was not surprising that a few individuals attempted to overwinter.

Jack Verville supplied a very convincing drawing of the Black-crowned Night-Heron he saw flying over Concord in mid-December. There have been only a handful of winter records for Black-crowned Night-Herons in New Hampshire over the past 30 years, specifically three records on the Coastal CBC (1953, 1973, 1977) and a sighting in Portsmouth on January 5, 1976.

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Great Cormorant				
12-18	17		Coastal CBC	
12-26	2		Lee-Durham CBC	
01-01	3	Manchester	Merrimack R. just n. of 293 bridge	G. Mitchell
01-15	1	Manchester	wastewater treatment plant	G. Mitchell
01-26	2	Manchester	Merrimack R.	J. Romano, S. Walker
02-17	12	Rye	Pulpit Rocks	G. Mitchell
02-27	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	A. & G. Robbins
Double-crested Cormorant				
12-18	1		Coastal CBC	
01-01	1		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
Great Blue Heron				
12-02	1	Newington	Great Bay	A. & G. Robbins
12-07	1	Andover	Rt. 11, e. of Andover	C. Detwiler
12-08	1	Gorham	Moose Brook St. Pk. pool	J. Brown
12-18	38		Coastal CBC	
12-18	1		Keene CBC	
12-19	1		Concord CBC	
12-20	1		N. Conway CBC	
12-22	1	Hudson	S. Hudson, Lowell Rd.	B. McCarthy
12-26	5		Lee-Durham CBC	
01-01	1	Rye	Rt. 1A, s. of Pirate's Cove Restaurant	D. Kirwan, L. Ring
01-01	1		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-02	4		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-09	1	Rye	marsh opposite Wallis Sands St. Pk.	A. & B. Delorey
01-25	1	Bow	Merrimack R. above boat ramp	J. Verville
02-05	1	Bow	PSNH power plant	I. MacLeod, D. Stavros
Black-crowned Night-Heron				
12-26	1	Concord	over Rundlett Jr. High	J. Verville

Waterfowl

A Bar-headed Goose in Jaffrey was almost certainly an escaped domestic bird. Local Mute Swan populations continue their steady increases, resulting in new record highs of 35 on the Coastal CBC (25 last year) and six for Lee-Durham (up from four).

An unspiciated female teal, discovered on the Merrimack River with 200 Mallards during the Concord CBC, may have been the same female teal later identified five miles south in Bow as a Green-winged Teal. That teal "species" was new for the Concord Count, and Green-winged Teal were also seen for the first time on Hanover-Norwich and Lee-Durham CBCs.

Numbers of American Black Ducks and Mallards were up this year. The Coastal CBC had its third-highest Black Duck total, more than twice the 20-year average of 790. The Coastal, Keene, and Concord CBCs set new record highs for Mallard, and a lone drake on the Androscoggin River in Errol was only the second Mallard sighting in 22 years for the Errol-Umbagog CBC. Let's hope that drake Mallard avoided the red fox heading its way!

Other dabbling reports included Wood Ducks (third time on Nashua-Hollis CBC), Northern Pintail (eighth sighting for Coastal CBC), Gadwall (five found in Greenland were a new species for the Coastal CBC, bringing that Count's cumulative total to 192), and two American Wigeon (new for Lee-Durham with a pair on Little Bay, while six on Great Bay were the first seen on the Coastal Count since 1984).

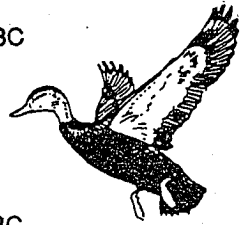
Of the 14 species of diving ducks observed this winter, the majority were in average numbers. Three Canvasbacks seen in December were noteworthy because of the species' typical scarcity during winter, and the number of White-winged and Black Scoters on the Coastal CBC were the highest since 1975 and 1986, respectively.

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Mute Swan				
12-17	6	Durham	Dame Farm	S. Mirick
12-18	35		Coastal CBC	
12-26	6		Lee-Durham CBC	
01-25	2	Dover	Piscataqua R.	A. Ports
02-25	1	Hudson	Merrimack R.	K. Folsom
02-26	1	Nashua	Merrimack R., n. of Hudson Bridge	F. Siesicki
02-27	21	Portsmouth	cove s. of Pierce Is.	A. & G. Robbins
Snow Goose				
02-24	9	Hinsdale	over residence	D. & B. Peck
Canada Goose				
12-02	14	Northwood	Northwood Lake	A. & G. Robbins
12-10	17	Gilmanton	Crystal Lake	W. Arms
12-13	70	Merrimack	Kollsman Instruments Co.	M. Sudak
12-18	3518		Coastal CBC	
12-18	175		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-18	45		Keene CBC	
12-19	171		Concord CBC	
12-19	?		Lake Sunapee CBC-CW	
12-26	55		Lee-Durham CBC	
01-01	100	N. Hampton	Atlantic Ave. near Lamprey Fuels	D. Kirwan, L. Ring
01-02	556		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-12	200	Salem	Spicket R., Town Farm Rd.	K. Folsom
02-05	4	Nashua	Sheraton Tara duck pond	R. & M. Suomala
Bar-headed Goose				
12-01	1	Jaffrey	Rt. 202, park at public pond outside new center	C. Newton
Wood Duck				
12-17	1	Lebanon	above Wilder Dam	P. Hunt
12-19	1		Lake Sunapee CBC	
01-02	1		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
02-22	2	Bedford	Merrimack R.	R. Andrews
Green-winged Teal				
12-18	1		Coastal CBC	
12-26	2		Lee-Durham CBC	

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12-27	2	Durham	Cedar Point	S. Mirick
12-31	1		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
01-25	1	Bow	PSNH power plant heated pools	J. & J. Verville

American Black Duck

12-18	1765		Coastal CBC	
12-18	2		Littleton CBC	
12-18	4		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-18	47		Keene CBC	
12-19	4		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-19	58		Concord CBC	
12-20	15		N. Conway CBC	
12-26	210		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-31	21		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
01-01	86		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-02	187		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-02	1		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
01-13	13	Laconia	Lake Winnisquam	A. & G. Robbins
02-05	15	Nashua	Sheraton Tara duck pond	R. & M. Suomala
02-06	9	Wentworth	Baker R.	A. Ports
02-11	14	Franklin	Chance Pond Brook	K. Elkins
02-16	6	Rye	coast	J. Romano, S. Walker
02-27	15	New Castle		A. & G. Robbins



Mallard

12-18	1039		Coastal CBC	
12-18	3		Littleton CBC	
12-18	107		Keene CBC	
12-19	523		Concord CBC	
12-19	161		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-20	49		N. Conway CBC	
12-26	605		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-31	2		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
01-01	1322		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-02	1115		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-02	1		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
01-03	2		Pittsburg CBC	
01-05	135	Londonderry	Beaver Brook at Kendall Pond Rd.	H. Chary
01-13	200	Laconia	Lake Winnisquam	A. & G. Robbins
02-05	475	Nashua	Sheraton Tara duck pond	R. & M. Suomala
02-27	60	New Castle		A. & G. Robbins



Northern Pintail

12-18	1		Coastal CBC	
12-19	1		Lake Sunapee CBC	

Teal sp.

12-19	1		Concord CBC	
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Gadwall

12-18	5	Greenland	Coastal CBC, Great Bay	
01-10	1	Durham	Wagon Hill, Little Bay	A. Tappan



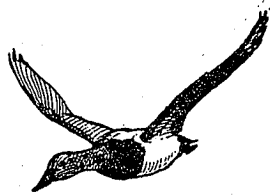
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American Wigeon

12-18	6		Coastal CBC	
12-26	2		Lee-Durham CBC	

Canvasback

12-18	1		Coastal CBC	
12-19	1		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-26	1		Lee-Durham CBC	



Greater Scaup

12-18	331		Coastal CBC	
02-26	1	Rye	Little Harbor	A. & B. Delorey

Lesser Scaup

12-19	13		Lake Sunapee CBC	
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Common Eider

12-18	52		Coastal CBC	
02-19	8	Rye	rocky ledge near Lang's Corner	A. & B. Delorey
02-27	1	New Castle		A. & G. Robbins

Oldsquaw

12-02	1	Newington	Great Bay	A. & G. Robbins
12-04	12		coast	J. McIlwaine
12-18	111		Coastal CBC	
01-01	2	Portsmouth	Piscataqua R. beyond C. Guard & Fort	D. Kirwan, L. Ring
01-05	2	Rye	Rye Harbor	J. Romano, S. Walker

Black Scoter

12-04	4		coast	J. McIlwaine
12-18	44		Coastal CBC	

Surf Scoter

12-04	5		coast	J. McIlwaine
12-18	68		Coastal CBC	
01-01	7	Rye	off shore in cove	D. Kirwan, L. Ring
02-16	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	J. Romano, S. Walker

White-winged Scoter

12-04	6		coast	J. McIlwaine
12-05	1	Tilton	Silver Lake	A. & G. Robbins
12-18	540		Coastal CBC	
01-01	3		coast, Portsmouth to Hampton	D. Kirwan, L. Ring
01-05	6	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	J. Romano, S. Walker
02-27	2	New Castle		A. & G. Robbins
02-27	5	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	A. & G. Robbins
02-27	4	Hampton	off shore	A. & G. Robbins

Common Goldeneye

12-18	376		Coastal CBC	
12-19	30		Concord CBC	
12-19	27		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-19	11	New London	Lake Sunapee, e. shore	B. Burdett, B. Vernon
12-26	82		Lee-Durham CBC	

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12-31	12		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
01-01	40			D. Kirwan, L. Ring
01-01	242		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-02	3		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-27	7	Northwood	Northwood Lake	A. & G. Robbins
02-17	11	Hooksett	Merrimack R.	K. Elkins
02-19	4	Hampton	salt marsh	G. & A. Prazar
02-20	40	Manchester	Merrimack R., off Brown Ave.	J. & A. Bohanan

Barrow's Goldeneye

02-15	1	Rye	Rye Harbor	A. Ports
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Bufflehead

12-02	14	Newington	Great Bay	A. & G. Robbins
12-06	2	Exeter	wastewater treatment lagoons	G. Mitchell
12-18	109		Coastal CBC	
12-26	29		Lee-Durham CBC	
01-01	3		coast, Portsmouth to Hampton	D. Kirwan, L. Ring
01-02	3		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-05	4	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	J. Romano, S. Walker
02-16	10	Rye	coast	J. Romano, S. Walker
02-27	2	Newington	Great Bay	A. & G. Robbins
02-27	3	New Castle		A. & G. Robbins
02-27	4	Portsmouth	harbor, Pierce Island	A. & G. Robbins

Hooded Merganser

12-18	3		Littleton CBC	
12-18	1		Coastal CBC	
12-19	3		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-20	18	Monroe	Connecticut R.	J. McIlwaine
12-22	2	Canterbury	Peverly Meadow	R. Quinn
12-31	43	Laconia	Martell's Boat Shop, Winnisquam Ave.	H. Anderson
12-31	4		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
01-01	72		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-02	3		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-03	4		Pittsburg CBC	
01-06	3	Sunapee	Sugar R., near Trow's sawmill	B. Burdett
01-27	6	Laconia	Lake Winnisquam	A. & G. Robbins
02-05	1	Nashua	Sheraton Tara duck pond	R. & M. Suomala
02-26	1	Bow	PSNH power plant	K. Elkins

Common Merganser

12-18	6		Coastal CBC	
12-18	21		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-18	25		Keene CBC	
12-19	2		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-19	6		Concord CBC	
12-26	3		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-31	122	Laconia	Lake Winnisquam, end of Winnisquam Ave.	H. Anderson
12-31	29		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
01-01	159		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-02	82		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-02	10		Errol-Umbagog CBC	

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01-13	17	Laconia	Lake Winnisquam	A. & G. Robbins
02-06	9	Manchester	Merrimack R., above dam	B. & M. Harris, et al.
02-17	15	Hooksett	Merrimack R.	K. Elkins

Red-breasted Merganser

12-18	163		Coastal CBC	
12-26	30		Lee-Durham CBC	
01-01	17		coast, Portsmouth to Hampton	D. Kirwan, L. Ring
02-19	13	Seabrook	Seabrook Harbor	G. & A. Prazar
02-27	2	Newington	Great Bay	A. & G. Robbins
02-27	1	Portsmouth	Portsmouth Harbor	A. & G. Robbins
02-27	1	New Castle		A. & G. Robbins
02-27	4	Hampton	off shore	A. & G. Robbins

Hawks

In mid-January, an emaciated Turkey Vulture that had been sitting forlornly on a bridge railing in Andover was delivered to bird rehabilitator Ruth Leavitt. As of February 18, the scavenger was doing well in her care; it was presumably released in early spring. Turkey Vultures are rarely seen in New Hampshire in winter.

Results compiled from phoned-in sightings, reporting slips delivered to ASNH, and the Midwinter Eagle Survey indicate that 32 adult, 18 subadult, and 19 immature Bald Eagles wintered in the following areas: Androscoggin River (2), Connecticut River (7), Great Bay (4), Lakes Region (2), Merrimack River (9), and other areas (9). The extensive freeze-up on lakes and rivers concentrated eagles at just a few locations in the five major regions. Although limited stretches of open water (especially below dams) remained available on the Androscoggin, Connecticut, and Merrimack Rivers, the solid ice on Great Bay and Lake Winnepesaukee later in the season forced eagles using those areas to relocate.

Northern Harrier was a new species for the North Conway CBC. Accipiter and buteo reports included 44 Sharp-shinned Hawks, nine Cooper's Hawks, 14 Northern Goshawks, five Red-shouldered Hawks, nearly 125 Red-tailed Hawks (record highs for Coastal, Hanover-Norwich, and Concord CBCs), and a single Rough-legged Hawk.

For the fourth year in a row an adult Peregrine Falcon spent the winter (September through March) on and around the AT&T Microwave Tower in downtown Manchester. Iain MacLeod of ASNH provided a telescope for falcon viewing from the nearby NYNEX building. As a result of newspaper and network coverage, at least 600 to 700 people had a chance to watch the handsome raptor perch, preen, or feed on pigeons. An adult female Peregrine had returned to the historic eyrie on Holt's Ledge in Lyme, February 19.

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Turkey Vulture				
01-17	1	Andover		R. Leavitt

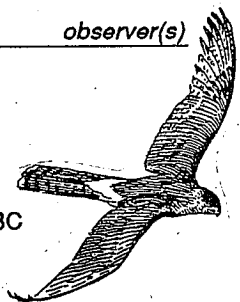
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Northern Harrier

12-18 2 Coastal CBC
 12-20 1 N. Conway CBC

Sharp-shinned Hawk

12-18 7 Coastal CBC
 12-18 2 Peterborough-Hancock CBC
 12-19 1 Concord CBC
 12-26 5 Lee-Durham CBC
 12-31 4 Hanover-Norwich CBC
 01-01 2 Laconia-New Hampton CBC
 01-02 5 Nashua-Hollis CBC
 01-10 1 Londonderry residence H. Chary
 01-15 1 Salem residence K. Folsom
 01-17 1 New London residence R. Vernon
 02-01 1 Gilmanton Crystal Lake W. Arms
 02-07 2 Nashua Dublin Ave. J. Crowley
 02-08 1 Laconia Wildwood Rd. H. Anderson
 02-16 1 Sunapee Sherburne Gym, Rt. 11 G. Stansfield
 02-27 1 Portsmouth Portsmouth Harbor A. & G. Robbins



Cooper's Hawk

12-08 1 Cornish jct. Jackson Rd. & Rt. 120 P. Meyette
 12-18 1 Coastal CBC
 12-18 1 Peterborough-Hancock CBC
 12-26 1 Lee-Durham CBC
 12-31 2 Hanover-Norwich CBC
 12-31 1 Keene Washington St. W. & D. White
 01-02 1 Nashua-Hollis CBC
 01-05 1 Keene Dover St. W. White
 01-21 1 Concord Fruit St., near Woodside School I. MacLeod

Northern Goshawk

12-18 1 Littleton CBC
 12-19 1 Concord CBC
 12-31 1 Hanover-Norwich CBC
 01-01 2 Laconia-New Hampton CBC
 01-01 1 Keene Robin Hood Park W. White
 01-02 1 Nashua-Hollis CBC
 01-04 1 Gilmanton Weeks Rd. J. Winger
 01-10 1 Lancaster Wesson Rd. D. Skeels
 01-12 1 Tuftonboro Cow Island, Lake Winnepesaukee G. Randall
 01-22 1 Derry Larri Rd. J. Burtis
 01-31 1 Laconia Holman St. H. Anderson
 02-10 1 New London M. McFadden
 02-28 1 Alstead Old Schoolhouse Ln. M. Huffling

Red-shouldered Hawk

12-18 1 Portsmouth Rt. 1 near "Asia" restaurant P. Hunt, P. Marra, M. Resch
 01-01 1 Laconia-New Hampton CBC
 01-01 1 Kensington Rt. 107 residence G. Gavutis
 01-23 1 Chester Derry Rd. A. & B. Delorey
 01-23 1 Exeter Rt. 101 S. Mirick, D. Abbott

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Red-tailed Hawk

12-18	42		Coastal CBC	
12-18	3		Littleton CBC	
12-18	5		Keene CBC	
12-18	1		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-19	8		Concord CBC	
12-19	2		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-20	1		N. Conway CBC	
12-26	15		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-31	8		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
01-01	2		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-02	25		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-02	1		Errol-Umbagog CBC	

Rough-legged Hawk

12-18	1		Coastal CBC	
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American Kestrel

12-10	1	Bedford	Nashua exit from Rt. 293	M. Sudak
12-18	3		Coastal CBC	
12-19	1		Concord CBC-CW	
12-26	?		Lee-Durham CBC-CW	
01-02	3		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
02-19	2	Hampton	Rt. 51 near Landing Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
02-28	1	Hudson	Rt. 111	A. Delorey

Peregrine Falcon

01-06	1	Manchester	AT&T microwave tower	I. MacLeod
02-19	1	Lyme	Holts Ledge	C. Martin

Pheasants through Shorebirds

While snowshoeing at the 3000-foot timberline of Mount Chocorua in mid-January, Richard Moore and Tom Kiernan saw a Spruce Grouse. A few Wild Turkeys were reported, some of which visited bird-feeding stations during periods of deep snow. An observer was able to approach to within five feet of a male Northern Bobwhite in Barnstead, and another male bobwhite was present for two days near a mobile home park in East Kingston.

The Coastal CBC had its first Virginia Rails since 1983, only two Purple Sandpipers (its 20-year average is 76), its second-highest Dunlin total ever, and a Common Snipe, yet no Sanderling was spotted for the second year in a row.

An American Coot was discovered during Coastal CBC Count week (coot has not been seen on count day since 1979), and an adult coot was bobbing its head while swimming in the Exeter wastewater treatment lagoon on December 6.

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Ring-necked Pheasant

12-01	1	Tamworth	Durrell Rd.	C. & J. Tewksbury
12-18	2		Coastal CBC	

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12-18	7		Keene CBC	
12-31	1		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
01-02	5		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-20	1	Manchester	residence	M. Carter
02-01	1	Henniker	Concord Rd.	D. Spaulding

Spruce Grouse

01-30	1	Albany	Mt. Chocorua, at timberline	R. Moore, T. Kiernan
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Wild Turkey

12-18	2		Baker Valley CBC-CW	
12-18	20		Coastal CBC	
12-18	1		Keene CBC	
12-19	5		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-31	7		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
02-12	14	Peterborough	Windy Row	G. & F. Eastman
02-17	1	Deering	Deering WS, upper parking area	S. Walker

Northern Bobwhite

01-05	1	Barnstead	Rt. 126	J. Hughes, J. Anderson
02-03	1	E. Kingston	Depot Rd., Barton's Mobile Home Pk.	D. Kirwan

Virginia Rail

12-18	3		Coastal CBC	
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American Coot

12-06	1	Exeter	wastewater treatment lagoon	G. Mitchell
12-18	1		Coastal CBC-CW	

Killdeer

12-19	1		Concord CBC	
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Purple Sandpiper

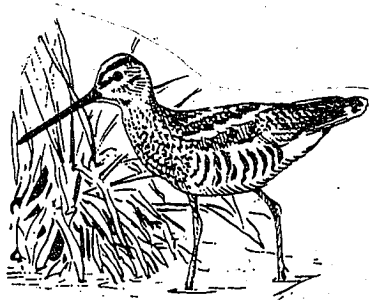
12-18	2		Coastal CBC	
01-01	70	Seabrook	jetty at mouth of Hampton R.	A. & B. Delorey

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12-18	150		Coastal CBC	
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Common Snipe

12-18	1		Coastal CBC	
01-02	1		Nashua-Hollis CBC	



Gulls through Alcids

Record numbers of Bonaparte's Gulls and Ring-billed Gulls were observed on Little Bay during the Lee-Durham CBC. Although Herring Gulls were low this year on the Lee-Durham CBC, the Coastal CBC had its highest tally since 1978. Record highs for Herring Gulls were set on three other CBCs: North Conway, Peterborough, and Keene (which shattered its old record of 100 with 3453). The wintering population of Great Black-backed Gulls also increased in the Keene area, where 323 were seen on the CBC, eight times the previous high. Apparently open dumps near Keene are attracting these gulls, which have departed other localities where dumps have ceased operating.

At least five Iceland Gulls (new for Keene CBC) and four Glaucous Gulls were reported. One adult Glaucous Gull frequented Portsmouth Harbor, as it has for several winters. Steve Mirick saw two Black-legged Kittiwakes flying off the Hampton Beach jetty on December 4.

Alcid reports include a Dovekie and a Thick-billed Murre in Rye during February and eight Razorbills and six Black Guillemots offshore as winter storms approached in December.

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Bonaparte's Gull				
12-02	8	Newington	Great Bay	A. & G. Robbins
12-04	2	Hampton	near Hampton Park	J. McIlwaine
12-18	44		Coastal CBC	
12-26	65		Lee-Durham CBC	
Ring-billed Gull				
12-02	11	Northwood	Northwood Lake	A. & G. Robbins
12-04	4	Hampton	Hampton Park	J. McIlwaine
12-18	291		Coastal CBC	
12-19	2		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-19	14		Concord CBC	
12-26	138		Lee-Durham CBC	
01-01	6		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-02	110		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
02-27	1	Portsmouth	Portsmouth Harbor	A. & G. Robbins
Herring Gull				
12-05	90	Pittsfield	Tilton Hill Rd.	A. Robbins
12-18	244		Littleton CBC	
12-18	9224		Coastal CBC	
12-18	66		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-18	3453		Keene CBC	
12-19	108		Concord CBC	
12-19	259		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-20	24		N. Conway CBC	
12-26	781		Lee-Durham CBC	
01-01	211		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-02	370		Nashua-Hollis CBC	

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Iceland Gull

12-18 1 Keene CBC
 12-30 1 Rye Ragged Neck, just n. of the neck A. & B. Delorey
 01-01 1 Hampton Hampton Beach St. Pk. A. & B. Delorey
 02-04 1 Manchester Catholic cemetery on Goffstown Rd. W. & M. Harris
 02-12 1 Seabrook Seabrook Harbor S. Mirick, A. Ablowich

Glaucous Gull

12-06 1 Enfield near Shaker Bridge P. Hunt
 12-18 2 Coastal CBC
 02-04 1 Manchester Catholic cemetery on Goffstown Rd. W. & M. Harris
 02-27 1 Portsmouth Portsmouth Harbor, Pierce Is. A. & G. Robbins

Great Black-backed Gull

12-05 32 Pittsfield Tilton Hill Rd. A. Robbins
 12-18 237 Littleton CBC
 12-18 1811 Coastal CBC
 12-18 323 Keene CBC
 12-18 5 Peterborough-Hancock CBC
 12-19 145 Lake Sunapee CBC
 12-19 24 Concord CBC
 12-22 4 Pittsfield Tilton Hill Rd. A. Robbins
 12-26 220 Lee-Durham CBC
 01-01 90 Laconia-New Hampton CBC
 01-02 186 Nashua-Hollis CBC
 02-01 14 Laconia Weirs Beach H. Anderson

Black-legged Kittiwake

12-04 2 Hampton off Hampton Beach Jetty S. Mirick

Dovekie

02-26 1 Rye Odiorne Pt. St. Pk. A. & B. Delorey

Thick-billed Murre

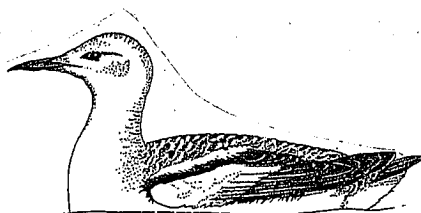
02-19 1 Rye Rye Ledge S. Mirick,
B. & A. Delorey

Razorbill

12-04 8 NH coast S. Mirick,
S. & W. Fogleman

Black Guillemot

12-04 4 NH coast S. Mirick,
S. & W. Fogleman
 12-28 1 Rye Odiorne Pt. A. & B. Delorey
 12-28 1 Rye Pulpit Rocks A. & B. Delorey



Owls through Woodpeckers

The deep, blanketing snows in February made hunting conditions difficult for owls that prey on small mammals. Hardest hit were Barred Owls: of more than a dozen deaths reported, half were the result of starvation. In one instance, a Barred Owl that had been sitting sleepily on a branch had, the next moment, keeled over from lack of food. Barred Owls became more visible as they ventured closer to homes and bird-feeding stations in search of rodents. The larger, stronger, more aggressive Great Horned Owls apparently fared better. According to newspaper reports, horned owls were seen attempting to catch small family pets, and one individual overpowered a Common Crow, thus acquiring a substantial meal.

A Snowy Owl wintering in Loudon was forced to move to another ridgetop when deep snows with ice made hunting too difficult. At the new location, still in Loudon, it found help from a local farmer who trapped rats for it.

A few lucky people saw the Long-eared Owl roosting in a Goffstown backyard. This was only the second winter sighting of Long-eared Owl in 14 years (one last year). A gray phase Screech Owl, which resided for most of the winter in a nest box in Windham, would occasionally peek its head out of the hole, allowing views of its yellow eyes and ear tufts.

With harsh conditions, increased feeder use may explain the high numbers of woodpeckers reported, particularly Northern Flickers and Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers. Pileated Woodpeckers were also highly visible for the second winter in a row, setting new record totals on five Christmas counts.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Eastern Screech-Owl				
01-22	1	Windham	residence	P. Arrigo, D. Deifik
01-30	1	Windham	residence	J. Romano, P. Arrigo
Great Horned Owl				
12-18	1		Littleton CBC	
12-18	2		Coastal CBC	
12-19	2		Concord CBC	
12-26	?		Lee-Durham CBC-CW	
02-16	1	Concord	Jensen's MHP, Manchester St.	J. Kalias
Snowy Owl				
12-25	1	Hampton	Hampton Beach, near marsh	V. Pare
01-13	1	Loudon	Presby Lane	R. Foster
01-19	1	Loudon	Upper City Rd.	N. Park
01-26	1	Claremont	Bible Hill Rd.	S. & D. Sprague
02-10	1	Loudon	Loudon Ridge Rd, above racetrack	Mrs. W. Moore
Barred Owl				
12-18	1		Littleton CBC	
12-18	6		Coastal CBC	
12-19	1		Concord CBC	
12-31	4		Hanover-Norwich CBC	

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Jan.	1	Concord	Oak Hill Rd.	L. Stolte
01-01	1		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-02	1		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-27	1	Mont Vernon	Francestown Tpk.	M. Suomala
01-27	1	Center Harbor	residence	L. Campbell
02-09	1	Northfield	Keasor Rd.	G. Gullagh
02-15	1	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
02-26	1	Concord	Great Bog, behind Concord Terrace Trailer Park	P., B., E. Dimond; J. Corey

Long-eared Owl

01-05	1	Goffstown	Mountain Rd.	J. Wilson, B. Wicklow, R. & M. Suomala,
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Northern Saw-whet Owl

12-19			Lake Sunapee CBC-CW	
12-20	1	New London	Great Brook Bridge	R. Vernon
12-31	1		Hanover-Norwich CBC	

Belted Kingfisher

12-15	1	Pittsfield	Suncook R.	A. & G. Robbins
12-18	10		Coastal CBC	
12-18	2		Keene CBC	
12-25	1	Concord	River Hill Ave.	K. Murray
12-26	2		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-31	2		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
01-01	3		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-02	10		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-03	1		Pittsburg CBC	
01-10	1	Wolfeboro	Lake Winnepesaukee	S. Hobbs
01-13	1	Laconia	Winnisquam Pt. Marina	A. & G. Robbins

Red-bellied Woodpecker

12-10	1	Jackson	Thorn Hill Rd.	P. & L. Bissell
01-02	2		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
02-06	2	Hollis	Maple Hill Farm, Beaver Brook Assoc.	M. Reisch
02-08	1	Nashua	residence	J. Crowley
02-12	1	Sanbornton	Tower Hill Rd.	E. Weiant

Black-backed Woodpecker

01-02	1		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
01-03	1		Pittsburg CBC	

Northern Flicker

12-18	16		Coastal CBC	
12-19	1		Concord CBC	
12-26	2		Lee-Durham CBC	
01-01	1	Stratham	Depot Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
01-02	6		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-20	1	Hampton	Farm Pond	B. McCarthy
01-23	1	Kensington	Winkley Brook, Rt. 107	G. Gavutis
01-29	2	Chester		S. Mirick, D. Abbott
01-30	1	Chester	Derry Rd.	A. & B. Delorey, S. Mirick
02-06	1	Kensington	Great Meadow, Great Brook	G. Gavutis

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Pileated Woodpecker				
12-18	7		Littleton CBC	
12-18	13		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-18	7		Keene CBC	
12-19	6		Concord CBC	
12-20	4		N. Conway CBC	
12-31	8		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
01-01	7		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-02	3		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
02-03	2	Warner	Rt. 103	N. Dorgan

Flycatchers through Wrens

An Eastern Phoebe was seen in Wentworth during the Baker Valley CBC count week. Phoebes, which rely on an insect diet, do not normally remain in the state past mid-October, especially so far north.

Record highs were established on several CBCs for Common Crow, Blue Jay, Northern Raven, Tufted Titmouse, Red-breasted Nuthatch, and White-breasted Nuthatch. Especially plentiful were Red-breasted Nuthatches, which doubled or tripled record totals on six Christmas counts.

An early migrant Fish Crow flew over Durham Plaza on February 21.

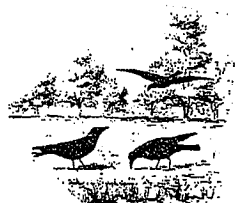
As many as 25 Carolina Wrens were observed—the northernmost in Hanover—and three Winter Wrens were discovered during Christmas counts.

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Eastern Phoebe				
12-18	1		Baker Valley CBC-CW	
12-20	1	Wentworth	residence	A. Ports
Horned Lark				
12-04	13	Hampton	Hampton Park	J. McIlwaine
12-18	119		Coastal CBC	
12-18	40		Keene CBC	
01-09	75	Rye	Rye Harbor St. Pk.	H. Chary
01-11	25	Concord	NH Technical Institute	K. Elkins
01-22	70	Litchfield	Naticook Landing, Passaconway Golf Course	K. Metz
01-24	16	Gilmanton	Upper City Rd.	A. & G. Robbins
02-05	45	Concord	NH Technical Inst.	L. Kantar
02-19	22	Rye	Rye Beach St. Pk.	G. & A. Prazar
Gray Jay				
01-03	3		Pittsburg CBC	
Blue Jay				
12-18	241		Littleton CBC	
12-18	272		Baker Valley CBC	
12-18	1055		Coastal CBC	
12-18	540		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-18	419		Keene CBC	
12-19	247		Lake Sunapee CBC	

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12-19	100		Concord CBC	
12-19	18	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
12-20	154		N. Conway CBC	
12-26	191		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-31	907		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
01-01	625		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-01	18	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
01-02	704		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-02	58		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
01-03	26		Pittsburg CBC	

American Crow

12-18	142		Littleton CBC	
12-18	908		Coastal CBC	
12-18	91		Baker Valley CBC	
12-18	1034		Keene CBC	
12-18	287		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-19	368		Concord CBC	
12-19	51		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-20	179		N. Conway CBC	
12-26	1096		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-31	770		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
01-01	517		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-02	1045		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-02	4		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
01-03	10		Pittsburg CBC	
01-31	2	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
02-18	250	Manchester	Currier Art Gallery	P. Brent



Fish Crow

02-21	1	Durham	plaza area	M. Davis
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Common Raven

12-01	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
12-18	109		Littleton CBC	
12-18	7		Baker Valley CBC	
12-18	4		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-18	3		Keene CBC	
12-19	3		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-20	11		N. Conway CBC	
12-26	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-31	18		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
01-01	13		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-02	1		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-02	27		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
01-02	2	Durham	Dame Farm	S. Mirick
01-03	10		Pittsburg CBC	
01-07	1	Gilford	Cobble Mt.	H. Anderson
01-11	1	New London	Rob's Hut	H. Anderson
01-13	1	Raymond	residence	G. Mitchell
01-17	1	Sargents Purchase	Mt. Washington observatory	R. Cook
01-24	1	Walpole	Maple Grove Rd.	A. & D. Bertin
01-25	1	Jackson	Ellis R. trail	H. Anderson
01-27	2	Alton	Rt. 11, near Mt. Major trailhead	G. Mitchell

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02-11	2	Grantham	Eastman Golf Course	H. Anderson
02-14	1	Concord	Josiah Bartlett Rd.	G. Lang
02-17	1	Durham	Dame Rd.	D. Hughes
02-19	1	Albany	Rt. 16 near White Ledge Campground	H. Anderson
02-22	1	Nottingham	Mt. Pawtuckaway, s. peak	G. Mitchell

Boreal Chickadee

01-03 6 Pittsburg CBC

Tufted Titmouse

12-18 9 Baker Valley CBC
 12-18 217 Coastal CBC
 12-18 39 Keene CBC
 12-18 67 Peterborough-Hancock CBC
 12-19 78 Concord CBC
 12-19 11 Lake Sunapee CBC
 12-20 16 N. Conway CBC
 12-26 178 Lee-Durham CBC
 12-31 44 Hanover-Norwich CBC
 01-01 87 Laconia-New Hampton CBC
 01-02 333 Nashua-Hollis CBC
 02-16 6 Hinsdale residence D. & B. Peck

Red-breasted Nuthatch

12-01 5 Pittsfield Tilton Hill Rd. A. & G. Robbins
 12-18 58 Littleton CBC
 12-18 32 Baker Valley CBC
 12-18 72 Coastal CBC
 12-18 142 Keene CBC
 12-18 192 Peterborough-Hancock CBC
 12-19 95 Concord CBC
 12-19 40 Lake Sunapee CBC
 12-20 47 N. Conway CBC
 12-26 109 Lee-Durham CBC
 12-31 116 Hanover-Norwich CBC
 12-31 7 Whitefield near Pondicherry WS R. & M. Suomala
 01-01 63 Laconia-New Hampton CBC
 01-02 66 Nashua-Hollis CBC
 01-02 45 Errol-Umbagog CBC
 01-03 23 Pittsburg CBC
 02-01 3 Gilsum Hammond Hollow M. Wright
 02-07 2 Rochester residence B. Andrews
 02-12 7 Mont Vernon Francestown Tpk. R. & M. Suomala
 02-16 4 Hinsdale residence D. & B. Peck
 02-28 14 Hancock Kings Hgwy. M. Cadot

White-breasted Nuthatch

12-18 26 Littleton CBC
 12-18 44 Baker Valley CBC
 12-18 139 Coastal CBC
 12-18 56 Keene CBC
 12-18 111 Peterborough-Hancock CBC
 12-19 37 Lake Sunapee CBC
 12-19 82 Concord CBC

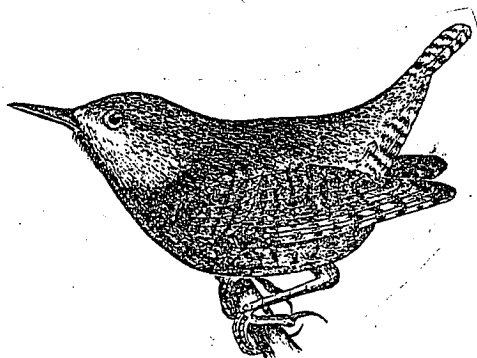
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12-20	45		N. Conway CBC	
12-26	85		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-31	146		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
01-01	191		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-01	2	Exeter	residence	D. Kirwan, L. Ring
01-01	2	E. Kingston	Barton Mobile Home Pk.	D. Kirwan, L. Ring
01-02	137		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-02	1		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
01-23	3	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright

Carolina Wren

12-09	1	Nashua	Glovercrest, off Rt. 111	B. & M. Harris
12-18	3		Coastal CBC	
12-19	1		Concord CBC	
12-25	1	Rochester	Edgewood Ln.	S. Wilson
12-26	2		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-31	1	Concord	Elm St., Penacook	C. Foss
12-31			Hanover-Norwich CBC-CW	
01-01	2		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-01	2	Hopkinton	Cedar St., Contoocook	T. & F. Mitchell
01-02	1		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-05	1	Keene	residence	M. & C. Ward
01-08	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence	G. Gavutis
01-15	1	Exeter	residence	G. Prazar
01-18	1	Windham	residence	J. Romano
01-19	1	Cornish	East Rd.	B. Rawson, P. Meyeette
01-23	1	Durham	Oyster River Rd.	C. Federer
01-31	2	Merrimack	Fairway Dr.	R. Warren
02-05	1	Rochester	Ten Rod Rd.	D. Hubbard
02-10	1	Derry	Scenic Dr.	J. Nerl

Winter Wren

12-24	1	Durham	Longmarsh Rd.	S. Mirick
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Kinglets through Shrike

A winter-season record of more than 100 Eastern Bluebirds were reported, the majority during December. Some of the bluebirds attempted to overwinter, as in Walpole, where 10 crowded nightly into a single nest box.

Late-lingering Hermit Thrushes were observed at Odiorne Point in Rye and on the Nashua CBC (for a second count record). Highly unusual was a Wood Thrush discovered in Newmarket by three participants of the Coastal CBC. They studied the bird for many minutes from as close as six feet away, observing field marks to carefully eliminate similar species, then completed detailed verification forms to document the observation. Although Hermit Thrush might be expected as an irregular straggler during winter, the Wood Thrush has been recorded only once on a NH Christmas count, and no other winter sightings are on file at ASNH back through 1963. Wood Thrushes are normally in South America by the time winter arrives, as evidenced by the lack of Wood Thrush records on Christmas counts anywhere north of Texas.

Although American Robin numbers were down considerably from the record-breaking numbers of the previous two warm winters, Cedar Waxwing totals were the third-highest ever, with sightings from Laconia southward. Recent years' high numbers of robins (860 in 1992-93) and Cedar Waxwings (2356 in 1992-92) pale in comparison to the incredible statewide invasion of Bohemian Waxwings this winter. More than 4000 Bohemians were reported for the three months combined. Averaging 50 birds, flocks ranged from a few individuals accompanying Cedar Waxwings and Pine Grosbeaks to bands of 250 birds that could strip a tree of crabapples in a matter of days. With so many reports received, only a sampling of sightings follows.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Golden-crowned Kinglet				
12-18	8		Coastal CBC	
12-18	6		Baker Valley CBC	
12-18	13		Keene CBC	
12-18	2		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-20	2		N. Conway CBC	
12-23	1	Nashua	Clovercrest Dr.	B. & M. Harris
12-26	4		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-31	2		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
01-01	9		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-02	6		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
Eastern Bluebird				
12-16	4	Belmont	residence	F. Ellis
12-18	3		Keene CBC	
12-18	20	Hollis	orchard	E. Drisko
12-24	4	Derry	Stark Rd.	J. Sabia
12-28	4	Stratham	off River Rd.	S. Mirick, D. Abbott
01-08	7	Durham	Adams Point	S. Mirick, P. Mueller
01-14	12	Derry	Gervaise Rd.	B. Smith

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
01-14	6	Walpole	Thompson Rd.	D. Bertin
01-22	7	Hampton	residence	B. McCarthy
01-27	10	Walpole	residence	A. & D. Bertin
02-06	5	Hollis	residence	E. Drisko
02-18	6	Goffstown	residence	M. Todd
02-20	3	Chester	residence	A. & B. Delorey
02-23	9	Hollis	residence	C. Lovas

Hermit Thrush

12-18	1		Coastal CBC	
01-02	1		Nashua-Hollis CBC	

Wood Thrush

12-18	1		Coastal CBC	
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American Robin

12-04	2	Pittsfield	Tilton Hill Rd.	A. & G. Robbins
12-12	1	Laconia	Shore Dr., pumping station	H. Anderson
12-16	1	Wentworths Location	refuge office	S. Breeser
12-18	1		Littleton CBC	
12-18	50		Coastal CBC	
12-18	1		Keene CBC	
12-19	21		Concord CBC	
12-26	9		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-31	1		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
01-01	5		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-02	4		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
02-01	4	Manchester	Union St.	M. Longe
02-06	1	Kensington	Great Meadow, Great Brook	G. Gavutis
02-09	3	Nashua	Dublin Ave.	J. Crowley
02-13	24	Sandown	Crookett Ln.	J. Neskey
02-17	3	Durham	Adams Pt.	G. Mitchell
02-19	1	Hopkinton	residence	M. Salloway
02-20	1	Pittsfield	Tilton Hill Rd.	G. Robbins
02-22	1	Hopkinton	Park Ave., Contoocook	A. Wait

Gray Catbird

12-18	1		Coastal CBC	
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Northern Mockingbird

12-18	146		Coastal CBC	
12-18	4		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-18	5		Keene CBC	
12-19	7		Concord CBC	
12-20	2		N. Conway CBC	
12-26	23		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-28	1	Laconia	next to the UPS terminal	H. Anderson
12-30	1	Pittsfield	Tilton Hill Rd.	A. Robbins
12-31	5		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
01-01	18		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-02	82		Nashua-Hollis CBC	

Brown Thrasher

01-12	1	Plymouth	Highland St.	D. Kent
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<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Bohemian Waxwing				
12-01	30	Enfield	Rt. 4	P. Hunt
12-03	96	Hanover	Dartmouth College	H. Taliaferro
12-06	27	Lebanon	Mascoma Lake dam	P. Hunt
12-18	28		Littleton CBC	
12-18	7		Baker Valley CBC	
12-19	15		Concord CBC	
12-26	15	Tamworth	Chocorua Village	M. Pearson
12-31	261		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
01-01	30	Gorham	Jimtown Rd.	J. Brown, J. Ely
01-01	911		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-03	2		Pittsburg CBC	
01-06	3	Laconia	Laconia Savings Bank	H. Anderson
01-07	55	Hopkinton	Garrison Lane	R. Whitlock
01-09	125	Northwood	Noel's Bird Feeders	S. Mirick
01-10	65	Lee	Steppingstone Rd.	A. Tappan
01-12	250	Dover	off Rt. 108	S. Mirick
01-14	2	Milford	Elm St.	M. Suomala
01-14	40	Goffstown	St. Anselm College	K. Metz, M. Martin
01-17	120	Concord	S. Spring	B. Dinsmore
01-17	22	Durham	Dame Farm	S. Mirick
01-18	50	Stratham	residence	M. Tilton
01-18	175	Dover	Davidson Interiors	S. Mirick, M. Lein
01-20	200	Claremont	Durham Ave.	D. North
01-20	82	Laconia	cemetery	E. Drouin
01-26	22	Temple	Wist Rd.	M. Salera
01-26	80	Walpole	residence	H. Beck
02-02	50	Amherst	Green Rd. on top of Christian Hill	M. Suomala
02-06	95	Rochester	Ten Rod Rd.	D. Hubbard
02-08	50	Campton	Ellsworth Rd.	A. Ports
02-12	48	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
02-20	80	Plainfield	Colby Hill	P. Meyeette
Cedar Waxwing				
12-18	58		Coastal CBC	
12-18	1		Keene CBC	
12-18	14		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-19	4		Concord CBC	
12-26	181		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-31	28	Pittsfield	Tilton Hill Rd.	A. & G. Robbins
01-01	1		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-02	126		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-14	200	Milford	Elm St.	M. Suomala
01-18	200	Concord	Broadway	H. Nore
01-22	137	Hampton	residence	B. McCarthy
01-26	55	Pembroke	Borough Rd.	L. Eaton
02-17	12	Jaffrey	Mountain Rd.	J. Gregory
02-21	40	Newmarket	Dame Rd.	S. Mirick
02-24	70	Dover	Rt. 108 near Bellamy Rd.	S. Mirick
Northern Shrike				
12-31	1		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
01-02	1		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-24	1	Sutton	Rt. 89 near exit 10	C. & C. Martin

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
01-29	1	Colebrook	Rt. 26	A. Ports
02-07	1	Plymouth	Quincy Rd.	A. Ports

Warblers through Snow Bunting

The New Hampshire coast yielded December reports of Common Yellowthroats and Yellow-rumped and Palm Warblers. Other late-lingering species in this group were one Rufous-sided Towhee, three Field Sparrows, six Savannah Sparrows (second record for Durham CBC and a new species for the Hanover-Norwich CBC), and 11 Swamp Sparrows. The 30 Fox Sparrows reportedly seen at feeders during the Keene Christmas Count are highly suspect; one or two Fox Sparrows might be expected, but such a high total raises questions about the competence of "feeder-bird" observers participating in CBCs. This also holds true for the 30 White-throated Sparrows reported for that count.

There was no doubt, however, about the identification of an adult Lark Sparrow, with its distinctive head pattern and single breast spot, which attended a mixed-seed feeder in Portsmouth from early January (confirmed January 25) through February. Although Lark Sparrows normally occur west of the Mississippi, the species turns up in New Hampshire irregularly during spring and fall. For winter, this was only the third record in 30 years.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Yellow-rumped Warbler				
12-04	1	Rye	Eel Pond Marsh	J. McIlwaine
12-18	4		Coastal CBC	
Palm Warbler				
12-04	1	Rye	Eel Pond Marsh	J. McIlwaine
12-18	1		Coastal CBC	
Common Yellowthroat				
12-26	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-26	1	Durham	off Dame Rd.	S. Mirick, G. McCrone
Northern Cardinal				
12-18	10		Littleton CBC	
12-18	129		Coastal CBC	
12-18	7		Baker Valley CBC	
12-18	35		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-18	37		Keene CBC	
12-19	5		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-19	45		Concord CBC	
12-20	2		N. Conway CBC	
12-24	4	Manchester	Mammoth Rd.	M. Sudak
12-26	50		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-31	70		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-31	5	Effingham	Buttermilk Farm	L. Williams
01-01	46		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-02	117		Nashua-Hollis CBC	

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
01-03	1		Pittsburg CBC	
01-03	12	Concord	Audubon House feeder	R. Suomala, Z. French, et al.
Rufous-sided Towhee				
01-02	1		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
American Tree Sparrow				
12-18	22		Littleton CBC	
12-18	198		Coastal CBC	
12-18	7		Baker Valley CBC	
12-18	13		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-18	157		Keene CBC	
12-19	8		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-19	62		Concord CBC	
12-20	9		N. Conway CBC	
12-26	105		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-31	118		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
01-01	140		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-02	131		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-02	2		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
01-02	11	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
01-03	5		Pittsburg CBC	
Field Sparrow				
01-02	3		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
Lark Sparrow				
01-25	1	Portsmouth	Dennett St.	S. Mirick, S. Miller
Savannah Sparrow				
12-18	6		Coastal CBC	
12-26	2		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-31	2		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
01-01	4	Stratham	River Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
01-05	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	J. Romano
Fox Sparrow				
12-18	30		Keene CBC	
12-31	1		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
01-01	1		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-15	1	Madbury	Nute Rd.	T. Chase
Song Sparrow				
12-18	78		Coastal CBC	
12-18	4		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-18	1		Keene CBC	
12-19	4		Concord CBC	
12-20	1		N. Conway CBC	
12-26	12		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-31	1		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
01-01	8		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-02	48		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-07	1	Sunapee	Burkehaven section	B. Burdett
01-13	1	Deering	E. Deering Rd.	I. MacLeod

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01-16	2	Durham	Dame Farm	S. Mirick
01-30	1	Salisbury	Mountain Rd.	L. Deming, S. Gage

Swamp Sparrow

12-18	10		Coastal CBC	
12-26	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
01-03	1	Durham	Oyster River Rd.	C. Federer

White-throated Sparrow

12-18	2		Baker Valley CBC	
12-18	18		Coastal CBC	
12-18	30		Keene CBC	
12-18	1		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-19	2		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-19	1		Concord CBC	
12-26	4		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-31	6		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
01-01	8		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-02	8		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-03	2		Pittsburg CBC	
01-29	1	Durham	Oyster River Rd.	C. Federer
02-08	1	Pittsburg	First Connecticut Lake	B. Verville

Snow Bunting

12-18	31		Coastal CBC	
12-19	10		Concord CBC	
12-31			Hanover-Norwich CBC-CW	
01-20	2	Deering	East Deering Rd.	I. MacLeod
01-22	30	Litchfield	Naticook Landing	K. Metz
01-24	1	Hillsboro	Windsor Rd.	K. Eckberg
01-26	17	Newport	Bascom Rd.	M. Dunham
01-26	1	Andover	Maple St., E. Andover	P. Zach
01-26	1	Chester	Derry Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
02-01	10	Haverhill	Rt. 135, Woodsville	A. Ports
02-01	47	Barnstead	Rt. 126	M. Scahill, K. Michaud
02-05	1	Sunapee	field along Young Hill Rd.	G. Stansfield
02-06	4	Loudon	Upper City Rd.	K. Elkins
02-10	21	Epsom	Goldboro Rd.	W. Sargent
02-15	1	Rye	across from Rye Harbor St. Pk.	A. Ports
02-17	3	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	G. Mitchell



Blackbirds through Evening Grosbeak

Three Red-winged Blackbirds, one Eastern Meadowlark, nine Common Grackles, 17 Brown-headed Cowbirds, one Rusty Blackbird, and two Northern Orioles were still in the state as December drew to a close.

Christmas Count data reveals a marked decrease in wintering Brown-headed Cowbirds during the last 10 years. Yearly averages for cowbirds on counts such as Coastal, Concord, and Hanover-Norwich (which extend back 30 years) have fallen as much as 98%. In other words, yearly averages for the period 1983-1992 were, in some cases, as little as 2% of what they had been during the previous 20-year period (1963-1982). This drop is evident to some degree on all NH CBCs. Can a correlation be made between the decrease in wintering cowbirds and the decrease in the number of working dairy farms across the state?

House Finch totals declined 30-60% on most CBCs this winter. It's too early to tell if this represents a leveling-off of House Finch populations. Purple Finches were few this season, as were Evening Grosbeaks.

On the other hand, amazing numbers of Pine Grosbeaks and Common Redpolls visited our state and brightened up the dreary winter days. Reports listed below for these species represent only the largest or most noteworthy flocks—we have, for example, two and a half computer printout pages of Common Redpoll sightings alone! For the three months combined, more than 1200 Pine Grosbeaks were reported from Pittsburg to Nashua, with average flock size of approximately 15. Common Redpoll flocks of 50 to 150 birds were not unusual. In all, nearly 7000 Common Redpolls were noted statewide (even allowing for duplication, that's a lot of redpolls), and new record highs were established on six Christmas counts.

With so many Common Redpolls around, it was not surprising that a few Hoary Redpolls would be discovered among them. Careful study of countless redpoll rumps, in search of the rare redpoll with unstreaked white rump feathers (the only positive field mark), resulted in the confirmed sightings of five Hoary Redpolls this winter.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Red-winged Blackbird				
12-22	1	Litchfield	residence	B. Malburne
01-15	1	Hopkinton	Bohanan Farm	J. Bohanan
02-04	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
Eastern Meadowlark				
12-12	1	Durham	Adams Point	S. Mirick, R. Ford, A. Petrella
Rusty Blackbird				
12-10	1	Madbury	residence	T. Chase
Common Grackle				
12-02	1	Chester	Derry Rd.	B. Delorey
12-31	1		Hanover-Norwich CBC	

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01-02	6		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-05	1	Atkinson	Maple Ave.	D. Reid

Brown-headed Cowbird

12-18	1		Coastal CBC	
12-18	2		Keene CBC	
12-19	13		Concord CBC	
12-20	1		N. Conway CBC	
01-01	1		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	

Northern Oriole

12-02	1	New Castle	residence	P. Cullen
12-18	1		Coastal CBC	

Pine Grosbeak

12-01	4	Peterborough	Conval HS	C. Newton
12-12	31	Lebanon	Mascoma Lake dam	P. Hunt
12-18	77		Littleton CBC	
12-18	30		Baker Valley CBC	
12-18	10		Coastal CBC	
12-18	47		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-18	2		Keene CBC-CW	
12-19	36		Concord CBC	
12-20	8		N. Conway CBC	
12-30	38	Peterborough	Monadnock Community Hospital	R. Frechette
12-31	40	Laconia	corner of Fair St. & Water St.	H. Anderson
12-31	607		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
01-01	44		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-02	11		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-02	11		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
01-03	27		Pittsburg CBC	
01-13	10	Amherst	Chestnut Hill Rd.	L. Morgan, C. Maxwell
01-15	25	Errol	near Seven Islands bridge	M. Cook, C. Martin
01-20	12	Claremont	Durham Ave.	D. North
02-05	75	Concord	Broadway	K. Collins
02-14	12	Newport	Common and Main St.	G. Stansfield
02-15	5	Rindge	Franklin Pierce College	D. Anderson

Purple Finch

12-18	6		Baker Valley CBC	
12-18	5		Coastal CBC	
12-18	4		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-19	3		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-20	16		N. Conway CBC	
12-26	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
01-01	1		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-02	1		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-03	1	Pittsfield	Tilton Hill Rd.	A. Robbins
01-18	11	Mont Vernon	residence	M. & R. Suomala
01-25	1	E. Kingston	Barton Mobile Home Pk., Rt. 107	D. Kirwan
02-11	1	Windham	residence	J. Romano

House Finch

12-18	11		Littleton CBC	
12-18	980		Coastal CBC	

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12-18	52		Baker Valley CBC	
12-18	150		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-18	331		Keene CBC	
12-19	142		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-19	182		Concord CBC	
12-20	7		N. Conway CBC	
12-26	151		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-31	585		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
01-01	500		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-02	378		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-07	21	Pittsfield	Tilton Hill Rd.	A. Robbins

Red Crossbill

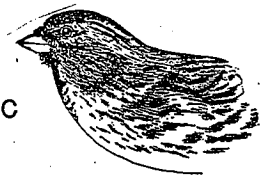
12-18	2		Coastal CBC	
12-18	23		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-19	1		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-19	1		Concord CBC	
12-25	1	Peterborough	Tarbell Rd.	R. Frechette
01-02	3		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
01-11	13	Deering		L. & P. Sunderland
02-17	8	Deering	Reservoir Rd.	L. & P. Sunderland

White-winged Crossbill

12-18	6	Newington	Coastal CBC	
12-18	6		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	

Common Redpoll

12-04	50	Jackson	Mountainview	E. Woodason
12-18	4		Littleton CBC	
12-18	358		Coastal CBC	
12-18	85		Baker Valley CBC	
12-18	86		Keene CBC	
12-18	27		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-19	106		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-19	429		Concord CBC	
12-20	151		N. Conway CBC	
12-24	60	Deerfield		A. Williams, R. Moore
12-26	76		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-28	400	Stratham	off River Rd.	S. Mirick, D. Abbott
12-31	783		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-31	30	Whitefield	near Pondicherry WS	R. & M. Suomala
01-01	1342		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-01	100	Epping	jct. Rts. 125 & 101	A. & B. Delorey
01-02	474		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-02	30		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
01-03	78		Pittsburg CBC	
01-14	22	Jackson	Mountainview	E. Woodason
01-14	50	Peterborough	Union St.	M. Johnson
01-18	150	Pittsfield	Tilton Hill Rd.	G. Robbins
01-23	50	Candia		L. Churchill
01-23	50	Warner	Rt. 89 near Exit 7	C. Martin
01-23	100	Bedford	residence	J. Aiken
01-24	25	Fitzwilliam	West Lake Rd.	M. Ayers
01-25	22	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright



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02-05	250	Chester	Derry Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
02-06	21	Errol	residence Rt. 26	S. Breeser
02-08	50	Tamworth	residence	C. & J. Tewksbury
02-10	50	Wilton	Robbins Rd.	R. Stone
02-11	200	Cornish	jct. Jackson Rd. & Rt. 120	P. Meyette
02-16	37	Londonderry	Devonshire Ln.	H. Chary
02-23	75	Weare	Rt. 77 at Sugar Hill Rd.	R. Suomala

Hoary Redpoll

12-28	1	Stratham	off River Rd.	D. Abbott
01-06	1	Pembroke	Littlefield condos	W. Goodwill
01-07	1	Pittsfield	Tilton Hill Rd.	A. & G. Robbins
01-23	1	Chester	Derry Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
02-03	1	Nashua	residence	M. & B. Harris
02-04	1	Chester	residence	A. & B. Delorey

Pine Siskin

12-18	1		Littleton CBC	
12-18	31		Baker Valley CBC	
12-18	93		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-18	12		Keene CBC	
12-19	92		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-19	92		Concord CBC	
12-20	45		N. Conway CBC	
12-31	43		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-31	1	Pittsfield	Tilton Hill Rd.	A. Robbins
01-02	11		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-03	4		Pittsburg CBC	
01-16	2	Concord	River Hill Ave., Penacook	K. Murray
01-18	2	Peterborough	Union St.	M. Johnson
01-28	6	Walpole	residence	H. Beck
01-30	1	Nashua	residence	B. & M. Harris
02-20	2	Pembroke	residence	K. Paify
02-23	6	Windham	residence	J. Romano

American Goldfinch

12-18	15		Littleton CBC	
12-18	33		Baker Valley CBC	
12-18	519		Coastal CBC	
12-18	247		Keene CBC	
12-18	109		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-19	65		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-19	235		Concord CBC	
12-20	130		N. Conway CBC	
12-26	191		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-26	30	Exeter	residence	G. Prazar
12-31	265		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
01-01	324		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-02	338		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-02	2		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
01-03	1		Pittsburg CBC	

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Evening Grosbeak				
12-08	25	Weare	Clough St. Pk.	R. Suomala
12-18	59		Littleton CBC	
12-18	29		Coastal CBC	
12-18	44		Baker Valley CBC	
12-18	186		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-18	121		Keene CBC	
12-19	63		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-19	243		Concord CBC	
12-26	15		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-31	211		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
01-01	32		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-02	65		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-02	24		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
01-03	29		Pittsburg CBC	
01-04	10	Tamworth	residence	J. Tewksbury
01-13	2	Pittsfield	Tilton Hill Rd.	A. Robbins
01-24	18	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
02-05	4	Andover	Monticello Rd.	K. Elkins
02-06	5	Pembroke	residence	K. Palfy
02-20	8	Hinsdale	residence	D. & B. Peck
02-26	30	Chester	Derry Rd.	A. & B. Delorey

Christmas Bird Count Compliers

Baker Valley	Northam Parr	Laconia-	Susan Fogleman
Concord	Diane De Luca	New Hampton	
Coastal	Dave Balerviez	Lake Sunapee	Gary Stansfield
Errol-Umbagog	Dennis Abbott	Lee-Durham	Steve Mirick
& Pittsburg		Littleton	John McIlwaine
Hanover-Norwich	Walter Ellison &	Nashua-Hollis	Ralph Andrews
	Nancy Martin	North Conway	Chris Lewey
Keene	Robert Ritz	Peterborough-	Dave Rowell
		Hancock	

Winter editor's letter continued

tiful. Above-normal numbers were also reported for several species of gulls, woodpeckers, and feeder birds, as well as Eastern Bluebirds. Noteworthy on the low side were Purple Finches and Evening Grosbeaks.

Season highlights included sightings of a Black-crowned Night-Heron, a Turkey Vulture (mid-winter!), a Long-eared Owl (second year in a row), a Wood Thrush (second time ever on any NH CBC), a Lark Sparrow (third winter record in 30 years), and five Hoary Redpolls.

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Reports for the following species were received but they do not appear in the listings

Bald Eagle	Mourning Dove	Brown Creeper
Ruffed Grouse	Downy Woodpecker	European Starling
Rock Dove	Hairy Woodpecker	Dark-eyed Junco
	Black-capped Chickadee	House Sparrow

Sightings of the species listed above were either discussed in the summaries, or occurred in average numbers at expected locations.

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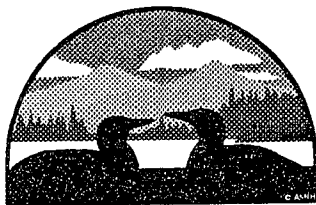
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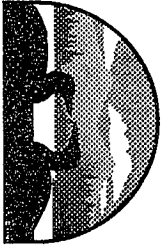
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