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From the Editor

This is the final issue of the current subscription year. You will find your renewal notice enclosed in the envelope with Winter 1994-95. This is the *only* renewal notice you will receive, so please fill it out and return it right away. The next issue, Spring 1995, is due out in November.

With this issue, we also say good by to Winter Editor Andrea Robbins. After 11 years, Andrea is retiring as a volunteer editor to spend more time on her prospering artistic endeavors. She has seen *New Hampshire Bird Records* through some difficult times and we will miss her creativity, expertise, and attention to detail. She deserves a big thank you for all the time and effort she has put in to make *New Hampshire Bird Records* a high-quality publication.

We are now looking for a new Winter Editor who can take over with the coming season. The job requires birding experience in New Hampshire, good writing skills, and the ability to meet a deadline. If you are interested, please contact me for more information.

In this issue, you will also find an introduction to the new New Hampshire Rare Birds Committee (see page 37). Although not officially connected to *New Hampshire Bird Records*, the sharing of bird sighting information provides a close link between the two and we thought our readers would be interested in more information.

Don't forget to renew your subscription. It also makes a great Christmas gift for any active birders!

Rebecca W. Suomala
Managing Editor

Standard Abbreviations Used

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

In appreciation of the many drawings she has done for NH Bird Records, all illustrations in this issue are by Andrea Robbins.

(cover — Townsend's Solitaire)



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Winter Season

December 1, 1994 through February 28, 1995

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The winter season of 1994-1995 was a relatively uneventful one for bird sightings, although the Granite State did have such unusual species as **Eurasian Wigeon**, **Lesser Black-backed Gull**, **Black Vulture**, and **Townsend's Solitaire** to keep things interesting.

December's unseasonable warmth persisted almost without interruption through the entire month. Temperatures averaged more than five degrees above normal, making this the 14th-warmest December in the last 100 years. Precipitation was less than half the norm across New England for the month. An intense coastal storm, with rain and winds gusting to 50 mph on December 23 and 24, caused the worst weather of the month, but the warm air flow associated with the storm gave New Hampshire its warmest Christmas since 1889. The abnormally warm conditions may have accounted for the late **Black-throated Blue Warbler** seen in Ossipee during late December and early January, and other unusual species still present in the state during 1994's final month were **Pied-billed Grebe**, **Green-winged Teal**, **Ruddy Duck**, **Osprey**, **Greater Yellowlegs**, **Hermit Thrush**, **Chipping Sparrow**, **Seaside Sparrow**, **White-crowned Sparrow**, **Bobolink**, and **Eastern Meadowlark**. Temperatures fell below zero for a brief period as the month drew to a close.

With temperatures averaging six to eight degrees warmer than normal for New England, January turned out to be our warmest since 1990. Precipitation was at or above normal, although it was usually not in the form of snowfall. The month began with ice and rain as a coastal storm deepened over the Gulf of Maine. Record warmth from January 14 to 16, with high of 70°, continued to delay freeze-up. Many inland rivers and larger bodies of water did not freeze tightly until sometime in February. Noteworthy species observed during the month were **Black-crowned Night-Heron**, **Northern Pintail**, **Lesser Black-backed Gull**, **Brown Thrasher**, and **Pine Warbler**.

The first significant snowstorm of the season cruised through the region on February 4 and dumped 10 to 24 inches of snow across the state. In the wake of the storm, temperatures plummeted as gusty northwest winds created wind chills of 10-50° below zero. Record cold reached as far south as Florida on February 9, and New Hampshire received a snow-and-ice mix in conjunction with a southern flow a week later. The first migrant **Canvasback**, **Peregrine Falcons**, and **Red-winged Blackbirds** were seen about that time. An ice storm ended the season.

Low numbers were reported for **Blue Jays** and **Evening Grosbeaks**. Species that were present in higher than normal numbers included **Black-capped Chickadee**, **Tufted Titmouse**, **Golden-crowned Kinglet**, **Dark-eyed Junco**, both **crossbills**, and **American Goldfinch**.

Andrea Robbins
Winter Editor

Loons and Grebes

Ten Red-throated Loons were observed during the Coastal Christmas Bird Count (CBC); only three other individuals were reported for the later two-thirds of the season. A Common Loon on Dublin Lake was a new species for the Peterborough-Hancock CBC. Other late inland sightings in December came from the Merrimack River in Manchester, Massabesic Lake in Auburn, and Lake Winnisquam in Laconia.

A Pied-billed Grebe was the Laconia CBC's third record for the species (last recorded in 1975). The 18 Horned Grebes on the Coastal CBC represented 65% of the ten-year average, and the species was scarce for the remainder of the winter. However, excellent numbers of Red-necked Grebes were observed throughout the season, with rafts of 54-72 rednecks frequently concentrated off Little Boar's Head in Hampton and Pulpit Rocks in Rye.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Red-throated Loon				
12-17	10		Coastal CBC	
01-07	1	Rye	Pulpit Rocks	A. & B. Delorey
02-23	1	Rye	Rye Ledges	A. & B. Delorey
02-24	1	N. Hampton	N. Hampton St. Beach	A. & B. Delorey
Common Loon				
12-10	50		NH coast	A. & B. Delorey
12-16	2	Littleton	Samuel Moore Dam	B. Bradley
12-17	2		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-17	1		Littleton CBC	
12-17	110		Coastal CBC	
12-17	1		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-26	2		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	1	Manchester	Merrimack R.	M. & B. Harris
12-28	1	Rye	Seal Rock	G. & K. Prazar
12-28	3	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	G. & K. Prazar
12-28	1	Auburn	Lake Massabesic	G. Mitchell
12-31	2	Hampton	Boar's Head to Centennial Pk.	D. Kirwan, L. Ring
12-31	4		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-07	15		NH coast	A. & B. Delorey
01-15	1	Lebanon	Connecticut R. near Rt. 89 bridge	P. Hunt
02-08	9	Rye	Rye Harbor	M. Suomala
02-23	12		NH coast	A. & G. Robbins
Pied-billed Grebe				
12-31	1		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
Horned Grebe				
12-04	2	Laconia	Lake Winnisquam, off Hog Is.	H. Anderson
12-17	18		Coastal CBC	
12-22	2	Rye	NH coast	J. & J. Romano
01-29	1	N. Hampton	N. Hampton St. Beach	A. & B. Delorey

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Red-necked Grebe				
12-03	50		NH coast	P. Hunt, D. Crook, S. Mirick, M. Suomala
12-10	85		NH coast	A. & B. Delorey
12-17	55		Coastal CBC	
02-11	115		NH coast	S. Mirick
02-16	54	Rye	Pulpit Rocks	D. Strong

Gannet through Herons

Steve Mirick and Peter Hunt discovered eight Northern Gannets, mostly adults, off shore during their winter "Big Day" in early December. The Coastal CBC had its lowest total for Great Cormorant since 1971, but numbers for the species rebounded somewhat by February. In mid-February, a single adult Double-crested Cormorant, with its orange face and throat skin clearly visible, was spotted on the Merrimack River in Merrimack.

Great Blue Herons were observed on the Concord CBC for the sixth time and the Laconia CBC for the second time. Late freeze-up allowed a handful of individuals to winter over. Most curious was a lone great blue walking on the frozen Exeter River in the vicinity of ice fishermen; perhaps it was anxious to learn some new fishing techniques. An immature Black-crowned Night Heron first seen flying along the beach near Fisherman's Pier in Hampton Harbor then landed, hunched into a typical heron shape, and provided prolonged opportunity for study of its feather patterns, yellow feet and long, bicolored bill. This is the second consecutive winter for Black-crowned Night-Heron, yet only the sixth winter record in 30 years.

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Northern Gannet				
12-03	8		NH coast	S. Mirick, P. Hunt, M. Suomala, D. Crook
Great Cormorant				
12-04	1	Enfield	Mascoma L.	P. Hunt
12-17	9		Coastal CBC	
12-21	1	Manchester	Merrimack R.	G. Mitchell
01-03	14	Rye	Concord Pt.	P. Hunt, D. Crook, D. & A. Strong
01-21	1	Pembroke	Merrimack R.	R. Woodward, et al.
02-02	2	Portsmouth	Piscataqua R. near Prescott	Pk. G. Mitchell
02-08	18	N. Hampton	Fox Head Pt.	M. Suomala
02-11	23	Rye	Rye Ledges	A. & B. Delorey
02-13	9	Manchester	Merrimack R.	G. Mitchell
Double-crested Cormorant				
02-16	1	Merrimack	Merrimack R.	R. Andrews
Great Blue Heron				
12-17	13		Coastal CBC	
12-18	2		Concord CBC	
12-26	3		Lee-Durham CBC	

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
12-31	5		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-31	1		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-04	1	Windham	jct. of Rts. 111 & 93	K. Folsom
01-07	1	Rye	marsh near Rye Harbor	A. & B. Delorey
01-19	1	Nashua	Nashua R., Main St.	C. Jean
02-17	1	Concord	Everett Ice Arena	K. Palfy
02-22	1	Exeter	Exeter R., Swasey Pkwy.	G. Prazar

Black-crowned Night-Heron

01-22	1	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor Fishermen's Pier	D. & T. Donsker
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Waterfowl

Mute Swan numbers leaped from 35 up to a new record high of 51 on this year's Coastal CBC. It was as recently as the late 1980s that their numbers began to increase significantly. Several reports for small flocks of Snow Geese were received for January and February, mostly from the Great Bay area, which has been receiving greater coverage in recent years thanks to the establishment of the Great Bay NWR. In late January, 12 Atlantic Brant were seen off shore in North Hampton. Two others flew by Little Boar's Head in February. In recent winters, most Brant sightings have occurred in late February. Records for Canada Goose were tied or broken on several CBCs: Concord, for instance, had 225, up from the previous high of 17.

Wood Ducks were tallied for the first time in 10 years on the Laconia CBC, and individuals apparently wintered over in Lebanon and Nashua. The Coastal and Laconia CBCs had their second-highest totals for American Black Duck, nearing records set in the mid-60s. Other dabblers included a Northern Pintail, at least two Gadwall, and two male Eurasian Wigeon. At first, one Eurasian Wigeon was discovered during the Coastal CBC, but the many birders who sought out the bird during the following months determined that there were actually two Eurasian Wigeon that wintered in Great Bay, often in the company of 16 American Wigeon. Eurasian Wigeon was recorded once before on the Coastal CBC, in 1952.

Two Canvasback, a Redhead, and 350 Greater Scaup were the most noteworthy divers observed in Great Bay. In Little Bay, a female Oldsquaw and a drake Barrow's Goldeneye were new species for the Lee-Durham CBC. A Black Scoter and a Ruddy Duck were on Lake Winnisquam during the Laconia CBC count week (the Ruddy had been present for two weeks); neither has been recorded officially on count day. The Laconia CBC did have, however, two White-winged Scoters (second record), Barrow's Goldeneye (third record in the last four years), and record highs for Hooded and Common Mergansers.

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Mute Swan				
12-03	3	Rye	Eel Pond	J. McIlwaine
12-11	1	Charlestown	Connecticut R. near sewage plant	P. Hunt
12-13	1	Windham	Cobbetts L.	M. Dinsmore

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12-17	51		Coastal CBC	
12-17	1		Saxton's River CBC	
01-25	4	Rye	Eel Pond	J. Romano
02-23	19	Portsmouth	Portsmouth Harbor	A. & G. Robbins

Snow Goose

01-04	1	Haverhill	Connecticut R., N. Haverhill	E. Emery, P. Powers, B. Bradley
01-18	4	Newmarket	Moody Pt.	D. Hughes
01-20	4	Durham	Adams Pt., Crommet Creek Cove	G. Mitchell
02-03	5	Durham	Great Bay near Durham/ Newmarket town line	P. Hunt, J. Rychlik
02-09	1	Derry	Hoodcroft Golf Course	J. Romano
02-11	1	Durham	Adams Pt.	A. & B. Delorey
02-26	5	Stratham	Sandy Pt.	P. Hunt, S. Mirick

Brant

01-22	12	N. Hampton	N. Hampton St. Beach	D. & T. Donsker
02-23	2	N. Hampton	Little Boar's Head	A. & B. Delorey

Canada Goose

12-17	2205		Coastal CBC	
12-21	250	Concord	Oak Hill Rd., Rt. 13	C. Webber
12-22	300	Atkinson	Salem Rd.	K. Folsom
12-26	352		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-26	1800	Greenland	Great Bay	A. & G. Robbins, R. Quinn
12-31	1322		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-31	2		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-08	110	Haverhill	Connecticut R., N. Haverhill	B. Bradley, E. Emery, P. Powers
01-10	150	Derry	Hoodcroft Golf Course	H. Chary
02-18	2000	Stratham	Sandy Pt.	A. & B. Delorey
02-23	900	Merrimack/Hollis	Thornton's Ferry, Digital & Rt. 130	R. Andrews

Wood Duck

12-31	1		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-31	2		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
02-12	1	Lebanon	below Mascoma Lake Dam	P. Hunt
02-16	1	Nashua	Sheraton Tara pond	A. Delorey

Green-winged Teal

12-04	3	Nashua	Nashua R. above dam	R. Andrews
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American Black Duck

12-17	2137		Coastal CBC	
12-18	81		Concord CBC	
12-26	78		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-26	2		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-29	4		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
12-31	157		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-31	53		N. Conway CBC	
12-31	197		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-04	110	Haverhill	Connecticut R., N. Haverhill	B. Bradley
02-23	100	Greenland	Great Bay	A. & G. Robbins

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Mallard				
12-17	1362		Coastal CBC	
12-18	391		Concord CBC	
12-26	630		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-31	1850		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-31	85		N. Conway CBC	
12-31	1458		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-10	350	Londonderry	Beaver Brook, Kendall Pond Rd.	H. Chary
01-18	400	Durham	Rt. 155, fields near Leawood Orchards	M. Suomala
01-29	1000		NH coast	S. Mirick, R. & M. Suomala
02-25	110	Haverhill	Connecticut R., N. Haverhill	B. Bradley
Northern Pintail				
01-28	2	Nashua	Sheraton Tara, Spit Brook Rd.	B. & M. Harris
Gadwall				
12-03	2	Newington	Great Bay NWR	A. & B. Delorey
01-29	1	Durham	Great Bay, Wilcox Pt.	S. Mirick, R. & M. Suomala
Eurasian Wigeon				
12-17	1		Coastal CBC	
01-03	2	Greenland	Great Bay, from Meloon Rd.	P. Hunt, D. Crook, D. & A. Strong
01-22	2	Greenland	Meloon Rd.	S. Mirick, B. Silva, K. Disney
American Wigeon				
12-17	14		Coastal CBC	
01-18	16	Newington	Great Bay NWR, Herod's Cove	M. Suomala
02-17	6	Durham	Great Bay s. of Adams Pt.	G. Mitchell
Canvasback				
12-17	1		Coastal CBC	
12-18	2	Greenland	Wing's Pt.	S. Mirick, P. Hunt, D. Abbott
02-11	1	Durham	Adams Pt.	A. & B. Delorey
Redhead				
01-29	1	Durham	Great Bay, Wilcox Pt.	S. Mirick, R. & M. Suomala
Ring-necked Duck				
12-03	2	Rye	Eel Pond	P. Hunt, D. Crook, S. Mirick, M. Suomala
12-17	1		Coastal CBC	
12-18	1		Concord CBC	
12-31	1		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
Greater Scaup				
12-17	433		Coastal CBC	
12-26	65	Greenland	Great Bay	A. & G. Robbins, R. Quinn
12-28	1	Auburn	Lake Massabesic near site of old icehouse	G. Mitchell
02-03	350	Greenland	Great Bay, from Meloon Rd.	P. Hunt, J. Rychlik

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Lesser Scaup				
12-03	1	Rye	Eel Pond	S. Mirick, D. Crook
12-31	1		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-21	200		NH coast	S. Mirick
Common Eider				
12-17	329		Coastal CBC	
01-31	50	Rye	NH coast	J. Romano
02-11	250		NH coast	A. & B. Delorey
02-24	73	Rye	Pulpit Rocks	A. & B. Delorey
Oldsquaw				
12-10	120		NH coast	A. & B. Delorey
12-17	129		Coastal CBC	
12-26	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
01-07	30		NH coast	A. & B. Delorey
02-16	4	Rye	Rye Harbor St. Beach	S. Drew
02-23	7		NH coast	A. & G. Robbins
Black Scoter				
12-14	1	Lebanon	Connecticut R., above Wilder Dam	P. Hunt, D. Crook
12-17	19		Coastal CBC	
12-31	1		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	S. Fogleman
01-31	5	Hampton	Hampton St. Pk.	J. Romano
02-23	5	N. Hampton		A. & G. Robbins
Surf Scoter				
12-17	120		Coastal CBC	
01-31	5	New Castle	Great Island Common	J. Romano
02-23	120		NH coast	A. & G. Robbins
White-winged Scoter				
12-03	22	Rye	NH coast	J. McIlwaine
12-17	525		Coastal CBC	
12-28	15	Rye	Seal Rocks	K. & A. Prazar
12-31	2		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
02-23	60		NH coast	A. & G. Robbins
02-23	6	New Castle	Great Island Common	A. & G. Robbins
Common Goldeneye				
12-04	300	Sandwich	Squam L.	T. Vazzano
12-17	337		Coastal CBC	
12-18	47		Concord CBC	
12-26	134		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-31	188		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-07	50		NH coast	A. & B. Delorey
01-10	8	Haverhill	Connecticut R., N. Haverhill	B. Bradley
01-11	1	Errol	Androscoggin R.	B. & D. Killam
01-31	125	Manchester	Merrimack R. n. of Amoskeag Dam	G. Mitchell
02-23	29		NH coast	A. & G. Robbins
Barrow's Goldeneye				
12-17	1		Coastal CBC	
12-19	1	Plainfield	Connecticut R., River Rd.	P. Hunt, D. Crook
12-26	1		Lee-Durham CBC	

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12-31	1		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-31	1	Manchester	Merrimack R. n. of Amoskeag Dam	G. Mitchell
01-31	1	Rye	Rye Harbor	J. Romano
02-06	1	Manchester	Merrimack R. s. of Amoskeag Bridge	M. Suomala
02-26	1	Greenland	Wing's Pt., Great Bay	S. Mirick, P. Hunt

Bufflehead

12-13	1	Laconia	Lake Winnisquam, Bartlett Beach	H. Anderson
12-17	60		Coastal CBC	
12-26	106		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-28	1	Rye	Eel Pond	G. & A. Prazar
02-21	3	Durham	Great Bay	G. Mitchell
02-23	8	Greenland	Great Bay	A. & G. Robbins
02-23	17	Portsmouth	Portsmouth Harbor	A. & G. Robbins

Hooded Merganser

12-16	4	Littleton	Samuel Moore Dam	B. Bradley
12-18	54		Concord CBC	
12-26	13		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-28	2	Ashland	Squam R.	J., D., J. & C. Romano
12-29	1	Sandwich	Sandwich Bay, Squam L.	T. Vazzano
12-31	133		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-01	4	Monroe	Connecticut R.	E. Emery, P. Powers
01-28	1	Nashua	Sheraton Tara, Spit Brook Rd.	B. & M. Harris
02-01	9	Bath	Ammonoosuc R.	B. Bradley
02-06	1	Sunapee	Sugar River, Lower Main St.	G. Stansfield
02-09	3	Lisbon	Ammonoosuc R.	B. Bradley
02-11	3	Durham	Adams Pt.	A. & B. Delorey
02-16	1	Nashua	Sheraton Tara pond	A. Delorey
02-17	4	Durham	Great Bay	G. Mitchell

Common Merganser

12-04	80	Monroe	Comerford Dam, Connecticut R.	B. Bradley
12-17	19		Saxton's River CBC	
12-18	38		Keene CBC	
12-29	14		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
12-30	5		Pittsburg CBC	
12-31	438		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-05	8	Lebanon	Connecticut R.	A. & R. Vernon
01-08	1	Columbia	Connecticut R.	B. & D. Killam
01-31	100	Manchester	Merrimack R.	G. Mitchell
02-26	13	Berlin	Androscoggin R.	B. Bradley

Red-breasted Merganser

12-17	195		Coastal CBC	
12-26	20		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-26	18	Greenland	Great Bay	A. & G. Robbins, R. Quinn
12-31	5	Hampton	Boar's Head to Centennial Pk.	D. Kirwan, L. Ring
02-03	2	Rye	Rye Harbor St. Beach	S. Drew
02-23	2	Newington	Little Bay	A. & G. Robbins

Ruddy Duck

12-31	1		Laconia-New Hampton CBC-CW	S. Fogleman
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Hawks

A **Black Vulture** discovered by Steven Larson at the Nashua landfill was a new species for the Nashua CBC. This was only the fifth New Hampshire sighting (the third in recent decades) for this species, which appears to be extending its range into New England. A late report for Osprey came from Manchester.

A record high of 83 Bald Eagles wintered in the state, according to ASNH's winter eagle monitors. Combined reports from NH Bird Record slips, phoned-in sightings, and eagle survey volunteers documented 37 adults, nine subadults, and 37 immatures. The Great Bay region had a record high of 19 individuals. Others were found in the following areas: Androscoggin River (6), Connecticut River (14), Lakes Region (8), and Merrimack River (20).

Early in the season, six Northern Harriers were noted along the coast, and three remained until mid-winter in the Seabrook area. At least 30 Sharp-shinned Hawks, eight Cooper's Hawks, 10 Northern Goshawks, and 20 American Kestrels were seen. Buteo reports included two Red-shouldered Hawks (new for Peterborough-Hancock, second time for Laconia CBC), as many as 130(!) Red-tailed Hawks (new highs for Coastal, Concord, and Hanover-Norwich CBCs), and seven Rough-legged Hawks.

As has occurred every winter since 1988, a Peregrine Falcon was a regular sight near the AT&T microwave tower in Manchester. This year's handsome falcon was the same individual that has frequented this area since 1990, as determined by its plumage variations and leg band. A pair of migrant Peregrines made a brief stop in a Haverhill field on February 9 to devour a captured Rock Dove. Farther north, the Peregrines returned to their historic nesting cliffs in Franconia and Hart's Location by February 22.

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Black Vulture				
12-31	1	Nashua	Nashua-Hollis CBC	S. Larson, W. Hall
Osprey				
12-04	1	Manchester	Merrimack R., above Amoskeag Bridge	M. Martin
Northern Harrier				
12-17	6		Coastal CBC	
12-19	2	Hampton	Rt. 1A marshes	J. Hansen
12-31	1		N. Conway CBC	
01-05	1	Greenland	Sunset Farm	G. Mitchell
01-29	3	Seabrook	Rt. 286 marsh	A. & B. Delorey
02-22	1	Rye	marsh s. of Wallis Sands	G. Mitchell
Sharp-shinned Hawk				
12-09	1	Chester	Hillside Haven	A. & B. Delorey
12-10	1	Windham	residence	J. Romano
12-17			Lake Sunapee CBC-CW	
12-17	1		Saxton's River CBC	

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12-17	4		Coastal CBC	
12-17	3		Baker Valley CBC	
12-18	2		Concord CBC	
12-20	1	Concord	S. State & Center Sts.	I. MacLeod
12-26	2		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-28	1	Londonderry	Devonshire Ln.	H. Chary
12-31	3		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-31	1		N. Conway CBC	
12-31	3		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-02	1	Pittsfield		A. Robbins
01-07	1	Tamworth	residence	J. Tewksbury
01-15	1	Brookline	residence	C. & M. Neveu
02-03	1	Monroe	residence	D. Bedell
02-12	1	Chester	Hillside Haven	B. Delorey
02-23	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	A. & G. Robbins
02-27	1	Mont Vernon	residence	M. Suomala

Cooper's Hawk

12-15	1	Tilton	Silver Lake	W. Arms, D. Stavros
12-17	1		Saxton's River CBC	
12-18	1		Keene CBC	
12-20	1	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	I. MacLeod
12-26	1		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
01-09	1	Monroe	Rt. 135	D. Killam
01-10	1	Columbia	residence	B. & D. Killam
01-15	1	Enfield	Currier's Landing	P. Hunt

Northern Goshawk

01-03	1	Monroe	farm field	E. Emery, P. Powers
12-06	1	Hollis	Beaver Brook, Maple Hill	R. Andrews
12-18	1		Keene CBC	
12-26	2		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-31	1		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-31	1		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-29	1	Warren	Cape Moonshine Rd.	O., N. & B. Burt, C. & A. Ports
02-05	1	Kensington	residence, Rt. 107	G. Gavutis
02-18	1	Milford	Rt. 101	J. Broyles, D. & S. Millett

Red-shouldered Hawk

12-17	1		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-31	1		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	

Red-tailed Hawk

12-17	10		Saxton's River CBC	
12-17	48		Coastal CBC	
12-18	11		Concord CBC	
12-26	19		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-26	11		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-31	18		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-07	5		NH coast	A. & B. Delorey
02-20	3	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Bluffs	A. Greenwood

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Rough-legged Hawk				
12-17	2		Coastal CBC	
12-22	1	Canterbury	Exit 18, Rt. 93	D. Stavros
01-13	1	Hampton Falls	Rt. 107 next to field	W. Goodwill
01-24	1	Stratham	Sandy Pt.	A. Ports
02-08	1	Rye	marsh s. of Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	M. Suomala
02-15	1	Kensington	Cottage Hill	G. Gavutis
02-18	1	Rye	n. of Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	J. Broyles, D. & S. Millett

American Kestrel

12-17	7		Coastal CBC	
12-18	1		Concord CBC	
12-20	1	Concord	between Rt. 93 & Storrs St.	I. MacLeod
12-26	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-26	1		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-31	5		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-10	1	Concord	St. Paul's School	C. Hickey
01-14	1	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	D. & J. Strong
01-20	1	Concord	Stickney Ave.	D. Strong
01-29	1	Nashua	Rt. 101A, e. of Exit 8	J. Broyles, D. & S. Millett
02-14	1	Hampton	Farley St.	S. Drew

Peregrine Falcon

12-02	1	Manchester	microwave tower	I. MacLeod
01-21	1	Manchester	microwave tower	R. Woodward, Capital Chapter field trip
01-23	1	Concord	Rt. 93 at Bridge St.	D. Stavros
02-09	2	Haverhill	Rt. 10, fields beyond Agway	B. Bradley
02-22	1	Franconia	Eagle Cliff	M. Suomala
02-22	1	Harts Location	Webster Cliff	M. Suomala
02-22	1	Harts Location	Frankenstein Cliff	M. Suomala



Pheasants through Shorebirds

A Spruce Grouse, discovered in Jackson during the North Conway CBC, had the distinction of being the first ever Spruce Grouse recorded on any New Hampshire CBC! The Peterborough CBC doubled and the Concord CBC tripled their high totals for Wild Turkey. The Coastal CBC had Wild Turkey for the fourth time since their first record five years ago.

As many as 52 American Coots lingered on Great Bay through December, and during the latter half of the season as many as 11 were present on Lake Winnisquam. Late-lingering shorebirds included six Black-bellied Plovers, seven Killdeer (new for Lee-Durham CBC), a Greater Yellowlegs (second record for Coastal CBC), 69 Sanderlings (a record total for Coastal CBC, following two years of misses), 200 Dunlin, and a Common Snipe. The flock of Sanderlings stayed through the winter in the Rye area and had increased to 72 birds by late February.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Ring-necked Pheasant				
12-17	5		Coastal CBC	
12-17	2		Saxton's River CBC	
12-18	1		Keene CBC	
12-26	2		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-31	4		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-15	1	Manchester	Stark Pk.	D. Strong
01-22	1	Rye	Eel Pond	D. & T. Donsker
02-19	1	Laconia	Water St. next to sewer plant	H. Anderson
Spruce Grouse				
12-31	1		N. Conway CBC	
01-18	1	Beans Grant	Webster Cliff Trail near Mt. Pierce	D. Romano
Wild Turkey				
12-07	19	Lisbon	Rt. 302	J. Hansen
12-09	8	New London	Old Main St.	C. Bradford
12-09	14	Walpole	County Rd. field	G. & H. Beck
12-12	23	Chester	Hillside Haven	B. Delorey
12-17	23	Sugar Hill	off Streeter Pond Rd.	J. McIlwaine, P. Lescault
12-17	23		Littleton CBC	
12-17	30		Coastal CBC	
12-17	11		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-17	37		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-17			Baker Valley CBC	
12-18	3		Concord CBC	
12-26	17		Lee-Durham CBC	
January	46	Claremont	Roberts Hill	A. Maki
01-01	50	Bath	farm field	E. Emery, P. Powers
01-16	16	Hillsboro	residence	P. & D. Kienholz
01-18	52	Newington	Great Bay NWR	M. Suomala
01-27	1	Pembroke	Pembroke St.	H. Farnum
02-02	5	Durham	Rt. 4	S. Mirick
02-02	3	Rye	Pioneer Rd.	M. Raymond
02-14	14	Exeter	Industrial Park woods	R. Balerviez

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02-22	4	Dover	Pleasant Valley Rd.	E. & J. Belloli
02-25	2	Nashua	Concord St.	D. Kane
02-27	8	Dunbarton	Winslow Rd.	D. Strong
American Coot				
12-03	52	Newington	Great Bay NWR	A. & B. Delorey
12-03	25	Rye	Eel Pond	S. Mirick, P. Hunt, D. Crook, M. Suomala
12-17	1		Coastal CBC	
12-31	9		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-08	11	Laconia	Church St. bridge & Martel's Bait Shop	H. Anderson
Black-bellied Plover				
12-03	6	Seabrook	s. jetty, Hampton Rd.	P. Hunt, D. Crook, S. Mirick, M. Suomala
12-17	2		Coastal CBC	
Killdeer				
12-17	3		Coastal CBC	
12-18	1		Concord CBC	
12-20	1	Seabrook	pools s. of Hampton Harbor	D. Strong
12-26	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
01-14	3	Rye	Pulpit Rocks	P. Hunt, H. Talioferro, D. Brown, et al.
Greater Yellowlegs				
12-17	1		Coastal CBC	
Sanderling				
12-17	69		Coastal CBC	
01-03	11	Rye	Jenness Beach	P. Hunt, D. Crook, D. & A. Strong
01-22	30	N. Hampton	N. Hampton St. Beach	D. & T. Donsker
02-03	56	Rye	Jenness Beach	P. Hunt, J. Rychlik
02-26	72	Rye	Jenness Beach	S. Mirick, P. Hunt
Purple Sandpiper				
12-23	9	Rye	Rye Ledges	A. & B. Delorey
02-17	20	N. Hampton	Fox Hill on Rt. 1A	J. & A. Bohanan
02-18	30	Rye	White & Lunging Islands, Isles of Shoals	P. Hunt, et al.
02-19	23	Rye	Rye Ledges	S. Mirick
Dunlin				
12-03	160	Seabrook	s. jetty, Hampton Rd.	P. Hunt, D. Crook, S. Mirick, M. Suomala
12-17	200		Coastal CBC	
Common Snipe				
12-31	1		Nashua-Hollis CBC	

Gulls through Alcids

Of the nine species of gulls reported this winter, an immature Lesser Black-backed Gull in Manchester during mid-January was the most noteworthy, especially because of its inland location (previous winter sightings in the state have all occurred in Rye). Peter Hunt spied the gull near a flock of Herring and Great Black-backed Gulls, allowing him to make good comparison between the Lesser Black-backed and those two species. When a Bald Eagle spooked the gull flock, Peter was then given the opportunity to study the bird in flight as well. His detailed descriptions and field notes provided the documentation necessary to assure verification by the N.H. Rare Bird Committee.

At least 15 Iceland Gulls, five Glaucous Gulls, and eight Black-legged Kittiwakes were observed during this season. Records indicate that the best spot to view alcids—such as Dovekies, Razorbills, and Black Guillemots—was in the surf off Pulpit Rocks in Rye.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Common Black-headed Gull				
12-17	2		Coastal CBC	
12-19	1	Rye	s. of Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	D. Strong
Bonaparte's Gull				
12-14	1	Manchester	Merrimack R. near River Front Dr.	G. Mitchell
12-17	84		Coastal CBC	
12-26	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-28	6	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	K. & A. Prazar
01-21	35	Rye	Ragged Neck	S. Mirick
Ring-billed Gull				
12-17	451		Coastal CBC	
12-17	3		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-18	63		Concord CBC	
12-26	400		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-26	2		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-31	126		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-31	3		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
Herring Gull				
12-03	520	Littleton	Samuel Moore Dam	B. Bradley
12-14	350	Lebanon	W. Lebanon landfill	P. Hunt, D. Crook
12-17	4445		Coastal CBC	
12-18	885		Keene CBC	
12-18	115		Concord CBC	
12-26	1200		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-26	150		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-31	3335		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-31	421		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
Iceland Gull				
12-14	3	Lebanon	W. Lebanon landfill	P. Hunt, D. Crook
12-18	1		Keene CBC	

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12-18	1	Rye	n. of Rye Harbor	A. & B. Delorey
12-26	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-31	1		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-02	4	Manchester	wastewater treatment plant	G. Mitchell
01-14	1	Portsmouth	Prescott Pk.	D. & J. Strong
01-19	1	Bethlehem	Trudeau Rd.	E. Emery, D. Bedell, P. Powers
01-22	1	Seabrook	Hampton Harbor	D. & T. Donsker
02-13	1	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence	G. Gavutis

Lesser Black-backed Gull

01-10	1	Manchester	Merrimack R. n. of Amoskeag Bridge	P. Hunt
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Glaucous Gull

12-03	1	Bethlehem	Trudeau Rd. dump	J. McIlwaine, P. Lescault
12-13	1	Lebanon	W. Lebanon landfill	P. Hunt, D. Crook
12-17	1		Littleton CBC	
12-31	1		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-08	1	Manchester	Lake Massabesic	S. Mirick, et al.

Great Black-backed Gull

12-04	118	Littleton	Samuel Moore Dam	B. Bradley
12-14	150	Lebanon	W. Lebanon landfill	P. Hunt, D. Crook
12-17	3038		Coastal CBC	
12-18	47		Concord CBC	
12-18	645		Keene CBC	
12-18	18	Pittsfield	Tilton Hill Rd.	A. Robbins
12-26	284		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-26	190		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-31	242		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-31	195		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-08	10	Lisbon	Ammonoosuc R.	B. Bradley

Black-legged Kittiwake

12-14	1	Lebanon	W. Lebanon plazas	P. Hunt, D. Crook
01-06	1	Durham	Adams Pt.	G. Mitchell
01-07	1	Rye	Pulpit Rocks	A. & B. Delorey
01-22	1	Rye	Ragged Neck	S. Mirick
01-29	6	Rye	NH coast	S. Mirick, R. & M. Suomala

Dovekie

12-17	3		Coastal CBC	
01-24	1	Rye	Pulpit Rocks	M. Suomala

Razorbill

12-03	2	Rye	Pulpit Rocks	S. Mirick, P. Hunt, M. Suomala, D. Crook
12-17	1		Coastal CBC	
02-18	1	Rye	towards Isles of Shoals	S. Mirick, et al.

Black Guillemot

12-03	5	Rye	Pulpit Rocks	A. & B. Delorey
12-10	7	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	A. & B. Delorey
01-29	4	Rye	NH coast	S. Mirick, R. & M. Suomala

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02-18	15	Rye	Star Is.	P. Hunt, M. & R. Suomala, S. Mirick, et al.
02-23	1	N. Hampton	Little Boar's Head	B. Delorey

Owls and Woodpeckers

Since 1984, the Coastal CBC has recorded Eastern Screech Owl six times and Short-eared Owl three times (including one of each this winter). Other owls reported for the Granite State were 12 Great Horned Owls, four Snowy Owls (new for Concord CBC), about 17 Barred Owls, and 11 Northern Saw-whet Owls. Twenty-five Belted Kingfishers were still present as of December, and small numbers were able to winter over in Rye, Manchester and Durham.

Low numbers for Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers came in from northern CBCs. Several southern counts tallied record highs for Northern Flicker and Pileated Woodpeckers. Two "red-shafted" subspecies of the Northern Flicker were reported from Bedford, where the observer clearly saw one male's red wing linings, brown crown, and red mustache mark.

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Eastern Screech-Owl				
12-17	1		Coastal CBC	
Great Horned Owl				
12-17	6		Coastal CBC	
12-31	2		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-29	1	Exeter	Rt. 101	J. Broyles, D. & S. Millett
02-11	2	Durham	Rt. 4	S. Mirick
02-14	1	Pembroke	N. Browning Ct.	W. Goodwill
Snowy Owl				
12-18	1		Concord CBC	
01-01	1	Bath	farm field	E. Emery
01-23	1	Seabrook	Blackwater R. marsh n. of Rt. 286	D. & T. Donsker
01-23	1	Nashua	St. Patrick's Church, Spring St.	J. Kegley
Short-eared Owl				
12-17	1		Coastal CBC	
Northern Saw-whet Owl				
12-26	2		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-30	1	Stratford	Rt. 3 between N. Stratford & Rt. 105 VT	P. Hunt
12-31	1		N. Conway CBC	
01-19	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
02-18	1	Monroe	residence	H. Powers
02-22	3	Bartlett	Experimental Forest	M. Suomala, M. Medeiros
02-26	1	Canterbury	Boyce Rd.	D. Stavros
02-28	1	Sandwich	Dale Rd. & Sandwich Notch Rds.	T. Vazzano
Belted Kingfisher				
12-04	1	Laconia	Water St.	H. Anderson
12-17	6		Coastal CBC	

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12-18	4		Concord CBC	
12-22	1	Manchester	Merrimack R. near wastewater treatment plant	G. Mitchell
12-26	1	Laconia	Winnepesaukee R. behind Citizens Publishing	H. Anderson
12-26	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-26	1		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-30	1	Durham	Adams Pt.	D. Strong
12-31	4		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-31	5		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-15	1	Rye	Rt. 1A marsh at Lockes Rd.	D. & T. Donsker
01-28	1	Manchester	Merrimack R. at wastewater treatment plant	K. Metz
02-13	2	Durham	Adams Pt.	S. Drew

Red-bellied Woodpecker

12-18	1		Concord CBC	
12-31	2		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-23	2	Newmarket	w. of Newmarket	Sand & Gravel B. Riehl
02-13	1	Nottingham	Nottingham Square	B. Maynard

Black-backed Woodpecker

12-16	1	Lancaster	Wesson Rd.	D. Skeels
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Northern Flicker

12-17	25		Coastal CBC	
12-18	1		Concord CBC	
12-26	11		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-26	1		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-31	7		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-03	2	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	P. Hunt, D. Crook, D. & A. Strong
01-18	5	Newington	Great Bay NWR	M. Suomala
01-19	2	Hollis	Beaver Brook	D. Strong
02-11	1	Durham	Adams Pt.	A. & B. Delorey
02-26	5		Great Bay	P. Hunt, S. Mirick

Northern Flicker - Red-shafted sub.

12-17	2	Bedford	Moore's Crossing RR tracks	K. Metz
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Horned Lark through Wrens

Blue Jay numbers were down this year, although a Pittsfield resident was lucky enough to have a completely white, albino Blue Jay visit her feeder. Imagine how strikingly attractive that bird must have been!

Northern Raven sightings continued steadily through all three winter months, and records were broken for American Crow on four CBCs. Also noted in record numbers were Tufted Titmouse, Brown Creeper, and White-breasted Nuthatch, while wintering populations of Red-breasted Nuthatches decreased after last year's tremendous upsurge. There were nine Carolina Wrens, three Winter Wrens, and three Marsh Wrens discovered in southern localities.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Horned Lark				
12-03	25	Rye	town park	J. McIlwaine
12-17	34		Coastal CBC	
12-18	89		Keene CBC	
12-18	207		Concord CBC	
12-20	50	Concord	Horseshoe Pond	I. MacLeod
12-26	35		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-26	25		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-31	4		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-08	20	Haverhill	N. Haverhill farm field	B. Bradley
02-08	37	Hampton	Hampton Beach St. Pk.	M. Suomala
Gray Jay				
12-03	4	Errol	Rt. 16 near Seven Islands	J. Brown
12-03	2	Cambridge	Rt. 16, Androscoggin R.	K. Dube
12-27	2	Pittsburg	Rt. 3	A. Ports
12-30	3		Pittsburg CBC	
01-18	2	Beans Grant	Mizpah Hut	D. Romano
02-18	- 2	Wentworths Location	Rt. 16 n. of Errol	S. Ossibell
Blue Jay				
12-09	15	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
12-17	290		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-17	74		Saxton's River CBC	
12-17	88		Littleton CBC	
12-17	1012		Coastal CBC	
12-17	519		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-17	145		Baker Valley CBC	
12-18	268		Keene CBC	
12-18	236		Concord CBC	
12-26	147		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-26	371		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-29	29		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
12-30	20		Pittsburg CBC	
12-31	633		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-31	454		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
02-08	1	Pittsfield	Webster Mills Rd.	J. Gauthier

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American Crow

12-17	92		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-17	222		Littleton CBC	
12-17	187		Saxton's River CBC	
12-17	1003		Coastal CBC	
12-17	243		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-17	89		Baker Valley CBC	
12-18	608		Concord CBC	
12-18	862		Keene CBC	
12-26	822		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-26	675		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-29	10		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
12-30	32		Pittsburg CBC	
12-31	794		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-31	303		N. Conway CBC	
12-31	548		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-08	200	Haverhill	N. Haverhill farm field	B. Bradley
02-01	141	Columbia	residence	D. & B. Killam

Black-capped Chickadee

12-17	548		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-17	221		Littleton CBC	
12-17	1482		Coastal CBC	
12-17	128		Saxton's River CBC	
12-17	995		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-17	395		Baker Valley CBC	
12-18	496		Concord CBC	
12-18	473		Keene CBC	
12-26	978		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-26	1035		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-29	120		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
12-30	191		Pittsburg CBC	
12-31	954		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-31	506		N. Conway CBC	
12-31	1622		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	

Boreal Chickadee

12-30	4		Pittsburg CBC	
12-31	1		N. Conway CBC	
01-24	2	Jefferson	Little Cherry Pond trail	P. Hunt, L. Bunten

Tufted Titmouse

12-17	12		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-17	18		Saxton's River CBC	
12-17	316		Coastal CBC	
12-17	87		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-17	10		Baker Valley CBC	
12-18	78		Concord CBC	
12-18	21		Keene CBC	
12-26	200		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-26	25		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-31	272		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-31	21		N. Conway CBC	
12-31	115		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	

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Red-breasted Nuthatch				
12-17	41		Coastal CBC	
12-17	1		Saxton's River CBC	
12-17	13		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-17	31		Littleton CBC	
12-17	49		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-17	27		Baker Valley CBC	
12-18	14		Concord CBC	
12-18	10		Keene CBC	
12-26	15		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-26	65		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-29	4		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
12-30	16		Pittsburg CBC	
12-31	20		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-31	77		N. Conway CBC	
12-31	151		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-29	4	Dixville	Dixville Notch along Rt. 26	D. & T. Donsker
01-30	4	Stewartstown	Coleman St. Pk.	D. & T. Donsker
White-breasted Nuthatch				
12-17	20		Saxton's River CBC	
12-17	21		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-17	170		Coastal CBC	
12-17	11		Littleton CBC	
12-17	110		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-17	32		Baker Valley CBC	
12-18	21		Keene CBC	
12-18	47		Concord CBC	
12-26	178		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-26	79		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-28	2	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
12-30	3		Pittsburg CBC	
12-31	174		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-31	48		N. Conway CBC	
12-31	186		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
Brown Creeper				
12-01	1	Nashua	Clovercrest Dr.	B. & M. Harris
12-17	2		Saxton's River CBC	
12-17	7		Coastal CBC	
12-17	1		Littleton CBC	
12-17	8		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-17	3		Baker Valley CBC	
12-18	10		Concord CBC	
12-26	10		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-26	11		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-29	1		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
12-30	2		Pittsburg CBC	
12-31	16		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-31	6		N. Conway CBC	
12-31	18		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-25	1	Laconia	Shore Dr.	H. Anderson
01-29	1	Dixville	The Balsam's Resort	D. & T. Donsker
02-22	1	Pinkhams Grant	Lost Pond Trail, Pinkham Notch	G. Gavutis

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Carolina Wren				
12-11	1	Concord	Beaver Meadows Village	P. & D. Niswander
12-18	1		Keene CBC	
12-18	1		Concord CBC	
12-31	1		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-08	1	Hooksett	Peters Creek w. of Rts. 3 & 28 residence	P. Hunt G. Mitchell
01-15	1	Raymond		C. Federer
02-05	1	Durham	Oyster River Rd.	J. Romano
02-09	1	Windham	residence	H. Chary
12-27	1	Londonderry	Devonshire Ln.	

Winter Wren

12-17	1		Coastal CBC	
12-26	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-26	1		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-26	1	Durham	Crommet Creek, near Dame Farm	S. Mirick, J. Griffin
12-31	1		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-31	2		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-03	1	Rye	Bracket Rd.	P. Hunt, D. Crook, D. & A. Strong
01-08	1	Candia	Merrill Rd. marsh	R. & M. Suomala, P. Hunt

Marsh Wren

12-17	1		Coastal CBC	
12-27	2	Newington	outflow from Stubb's Pond	S. Mirick, M. Suomala
01-18	1	Newington	Great Bay NWR	M. Suomala

Kinglets through Shrike

For the second winter in a row, more than 100 Eastern Bluebirds were reported, about two-thirds during December. Some of the bluebirds that wintered over in small numbers were reportedly feeding on sumac bushes and the berries of black alder, hawthorn, and juniper.

While covering a Coastal CBC territory that included the shores of Great Bay in Newmarket, Tony Federer's group discovered one of the most exciting species of the season: a **Townsend's Solitaire**. This was the second record for Townsend's Solitaire on the Coastal CBC, which had found one in North Hampton in 1981. This year's bird frequented the juniper and red cedar groves in the Moody Point area for the entire winter and provided study of its long, white-edged tail, gray breast, and white eye-ring to many who saw it.

Although not a single Bohemian Waxwing was reported (after more than 4000 last year!), there were over 2400 Cedar Waxwings observed. Surprisingly, they were not confined to southern sections of the state as is typical; good-sized flocks numbering 40 to 375 ranged as far north as Bethlehem and Dixville.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Golden-crowned Kinglet				
12-17	7		Saxton's River CBC	
12-17	3		Lake Sunapee CBC	

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12-17	26		Coastal CBC	
12-17	8		Littleton CBC	
12-17	17		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-17	11		Baker Valley CBC	
12-18	23		Keene CBC	
12-26	43		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-29	21		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
12-30	28		Pittsburg CBC	
12-31	36		N. Conway CBC	
12-31	23		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

12-17	1		Coastal CBC	
12-18	1		Concord CBC	
12-31	1		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-18	1	Newington	Great Bay NWR	M. Suomala

Eastern Bluebird

12-17	3		Coastal CBC	
12-18	10		Concord CBC	
12-26	16		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-31	18		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-27	6	Lee	Riverside Farm between Rts. 155 & 152	M. Lussier
02-04	8	Kensington	Rt. 107, Queens Bridge	D. Cryer
02-12	4	Hollis	Federal Hill Rd.	J. Broyles
02-20	4	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Bluffs	A. Greenwood

Townsend's Solitaire

12-17	1		Coastal CBC	
01-22	1	Newmarket	Moody Pt.	S. Mirick, B. Silva, K. Disney
02-20	1	Newmarket	Moody Pt.	R. Balerviez, D. Donsker

Hermit Thrush

12-31	1		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-31	1	Milford	Great Brook between Mason & Osgood Rds.	M. Suomala

American Robin

12-17	275		Littleton CBC-CW	
12-17	142		Coastal CBC	
12-19	158	Bethlehem	Trudeau Rd. bogs	B. Bradley
12-26	84		Lee-Durham CBC	
01-23	30	Kensington	Winkley Brook, Beaver Dam Rd.	G. Gavutis
01-29	4	Dixville	The Balsam's Resort	D. & T. Donsker
02-12	40	Hampton Falls	end of Depot St.	J. & A. Nelson
02-16	50	Randolph	Rt. 2 fields	J. Brown
02-20	4	Dixville	Dixville Notch St. Pk.	K. Dube
02-21	1	Colebrook	Rt. 26, E. Colebrook	D. & B. Killam
02-22	2	Pinkhams Grant	Lost Pond Trail, Pinkham Notch	G. Gavutis
02-22	1	Gorham	Rt. 16, Androscoggin Ranger District Office	G. Gavutis

Gray Catbird

12-26	1		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
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Northern Mockingbird				
12-06	1	Hudson	Rt. 111	K. Folsom
12-17	5		Saxton's River CBC	
12-17	110		Coastal CBC	
12-17	1		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-18	3		Keene CBC	
12-18	5		Concord CBC	
12-26	40		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-26	4		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-31	67		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-31	10		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-18	1	Berlin	Argonne St.	K. Dube
01-25	1	Laconia	Blueberry Ln. & Holman St.	H. Anderson
02-11	1	Dublin	Dublin School	C. Von Mertens, J. Broyles
02-12	1	Windham	residence	J. Romano

Brown Thrasher

01-25	1	Plainfield	Stage Pond, Meriden	D. & E. Reisch
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Cedar Waxwing

12-17	258		Coastal CBC	
12-17	337		Saxton's River CBC	
12-17	50		Littleton CBC	
12-28	90	Bethlehem	Trudeau Rd. bogs	B. Bradley
12-28	16	Lancaster	Wesson Rd.	D. Skeels
12-31	351		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-31	134		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-16	60	Warren	Breezy Point Rd.	A. Ports
01-29	375	Dixville	The Balsam's Resort	D. & T. Donsker
02-04	75	Concord	Havenwood	H. Goehring
02-06	60	Exeter	near hospital	G. Prazar
02-11	35	Allenstown	School St.	F. & P. Scully
02-20	12	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Bluffs	A. Greenwood
02-21	18	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright

Northern Shrike

12-09	1	Deering	E. Deering Rd.	I. MacLeod
12-11	1	Lebanon	Hardy Hill Rd.	D. Crook
12-14	1	Pittsburg	Rt. 3, 1st Connecticut Lake	K. Dube
12-17	1		Coastal CBC	
12-29	1		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
12-31	1		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-05	1	Columbia	residence	B. & D. Killam
01-24	1	Whitefield	Airport Marsh	P. Hunt, L. Bunten
01-24	1	Newmarket	Moody Pt.	M. Suomala
01-30	1	Haverhill	Haverhill Corner	T. Estill
02-10	1	Hooksett	Edgewater Rd.	J. Verville
02-12	1	Marlborough	Stone Pond Rd.	A. Savage
02-19	1	Conway	Saco R. Trail below Rt. 16 scenic vista, N. Conway	S. Ossibell
02-19	1	Pittsfield	Lily Pond	G. Robbins

Warblers through Snow Bunting

Coastal communities yielded sightings of 18 Yellow-rumped Warblers, a Pine Warbler (new for Coastal CBC), and two Common Yellowthroats. A Pine Warbler that first turned up at a Laconia feeder in early January later moved to a neighboring feeder, where perhaps it preferred the offering of "chickadee pudding" (suet, peanut butter, cornmeal, and seeds). It stayed in the area through February. A remarkably late **Black-throated Blue Warbler** attended an Ossipee feeder for two weeks until it disappeared during the January 7 ice storm. Fortunately, Dick Dunbar photographed the warbler when he realized, after it landed beside him, that it was not the Dark-eyed Junco he had assumed it to be from a distance. Black-throated Blue Warblers usually depart New Hampshire for their Caribbean wintering areas by late September. Historical records reveal only three November records and one December record (December 22, 1979, in Walpole by Doris Brainard), making this the latest sighting ever documented.

The mild winter provided opportunity for seven Chipping Sparrows, 15 Field Sparrows, eight Savannah Sparrows, a Seaside Sparrow (Greenland), three Fox Sparrows, a White-crowned Sparrow (new for Lee-Durham CBC, at a Newmarket feeder since October), and 11 Swamp Sparrows to delay their migration southward. Two of the Fox Sparrows (Gilsum and Mont Vernon) and the White-crowned Sparrow stayed the entire season, making themselves comfortable at feeding stations.

It was an excellent year for Dark-eyed Juncos, which seemed to be one of the more common feeder birds this winter. Peterborough-Hancock, Nashua, and Baker Valley CBCs had their second-highest totals since 1984 for junco, and record highs were established by Littleton, Keene, Hanover-Norwich, and the two northern counts; Errol-Umbagog had 10 times its previous high, and Pittsburg had 35 times its previous high.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Black-throated Blue Warbler				
01-06	1	Ossipee	Elm St., Duncan Lake	R. & I. Dunbar
Yellow-rumped Warbler				
12-03	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	P. Hunt, D. Crook, S. Mirick, M. Suomala
12-17	11		Coastal CBC	
12-31	2		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-18	7	Newington	Great Bay NWR	M. Suomala
Pine Warbler				
12-17	1		Coastal CBC	
01-04	1	Laconia	Holman St.	C. Wilder
02-21	1	Laconia	Winnicoash St.	J. Flanders, E. & W. Senter

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Common Yellowthroat

12-03	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	S. Mirick, P. Hunt, M. Suomala, D. Crook
12-03	1	Exeter	Exeter Sewer Ponds	S. Mirick, P. Hunt, M. Suomala, D. Crook
12-17	1		Coastal CBC	

Northern Cardinal

12-17	46		Saxton's River CBC	
12-17	15		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-17	168		Coastal CBC	
12-17	4		Littleton CBC	
12-17	38		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-17	16		Baker Valley CBC	
12-18	21		Keene CBC	
12-18	32		Concord CBC	
12-26	56		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-26	48		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-31	61		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-08	1	Errol	residence	P. Allen
01-30	2	Berlin	Argonne St.	K. Dube

American Tree Sparrow

12-17	105		Saxton's River CBC	
12-17	419		Coastal CBC	
12-17	10		Littleton CBC	
12-17	6		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-17	70		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-17	6		Baker Valley CBC	
12-18	90		Concord CBC	
12-18	62		Keene CBC	
12-26	152		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-26	55		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-29	8		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
12-30	38		Pittsburg CBC	
12-31	315		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-31	53		N. Conway CBC	
12-31	202		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-07	8	Littleton	residence feeder	B. Bradley
01-30	2	Colebrook	Diamond Pond Rd.	D. & T. Donsker

Chipping Sparrow

12-11	1	Durham	Rt. 155A	S. Mirick
12-17	1		Baker Valley CBC	
12-18	5		Concord CBC	

Field Sparrow

12-17	1		Coastal CBC	
12-17	1		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-21	5	Merrimack	Thornton's Ferry	R. Andrews
12-26	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-31	5		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-18	1	Newington	Great Bay NWR	M. Suomala

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Savannah Sparrow				
12-17	6		Coastal CBC	
12-31	2		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
Seaside Sparrow				
12-03	1	Greenland	marsh on Great Bay, off Meloon Rd.	S. Mirick, D. Crook, M. Suomala, P. Hunt
Fox Sparrow				
12-17	1		Coastal CBC	
12-20	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
01-25	1	Mont Vernon	Francestown Tpk.	R. & M. Suomala
Song Sparrow				
12-17	1		Littleton CBC-CW	
12-171	24		Coastal CBC	
12-17	3		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-17	26		Saxton's River CBC	
12-18	1		Keene CBC	
12-18	9		Concord CBC	
12-26	25		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-26	5		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-31	52		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-31	17		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
Swamp Sparrow				
12-17	1		Saxton's River CBC	
12-17	4		Coastal CBC	
12-18	1		Concord CBC	
12-26	1		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-31	1		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-08	2	Hooksett	Rt. 27, Dubes Pond	M. Suomala
White-throated Sparrow				
12-17	15		Saxton's River CBC	
12-17	34		Coastal CBC	
12-17	1		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-17	4		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-17	1		Baker Valley CBC	
12-18	5		Keene CBC	
12-26	10		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-26	1		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-29	1		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
12-30	2		Pittsburg CBC	
12-31	14		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-31	32		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
White-crowned Sparrow				
12-26	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
Dark-eyed Junco				
12-17	250		Coastal CBC	
12-17	29		Littleton CBC	
12-17	176		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-17	836		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	

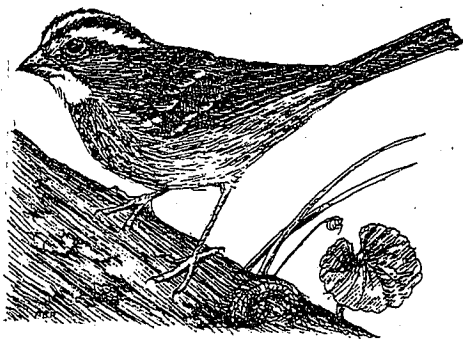
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12-17	142		Saxton's River CBC	
12-17	220		Baker Valley CBC	
12-18	384		Keene CBC	
12-18	95		Concord CBC	
12-26	100		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-26	268		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-29	147		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
12-30	573		Pittsburg CBC	
12-31	375		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-31	52		N. Conway CBC	
12-31	750		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-01	7	Littleton	residence	B. Bradley
01-09	25	Fitzwilliam	West Lake Rd.	M. Ayers
01-11	6	Sandwich	residence	T. Vazzano
01-12	14	Londonderry	Devonshire Ln.	H. Chary
01-29	32	Enfield	Lower Mascoma Lake	census rt. P. Hunt
02-04	42	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright

Lapland Longspur

12-01	2	Rye	Rye St. Pk.	J. Hansen
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Snow Bunting

12-17	3		Coastal CBC	
12-18	49		Concord CBC	
12-26	53		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-31	62		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-30	3	Colebrook	Diamond Pond Rd.	D. & T. Donsker
02-05	75	Northumberland	Rt. 3/Brown Rd. vicinity	I. Bigelow
02-06	50	Monroe	farm field	D. Bedell
02-07	75	Warren	Rt. 118	A. Ports
02-08	45	Rye	Odiorné Pt. St. Pk.	M. Suomala
02-08	50	Bath	farm field	E. Emery, P. Powers
02-09	45	Keene	NH Fish & Game, Rt. 9	A. Greenwood
02-09	20	Haverhill	N. Haverhill farm field	B. Bradley
02-20	16	Webster	Rt. 127, Corser Hill Store	P. & B. Dimond



Blackbirds through Evening Grosbeak

Still present in the state as of December were five Red-winged Blackbirds, a female Bobolink in Greenland, three Eastern Meadowlarks in Rye, seven Common Grackles, and 45 Brown-headed Cowbirds. An Eastern Meadowlark found in the Hampton marshes on the first of February could very well have been one of the late lingerers mentioned above. A Northern Oriole, which had been eating suet at a Tuftonboro feeder since Christmas, was still there as of February 4.

There were just five Pine Grosbeaks reported this year, which is below normal (10 to 100 might be expected) and far, far below last year's invasion of over 1200! House Finch populations are still fluctuating. Although the Keene CBC had its lowest total since 1980, record or near-record highs were tallied by five counts. Up north, the Errol-Umbagog CBC recorded House Finch for only the second time in its 37-year history.

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Bobolink				
12-03	1	Greenland	orchards near Week's Pt.	S. Mirick, D. Crook, M. Suomala, P. Hunt
Red-winged Blackbird				
12-17	1		Coastal CBC	
12-26	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-26	2		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
01-13	1	Sunapee	Wendell Marsh	G. Stansfield
02-13	4	Wilton	s. of 4 Corners Farm, Badger Hill Rd.	J. Broyles, S. Millett
02-16	1	Kensington	residence	G. Gavutis
Eastern Meadowlark				
12-03	3	Rye	Concord Pt.	P. Hunt, D. Crook, S. Mirick, M. Suomala
02-01	1	Hampton	Hampton Marsh off Rt. 101 near water tower	D., K. & J. Hughes
Common Grackle				
12-26	5		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-31	2		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
Brown-headed Cowbird				
12-01	1	Londonderry	Rt. 102 next to Wendy's	H. Chary
12-11	30	Hinsdale	in village near Vernon Dam	P. Hunt
12-17	5		Coastal CBC	
12-17	4		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-31	3		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-02	1	Manchester	Mammoth Rd.	M. Sudak, S. Boutin
02-03	6	Rochester	Old Ox Rd.	R. Bickford
Northern Oriole				
02-04	1	Tuftonboro	Mirror Lake residence	S. Berry, et al.

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Pine Grosbeak

12-22 1 Manchester wastewater treatment plant G. Mitchell
 12-30 1 Pittsburg CBC
 01-11 3 Shelburne North Rd. J. Brown

Purple Finch

12-17 45 Littleton CBC
 12-17 2 Coastal CBC
 12-17 6 Peterborough-Hancock CBC
 12-18 20 Concord CBC
 12-26 1 Lee-Durham CBC
 12-26 10 Hanover-Norwich CBC
 12-27 10 Pittsburg Rt. 3 A. Ports
 12-28 10 Bethlehem Trudeau Rd. bogs B. Bradley
 12-30 32 Pittsburg CBC
 01-24 25 Jefferson Cherry Pond P. Hunt, L. Bunten
 01-26 8 Berlin Argonne St. K. Dube
 02-23 4 Bethlehem Trudeau Rd. M. Suomala

House Finch

12-17 125 Lake Sunapee CBC
 12-17 703 Coastal CBC
 12-17 15 Littleton CBC
 12-17 108 Peterborough-Hancock CBC
 12-17 22 Baker Valley CBC
 12-17 31 Saxton's River CBC
 12-18 320 Concord CBC
 12-18 56 Keene CBC
 12-26 445 Lee-Durham CBC
 12-26 339 Hanover-Norwich CBC
 12-29 1 Errol-Umbagog CBC
 12-31 560 Nashua-Hollis CBC
 12-31 43 N. Conway CBC
 12-31 722 Laconia-New Hampton CBC

Red Crossbill

12-26 4 Hanover-Norwich CBC
 12-29 10 Errol-Umbagog CBC
 12-30 1 Pittsburg CBC
 12-31 16 N. Conway CBC
 01-07 28 Livermore Kancamagus Hgwy. D. & J. Strong
 01-14 2 Errol Rt. 16 S. Mirick, C. Barber, et al.
 01-15 11 Dummer 13 Mile Woods near Bog Brook J. Brown, O. Leclerc
 01-29 2 Dixville Dixville Notch State Reservation D. & T. Donsker
 01-31 5 Warren Rts. 118 & 25 A. Ports
 02-05 1 Exeter residence E. Ring
 02-19 2 Enfield Lower Mascoma Lake census rt. P. Hunt
 02-23 4 Bartlett Eagle Ridge Condos, Washington St. M. Suomala,
 M. Medeiros

White-winged Crossbill

12-03 4 Cambridge Bog Brook J. Brown
 12-06 20 Peterborough Pack Monadnock F. Von Mertens
 12-19 30 Bethlehem Trudeau Rd. bogs B. Bradley

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12-30	166		Pittsburg CBC	
12-31	31		N. Conway CBC	
12-31	3		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-07	25	Livermore	Kancamagus Hgwy.	D. & J. Strong
01-09	1	Dalton	Rt. 135 by Connecticut R.	D. Killam
01-14	20	Errol	Rt. 16	S. Mirick, C. Barber
01-16	12	Lancaster	Prospect Mt.	D. Skeels
01-18	40	Beans Grant	Crawford Path	D. Romano
01-29	26	Dixville	Rt. 26	D. & T. Donsker
01-30	14	Stewartstown	Coleman St. Pk. along Diamond Pond Rd.	D. & T. Donsker
02-22	20	Albany	Mt. Hedgehog summit & UNH Trail	J. & D. Romano
02-23	8	Stark/Milan	U.S. Forest Service Rd. between Spruceville Rd. & Rocky Pond	G. Gavutis
02-23	4	Carroll	Zealand Campground parking lot	R. Frechette
02-23	60	Bethlehem	Trudeau Rd.	M. Suomala

Common Redpoll

12-17	3		Coastal CBC	
12-17	3		Baker Valley CBC	
12-30	8		Pittsburg CBC	
12-31	14		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
02-17	6	Albany	Kancamagus Hyw. 1 mi. w. of Rocky Gorge	S. Ossibell

Pine Siskin

12-17	94	Lyman	Round Pond	B. Bradley
12-17	1		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-17	204		Littleton CBC	
12-17	4		Baker Valley CBC	
12-18	2		Concord CBC	
12-26	38		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-27	9	Sugar Hill	residence	J. McIlwaine
12-27	100	Pittsburg	Rt. 3	A. Ports
12-28	12	Sandwich	Crawford-Ridgepole Trail, Doublehead Mtn.	J., J., D. & C. Romano
12-29	229		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
12-30	250		Pittsburg CBC	
12-31	3		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-24	20	Harts Location	Arethusa Falls trail head	J. & D. Romano
01-24	200	Bethlehem	Trudeau Rd.	P. Hunt, L. Bunten
01-29	120	Dixville	Rt. 26	D. & T. Donsker
01-30	30	Stewartstown	Coleman St. Pk. along Diamond Pond Rd.	D. & T. Donsker
02-10	20	Littleton	hedge row	B. Bradley

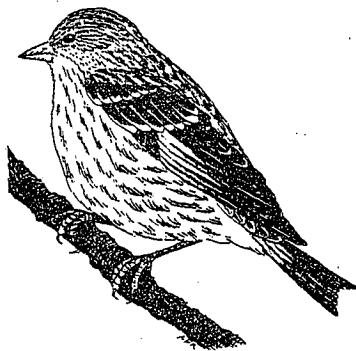
American Goldfinch

12-11	75	Sandwich	residence	T. Vazzano
12-17	433		Littleton CBC	
12-17	299		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-17	603		Coastal CBC	
12-17	1027		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-17	89		Saxton's River CBC	
12-17	598		Baker Valley CBC	

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12-18	127		Keene CBC	
12-18	410		Concord CBC	
12-26	519		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-26	772		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-29	97		Errol-Umbagog CBC,	
12-30	42		Pittsburg CBC	
12-31	389		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-31	290		N. Conway CBC	
12-31	740		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-11	100	Warner	Old Gould Rd.	B. VanValey
01-12	30	Fitzwilliam	West Lake Rd.	M. Ayers
01-12	80	Tamworth	residence	C. & J. Tewksbury
01-15	30	Exeter	residence	G. Prazar
01-15	10	Kensington	Rt. 107 residence	G. Gavutis
01-18	40	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
01-22	30	Littleton	residence	B. Bradley
02-04	50	Exeter	residence	G. Prazar
02-04	80	Chester	Hillside Haven	A. & B. Delorey
02-05	75	Mont Vernon	Francestown Tpk.	R. & M. Suomala

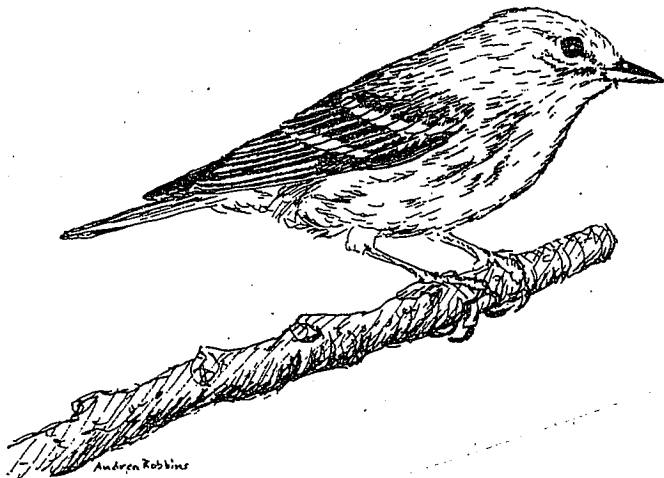
Evening Grosbeak

12-03	75	Errol	jct. of Rts. 26 & 16	J. Hansen
12-17	121		Coastal CBC	
12-17	19		Lake Sunapee CBC	
12-17	37		Littleton CBC	
12-17	4		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-17	15		Saxton's River CBC	
12-17	1		Baker Valley CBC	
12-18	12		Concord CBC	
12-18	16		Keene CBC	
12-20	11	Deering	E. Deering Rd.	I. MacLeod
12-26	1		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-29	103		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
12-30	105		Pittsburg CBC	
12-31	31		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-31	6		N. Conway CBC	
01-26	8	New London	residence	A. & R. Vernon
02-23	2	Berlin	½ mi. s. of Guard Station	G. Gavutis
02-27	12	Sunapee	Perkins Pond	G. Stansfield



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| 1. | Pittsburg | Dennis Abbott |
| 2. | Errol-Umbagog | Dennis Abbott |
| 3. | Littleton | John McIlwain |
| 4. | North Conway | Chris Lewey |
| 5. | Baker Valley | Northam Parr |
| 6. | Hanover-Norwich | Walter Ellison &
Nancy Martin |
| 7. | Laconia-New Hampton | Susan Fogleman |
| 8. | Concord | Bob Quinn |
| 9. | Lee-Durham | Steve Mirick |
| 10. | Coastal | Dick Balerviez |
| 11. | Keene | Robert Ritz |
| 12. | Peterborough-Hancock | Dave Rowell |
| 13. | Nashua-Hollis | Ralph Andrews |
| 14. | Lake Sunapee | Gary Stansfield |
| 15. | Saxton's River, VT | Donald Clark |



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

Bald Eagle
Ruffed Grouse
Rock Dove
Mourning Dove

Barred Owl
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Pileated Woodpecker

Common Raven
European Starling

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

An Introduction to the New Hampshire Rare Birds Committee

As mentioned in the Fall, 1994 issue of *New Hampshire Bird Records* (NHBR), the state finally has a Rare Birds Committee (NHRBC). It was formed late in 1994 by the four seasonal editors, George Robbins, and Kimball Elkins (subsequently replaced by Dennis Abbott).

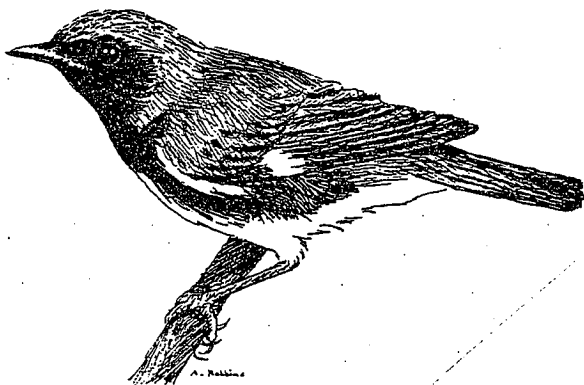
The purpose of the NHRBC is twofold: to serve as a storehouse of details on rare bird sightings in the state, and to decide which reports are well-documented and therefore admissible. Just as reports of common species to NHBR add to our knowledge of their distribution and abundance in New Hampshire, reports of rare species may be important when trying to understand bird movements on the regional or continental level. For example, the three Rufous Hummingbirds that visited New Hampshire in 1994 were but a subset of the unprecedented numbers that visited the eastern U.S. last fall. In such cases, well-documented sightings may ultimately help us decipher avian phenomena.

Documentation is the key word here—the word that separates Rufous Hummingbird sightings from records of more common species. Because rare species are by definition seldom seen in New Hampshire, and because many are similar to more familiar species, it is that much more important that we are sure about the identity of each. This is why we send out documentation forms to get more details on rare, hard-to-identify, or out-of-season sightings. Please do not view these forms as expressions of our disbelief but rather as a way of getting as much detail on the sighting as possible. In many cases, the actual identification is not in doubt, but we still wish to have information on habitat, weather conditions, and behavior that may shed light on the circumstances surrounding the rarity's appearance in our state. In other cases, the species is sufficiently similar to a much more common species that we need to be positive about its identity before accepting the record. To this end it is imperative that observers provide *full* documentation when requested for such by NHBR. (See the Winter 1991–92 issue of NHBR for further discussion on documenting rare birds.)

At present, the NHRBC reviews only those records which NHBR seasonal editors feel are unusual enough to warrant several expert opinions. As a result, many of the species for which documentation is requested are never actually reviewed by the committee, although the documentation is saved for future reference. Species sent on to the committee include those that are generally reported less than annually in a given season, those for which there are only a few records for the state (determining these baselines is another job the NHRBC is working on), and those that are significantly out of season. Keep these categories in mind when sending slips to NHBR. If you see a rare species, make notes *as soon as possible* and even send them in with your sighting slips. Our experience is that good and timely notes on a sighting can greatly improve its chances of acceptance.

Because the NHRBC is still in its formative stages, we are constantly fine-tuning our procedures and purpose. We have voted on the rarities for Fall, 1994 and Winter, 1994-95 as of this writing and included the results in the appropriate issue of *NHBR*. We are still working on a system of providing feedback to the observers in the hopes that we can expedite the processing of documentation and make it easier and more informative for all of us. Bear with us during this period, and by all means continue to support both *NHBR* and the NHRBC by sending in your reports.

Submitted for the NHRBC by Peter Hunt



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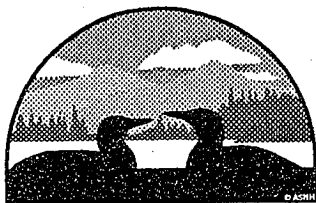
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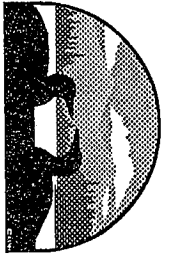
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