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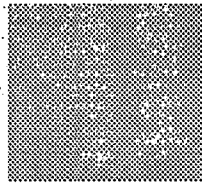
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Winter Season

December 1, 1987 — February 29, 1988

December 1987 was warmer than the Decembers of 1985 and 1986 in New Hampshire. Statewide average temperatures were above normal for most of the month. Bitter cold and harsh wind chills during the final two days of the month marked the only period of really cold temperatures. December was also drier than normal, with much of the state reporting a snowfall deficit, which, in a few cases, was less than half the December normal. Most of New Hampshire's Christmas Bird Counts (CBCs) were conducted during the period from the 19th through the 28th, when a warming trend kept temperatures near freezing. Most ponds were frozen, but running water, especially in major rivers, contributed to the high number of waterfowl species observed.

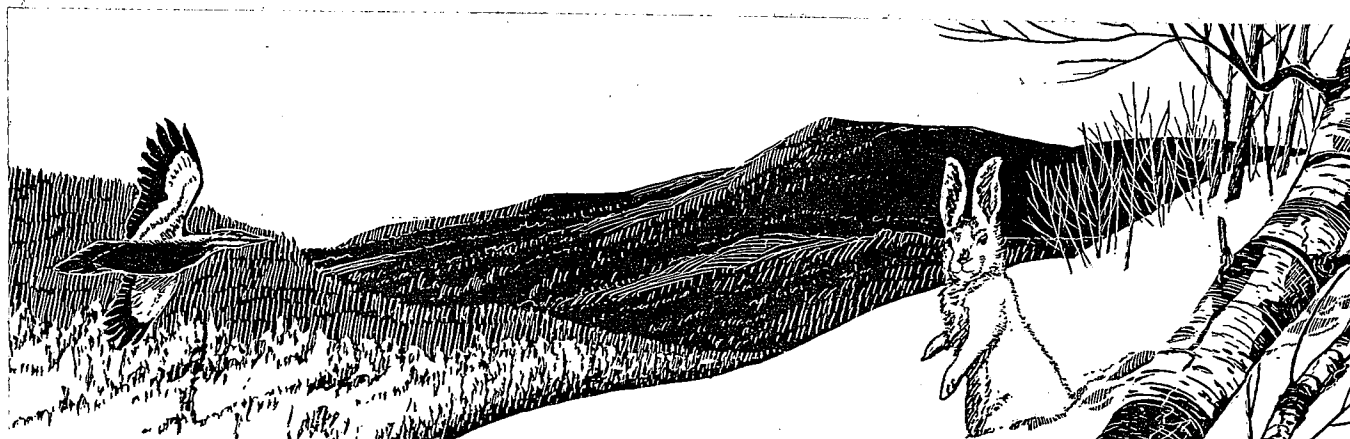
During January the region as a whole averaged about one degree below normal, and, although two substantial snowfalls occurred, precipitation was less than normal. Two cold fronts during the first and second weeks brought bone-chilling westerly winds and dangerous wind chills ranging from 15° to 45° below zero. Rainfall and unsettled weather through the second half of the month culminated in spring-like temperatures; on the 31st Hanover climbed all the way to 63°!

February began with rainy but mild weather. On the 1st, Concord was near a record at 55°. A cold front crossed the area on the 2nd and from that date on snowstorms, wind chills, and typical winter-like conditions prevailed. Temperatures warmed to above-seasonal levels on the 22nd. Strong southerly winds carried warmer temperatures to New England on the 24th and 29th and brought the first migrant **Red-winged Blackbirds**, **Common Grackle** and **Eastern Bluebird** back to the Granite State.

High numbers of waterfowl, bobwhites, gulls, kinglets and House Finches (the increase continues) were reported, while White-throated Sparrows, Purple Finches, Redpolls and Pine Grosbeaks were relatively scarce.

The season's best bird was unquestionably the **Western Grebe** present for one day off Pulpit Rocks in Rye. A **Red-bellied Woodpecker** present in Jaffrey Center since November, a late-lingering **Little Blue Heron** in Rye, a **Turkey Vulture** in Nashua on Feb. 1st, and four wren species found on Christmas counts round out the list of this season's highlights.

Andrea Robbins
Winter Editor



Loons and Grebes

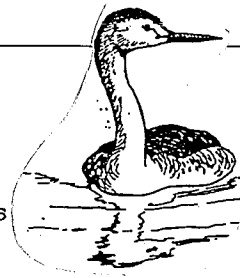
Typical numbers of Red-throated Loons and Common Loons wintered off the New Hampshire coast this winter.

The two separate sightings of Pied-billed Grebe in Hinsdale possibly represent the same bird (an early migrant perhaps?). Horned Grebes and Red-necked Grebes appear to have been more numerous this winter, especially during December. The WESTERN GREBE discovered off Pulpit Rocks in Rye was undoubtedly the best bird of the season. Although it was present only one day, it was well-studied and supporting details were supplied. There have been fewer than five sightings of this species in New Hampshire in the past twenty years. The most recent sighting was off Odiorne Point in Rye in the spring of 1987.



<i>date</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>locality</i>	<i>observer</i>
Red-throated Loon				
01-02	1	Rye	offshore	L. Harper, T. Arter, et.al
02-21	1	Rye	off coast	A. Robbins, G. Robbins
02-25	1	Rye	off coast	L. Phinney
12-19	9		Coastal CBC	
Common Loon				
01-01	6	Rye	off coast	D. Kirwan, H.E. Ring
01-02	8	Rye	off coast	L. Harper, T. Arter, et.al.
01-31	2	Seabrook	Seabrook Harbor	D. & S. Abbott, T. Ar- ter, L. Harper
02-13	20	Rye	off coast	D. Kirwan, H.E. Ring
02-13	17	Hampton	off coast	D. Kirwan, H.E. Ring
02-21	12	Rye	off coast	A. Robbins, G. Robbins
12-10	2	Northwood	Northwood Lake	L. Harper, T. Arter
12-19	46		Coastal CBC	
12-27	6		Laconia CBC	
Pied-billed Grebe				
02-10	1	Hinsdale	Conn. River	J. Coleman
02-29	1	Hinsdale	Conn. River	J. Coleman
Horned Grebe				
01-02	2	Rye	off coast	L. Harper, T. Arter et al.
02-21	1	Rye	Odiorne - off coast	A. Robbins, G. Robbins
12-19	33		Coastal CBC	
Red-necked Grebe				
01-01	1	Rye	off coast	D. Kirwan, H.E. Ring
01-02	15	Rye	off coast	L. Harper, T. Arter, et.al.
01-25	22	Rye	off coast	L. Phinney

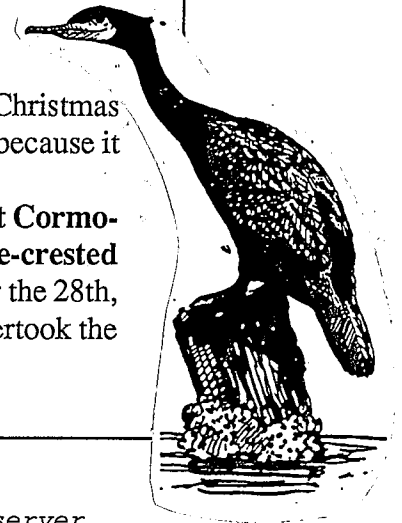
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02-21	13	Rye	off coast	A. Robbins, G. Robbins
12-19	100		Coastal CBC	
Western Grebe				
01-01	1	Rye	Pulpit Rocks	S. Mirick, D. Abbott



Gannets through Herons

The Northern Gannet sighting is not that unusual for the Coastal Christmas Bird Count (a ninth count record), but this species is often missed because it winters at sea.

Great Cormorant numbers were about average. The six Great Cormorants seen in Lee were flying over. Nearly 10 late-lingering Double-crested Cormorants were observed in December, yet none remained after the 28th, when milder temperatures came to an abrupt halt as bitter cold overtook the state.



<i>date</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>locality</i>	<i>observer</i>
Northern Gannet				
12-19	1		Coastal CBC	
Great Cormorant				
01-01	20	Rye	off coast	D. Kirwan, H.E. Ring
02-01	5	Portsmouth	harbor	L. Phinney
02-13	1	Rye	off coast	D. Kirwan, H.E. Ring
02-17	3	Portsmouth		D. Kirwan, H.E. Ring
02-21	6	Lee	Rt. 4	A. Robbins, G. Robbins
02-21	4	Rye	off coast	A. Robbins, G. Robbins
02-29	4	Portsmouth	harbor	L. Phinney
12-19	55		Coastal CBC	
12-27	2		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	2		Lee-Durham CBC	
Double-crested Cormorant				
12-07	1	Durham	Mill Pond	T. Arter, L. Harper
12-12	2	Newmarket	below dam on Lamprey River	S. Mirick
12-12	2	Newmarket	Lamprey River	S. Mirick
12-19	2		Coastal CBC	
12-27	1		Lee-Durham CBC - CW	
12-28	1	Newmarket	below dam on Lamprey River	S. Mirick
Great Blue Heron				
12-14	1	Northwood	Northwood Lake	L. Harper
12-17	1	Londonderry		J. Mortimer
12-19	11		Coastal CBC	
12-20	1		Concord CBC	
12-21	1	Portsmouth	harbor	L. Phinney
12-23	1	Contoocook	Hopkinton Dam	E. McCabe
12-24	1	Rye	saltmarsh at Rye Harbor	L. Harper, T. Arter, P. LaCourse

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12-27	3		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	5		Nashua CBC	
12-27	1	Henniker	Carr Pond Swamp	Z. French, M. French
12-27	1		Hanover - Norwich CBC	
12-27	3		Lee-Durham CBC	
Little Blue Heron				
12-15	1	Rye	s. of Odiorne	M.J. Murray



Waterfowl

As noted in the introduction, mild December temperature during the CBC period accounted for the impressive variety of waterfowl observed—23 different species in all.

The **Mute Swans** seen in a tidal creek in Rye were possibly the same two observed on the Coastal CBC a week earlier. The Hooksett bird was present until Dec. 23rd.

Above average numbers were reported for **Canada Goose, American Black Duck, Mallard, Greater Scaup, Common Eider, Oldsquaw, Surf Scoter, White-winged Scoter, Common Goldeneye, and Bufflehead.**

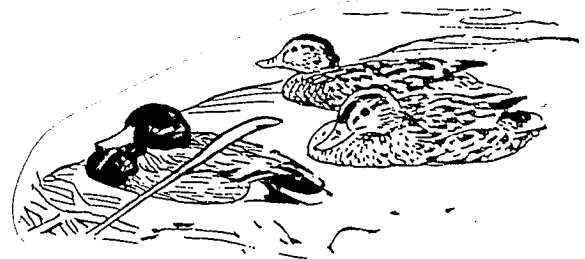
The hen **Green-winged Teal** was seen in a large flock of mallards on January 2nd. The two Green-winged Teal on the Coastal CBC had also been in the company of mallards. Two early-migrating pintails were seen in Rye on Feb. 28th.

Suprisingly, considering the mild early-season conditions, low numbers were noted for **Black Scoter** and **Hooded Merganser** and below-average numbers for **Common** and **Red-breasted Mergansers**. A few **Barrow's Goldeneye** winter regularly in the Granite State.

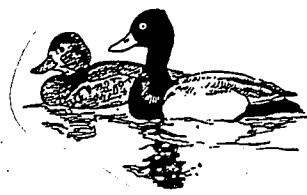


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Mute Swan				
02-19	1	Hooksett	E. bank below bridge	E. Swift
02-21	1	Hooksett	just N. of bridge	E. Swift
12-19	2		Coastal CBC	
12-28	2	Rye	Rte. 1A & Appledore Ave.	L. Harper
Canada Goose				
01-06	25	Manchester	Wastewater plant	M. Martin
01-09	300	Dover	Adam's Point	M. & R. Martin
01-10	200	Hinsdale	Conn. River	J. Coleman, A. Knapfel
01-20	2	Manchester	Wastewater plant	M. Martin
12-07	50	Milford		A.E. Ames
12-07	2000		Great Bay	T. Arter, L. Harper
12-10	3	Northwood	Bow Lake	L. Harper, T. Arter
12-18	964		Vernon Dam CBC	
12-19	8		Monadnock CBC	
12-19	3265		Coastal CBC	
12-27	426		Nashua CBC	

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12-27	12		Keene CBC	
12-27	44		Lee-Durham CBC	
Wood Duck				
12-19	1	Seabrook	Coastal CBC	
Green-winged Teal				
01-02	1	Rye	Pulpit Rocks	T. Arter, L. Harper et. al.
12-19	2		Coastal CBC	
American Black Duck				
01-01	20	Hampton	N. Hampton	D. Kirwan, H.E. Ring
01-06	5	Manchester	Wastewater Plant	M. Martin
01-09	13	Durham	Adam's Point	M. Martin
01-10	20	Hinsdale	Conn. River	J. Coleman, A. Knapfel
02-01	8	Manchester	Merrimack R.	M. Martin
02-21	2	Rye	off coast	A. Robbins, G. Robbins
12-05	30	Northwood	Northwood Lake	L. Harper
12-07	350		Great Bay	L. Harper, T. Arter
12-18	172		Vernon Dam CBC	
12-19	1258		Coastal CBC	
12-20	7		Concord CBC	
12-27	3		Laconia CBC	
12-27	136		Nashua CBC	
12-27	488		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	2		Errol - Umbagog CBC	
12-27	24		Keene CBC	
12-27	488		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	4		Hanover - Norwich CBC	
12-28	13		Pittsburg CBC	
Mallard				
01-01	1000	Hampton	N. Hampton	D. Kirwan, H.E. Ring
01-01	20	Rye		D. Kirwan, H.E. Ring
01-06	10	Manchester	Wastewater Plant	M. Martin
02-01	18	Manchester	Merrimack R.	M. Martin
02-13	100	Newcastle		D. Kirwan, H.E. Ring
02-21	42	Rye	off coast	A. Robbins. G. Robbins
12-05	50	Northwood	Northwood Lake	L. Harper
12-18	29		Vernon Dam CBC	
12-19	10		Monadnock CBC	
12-19	308		Coastal CBC	
12-20	98		Concord CBC	
12-20	2		Littleton CBC	
12-27	951		Laconia CBC	
12-27	596		Nashua CBC	
12-27	5		Keene CBC	
12-27	326		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	1		Errol - Umbagog CBC	
12-28	3		Pittsburg CBC	
Northern Pintail				
02-28	2	Rye	Odiorne State Park	M.J. Murray, M. Davis
12-19	1		Coastal CBC	
Canvasback				
01-16	1	Durham	Adam's Point	S. Mirick
02-09	10	Durham	Great Bay	B. Swift



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12-12	4		Great Bay	L. Harper
12-18	2		Vernon Dam CBC	
12-19	4		Coastal CBC	
Ring-necked Duck				
12-05	1	Northwood	Northwood Lake	L. Harper
12-10	6	Northwood	Bow Lake	T. Arter, L. Harper
12-19	1		Coastal CBC	
Greater Scaup				
12-19	569		Coastal CBC	
12-27	4		Laconia CBC	
12-27	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
Scaup sp.				
01-10	1	Hinsdale	Conn. River	J. Coleman, A. Knapfel
02-21	1	Rye	off coast - Odiorne	A. Robbins, G. Robbins
02-29	2	Hinsdale	Conn. River	J. Coleman
12-07	275		Great Bay	T. Arter, L. Harper
Common Eider				
01-01	20	Rye	off coast	D. Kirwan, H.E. Ring
02-13	2	Hampton	off coast	D. Kirwan, H.E. Ring
02-21	1	Rye	off coast	A. Robbins, G. Robbins
12-19	85		Coastal CBC	
Harlequin Duck				
12-19	1		Coastal CBC	
Oldsquaw				
01-01	10	Hampton	coast from Hampton to Rye	D. Kirwan, H.E. Ring
02-13	3	Hampton		D. Kirwan, H.E. Ring
02-21	12	Rye		A. Robbins, G. Robbins
12-17	2	Chesterfield	Lake Spofford	J. Coleman
12-19	120		Coastal CBC	
Black Scoter				
12-18	1		Vernon Dam CBC	
12-19	24		Coastal CBC	
Surf Scoter				
01-01	2	Rye		D. Kirwan, H.E. Ring
02-13	1	Hampton		D. Kirwan, H.E. Ring
02-21	1	Rye	off coast	A. Robbins, G. Robbins
12-19	28		Coastal CBC	
White-winged Scoter				
02-21	8	Rye	off coast	A. Robbins, G. Robbins
12-14	1	Chesterfield	Lake Spofford	J. Coleman
12-17	1	Chesterfield	Lake Spofford	J. Coleman
12-19	162		Coastal CBC	
12-27	1		Keene CBC - Spofford Lake	
Common Goldeneye				
01-01	100	Hampton	off coast	D. Kirwan, H.E. Ring
01-09	20	Durham	Adam's Point	M. Martin
01-10	65	Hinsdale	Conn. River	J. Coleman, A. Knapfel
01-10	1	Manchester	Merrimack R.	M. Martin
01-31	60	Hinsdale	Conn. River	J. Coleman



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02-13	200	Hampton	off coast	D. Kirwan, H.E. Ring
02-21	7	Rye	off coast	A. Robbins, G. Robbins
02-21	2	Rye	Rye harbor	A. Robbins, G. Robbins
02-29	1	Manchester	Merrimack R.	M. Martin
02-29	27	Hinsdale	Conn. River	J. Coleman
12-05	20	Northwood	Northwood Lake	L. Harper
12-07	50		Great Bay	L. Harper, T. Arter
12-10	4	Northwood	Bow Lake	L. Harper, T. Arter
12-18	15		Vernon Dam CBC	
12-19	432		Coastal CBC	
12-20	101		Concord CBC	
12-27	37		Laconia CBC	
12-27	119		Laconia CBC	
12-27	1		Hanover - Norwich CBC - CW	
12-27	33		Lee-Durham CBC	
Barrow's Goldeneye				
01-10	1	Hinsdale	Conn. River	J. Coleman, A. Knapfel
01-31	2	Hinsdale	Conn. River	J. Coleman
02-29	1	Hinsdale	Conn. River	J. Coleman
Bufflehead				
01-01	3	Rye	Rye harbor	D. Kirwan, H.E. Ring
01-09	2	Durham	Adam's Pont	M. Martin
02-13	7	Hampton	off coast	D. Kirwan, H.E. Ring
02-21	1	Newington	Great Bay	A. Robbins, G. Robbins
02-21	10	Rye	Odiorne - off coast	A. Robbins, G. Robbins
02-29	2	Hinsdale	Conn. River	J. Coleman
12-05	1	Northwood	Northwood Lake	L. Harper
12-07	50		Great Bay	L. Harper, T. Arter
12-19	136		Coastal CBC	
12-27	36		Lee-Durham CBC	
Hooded Merganser				
01-10	8	Hinsdale	Conn. River	J. Coleman, A. Knapfel
12-05	5	Franklin	Webster Lake	K.C. Elkins
12-10	1	Northwood	Bow Lake	L. Harper, T. Arter
12-19	3		Coastal CBC	
12-27	1		Errol - Umbagog CBC	
12-27	5		Hanover - Norwich CBC	
Common Merganser				
01-03	1	Erroll	Androscoggin R.	D. & B. Killam
01-06	13	Manchester	Wastewater Plant	M. Martin
01-06	4	Manchester	Merrimack R.	M. Martin
02-01	15	Manchester	Merrimack R.	M. Martin
02-08	1	Franklin	Merrimack River	R. Glatz, et.al.
02-14	1	Stratford	Conn. River	B. & D. Killam
02-24	2	Cambridge	Seven Islands	C.R. Foss, H.P. Nevers
02-24	2	Dummer	Pontook Rapids	C.R. Foss, H.P. Nevers
02-24	1	Errol	below wayside area	C.R. Foss, H.P. Nevers
12-05	40	Northwood	Northwood Lake	L. Harper
12-19	17		Monadnock CBC	
12-19	9		Coastal CBC	
12-20	20		Concord CBC	
12-27	80		Laconia CBC	
12-27	56		Nashua CBC	
12-27	8		Errol - Umbagog CBC	
12-27	5		Lee-Durham CBC	



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12-27	9		Hanover - Norwich CBC	
12-27	1		Keene CBC	
Red-Breasted Merganser				
01-01	20	Hampton	off coast	D. Kirwan, H.E. Ring
01-27	17	Portsmouth	Portsmouth Harbor	L. Phinney
02-07	22	Portsmouth	Portsmouth Harbor	L. Phinney
02-13	5	Portsmouth	Portsmouth River	D. Kirwan, H.E. Ring
02-13	13	Hampton	along coast	D. Kirwan, H.E. Ring
02-21	11	Rye	off coast	A. Robbins, G. Robbins
02-21	1	Newington	Great Bay	A. Robbins, G. Robbins
02-28	5	Portsmouth	Portsmouth Harbor	L. Phinney
12-05	2	Northwood	Northwood Lake	L. Harper
12-19	215		Coastal CBC	
12-27	65		Lee-Durham CBC	

Hawks

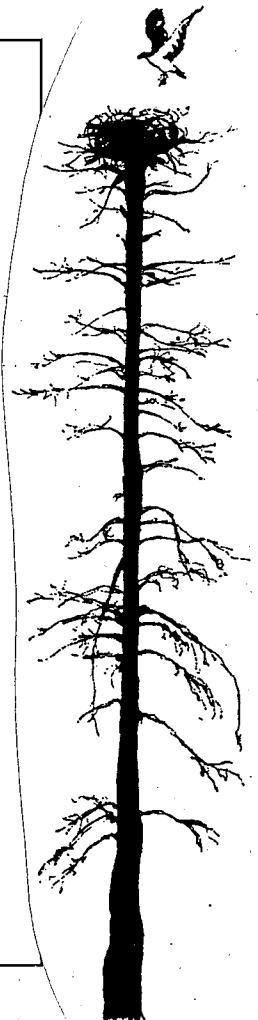
A strong southerly flow and temperatures that climbed into the 50s from Jan. 30th through Feb. 2nd may have encouraged the rare mid-season return of a single **Turkey Vulture** to the Nashua area Feb. 1st.

A compilation of eagle sightings from CBC results, report slips and winter surveys conducted by ASNH personnel provides the following **Bald Eagle** summary:

Statewide, 45-47 estimated individuals were observed (23 ad., 22-24 subad.), of which 25 were considered to be winter residents, remaining for a large part of the season. Broken down into the major wintering areas this includes:

- Great Bay: 15-17 (5 ad., 10-12 subad.)
- Connecticut River: 8 (4 ad., 4 subad.)
- Merrimack River: 10 (6 ad., 4 subad.)
- Lakes Region: 3 (2 ad., 1 subad.)
- Miscellaneous: 9 (6 ad., 3 subad.)

Reports totalling 11 **Northern Goshawks**, five **Cooper's Hawks**, and 24 **Sharp-shinned Hawks** were received from the statewide localities. More than 55 **Red-tailed Hawks** were observed, 24 on the Coastal CBC alone. The Coastal CBC also had the only **Northern Harriers** (two) and **Rough-legged Hawks** (five) reported.



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Turkey Vulture				
02-01	1	Nashua	W. Hollis St.	B. Harris, M. Harris
12-27	1		Nashua CBC	
Bald Eagle				
01-01	1	Hinsdale	Conn. River	J. Coleman
01-02	1	Hinsdale	Conn. River	J. Coleman

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01-02	1	Manchester	Wastewater Plant	M. Martin et.al.
01-09	2	Durham	Adam's Point	M. Martin
01-16	1	Manchester	Merrimack R.	R. Dionne, D. Caplette
01-17	1	Manchester	Merrimack R.	M. Martin
01-29	1	Manchester	N.H. Insurance Bldg.	R. Mitchell
01-31	1	Hinsdale	Conn. River	J. Coleman, A. Knapfel
02-01	1	Manchester	Wastewater Plant	D. Carreau
02-09	2	Manchester	Merrimack R.	M. Martin
02-18	1	Manchester	I-293	M. Martin
02-23	1	Manchester	Merrimack River	M. Martin
02-28	1	Walpole	Conn. River	D. Wilson
02-29	1	Hinsdale	Conn. River	J. Coleman
12-24	1	Nashua	Rt. 111, Jensen's Mobile Pk	B. Harris
12-27	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	1		Errol - Umbagog CBC	
12-27	1		Hanover - Norwich CBC - CW	

**Northern Harrier**

12-19 2 Coastal CBC

Sharp-shinned Hawk

01-01	1	Concord	Mountain Rd.	K.C. Elkins
01-26	1	Northwood	Blake's Hill Road	T. Arter, L. Harper
02-10	1	Northwood	Blake's Hill Road	L. Harper
12-01	2	Nashua	Clovercrest	B. Harris
12-19	4		Coastal CBC	
12-19	1		Monadnock CBC	
12-20	1		Concord CBC	
12-27	1		Laconia CBC	
12-27	4		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	1		Nashua CBC	
12-27	3		Hanover - Norwich CBC	
12-27	4		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	2		Errol - Umbagog CBC	

Cooper's Hawk

02-04	1	Manchester	Dunbar St.	M., M., R. Martin
02-18	1	Manchester	Dunbar St.	M. Martin
02-21	1	Columbia		D. Simpson
12-27	1		Nashua CBC	
12-27	2		Hanover - Norwich CBC	

Northern Goshawk

01-05	1	Northwood	Blake's Hill Rd.	L. Harper
01-10	1	Walpole	Appleridge Farm	J. Coleman, A. Knapfel
01-29	1	Northwood	Blake's Hill Rd.	T. Arter, L. Harper
01-31	1	Columbia		D.&B. Killam
12-19	1		Coastal CBC	
12-19	2		Monadnock CBC	
12-27	3		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	1		Nashua CBC	
12-27	3		Lee-Durham CBC	

Red-shouldered Hawk

01-31	1	Seabrook	Beckman's Landing	D.&S. Abbott, T. Arter, L. Harper
12-11	1	Hudson		B. Haley

date	number	town	locality	observer
Red-tailed Hawk				
01-02	1	Rye	saltmarsh across 1A	T. Arter, L. Harper et. al.
01-08	1	Seabrook	marsh	L. Phinney
01-10	3	Walpole	Appleridge Farm	J. Coleman, A. Knapfel
01-17	1	Manchester	Merrimack R.	M. Martin
02-07	1	Amherst	Rte. 101	M. Suomala
02-09	1	Manchester		M. Martin
12-19	1		Monadnock CBC	
12-19	24		Coastal CBC	
12-20	1		Littleton CBC	
12-23	1	Rochester		L. Bardwell
12-27	1		Laconia CBC	
12-27	11		Nashua CBC	
12-27	4		Hanover - Norwich CBC	
12-27	5		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	1		Errol - Umbagog CBC - CW	
12-27	2		Keene CBC	
12-31	1	Concord	Concord Heights	K.C. Elkins

Rough-legged Hawk

12-19 5 Coastal CBC

American Kestrel

01-01	1	Rye	Rye State Pk.	D. Kirwan, H.E. Ring
01-02	1	Manchester	Brown Ave.	D. Benner
01-02	1	Rye	Odiorne St. Park	L. Harper
02-01	1	Portsmouth		L. Phinney
02-22	1	Milford	Beechbrook	A.E. Ames
02-23	1	Manchester	293 Bypass	M. Martin
12-19	6		Coastal CBC	
12-20	2		Concord CBC	
12-27	5		Nashua CBC	
12-27	3		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	1		Keene CBC	



Pheasants through Shorebirds

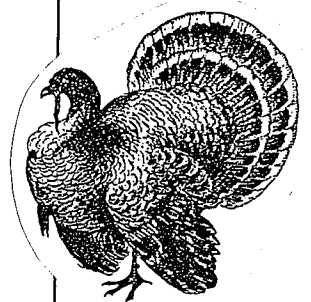
Seven **Wild Turkeys** were a new record high total for the Monadnock CBC.

The thirteen **Common Bobwhites** reported for this year were more than twice the number reported for the last ten years combined!

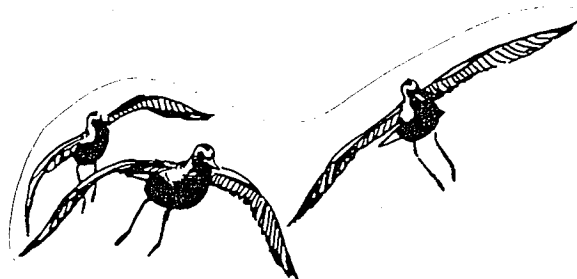
The single **American Coot**, which may have been present before its reported date of Feb. 19th, was observed in Silver Lake with other wintering waterfowl until the 24th.

Shorebird highlights for the Coastal CBC included two **Black-bellied Plovers** in Seabrook, five **Sanderlings** and 36 **Dunlin**.

The Nashua CBC has consistently had at least one **Common Snipe** each year for the past eight years, often when no other snipe were reported.



<i>date</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>locality</i>	<i>observer</i>
Ring-necked Pheasant				
12-19	1		Coastal CBC	
12-27	2		Nashua CBC	
Ruffed Grouse				
01-20	1	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D.L. & C.H. Raddin
02-02	1	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D.L. & C.H. Raddin
12-01	1	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D.L. & C.H. Raddin
12-18	1		Vernon Dam CBC	
12-19	6		Coastal CBC	
12-19	14		Monadnock CBC	
12-20	7		Concord CBC	
12-20	1		Littleton CBC	
12-27	1		Laconia CBC	
12-27	8		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	1		Nashua CBC	
12-27	2		Errol - Umbagog CBC	
12-27	5		Keene CBC	
12-27	8		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-28	4		Pittsburg CBC	
Wild Turkey				
01-24	30	Chesterfield	Catsbain Swamp	T. Duston
12-19	7		Monadnock CBC	
Northern Bobwhite				
12-01	7	Lancaster	Wesson Rd.	D. Skeels
12-20	1		Littleton CBC	
12-26	5	Peterborough	Rte. 101	D. Benner
American Coot				
02-19	1	Tilton	Silver Lake	D. Evans, D. Stavros
Black-bellied Plover				
12-19	2		Coastal CBC	
Killdeer				
01-31	2	Manchester	Merrimack R.	M. Martin
12-18	2		Vernon Dam CBC	
Sanderling				
12-19	5		Coastal CBC	
Purple Sandpiper				
01-01	15	Rye		D. Kirwan, H.E. Ring
02-13	8	Rye		D. Kirwan, H.E. Ring
02-21	3	Rye		A. Robbins, G. Robbins
12-19	29		Coastal CBC	
Dunlin				
12-19	36		Coastal CBC	
Common Snipe				
12-27	1		Nashua CBC	



Gulls through Alcids

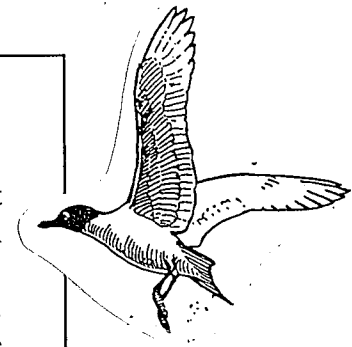
The **Common Black-headed Gull** seen in Portsmouth on Dec. 21st was most likely the same bird recorded by the Coastal CBC two days earlier (their 6th count record). This European straggler is becoming a regular winter visitor.

This was the third year for **Bonaparte's Gulls** on the Lee-Durham count.

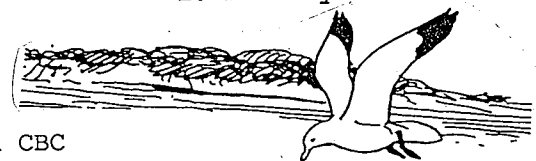
The wintering **Ring-billed Gull** population appears to be increasing. The Nashua CBC recorded Ring-bills for the fourth year; and the Hanover-Norwich, Coastal, and Laconia CBCs reported highs for this species. **Herring Gull** and **Great Black-backed Gull** numbers were up this year as well. New record high totals for Herring Gull were observed during the Lee-Durham and Hanover-Norwich CBCs. Highs for Great Black-backs were reported by the Coastal, Concord, and Lee-Durham counts.

Iceland Gull was a new species for the Hanover-Norwich CBC. An adult **Glaucous Gull**, present near Portsmouth Harbor throughout the winter, was joined by an immature late in the season.

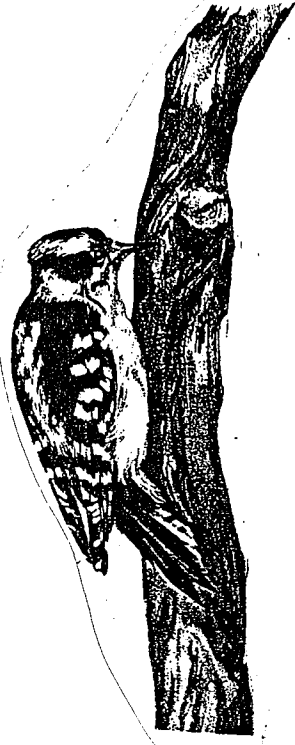
At least three **Black-legged Kittiwakes** and four **Thick-billed Murres** were seen along our coast this winter.



<i>date</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>locality</i>	<i>observer</i>
Common Black-headed Gull				
12-19	1		Coastal CBC	
12-21	1	Portsmouth	Portsmouth harbor	L. Phinney
Bonaparte's Gull				
12-05	2	Portsmouth	Portsmouth harbor	L. Phinney
12-10	7	Portsmouth	Portsmouth harbor	L. Phinney
12-19	28		Coastal CBC	
12-23	1	Portsmouth	Portsmouth harbor	L. Phinney
12-27	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
Ring-billed Gull				
01-01	5	Portsmouth	Portsmouth Harbor	L. Phinney
02-01	15	Manchester	Merrimack River	M. Martin
02-01	25	Portsmouth	South Mill Pond	L. Phinney
02-21	1	Rye		A. Robbins, G. Robbins
02-24	7	Portsmouth	South Mill Pond	L. Phinney
12-19	231		Coastal CBC	
12-20	4		Concord CBC	
12-27	75		Laconia CBC	
12-27	31		Nashua CBC	
12-27	12		Hanover - Norwich CBC	
12-27	21		Lee-Durham CBC	
Herring Gull				
02-02	8	Milford	Beechbrook	A.E. Ames
12-06	1	Milford		A.E. Ames
12-08	10	Manchester		A.E. Ames
12-19	8154		Coastal CBC	
12-19	9		Monadnock CBC	
12-20	1200		Concord CBC	



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12-20	2		Littleton CBC	
12-27	275		Laconia CBC	
12-27	551		Nashua CBC	
12-27	3069		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	211		Hanover - Norwich CBC	
12-27	8		Keene CBC	
Iceland Gull				
01-01	2	Concord	Merrimack River	K.C. Elkins
01-10	3	Portsmouth	Portsmouth Harbor	M.J. Murray et al.
01-13	1	Portsmouth	Portsmouth Harbor	L. Phinney
01-31	1	Seabrook	Seabrook Harbor	D. & S. Abbott, T. Arter, L. Harper
02-09	2	Manchester	Merrimack R.	M. Martin
02-15	1	Portsmouth	Portsmouth Harbor	L. Phinney
02-21	1	Seabrook	bridge on Rt. 1	A. Robbins, G. Robbins
12-19	3		Coastal CBC	
12-26	1	Portsmouth	Portsmouth Harbor	L. Phinney
12-27	1		Laconia CBC	
12-27	1		Nashua CBC	
12-27	1		Hanover - Norwich CBC	
Glaucous Gull				
02-07	1	Portsmouth	Portsmouth harbor	L. Phinney
02-10	1	Manchester	Merrimack River	M. Martin
02-29	1	Portsmouth	Portsmouth harbor	L. Phinney
12-19	1	Portsmouth	Portsmouth harbor	L. Phinney
12-19	1		Coastal CBC	
Great Black-backed Gull				
12-19	2216		Coastal CBC	
12-20	600		Concord CBC	
12-27	72		Laconia CBC	
12-27	97		Nashua CBC	
12-27	441		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	4		Keene CBC	
12-27	6		Hanover - Norwich CBC	
Gull sp.				
12-27	402		Keene CBC	
Black-legged Kittiwake				
01-02	2	Rye	off coast	T. Arter, L. Harper, et al.
01-08	1	Hampton	harbor-inside jetty	L. Phinney
Thick-billed Murre				
01-01	1	Newcastle	Fort Constitution	S. Mirick, D. Abbott, et al.
01-02	1	Newcastle	Coast Guard Station	S. Mirick, T. Arter, L. Harper
12-19	1	Portsmouth		Coastal CBC - CW
12-19	2	Rye		Coastal CBC - CW
12-24	1	Rye	Rye Harbor	P. Lacourse, T. Arter, L. Harper



Doves through Woodpeckers

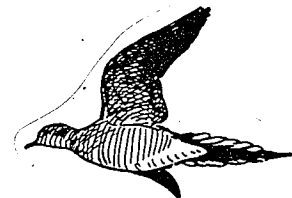
The **Northern Saw-whet Owl** was a new species for the Errol-Umbagog CBC. The **Eastern Screech Owl** in Hollis was a rufous-phase bird road kill. Six hours of owling resulted in the outstanding high of eight **Great Horned Owls** tallied by the Lee-Durham CBC.

Of the half-dozen **Snowy Owls** observed all but one wintered on the coast. This is perhaps attributable to the harsh cold and snowy conditions of the later two-thirds of the season, which forced these birds from their preferred inland wintering areas.

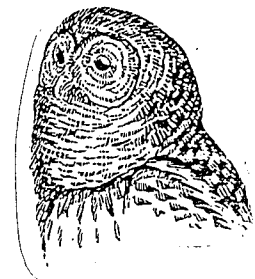
Considering the sub-zero temperatures we experienced during January and February, it is truly remarkable that as many as six **Belted Kingfishers** were able to winter successfully through those freezing conditions.

A male **Red-bellied Woodpecker**, which had been residing in Jaffrey Center since the last part of November, was a new species for the Monadnock CBC. A resident from Connecticut south, it is rarely found as far north as New Hampshire.

<i>date</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>locality</i>	<i>observer</i>
Rock Dove				
12-19	819		Coastal CBC	
12-19	99		Monadnock CBC	
12-20	341		Concord CBC	
12-20	32		Littleton CBC	
12-27	156		Laconia CBC	
12-27	819		Nashua CBC	
12-27	493		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	841		Hanover - Norwich CBC	
12-27	215		Keene CBC	
Mourning Dove				
01-01	4	Manchester	Dunbar St.	M. Martin
01-01	2	Milford	Beechbrook	A.E. Ames
12-02	3	Milford	Beechbrook	A.E. Ames
12-19	5	Goffstown		D. Benner
12-19	12	Columbia		B. Killam
12-19	499		Monadnock CBC	
12-19	484		Coastal CBC	
12-20	235		Concord CBC	
12-20	136		Littleton CBC	
12-27	121		Laconia CBC	
12-27	388		Nashua CBC	
12-27	211		Keene CBC	
12-27	341		Hanover - Norwich CBC	
12-27	432		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	6		Errol - Umbagog CBC	
12-28	5		Pittsburg CBC	
Eastern Screech Owl				
12-19	1		Coastal CBC	
12-27	1	Hollis	Rt. 111, near Hollis line	B. Harris



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Great Horned Owl				
02-28	1	Seabrook		D. Kirwan, H.E. Ring
12-19	10		Coastal CBC	
12-27	10		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	8		Lee-Durham CBC	
Snowy Owl				
01-03	1	Rye	Rye Harbor State Park	L. Harper
01-03	1	Seabrook	Rte. 1A bridge, dunes near	L. Harper
01-16	1	Londonderry		J. Holahan
01-18	1	Rye	Rye Harbor State Park	L. Phinney
02-13	1	Rye	Rye harbor	L. Phinney
02-21	1	Seabrook	dunes along Rt.1	A. Robbins, G. Robbins
02-26	1	Rye	N. end of Seal rocks	T. Arter, L. Harper. P. Lacourse
12-19	2		Coastal CBC	
12-22	1	Portsmouth		J. Mannix
Barred Owl				
01-03	1	Loudon	feeder	W. Ruh
02-17	1	Hancock	Old Bennington Rd.	J. Graney
02-25	1	Errol	E. side of Mill Mtn.	C.R. Foss
12-19	1		Monadnock CBC	
12-20	1		Littleton CBC	
12-27	2		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	2		Errol - Umbagog CBC	
Northern Saw-whet Owl				
12-27	1		Errol - Umbagog CBC	
Belted Kingfisher				
01-01	2	Manchester	Wastewater Plant	M.T. Martin
01-01	2	Manchester	Merrimack R.	M.T. Martin
01-01	1	Portsmouth	Portsmouth harbor	L. Phinney
01-01	1	Rye		D. Kirwan, H.E. Ring
01-25	1	Rye		L. Phinney
02-04	2	Manchester	Merrimack R., near Riverdal	M.T. Martin
02-09	2	Manchester	Wastewater Plant	M.T. Martin
12-18	1		Vernon CBC	
12-19	5		Coastal CBC	
12-20	1		Concord CBC	
12-24	1	Rye	Rye Harbor	L. Harper, T. Arter
12-27	1		Laconia CBC	
12-27	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	5		Nashua CBC	
12-27	3		Hanover - Norwich CBC	
12-27	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
Red-bellied Woodpecker				
12-19	1		Monadnock CBC	
Downy Woodpecker				
01-01	2	Milford	Beechbrook	A.E. Ames
01-01	2	Manchester	Dunbar St.	M.T. Martin
01-30	2	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D.L. & C.H. Raddin
02-01	2	Milford	Beechbrook	A.E. Ames
02-04	2	Manchester	Dunbar St.	M.T. Martin
12-18	2		Vernon Dam CBC	



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12-19	91		Coastal CBC	
12-19	83		Monadnock CBC	
12-20	32		Concord CBC	
12-20	5		Littleton CBC	
12-27	17		Laconia CBC	
12-27	86		Nashua CBC	
12-27	27		Keene CBC	
12-27	14		Errol - Umbagog CBC	
12-27	103		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	47		Hanover - Norwich CBC	
12-28	12		Pittsburg CBC	



Hairy Woodpecker

01-01	2	Manchester	Dunbar St.	M.T. Martin
01-01	2	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D.L. & C.H. Raddin
01-15	1	Milford	Beechbrook	A.E. Ames
02-01	3	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D.L. & C.H. Raddin
02-04	2	Manchester	Dunbar St.	M.T. Martin
12-01	1	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D.L. & C.H. Raddin
12-18	2		Vernon Dam CBC	
12-19	29		Coastal CBC	
12-19	70		Monadnock CBC	
12-20	11		Littleton CBC	
12-20	16		Concord CBC	
12-27	12		Laconia CBC	
12-27	35		Nashua CBC	
12-27	7		Errol - Umbagog CBC	
12-27	23		Keene CBC	
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12-27	41		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-28	15		Pittsburg CBC	

Black-backed Woodpecker

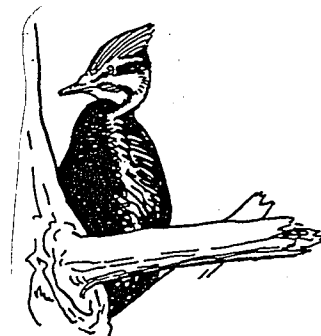
12-27	3		Errol - Umbagog CBC	
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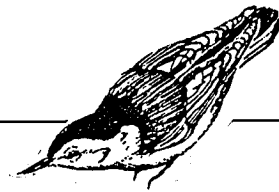
Northern Flicker

12-19	6		Coastal CBC	
12-20	1		Concord CBC	
12-27	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	1		Nashua CBC	
12-27	1		Lee-Durham CBC	

Pileated Woodpecker

01-03	3	Colebrook	E. Colebrook	D. & B. Killam
01-31	1	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D.L. & C.H. Raddin
02-25	1	Errol	Umbagog-Thurston Cove	C.R. Foss
12-19	1		Monadnock CBC	
12-20	1		Littleton CBC	
12-27	2		Laconia CBC	
12-27	1		Errol - Umbagog CBC	
12-27	2		Hanover - Norwich CBC	
12-27	2		Keene CBC	
12-27	2		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-28	1		Pittsburg	





Larks through Wrens

Horned Lark numbers were up, with a high total of 323 for the Coastal CBC.

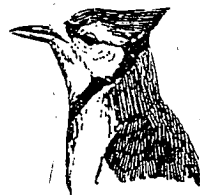
More than a dozen **Gray Jays** were reported; the one at a Landaff feeder was the southernmost sighting. **Blue Jay** numbers were down, perhaps because of this year's insufficient mast crop.

The Hanover-Norwich CBC recorded a new record total of seven **Common Ravens**. During the last week of February, pairs of ravens were vocalizing and performing aerial courtship maneuvers in the northern towns of Woodstock, Cambridge and Dummer.

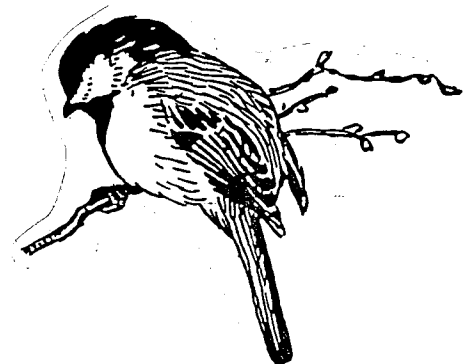
During December **Black-capped Chickadee**, **Tufted Titmouse**, **White-breasted Nuthatch** and **Brown Creeper** numbers were well above average, with record highs neared or broken for these species on many Christmas counts. **Red-breasted Nuthatches**, however, were low.

Four species of wrens were discovered during December. **House Wren** (two): Portsmouth (Coastal CBC) and Rochester (a new species for the Lee-Durham CBC). **Winter Wren** (3): Concord CBC (2nd record), Lee-Durham CBC-CW, and Tidewater Exeter area (Coastal CBC). **Marsh Wren** (1): Coastal CBC (8th count record). **Carolina Wren** (one): Hudson feeder (Nashua CBC-CW).

<i>date</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>locality</i>	<i>observer</i>
Horned Lark				
01-25	17	Rye	Rye Harbor	L. Phinney
02-21	7	Seabrook	park	A. Robbins, G. Robbins
12-18	70		Vernon Dam CBC	
12-19	323		Coastal CBC	
12-27	21		Nashua CBC	
12-27	22		Keene CBC	
Gray Jay				
01-30	5		WMNF Pemigewasset Wildernes	J. Derby
02-25	3	Errol	Umbagog-Thurston cove	C.R. Foss
02-25	3	Errol	Umbagog-Thurston cove	C.R. Foss
12-08	1	Landaff		J. March
12-27	3		Errol - Umbagog CBC	
12-28	2		Pittsburg CBC	
Blue Jay				
01-01	4	Manchester	Dunbar St.	M.T. Martin
01-01	2	Milford	Beechbrook	A.E. Ames
02-01	2	Milford	Beechbrook	A.E. Ames
02-04	5	Manchester	Dunbar St.	M.T. Martin
02-24	6	Errol		C.R. Foss, H.P. Nevers
12-01	2	Milford	Beechbrook	A.E. Ames
12-19	229		Coastal CBC	
12-19	332		Monadnock CBC	
12-20	125		Concord CBC	
12-20	66		Littleton CBC	
12-27	63		Laconia CBC	
12-27	168		Nashua CBC	



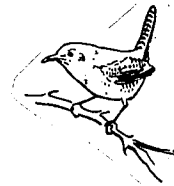
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12-27	159		Keene CBC	
12-27	403		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	59		Errol - Umbagog CBC	
12-27	252		Hanover - Norwich CBC	
12-28	83		Pittsburg CBC	
American Crow				
01-01	2	Milford	Beechbrook	A.E. Ames
02-01	2	Milford	Beechbrook	A.E. Ames
12-01	2	Milford	Beechbrook	A.E. Ames
12-16	150	Bedford	Pine Rd.	A. Solms
12-18	146		Vernon Dam CBC	
12-19	170		Monadnock CBC	
12-19	567		Coastal CBC	
12-20	89		Littleton CBC	
12-20	77		Concord CBC	
12-27	77		Laconia CBC	
12-27	432		Nashua CBC	
12-27	395		Hanover - Norwich CBC	
12-27	549		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	18		Errol - Umbagog CBC	
12-27	148		Keene CBC	
12-28	8		Pittsburg CBC	
Common Raven				
01-03	1	Northwood	Blake's Hill Rd.	L. Harper
02-24	2	Woodstock	Russell Mtn.	C.R. Foss
02-24	2	Success	Stearns Bk Boise Rd.	C.R. Foss, H.P. Nevers
02-25	2	Dummer	110A & Rt. 16	C.R. Foss, H.P. Nevers
02-26	2	Cambridge/Dummer	13 Mile Woods	C.R. Foss, H.P. Nevers
12-19	7		Monadnock CBC	
12-20	13		Littleton CBC	
12-27	2		Laconia CBC	
12-27	4		Keene CBC	
12-27	7		Hanover - Norwich CBC	
12-27	42		Errol - Umbagog CBC	
12-28	42		Pittsburg CBC	
Black-capped Chickadee				
01-01	4	Milford	Beechbrook	A.E. Ames
01-01	4	Manchester	Dunbar St.	M.T. Martin
01-01	10	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D.L. & C.H. Raddin
02-01	4	Milford	Beechbrook	A.E. Ames
02-01	10	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D.L. & C.H. Raddin
02-04	6	Manchester	Dunbar St.	M.T. Martin
12-01	4	Milford	Beechbrook	A.E. Ames
12-01	10	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D.L. & C.H. Raddin
12-19	788		Coastal CBC	
12-19	1382		Monadnock CBC	
12-20	139		Littleton CBC	
12-20	604		Concord CBC	
12-27	667		Nashua CBC	
12-27	1183		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	252		Errol - Umbagog CBC	
12-27	309		Keene CBC	
12-27	612		Laconia CBC	
12-27	1343		Hanover - Norwich CBC	
12-28	395		Pittsburg CBC	



date	number	town	locality	observer
Boreal Chickadee				
12-27	3		Errol - Umbagog CBC	
12-28	9		Pittsburg CBC	
Tufted Titmouse				
01-01	2	Manchester	Dunbar St.	M.T. Martin
01-01	4	Milford	Beechbrook	A.E. Ames
02-01	2	Milford	Beechbrook	A.E. Ames
02-01	5	Pittsfield	Tilton Hill Rd.	A. Robbins, G. Robbins
02-04	2	Manchester	Dunbar St.	M.T. Martin
12-01	3	Milford	Beechbrook	A.E. Ames
12-18	3		Vernon Dam CBC	
12-19	65		Monadnock CBC	
12-19	101		Coastal CBC	
12-20	38		Concord CBC	
12-27	187		Nashua CBC	
12-27	10		Hanover - Norwich CBC	
12-27	119		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	35		Keene CBC	
Red-breasted Nuthatch				
01-01	2	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D.L. & C.H. Raddin
01-14	1	Milford	Beechbrook	A.E. Ames
02-01	2	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D.L. & C.H. Raddin
12-03	2	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D.L. & C.H. Raddin
12-18	2		Vernon Dam CBC	
12-19	8		Coastal CBC	
12-19	33		Monadnock CBC	
12-20	12		Concord CBC	
12-20	4		Littleton CBC	
12-27	15		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	17		Nashua CBC	
12-27	15		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	27		Hanover - Norwich CBC	
12-27	6		Keene CBC	
12-27	53		Errol - Umbagog CBC	
12-27	12		Laconia CBC	
12-28	64		Pittsburg CBC	
White-breasted Nuthatch				
01-01	2	Manchester	Dunbar St.	M.T. Martin
01-01	2	Milford	Beechbrook	A.E. Ames
01-01	2	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D.L. & C.H. Raddin
02-01	2	Milford	Beechbrook	A.E. Ames
02-01	6	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D.L. & C.H. Raddin
02-04	2	Manchester	Dunbar St.	M.T. Martin
12-01	2	Milford	Beechbrook	A.E. Ames
12-01	3	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D.L. & C.H. Raddin
12-18	1	Goffstown	Mast Rd.	D. Benner
12-18	15		Vernon Dam CBC	
12-19	79		Coastal CBC	
12-19	143		Monadnock CBC	
12-20	10		Littleton CBC	
12-20	48		Concord CBC	
12-27	125		Nashua CBC	
12-27	51		Laconia CBC	
12-27	103		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	3		Errol - Umbagog CBC	
12-27	95		Hanover - Norwich CBC	



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12-27	63		Keene CBC	
12-28	4		Pittsburg CBC	
Brown Creeper				
01-01	1	Milford	Beechbrook	A.E. Ames
01-04	1	Concord	Havenwood	K.C. Elkins
12-18	1		Vernon Dam CBC	
12-19	12		Monadnock CBC	
12-19	7		Coastal CBC	
12-20	4		Concord CBC	
12-24	1	Milford	Beechbrook	A.E. Ames
12-27	20		Nashua CBC	
12-27	8		Keene CBC	
12-27	3		Errol - Umbagog CBC	
12-27	13		Hanover - Norwich CBC	
12-27	15		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-28	1		Pittsburg CBC	
Carolina Wren				
12-27	1		Nashua CBC - CW	
House Wren				
12-19	1	Portsmouth	Coastal CBC	
12-27	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
Winter Wren				
12-19	1		Coastal CBC	
12-20	1		Concord CBC	
12-26	1		Lee-Durham CBC - CW	
Marsh Wren				
12-19	1		Coastal CBC	



Kinglets through Starlings

Overall for December, **Golden-crowned Kinglet** numbers were nearly twice those reported for Decembers the past five years. Eight late-migrant **Ruby-crowned Kinglets** were observed during the CBCs (for Concord, a new species), and a single bird was present in Bradford for a week in early February.

The first migrant **Eastern Bluebird** was discovered along the Connecticut River in Hinsdale. A few **American Robins** lingered into December and beyond. **Varied Thrush** was missed this year, breaking a streak of 10 consecutive years of winter sightings!

Christmas count totals for **Northern Mockingbird** were slightly below those for last year. The mockingbird sighting in Berlin on Feb. 1st is quite remarkable; the observer notes that the bird was on bare ground under a tree during a warm period (see "Winter Season").

Small flocks of **Bohemian Waxwings** were reported from northern localities. This was a new species for the Pittsburg CBC.



<i>date</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>locality</i>	<i>observer</i>
Golden-crowned Kinglet				
01-02	1	Columbia		D. Killam
01-08	1	Colebrook		D. Killam
12-18	7		Vernon Dam CBC	
12-19	80		Coastal CBC	
12-19	23		Monadnock CBC	
12-20	13		Concord CBC	
12-20	3		Littleton CBC	
12-27	46		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	29		Nashua CBC	
12-27	33		Hanover - Norwich CBC	
12-27	4		Laconia CBC	
12-27	46		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	13		Keene CBC	
12-27	6		Errol - Umbagog CBC	
12-28	14		Pittsburg CBC	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				
01-05	1	Bradford	Lake Sunapee	J. Grant
12-19	3		Coastal CBC	
12-20	2		Concord CBC	
12-27	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	1		Nashua CBC	
12-27	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
Eastern Bluebird				
02-29	1	Hinsdale	Conn. River	J. Coleman
American Robin				
02-16	1	Bow	Grandview Rd.	W. Fogg
12-18	1		Vernon Dam CBC	
12-19	7		Coastal CBC	
12-19	1		Monadnock CBC	
12-20	1		Concord CBC	
12-27	4		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	1		Hanover - Norwich CBC	
Gray Catbird				
12-19	1		Coastal CBC	
Northern Mockingbird				
01-01	2	Manchester	Dunbar St.	M.T. Martin
01-01	1	Milford	Beechbrook	A.E. Ames
02-01	2	Manchester	Dunbar St.	M.T. Martin
02-01	1	Berlin	State St.	M. Ellis
02-13	1	Concord	Havenwood	K.C. Elkins
12-18	1		Vernon Dam CBC	
12-19	61		Coastal CBC	
12-20	3		Concord CBC	
12-27	37		Nashua CBC	
12-27	29		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	4		Laconia CBC	
12-27	4		Keene CBC	
12-27	4		Hanover - Norwich CBC	
Bohemian Waxwing				
01-25	18	Jefferson	Ingerson Rd.	M. & D. Doan
01-26	1	Pittsburg		M. Purrington
02-12	20	Colebrook	behind bowling alley	D. & B. Killam

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12-06	2	Jaffrey		D. Rowell
12-27	1		Errol - Umbagog CBC	
12-28	3		Pittsburg CBC	
Cedar Waxwing				
12-19	1		Littleton CBC - CW	J. McIlwaine
Northern Shrike				
01-10	1	Walpole	Appleridge Farm	J. Coleman, A. Knapfel
01-24	1	Durham	Adam's Point	S. Mirick, R. Ford, A. Petrella
02-06	1	New London	Davis Hill Rd.	M. Schaffer
02-06	1	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D.L. & C.H. Raddin
02-24	1	Hopkinton	Straw Rd.	N. Harris
02-28	1	Northfield	off Shar Rd.	E. Smith-Pearson
12-08	1	Northwood	Blake's Hill Rd.	T. Arter
12-12	1	Columbia		D. & B. Killam
12-19	2		Monadnock CBC	
12-27	1		Nashua CBC	
12-27	2		Hanover - Norwich CBC	
12-27	1		Errol - Umbagog CBC	
European Starling				
12-19	235		Monadnock CBC	
12-19	19992		Coastal CBC	
12-20	235		Littleton CBC	
12-20	321		Concord CBC	
12-21	20	Goffstown		D. Benner
12-27	1371		Nashua CBC	
12-27	694		Hanover - Norwich CBC	
12-27	510		Keene CBC	
12-27	85		Laconia CBC	
12-27	2181		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	3		Errol - Umbagog CBC	
12-28	16		Pittsburg CBC	

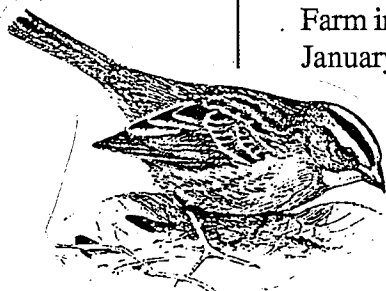
Warblers through Snow Bunting

Warblers found on the Coastal CBC included: four **Yellow-rumped Warblers**, one **Nashville Warbler** in Seabrook, and four **Common Yellowthroats** in the Tidewater-Exeter area of the count circle. The Lee-Durham CBC had a yellowthroat as well (a new count species), which participants found near the Madbury reservoir.

The Monadnock CBC had a record number of **Northern Cardinals**, although overall the wintering population appeared to be only slightly above average this year. They also tallied nine **Field Sparrows**; a new record high! Three additional CBCs also recorded a total of nine Field Sparrows.

There must have been something extremely attractive at the Appleridge Farm in Walpole for 521 **Tree Sparrows** to have been present there in mid-January (nearly half the total found on all CBCs). On the same date, this

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Connecticut River Valley wintering hot spot also yielded a **Fox Sparrow**, a **Swamp Sparrow** and 83 **Song Sparrows**!

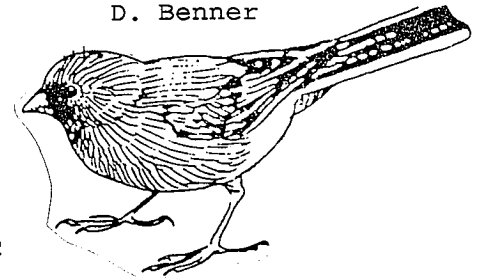
According to the Christmas count data, **Song Sparrow**, **Swamp Sparrow** and **Snow Bunting** numbers were up. **White-throated Sparrows**, however, were not nearly as abundant as usual (less than half the norm). The occurrence of **Dark-eyed Juncos** was about average.

<i>date</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>locality</i>	<i>observer</i>
Nashville Warbler				
12-19	1		Coastal CBC	
Yellow-rumped Warbler				
12-19	4		Coastal CBC	
Common Yellowthroat				
12-19	3		Coastal CBC	
12-27	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
Northern Cardinal				
01-01	1	Manchester	Dunbar St.	M.T. Martin
02-04	1	Manchester	Dunbar St.	M.T. Martin
02-14	6	Nashua	Clovercrest Dr.	B. & M. Harris
12-01	1	Pittsfield		A. Robbins, G. Robbins
12-01	2	Berlin	Church St.	S. Gallagher
12-01	2	Berlin	High St.	R. Boutin
12-04	1	Milford		A.E. Ames
12-18	5		Vernon Dam CBC	
12-19	47		Monadnock CBC	
12-19	82		Coastal CBC	
12-20	20		Concord CBC	
12-20	1		Littleton CBC	
12-27	34		Nashua CBC	
12-27	37		Hanover - Norwich CBC	
12-27	18		Keene CBC	
12-27	3		Laconia CBC	
12-27	40		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-28	1	Milford	George St.	A.E. Ames
Rufous-sided Towhee				
12-19	1		Coastal CBC	
American Tree Sparrow				
01-10	521	Walpole	Appleridge Farm	J. Coleman, A. Knapfel
01-13	2	Milford	Beechbrook	A.E. Ames
01-14	8	Webster		C. Hatch
01-16	4	Jaffrey	Fitzwilliam Rd.	A.E. Ames
12-01	1	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D.L. & C.H. Raddin
12-06	2	Milford		A.E. Ames
12-18	14		Vernon Dam CBC	
12-19	77		Monadnock CBC	
12-19	364		Coastal CBC	
12-20	4		Littleton CBC	
12-20	64		Concord CBC	



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12-24	4	Jaffrey		A.E. Ames
12-27	85		Nashua CBC	
12-27	1		Errol - Umbagog CBC	
12-27	73		Hanover - Norwich CBC	
12-27	29		Keene CBC	
12-27	178		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	10		Laconia CBC	
12-28	3		Pittsburg CBC	
Field Sparrow				
12-19	6		Coastal CBC	
12-19	9		Monadnock CBC	
12-27	2		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	1		Nashua CBC	
12-27	2		Lee-Durham CBC	
Savannah Sparrow				
12-19	2		Coastal CBC	
Fox Sparrow				
01-10	1	Walpole	Appleridge Farm	J. Coleman, A. Knapfel
12-19	1		Monadnock CBC	
12-20	1		Concord CBC	
12-27	1		Nashua CBC	
Song Sparrow				
01-01	3	Manchester	Dunbar St.	M.T. Martin
01-10	83	Walpole	Appleridge Farm	J. Coleman, A. Knapfel
02-04	5	Manchester	Dunbar St.	M.T. Martin
02-15	1	Milford	Beechbrook	A.E. Ames
12-18	3		Vernon Dam CBC	
12-19	119		Coastal CBC	
12-19	2		Monadnock CBC	
12-20	14		Concord CBC	
12-24	4	Rye	Rye Harbor	L. Harper, T. Arter, P. Lacourse
12-27	30		Nashua CBC	
12-27	3		Keene CBC	
12-27	24		Lee-Durham CBC	
Swamp Sparrow				
01-10	1	Walpole	Appleridge Farm	J. Coleman, A. Knapfel
12-19	20		Coastal CBC	
12-20	1		Concord CBC	
White-throated Sparrow				
01-01	1	Manchester	Dunbar St.	M.T. Martin
02-04	1	Manchester	Dunbar St.	M.T. Martin
12-18	7		Vernon Dam CBC	
12-19	2		Coastal CBC	
12-19	9		Monadnock CBC	
12-20	2		Concord CBC	
12-27	16		Nashua CBC	
12-27	1		Keene CBC	
12-27	1		Laconia CBC	
12-27	3		Lee-Durham CBC	

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Dark-eyed Junco				
01-01	3	Manchester	Dunbar St.	M.T. Martin
01-07	5	Milford	Beechbrook	A.E. Ames
01-13	6	Concord	Havenwood	K.C. Elkins
02-04	3	Manchester	Dunbar St.	M.T. Martin
02-14	3	Milford	Beechbrook	A.E. Ames
02-14	6	Concord	Havenwood	K.C. Elkins
12-16	5	Milford		A.E. Ames
12-16	5	Goffstown		D. Benner
12-18	27		Vernon Dam CBC	
12-19	4	Goffstown		D. Benner
12-19	69		Monadnock CBC	
12-19	173		Coastal CBC	
12-20	43		Concord CBC	
12-20	1		Littleton CBC	
12-27	234		Nashua CBC	
12-27	93		Keene CBC	
12-27	92		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	19		Hanover - Norwich CBC	
Snow Bunting				
01-03	50	Colebrook	E. Colebrook-Rte. 26	D. & B. Killam
01-10	2	Walpole	Appleridge Farm	J. Coleman, A. Knapfel
01-31	20	Hinsdale	Conn. River	J. Coleman
01-31	12	Wakefield	Sanbornville	R. Randall
12-07	1	Greenland	Great Bay	T. Arter, L. Harper
12-19	157		Coastal CBC	
12-20	1		Littleton CBC	
12-27	10		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	2		Nashua CBC	
12-27	70		Keene CBC	
12-27	10		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	1		Hanover - Norwich CBC	
12-27	3		Laconia CBC	



Blackbirds through House Sparrow

The southern towns of Exeter and Hampton had the first migrant **Red-wing Blackbirds**. An early **Common Grackle** was also seen in Exeter. Late-lingering grackles were noted on several CBCs, with three grackles present as far north as Errol.

Although high numbers of **Purple Finch** were recorded on the Monadnock (record high) and Coastal CBCs, all the other New Hampshire counts reported definite lows for this species. Only a handful of purples were observed throughout the remainder of the winter.

The explosive **House Finch** population appears to have leveled off in the Coastal and Lee-Durham CBC areas. However, all counts as far north as the Littleton CBC reported notable increases in the number of wintering individuals as this species continues to expand its range northward.

A scattering of small flocks of **Common Redpoll**, **Pine Grosbeak** and **Red Crossbills** were reported. In contrast, **White-winged Crossbills** were

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plentiful in the North Country, while **Pine Siskins**, **American Goldfinches** and **Evening Grosbeaks** were moderately abundant.

<i>date</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>locality</i>	<i>observer</i>
Red-winged Blackbird				
02-25	2	Exeter	Court St.	D. Balerviez
02-29	2	Hampton		P. Lacourse
Common Grackle				
02-25	1	Exeter	Court St.	D. Balerviez
12-16	1	Columbia		D. & B. Killam
12-19	27		Coastal CBC	
12-19	10		Monadnock CBC	
12-20	4		Littleton CBC	
12-27	4		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	3		Nashua CBC	
12-27	4		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	3		Errol - Umbagog CBC	
12-27	1		Keene CBC	
12-27	1		Hanover - Norwich CBC	
Brown-headed Cowbird				
01-02	7	Columbia	feeder	D. & B. Killam
01-18	12	Northwood	Blake's Hill Road	L. Harper, T. Arter
12-19	2		Coastal CBC	
12-20	1		Concord CBC	
12-20	3		Littleton CBC	
12-26	4	Penacook		P. Trombley
12-27	8		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	1		Hanover - Norwich CBC - CW	
12-27	2		Keene CBC	
12-27	8		Lee-Durham CBC	
Pine Grosbeak				
01-12	2	Tamworth	Cleveland Hill Rd.	B. Steele
02-18	1	Colebrook	Titus Hill	D. Killam
02-25	2	Tamworth	Cleveland Hill Rd.	B. Steele
12-19	2		Monadnock CBC	
12-19	1		Littleton CBC - CW	
12-27	1		Hanover - Norwich CBC - CW	
12-27	45		Errol - Umbagog CBC	
12-28	45		Pittsburg CBC	
Purple Finch				
01-12	2	Northwood	Blake's Hill Rd.	L. Harper
01-22	2	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D.L. & C.H. Raddin
02-03	1	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D.L. & C.H. Raddin
02-18	1	Nottingham		M.J. Murray
02-21	2	Nottingham		M.J. Murray
12-05	8	Hampton		D. Kirwan
12-19	69		Monadnock CBC	
12-19	38		Coastal CBC	
12-20	13		Littleton CBC	
12-20	3		Concord CBC	
12-27	4		Nashua CBC	

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12-27	3		Keene CBC	
12-27	1		Hanover - Norwich CBC	
12-27	23		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	10		Laconia CBC	
House Finch				
01-01	10	Manchester	Dunbar St.	M.T. Martin
01-07	5	Milford	Beechbrook	A.E. Ames
01-13	18	Concord	Havenwood	K.C. Elkins
02-04	8	Manchester	Dunbar St.	M.T. Martin
12-19	81		Monadnock CBC	
12-19	384		Coastal CBC	
12-20	224		Concord CBC	
12-20	8		Littleton CBC	
12-27	420		Nashua CBC	
12-27	213		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	164		Laconia CBC	
12-27	413		Hanover - Norwich CBC	
12-27	170		Keene CBC	
Red Crossbill				
01-29	1	Northwood	Blake's Hill Rd.	T. Arter
02-17	5	Rindge		D. Rowell
12-19	4		Monadnock CBC	
White-winged Crossbill				
01-03		Dixville		D. Killam
02-09	1	Northwood	Blake's Hill Rd.	T. Arter
12-27	251		Errol - Umbagog CBC	
12-28	64		Pittsburg CBC	
Common Redpoll				
01-03		Dixville		D. Killam
02-06		Columbia		D. & B. Killam
02-10	4	Hinsdale	Conn. River	J. Coleman
02-18	8	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D.L. & C.H. Raddin
02-20	1	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D.L. & C.H. Raddin
02-27	6	Northwood	Blake's Hill Rd.	L. Harper, T. Arter
02-27	4	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D.L. & C.H. Raddin
02-28	1	Temple	West Rd.	M. Salera
12-19	7		Coastal CBC	
12-27	2		Nashua CBC	
12-27	6		Laconia CBC	
12-27	30		Errol - Umbagog CBC	
12-28	66		Pittsburg CBC	
Pine Siskin				
01-15	3	Milford	Beechbrook	A.E. Ames
01-16	1	Andover		K.C. Elkins
02-01	12	Milford	Beechbrook	A.E. Ames
02-02	350	Lancaster	Wesson Rd.	D. Skeels
02-09	4	Northwood	Blake's Hill Rd.	L. Harper, T. Arter
02-13	1	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D.L. & C.H. Raddin
02-23	20	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D.L. & C.H. Raddin
02-24	20	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D.L. & C.H. Raddin
12-18	22		Vernon Dam CBC	
12-19	46		Coastal CBC	
12-19	156		Monadnock CBC	
12-20	33		Concord CBC	

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12-20	240		Littleton CBC	
12-27	69		Nashua CBC	
12-27	7		Laconia CBC	
12-27	320		Errol - Umbagog CBC	
12-27	3		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	575		Hanover - Norwich CBC	
12-27	269		Keene CBC	
12-28	68		Pittsburg CBC	

American Goldfinch

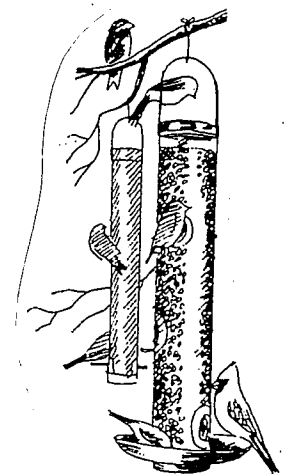
01-01	8	Manchester	Dunbar St.	M.T. Martin
01-12	2	Milford	Beechbrook	A.E. Ames
01-13	1	Concord	Havenwood	K.C. Elkins
01-16	1	Andover		K.C. Elkins
02-04	8	Manchester	Dunbar St.	M.T. Martin
02-21	1	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D.L. & C.H. Raddin
02-26	56	Concord	Mountain Rd.	M. Horner
12-01	3	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D.L. & C.H. Raddin
12-18	17		Vernon Dam CBC	
12-19	473		Coastal CBC	
12-19	89		Monadnock CBC	
12-20	146		Concord CBC	
12-27	179		Nashua CBC	
93	12-27	93	Keene CBC	
12-27	210		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	10		Errol - Umbagog CBC	
12-27	20		Hanover - Norwich CBC	

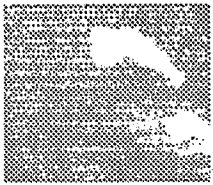
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01-26	69	Northwood	Blake's Hill Road	L. Harper
02-01	30	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D.L. & C.H. Raddin
02-14	1	Concord	Havenwood	K.C. Elkins
12-01	50	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D.L. & C.H. Raddin
12-18	96		Vernon Dam CBC	
12-19	766		Monadnock CBC	
12-19	41		Coastal CBC	
12-20	662		Littleton CBC	
12-20	83		Concord CBC	
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12-27	45		Laconia CBC	
12-27	268		Keene CBC	
12-27	268		Errol - Umbagog CBC	
12-27	176		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-27	1217		Hanover - Norwich CBC	
12-28	345		Pittsburg CBC	

House Sparrow

12-16	2	Goffstown		D. Benner
12-18	20		Vernon Dam CBC	
12-19	1360		Coastal CBC	
12-19	311		Monadnock CBC	
12-20	10		Littleton CBC	
12-27	522		Nashua CBC	
12-27	136		Keene CBC	
12-27	258		Laconia CBC	
12-27	538		Lee-Durham CBC	
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