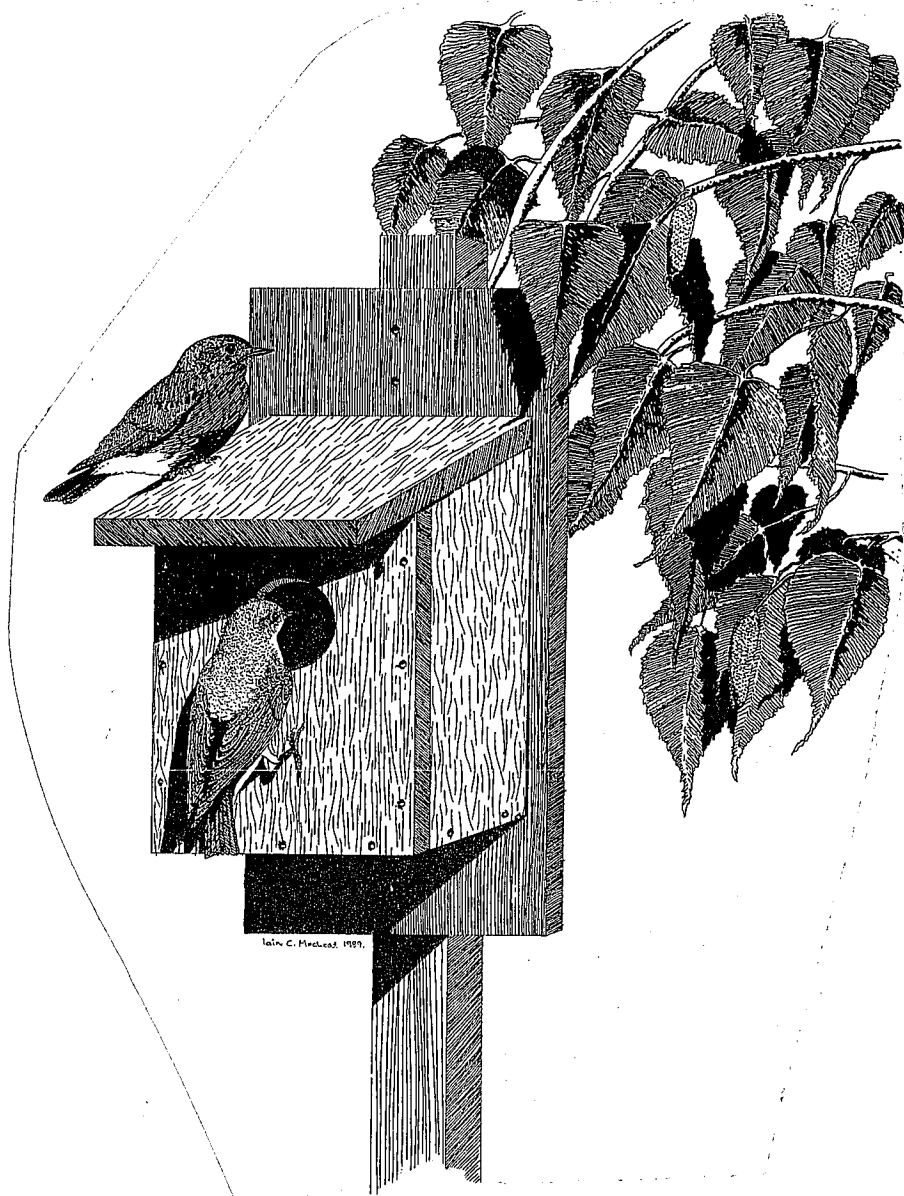


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# Compiling *New Hampshire Bird Records*

We continue our quest to publish the *New Hampshire Bird Records* on a timely schedule of four issues per year. Despite the lack of visible results, we have made great strides behind the scenes. Data entry for all seasons is up to date, we are preparing the first two 1990 seasons for publication, and all other seasons are with their seasonal editors. We appreciate your continued patience and support.

If you are not familiar with the *New Hampshire Bird Records*, a brief outline of the procedure follows. All bird sighting slips are received at Audubon House and entered into the computer. The computer printout then goes to the seasonal editor, who interprets the information and writes it up. It is then returned to ASNH where it is readied for final publication. Timely submission (monthly) of bird report slips greatly facilitates this process. A detailed explanation of the reporting procedures can be sent to any interested birder. If you have not reported and would like to receive this information, please contact Becky or Diane at ASNH.

We are excited to report that the number of sightings submitted continues to climb, with over 2000 received for spring of 1990. In response, we have had to implement a more rigorous editing format to keep down the cost of each issue. This means that not every record received will be in the published manuscript. However, each record will be computerized and archived in the files. All records are still of great historical value and it is still extremely important to maintain statewide coverage.

In the 1989 seasons you will find that entire species groups have been deleted. The phenomenon of missing groups results from a need to save space in the final publication, and reflects those species where reports were of little significance. A list of the missing groups and the names of all reporters can be found at the end of each season. Anyone who would like a copy of the full computer printout for a season may obtain one for a small fee. Please contact us directly if you are interested in this service.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the many volunteers who helped make this publication possible. We could not do it without them. A special thank you goes to Ruth Lang, Tom McMillan, Marie Neveu, Jill Simmons, and the four seasonal editors. Front and back cover illustrations are by Iain C. MacLeod. Thank you also to those who have made special monetary contributions to *Bird Records*. These go into a restricted fund which is used exclusively for *New Hampshire Bird Records*. This kind of support is extremely important and very much appreciated.

Good birding to all, and let us know what you come across.

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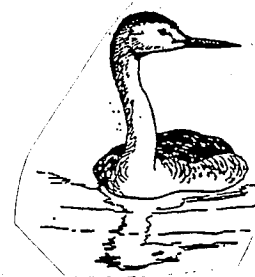


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# Winter Season

December 1, 1989 through February 28, 1990

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Temperature extremes—first bitterly cold, then unusually warm—characterized the winter of 1989-90. Not surprisingly, these atypical conditions affected bird reports throughout the season. Many December regulars were scarce or unreported, while many early migrants arrived on accelerated schedules.

December 1989 was by far the coldest ever experienced in northern New England. Average temperature for the region was just 6.1 degrees—a severe 14.5 degrees below normal. For New Hampshire, it was also the sixth driest December on record, even though North Country snowfall was near or above normal.

After a sunny start to the month, a winter storm with brisk northwest winds brought snow to New Hampshire on December 3. More snow on December 6 was followed by one day of nearly seasonal temperatures—then the mercury took a nose dive. Except for a brief respite on December 10 and 11, the state remained in the grip of record-breaking cold throughout the month. Temperatures during the three days before Christmas averaged 15 to 22 degrees below normal.

In a dramatic reversal, the month of January featured near-record warmth. Temperatures during the month rarely dropped below zero, making this New England's fifth-warmest January on record. Precipitation, too, was above normal.

After a cool New Year's Day, milder temperatures and conditions arrived on January 2. The coldest days of the month occurred on January 14 and 15, and then conditions became quite balmy, with temperatures above 50 degrees and record highs on January 18 (57 degrees in Concord). The second half of the month was unsettled, with a mix of heavy rains and light snowfalls.

The above-average temperatures continued into February, which closed as the tenth-warmest on record for southern New England. Precipitation was near average. The first week saw freezing rain, sleet, and snow. Milder temperatures ruled for the next week: average temperatures on February 9 were 15 to 25 degrees above normal. The first migrant **Belted Kingfishers, Northern Harriers, Ospreys, Turkey Vultures, Eastern Bluebirds, Red-winged Blackbirds, and Peregrine Falcons** arrived during this period.

A cold front on February 13 brought snow and ice, and, on February 19, colder air and brisk winds. The cold lasted only until February 22, when a large area of unsettled weather spread moisture into our region. Strong southwest winds pushed ahead of the storm, carrying in some of the warmest temperatures of the month as well as a **Ring-necked Duck**, several **Canvasbacks**, and a **Common Grackle**. High temperatures broke records on February 23 and 24 before the month ended on a cold, snowy note.

Across the season, high numbers of **Peregrine Falcons (9), Black-capped Chickadees, Tufted Titmice, Red-breasted and White-breasted Nuthatches, Bohemian and Cedar Waxwings, Snow Buntings, and Rusty Blackbirds** were reported. Species notably low this season were **Red-throated Loons, Great Blue Herons, Golden-crowned Kinglets, Purple Finches, and House Finches**.

Highlights for the season included a **Western Grebe** near Odiorne Point (third year), a **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** on the Hanover-Norwich Christmas Bird Count (first on CBC since 1977), and the sightings of a **Sharp-tailed Sparrow** (first report since 1981) and two **Grasshopper Sparrows** on the Coastal CBC (fourth record in 30 years).

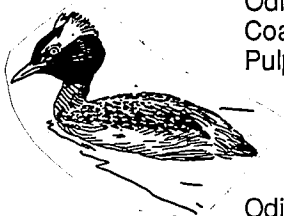
Andrea Robbins  
Winter Editor

## Loons and Grebes

Red-throated Loons went unreported this winter. They were missed for the second consecutive year by the Coastal CBC, perhaps because of the extremely rough seas that day. **Common Loon** numbers were below average for the entire season as well.

For the third consecutive year, a **Western Grebe** wintered with **Red-necked Grebes** in the Odiorne Point/Rye Beach area; it was sighted first in November and then periodically through February 12. Although **Horned** and **Red-necked Grebes** wintered in average numbers, rough seas resulted in low tallies for these species on the Coastal CBC.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
<b>Common Loon</b>				
12-05	3	Hampton	Coastguard Pk.	D.B. Kirwan
12-09	5	Seabrook	coast	J. McIlwaine, T. Richards
12-16	29		Coastal CBC	
02-03	2	Rye		D.B. Kirwan, L. Ring
02-03	4	Hampton		D.B. Kirwan, L. Ring
02-03	2	N. Hampton		D.B. Kirwan, L. Ring
<b>Horned Grebe</b>				
12-09	3	Seabrook	coast	J. McIlwaine, T. Richards
12-16	5		Coastal CBC	
02-03	2	Hampton	Boar's Head	D.B. Kirwan
02-11	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	G. & A. Robbins
<b>Red-necked Grebe</b>				
12-05	6	Hampton	Coastguard Pk.	D.B. Kirwan
12-09	20	Seabrook	coast	J. McIlwaine, T. Richards
12-10	3	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	D. Durso
12-16	23		Coastal CBC	
01-13	12	Rye	Pulpit Rocks	T. Arter, et al.
02-03	25	Rye		D.B. Kirwan, L. Ring
02-11	32	Rye		G. & A. Robbins
<b>Western Grebe</b>				
12-10	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	D. Durso
12-16	1		Coastal CBC	
01-09	1	Rye	Rt. 1A, s. of Odiorne Pt.	D. Deifik
02-12	1	Rye	Pebble Beach Motel	W. Lea



## Gannets through Herons

The Coastal CBC tallied three **Northern Gannets**. Only four **Great Blue Herons**—just one-fifth of the average over the last five years—were reported for December from all sources; presumably the month's extreme cold and lack of open water accounted for this. For the first time since 1979, no great blues were reported by the Lee-Durham CBC.

An immature **Great Cormorant** in Meredith on December 3 was unusual, while as many as 88 were seen off Seabrook on one December day. After that sighting, however, their numbers dropped off significantly. No **Double-crested Cormorants** were reported.

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<b>Northern Gannet</b>				
12-16	3		Coastal CBC	

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<b>Great Cormorant</b>				
12-03	1	Meredith		B. Bradley
12-08	4	Portsmouth	harbor	L. Phinney
12-09	88	Seabrook	coast	J. McIlwaine, T. Richards
12-16	17		Coastal CBC	
02-03	8	Portsmouth	Portsmouth R.	D.B. Kirwan, L. Ring

<b>Great Blue Heron</b>				
12-16	3		Coastal CBC	
12-30	1		Nashua CBC	

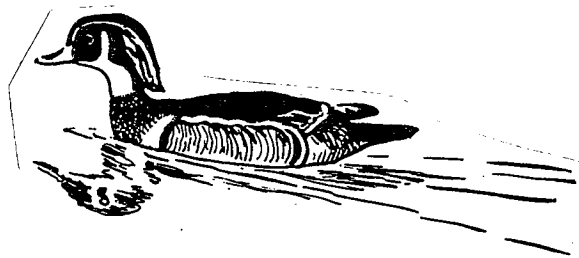


## Waterfowl

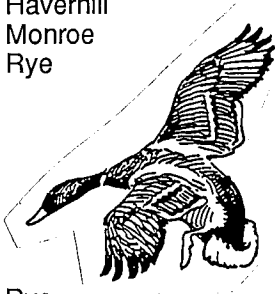
Despite the season's early freeze-up, the Christmas Bird Counts reported 19 species of waterfowl. Highlights were two **Wood Ducks** (only the second CBC record for Concord), two **Green-winged Teal**, a **Northern Pintail** (off Cedar Point, new for Lee-Durham CBC), and an adult male **Ring-necked Duck** (second CBC record for Hanover-Norwich).

**Surf and White-winged Scoters** were present in average numbers during this coldest December ever in northern New England, but all other wintering species of waterfowl were below average (**Canada Goose, American Black Duck, Mallard, Black Scoter, and Greater Scaup**) or notably low (**Common Eider, Oldsquaw, Common Goldeneye, Bufflehead, and Hooded, Common, and Red-breasted Mergansers**). For the first time since 1981, Barrow's Goldeneyes were missed on all the CBCs and went totally unreported.

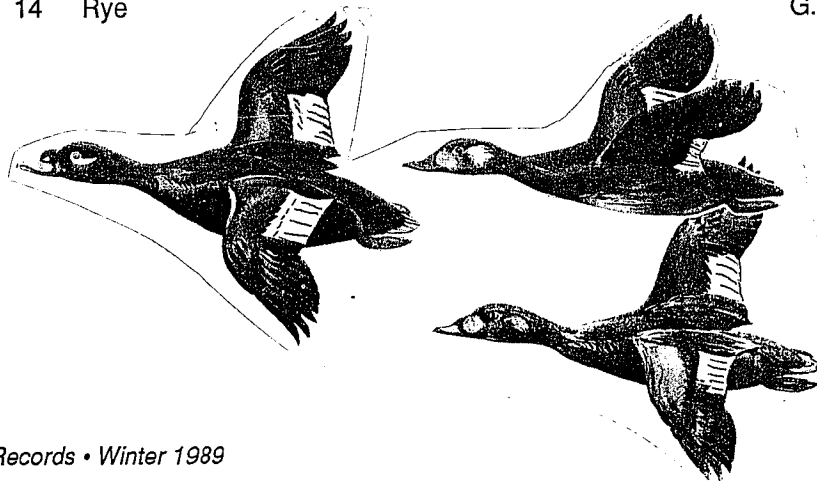
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<b>Mute Swan</b>				
12-16	2		Coastal CBC	
12-23	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
02-11	1	Newington	Great Bay	G. & A. Robbins
<b>Snow Goose</b>				
01-15	1	Hinsdale	Connecticut R. s. of Vernon Dam	C. Foss, N. Tandy, B. Beers, D. Hughes
<b>Brant</b>				
02-12	4	Hampton	off Rt. 1A	S. Mirick
<b>Canada Goose</b>				
12-11	14	Chester	Derry Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
12-16	867		Coastal CBC	
12-16	9		Upper Contoocook Valley CBC	
12-17	8		Concord CBC	
12-23	165		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-30	367		Nashua CBC	
<b>Wood Duck</b>				
12-16	1		Coastal CBC	
12-17	1		Concord CBC	
<b>Green-winged Teal</b>				
12-16	2		Coastal CBC	
12-21	1	Wolfeboro		C. Hogan
01-01	1	Portsmouth	off Rt. 1B	S. Mirick



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<b>American Black Duck</b>				
12-15	20	Portsmouth	harbor	L. Phinney
12-16	444		Coastal CBC	
12-23	533		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-28	58		N. Conway CBC	
12-30	18		Lakes Region CBC	
12-30	118		Nashua CBC	
01-13	74	Haverhill	Connecticut R.	B. Bradley
01-27	100	Monroe	Connecticut R.	E. Emery
02-11	10	Rye		G. & A. Robbins
<b>Mallard</b>				
12-16	503		Coastal CBC	
12-17	205		Concord CBC	
12-23	476		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-30	511		Lakes Region CBC	
12-30	590		Nashua CBC	
02-11	100	Rye		G. & A. Robbins
<b>Northern Pintail</b>				
12-23	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
<b>Canvasback</b>				
02-22	21	Durham	Great Bay, Adam's Pt.	T. Arter
<b>Ring-necked Duck</b>				
12-30	1		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
02-19	1	Tilton	Silver Lake	R.A. Quinn
<b>Greater Scaup</b>				
12-16	154		Coastal CBC	
12-23	213		Lee-Durham CBC	
<b>Common Eider</b>				
12-16	4		Coastal CBC	
02-03	7	Hampton		D.B. Kirwan, L. Ring
02-03	15	Rye		D.B. Kirwan, L. Ring
<b>Oldsquaw</b>				
12-16	8		Coastal CBC	
02-11	12	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	G. & A. Robbins
<b>Black Scoter</b>				
12-09	6	Seabrook	coast	J. McIlwaine, T. Richards
12-16	16		Coastal CBC	
02-03	4	Rye		D.B. Kirwan, L. Ring
<b>Surf Scoter</b>				
12-09	16	Seabrook	coast	J. McIlwaine, T. Richards
12-16	11		Coastal CBC	
02-03	7	Rye		D.B. Kirwan, L. Ring
02-11	2	Hampton		G. & A. Robbins
<b>White-winged Scoter</b>				
12-05	6	Hampton	Coastguard Pk.	D.B. Kirwan
12-09	5	Seabrook	coast	J. McIlwaine, T. Richards
12-16	93		Coastal CBC	
02-03	5	Rye		D.B. Kirwan, L. Ring
02-11	5	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	G. & A. Robbins



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<b>Common Goldeneye</b>				
12-05	45	Hampton	Coastguard Pk.	D.B. Kirwan
12-09	71	Seabrook	coast	J. McIlwaine, T. Richards
12-16	151		Coastal CBC	
12-17	87		Concord CBC	
12-23	43		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-30	12		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-30	40		Lakes Region CBC	
01-27	10	Haverhill	Connecticut R.	B. Bradley
02-03	20	Hampton		D.B. Kirwan, L. Ring
02-03	15	Rye		D.B. Kirwan, L. Ring
02-17	8	Shelburne	Androscoggin R.	R.A. Quinn, T. Richards
<b>Bufflehead</b>				
12-16	49		Coastal CBC	
12-23	20		Lee-Durham CBC	
02-04	2	Manchester	Merrimack R. near River Rd.	J. Burge
02-11	9	Rye		G. & A. Robbins
02-11	3	Newington	Great Bay	G. & A. Robbins
<b>Hooded Merganser</b>				
12-16	2		Coastal CBC	
12-28	2		N. Conway CBC	
12-30	5		Hanover-Norwich CBC-CW	
12-30	20		Lakes Region CBC	
02-03	6	Franklin	Chance Pond Brook	K.C. Elkins
02-20	3	Penacook	Contocook R., River Rd.	S. Bourne
<b>Common Merganser</b>				
12-16	16		Coastal CBC	
12-17	10	Errol	Androscoggin R.	R.A. Quinn, T. Richards
12-17	5		Littleton CBC	
12-17	6		Concord CBC	
12-29	31		Errol CBC	
12-30	52		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-30	9		Lakes Region CBC	
12-30	28		Nashua CBC	
12-30	5		Pittsburg CBC	
02-19	24	Laconia	Winnisquam	R.A. Quinn, G. Robbins
<b>Red-breasted Merganser</b>				
12-08	13	Portsmouth	harbor	L. Phinney
12-09	10	Seabrook	coast	J. McIlwaine, T. Richards
12-12	24	Portsmouth	harbor	L. Phinney
12-16	55		Coastal CBC	
12-23	29		Lee-Durham CBC	
02-11	14	Rye		G. & A. Robbins



# Hawks

Three early migrant **Turkey Vultures** were sighted at the end of the winter season, the first in Walpole on February 11.

**Bald Eagles** were especially well-covered this season. In addition to the sightings by ASNH eagle project volunteers, over 225 reports (four times the 1988-89 total) were received—far too many to list individually. This interest and dedication served to identify at least 66 different individuals (43 adults and 23 immatures). The major wintering areas (with numbers of individual eagles) were the Connecticut River (13), the Merrimack River (15), the Androscoggin River and North Country (9), Great Bay (8), and the Lakes Region (8).

Three **Northern Harriers** (new for Keene CBC), at least 28 **Sharp-shinned Hawks**, four **Cooper's Hawks** (new for Lee-Durham CBC), and six **Northern Goshawks** were reported.

Other raptor reports include 75 **Red-tailed Hawks**, 11 **Rough-legged Hawks**, one **Osprey** (early February!), nine **American Kestrels**, and nine **Peregrine Falcons** (six of which returned to northern ledges by mid-February).

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
<b>Turkey Vulture</b>				
02-11	1	Walpole	Prospect Hill & County Rd.	L.J. Collett, R.E. Ritz
02-12	1	Walpole	Barnett Hill Rd.	Hockmuth
02-19	1	Nashua	Clovercrest	B. & M. Harris
02-23	1	Manchester	Rt. 293 & Willow St.	D. Crowe
<b>Osprey</b>				
02-10	1	Winchester		N. Tandy
<b>Northern Harrier</b>				
12-16	1		Coastal CBC	
12-17	1		Keene CBC	
02-10	1	Swanzy	Maple St.	S. Earle
<b>Sharp-shinned Hawk</b>				
12-16	4		Coastal CBC	
12-16	2		Upper Contoocook Valley CBC	
12-17	3		Concord CBC	
12-23	3		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-30	2		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-30	3		Nashua CBC	
12-30	1		Baker Valley CBC	
01-16	1	Northwood	Blake's Hill Rd.	T. Arter, L. Harper
01-28	1	Wentworth	residence	G.A. Ports
01-31	1	Manchester	Merrimack St.	A. Trudeau
02-11	1	Newington		G. & A. Robbins
<b>Cooper's Hawk</b>				
12-08	1	Dover	off Rt. 9	S. Mirick
12-17	1		Keene CBC	
12-23	1	Dover	Bellamy Refuge	A. Ablowich, B. Coullon, A. Borrer
12-23	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
01-12	1	Monroe	residence	P. Powers
02-27	1	Canterbury	Boyce Rd.	D. Stavros





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<b>Northern Goshawk</b>				
12-17	1		Littleton CBC	
12-30	1		Lakes Region CBC	
12-30	1		Nashua CBC	
12-30	1		Pittsburg CBC	
02-20	1	Concord	S. Spring St.	M. Severance
02-25	1	Pittsfield	Jenness Pond Rd.	L. Harper, T. Arter

<b>Red-tailed Hawk</b>				
12-16	39		Coastal CBC	
12-17	2		Littleton CBC	
12-17	8		Concord CBC	
12-19	1	Walpole	Thompson Rd.	M. & M. Bertin
12-23	14		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-30	3		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-30	8		Nashua CBC	
12-31	1	Monroe	farmland	E. Emery
01-11	1	Greenland	n.e. of Pierce Pt.	C.R. Foss, E. Swift
01-18	2	Concord	Merrimack R., Moore's Crossing	P. Niswander
01-27	1	Haverhill	N. Haverhill	B. Bradley
02-22	2	Manchester	Commercial St.	J. Burge

<b>Rough-legged Hawk</b>				
12-04	2	Concord	Clinton St. fields	C.R. Foss, D.D. Henry
12-16	6		Coastal CBC	
12-17	2		Concord CBC	
12-23	2		Lee-Durham CBC	
02-11	1	Rye		G. & A. Robbins
02-13	1	Stratford	Stratford Hollow	S. Williamson

<b>American Kestrel</b>				
12-16	5		Coastal CBC	
12-17	1		Concord CBC	
12-23	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
01-18	1	Concord	Rt. 93, Exit 17	R.A. Quinn
02-07	1	Hampton		D.B. Kirwan
02-22	1	Manchester	Commercial St.	J. Burge

<b>Peregrine Falcon</b>				
12-09	1	Rye	coast	J. McIlwaine, T. Richards
01-20	1	Conway	E. Conway Rd.	K. Neilson
02-06	1	Manchester	Central St.	J. Morin
02-12	1	Lyme	Holts Ledge	S. Smith
02-12	1	Harts Location	Frankenstein Ledge	D. Call
02-28	2	Hales Location	White Horse Ledge	D. Coleman

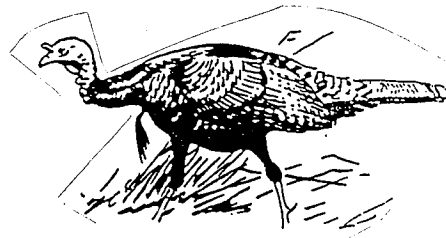


## Pheasant through Shorebirds

It was a good season for **Wild Turkey** sightings—flocks of 30 and 46 were reported from Dunbarton and Walpole, and record numbers were tallied by the Keene and Upper Contoocook Valley CBCs.

Except for 18 **Purple Sandpipers** on the rocks off Hampton, all other shorebird reports came from the Coastal CBC. These include 55 **Sanderling**, 76 **Purple Sandpipers**, 65 **Dunlin**, and one **Common Snipe**.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
<b>Ring-necked Pheasant</b>				
12-16	2		Upper Contoocook Valley CBC	
12-17	1		Littleton CBC	
12-30	1		Nashua CBC	
02-22	5	Manchester	Commercial St.	J. Burge
<b>Ruffed Grouse</b>				
12-16	11		Upper Contoocook Valley CBC	
12-17	3	Kensington	Cottage Hill	G. Gavutis
12-17	12		Littleton CBC	
12-17	7		Keene CBC	
12-19	8	Sanbornton	Hall Rd.	R.A. Quinn, G. Robbins
12-28	8		N. Conway CBC	
12-30	20		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-30	6		Nashua CBC	
12-30	2		Pittsburg CBC	
12-30	14		Baker Valley CBC	
12-31	5	Monroe		P. Powers
<b>Wild Turkey</b>				
12-16	21		Coastal CBC	
12-16	18		Upper Contoocook Valley CBC	
12-17	31		Keene CBC	
12-24	46	Walpole	County Rd.- Great Brook Farm	R.E. Ritz, H. Goodman
01-04	30	Dunbarton	Rt. 13	C. Jones
<b>Northern Bobwhite</b>				
12-14	1	Merrimack	Bates Rd.	W. Long
12-21	14	Hopkinton	Stumpfield Rd.	J. Salvey
<b>Sanderling</b>				
12-16	55		Coastal CBC	
<b>Purple Sandpiper</b>				
12-09	18	Hampton	rocks off shore	J. McIlwaine, T. Richards
12-16	76		Coastal CBC	
<b>Dunlin</b>				
12-16	65		Coastal CBC	
<b>Common Snipe</b>				
12-16	1		Coastal CBC	



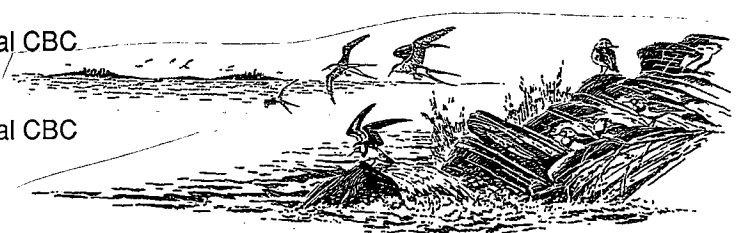
## Gulls through Alcids

Common Black-headed Gulls, which had become fairly regular winter visitors to the Portsmouth/Rye area, were missed entirely for the first time since 1982.

Five Iceland Gulls wintered on the coast, and four were seen inland. At least four Glaucous Gulls wintered near Portsmouth Harbor, while seven others were observed at sites from Lee-Durham to Berlin.

The Coastal CBC recorded the only Black-legged Kittiwake and Black Guillemot sightings.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
<b>Bonaparte's Gull</b>				
12-09	6	Seabrook	coast	J. McIlwaine, T. Richards
12-16	27		Coastal CBC	
<b>Ring-billed Gull</b>				
12-15	5	Portsmouth	harbor	L. Phinney
12-16	42		Coastal CBC	
12-17	8		Concord CBC	
12-23	4		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-30	9		Nashua CBC	
<b>Herring Gull</b>				
12-16	3402		Coastal CBC	
12-17	22		Keene CBC	
12-17	160		Concord CBC	
12-23	3720		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-30	21		Lakes Region CBC	
12-30	2464		Nashua CBC	
01-06	7	Littleton	dump	B. Bradley
01-28	6	Milford	Beechbrook	A.E. Ames
02-24	57	Littleton	dump	B. Bradley
<b>Iceland Gull</b>				
12-11	1	Portsmouth	harbor	L. Phinney
12-16	5		Coastal CBC	
12-30	2		Nashua CBC	
01-01	1	Portsmouth	harbor	T. Arter, et al.
02-03	1	Portsmouth	Portsmouth R.	D.B. Kirwan, L. Ring
02-13	1	Portsmouth	harbor	L. Phinney
02-17	1	Berlin	dump	R.A. Quinn, T. Richards
02-24	1	Littleton	dump	B. Bradley
<b>Glaucous Gull</b>				
12-11	1	Portsmouth	harbor	L. Phinney
12-16	3		Coastal CBC	
12-23	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-30	1		Nashua CBC	
01-01	4	Portsmouth	harbor	T. Arter, et al.
01-01	1	Laconia		S. & W. Fogleman
02-03	1	Portsmouth	Portsmouth R.	D.B. Kirwan, L. Ring
02-13	2	Portsmouth	harbor	L. Phinney
02-17	1	Berlin	Androscoggin R.	R.A. Quinn, T. Richards
02-17	2	Berlin	dump	R.A. Quinn, T. Richards
02-26	1	Littleton	dump	J. McIlwaine
<b>Great Black-backed Gull</b>				
12-16	7	Chester	Derry Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
12-16	531		Coastal CBC	
12-17	4		Keene CBC	
12-17	50		Concord CBC	
12-23	214		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-30	53		Lakes Region CBC	
12-30	330		Nashua CBC	
02-24	52	Littleton	town dump	B. Bradley
<b>Black-legged Kittiwake</b>				
12-16	1		Coastal CBC	
<b>Black Guillemot</b>				
12-16	1		Coastal CBC	



## Doves through Woodpeckers

Three hours of owling yielded five **Great Horned Owls** for the Lee-Durham CBC. The only **Snowy Owl** reported this season was a brown-speckled immature seen February 15 carrying a mouse near the interstate in Concord. Other owl reports included nine **Barred Owls**, nine **Saw-whet Owls**, and a single **Short-eared Owl** (first since 1985).

The Hanover-Norwich CBC had a record high of five **Belted Kingfishers**, and, despite the frigid temperatures and frozen waters, several others were seen during December as well.

An immature **Red-headed Woodpecker** in Hillsborough was adequately described, although additional details were not submitted. For the sixth consecutive winter, a **Red-bellied Woodpecker** was in the Granite State. This well-described female frequented a Bow suet feeder through mid-winter. A female **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker**, seen in Etna, represents a new species for the Hanover-Norwich CBC, but the report included no further details. The only other CBC sighting in the past 30 years was on the Upper Contoocook Valley CBC-CW (count week) in 1977. Also on the woodpecker front, ASNH received an unprecedented number of **Pileated Woodpecker** and **Northern Flicker** sightings this winter.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
<b>Mourning Dove</b>				
12-16	315		Upper Contoocook Valley CBC	
12-16	551		Coastal CBC	
12-17	56	Sugar Hill	village	J. McIlwaine
12-17	203		Keene CBC	
12-17	247		Littleton CBC	
12-17	117		Concord CBC	
12-23	359		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-28	179		N. Conway CBC	
12-30	348		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-30	58		Lakes Region CBC	
12-30	177		Baker Valley CBC	
12-30	431		Nashua CBC	
12-30	33		Pittsburg CBC	
01-21	20	Monroe	residence	L. Cole
01-25	98	Littleton	residence	B. Bradley
<b>Great Horned Owl</b>				
12-16	2		Coastal CBC	
12-23	5		Lee-Durham CBC	
01-05	1	Monroe		E. Emery
01-13	1	Conway	Old Mill Rd., Ctr. Conway	M. Harman
02-07	1	Littleton		B. Bradley
02-09	2	Durham	Dame Farm	S. Mirick
<b>Snowy Owl</b>				
02-15	1	Concord	Rt. 93N., Rt. 393 exit	J. Roberge
<b>Barred Owl</b>				
12-16	1		Coastal CBC	
12-17	1		Littleton CBC	
12-23	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-30	1	Kensington	s. of North Rd.	G. Gavutis
12-30	1		Lakes Region CBC	



<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
01-02	1	Newbury	Stony Brook Rd.	C. Theriault
01-11	1	Newmarket	Moody Pt. entrance rd.	C.R. Foss, E. Swift, Z. French
02-05	1	Durham	off Madbury Rd.	S. Mirick, L. Gilmore

**Short-eared Owl**

12-17	1	Durham	Adam's Pt.	S. Mirick, R. Ford
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**Northern Saw-whet Owl**

12-16	1		Coastal CBC	
12-28	1		N. Conway CBC	
12-30	1	Kensington	s. of Great Meadows	G. Gavutis
12-31	1	Portsmouth	downtown	G. Gavutis
01-02	1	Mont Vernon	Francestown Tnkp.	M. & R. Suomala
01-13	1	Barrington	Rt. 4	T. Arter, L. Harper
02-08	2	Durham	Dame Farm	S. Mirick, J. Anderson
02-11	1	Northwood	Blake's Hill Rd.	D. & A. Tucker

**Belted Kingfisher**

12-16	2		Coastal CBC	
12-16	1		Upper Contoocook Valley CBC	
12-17	1		Keene CBC	
12-26	1	Stoddard	Rt. 9, below town	Z. French
12-30	5		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-30	1		Nashua CBC	
02-07	1	Durham	Adam's Pt.	T. Arter
02-07	2	Hampton		D.B. Kirwan
02-11	1	Concord	River Hill, Contoocook R.	J. & S. Bourne

**Red-headed Woodpecker**

12-02	1	Hillsboro	Upper Village	K. Eckberg
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**Red-bellied Woodpecker**

12-20	1	Bow	residence	B. Collins
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**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker**

12-30	1		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
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**Downy Woodpecker**

12-16	85		Coastal CBC	
12-16	112		Upper Contoocook Valley CBC	
12-17	40		Keene CBC	
12-17	25		Littleton CBC	
12-17	50		Concord CBC	
12-23	107		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-28	62		N. Conway CBC	
12-30	68		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-30	42		Lakes Region CBC	
12-30	34		Baker Valley CBC	
12-30	87		Nashua CBC	

**Hairy Woodpecker**

12-01	16	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro	D.L. & C.H. Raddin
12-16	76		Upper Contoocook Valley CBC	
12-16	13		Coastal CBC	
12-17	42		Littleton CBC	
12-17	19		Keene CBC	
12-17	23		Concord CBC	
12-23	34		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-28	39		N. Conway CBC	



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12-30	54		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-30	19		Lakes Region CBC	
12-30	22		Baker Valley CBC	
12-30	34		Nashua CBC	

### Black-backed Woodpecker

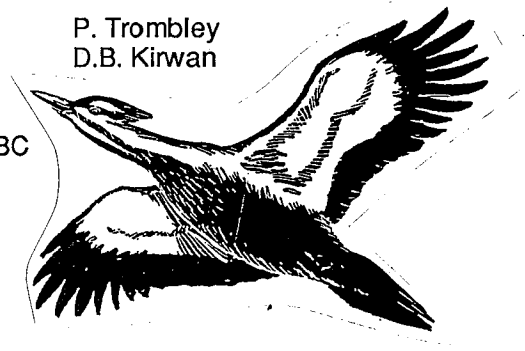
12-29	1		Errol CBC	
01-20	1	Sargents Purchase	Huntington's Ravine Trail	R. Suomala, J. Tobin

### Northern Flicker

12-02	1	Derry	Maxwell Dr.	N. Webb
12-07	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt.	L. Phinney
12-16	7		Coastal CBC	
12-23	2		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-30	3		Nashua CBC	
01-22	1	Penacook	Hobart St.	P. Trombley
02-15	1	E. Kingston		D.B. Kirwan

### Pileated Woodpecker

12-16	2		Upper Contoocook Valley CBC	
12-17	2		Keene CBC	
12-17	4		Littleton CBC	
12-23	3		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-28	6		N. Conway CBC	
12-29	4		Errol CBC	
12-30	5		Lakes Region CBC	
12-30	3		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-30	2		Baker Valley CBC	
01-25	2	Wentworth	Rt. 25, near common	G.A. Ports
01-25	2	Littleton		B. Bradley



## Larks through Wrens

**Horned Larks** were reported in high numbers this year, especially by the Nashua CBC, which had its highest total in 25 years.

The Lee-Durham CBC tallied a new species with a single **Gray Jay** that was being mobbed by Blue Jays near Colony Road in Durham. **American Crows** were reported in average numbers, and a flock of 350 individuals feeding in a Dover field was noteworthy.

The Keene CBC and all CBCs north of Concord approached or broke record highs for **Black-capped Chickadees** and both **Red-breasted** and **White-breasted Nuthatches**. Increased backyard feeder use during December's extreme cold may have contributed to the high number of sightings.

Each year we see more **Carolina Wrens** during the winter months, with three last year and six this year. A **Winter Wren** represented a new species for the Upper Contoocook Valley CBC, while the Coastal CBC reported the season's only **Marsh Wrens**.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
<b>Horned Lark</b>				
12-09	13	Hampton	park	J. McIlwaine, T. Richards
12-16	316		Coastal CBC	
12-17	90		Keene CBC	

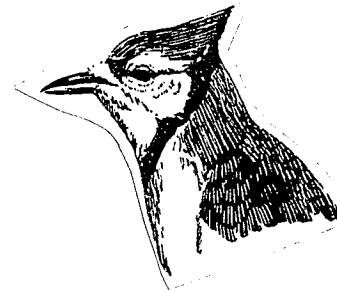
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12-28	25		N. Conway CBC	
12-30	70		Nashua CBC	
12-30	48		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
02-03	50	Haverhill	N. Haverhill field	P. Powers, E. Emery
02-11	14	Hampton	Hampton Beach St. Pk.	G. & A. Robbins
02-14	40	Bedford		T. Egbert

### Gray Jay

12-23	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-29	3		Errol CBC	
12-30	1		Pittsburg CBC	
01-07	6		Second College Grant	D. Anguin, et al.

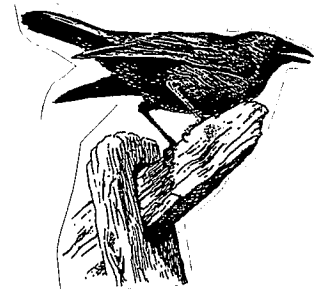
### Blue Jay

12-01	10	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M.P. Wright
12-16	507		Upper Contoocook Valley CBC	
12-16	554		Coastal CBC	
12-17	266		Keene CBC	
12-17	220		Littleton CBC	
12-17	314		Concord CBC	
12-23	709		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-28	631		N. Conway CBC	
12-29	96		Errol CBC	
12-30	345		Lakes Region CBC	
12-30	601		Baker Valley CBC	
12-30	497		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-30	92		Pittsburg CBC	
12-30	660		Nashua CBC	



### American Crow

12-16	711		Coastal CBC	
12-16	409		Upper Contoocook Valley CBC	
12-17	86		Littleton CBC	
12-17	339		Keene CBC	
12-17	528		Concord CBC	
12-23	589		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-28	347		N. Conway CBC	
12-30	191		Lakes Region CBC	
12-30	556		Nashua CBC	
12-30	525		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-30	41		Baker Valley CBC	
01-12	110	Concord	Kings Stone Field, Merrimack R.	J. Quinn
01-12	350	Dover	off Rochester Neck Rd.	S. Mirick
01-13	85	Bath		B. Bradley
01-31	375	Monroe		E. Emery
02-11	150	Chester	Derry Rd.	A. & B. Delorey



### Common Raven

12-16	8		Upper Contoocook Valley CBC	
12-17	2		Keene CBC	
12-17	28		Littleton CBC	
12-17	6		Concord CBC	
12-28	36		N. Conway CBC	
12-29	2	Durham	W. Foss Farm	S. Mirick
12-29	92		Errol CBC	
12-30	7		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-30	44		Pittsburg CBC	
01-05	15	Walpole	Merriam Rd.	R.E. Ritz
02-11	42	Lyman	Dodge Pond area	B. Bradley

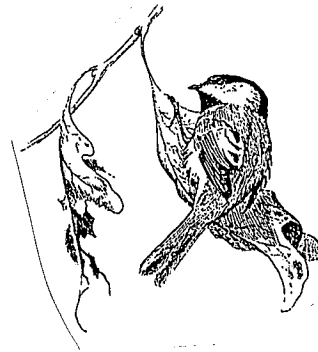
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**Black-capped Chickadee**

12-16 1420  
 12-16 891  
 12-17 653  
 12-17 570  
 12-17 662  
 12-23 1051  
 12-28 875  
 12-29 311  
 12-30 1286  
 12-30 2593  
 12-30 609  
 12-30 971  
 12-30 377

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Upper Contocook Valley CBC  
 Coastal CBC  
 Littleton CBC  
 Keene CBC  
 Concord CBC  
 Lee-Durham CBC  
 N. Conway CBC  
 Errol CBC  
 Lakes Region CBC  
 Hanover-Norwich CBC  
 Nashua CBC  
 Baker Valley CBC  
 Pittsburg CBC

*observer(s)*



**Boreal Chickadee**

12-28 2  
 12-29 7  
 12-30 1  
 12-30 8  
 01-20 4 Sargents Purchase  
 02-23 3 Lincoln

N. Conway CBC  
 Errol CBC  
 Baker Valley CBC  
 Pittsburg CBC  
 Huntington's Ravine Trail  
 Cedar Brook Trail

R. Suomala  
 J. Derby

**Tufted Titmouse**

12-01 3 Bristol  
 12-16 105  
 12-16 134  
 12-17 57  
 12-17 66  
 12-23 174  
 12-28 10  
 12-30 18  
 12-30 11  
 12-30 172

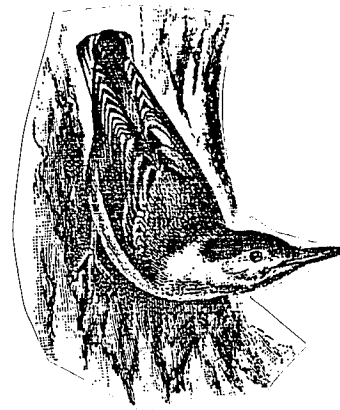
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 Lee-Durham CBC  
 N. Conway CBC  
 Lakes Region CBC  
 Hanover-Norwich CBC  
 Nashua CBC

G. Jeffers

**Red-breasted Nuthatch**

12-16 79  
 12-16 38  
 12-17 39  
 12-17 45  
 12-23 60  
 12-28 55  
 12-29 38  
 12-30 37  
 12-30 32  
 12-30 16  
 12-30 27  
 12-30 27

Upper Contocook Valley CBC  
 Coastal CBC  
 Keene CBC  
 Littleton CBC  
 Lee-Durham CBC  
 N. Conway CBC  
 Errol CBC  
 Lakes Region CBC  
 Pittsburg CBC  
 Nashua CBC  
 Baker Valley CBC  
 Hanover-Norwich CBC



**White-breasted Nuthatch**

12-16 70  
 12-16 145  
 12-17 44  
 12-17 82  
 12-17 56  
 12-23 156  
 12-28 80  
 12-30 58  
 12-30 102

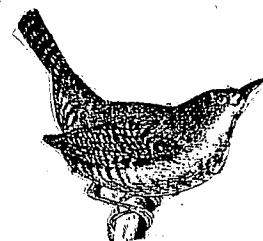
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 N. Conway CBC  
 Lakes Region CBC  
 Hanover-Norwich CBC



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12-30	97		Nashua CBC	
12-30	59		Baker Valley CBC	

### Brown Creeper

12-16	6		Upper Contoocook Valley CBC
12-16	8		Coastal CBC
12-17	6		Keene CBC
12-17	3		Concord CBC
12-23	16		Lee-Durham CBC
12-28	3		N. Conway CBC
12-30	3		Lakes Region CBC
12-30	12		Hanover-Norwich CBC
12-30	3		Baker Valley CBC
12-30	12		Nashua CBC
01-03	4	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow



M. Wright

### Carolina Wren

12-01	1	Hopkinton	residence	T. Richards
12-10	1	Northwood	Lake Shore Dr.	G. & G. Rogers
12-17	1		Concord CBC-CW	
12-19	1	Pelham	residence	C. Start
12-30	1		Hanover-Norwich CBC-CW	
01-08	1	Kensington	Drinkwater Rd.	R. Parker

### Winter Wren

12-16	1		Upper Contoocook Valley CBC
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### Marsh Wren

12-16	2		Coastal CBC
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## Kinglets through Shrike

Reports of **Golden-crowned Kinglets** were fewer in number this year, while a **Ruby-crowned Kinglet** was a new species for the Keene CBC.

Of the 12 **Eastern Bluebirds** that lingered late in Walpole, at least five overwintered there. The earliest reported migrant bluebirds returned to Hopkinton on February 12.

Reports indicate that remarkable numbers of **American Robins**, **Bohemian Waxwings**, and **Cedar Waxwings** were in the state this season (far too many waxwings were reported to list individually—only large flocks are listed). Undoubtedly one of the major reasons for the tremendous influx of these species were the outstanding berry and crab apple crops available to them. Nearly 100 American Robins were seen, with the northernmost sighting being the two reported by the Hanover-Norwich CBC. While flocks of Bohemian Waxwings averaged around 50, flocks of 200, 155, and 145 were seen in Plymouth, Northwood, and Sanbornton, respectively. Cedar Waxwing flock size averaged 25, yet as many as 500 were seen at one time feasting on tea crab apple trees in Dover. All Cedar Waxwing sightings occurred south of Pittsfield.

Two **Varied Thrushes** were confirmed this year, and two **Brown Thrashers** were discovered on CBCs (Coastal's first in eight years, Nashua's second in 25 years).

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
<b>Golden-crowned Kinglet</b>				
12-16	6		Coastal CBC	
12-16	5		Upper Contoocook Valley CBC	
12-17	2		Littleton CBC	

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12-23	3		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-28	10		N. Conway CBC	
12-29	5		Errol CBC	
12-30	13		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
<b>Ruby-crowned Kinglet</b>				
12-17	1		Keene CBC	
12-18	1	Manchester	residence	H. Fisk
<b>Eastern Bluebird</b>				
12-06	12	Walpole	Thompson Rd.	M. & M. Bertin
12-28	1	Durham	W. Foss Farm	S. Mirick, A. Petrella, R. Ford
02-11	4	Walpole	Thompson Rd.	R.E. Ritz, L. Collett
02-12	1	Hopkinton	Putney residence	R. Hanson
<b>Hermit Thrush</b>				
12-16	1		Coastal CBC	
12-23	1	Weare	residence	P. Myers
<b>American Robin</b>				
12-10	7	Hollis	Beaver Brook	R. Andrews
12-16	9		Coastal CBC	
12-16	3		Upper Contoocook Valley CBC	
12-17	8		Concord CBC	
12-23	12		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-28	28	Durham	W. Foss Farm	S. Mirick, A. Petrella, R. Ford
12-30	4		Nashua CBC	
12-30	2		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
01-03	5	Hollis	residence	E. Whitworth
01-05	2	Weare	residence	E. Straw
01-12	1	Andover		M. Newton
02-03	1	Pittsfield	residence	B. Miller
02-07	1	Walpole	Merriam Rd.	R.E. Ritz
02-11	1	Sutton	N. Sutton, near center	J. & J. Verville
02-12	1	Surry	Dam & E. Surry Rds.	R.E. Ritz
02-18	2	Pittsfield	Rt. 28, near Loudon Rd.	G. & A. Robbins
02-24	7	Concord	White's Farm	A. McCullough
<b>Varied Thrush</b>				
01-09	1	Bedford	Nathan Cutler Dr.	J. Newberry
02-25	1	Antrim	Highland Ave.	E. & N. Hildreth
<b>Northern Mockingbird</b>				
12-16	3		Upper Contoocook Valley CBC	
12-16	65		Coastal CBC	
12-17	8		Keene CBC	
12-17	1		Littleton CBC	
12-17	6		Concord CBC	
12-23	34		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-25	2	Concord	E. Concord	V. Hayden
12-30	2		Lakes Region CBC	
12-30	3		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-30	20		Nashua CBC	
<b>Brown Thrasher</b>				
12-16	1		Coastal CBC	
12-30	1		Nashua CBC	
<b>Bohemian Waxwing</b>				
12-08	145	Sanbornton		J. Derby
12-17	15		Littleton CBC	

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12-24	23	Bethlehem	Rt. 93	J. McIlwaine
12-28	37		N. Conway CBC	
12-30	515		Lakes Region CBC	
01-01	200	Plymouth		S. & W. Fogleman
01-04	26	Hancock	Harris Center	M. Cadot
01-06	26	Greenfield		B. Mack
01-15	60	Franconia		S. & H. Rowins
01-22	50	Hanover	Tuck Dr., Dartmouth College	S.W. Smith
01-27	50	Littleton		B. Bradley
02-18	50	Pittsfield	Rt. 28, near Loudon Rd.	G. & A. Robbins
02-19	20	Canterbury	Shaker Rd.	R.A. Quinn, G. Robbins
02-21	155	Northwood	Noel's Bird Feeders, Rt. 4	T. Arter

### Cedar Waxwing

12-15	33	Goffstown	St. Anselm's College	K. Metz
01-31	40	Concord	Havenwood	K.C. Elkins
02-01	30	Chester	Derry Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
02-01	500	Dover	residence	P.E. Keenan
02-10	50	Rye	Odiome Pt. St. Pk.	S. Mirick, L. Gilmore
02-11	43	Northwood	Noel's Bird Feeders, Rt. 4	G. & A. Robbins
02-18	30	Pittsfield	Rt. 28, near Loudon Rd.	G. & A. Robbins
02-21	60	S. Hampton	residence	W. McCarthy
02-22	50	Contoocook	Maple St.	S. Yonkers

### Northern Shrike

12-02	1	Groveton	residence	I. Bigelow
12-10	1	Pittsfield		G. & A. Robbins
12-23	1		Lee-Durham CBC-CW	
12-28	1		N. Conway CBC	
12-30	1	Wentworth	common	G.A. Ports
12-30	1		Pittsburg CBC	
12-30	1		Baker Valley CBC	
12-30	2		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
01-27	1	Durham	Adam's Pt.	S. Mirick
02-08	1	Wolfeboro	E. Wolfeboro feeder	C.H. & D.L. Raddin
02-11	1	Lisbon		B. Bradley



## Warblers through Snow Buntings

The **Orange-crowned Warbler** seen on the Coastal CBC (their third in 15 years) was studied at close range as it foraged in an apple orchard off Great Bay Road in Greenland. The Coastal CBC also recorded seven **Yellow-rumped Warblers**, which was about average for them.

The Hanover-Norwich and Coastal CBCs both had their highest totals for **Northern Cardinals** in 15 years, while the Nashua CBC had its highest in 25 years.

Noteworthy sparrow reports include three **Rufous-sided Towhees**, four **Field Sparrows**, four **Savannah Sparrows**, nine **Fox Sparrows**, one **Sharp-tailed Sparrow** (first winter sighting since 1981), and two **Grasshopper Sparrows** (only the fourth record in 30 years for the Coastal CBC).

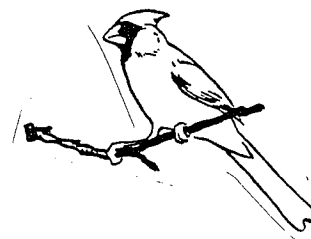
**Snow Bunting** reports were too plentiful to list in their entirety; only large flocks are listed. The average flock size was approximately 40 birds.

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<b>Orange-crowned Warbler</b>				
12-16	1		Coastal CBC	

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<b>Yellow-rumped Warbler</b>				
12-16	7		Coastal CBC	
12-30	1		Lakes Region CBC-CW	

**Northern Cardinal**

12-16	48		Upper Contoocook Valley CBC	
12-16	106		Coastal CBC	
12-17	38		Keene CBC	
12-17	27		Concord CBC	
12-17	12		Littleton CBC	
12-23	39		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-28	7		N. Conway CBC	
12-30	11		Lakes Region CBC	
12-30	54		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-30	12		Baker Valley CBC	
12-30	79		Nashua CBC	



**Rufous-sided Towhee**

12-16	1		Coastal CBC	
12-23	1		Lee-Durham CBC-CW	
12-26	1	Stratham	High St.	D. Koerner

**American Tree Sparrow**

12-01	15	Pittsfield		G. & A. Robbins
12-16	267		Coastal CBC	
12-16	70		Upper Contoocook Valley CBC	
12-17	61		Keene CBC	
12-17	9		Littleton CBC	
12-17	129		Concord CBC	
12-21	11	Wentworth	residence	G.A. Ports
12-23	132		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-28	80		N. Conway CBC	
12-29	6		Errol CBC	
12-30	47		Lakes Region CBC	
12-30	50		Baker Valley CBC	
12-30	135		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-30	170		Nashua CBC	
01-01	7	Monroe	residence	E. Emery

**Field Sparrow**

12-23	2		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-30	2		Nashua CBC	

**Savannah Sparrow**

12-16	3		Coastal CBC	
12-23	1		Lee-Durham CBC	

**Grasshopper Sparrow**

12-17	2		Coastal CBC-CW	
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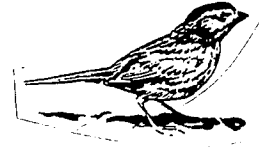
**Sharp-tailed Sparrow**

12-16	1		Coastal CBC	
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**Fox Sparrow**

12-01	1	Dover	residence	P.E. Keenan
12-16	3	Derry	Maxwell Dr.	N. Webb
12-16	3		Coastal CBC	
12-17	1		Keene CBC	
12-23	1		Lee-Durham CBC	

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<b>Song Sparrow</b>				
12-16	6		Upper Contoocook Valley CBC	
12-16	41		Coastal CBC	
12-17	5		Keene CBC	
12-17	4		Littleton CBC	
12-17	15		Concord CBC	
12-23	20		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-28	2		N. Conway CBC	
12-30	21		Nashua CBC	
12-30	3		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
<b>Swamp Sparrow</b>				
12-16	3		Coastal CBC	
12-17	1		Concord CBC	
12-23	3		Lee-Durham CBC	
<b>White-throated Sparrow</b>				
12-01	15	Pittsfield		G. & A. Robbins
12-15	2	Northwood	Blake's Hill Rd.	L. Harper
12-16	21		Upper Contoocook Valley CBC	
12-16	44		Coastal CBC	
12-17	2		Keene CBC	
12-17	8		Concord CBC	
12-23	17		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-30	4		Lakes Region CBC	
12-30	23		Nashua CBC	
01-09	2	Nashua	Clovercrest	B. & M. Harris
01-13	1	Littleton	residence	B. Bradley
<b>Dark-eyed Junco</b>				
12-01	12	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M.P. Wright
12-01	15	Pittsfield		G. & A. Robbins
12-16	469		Upper Contoocook Valley CBC	
12-16	473		Coastal CBC	
12-17	23		Littleton CBC	
12-17	172		Keene CBC	
12-17	56		Concord CBC	
12-23	293		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-28	16		N. Conway CBC	
12-30	47		Lakes Region CBC	
12-30	326		Nashua CBC	
12-30	31		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-30	21		Baker Valley CBC	
<b>Lapland Longspur</b>				
12-16	7		Coastal CBC	
12-23	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-28	4		N. Conway CBC	
<b>Snow Bunting</b>				
12-16	163		Coastal CBC	
12-17	152		Keene CBC	
12-20	50	Chester	Derry Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
12-23	223		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-25	125	Northwood	Blake's Hill Rd.	T. Arter, L. Harper
12-28	165		N. Conway CBC	
12-30	77		Lakes Region CBC	
12-30	65		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
01-07	400	Littleton		B. Bradley
01-28	100	Haverhill		E. Emery, P. Powers



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01-29	40	Henniker	Contoocook R. flood plain	M. McLaughlin
01-30	45	Windham	Rt. 111A, open field	S. Coates
02-09	45	Colebrook	Diamond Pond Rd.	C.G. Owen
02-17	50	Shelburne	meadow and R.R.	R.A. Quinn, T. Richards

## Blackbirds through House Sparrow

Blackbirds lingering into December included six **Red-winged Blackbirds**, eight **Rusty Blackbirds**, five **Common Grackles**, and 45 **Brown-headed Cowbirds**. The first migrant Red-winged Blackbirds were seen February 12, and a Common Grackle was sighted on February 24.

Among the finches observed in low numbers this year were **Pine Grosbeaks** (small flocks of fewer than 16 birds), **Purple Finches** (only 110 reported), and **House Finches** (Keene CBC reported only one-fourth the number of last year, Coastal CBC just one-half, and Lee-Durham and Hanover-Norwich CBCs each tallied only one-third of the previous year's total). **Common Redpolls** remained up north; **White-winged Crossbills** were plentiful, especially during February (average flock size 20); and **American Goldfinches** and **Evening Grosbeaks** were reported in average numbers.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
<b>Red-winged Blackbird</b>				
12-16	2		Coastal CBC	
12-17	1		Littleton CBC	
12-30	1		Nashua CBC	
12-30	1		Hanover-Norwich CBC-CW	
02-12	2	Walpole	S. River Rd.	V. Barrett
02-15	4	Gilsum		M. Wright
02-17	1	Peterborough	residence	M. & R. Johnson
02-22	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
02-24	1	Brookfield	Governors Rd.	C. Barber
<b>Rusty Blackbird</b>				
12-17	1		Keene CBC	
12-17	1		Concord CBC	
12-19	4	Durham	Packers Falls Rd.	R. & A. Ablowich, R. Langley
12-23	5		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-30	1		Baker Valley CBC	
<b>Common Grackle</b>				
12-16	1		Coastal CBC	
12-23	3		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-30	1		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
02-24	1	Nashua	Clovercrest	B. & M. Harris
<b>Brown-headed Cowbird</b>				
12-16	18		Coastal CBC	
12-17	2		Littleton CBC	
12-23	22		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-30	2		Nashua CBC	
01-08	9	Kensington	Drinkwater Rd.	R. Parker
01-27	5	Haverhill	N. Haverhill	B. Bradley
<b>Pine Grosbeak</b>				
12-03	1	S. Hampton	ASNH Geo. Burroughs Sanctuary	G. Gavutis
12-10	7	Tamworth	Great Hill Rd.	B. Steele

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12-14	5	Piermont	Cape Moonshine Rd.	A. Ports
12-17	7	Surry	Mine Ledge Rd. s.	L. Shelley, K. Snowman
12-23	5	Orford	Mt. Cube, Rt. 25	G.A. Ports
12-28	9		N. Conway CBC	
12-29	10		Errol CBC	
12-30	13		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-30	16		Pittsburg CBC	
01-06	10	Colebrook	Titsets Hill Rd.	B. & D. Killam
01-12	12	Sugar Hill	Rt. 117	J. McIlwaine
01-20	7	Franconia		B. Bradley
02-17	4	Tamworth	Great Hill Rd.	B. Steele
02-18	10	Pittsfield	Rt. 28, near Loudon Rd.	G. & A. Robbins
02-25	12	Littleton		P. Powers, E. Emery

**Purple Finch**

12-16	9		Upper Contoocook Valley CBC
12-16	14		Coastal CBC
12-17	22		Littleton CBC
12-23	20		Lee-Durham CBC
12-28	43		N. Conway CBC

**House Finch**

12-02	16	Littleton	residence	B. Bradley
12-16	284		Coastal CBC	
12-16	30		Upper Contoocook Valley CBC	
12-17	9		Littleton CBC	
12-17	72		Keene CBC	
12-17	96		Concord CBC	
12-23	76		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-28	1		N. Conway CBC	
12-30	132		Lakes Region CBC	
12-30	114		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-30	223		Nashua CBC	
02-16	11	Chester	Derry Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
02-19	17	Concord	E. Concord	V. Hayden

**Red Crossbill**

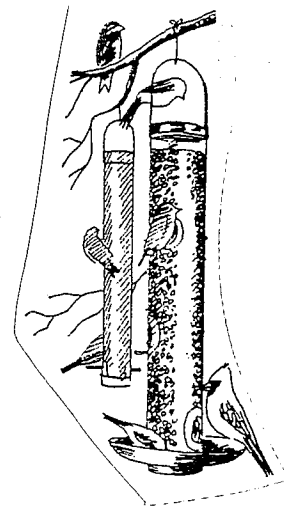
12-15	7	Northwood	Blake's Hill Rd.	L. Harper
02-23	7	Lincoln	Cedar Brook Trail	J. Derby

**White-winged Crossbill**

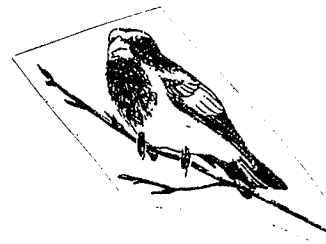
12-17	1		Littleton CBC	
12-28	12		N. Conway CBC	
12-29	7		Errol CBC	
12-30	46		Pittsburg CBC	
12-30	30		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
01-20	3	Columbia	residence	B. & D. Killam
02-03	26	Lyman	Dodge Pond	B. Bradley
02-24	20	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R.A. Quinn
02-26	11	Dover	residence	P.E. Keenan
02-27	6	Gilmanton	Meadow Pond Rd.	J. Derby
02-28	3	Concord	Ormond St	K. Dymont
02-28	40	Conway	Attitash Mtn.	C. Barber

**Common Redpoll**

12-08	1	Walpole	Merriam Rd.	R.E. Ritz
12-23	2		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-28	5		N. Conway CBC	
12-29	15		Errol CBC	
12-30	111		Pittsburg CBC	



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02-03	30	Columbia	by Columbia Bridge	B. & D. Killam
02-11	1	Sugar Hill	residence	J. McIlwaine
<b>Pine Siskin</b>				
12-01	80	Walpole	Merriam Rd.	R.E. Ritz
12-16	28		Upper Contoocook Valley CBC	
12-17	51		Keene CBC	
12-17	26		Concord CBC	
12-30	10		Pittsburg CBC	
01-01	25	Kensington	Cottage Hill	G. Gavutis
01-05	70	Dunbarton	residence	J.L. Simmons
01-07	24	Peterborough	Union St.	M. Johnson
01-29	20	Monroe	residence	L. Cole
02-01	150	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R.A. Quinn
02-02	20	Chester	Derry Rd.	A. & B. Delorey
02-15	25	Londonderry	Field Stone Dr.	E. Didising
02-22	30	Pittsfield		G. & A. Robbins
02-24	50	Northwood	Blake's Hill Rd.	T. Arter, L. Harper
02-27	120	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M.P. Wright
<b>American Goldfinch</b>				
12-16	198		Upper Contoocook Valley CBC	
12-16	342		Coastal CBC	
12-17	122		Littleton CBC	
12-17	76		Keene CBC	
12-17	139		Concord CBC	
12-23	349		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-28	99		N. Conway CBC	
12-29	42		Errol CBC	
12-30	33		Lakes Region CBC	
12-30	32		Baker Valley CBC	
12-30	149		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-30	138		Nashua CBC	
01-01	20	Monroe	residence	H. Flowers
01-26	23	Littleton	residence	B. Bradley
<b>Evening Grosbeak</b>				
12-01	28	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M.P. Wright
12-10	80	Sugar Hill	residence	J. McIlwaine
12-16	32		Coastal CBC	
12-16	814		Upper Contoocook Valley CBC	
12-17	434		Littleton CBC	
12-17	481		Keene CBC	
12-17	102		Concord CBC	
12-23	72		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-28	236		N. Conway CBC	
12-29	42		Errol CBC	
12-30	166		Lakes Region CBC	
12-30	701		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-30	172		Baker Valley CBC	
12-30	84		Nashua CBC	
12-30	155		Pittsburg CBC	
01-01	20	Kensington	Cottage Hill	G. Gavutis
01-31	65	Littleton	residence	B. Bradley
<b>House Sparrow</b>				
12-16	249		Upper Contoocook Valley CBC	
12-16	1251		Coastal CBC	
12-17	109		Keene CBC	
12-17	276		Concord CBC	





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12-23	639		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-30	169		Lakes Region CBC	
12-30	133		Baker Valley CBC	
12-30	753		Nashua CBC	
12-30	508		Hanover-Norwich CBC	

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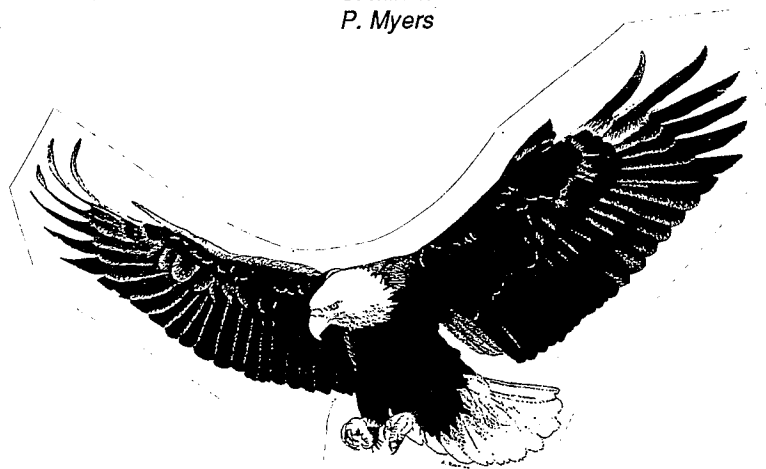
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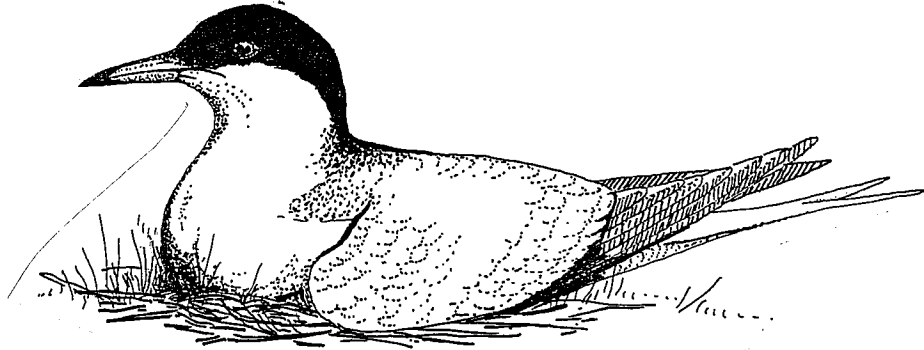
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