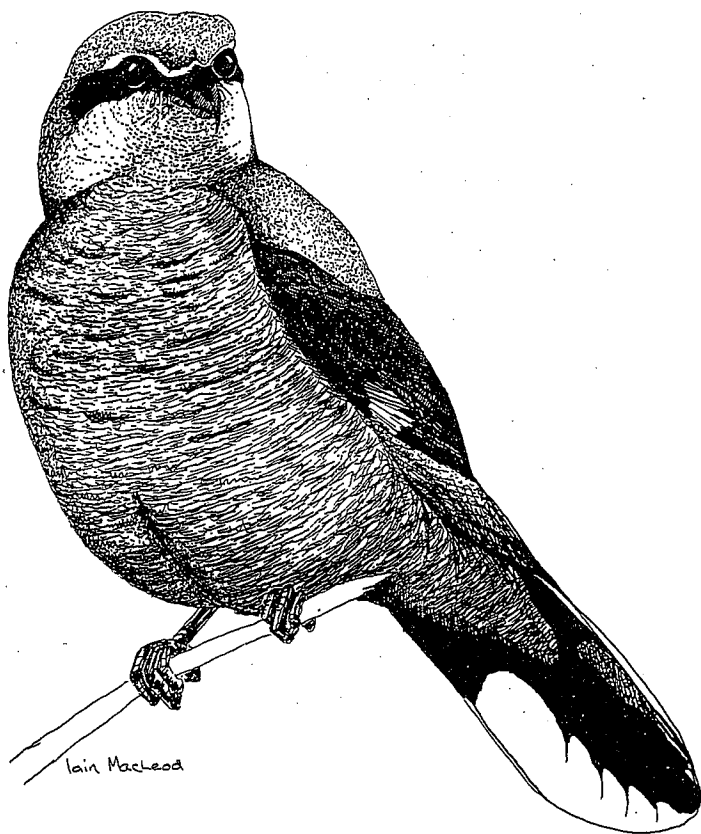


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FROM THE EDITORS

We would like to thank all of you for your patience and support of *NH Bird Records* as we try to catch up on publication. There are a number of new reporters who have not had a chance to see their name in print yet and we appreciate their continued faith. And remember, every report is important whether it appears in print or not!

Sponsors for individual issues have made a tremendous difference to our publication efforts. We are currently searching for a sponsor for the Spring 1991 issue. If you are interested in this opportunity please contact Becky Suomala or Iain MacLeod at Audubon House (224-9909).

For those of you who have been reporting for some time, we are now requesting that you use only the most current version of the bird records slip to report your sighting. This slip, shown below, has space for just one sighting on it to accommodate our current computer system, the data entry volunteers, and the seasonal publication schedule.

We are happy to provide a supply of these to any reporter and will be glad to receive any supplies of old slips in trade (they will be put to good use). Please do not photocopy slips — they can seldom be cut to fit the appropriate size for filing. A packet of information on reporting guidelines is available as well.

Remember to turn in your sightings monthly. Although it may not appear so, we are processing seasons fairly quickly in the initial stages and late sightings, although still valuable, may not be able to be included in the publication. For example, the Fall 92 season will be ready to go to the seasonal editor by January 10 and he will begin analysis and interpretation shortly thereafter. Any sightings received after this are extremely difficult to incorporate into the season. However, we always computerize and file every sighting, no matter how old, so please send them in for historical reference, even if they are late for publication.

Thanks for your help and cooperation.

Diane De Luca
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Winter Season

December 1, 1990 through February 28, 1991

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Average temperature for the winter of 1990–1991 was three degrees above normal, making it the 12th warmest winter in the 96 years that records have been kept. December itself was the second warmest on record and the wettest since 1983. The month began on a mild note, but a potent winter storm on December 3, coupled with abnormally high tides, forced three **Dovekies** onto land. Throughout the month, colder weather with rain, freezing rain, or infrequent snows alternated with periods of near-50° temperatures. While the coldest dates were December 20–21 and 26–27, temperatures near 60° broke records during the two or three days immediately preceding Christmas Eve. The persistent warmth delayed freeze-up of larger lakes and rivers until January.

Among the highlights of this season's Christmas Bird Counts (CBCs) were **Greater White-fronted Goose**, **Tundra Swan**, **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker**, and **Rose-breasted Grosbeak**. Also, **Eastern Bluebirds** were seen for the first time on any New Hampshire CBC, very possibly as a result of food availability, mild weather, and lack of snow cover.

January's temperatures were generally below normal, averaging nine degrees cooler than last year's. Snowfall was below normal as well. While significant winter weather occurred on January 8–9 (sub-zero temperatures), 15 (wind gusts over 40 mph), and 22 (coldest day of the month), a southerly flow brought temperatures in the 50's near the end of the month. An **Ovenbird** on January 5 was the month's most unusual sighting.

This February was the state's 13th warmest and, perhaps more significant, our sixth driest, a harbinger of serious drought conditions during the following months. Sub-zero temperatures on the first day of the month quickly gave way to warmer temperatures as upper atmosphere winds shifted to steer a warm front into New England, bringing record highs for February 3–5. At this time, **Peregrine Falcons** returned to nesting ledges in Lyme and Franconia, southern rivers opened up, **Common Mergansers** moved north, a **Monk Parakeet** was first heard, and early **Eastern Bluebirds** returned. The first migrant **Turkey Vultures**, **American Woodcock**, **Northern Flicker**, robins, blackbirds, and a **Winter Wren** were noted during the second half of February.

Overall, this was an outstanding winter for sightings of **Red-bellied Woodpeckers**, **Carolina Wrens**, and **Northern Shrikes**, but **Dark-eyed Juncos** and **cardueline finches** were notably lacking.

Andrea Robbins
Winter Editor

Loons and Grebes

Red-throated Loons have been scarce in recent winters (none were reported last winter at all), but this year their numbers were up. The Coastal CBC reported its highest total in seven years, a number that's twice the 30-year average. With unusually warm December conditions delaying freeze-up, a few Common Loons remained on inland waters as late as January 6.

A Pied-billed Grebe was observed on the Androscoggin River just upstream from the dam in Errol on January 26-27, and Horned and Red-necked Grebes were reported in average numbers. A single Western Grebe, often in the company of Red-necked Grebes, was regularly observed off Pulpit Rocks in Rye from January 26 through February 24. This is probably the same individual that appeared in the spring of 1987 and returned in January and February of 1988 and 1989.

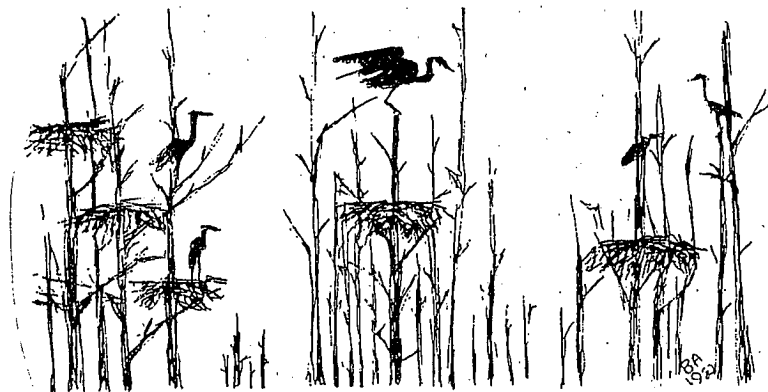
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Red-throated Loon				
12-15	16		Coastal CBC	
02-10	3	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	G. Robbins
Common Loon				
12-06	1	Franklin	Webster Lake	K. Elkins
12-06	1	New London	Pleasant Lake	K. Elkins
12-06	1	Bristol	Newfound Lake	K. Elkins
12-15	47		Coastal CBC	
12-22	1	Concord	Merrimack R., Rt. 393 bridge	J. Frost
12-29	1	Sunapee	Lake Sunapee	G. Stansfield
12-29	3		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-06	1	Alton	Lake Winnepesaukee	G. & C. Ports
Pied-billed Grebe				
01-26	1	Errol	Androscoggin R.	C. Barber, A. Ablowich, et al.
Horned Grebe				
12-06	2	Hebron	Newfound Lake	K. Elkins
12-15	21		Coastal CBC	
02-10	3	Rye		A. & G. Robbins
Red-necked Grebe				
12-12	1	New London	Pleasant Lake	K. Elkins
12-15	85		Coastal CBC	
01-06	10	Rye	along Rt. 1A	G. & C. Ports
Western Grebe				
01-26	1	Rye	Pulpit Rocks	S. Mirick
02-09	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	R. & M. Suomala, S. Mirick
02-10	1	Rye	Rye Harbor St. Pk.	H. Chary
02-18	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	B. Mack
02-24	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	G. Ports

Cormorant through Herons

Typical numbers of Great Cormorants wintered offshore this season. The Lee-Durham CBC tallied a new record for this species for the fourth time since the circle was expanded in 1980. The Coastal CBC tied its record high for Double-crested Cormorant.

The late freeze-up apparently encouraged some Great Blue Herons to brave the elements through the end of December, but the chilliest of all had to be the one seen in a small area of open water off Durham Point on January 23, when the temperature was 0°!

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Great Cormorant				
12-12	10	Portsmouth	harbor	L. Phinney
12-15	31		Coastal CBC	
12-22	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
02-10	9	Newcastle		A. & G. Robbins
02-10	12	North Hampton		A. & G. Robbins
Double-crested Cormorant				
12-03	1	Portsmouth	harbor	L. Phinney
12-15	4		Coastal CBC	
Great Blue Heron				
12-08	1	Gorham	golf course	J. Ely, J. Brown
12-15	1		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-15	10		Coastal CBC	
12-16	1		Concord CBC	
12-17	1	Alexandria	Rt. 104, Danbury town line	C. Martin
12-22	5		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-23	1		Hanover-Norwich CBC-CW	
12-29	5		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-23	1	Durham	off Durham Pt. Rd.	S. Mirick



Waterfowl

Two adult and four juvenile **Tundra Swans**, swimming together or preening on the ice in the Connecticut River north of Hanover, were studied and well-documented by several observers from December 14–January 1, during which time they became a new species for the Hanover-Norwich CBC. Only a handful of winter sightings of this species have been reported in the past, most recently the two on Little Bay (Dover) in December, 1985.

A lone **Greater White-fronted Goose** (Greenland Race) in a flock of Canada Geese at Pease Air Force Base was photographed during the Coastal CBC (with photos developed in time for the evening tally!). This was a new species for that CBC; the most recent verified sighting was in Durham in October, 1964. Rarely seen east of the Mississippi River, this species is rated as a casual winter visitor on the East Coast. The Keene and Peterborough-Hancock CBCs shattered their Canada Goose records with, respectively, 180 (previous high of 12) and 122 (previous high of nine).

The Hanover-Norwich CBC tallied its first Wood Duck ever, a drake that remained until January 5 above Wilder Dam. One female Wood Duck on the Baker River in Rumney on February 1 was highly unusual, and no details were submitted. A Green-winged Teal was spotted by the Coastal CBC for the fourth year in a row, and the Nashua-Hollis count had its second Gadwall ever.

No details were available for the Canvasback reported from the Taylor River in Hampton on the day after Christmas. The Coastal CBC tallied its second-highest Lesser Scaup total, while the Laconia-New Hampton CBC came in with its fourth-highest number for the same species. Two female and five immature King Eiders were seen on several occasions from January 26–February 18 in the Newcastle-Rye area. Good birding weather and visibility on the morning of the Coastal CBC helped account for this year's totals for Surf Scoter (highest in 20 years) and White-winged Scoter (highest since 1976).

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Tundra Swan				
12-23	6		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-27	6	Hanover	Rt. 10 at River Rd.	S. Smith
Mute Swan				
12-15	7		Coastal CBC	
12-22	2		Lee-Durham CBC	
02-22	1	Hooksett	Hooksett Dam	B. Littlefield
Greater White-fronted Goose				
12-15	1		Coastal CBC	
Snow Goose				
02-07	50	Keene	residence	S. Chadwick

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Canada Goose

12-15	180		Keene CBC	
12-15	122		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-15	1509		Coastal CBC	
12-16	1		N. Conway CBC	
12-22	103		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-29	300		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
02-04	20	Bedford	Rt. 293, Merrimack R.	R. Novack
02-09	12	Hooksett	Rt. 3	J. & S. Bourne

Wood Duck

12-05	1	Concord	White's Park	R. Quinn
12-15	2		Coastal CBC	
12-23	1		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
02-01	1	Rumney	Baker R.	G. Ports

Green-winged Teal

12-15	4		Coastal CBC	
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American Black Duck

12-15	1142		Coastal CBC	
12-16	24		N. Conway CBC	
12-16	2		Concord CBC	
12-22	56		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-23	7		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-29	101		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-29	30		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
02-06	8	Sunapee	Wendell Marsh	P. & F. Sladen
02-10	2	Newington	Great Bay	A. & G. Robbins

Mallard

12-15	96		Keene CBC	
12-15	14		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-15	486		Coastal CBC	
12-16	4		N. Conway CBC	
12-16	90		Concord CBC	
12-22	387		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-23	2		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-29	568		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
12-29	1115		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
02-19	18	Sunapee	Wendell Marsh	F. Sladen

Gadwall

12-29	1		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
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Canvasback

12-26	1	Hampton	Taylor R.	P. Bates
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Ring-necked Duck

12-29	1		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
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Greater Scaup

12-15	847		Coastal CBC	
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Lesser Scaup				
12-15	2		Coastal CBC	
12-29	1		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
Common Eider				
12-15	33		Coastal CBC	
King Eider				
12-15	1		Coastal CBC	
01-26	7	Newcastle	Fort Stark	S. Mirick
02-09	7	Rye	between Pulpit Rocks & Odiorne Pt.	S. Mirick
02-18	6	Newcastle	Fort Stark	B. Mack
Oldsquaw				
12-15	76		Coastal CBC	
02-10	6	Rye		A. & G. Robbins
Black Scoter				
12-15	33		Coastal CBC	
Surf Scoter				
12-15	50		Coastal CBC	
02-10	2	Rye		G. Robbins
White-winged Scoter				
12-15	322		Coastal CBC	
02-10	2	Rye		G. Robbins
Common Goldeneye				
12-15	344		Coastal CBC	
12-16	22		Concord CBC	
12-22	112		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-23	1		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-29	138		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-06	6	Laconia	Weirs Beach	G. & C. Ports
02-10	9	Rye		A. & G. Robbins
Barrow's Goldeneye				
01-26	1	Rye	n. of Rye Harbor St. Pk.	S. Mirick
Bufflehead				
12-15	135		Coastal CBC	
12-22	137		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-29	2		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
02-10	20	Portsmouth	harbor	A. & G. Robbins
02-10	15	Newington	Great Bay	A. & G. Robbins
02-10	6	Newcastle		A. & G. Robbins
Hooded Merganser				
12-06	68	Franklin	Webster Lake	K. Elkins
12-16	2		Littleton CBC	
12-23	2		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-29	43		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
02-22	2	Pittsfield	Suncook R.	A. Robbins

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Common Merganser				
12-06	10	Franklin	Webster lake	K. Elkins
12-15	2		Keene CBC	
12-15	40		Coastal CBC	
12-16	24		Concord CBC	
12-22	2		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-23	10		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-29	10		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
12-29	154		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-23	2	Sunapee	Wendell Marsh	F. Sladen
02-06	3	Pittsfield	Suncook R.	A. Robbins
02-10	4	Columbia	Connecticut R.	D. & B. Killam
02-12	4	Errol	Androscoggin R.	G. Ports

Red-breasted Merganser

12-06	18	Portsmouth	harbor	L. Phinney
12-15	207		Coastal CBC	
12-22	14		Lee-Durham CBC	
02-10	11	Portsmouth	harbor	A. & G. Robbins
02-10	10	Newcastle		A. & G. Robbins
02-10	7	Rye		A. & G. Robbins
02-10	5	Newington	Great Bay	A. & G. Robbins

Hawks

Early migrant Turkey Vultures were first noted in Milford on February 26 and in Pittsfield on February 28. Seventy-seven Bald Eagles were inventoried during this winter's eagle survey, the highest number in 10 years. The 77 individuals, condensed down from 451 reported observations, comprised 46 adults, two subadults, and 29 immatures. Wintering areas outlined from these reports are: Androscoggin River (3), Lakes Region (9), Connecticut River (11), Merrimack River (15), Great Bay & Seacoast (15), other regions (24).

New highs for Sharp-shinned Hawk were set by the Concord, Hanover-Norwich, Nashua-Hollis, and Laconia-New Hampton CBCs. The Lee-Durham CBC had its second Cooper's Hawk record, and Hanover-Norwich had its third.

More than 70 Red-tailed Hawks wintered over this season, 10 in the western third of the state along the Connecticut River, 22 in the middle third along the Merrimack, and 40 in the eastern third along the coast.

An adult Peregrine Falcon on the New England Telephone tower in Manchester in early December was a different bird from the brown immature, also in Manchester, that "picked a pigeon out of the sky" on January 22. The earliest migrant Peregrines were observed at nesting cliffs in the White Mountains during the first half of February — in some cases as much as a month ahead of previous earliest dates.

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Turkey Vulture				
02-26	1	Milford	Rt. 13, near Amherst line	B. Mack
02-28	1	Pittsfield		G. Robbins
02-28	4	Milford	Rt. 13, n. of town	D. Daggy

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Northern Harrier

12-15	2		Coastal CBC	
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Sharp-shinned Hawk

12-15	2		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-16	1		Littleton CBC-CW	
12-16	4		Concord CBC	
12-22	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-23	4		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-29	3		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
12-29	5		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-29	1		Baker Valley CBC	

Cooper's Hawk

12-22	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-23	1		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-29	1		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-13	1	Enfield		P. Hunt
02-18	1	Portsmouth	Portsmouth Regional Hospital	B. Mack

Northern Goshawk

12-06	1	Tamworth	residence	H. & P. Damon
12-08	1	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
12-22	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-23	1		Hanover-Norwich CBC-CW	
12-29	1		Nashua-Hollis CBC-CW	
12-29	1		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
02-11	1	Bradford	Rowe Mtn. Rd.	F. Sladen
02-28	1	Hudson	Gowing Rd.	R. Clark

Red-shouldered Hawk

12-29	1		Nashua-Hollis CBC-CW	
01-31	1	Manchester	Mall of NH	G. Robbins

Red-tailed Hawk

12-15	5		Keene CBC	
12-15	25		Coastal CBC	
12-16	6		Concord CBC	
12-22	14		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-29	16		Nashua-Hollis CBC	

Rough-legged Hawk

12-15	1		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
01-31	1	Weare	Hillside Brook Marsh, Rt. 77	R. Suomala
02-10	1	Manchester	airport, S. Perimeter Rd.	K. Metz
02-10	1	Bedford	Rt. 93	G. Ports

American Kestrel

12-15	3		Coastal CBC	
12-22	6		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-29	2		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-10	1	Loudon	Mudgett Hill Rd. off Rt. 106	G. Baker

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Peregrine Falcon				
12-05	1	Manchester	NET tower, downtown	M. Amaral, A. Tappan, C. Martin
01-22	1	Manchester	Ray St.	D. Clougherty
02-03	1	Lyme	Holts Ledge	C. Martin
02-08	1	Franconia	Eagle Cliff near 1990 eyrie	C. Martin
02-17	1	Harts Location	Frankenstein Cliff	J. MacPherson
02-19	2	Manchester	NET microwave tower, Granite St. Bridge	D. & L. Stavros

Pheasants through Shorebirds

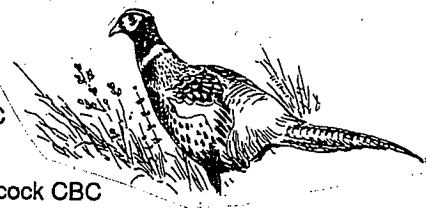
Flocks of a dozen Wild Turkeys were reported from both Dunbarton and Henniker, and the Lee-Durham CBC had its highest turkey tally ever.

Coastal CBC shorebird highlights included one Black-bellied Plover, one Killdeer (CW), 29 Sanderlings, 128 Purple Sandpipers, two Dunlins (unusually low), and a Common Snipe. One of the Dunlins appears to have stayed the winter with a dozen Sanderlings in the Jenness Beach area. The Lee-Durham CBC had its second Common Snipe and first American Woodcock.

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Ring-necked Pheasant

12-15	4		Coastal CBC	
12-16	7		N. Conway CBC	
12-22	3		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-29	3		Nashua-Hollis CBC	



Ruffed Grouse

12-15	5		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-15	8		Coastal CBC	
12-29	4		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
12-29	6		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
12-30	1		Pittsburg CBC	

Wild Turkey

12-15	8		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-15	10		Keene CBC	
12-20	12	Dunbarton	Robert Rogers Rd.	B. Simmonds
12-22	35		Lee-Durham CBC	
01-23	12	Henniker	Band Rd. & Colby Hill Rd.	B. Paul
02-19	3	Chester	20 Rod-n-Gun Club	L. Thompson

Northern Bobwhite

12-22	1		Lee-Durham CBC-CW	
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Black-bellied Plover

12-15	1		Coastal CBC	
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Killdeer

12-15			Coastal CBC-CW	
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Sanderling				
12-15	29		Coastal CBC	
02-18	12	Rye	Jenness Beach	B. Mack
Purple Sandpiper				
12-15	128		Coastal CBC	
01-06	20	Rye	along Rt. 1A	G. & C. Ports
02-10	4	Rye		A. Robbins
Dunlin				
12-15	2		Coastal CBC	
01-08	1	Rye	n. of Rye Harbor St. Pk.	P. Hunt
02-23	1	Rye	Jenness Beach	S. Mirick, York County Field Trip
Common Snipe				
12-15	1		Coastal CBC	
12-22	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
American Woodcock				
12-22	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
02-28	1	Kensington	residence	G. Gavutis

Gulls and Alcids

Although there were fewer Ring-billed Gulls this year on the Hanover-Norwich and Concord CBCs, new highs were reported by Coastal, Nashua-Hollis, and Lee-Durham (twice the previous high) CBCs. Wintering populations in these areas have been steadily rising since the early 1980s. High numbers for Herring Gull and Great Black-backed Gull were also tallied on several counts, with records for both established by the Littleton and Lee-Durham CBCs.

The strong winds and extremely high tides of the powerful winter storm on December 3 blew three Dovekies ashore. Two were picked up off the streets in North Hampton and taken to the North Hampton Animal Hospital for treatment. The third, reported from Warren, of all places, was seen after it was flushed up from a slush-covered roadside near a fish hatchery. Although this identification was not confirmed, the observed details of shape, size, plumage, and flight characteristics make it quite possible.

<i>date</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>observer(s)</i>
Common Black-headed Gull				
12-15	1		Coastal CBC	
12-22	1	North Hampton	beach	D. Donsker
Bonaparte's Gull				
12-06	7	Portsmouth	harbor	L. Phinney
12-15	100		Coastal CBC	
12-22	5		Lee-Durham CBC	

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Ring-billed Gull

12-05	50	Concord	White's Pk. & Clinton St.	R. Quinn
12-15	288		Coastal CBC	
12-16	14		Concord CBC	
12-22	85		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-23	3		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-29	74		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
12-29	37		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
02-10	20	Portsmouth		A. & G. Robbins

Herring Gull

12-15	81		Keene CBC	
12-15	12		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-15	4587		Coastal CBC	
12-16	1		N. Conway CBC	
12-16	192		Littleton CBC	
12-16	319		Concord CBC	
12-22	4060		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-23	180		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-29	1		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
12-29	1672		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-29	102		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
12-29	15		Baker Valley CBC	

Iceland Gull

12-02	1	Enfield	Shaker Bridge	P. Hunt
12-15	2		Coastal CBC	
12-22	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
01-26	2	Berlin	Androscoggin R.	R. Quinn, T. Richards, ASNH Field Trip
02-12	1	Berlin	Androscoggin R.	G. Ports

Glaucous Gull

12-16	1		Littleton CBC	
01-26	1	Berlin	Androscoggin R.	R. Quinn, T. Richards, ASNH Field Trip
02-12	1	Berlin	Androscoggin R.	G. Ports

Great Black-backed Gull

12-15	30		Keene CBC	
12-15	729		Coastal CBC	
12-16	49		Littleton CBC	
12-16	81		Concord CBC	
12-22	565		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-23	29		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-29	41		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
12-29	96		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-29	1		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
12-29	1		Baker Valley CBC	
02-20	14	Berlin	Androscoggin R.	D. & B. Killam

Black-legged Kittiwake

12-15	5		Coastal CBC	
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12-04	2	North Hampton	inland	T. Arter
01-06	2	Rye	Odiorne Pt.	G. & C. Ports

Dove through Woodpeckers

A **Monk Parakeet**, most likely an escapee, was reported to be wild and healthy in the treetops of Pittsfield throughout February's below-freezing weather. These quite hardy birds have established a nesting colony of 50 pairs in Rhode Island, but because they are considered a potentially devastating agricultural pest, wild populations are discouraged in most states. We have no previous winter records for Monk Parakeet (locally called Quaker Parakeet) over the past 30 years, with only one summer record in 1972.

A gray phase Eastern Screech Owl was in Brookline on February 26. Although not confirmed, a Great Gray Owl report from Canterbury on December 21 is credible given the detailed description emphasizing distinctive field marks. Northern Saw-whet Owls were heard calling as early as February 2.

What an outstanding year for **Red-bellied Woodpeckers**! At least one has been seen in New Hampshire during each of the past seven winters, but this year there were as many as eight, with the northernmost being a pair in Bath. A **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** on a tulip tree in an old apple orchard in Hancock was a new species for the Peterborough-Hancock CBC. The only previous winter record for the species in 30 years was of a female in Etna on last year's Hanover-Norwich CBC.

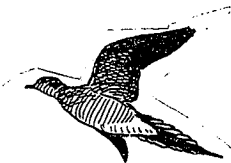
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Rock Dove

12-15	964		Coastal CBC	
12-22	809		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-29	480		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-29	30		Baker Valley CBC	
12-30	9		Pittsburg CBC	

Mourning Dove

12-15	642		Coastal CBC	
12-16	123		Littleton CBC	
12-16	146		N. Conway CBC	
12-22	728		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-29	12		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
12-30	29		Pittsburg CBC	
01-03	54	Walpole	Merriam Rd.	R. Ritz
01-31	44	Bradford	residence	P. & F. Sladen



Monk Parakeet

02-04	1	Pittsfield	Suncook R.	G. & A. Robbins
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Eastern Screech-Owl

02-26	1	Brookline	N. Mason Rd.	M. Neveu
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Great Horned Owl

12-15	4		Coastal CBC	
12-22	1	Mont Vernon	s. of Horton Pond	M. & R. Suomala
12-22	4		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-29	1		Nashua-Hollis CBC-CW	
01-19	1	Dunbarton	Rt. 13 residence	J. Grant
02-02	1	Amherst	Ponemah Bog	P. McGandy
02-03	2	Concord	Merrimack R., Penacook	C. & E. Foss
02-11	1	Pembroke		W. Goodwill
02-18	1	Deering	Deering Wildlife Sanctuary	S. Walker, D. DeLuca

Barred Owl

12-15	1		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-15	2		Coastal CBC	
12-22	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-29	1		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
12-29	1		Baker Valley CBC	
01-13	1	Brookline	Spaulding Brook area	C. & M. Neveu
01-25	1	Wentworth	Buffalo Rd., WMNF	D. Wright
01-25	1	Wentworth	residence	C. & D. Wright
01-26	1	Hillsboro	woodland off Rt. 202	C. & G. Ageieff
02-04	1	Canterbury	Welch Rd.	M. Fifield
02-12	2	Bradford	Rowe Mtn. Rd.	F. Sladen
02-19	1	Dunbarton	residence	E. & J. Simmons

Short-eared Owl

12-15	1		Coastal CBC	
01-26	1	Seabrook	near Poor Steve's Restaurant	S. Mirick

Northern Saw-whet Owl

02-02	3	Deering	E. Deering Rd.	I. MacLeod
02-16	1	Bradford	Rowe Mtn. Rd.	F. Sladen

Belted Kingfisher

12-15	1		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-15	2		Keene CBC	
12-15	9		Coastal CBC	
12-22	2		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-23	1		Hanover-Norwich CBC-CW	
12-29	1		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-29	1		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-21	1	Hampton	residence	D. Kirwan
02-10	1	Goffstown	Mountain Rd. Pond	C. Whooten
02-18	1	Hampton Falls	end of Depot Rd.	B. Mack
02-19	1	Hooksett	Hooksett Rd.	A. Fink

Red-bellied Woodpecker

12-15	1	Peterborough	Old Street Rd.	P. Twitchell
12-15	1		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-19	1	Manchester	Hall St.	R. Wright
12-20	1	Hollis	Beaver Brook	J. Broyles
12-22	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
02-08	1	Mason	Gilman Hill Rd.	K. Eisenhauer
02-12	1	Hudson	Ridgecrest Dr.	B. McCarthy

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02-18	1	Amherst	Buckridge Dr.	S. Suomala
02-18	2	Bath		B. Bradley
02-20	1	Hollis	Maple Hill Farm	J. Broyles

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

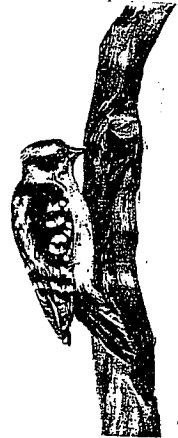
12-15 1 Peterborough-Hancock CBC

Downy Woodpecker

12-15 101 Peterborough-Hancock CBC
 12-15 89 Coastal CBC
 12-29 8 Errol-Umbagog CBC
 12-29 103 Nashua-Hollis CBC
 12-29 41 Laconia-New Hampton CBC
 12-30 4 Pittsburg CBC

Hairy Woodpecker

12-15 16 Keene CBC
 12-15 70 Peterborough-Hancock CBC
 12-15 26 Coastal CBC
 12-22 22 Lee-Durham CBC
 12-23 17 Hanover-Norwich CBC
 12-29 6 Errol-Umbagog CBC
 12-29 20 Nashua-Hollis CBC
 12-29 27 Laconia-New Hampton CBC
 12-29 20 Baker Valley CBC
 12-30 2 Pittsburg CBC



Black-backed Woodpecker

12-16 1 Littleton CBC

Northern Flicker

12-15 5 Coastal CBC
 12-22 1 Concord residence P. Trombley
 12-29 1 Nashua-Hollis CBC
 01-13 1 Durham Dame Farm S. Mirick, D. Ekstrom
 02-24 1 Kensington Rt. 107 G. Gavutis

Pileated Woodpecker

12-08 1 Wentworth near town hall G. Ports
 12-09 2 Sanbornton residence T. & B. Whalen
 12-13 1 Bedford Meetinghouse Rd. J. Rice
 12-15 3 Keene CBC
 12-15 3 Peterborough-Hancock CBC
 12-23 9 Hanover-Norwich CBC
 12-29 4 Laconia-New Hampton CBC
 12-29 7 Errol-Umbagog CBC
 12-30 1 Pittsburg CBC

Phoebe through Wrens

Eastern Phoebe was a new species for the Nashua-Hollis CBC. Only two previous tallies of this species have been recorded by Christmas counts in New Hampshire.

Three Gray Jays in Errol were not unusual, but two at a feeder in Hampton, tame enough to be approached within a few feet, were. A Northern Raven was sighted on the Coastal CBC for the first time ever, and it was also new for the Nashua-Hollis CBC.

Carolina Wrens have turned up in the Granite State during the past few winters, but never before have there been as many as this year's 13 (five in 1989 was the previous high). Could this delightful wren species be extending its range into our area? The Coastal CBC had its ninth Winter Wren and 10th Marsh Wren records.

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Eastern Phoebe

12-29	1		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
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Horned Lark

12-15	106		Keene CBC	
12-15	23		Coastal CBC	
12-16	17		Concord CBC	
12-29	115		Nashua-Hollis CBC	

Gray Jay

12-26	2	Hampton	Drakeside Rd.	W. Kirwan
01-27	3	Errol	along Rt. 16	S. Fogleman

Blue Jay

12-15	411		Keene CBC	
12-15	895		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-15	442		Coastal CBC	
12-16	191		N. Conway CBC	
12-16	57		Littleton CBC	
12-16	146		Concord CBC	
12-22	284		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-23	386		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-29	78		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
12-29	610		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-29	332		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
12-29	260		Baker Valley CBC	
12-30	58		Pittsburg CBC	
01-07	35	Weare	Rt. 77	R. Suomala
01-14	31	Bradford	residence	F. & P. Sladen
02-26	22	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright

American Crow

12-15	569		Coastal CBC	
12-29	5		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
12-29	1310		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-29	225		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	

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12-30	11		Pittsburg CBC	
01-10	150	Tilton	Lancaster Hill Rd.	K. Boulanger
01-14	25	Hopkinton	Prospect St.	K. Booker

Common Raven

12-15	1		Coastal CBC	
12-16	60		Littleton CBC	
12-16	11		N. Conway CBC	
12-23	2	Bristol	E. Bristol	G. Jeffers
12-29	50		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
12-29	1		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-30	35		Pittsburg CBC	
01-06	1	Dunbarton	Rt. 13 residence	J. Grant
01-07	2	Stoddard	Rt. 123 near Pitcher Mtn.	M. Suomala
01-14	3	Bradford	residence	F. & P. Sladen
02-09	1	Walpole	Merriam Rd.	R. Ritz
02-17	1	Warren	Lake Tarleton, Pike	S. Smith, M. Rapf
02-21	1	Canterbury	Hackleboro Rd.	B. Blair

Black-capped Chickadee

12-15	870		Keene CBC	
12-15	1505		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-15	1017		Coastal CBC	
12-16	193		Littleton CBC	
12-16	600		N. Conway CBC	
12-16	507		Concord CBC	
12-22	973		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-23	1720		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-29	967		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-29	301		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
12-29	1255		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
12-29	720		Baker Valley CBC	
12-30	257		Pittsburg CBC	
01-20	20	Bristol	Fox Run	G. Jeffers
01-31	56	Bradford	Rowe Mtn. Rd.	F. & P. Sladen

Boreal Chickadee

12-29	1		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
12-30	7		Pittsburg CBC	
01-26	3	Errol	jct. of Rts. 16 & 26	R. Quinn, T. Richards, ASNH Field Trip

Tufted Titmouse

12-15	51		Keene CBC	
12-15	80		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-15	122		Coastal CBC	
12-16	7		N. Conway CBC	
12-16	45		Concord CBC	
12-22	139		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-23	10		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-29	13		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
12-29	235		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-29	3		Baker Valley CBC	

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Red-breasted Nuthatch

12-15	27		Keene CBC	
12-15	85		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-15	3		Coastal CBC	
12-16	31		N. Conway CBC	
12-16	22		Littleton CBC	
12-16	23		Concord CBC	
12-22	15		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-23	34		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-29	19		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
12-29	14		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
12-29	73		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-29	23		Baker Valley CBC	
12-30	3		Pittsburg CBC	

White-breasted Nuthatch

12-15	54		Keene CBC	
12-15	159		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-15	62		Coastal CBC	
12-16	12		Littleton CBC	
12-16	47		Concord CBC	
12-22	126		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-23	72		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-29	3		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
12-29	73		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
12-29	106		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-29	62		Baker Valley CBC	
12-30	2		Pittsburg CBC	

Brown Creeper

12-15	9		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-15	3		Keene CBC	
12-15	4		Coastal CBC	
12-16	4		Concord CBC	
12-22	11		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-23	8		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-29	1		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
12-29	4		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-29	3		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
01-12	1	Milford	Beechbrook	A. Ames
02-11	2	Hooksett	Whitehall Rd.	D. Maxwell
02-18	1	Concord	Elm St.	C. Foss
02-28	1	Derry	Walnut Hill Rd.	C. Anderson

Carolina Wren

12-02	1	Bristol	Hemphill Rd.	D. O'Hara
12-02	1	Durham	Old Landing Rd.	S. Mirick, C. Casas
12-02	1	Concord	W. Concord	J. Manternach
12-22	2		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-23	1		Hanover-Norwich CBC-CW	
12-27	1	Hopkinton	residence	B. Verville
12-28	1	Concord	residence	S. Wheeler
01-17	2	Hudson	Ridgecrest Dr.	B. McCarthy
01-18	1	Concord	Bow St.	N. Webb

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01-28	1	Concord	Rockingham St.	D. Little
02-01	2	Pelham	Koper Ln.	C. Start
02-14	2	Derry	Island Pond Rd.	R. Kay

Winter Wren

12-02	1	Enfield	along Main St.	P. Hunt
12-15	1		Coastal CBC	
02-18	1	Boscawen	Hirst WMA	C. Foss, H. Nevers

Marsh Wren

12-15	2		Coastal CBC	
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Kinglet through Starling

Six Eastern Bluebirds wintered over in Hollis, at times feeding on Multiflora Rose. As evidence of how uncommon it is for bluebirds to remain in the state during the winter months, consider that the species had never before been recorded by any of New Hampshire's 13 current Christmas counts. But this year, bluebirds were tallied as a new species by the Coastal, Concord, Laconia-New Hampton, and Nashua-Hollis CBCs (these counts have been active for 40, 26, 41, and 25 years, respectively). American Robins, however, were surprisingly infrequent among the CBCs; although Lee-Durham tied its record CBC high, the Coastal CBC had its lowest number in 27 years.

A feisty Brown Thrasher spent one January day chasing other birds below a feeder in Goffstown. Bohemian Waxwing flocks numbering from eight to 120 were reported from Canterbury and more northern locations. Cedar Waxwing sightings, on the other hand, came from southern sections, none farther north than Wentworth.

And what a remarkable year for the Northern Shrike! As many as 37 were reported statewide, four times the 10-year average.

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Golden-crowned Kinglet

12-15	10		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-15	22		Keene CBC	
12-15	4		Coastal CBC	
12-16	6		Concord CBC	
12-22	2		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-23	2		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-29	1		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-29	10		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
12-29	1		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
12-30	12		Pittsburg CBC	

Eastern Bluebird

12-15	6		Coastal CBC	
12-16	1		Concord CBC	
12-25	6	Hollis	Pine Hill Rd.	G. Regner
12-29	5		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-29	3		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	

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02-09	3	Amherst	Leverett Rd.	E. Moore, E. Andrews
02-19	2	Hollis	Wheeler Rd.	E. Drisko
02-26	2	Hollis	Mendelssohn Dr.	C. Robey

American Robin

12-02	1	Amherst	Mack Hill Rd.	R. & M. Suomala
12-02	1	Enfield		P. Hunt
12-08	1	Gorham	golf course	J. Ely, J. Brown
12-08	2	Wentworth	residence	G. Ports
12-15	1		Keene CBC	
12-15	5		Coastal CBC	
12-22	12		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-23	2		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-29	4		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
01-24	1	Hampton	residence	D. Kirwan
01-24	1	Concord	Fort Eddy Rd.	L. Brooks
01-24	1	Concord	Josiah Bartlett Rd.	R. Lang
02-02	1	East Kingston	residence	D. Kirwan
02-25	1	Concord		I. & S. MacLeod
02-25	3	Chester	Ledge Rd.	M. LaPlace

Northern Mockingbird

12-15	3		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-15	2		Keene CBC	
12-15	88		Coastal CBC	
12-16	1		Littleton CBC-CW	
12-16	13		Concord CBC	
12-23	5		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-29	63		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-29	10		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
12-29	1		Baker Valley CBC	

Brown Thrasher

01-23	1	Goffstown	Mast Rd.	P. Nolan
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Bohemian Waxwing

01-11	23	Hanover	residence	S. Smith
01-20	15	Enfield	Rt. 4	P. Hunt
01-31	11	Colebrook	Elementary school	D. Killam
02-02	12	Wolfeboro	Stoneham Rd.	B. Maxfield
02-11	20	Lancaster	Wesson Rd.	D. Skeels
02-17	20	Canterbury	1/4 mi. s. of village	R. & V. Quinn
02-22	120	Pittsburg	1 mi. s. of town	M. Purrington

Cedar Waxwing

12-29	238		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
02-11	50	Meredith	Mills Falls Marketplace	H. & P. Damon
02-17	30	Canterbury	1/4 mi. s. of village	R. & V. Quinn
02-21	18	Wentworth	residence	G. Ports

Northern Shrike

12-02	1	Piermont	residence	J. Carreaux, et al.
12-03	1	Deering	E. Deering Rd.	I. MacLeod
12-07	1	Henniker	field on Old Concord Rd.	R. Quinn

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12-09	1	Sunapee	Young Hill Rd.	G. Stansfield
12-12	1	Pittsfield		A. Robbins
12-15	3		Monadnock CBC	
12-15	1		Keene CBC	
12-15	2		Coastal CBC	
12-16	1		Littleton CBC-CW	
12-22	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-23	2		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-29	1		Nashua-Hollis CBC-CW	
12-29	2		Baker Valley CBC	
12-30	1	Newport	off Rt. 11	S. Mirick
01-08	1	Lyndeborough	Lyndeborough Center Rd.	B. Mack
01-13	1	Walpole	Merriam Rd.	R. Ritz
01-13	1	Bristol	Fox Run	G. Jeffers
01-16	1	Concord	Rt. 393	A. & G. Robbins
01-17	1	Loudon	Josiah Bartlett Rd.	S. Sanborn
01-20	1	Amherst	River & Boston Post Rds.	B. Mack
01-20	1	Center Harbor	Lake Winnepesaukee	M. & B. Darling
02-02	1	Wentworth	residence	S. & P. Welch
02-03	1	Durham	Adams Pt.	S. Mirick
02-09	1	Hampton	toll booths off Rt. 51	S. Mirick
02-13	1	Dunbarton	residence	J. Grant
02-20	1	Plymouth	Tenny Mtn. Hgwy.	G. Ports
02-20	1	Mont Vernon	Rt. 13, s. of town	B. Mack
02-23	1	Rye	Odiorne Pt. St. Pk.	S. Mirick, York County Field Trip
02-26	1	Warner	Rt. 89, n. of Exit 9	C. Martin
02-26	1	New Boston	Rt. 13, 2 mi. s. of center	B. Mack
02-27	1	Bradford	residence	F. Sladen
02-28	1	Keene	Wyman Rd.	R. Ritz

European Starling

12-15	16024	Coastal CBC
12-22	2136	Lee-Durham CBC
12-29	2121	Nashua-Hollis CBC



Warblers through Snow Bunting

While four Yellow-rumped Warblers lingered into December, the only other warbler report this season was an **Ovenbird** at a Hooksett feeder from January 5–February 19. The bird was feeding on mixed seed and appeared to be in good health, but it disappeared during a period of sleet and freezing rain. Few Ovenbirds have been seen in winter—the most recent report was in January, 1983.

A first-year male **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** was at a feeder in Rumney during the last week of December—perfect timing for the Baker Valley CBC. Rose-breasted Grosbeaks have been sighted during the winter at least four other times in the last 15 years, two of which were on last year's Peterborough-Hancock CBC. The Nashua-Hollis CBC had its third Savannah Sparrow record in 25 years, while the Coastal count had its first miss for this species in 20 years. Dark-eyed Junco numbers were below average, but Snow Buntings were well-represented, with large flocks reported from Milan and Columbia.

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Yellow-rumped Warbler

12-11	1	Bridgewater	residence	E. Finkle
12-15	2		Coastal CBC	
12-22	1		Lee-Durham CBC	

Ovenbird

01-05	1	Hooksett	residence	R. Novak
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Northern Cardinal

12-15	46		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-15	37		Keene CBC	
12-15	122		Coastal CBC	
12-16	4	Wentworth	Rt. 25	G. Ports
12-16	28		Concord CBC	
12-23	43		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-29	114		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-29	22		Baker Valley CBC	
12-29	13		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
12-30	1		Pittsburg CBC	

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

12-28	1		Baker Valley CBC-CW	
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Rufous-sided Towhee

12-29	1		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
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American Tree Sparrow

12-15	36		Keene CBC	
12-15	52		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-15	332		Coastal CBC	
12-16	37		N. Conway CBC	
12-16	11		Littleton CBC	
12-16	67		Concord CBC	

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12-22	167		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-23	52		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-29	215		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-29	54		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
12-29	26		Baker Valley CBC	
Field Sparrow				
12-15	1		Coastal CBC	
12-29	6		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
Savannah Sparrow				
12-29	1		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
Fox Sparrow				
12-15	2		Coastal CBC	
12-29	1		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
Song Sparrow				
12-15	3		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-15	63		Coastal CBC	
12-16	24		Concord CBC	
12-22	22		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-23	2		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-29	28		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-29	3		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
Swamp Sparrow				
12-15	1		Coastal CBC	
12-16	1		Concord CBC	
12-22	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-23	1		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-29	1		Baker Valley CBC	
White-throated Sparrow				
12-15	1		Keene CBC	
12-15	5		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-15	1		Coastal CBC	
12-22	4		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-29	12		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-29	1		Baker Valley CBC	
12-29	5		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
Dark-eyed Junco				
12-15	80		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-15	54		Keene CBC	
12-15	143		Coastal CBC	
12-16	4		N. Conway CBC	
12-16	20		Concord CBC	
12-20	8	Milford	Beechbrook	A. Ames
12-22	48		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-23	2		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-29	311		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-29	2		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
12-29	1		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
12-29	1		Baker Valley CBC-CW	

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01-01	3	Franklin	residence	B. & G. Austin
01-30	12	Gilsum	residence	M. Wright

Snow Bunting

12-15	4		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-15	21		Coastal CBC	
12-16	7		Concord CBC	
01-13	27	Hopkinton	Tyler Rd.	J. Bohanan
01-17	2	Milford	N. River Rd., w. of town	B. Mack
01-18	3	Sandwich	n. side of Squam Lake	W. Visser
01-26	100	Milan	farm straddling Rt. 16	R. Quinn, T. Richards, ASNH Field Trip
02-08	300	Columbia	residence	D. Killam
02-17	12	Concord	S. Concord Meadows	C. & E. Foss

Blackbirds through House Sparrow

Three Red-winged Blackbirds, 10 Common Grackles, and seven Brown-headed Cowbirds were still present in late December. Early migrant blackbirds began to arrive during the third week of February.

Only seven Pine Grosbeaks were reported this season, and Purple Finches, Common Redpolls, Pine Siskins, and Evening Grosbeaks were also infrequent, perhaps because of the abundant wild food crop farther north. American Goldfinches were above average, however, and most CBC totals for House Finch were higher than last year's.

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Red-winged Blackbird

12-16	1		Concord CBC	
12-22	1		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-29	1		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-30	1		Pittsburg CBC	
02-22	3	Hampton	Hampton marshes	P. Lacourse
02-22	1	Manchester	residence	M. Sudak
02-22	1	Concord	Rt. 13	L. Harper
02-22	22	Hollis	s. & e. of village center	B. Mack
02-22	15	Durham	Packers Falls Rd.	A. Ablowich
02-22	1	Walpole	Old Stage Rd.	R. Ritz

Common Grackle

12-15	2		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-15	1		Coastal CBC	
12-16	1		Littleton CBC	
12-22	2		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-29	2		Pittsburg CBC	
02-12	1	Errol	Rt. 126	G. Ports
02-22	1	Hollis	near town hall	B. Mack

Brown-headed Cowbird

12-16	1		N. Conway CBC	
12-22	2		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-23	1		Hanover-Norwich CBC-CW	

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12-29	2		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-29	1		Baker Valley CBC	
02-14	1	Deering	E. Deering Rd.	I. MacLeod
02-22	25	Durham	Packers Falls Rd.	A. Ablowich

Pine Grosbeak

12-29	1		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
01-22	4	Goffstown	residence	G. Croteau
01-26	2	Wentworth	Brown Owl Store	R. Quinn, T. Richards, ASNH Field Trip

Purple Finch

12-15	21		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-15	2		Coastal CBC	
12-16	11		N. Conway CBC	
12-16	1		Littleton CBC-CW	
12-22	6		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-29	2		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-29	1		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	

House Finch

12-15	56		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-15	282		Keene CBC	
12-15	445		Coastal CBC	
12-16	42		N. Conway CBC	
12-16	55		Concord CBC	
12-22	305		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-23	199		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-29	377		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-29	67		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
12-29	4		Baker Valley CBC	
01-01	8	Franklin	residence	B. & G. Austin
01-30	1	Walpole	County Rd.	R. Ritz
02-05	1	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow feeder	M. Wright
02-10	14	Newcastle		A. Robbins
02-16	20	Milford	Beechbrook	A. Ames

Red Crossbill

01-01	14	Sunapee	Mud Pond	G. Stansfield
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Common Redpoll

01-09	2	Columbia	residence feeders	D. Killam
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Pine Siskin

12-06	2	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
12-08	15	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn
12-15	36		Keene CBC	
12-15	48		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-15	7		Coastal CBC	
12-22	2		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-29	3		Baker Valley CBC	
01-18	13	Canterbury	Baptist Hill Rd.	R. Quinn

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American Goldfinch

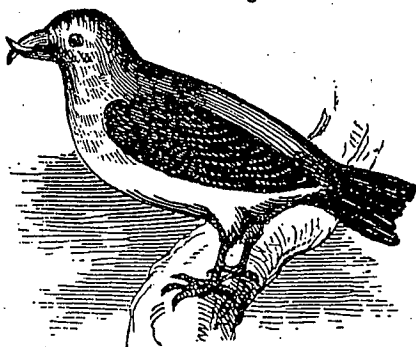
12-07	5	Gilsum	Hammond Hollow	M. Wright
12-15	82		Keene CBC	
12-15	112		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-15	576		Coastal CBC	
12-16	64		N. Conway CBC	
12-16	137		Concord CBC	
12-22	429		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-23	50		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-29	265		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-29	62		Baker Valley CBC	
01-06	3	Bradford	residence	P. & F. Sladen
01-25	4	Milford	Beechbrook	A. Ames

Evening Grosbeak

12-15	537		Peterborough-Hancock CBC	
12-15	467		Keene CBC	
12-15	129		Coastal CBC	
12-16	28		N. Conway CBC	
12-16	95		Littleton CBC	
12-16	76		Concord CBC	
12-19	88	Walpole	Merriam Rd.	R. Ritz
12-22	179		Lee-Durham CBC	
12-23	656		Hanover-Norwich CBC	
12-28	30	New Hampton	Winona Rd.	F. Chandler
12-29	18		Errol-Umbagog CBC	
12-29	105		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-29	40	Mont Vernon	Francestown Tpk.	M. & R. Suomala
12-29	115		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
12-29	127		Baker Valley CBC	
12-30	28		Pittsburg CBC	
01-07	50	Alstead	Rt. 123 near Stoddard	M. Suomala
01-21	35	Gilsum	residence	M. Wright
01-22	34	Goffstown	residence	G. Croteau
01-27	65	Bradford	residence	P. & F. Sladen

House Sparrow

12-15	1165		Coastal CBC	
12-29	806		Nashua-Hollis CBC	
12-29	174		Laconia-New Hampton CBC	
12-30	59		Pittsburg CBC	



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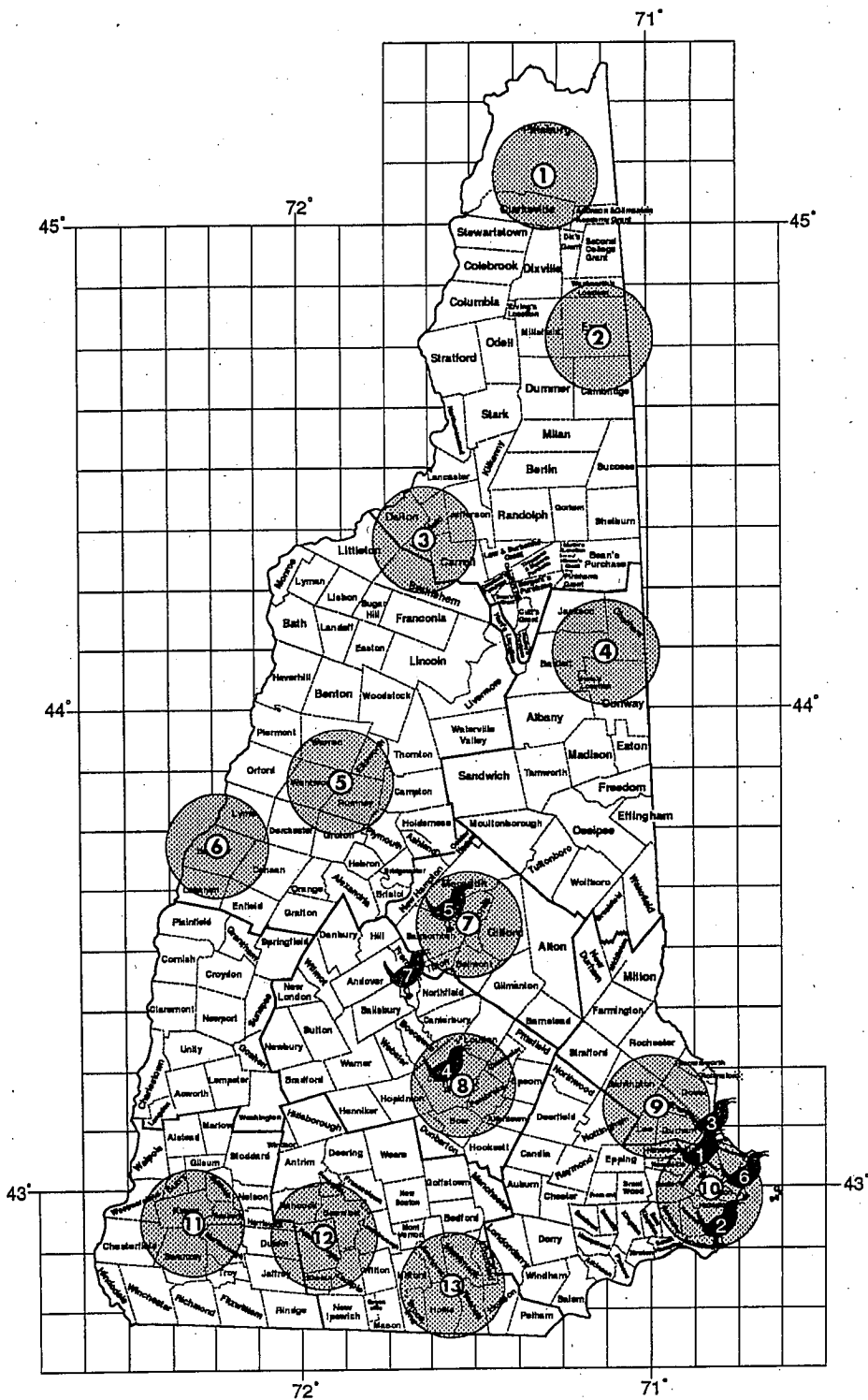


1. Great Bay
2. Hampton Harbor (Hampton)
3. Adams Point (Durham)
4. Audubon House/Turkey Pond (Concord)
5. Lake Winnepesaukee
6. Odiorne Point (Rye)
7. Webster Lake (Franklin)

Christmas Bird Count Circles

1. Pittsburg
2. Errol – Umbagog
3. Littleton (not registered with American Birds)
4. North Conway
5. Baker Valley
6. Hanover – Norwich (VT)
7. Laconia – New Hampton
8. Concord
9. Lee – Durham
10. Coastal
11. Keene
12. Peterborough – Hancock
13. Nashua – Hollis

CBC-CW indicates a sighting during the count week



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

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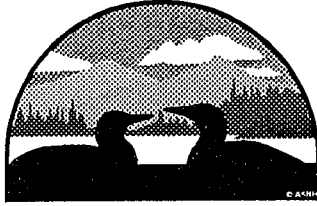
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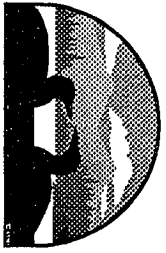
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