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President's Message

Well, I've just experienced the longest warm spell in December for many years. All that talk about COLD WEATHER birding in the November-December newsletter ... how about if you apply it to January /February! Believe it, or else we're actually closest to the sun at this time of the year! In reality, our hemisphere is tipped away from the sun so it's WINTER, but the more important thing to be concerned about is that when it is really cold, the thing to look forward to is the third week of January which means the likelihood of a thaw. Plus, this time span marks the end of the depths of winter and the gradual warming trend until spring.

There are certain birds which, if seen, during this period, can change people's perspective from the 'birding glass' being half empty to being half full! A Harlequin duck, King Eider, Barrow's Goldeneye, Black-headed Gull, Snowy Owl, or maybe a Dovekie; the list goes on ... they all have this ability. Winter finches, usually very unpredictable, are **AROUND THIS YEAR!**

Redpolls, Red Crossbills, White-winged Crossbills, and Pine Grosbeaks sometimes move south in February as their food sources become depleted, and it has started to happen!

February is the shortest month of the year and the day length is increasing. Even better, it's possible you might get to see some migratory male Redwing Blackbirds near the end of this month.

So, just like the information in the November – December newsletter says, January and February species can become very reliable at specific locales. Also, as Blair Nikula has written in past newsletters, "The Falmouth Ponds such as Siders, Salt, Great, and Coonamesset are some of the best in Southern New England." Definitely check them out. Maybe you'll get lucky and see lingering Catbirds, Towhees or Hermit Thrushes hanging out in the thickets. Try to remember the expression, "Nothing ventured, nothing gained."

PALE Kyle

Thanks to all who submitted articles for this newsletter! In addition to our 'regulars,' we have two first-time writers sharing birding experiences with us! It's always fun to hear from our readers!

Editor

FEBRUARY 6th: Cut-off date for next newsletter articles!



January and February CCBC Programs

January 14th:

Our speaker is Gunnar Engblom, a Swedish citizen who has been guiding bird groups in South America since 1992 after he came to Peru for biology thesis survey work of Andean forests.

Gunnar states, "I am a biologist. Bird Conservation is my passion. Tour leading and eco-tourism my living." He has been conducting surveys and managing conservation projects at various sites in Peru for rare or endangered birds. For two years, he worked part-time for the Swedish section of Bird Life International as International Secretary.

Gunnar has made a number of expeditions into areas where no ornithologists or birders ever set foot earlier.

February 11th:

Wayne Petersen, Field Ornithologist for the Mass Audubon Society will be bringing us the latest information on Important Birding Areas (IBAs). These are the sites in Massachusetts providing essential habitat to one or more species of breeding or non-breeding birds which is an essential part of a worldwide program under the auspices of Birdlife International.

Wayne has spoken to the club many times before and his presentations are always informative and enjoyable.

If time permits, slides or videos taken by members may be shown at end of meeting.

BOOKS FOR AUCTION

Elinor Miller is clearing her shelves of publishers' examination copies sent to her to review, as well as books that have been in her own library.

At the January, March, and May meetings of the Club, she will be presenting to auction off the books listed below. Bidders who cannot be present at those meetings may either send Elinor their top bids by email: (emiller @see pub.com) or by phone (508-362-3384). If you call, speak slowly and clearly as the answering machine often blurs messages. Further bids will be taken at the meetings. Proceeds from the auctions will go to a non-profit organization which will be named at those meetings.

Here are the books for January:
Smithsonian Birds of North America
 (Cont'd on Page 5)

An Unlikely El Dorado for Cape Birding

I have found a wonderfully productive place to bird. In addition to large species numbers, it is quiet so calls are easily heard. It is virtually uninhabited by humans and its center is quite open for easy sighting. There are several ponds that attract water birds and this area is surrounded by woodlands. While I invite others to join me, they never do; I have the nineteen acres to myself.

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Perhaps a partial list of summer and early fall sightings will entice others to visit. Raptors: Kestrels, Sharp-shins, Coopers, Harriers, Broad-wings, Red-tails and Ospreys. The latter two nest there and are often seen with their young. I was once threatened by a Red-tail that dived repeatedly at my head. Three times I've seen a harassing Kingbird momentarily land on the back of a flying Red-tail!

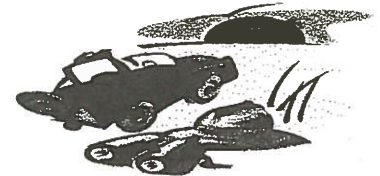
Flycatchers: Phoebes, Wood Pewees, Great-crested, Kingbirds, Yellow-bellied and Willow. A resident Mockingbird orchestrates from a favored dead tree where, often accompanied by its wing-flashing display, it gives virtuoso Greater Yellowlegs and Carolina Wren impersonations. Shorebirds: Semipalmated, Least, Spotted, Solitary and Upland Sandpipers; hundreds of Killdeer (with young), and both Yellowlegs. Ducks: Mallards (nesting), Black, Wood, Green-winged and Blue-winged Teal, and Bufflehead. Canada Geese (nesting). Bobwhites, Pheasants, Grouse and Woodcock. Sparrows: Field, Chipping and Vesper. Once, a Horned Lark. Thirty-seven Bluebirds lined up along a fence top. Plus many other species, including all our "yard" birds. In three occasional visits during summer/fall, I have seen a grand total of 94 species. And once, while I stood motionless, a full-grown coyote passed within three feet of me.

Jack Palmer

And now to reveal where this idyllic place is and why no one seems willing to join me there. It's the Falmouth Sewage Treatment Area!

Yes, it smells terrible at times! (Maybe that's why the coyote didn't get my scent.) And Aeration Pond No. 1, the first venue of the town's raw effluent, is especially disgusting. Nevertheless, ducks and geese, adults and young, swim and feed in it and in the other treatment ponds. I would imagine Falmouth waterfowl hunters occasionally kill an especially distasteful specimen.

While not "olfactorily" pleasant, visually, this locale is a fine place to bird. Just ask permission when you enter ... and don't forget to bring a clothes pin for your nose!



January – February Field Trips

Stauffer Miller

January

Saturday, January 5: Fort Hill, Eastham. Meet at the lower parking lot at Fort Hill at 9:00 AM. Leader, Dick Koeppen, 430-1822.

Friday, January 11: Meet at West Dennis Beach, second cottage in the parking lot, at 9:00 AM. We'll check Harwich and Chatham spots for waterfowl. Leaders, Mike Dettrey and Diane Silverstein, 398-9484, e-mail mikeanddiane@hotmail.com.

Sunday, January 13: Falmouth, 9:00 AM. Meet at the Locust Street parking area of the bike path. Leaders, Bob Vander Pyl and Alison Robb, 540-2408.

Thursday, January 17: Sachuest NWR, Rhode Island and Bristol County Coastal Points. Harlequin Ducks up close. Meet at my house or get picked up along Route 6 or at Bourne Rotary. Leaving Cape about 8:30 AM. Call to make arrangements. Leader, Stauffer Miller, 362-3384, e-mail emiller@seepub.com.



Early Thanksgiving Feast for a Merlin

Mark Tuttle and his group of about 12 birders from the Club were assembling November 17th in Friendly's parking lot in Orleans, readying themselves for his scheduled field trip. In a nearby tree was a large flock of starlings. Just as they were about to drive off, there was a stir and a small raptor with pointed wings appeared, dove among the wheeling starlings and picked off one, as feathers flew.

February

Friday, February 8: Meet at Corporation Beach in Dennis at 9:00 AM to visit hot spots for waterfowl. Leaders, Mike Dettrey and Diane Silverstein, 398-9484, e-mail mikeanddiane@hotmail.com.

Sunday, February 10: Falmouth, 9:00 AM. Meet at the Locust Street parking area of the bike path. Leaders, Bob Vander Pyl and Alison Robb, 540-2408.

Saturday, February 23: Bourne, with a walk of Old Dam Road cranberry bog and visiting other areas. Red-shouldered Hawk a possibility. Meet at 8:30 AM at Dunkin Donuts inside Gray Gables Market at intersection Monument Neck and Shore Roads in Bourne. Leader, Stauffer Miller, 362-3384, e-mail emiller@seepub.com.

Reminder - Don't forget to fill out your Backyard Feeder Census each month!

The raptor flew to the ground right in front of the group with the luckless starling and began pulling feathers from it. The raptor was dark and had a banded tail — a Merlin. They could also see quite well the yellow supercilium and eye ring indicating this to be an adult female of the Taiga race (see Sibley for a good depiction). After a short time, the Merlin lifted off and flew into cover to polish off her prey in privacy.

To see such a raw display of the natural world and its ways was a rousing way to start a Cape Cod Bird Club field trip.

The following is a response to my question in the last newsletter: When did you realize you loved birding?

Hooked on Birding

It was the winter of '94, on the Island of Sanibel, that we met the Ginleys, Kathy and Rives, and it happened one Sunday morn when we went birding on the Bailey Tract. We not only learned how to identify the birds and songs, we also learned where to find them. And we learned about our country's national wildlife refuges. One of the most famous is Ding Darling NWR right on Sanibel Island.

Almost every trip we took gave us a new 'life' bird. At Ding Darling, we found Spoonbills, White Pelican, Ibis, and Snowies. On the Bailey Tract (Sanibel), we saw Black Crowned Night Herons. On Six Mile Cypress, we saw Pied Billed Grebes and Moore Hens. Every trip was filled with the anticipation of seeing new birds and we were never disappointed.

The Corkscrew Swamp Audubon Sanctuary produced a Brown Thrasher, a Barred Owl, many Parula Warblers, and a Scissor Tailed Flycatcher. The Fakahatchee Strand and Shark Valley trip brought us a look at Wood Storks, Snail Kite, Loggerhead Shrike, Caspian Terns and Burrowing Owls. On a loop to Lake Okeechobee and the Archibald Biological Station, we saw two Cara Cara, two Sandbill Cranes with their babies, and the goal of the trip — a Long-Eared Owl (only the third ever seen in Florida).

The first time I ever saw a Swallow Tail Kite was at Loxahatchee NWR where we also saw hundreds of Whistling Ducks and two Spotted Orioles!

How could I ever forget my first and only Ovenbird singing, as loud as he could, "Teacher! Teacher!" down in the swamps of the Everglades on a lonely, deserted back road full of deep potholes and lots of water?

The memories of these times and places will always be with us!

Mary Lou Brier

What's Around

Ron Ayotte

This is the second in a series of articles on birds seen on Cape Cod based on personal observations supplemented by information from the Rare Bird Alerts (RBAs) of Mass Audubon. The places visited follow, roughly, the outline of Birding Cape Cod, published by the Club and Mass Audubon. (Remember, very common birds have been omitted).

Reader comments can be sent to me e-mail at ayotterc@cape.com, or by letter to me c/o of the Club

October 17, Fort Hill: American Bittern (6-8), Great Blue Heron (<15), Black-crowned Night-heron (<15), American Black Duck, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Common Snipe (1), Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler, Palm Warbler, Swamp Sparrow.

October 19, Chatham: Red-throated Loon, Northern Gannet, Double-crested Cormorant (500+), Great Blue Heron, Brant, Common Eider, White-winged Scoter, Red-tailed Hawk, Black-bellied Plover (visible on N. Monomoy), Greater Yellowlegs, Marbled Godwit (!, in flight), Sanderling, Laughing Gull, Common Tern, Red-winged Blackbird.

October 22, Harwich, Brewster: Horned Grebe (3), Great Blue Heron, Brant, Common Eider, Surf Scoter, White-winged Scoter, Cooper's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Ruddy Turnstone (4-5), Gray Catbird, Red-eyed Vireo, Blue Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting, American Tree Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco.

October 26, Eastham: Red-throated Loon, Pied-billed Grebe, Northern Gannet, Brant (100+), American Wigeon (2), Common Eider (250+), Surf Scoter, White-winged Scoter, Bufflehead (2), Ruddy Duck (3-5), North-

ern Harrier, Cooper's Hawk, Peregrine Falcon (!), Black-bellied Plover (<15), Semipalmated Plover (4), Greater Yellowlegs, Sanderling, Dunlin (150+), Black-legged Kittiwake (3-5), Horned Lark, Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher (2), Palm Warbler, Red-winged Blackbird.

October 29, Yarmouthport, Dennis: Northern Gannet (>15), Great Cormorant, Double-crested Cormorant, Ring-necked Duck (18), Long-tailed Duck, Black Scoter, White-winged Scoter (150+), Surf Scoter (200+), Bufflehead, Hooded Merganser, Red-breasted Merganser, Northern Harrier, American Coot (5), Carolina Wren, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Palm Warbler, Swamp Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow.

November 2, Wellfleet: Red-throated Loon, Common Loon, Pied-billed Grebe, Horned Grebe, Northern Gannet (>20), Brant, Common Eider, White-winged Scoter, Bufflehead, Red-breasted Merganser, Black-bellied Plover (3-4), Greater Yellowlegs (3), Sanderling, Dunlin (150+), Common Tern (15+), Forster's Tern (30+), Swamp Sparrow.

November 9, Truro: Red-throated Loon, Common Loon, Horned Grebe, Northern Gannet (>50), Brant, Common Eider, White-winged Scoter, Red-breasted Merganser, Sanderling, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Eastern Bluebird. Mass Audubon reported a Bald Eagle (Imm.) and White-rumped Sandpipers in Provincetown, and Semipalmated, Western and Least sandpipers in Chatham.

November 12, Eastham, Orleans: Red-throated Loon, Common Loon, Pied-billed Grebe, Northern Gannet, American Wigeon, Harlequin Duck (!) (3), Black Scoter, Surf Scoter, White-winged Scoter, Hooded Merganser, Ruddy Duck, Northern Harrier, American Coot (3), Dunlin (200+), Horned Lark (6), Red-breasted Nuthatch, Savannah Sparrow.

November 14 and 16, Provincetown: Red-throated Loon, Pied-billed Grebe, Northern Gannet (100+), Great Cormo-

rant (2), Double-crested Cormorant (50+), Common Eider, Red-breasted Merganser (250+), White-winged Scoter, Sanderling, Iceland Gull, Belted Kingfisher. Mass Audubon reported Northern Goshawks, a Black-headed Gull and a Little Gull in Chatham. November 19, Harwich: Pied-billed Grebe, Green-winged Teal (12), Sharp-shinned Hawk, Killdeer (1), Greater Yellowlegs, Dunlin, Belted Kingfisher, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Cedar Waxwing, White-throated Sparrow. Mass Audubon reported Harlequin Duck and Pectoral Sandpiper on Nantucket.

November 26, Dennis, Yarmouth: Common Loon, Gadwall, Black-bellied Plover, Bonaparte's Gull (5), Carolina Wren, White-throated Sparrow. Mass Audubon reported a Pacific Loon and Lesser Black-backed Gull in Provincetown, Snowy Owls in Chatham and Mashpee, White-winged Crossbills in Harwichport, Black-headed Gull in Wellfleet, Marbled Godwits in Chatham, and Orange-crowned Warbler in Orleans.

November 30, Orleans: Common Loon, Red-throated Loon, Northern Gannet, Red-breasted Merganser, Long-tailed Duck (Oldsquaw), Black Scoter (20+), White-winged Scoter, Harlequin Duck (5), Bonaparte's Gull (25+).



Ken Hamilton, R.I.P.

The Club is sad to learn of the death of Ken Hamilton on November 14th. Ken was a long-time member of the Club and an avid birder. Our condolences to his family. We will miss him.

Calling All Birders ... Don't Miss This One!

Massachusetts Birders Meeting

WHEN: February 2, 2002 (Sat.)
WHERE: EcoTarium,
 222 Harrington Way
 Worcester, MA 01604
WHAT:

An all-day program focused on Mass Audubon's Important Bird Areas (IBA) Program, Bird Conservation in the Commonwealth, and a stunning series of visual presentations on Birds in Art.

Registration is 8:00-8:45 a.m. Wayne Peterson will give the General Introduction and Welcome. An address on Biodiversity in Massachusetts will be given by Bob Durand, Secretary of Environmental Affairs.

Presentations will then follow on the Massachusetts BioMap Project by Henry Woolsey and Restoring New England's Birds by Robert Askins.

Noted artist and ornithologist, David Allen Sibley, will give the keynote presentation — followed by workshops on Birds in Art and a book signing.

You will then have an opportunity to tour the EcoTarium, and can view vendors' exhibits as well as the IBA Photo Contest winners.

For more information and a registration form, call 1-781-259-9506 X 7401 or visit: www.massaudubon.org/iba. Cost is \$30 non-members, \$24 members. Space is limited.

Close Encounters of a Wonderful Kind

Now that the colder weather is here and most of the warm weather birds are gone, I look back fondly on the highlight of my birding summer.

It happened without warning. I was gardening in the backyard and must have been very still. Suddenly, there was a whirring sound and I looked up to see a hummingbird six inches from my face.

For a rather long time, he looked me over somewhat quizzically (yes, I can read a hummer's mind) and then flew off. It was such a sweet moment. I ran into the house to tell my husband who is not a birder and he immediately understood. "Look at what you're wearing," he exclaimed. A peek in the mirror revealed I was dressed in red, from head to toe. I was a huge

nectar source — at least in the hummingbird's eyes.

I opened the slider and stepped out on the deck to continue gardening but that bird wouldn't give me a chance. This tiny, bright object from about 100 feet away came flying toward me at warp speed. I froze and, once again, we were nose to bill as he hovered, checking me out, looking for some nectar. He was confused. I was delighted! And the end result is: If you're traveling through East Harwich next summer and observe someone working in her yard dressed completely in red, you'll know who it is. Here's hoping I'm lucky enough to have this wonderful encounter again!

Karen Goggins

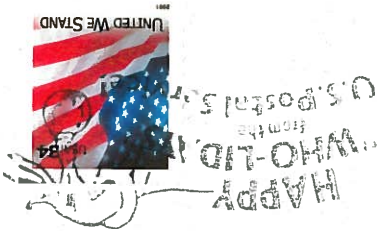
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 ☆ Peter Whitlock, who gave the pro-
 ☆ gram on "To Save a Falcon" in Decem-
 ☆ ber, is the creator and webmaster.
 ☆ This site provides dates, details, and
 ☆ other info needed on club and birding
 ☆ events as well as links to other impor-
 ☆ tant sites.
 ☆ Thanks, Peter, for a job well done.
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AUCTION — Cont'd from Page 2
 by Fred Alsop III, covering the life histories of more than 930 species. In this large (1000 pages), heavy, visually appealing hardcover tome is every type of information imaginable on every species recorded within North America's boundaries. Retail price: \$60. I will accept an opening bid of \$25.
Where the Birds Are. The National Wildlife Federation's selection of the 100 best birdwatching spots in North America. Hard cover. Retail price: \$30. I will accept an opening bid of \$15.
Birds of Massachusetts, small field guide focusing only on birds found in the state, by Stan Tekiela. One full page color photo; one page of text per species. Retail price: \$13.95. I will accept an opening bid of \$5.
Birds of Tropical America by Steve Hilty, author of the Birds of Colombia. Paperback; 100% text. Published 1994. Mint condition. Retail price \$12.95. I will accept an opening bid of \$4.
The Cloud Forest: A chronicle of the South American Wilderness by Peter Matthiessen. Mostly text; some B&W photos. Published 1961. A classic. Hard cover (tattered paper cover) but the volume is in nearly-new condition. I will accept an opening bid of \$2.

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2001 CAPE COD CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

December 16, 2001

Red-throated Loon.....	271	Killdeer	1	Hermit Thrush.....	19
Common Loon.....	36	Greater Yellowlegs.....	7	American Robin.....	642
Pied-billed Grebe.....	37	Ruddy Turnstone.....	1	Gray Catbird.....	16
Horned Grebe.....	25	Red Knot.....	7	Northern Mockingbird.....	88
Red-necked Grebe.....	1	Sanderling.....	912	European Starling.....	970
Northern Gannet.....	1493	Least Sandpiper.....	2	Cedar Waxwing.....	100
Double-crested Cormorant.....	30	Dunlin.....	4051	Orange-crowned Warbler.....	3
Great Cormorant.....	19	Common Snipe.....	3	Yellow-rumped Warbler.....	703
American Bittern.....	1	Pomarine Jaeger.....	CP	Pine Warbler.....	1
Great Blue Heron.....	105	Laughing Gull.....	4	Palm Warbler.....	3
Black-crowned Night-Heron.....	1	Black-headed Gull.....	1	Common Yellowthroat.....	1
Canada Goose.....	612	Bonaparte's Gull.....	223	Yellow-breasted Chat.....	6
Brant.....	970	Ring-billed Gull.....	1061	Eastern Towhee.....	9
Mute Swan.....	36	Herring Gull.....	4474	American Tree Sparrow.....	10
Wood Duck.....	17	Iceland Gull.....	2	Chipping Sparrow.....	11
Gadwall.....	1	Lesser Black-backed Gull.....	4	Field Sparrow.....	33
American Wigeon.....	73	Great Black-backed Gull.....	1572	Savannah Sparrow.....	27
Am. Black Duck.....	1688	Black-legged Kittiwake.....	554	"Ipswich" Sparrow.....	3
Mallard.....	601	Razorbill.....	318	Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow.....	8
Northern Pintail.....	5	large alcid species.....	92	Seaside Sparrow.....	1
Green-winged Teal.....	88	Rock Dove.....	55	Fox Sparrow.....	6
Canvasback.....	4	Mourning Dove.....	176	Song Sparrow.....	318
Ring-necked Duck.....	50	Eastern Screech-Owl.....	8	Swamp Sparrow.....	61
Greater Scaup.....	109	Great Horned Owl.....	6	White-throated Sparrow.....	328
Lesser Scaup.....	49	Snowy Owl.....	4	Dark-eyed Junco.....	149
King Eider.....	1	Northern Saw-whet Owl.....	1	Lapland Longspur.....	2
Common Eider.....	3661	Belted Kingfisher.....	17	Snow Bunting.....	12
Harlequin Duck.....	8	Red-bellied Woodpecker.....	3	Northern Cardinal.....	402
Surf Scoter.....	24	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.....	2	Red-winged Blackbird.....	53
White-winged Scoter.....	444	Downy Woodpecker.....	47	Eastern Meadowlark.....	27
Black Scoter.....	78	Hairy Woodpecker.....	10	Common Grackle.....	3
Long-tailed Duck.....	40	Northern Flicker.....	56	Brown-headed Cowbird.....	30
Bufflehead.....	2063	Eastern Phoebe.....	1	Baltimore Oriole.....	1
Common Goldeneye.....	279	Blue Jay.....	221	Purple Finch.....	13
Hooded Merganser.....	263	American Crow.....	672	House Finch.....	624
Common Merganser.....	183	Horned Lark.....	103	White-winged Crossbill.....	2
Red-breasted Merganser.....	2118	Black-capped Chickadee.....	915	Common Redpoll.....	15
Ruddy Duck.....	93	Tufted Titmouse.....	118	Pine Siskin.....	1
Northern Harrier.....	23	Red-breasted Nuthatch.....	54	American Goldfinch.....	668
Sharp-shinned Hawk.....	17	White-breasted Nuthatch.....	50	House Sparrow.....	324
Cooper's Hawk.....	10	Brown Creeper.....	3		
Red-tailed Hawk.....	41	Carolina Wren.....	117	TOTAL SPECIES.....	133
Merlin.....	2	Winter Wren.....	3	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS.....	37,468
Peregrine Falcon.....	1	Marsh Wren.....	3		
Northern Bobwhite.....	15	Golden-crowned Kinglet.....	86	Number of observers.....	43
Virginia Rail.....	6	Ruby-crowned Kinglet.....	2	Total Party-Hours.....	85.5
American Coot.....	2	Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher.....	2		
Black-bellied Plover.....	18	Eastern Bluebird.....	39		

HIGHLIGHTS. *Record high counts for 7 species:* Double-crested Cormorant, Mute Swan, Wood Duck, Green-winged Teal, Red-tailed Hawk (tie), Lesser Black-backed Gull (tie) & Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (tie). *Other highs:* Red-throated Loon (2nd highest), Harlequin Duck (3rd highest), Hooded Merganser (2nd highest), Sharp-shinned Hawk (2nd highest), Cooper's Hawk (2nd highest), Laughing Gull (2nd highest), Snowy Owl (2nd highest), Eastern Bluebird (highest since 1965), Chipping Sparrow (3rd highest), Brown-headed Cowbird (highest since 1973), Purple Finch (highest since 1983), White-winged Crossbill (1st since 1981).

LOWLIGHTS. *Missed:* American Kestrel, Brown Thrasher. *Low counts:* Canada Goose (lowest since 1942!), Canvasback, American Coot.

2001 Cape Cod Lake and Pond Waterfowl Survey

DEC. 1-2, 2001

Species	BOURNE	FALMOUTH	SANDWICH	MASHPEE	BARNSTABLE	YARMOUTH	DENNIS	BREWSTER	HARWICH	CHATHAM	ORLEANS	EASTHAM	WELLFLEET	TRURO	PROVINCETOWN	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL	# OF PONDS
Red-throated Loon	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Common Loon	0	1	1	2	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	11	0.1	9
Pied-billed Grebe	0	2	0	9	7	5	1	9	15	1	6	0	0	0	2	57	0.6	25
Canada Goose	11	122	141	25	57	2	37	14	0	48	6	28	0	0	5	496	5.5	38
Mute Swan	4	16	10	40	23	60	4	2	6	12	4	2	0	0	0	183	2	47
Wood Duck	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0.1	3
Gadwall	0	4	3	5	54	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	123	1.4	13
American Wigeon	0	13	0	2	37	6	0	0	0	26	4	14	0	0	0	102	1.1	13
Black Duck	22	89	3	27	86	167	93	125	89	59	285	117	50	17	187	1416	15.7	97
Mallard	26	262	154	131	407	403	85	33	115	123	139	169	63	0	5	2115	23.4	179
Northern Pintail	0	0	0	0	11	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	19	0.2	7
Green-winged Teal	0	0	0	13	83	3	0	0	70	3	11	0	0	0	3	186	2.1	19
Canvasback	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0.1	2
Ring-necked Duck	0	34	0	16	124	32	0	17	0	0	3	41	0	14	0	281	3.1	18
Greater Scaup	0	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	125	1.4	2
Lesser Scaup	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	14	12	0	0	0	0	0	1	40	0.4	5
scaup species	0	830	0	0	8	0	8	0	239	0	0	0	0	1	0	1086	12	9
Long-tailed Duck	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
White-winged Scoter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Bufflehead	4	517	64	165	281	340	94	49	100	31	104	43	0	7	26	1825	20.2	129
Common Goldeneye	0	8	1	0	8	2	0	13	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	94	1	10
Hooded Merganser	18	171	9	34	83	35	0	28	37	16	21	95	2	0	0	549	6.1	59
Common Merganser	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	54	0	0	0	13	4	0	95	1.1	7
Red-breasted Merganser	0	112	0	0	0	13	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	126	1.4	9
Ruddy Duck	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	11	5	0	0	50	0	0	0	67	0.7	6
American Coot	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	7	0.1	6
TOTAL NUMBER	85	2302	410	470	1287	1140	324	317	819	321	584	559	129	43	230	9020		265
% of Total	1	26	5	5	14	13	4	4	9	4	6	6	1	0	3			
Number of Species	6	15	13	13	17	18	9	13	15	11	11	9	5	5	8	25		
Number of Ponds Censused	13	56	20	15	62	30	18	28	27	29	33	10	21	9	12	383		
Birds per Pond	7	41	21	31	21	38	18	11	30	11	18	56	6	5	19	24		
Number of Observers	2	13	5	5	6	3	3	2	7	3	6	1	3	2	1	50		