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## AIM OF THE FORBUSH BIRD CLUB

To promote the study of birds, especially of this vicinity;  
to extend hospitality to wild birds;  
to secure co-operation in all measures tending to protect the birds; and  
to extend knowledge and sentiment in favor of bird study.

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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I have had pleasant reading this winter in the form of Eric Sloane's latest book *The Seasons of America Past*. In it he states that a century ago the country-side was fifty per cent wetter than it is to-day.

Already, then, many of our birds native to wet lands have either adapted themselves to a drier environment, or have been extirpated. Since it is logical to suppose that the trend from wet to dry will not reverse itself in the future, we can only assume that more adaptation by these birds will have to take place, or extirpation will result.

Our field reports, as presented in this magazine, can be one source of information regarding this tragic, to say the least, occurrence in the status of our wet land loving birds.

- Lloyd S. Jenkins

## WORCESTER COUNTY LIST - 1958

In 1958, Worcester County observers recorded 205 species of birds including the rare Pacific Loon, Raven, Black-headed Grosbeak and LeConte's Sparrow.

The winter of 1958 was marked by much snow which kept the wintering birds close to feeders. In spring, there was cold stormy weather in the southern states along the migration route and in this area, the deep snow cover piled up by the spring storms lasted until late April. As a result the spring migration was spotty. Some species arrived on time, some were late, and some such as Bluebirds, Phoebes and Yellow Palm Warblers were very scarce. Cold rainy weather persisted until June, making difficult nesting conditions for some species.

Ample summer rains, however, spread an abundant harvest of berries and seeds over the country-side. This, together with the absence of early snow, caused many migrating species to linger later than usual, and wintering species to postpone accepting the hospitality of feeders until late December.

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COMMON LOON: Jan. 1, W. Boylston, 1, McAllister. April 6, Sterling, 2, C.E.Allen, to April 27, W. Boylston, 1, Fleming. In summer, July 24, Quabbin Reservoir, 1, McKay, and Aug. 30, S. Athol, 1, Allison. In fall, Sept. 19, Clinton, 2, Hayes, and Sept. 29, Quabbin, 1, Hunt, to Dec. 21, Sterling, 1, C.E.Allen, and Clinton, 2, Crompton. On Oct. 1, Crompton counted 14 in Sterling, and on Oct. 19, Wetherbee and Nakshian in Boylston saw 10, calling.

PACIFIC LOON: Oct. 8, Boylston, 2, McAllister, who studied them at 60 yards with 10x glasses, noting their small size, bills, and checkered backs. A great rarity!

HORNED GREBE: Jan. 1, W. Boylston, 1, McAllister, and "Records of New England Birds" notes Jan. 2, Wachusett Reservoir, 2, Alden. The only spring record is April 2, Boylston, 1, E.Smith. In fall, Oct. 9, Clinton, 1, and Oct. 24, Brookfield, 1, to Dec. 8, W. Boylston, 2, Crompton. Intermediate dates were Oct. 26 and Nov. 1, Brookfield; Nov. 7 and 9, W. Boylston.

PIED-BILLED GREBE: Only one spring record: April 5, Brookfield, 1, Crompton. Then Aug. 31, Holden, a pair, Fleming, and Oct. 4, Brookfield, 1, Wetherbee, to Nov. 21, Sterling, 1, C.E.Allen, and Holden, 2, Morgan.

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT: April 20, Boylston, 4, McAllister.

GREAT BLUE HERON: April 1, Whitinsville, 1, Hayes, and Brookfield, 1, Alcorn, to May 17, W. Boylston, 1, Drown. Presumably breeding birds were seen, May 18-July 9, in the Barre and Quabbin area; then Aug. 7, Sturbridge, 2, Crompton, and Aug. 9, Sterling, 1, C.E.Allen, to Nov. 15, Worcester, 1, Fleming; Nov. 22, Athol, 1, Allison; and Dec. 5, Clinton, 1, Caldwell.

COMMON EGRET: July 22, N. Spencer, Mrs. Robert Potter (Wake Robin Column, Jenkins).

GREEN HERON: April 23, Sterling, 1, C.E.Allen (apparently the earliest in the state) and May 3, Southboro, 1, Crompton, to Sept. 28, Spencer, 1, Wetherbee.

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: Four reports: May 11, Grafton, 3, Forbush Bird Club; May 15, Spencer, 1, Alcorn; June 1, Phillipston, 1, Allison; and Aug. 27, Lancaster, 1, Crompton.

AMERICAN BITTERN: April 30, Northboro, 1, Packard, to Oct. 3, Spencer, 1, Crompton.

CANADA GOOSE: March 28, Clinton, 4, and 29, Brookfield, 16, Crompton, to April 20, W. Boylston, 1, McAllister. Strange late summer records: Aug. 13, Clinton, 13, Hayes; Aug. 27, Athol, 50, Allison; and Sept. 7, Princeton, 50, G.H.Smith. Many large flocks were seen in fall from Oct. 8, Wachusett Reservoir, 300,

McAllister, to Oct. 24, Shrewsbury, 32, Packard. Thereafter, only Nov. 26, Lunenburg, 66, Hayes.

SNOW GOOSE: April 2, Holden, 200, Mrs. H.W. Sternstrom, (Wake Robin Column, Jenkins). April 30, Brookfield, 10, Tobin (fide Crompton).

PINTAIL: Only spring date: April 8, Lancaster, 2, Crompton; and in fall reported only from Rutland, one bird from Oct. 6 to Oct. 15, Crompton and others.

GREEN-WINGED TEAL: April 5, W. Brookfield, 2, and April 8, Lancaster, 8, Crompton; April 13, Spencer, 3, Fleming. Then Sept. 28, Spencer, 1, Wetherbee, to Oct. 26, W. Brookfield, 1, Crompton, with from six to ten in Rutland, Oct. 7-15.

BLUE-WINGED TEAL: May 2, Lancaster, 2, Crompton. Then Aug. 16, Spencer, 10, Wetherbee, to Oct. 11, Rutland, 1, Fleming. On Sept. 7, Wetherbee and others observed 44 at Spencer.

AMERICAN WIDGEON: Sept. 25, W. Boylston, 4, Fleming; Oct. 24, Worcester, 1, and Oct. 25, Hardwick, 8, Crompton, were the only records.

WOOD DUCK: April 4, Brookfield, 1, Alcorn, to Nov. 8, Petersham, 2, Allison. On Oct. 24, Worcester, 24 were recorded by Crompton.

RING-NECKED DUCK: March 30, Brookfield, 5, Wetherbee, to April 24, Boylston, 2, Caldwell. In fall, Oct. 10, Holden, 4, Fleming, to Nov. 17, Boylston, 12, Hayes; Dec. 12, Worcester, 1 male, Crompton.

CANVASBACK: Nov. 1, Brookfield, 6, Crompton, was the only record.

GREATER SCAUP DUCK: Jan. 1, Lake Quaboag, 1, and April 21, there, 1, Wetherbee, are the only records until Oct. 29 to Nov. 14, Sterling, 10-11, and Dec. 21, Clinton, 2, Crompton. A female was on Lake Quaboag Nov. 1-2 (Crompton).

LESSER SCAUP DUCK: March 25, Brookfield, 3, Alcorn, and April 17, Boylston, 7, McAllister, - in both cases carefully distinguished from Greater by purple head-gloss and shorter wing-stripe.

COMMON GOLDENEYE: Jan. 1, Brookfield, 2, Alcorn, to April 12, Hubbardston, 6, Morgan, and April 20, Brookfield, a pair, Fleming. In fall, Oct. 29, Sterling, 4, to Dec. 21, Clinton, 4, Crompton. On Nov. 24, at Brookfield, 31 were counted by Wetherbee and Nakshian.

BUFFLEHEAD: Seen only at Brookfield by Wetherbee and/or Crompton: Nov. 2 a pair, Nov. 8 four, and Nov. 13, a female (with 17 Goldeneyes).

OLDSQUAW: Oct. 26, Brookfield, 2, Forbush Bird Club, and Nov. 8, Petersham, 2, Allison.

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: Oct. 15, W. Boylston, 1, Hayes.

COMMON SCOTER: Nov. 1, Boylston, 2 females, Wetherbee.

RUDDY DUCK: "Records of New England Birds" has one on the Quaboag River in Warren, April 17, by "R. Towns." Our only other report is Oct. 31, Brookfield, 4, Crompton.

HOODED MERGANSER: Jan. 1, Sterling, 13, McAllister; March 19, W. Boylston, 1, Crompton, to April 17, Hubbardston, 2, Morgan. Aug. 13, W. Boylston, 1, and Oct. 2, Boylston, 1, Crompton. Oct. 25, Dana, 20, Crompton and Eliot, to Nov. 23, Sterling, 6, Fleming.

COMMON MERGANSER: Winter to May 5, Holden, 7, Crompton, and May 11, Grafton, 2, Wetherbee. June 15, Worcester, 2, one of which was again seen June 24, July 14 and 27, and Oct. 19, Crompton. In fall, Nov. 1, Worcester, 12, Wetherbee, to the end of the year. On Nov. 21, Wetherbee counted 82 at Sterling.

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER: Nov. 2, W. Boylston, 1 female, Wetherbee.

TURKEY VULTURE: "Records of New England Birds" has March 28, Warren, 1, A.M. Bagg; April 19, Petersham, and 25, Hardwick, by F.M. Hunt. Seen in Sterling from April 17, two "off and on" until Sept. 1, by C.E. Allen. April 25, Shrewsbury, 1, Packard; April 26, Princeton, 1, Bruce and E. Smith; April 30, Petersham, 2, Crompton; May 27, Paxton, 3, Jenkins family, (Wake Robin column); June 7, Dana, 4, Albertine and others; June 15, Templeton-Petersham, 1, P. Thayer; July 5, Princeton, 4, G. Smith; Sept. 9, Hubbardston, 1, F.M. Hunt (Mass. Audubon Bulletin). There are more records of this species in Worcester County every year.

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: Jan. 10, Dudley, 1, Hubbard ("Records"); Feb. 15, Athol, 1, Allison; Feb. 16, N. Brookfield, 1, Alcorn; April 5, Paxton, 1, Jenkins, to May 23, Harvard, 1, Fremont-Smith, and Aug. 16, Worcester, 1, Wetherbee.

COOPER'S HAWK: Jan. 18, Dudley, 1, Hubbard ("Records"); Feb. 1, Sterling, 1, C.E.Allen; March 6, Auburn, 1, Zimmerman; March 16, Warren, 1, Granger; April 3, W. Boylston, 1, Caldwell; April 23 Boylston, 1, McAllister; May 17, Holden, 2, Forbush Bird Club; Aug. 20, Warren, 1, Granger; then strangely no more until Dec. 29, Boylston, 1, Packard.

RED-TAILED HAWK: March 5, Grafton, 1, Fleming, to Nov. 23, Paxton, 1, Wetherbee and Nakshian; Dec. 10 and 29, Northboro, 2, Kinsel and Packard; Dec. 26, Shrewsbury, 2, Packard.

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK: Jan. 24, Dudley, 1, Hubbard ("Records"); Feb. 1, Southboro, 1, Bates; March 7, Harvard, 1, Hayes; March 22, Shrewsbury, 1, Packard, to Sept. 22, Athol, 1, F.M.Hunt. The great majority of our observers did not list it at all.

BROAD-WINGED HAWK: April 13, Spencer, 1 with 3 Red-shoulders, Fleming; April 18, Auburn, 1, Kinsel, to Sept. 14, Sterling, 2, M.Allen.

BALD EAGLE: Jan. 17, Dana, 1, Albertine; March 3-4, Petersham, 1 ad. and 3 im., Hunt and Knox; April 27, Athol, 1, Mrs. Richard P. Ellis (Wake Robin column, Jenkins); June 7 and July 9, Dana, 1 adult, Albertine, Crompton; Oct. 20, Athol, 1, Allison; Dec. 22, Petersham, 1, Hunt; Dec. 31, Dana, 3, Morgan. Much rarer in summer (the Florida race) than 12 years ago.

MARSH HAWK: Feb. 9, Paxton, 1 male, Wetherbee, and probably the same male on Feb. 23, Wetherbee and Jenkins; March 5, Princeton (Wachusett Meadows), a pair, Underhill (M.A.S. Bulletin), and March 30, Princeton, 1, G.Smith, to Nov. 22, Sterling, 1, C.E.Allen. Also reported from Rutland April 26 (Packard), Bolton May 2 (Crompton), Royalston Aug. 13 (Allison), and W. Boylston Sept. 23 (Caldwell).

OSPREY: April 6, Brookfield, 1, Wetherbee and Jenkins, to April 30, N. Brookfield, Alcorn, and Shrewsbury, Packard. Thereafter, only Sept. 9, Leicester, Crompton; Sept. Princeton 2, G.Smith; and Sept. 15, Sterling, 1, C.E.Allen.

PEREGRINE FALCON: May 10, Paxton, 1, Winters.

SPARROWHAWK: Jan. 12, 16, Worcester, 1, 1, O. Wetherbee, W. Wetherbee; Jan. 31, Westboro, 1, Fleming; Feb. 10, Harvard, 1, Fremont-Smith; Feb. 15, Oxford, 1, Murdock; Feb. 17, Northboro, 1, Kinsel; March 29, New Braintree, 1, Crompton, to Nov. 2, Paxton, 1, Wetherbee, and Dec. 21, Worcester, 1, Crompton.

BOBWHITE: May 31, Westboro, 2, McAllister and Nakshian; June 20, Leicester, a pair, Fleming; July 1, 2, W. Boylston, 1, Drown; Aug. 9, Worcester airport, 1, Wetherbee.

VIRGINIA RAIL: Sept. 24, 25, Spencer, 1, 1, with 2 Soras, Alcorn; Dec. 25, 26, Shrewsbury, 1, 1, Packard; also seen Dec. 31 by Packard and Jenkins, but never thereafter: a remarkable record!

SORA: Sept. 21, Spencer filter beds, 1, McAllister, Nakshian and Wetherbee; Sept. 24-28, there, 2, Alcorn.

COMMON GALLINULE: Oct. 11, Leicester, on a busy downtown sidewalk, an immature was caught by a Mrs. Koslawski, who brought it to the Worcester Museum, where Crompton saw it.

AMERICAN COOT: Oct. 19, Uxbridge, 2, Crompton, and Nov. 11 and 15, Brookfield, 2, 1, Crompton, Fleming.

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER: May 19, Spencer, 2, Crompton, and May 20, Spencer, 1, Alcorn, are the only spring records. Then Aug. 16, Worcester, 2, Wetherbee, to Oct. 14, W. Boylston, 1, Fleming, with the great majority of records at the Spencer beds between Sept. 12, four, Alcorn, and Sept. 28, one, Alcorn and Wetherbee.

KILLDEER: March 19, Shrewsbury, 3, Packard, to Nov. 11, Spencer, 1, Wetherbee, and Nov. 30, W. Boylston, 2, C.E.Allen. Maximum count: Sept. 1, Spencer, 51, Wetherbee; 31 still there Oct. 31, Crompton.

AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER: Aug. 30, Worcester, 1, to Sept. 20 there 2, Wetherbee; maximum 4 Sept. 14, Nakshian. Also one bird at the Spencer beds on Aug. 31, Crompton, and Sept. 1, Wetherbee.

WOODCOCK: March 19, Northboro, 1, Kinsel, to Oct. 4, Phillipston, 3, Allison.

COMMON SNIBE: April 18, 25, Northboro, 2, 6, Packard, and one there June 3 (strongly suggesting nesting), Packard, McAllister and Nakshian. Then Sept. 3, Spencer, 1, Alcorn, to Nov. 16, Spencer, 3, Wetherbee. On Oct. 18 seven were counted at Spencer, Wetherbee.

UPLAND PLOVER: Present at the Worcester airport from June 18, when Crompton recorded 3, to Aug. 21 when Wetherbee saw 2. Largest number on Aug. 8 when 6 were noted by Fleming.

SPOTTED SANDPIPER: May 9, Fitchburg, 1, E. Smith, to Sept. 28, Worcester, 2, Wetherbee.

SOLITARY SANDPIPER: May 4, Sterling, 1, C.E. Allen, to May 28, Spencer, 1, Alcorn. Then July 11, Spencer, 4, McAllister, to Oct. 10, Worcester, 1, Wetherbee. Maximum count: 14 at Spencer on Aug. 2, F.B.C.

GREATER YELLOW-LEGS: May 1, Spencer, 1, Crompton, to May 12, Lancaster, 2, Hayes. Then Aug. 2, 16, 31, Spencer, 2, 2, 6, F.B.C. and Crompton, to Oct. 26, Worcester, 1, Wetherbee and others.

LESSER YELLOW-LEGS: May 15 and 28, Spencer, 2, 2, Alcorn. Then July 11, Spencer, 6, McAllister, to Oct. 4, Spencer, 1, Alcorn, and (very late) Oct. 26, Worcester, 1, Wetherbee and others. Maximum count: 23 at Spencer on Aug. 2, F.B.C.

PECTORAL SANDPIPER: Aug. 9, Spencer, 1, early, Wetherbee and Nakshian; Sept. 3, Spencer, 6, Alcorn; Sept. 7, Worcester, 4, McAllister, to Oct. 20, W. Boylston, 2, Fleming. Maximum count: 22 at Worcester on Sept. 20, Wetherbee.

LEAST SANDPIPER: May 15, Spencer, 6, to May 23, Spencer, 18, Crompton, who saw 25 on May 19, and Fleming 24 on May 21. Then July 14, Spencer, 8, Wetherbee, to Sept. 29, Spencer, 1, Crompton, and (very late) Oct. 18, Worcester, 2, with 3 Pectorals and 1 Semipalmated, Crompton and others.

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER: Aug. 16, Spencer, 1, Crompton. One reported also at Worcester on Aug. 30, Wetherbee; Sept. 1, Nakshian; Sept. 7, McAllister; and (very late) Sept. 28, Wetherbee.

STILT SANDPIPER: One bird seen at Spencer on Sept. 8, Crompton, and Sept. 9, Alcorn.

SEMI-PALMATED SANDPIPER: May 20, Spencer, 1, to May 28, Spencer, 2, Alcorn; and Fleming saw 3 on May 21. Then July 14, Spencer, 3, Wetherbee, to Sept. 28, Spencer, 2, Alcorn, and (very late) Oct. 18, Worcester, 1, Wetherbee and Crompton. Maximum count: 80 at Spencer on Aug. 2, F.B.C.

WESTERN SANDPIPER: Sept. 13, Spencer, 1, Crompton.

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER: Sept. 25, Spencer, 1 studied at leisure and perfectly described, Alcorn. There were more than usual in the state this fall.

HERRING GULL: This is now a resident species reported in every month.

RING-BILLED GULL: June 25 and 30, Auburn, 1 with 29 Herrings the first date, only 5 the second; and Aug. 28, Worcester, 1, Crompton. More proper months would be April and September.

MOORING DOVE: Jan. 1, Boylston, 1, McAllister; Jan. 9, Warren, 1, Granger; Jan. 14-23, Sterling, 1, C.E. and M. Allen; March 12, Sterling, 1, Fleming, to Nov. 13, S. Lancaster, 1, Drown and Dec. 21, Boylston, 5, Crompton. A flock of over 50 birds summered in Worcester at the filter beds, Wetherbee; and Crompton noted 50 in Lancaster on May 2 and 55 there on Aug. 27.

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO: May 31 to July 23, N. Brookfield, 1 heard several times, Alcorn. July 2, Paxton, 1, Fleming. Reported also from Warren on July 2 and Sept. 22 (possibly Black-billed), Granger.

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO: May 15, Auburn, 1, Kinsel, to July 22-25, N. Brookfield, 1, Alcorn, and Aug. 2, Brookfield, 2, F.B.C.

SCREECH OWL: Feb. 6-20, Sterling, 1, M.Allen; Feb. 25, Fitchburg, 1, H.Allen, May 23, Harvard, 1, Fremont-Smith. Sept. 5, W. Boylston, 1, Drown; Sept. 6, Lunenburg, 1, Hayes; Sept. 14, Worcester, 1, Winters; Nov. 7, Athol, 1, Allison, and Nov. 8, Boylston, 1, Drown.

SNOWY OWL: Jan. 4, one perched in a tree and well seen from a car while driving between Auburn and Millbury, Zimmerman.

BARRED OWL: April 29, Boylston, 1, McAllister.

SAW-WHET OWL: Feb. 24, Holden, one plainly seen perched for several afternoon hours in tree in yard, Marshall.

WHIP-POOR-WHILL: April 30, Princeton, 1, to Sept. 19, Princeton, 1, G.Smith.

COMMON NIGHTHAWK: April 29, Worcester, 1, Wetherbee; May 10, Shrewsbury, 1, Kinsel, to Sept. 14, Worcester, 22, Crompton. Unusually late were Sept. 23, 24, Worcester, 6, 1, Wetherbee and Fleming, and Sept. 26, Shrewsbury, 4, Packard. On Aug. 30 in Princeton, 25 were counted by G.Smith.

CHIMNEY SWIFT: May 1, Harvard, 1, Fremont-Smith, to Aug. 31, Paxton, 10, Jenkins, and Sept. 13(1), 16(4), N. Brookfield, Alcorn.

RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD: May 7, Fitchburg, 1, Bruce, and May 10, Sterling, Allens, to Sept. 29, Athol, 1, Allison, and Sept. 30, Worcester, 1, Fleming.

BELTED KINGFISHER: Feb. 6, March 13 and 27, Worcester, 1, Crompton. April 2, Brookfield, 1, Alcorn, to Nov. 2, Brookfield, 1, Wetherbee.

YELLOW-SHAFTED FLICKER: March 6, Sterling, 1, C.E.Allen; March 15, Northboro, 1, Kinsel; April 6, Worcester, 2, Wetherbee, to Oct. 28, Spencer, 1, Fleming; Nov. 8, Auburn, 1, Zimmerman; Dec. 14, Dudley, 1, Wetherbee, and Dec. 29 and 31, Shrewsbury, 1, Packard. In Princeton, Morgan noted a number wintering, along with Myrtle Warblers, on south slopes covered with bayberries. He counted 7 on Dec. 29; 5 on Mar. 11, 1959.

PILEATED WOODPECKER: Reported from Boylston Jan. 5, Phillipston March 7, Hubbardston April 30, Fitchburg May 3 and 24, W. Royalston May 4, Lancaster May 5, Princeton May 25, and Rutland June 22. The only later report was from Petersham, Nov. 4 (Albertine).

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER: The immature in Lunenburg, Dec. 28, 1957, was seen again Jan. 4, and found dead on Jan. 13, Hayes. One reported in Worcester in late Feb. by Mrs. Stephen Tucker was deemed worthy of inclusion in the Wake Robin column, Jenkins.

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER: In spring, only April 21, Worcester, 1 female, Crompton and Fleming, and May 11, Hubbardston, 1, Murdock; but (as usual) many in fall, from Sept. 20, Northboro, 1, Packard, to Oct. 16, Warren, 1, Granger, and Oct. 28, Worcester, 1 immature, Crompton.

BLACK-BACKED THREE-TOED WOODPECKER: Nov. 2, Sterling, 1 female, C.E.Allen, and Nov. 4, E. Brookfield, 1 male, Crompton.

EASTERN KINGBIRD: May 4, Sterling, 2, C.E.Allen, to Sept. 12, Sterling, 1, M.Allen and a very late Sept. 29, Athol, 1, Allison.

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER: May 9, Worcester, 1, Crompton, to Sept. 23, Holden, 1, Marshall. On June 16 in Worcester, Crompton found a nest containing six eggs.

EASTERN PHOEBE: April 5, Boylston, 1, McAllister; Holden, 1, Marshall, and Warren, 1, Granger, to Oct. 18, Spencer, 3, Wetherbee.

TRAILL'S FLYCATCHER: May 25, Princeton, 2, F.B.C.; June 3, 10, N. Brookfield, 2, 1, Alcorn; June 28, New Braintree, 1, Crompton; Aug. 2, Paxton, 1, singing, Fleming.

LEAST FLYCATCHER: May 2, Princeton, 1, G.Smith, but no more reported until May 9, many. Latest, Sept. 24, Sterling, 2, M. Allen.

WOOD PEWEE: May 18, Fitchburg, 1, H.L.Allen; Holden, 1, F.B.C.; N. Brookfield, 1, Alcorn, to Sept. 21, Sterling, 1, M.Allen.

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER: June 9, Princeton, 1, Murdock. One in Spencer was reported from Aug. 16 and 24 (Wetherbee) to Aug. 30 (McAllister and Nakshian).

**HORNED LARK:** Northerns, or presumed Northerns, were in Worcester Jan. 6 (two, Fleming) and March 1-4 (one, Winters, Crompton, Fleming); in Paxton Feb. 16 (twelve, Jenkins); in Mendon Feb. 16-26 (ten, Mrs. W. Hutchinson in "Records"); and in Northboro March 15 (twenty, Packard); and in fall in Sterling Oct. 30-Nov. 9 (twenty-five, C.E. Allen) and Spencer Nov. 11 (two, Wetherbee). Prairies normally arrive in February or early March, but in 1958 the earliest sure date was April 4, Leicester, 2, Winters, and the latest Sept. 1, Worcester, 2, Wetherbee.

**TREE SWALLOW:** March 27, 28, Brookfield, 2, 2, Fleming, Alcorn; March 28, Northboro, 1, Kinsel; April 5, Paxton, 6, Jenkins, and Princeton, 1, G. Smith, to Sept. 7, Phillipston, 5, Allison, and Sept. 13, Dudley, 4, Wetherbee. On Aug. 16, Crompton reported 200 at Spencer.

**BANK SWALLOW:** April 26, Rutland, many, Packard, to Aug. 16, Spencer, 30, Crompton.

**ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW:** April 19, W. Oxford, 4, Kinsel, to July 7, Princeton, 1, G.H. Smith.

**BARN SWALLOW:** April 10, Brookfield, 2, Alcorn, and April 15, Boylston, 1, McAllister, to Sept. 13, late migrants at four places, and Sept. 14, Sterling, 8, M. Allen.

**CLIFF SWALLOW:** April 26, Shrewsbury, 1, Packard, and April 30, N. Brookfield, 10, Alcorn, to Aug. 19, Sterling, 1, M. Allen. A big colony was reported at Charlton Depot by C.E. Allen.

**PURPLE MARTIN:** May 31, Rutland, several flying about same nesting boxes where they were reported in 1956, Hamill; June 6, in same spot, 2 females, Crompton. July 19, Sturbridge, 2, Bates. Late migrants were reported from Sterling: Sept. 11, two, M. Allen, and Sept. 15, three, C.E. Allen.

**GRAY JAY:** Too late for inclusion in the last "Chickadee" but important for the County records came word of this northwoods species' occurrence in December 1957. Mrs. Walter Snyder, E. Main St. Warren; reported two were at her feeder for about three weeks. Mrs. Dwight Granger saw one of them Dec. 11, and a different immature one at her own place on W. Brookfield Road on Dec. 21; and Earle Sawyer in W. Brookfield saw one in late December.

**RAVEN:** Oct. 25, Hardwick, 1, Crompton and Eliot. This was first seen in Ware, below "Quabbin Dike", but afterwards soared northward over the Hardwick part of the Reservoir. It did not croak, but was identified by size, manner of flight and shape of tail.

**RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH:** March 6, Hubbardston, 1, Murdock, and 3 May 12. April 17, Harvard, 2, Fremont-Smith. May 10, Worcester, 1, Crompton. May 15, N. Brookfield, 2, Alcorn. Then Sept. 15, Oct. 2, Worcester, 1, 2, Crompton; Oct. 7, Holden, 1, Crompton; Nov. 16, Boylston, 1, Wetherbee; and Dec. 28, Sterling, 1, C.E. Allen, and Hubbardston, 2, Murdock. So rare in the first half of 1958 that there were, amazingly, only four reports.

**BROWN CREEPER:** April 4, Boylston 1, McAllister; April 5, Holden, 1, Marshall; April 5 and May 10, Fitchburg, 1, 1, E. Smith, Bruce. Then, remarkably, Aug. 5, Rutland, 1, Packard; Sept. 16, Worcester, 1, Crompton; and Oct. 3, Boylston, 1, McAllister, --unusually common all the rest of the year.

**HOUSE WREN:** April 26, Worcester, 2, Crompton, and April 30, Barre, 1, Bruce, and S. Lancaster, Drown, to Sept. 28, Spencer, 1, Wetherbee.

**WINTER WREN:** In spring, only two: April 16, Fitchburg, 1, E. Smith, and May 11, Phillipston, 1, Murdock. In fall, Oct. 2, Worcester, 1, and Oct. 6, Dana, 1, Crompton; Oct. 13, Shrewsbury, 10(!), Packard, and five more dates in the same area, 5 to 1 birds, the last, Oct. 21. Then, remarkably, Dec. 23, Spencer, 1, Morgan.

**CAROLINA WREN:** Jan. 13-15, Worcester, 1, O. Wetherbee; Dec. 1, Worcester, 1 to the end of the year, Fleming. Also reported in Wake Robin column, Jenkins: Dec. 16, and the six weeks previous, 1, Mrs. H.E. Freeman in Millbury; and Dec. 23, Athol, 1, Jennie Lehman.

**LONG-BILLED MARSH WREN:** Reported only from the Brookfield nesting colony: June 16, three, Crompton, and Aug. 2, four, F.B.C.

**MOCKINGBIRD:** Jan. 19, W. Boylston, 1, Mrs. Clara Avery (Wake Robin column, Jenkins); March 25, 28, Brookfield, 1, 2, Alcorn; Sept. 24, 26, Oct. 2, Shrewsbury, 1, Packard; Nov. 25, Lunenburg, 1, Hayes. Also reported in Wake Robin column: Dec. 5-15, Worcester, 1, Miss Grace Gilbert.

**CATBIRD:** May 9, Sterling, 1, C.E.Allen, and Worcester, 1, Crompton, to Oct. 21, Athol, 1, Allison. Also Nov. 27-29, Lunenburg, a late straggler, Hayes.

**BROWN THRASHER:** April 19, Northboro, 1, Packard, to Sept. 30, Holden, 1, Marshall, Oct. 4, Worcester, 1, Wetherbee, and Oct. 17, Shrewsbury 1 (late!), Packard.

**ROBIN:** Jan. 11, Boylston, 1, McAllister, was the only record in January, but there were many during February and early March of wintering birds. The first song was heard in Worcester March 17 (Fleming); the first flock (25) of migrants appeared in Shrewsbury March 19 (Packard), and many March 30 (e.g. 100 plus in Leicester, Wetherbee). One was in W. Boylston Dec. 13 and 27 (Drown), one in Worcester Dec. 21 (Crompton), one in Shrewsbury and three in Dana Dec. 31 (Morgan), and throughout December individuals were noted in Shrewsbury and Northboro by Packard.

**WOOD THRUSH:** April 26, Auburn, 1, Kinsel; May 1, Worcester, 1, Wetherbee, to Oct. 6, Shrewsbury, 1, Packard; and the Allisons in Athol report an amazingly late bird in their yard on Oct. 24.

**HERMIT THRUSH:** Jan. 12, Fitchburg, 1, Hayes. Hard-hit in the South, spring migrants were few and late: April 24, Fitchburg, 1, E.Smith, to mid-May. Nesting was reported from Boylston, Princeton and Phillipston, and is suggested for Fitchburg by H.L.Allen's date, May 24. Better numbers passed through in October. The last dates were Nov. 9, Worcester, 1, Winters, and Dec. 26, Lunenburg, 1, Hayes.

**SWAINSON'S THRUSH:** May 10, Hubbardston, 1, Murdock, to May 25, Princeton, 1, F.B.C. In fall, very few except at a place in Shrewsbury with a bumper crop of tupelo berries where between Oct. 6 and 15 Packard saw at least 20, dwindling (as the berries diminished) to two. The only other record is Oct. 18, Brookfield, 1, Wetherbee.

**GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH:** May 10, Hubbardston, 1, Murdock.

**VEERY:** May 3, Northboro, 1, Kinsel; May 10, Paxton, 1, F.B.C., Fitchburg, 1, Bruce, and Lunenburg, 1, Hayes, to Aug. 17, Phillipston, 1, Allison. June 22, Princeton, a nest with eggs, Murdock.

**EASTERN BLUEBIRD:** Packard in Shrewsbury saw one often in Jan. Feb. and March. March 10, Oxford, 1, Kinsel; March 12, Warren, 1, Granger. March 29, Lunenburg, 2, Hayes, to Nov. 4, Sterling, 3, C.E.Allen. As with the Hermit Thrush, this species was remarkably scarce in the spring, but near normal after breeding.

**GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET:** Jan. 5, Sterling, 1, C.E.Allen, and Jan. 12, Worcester, 1, Crompton, were astoundingly the only records in the first nine months of the year. More normal in fall from Oct. 6, Dana, 2, Crompton, to Dec. 31, Dana, 1, Morgan.

**RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET:** The eight in Sterling reported by McAllister (in the last "Chickadee", p. 15) seem so incredible a number (more than two in a day have almost never been found in winter-S.A.Eliot) that most of them were probably Golden-crowns. April 11, Harvard, 1, Fremont-Smith, to May 10, Paxton, 2, F.B.C., and Worcester, 3, Crompton. In fall, Sept. 17, Sterling, 1, C.E.Allen, to Oct. 22, W. Boylston, 2, Caldwell, and Dec. 14, W. Boylston, 1, C.E.Allen.

**WATER PIPIT:** There were no spring records. Sept. 25, Spencer, 2, Fleming, to Nov. 11, Spencer, 1, Wetherbee and Nakshian. At the peak of the flight, around Oct. 21, flocks of 40 and 50 were reported.

**CEDAR WAXWING:** Four on Jan. 30 and fifteen on March 3, seen in Worcester by O. Wetherbee, and eight found in E. Brookfield on March 7 by Crompton, were the only winter records. Then May 18, W. Boylston, 1, F.B.C., and May 24,



Lunenburg, 5, Hayes, to Nov. 17, Athol, 4, Allison; Dec. 15, Fitchburg, 12, Bruce; Dec. 21, Worcester, 20, Crompton, and Dec. 29, Northboro, 25, Packard, and Grafton, 7, O.Wetherbee.

NORTHERN SHRIKE: Jan. 7, Feb. 12, Dudley, 1, 1, Hubbard (in "Records"); Jan. 9, Worcester, 1, Fleming; Jan. 10, Sterling, 1, C.E.Allen; Jan. 11, Princeton, 1, G.Smith; Jan. 30, Athol, 1, Hayes; Feb. 16, Northboro, 1, Kinsel; March 2-16, Northboro, 1 frequently seen, Packard; March 19, Lancaster, 1, Crompton, who also saw the latest one in Worcester on March 26. Only one autumnal record: Nov. 27, Sterling, 1, C.E.Allen.

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE: Sept. 28, Boylston, 1, McAllister.

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO: May 3, Worcester, 1, F.B.C.; May 4, Holden, 1, Wetherbee; May 18, Holden, 1, F.B.C.; May 19, Brookfield, 1, Alcorn. Then Aug. 24, Worcester, 1, Winters, and Sept. 6, Northboro, 1, Packard.

SOLITARY VIREO: April 25, Fitchburg, 1, E.Smith, and May 4 in Holden and Sterling, to Oct. 8, Worcester, 1, Crompton. On June 30 Packard found a nest in Rutland which he observed until the four young left it several weeks later.

RED-EYED VIREO: May 4, Worcester, 1 very early, Winters. May 12, Lunenburg, Hayes, to Sept. 21, Athol, 1, Allison.

PHILADELPHIA VIREO: Sept. 25-27, Sterling, 1 in yard, silent, closely studied by C.E.Allen.

WARBLING VIREO: May 9, Lunenburg, 2, Hayes, and May 13-27, S.Lancaster, Drown; also recorded in May and June from N. Brookfield, Holden, Worcester and Berlin. Then Aug. 10, Princeton, 1, Inman, and Oct. 8, Shrewsbury, 1 (late) singing and seen, Packard.

BLACK AND WHITE WARBLER: April 25, Fitchburg, 2, E.Smith, and Auburn, 1, Kinsel, to Sept. 30, Worcester, 1, Winters; Oct. 4, Paxton, 1, Fleming, and Oct. 7, Northboro, 1, Packard. On Aug. 11 one was trapped in a lofty office in downtown Worcester (Crompton).

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER: May 11, Grafton, 1, F.B.C., to Aug. 5, W.Boylston, 1, Caldwell. Reported also from Harvard, N.Brookfield, Brookfield (4 May 21), Worcester and Shrewsbury.

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER: May 2, Dudley, 1, Hubbard (in "Records")). May 14 N. Brookfield and Brookfield, 4, Alcorn, who also saw one at N. Brookfield on May 28; May 17, Worcester, 1, F.B.C.; May 19, E. Brookfield, 1, Crompton; May 24, Fitchburg, 1, Bruce, E.Smith, and H.L.Allen, and Shrewsbury, 1, Packard, who reported 1 to 3 there until June 15.

BREWSTER'S WARBLER: May 11, at "Homelands", N. Grafton, 1, F.B.C., first identified by Kinsel and McAllister.

TENNESSEE WARBLER: May 17, Worcester, 1, F.B.C., to May 24, Worcester, 1, Crompton. Reported also from Lunenburg, Fitchburg (2), Holden(3), and Boylston. No autumn reports.

NASHVILLE WARBLER: April 25, Fitchburg, 1 early, E.Smith; May 3, Holden, 1, F.B.C., to Oct. 7, Shrewsbury, 1, Packard. Nested in Boylston, Paxton, and perhaps Spencer.

PARULA WARBLER: May 9, Fitchburg, 1, E.Smith, to May 24, Worcester, 1, Crompton. Then Sept. 27, Holden, 2, Fleming, to Sept. 30, Worcester, 25(!) Winters, who reported also a very late straggler in Worcester on Nov. 9!

YELLOW WARBLER: May 2, Lancaster, 1, Crompton, and May 6, Northboro, 3, Fleming, to Aug. 11, N.Brookfield, 1, Alcorn, and (very late) Sept. 20, Worcester, 3 (of undetermined subspecies), Wetherbee.

MAGNOLIA WARBLER: May 9, Fitchburg, 4, E.Smith, to May 24, Worcester, 1, F.B.C. Presumable breeders were reported from Hubbardston June 6, Oakham July 9, and Rutland Aug. 4. Then Sept. 14, Worcester, 2, Winters, to Oct. 8, Worcester, 2, Crompton, and Shrewsbury, 1, Packard.

CAPE MAY WARBLER: The only records were: Aug. 23, Sterling, C.E. and M. Allen, and Sept. 15-16, Worcester, 2, Crompton.

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER: May 9, Fitchburg, 2, E.Smith, and Holden, 1, Fleming, to Oct. 8, Worcester, 1, Crompton, and Oct. 13, Northboro, 1, Packard.

MYRTLE WARBLER: April 25, Fitchburg, 8, E.Smith, to Nov. 5, Sterling, 2, Fleming; and continuously on bayberry hillsides in Princeton, discovered by Morgan, who counted 12 Dec. 29, and 17 on March 11, 1959!

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER: May 2, Holden, 1, Marshall, to Oct. 2, Worcester, 1, Crompton, and Oct. 8, Shrewsbury, 3, Packard.

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER: May 4, Holden, 1, Wetherbee, to Sept. 16, Worcester, 1, Crompton. June 30-July 15, Boylston, parents feeding young, McAllister.

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER: May 9, Fitchburg, 8, E.Smith; Lunenburg, 2, Hayes; Shrewsbury, 1, Packard; Northboro, 1, Kinsel, to Sept. 20, Northboro, 1, Packard.

BAY-BREASTED WARBLER: May 18, Princeton, 3, G.Smith; N. Brookfield, 1, Alcorn, to May 24, Fitchburg, 2, E.Smith; Shrewsbury, 1, Packard. In fall, only Sept. 29, Petersham, 2, F.M.Hunt.

BLACKPOLL WARBLER: May 18, Princeton, 1, G.Smith, to May 28, Worcester, 1, Fleming. Then Sept. 15, Worcester, 5, Crompton, to Oct. 17, Sterling, 1, C.E.Allen. On Oct. 13, Winters counted fifteen in Worcester.

PINE WARBLER: May 11, Holden, 1, Mrs. Jennie Hendricks (Wake Robin column, Jenkins), and June 24, Princeton, Mt. Wachusett, 1 singing, Fleming.

PRAIRIE WARBLER: May 1, Shrewsbury, 1, Packard; May 9, Worcester, 1, Crompton, to Sept. 20, Northboro, 1, Packard.

YELLOW PALM WARBLER: April 30, Petersham, 1, Crompton; May 4, Holden, 1, F.B.C.; and May 12, Hubbardston, 1, Murdock, were the only spring records; and in fall only Sept. 20, Spencer, 1, Wetherbee.

OVENBIRD: May 2, Shrewsbury, 1, Packard, to Sept. 29, Worcester, 1, Crompton.

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH: May 3, Worcester, 1, F.B.C., and W. Boylston, 1, Packard, to Sept. 17, Sterling, 1, C.E.Allen. Reported in June-July from Lunenburg, Princeton, Hubbardston, Oakham, Rutland and Athol.

LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH: May 4, 17, Tatnuck area, Worcester, 1, 1, Winters, Fleming, probably breeding; May 9, Coggs Hall Park, Fitchburg, 1, E.Smith, not again findable.

CONNECTICUT WARBLER: Aug. 16, Sterling, 1, C.E.Allen, extraordinarily early but a clearly seen male; Aug. 27, W. Boylston, 1 closely studied, Caldwell; Sept. 14, 20, Worcester, 1, 1, Wetherbee and Nakshian; and Oct. 6, Dana, 1, Crompton, who says it could have been a Mourning but the date seems late for that.

YELLOWTHROAT: May 9, Lunenburg, 2, Hayes; Boylston, 1, McAllister; Sterling, 1, Fleming, and Northboro, 1, Kinsel, to Oct. 13, Worcester, 1, Crompton.

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: May 18, W.Boylston (Oakdale), 1 heard singing in the same area where it was noted in 1957, F.B.C. June 30 to July 23, Oakdale (same area), 1 seen and heard singing by Wetherbee and others, but no sign of a mate or young. Oct. 17, Sterling 1, C.E.Allen; Dec. 5, 6, Fitchburg, 1, Mrs. Richard Lawrence, fide Bruce.

WILSON'S WARBLER: May 10, 11, Lunenburg, 2, 2, Bruce, Hayes. May 17, Harvard, 1, Fremont-Smith. Aug. 15, 16, Sterling, 1, 1, C.E. and M. Allen.

CANADA WARBLER: May 10, Paxton, 1, F.B.C., and Worcester, 1, Crompton, to Sept. 20, Northboro, 1, Packard, and Spencer, 1, Wetherbee.

AMERICAN REDSTART: May 5, Lunenburg, 1, Hayes; May 7 Harvard, 1, Fremont-Smith, to Sept. 30, Worcester, 1, Winters, and Oct. 14, Shrewsbury 1 male, Packard. Nov.18, Worcester, 1 female, a very late straggler, Hamill.

BOBOLINK: May 6, W. Brookfield, 2, Alcorn, to Sept. 20, Worcester, 25, Wetherbee, and a very late Oct. 8, Sterling, 1 positively identified, C.E.Allen.

EASTERN MEADOWLARK: March 3, Westboro, 1, Fay; March 22, Northboro, 2, Packard, to Nov. 6, Webster, 6, O.Wetherbee; Nov. 27, Lunenburg, 4, Caldwell; and Dec. 19, Westboro, 1, Fay.

- RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD: Jan. 15, Lancaster, 5, Mrs. Lena Sonio (Wake Robin column, Jenkins); March 3, Westboro, a flock, Fay, and Still River, 2, Caldwell, to Nov. 19, Princeton, a flock, Morgan.
- BALTIMORE ORIOLE: May 9, Worcester, 1, O. Wetherbee, Boylston, 1, McAllister, and Northboro, 1, Crompton, to Sept. 7, W.Boylston, 1, Drown. Would-be winterers (as often in recent years): Nov. 16, Worcester, 1, Mrs. Barnard--reported to Crompton and seen by him on Dec. 21; Dec. 9 to Jan. 7, 1959, Northboro, a female at a friend's feeder, Kinsel.
- RUSTY BLACKBIRD: March 25, Lancaster, 35, Hayes, to May 1, Worcester, 1, Crompton, and May 11, Grafton, 1, Wetherbee. Then Sept. 22, Spencer, 4, Alcorn, to Nov. 2, Brookfield, 10, Wetherbee, who saw over 200 there on Oct. 18. Allison, Athol, reports a horde of blackbirds on Oct. 5 with twice as many Rusties as Grackles, perhaps 1000 or more.
- COMMON GRACKLE: March 7, W.Boylston, 1, Drown, to Nov. 20, N.Brookfield, 1, Alcorn, and Dec. 7, Auburn, 1, Zimmerman. Few records of large flocks in fall but on Oct. 31, in Boylston, Packard watched a flock that took more than a half hour to pass.
- BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD: Present in unusual numbers throughout the year. Stan Bolton, Jr. reported to "Records of N.E. Birds" that on Jan. 3 he saw over 100 in Oxford and 250 in Charlton. From Jan. 5 to Feb. 15, much smaller numbers (max. 12) were reported from Sterling, Worcester, N.Brookfield, Northboro and Clinton. General increase March 12-13 (100 in Worcester, Inman) and corresponding decrease in November. Five December reports, of up to 25 birds, from Boylston, Sterling, Auburn, N. Brookfield and Warren.
- SCARLET TANAGER: May 11, Grafton, 2, F.B.C., to Oct. 8 and 9, Shrewsbury, 2, 1, Packard.
- CARDINAL: Many of the birds noted in such numbers in late 1957 remained. One female was in Worcester Nov. 29-April 8 (Winters). A pair was in Auburn Dec. 18 - May, and not again until Aug. 31 (Zimmerman, who saw 3 again in Dec. 1958). A male was in Northboro Dec. 30-March 24 (Kinsel). "Records" notes one in Leominster Jan. 1-24 (Robertson), and a female in January at W. Shuttleworth's feeder in Warren was reported to the "Hilltown Neighbors" column in the Springfield Republican. Another female in Lancaster on Jan. 15 (Mrs. Lena Sonia) appeared in Jenkins' "Wake Robin" column. April 12, Boylston, 1, McAllister; May 1, Sterling, 1 female, Allens; July 1, Worcester, a singing male, Mrs. Gerald Scott, fide Jenkins. A summer male at Cook's Canyon, Barre, is reported in "Mass. Audubon", page 85. In the fall, Nov. 17, Worcester, a pair, Crompton; Dec. 23, Millbury, 1 female, Mrs. R. R. Stevens (Wake Robin).
- ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK: May 6, Northboro, 1, Kinsel, to Sept. 21, Athol, 3, Allison.
- BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK: Oct. 14, S. Lancaster, 1 male, Mrs. Kenneth Daniels (Wake Robin Column, Jenkins). This bird was well seen by Mrs. Daniels and accurately described by her to "Wake Robin", but unconfirmed by any other observers.
- INDIGO BUNTING: May 11, Fitchburg, 1, Bruce, to Sept. 8, Spencer, 2, Eliot.
- EVENING GROSBEAK: Winter to May 20, S. Lancaster, 1, Drown, and Sterling, 1, M.Allen; and very late May 31, Holden, Marshall. First fall arrivals: Nov. 5, Worcester, 6, Winters, and Nov. 14, Sterling, 2, C.E.Allen, increasing in numbers to the end of the year.
- PURPLE FINCH: Reported through January and (less often) February, mostly as single birds, from Worcester, Auburn, Brookfield and Warren. March 3, Paxton, a flock increasing to 24 a few days later, Jean Rommel, (Wake Robin column, Jenkins). More numerous thereafter to the end of the year with nine records in December.
- PINE GROSBEAK: Common from Jan. 1, Sterling, 1, McAllister, and Athol, 10, Allison, to March 7, Phillipston, 6, Murdock. Lingered in Shrewsbury till March 26 (Packard); then March 29, Paxton, 2, Jenkins, and March 30, Worcester, 1, Crompton. There were no fall records.

COMMON REDPOLL: Jan. 8, Lunenburg, 15, Hayes, to April 4, Shrewsbury, 15, Packard, and April 6, W.Fitchburg, 2, Taber (in "Records"). The only fall record was Nov. 2, Harvard, a flock, Fremont-Smith. The largest flock (over 100) was recorded in Auburn on March 9 by Jenkins.

PINE SISKIN: Jan. 20, Boylston, 10, McAllister; Feb. 13, 20, Worcester, 2, 1, Fleming, Winters; May 10, Fitchburg, 4, Bruce; May 22, Worcester, 1, Crompton. Less rare from Nov. 7, W.Boylston, 20, Packard, to Dec. 31, Paxton, 1, Jenkins.

WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL: Dec. 20, Boylston, 5, Packard.

RUFIOUS-SIDED TOWHEE: April 17, Boylston, 1, McAllister, to Oct. 28, Shrewsbury, 1, Packard, and Nov. 25, Worcester, 1, Crompton. On Dec. 21 a male was found dead on a street in Athol. It had spent the previous week at the feeder of Mrs. Ernest Haskins.

SAVANNAH SPARROW: April 18, Sterling, 1, C.E.Allen, to Nov. 2, Spencer, 1, Wetherbee.

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: May 10, Lunenburg, is in "Records", fide Hayes, who confirmed it May 31. Otherwise only at Worcester airport, two from June 22 (Fleming) to August 9 (Wetherbee).

LECONTE'S SPARROW: Sept. 6 and 7, Spencer beds, 5, Alcorn.  
In a year with such rarities as Pacific Loon, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Raven and Black-headed Grosbeak, the rarest of all was this sparrow from the Middle West. Professor Eliot has heard of two previous sight-records in Massachusetts, but of no published record anywhere in the Northeast. That there were five together, on both days, is still more breath-taking. There were in deep marsh grass, and scuttled, seldom flying. Mrs. Alcorn knew they were strange, with their bright, ochraceous-golden color, and made thorough and perfectly consistent field-notes. The pinkish nape-collar, buffy-ochre superciliary and white medial crown-stripe were conclusive.

VESPER SPARROW: April 16, Sterling, C.E.Allen, to Nov. 8, Leicester, 1, Fleming.

LARK SPARROW: May 12 to 14, Princeton, 1 photographed, G.Smith.

SLATE-COLORED JUNCO: Winter to May 13, Lunenburg, 1 banded, Hayes, and May 18, Spencer, several, Mrs. Robert Potter (Wake Robin, Jenkins). June 22, Princeton (not on the mountain), a nest containing young, and two other males singing, Murdock. Fall transients on Sept. 23, Worcester, 3, Fleming, to the end of the year.

OREGON JUNCO: Jan. 8, N.Brookfield, 1, Alcorn, and Worcester, 1 which remained until March 23, Fleming. Then Dec. 5 to 22, Worcester, 1, Fleming, and Dec. 1 to the end of the year, Westboro, 1, Fay.

TREE SPARROW: Winter to April 18, Paxton, 1, Jenkins, and 19, Southbridge, Knowlton (in "Records"). Then Oct. 4, Northboro, 2, Kinsel, and Oct. 13, Worcester, 2, Winters, to the end of the year.

CHIPPING SPARROW: April 2, Westboro, 1, Fay; April 10, Auburn, 1, Kinsel; April 15, Boylston, 1, McAllister, to Oct. 25, Worcester, 1, Winters, and Dana, 6, Crompton. Dec. 4, Warren, 1 apparently injured bird, Granger.

FIELD SPARROW: April 5, Sterling, 1, C.E.Allen, and E.Princeton, 1, E.Smith, to Oct. 25, Worcester, 1, Winters; Nov. 30, Lunenburg, 1, Hayes, Dec. 19, Worcester, 1, O.Wetherbee.

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: May 3, Spencer, 1, Mrs. Robert Potter, (Wake Robin, Jenkins), to May 16, N. Brookfield, 1, Alcorn. In fall, Oct. 4, Spencer, 2, Alcorn, to Oct. 18, Brookfield, 1, Wetherbee, and Oct. 31, Princeton, 2, Morgan.

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: Jan. 1, Worcester, 1, Crompton; Jan. 2, 4, Sterling, 1, 1, Allens; Jan. 8, Athol, 1, Allison. April 14, Fitchburg, 1, Bruce, to May 25, Princeton, 3, F.B.C. Summer records from Holden, Phillipston, Hubbardston, Oakham and Rutland. Then Sept. 15, Worcester, 1, Crompton, to Dec. 28, Hubbardston, 2, Murdock, and Dec. 31, Worcester, 3, Fleming. On Sept. 27, a flock of 75 was reported by Winters.

FOX SPARROW: Jan. 1 to 5, Worcester, 1, Winters. March 10, Oxford, 1, Mrs. Florence Putnam, (Wake Robin, Jenkins); March 26, Sterling, 1, C.E.Allen, to April 15, W.Boylston, 1, Caldwell; N.Brookfield, 4, Alcorn; Worcester, 1, Crompton. In fall, Oct. 25, Dana, 3, Crompton, to Dec. 13, N. Brookfield, 1, Alcorn, and Dec. 29, Sterling, 1, M.Allen.

LINCOLN'S SPARROW: Sept. 23, Spencer, 1, Alcorn; Oct. 2 and 12, Worcester, 1, 1, Crompton.

SWAMP SPARROW: April 20, Brookfield, 1, Wetherbee, to Oct. 31, Boylston, 10, Packard, who reported one lingering there to the end of the year.

SONG SPARROW: Many records of wintering birds in Jan. and Feb. from Worcester, Holden, Brookfield, N.Brookfield, Fitchburg, W.Boylston and Athol. First spring singing noted on March 3, Worcester, Fleming. Common thereafter until the end of the year with ten records in December. Morgan reported 12 at Spencer on Dec. 23.

LAPLAND LONGSPUR: Feb. 16, Mendon, 1, Hutchinson (in "Records").

SNOW BUNTING: Jan. 20, Sterling, 5, C.E.Allen; March 9, Paxton, 15, Jenkins, March 15 and 22, Northboro, 30, 1, Packard. In fall, Nov. 1, Sterling, 45, Wetherbee; Nov. 2, Clinton, 50, Crompton, and W. Boylston, 50, C.E.Allen, who also saw from 10 to 25 in Sterling Dec. 12-22. On Nov. 7, Packard saw four flocks numbering from 14 to 52 in W.Boylston.

Some species, which are common residents of Worcester County are omitted:

MALLARD, BLACK DUCK, RUFFED GROUSE, RING-NECKED PHEASANT, HAIRY WOODPECKER, DOWNY WOODPECKER, BLUE JAY, COMMON CROW, BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE, WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH, STARLING, HOUSE SPARROW and AMERICAN GOLDFINCH.

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The editors wish to thank all observers who have contributed to the "Worcester County List - 1958", and Mr. Samuel A. Eliot who has edited the list and added much interesting and valuable material.

- E.S.F.

## 1957 BIRD BANDING REPORT

Worcester County bird banding reports for 1957 were sent in by Mr. Lawrence B. Chapman of Princeton, Mr. Richard C. Hayes of Lunenburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Allison of Athol. There were 572 individuals representing 20 species banded:

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	Evening Grosbeak	8
Tree Swallow	58	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1
Blue Jay	5	Purple Finch	71
Black-capped Chickadee	62	Goldfinch	1
White-breasted Nuthatch	1	Towhee	1
House Wren	2	Slate-colored Junco	15
Catbird	1	Tree Sparrow	26
Bluebird	9	Chipping Sparrow	9
Starling	5	White-throated Sparrow	61
Cowbird	22	Song Sparrow	13

Two interesting Chickadee returns were recorded by Mr. Hayes:

One banded Jan. 1, 1953 and returned March 9, 1957, and  
one banded Nov. 16, 1952 and returned Nov. 12, 1957.

The Allisons recorded a Purple Finch banded April 24, 1955 and returned  
March 30, 1957.

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## SANCTUARY DOINGS

The first annual Shrub Planting Day was a big success. Many members contributed their shrubs and labor. Among the plants set out were: Multi-flora Rose, Barberry, Honeysuckle, Cotoneaster, Flowering Quince, Bittersweet, Forsythia and Bee Balm.

A number of bird houses, each designed for a certain species- Martin, Tree Swallow, Bluebird, Wood Duck, Flicker, Wren, Chickadee and others, built and donated by Wes Leary, were put up. Although Starlings took possession of several of them last season, it is hoped that some effective way will be found to discourage this unwanted species this year.

Projects for the coming season include: a picnic table, screened porch on the cool side of the Lodge, improved parking facilities, better lawn conditions and a chemical toilet. Any donations of ideas or materials will be greatly appreciated.

- Wallace P. Wetherbee

# RECORD OF CLUB ACTIVITIES 1958

January 16. Meeting canceled due to heavy snow.

February 20. Our program consisted of Kodachrome slides of flowers and birds shown by Mr. Armand Benoit.

March 20. Meeting canceled due to snow.

April 10. A round table discussion led by Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Underhill of Wachusett Meadows proved instructive and interesting. The subject, "Shrub Plantings" gave us ideas for our Sanctuary plantings.

April 27. The 27th annual meeting was held at Sterling Inn, Sterling, Mass. The business meeting was called to order after dinner. Annual reports were read and officers were elected to serve for 1958-59.

## TREASURER'S REPORT (ABRIDGED)

### BALANCE

Checking Account April 1, 1957			\$ 368.46
Dues	\$ 219.00		
Eagle Man Lecture Tickets	85.00		
10% sales 1957 Lecture Series	<u>2.76</u>		<u>306.76</u>
			\$ 675.22
Expenses			<u>486.57</u>
			\$ 188.65
Reserve Lecture Fund April 1, 1957	\$ 72.45		
Plus: 10% sales 1957 Lecture Series	<u>2.76</u>		
	\$ 75.21		
Less: Fed. Tax on Lecture Tickets	<u>47.08</u>		
	\$ 28.13		
Plus: Profit 1958 Lecture Series	<u>17.85</u>	\$ 45.98	
Sanctuary Account	\$ 215.75		
Expenses	<u>168.99</u>	\$ 46.76	\$ 92.74
Balance Checking Account April 1, 1958			<u>\$ 95.91</u>

### SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance April 1, 1957	\$ 945.49	
Interest	<u>29.76</u>	
		\$ 975.25

Two of our members, Viola and Davis Crompton, gave a most interesting day by day account of birds seen on their recent trip to Florida.

April 26. Field trip and shrub planting day at the Elmer Ekblaw Sanctuary, Paxton. Leader, Lloyd Jenkins. Fair and cool. Attendance 21. Total species 6. Individuals 124. Somewhat early for returning birds but a wonderful day for planting and erection of birdhouses. Members brought lunch and it was a very enjoyable day for all.

April 27. Field trip to Boylston, Bill McAllister, leader. Total species 33. Individuals 189. Attendance 15. Weather was cold and dark, a poor day and a slow year. Most outstanding was a Loon on the Reservoir, and Osprey and 20 Tree Swallows.

May 3. Field trip to Holden Reservoir and vicinity. Leaders Bill McAllister and Louise Sibley. Total species 34. Individuals 131. Attendance 12. Again the weather was cold and cloudy. The highlight was the splendid view of the Yellow-throated Vireo. A few warblers were observed, Black and White, Nashville, Myrtle, Black-throated Green, and a lone Northern Water-thrush. Tree, Barn and Cliff Swallows were noted.

May 4. Field trip to the Sven Holmblad's in Holden. Leader, Sven Holmblad. Total species 32. Individuals 91. Attendance 16. It was a dark, cold morning not attractive to the birds or the observers and there was little song. A roaring fire and refreshments were enjoyed by everyone after the walk.

May 10. Field trip to Ekblaw Sanctuary, Paxton. Leader, Lloyd Jenkins. Total species 41. Individuals 128. Attendance 12. It was a cool but pleasant morning and all present enjoyed breakfast. The more adventurous made the trip to the top of the hill where most of the warblers were seen, 11 species in all. A Junco, a late date, was discovered in the Jenkins garden.

May 11. Field trip to North Grafton. Louise Sibley, leader. Total species 49. Individuals 167. Attendance 11. One group made a complete circuit of the territory while another concentrated on a smaller area. The best find was the Brewster's Warbler singing at the far edge of the woods. Three members finally were able to see him. One White-crowned Sparrow was seen also.

May 14. Evening field trip to Malden St. section of Holden. Leader, Marjorie Marshall. Species 29. Individuals 141+. Attendance 10. Again the weather was cold and cloudy but the group saw Woodcock and 2 Whippoorwills were heard.

May 17. Field trip to Tory Fort Lane and Holden Reservoir. Mary Lou Winters, leader. Total species 59. Individuals 220. Attendance 12. A good warbler day but few of a kind. Unusual were the Tennessee and Blue-winged. A pair of Coopers Hawks, apparently nesting, was a good find.

May 18. Field trip to Oakdale, River Road. Leader Lloyd Jenkins substituting for Wallace Wetherbee. Total species 54. Individuals 215+. Attendance 13. A very interesting trip although black flies were pesty. A Yellow-breasted Chat was heard and seen briefly at the same corner as last year and Rough-winged Swallows were at the same bridge. Cuckoos were seen well.

May 24. Trip to Lake Park, Nellie Truchon, leader. Total species 32. Individuals 129. Attendance 8. This territory has changed in the last few years with creation of a Recreation Area and much building and each year there are fewer species.

May 25. Field trip to Princeton and Wachusett Meadows Sanctuary. Leaders, Walter and Ethel Fleming. Total species 62. Individuals 330. Attendance 14. Dark skies made it difficult to observe color and identification marks and cold wind lessened the song but most species observed in the area in past years were seen. A fine porcupine was seen ambling along the mountain road. Our visit to the Sanctuary was shortened by rain.



- May 30. All day trip to Newburyport and Plum Island. Leader, Davis Crompton. Total species 75. Individuals 1242. Attendance 12. Many Black-bellied Plovers and Semi-palmated Sandpipers were observed as were 3 Eastern Dowitchers and a Roseate Tern. Near Warbler Corner a Mourning Warbler was located.
- June 7. Field trip to Worcester Airport. Leader, Mary Lou Winters, substituting for Wallace Wetherbee. Total species 38. Individuals 145. It was a nice day but nothing unusual was seen.
- August 2. Field trip to Spencer Filter. Leader, Davis Crompton. Total species 40. Individuals 256. This walk was changed from afternoon to a morning walk and all agreed it was much better. As to numbers Solitary Sandpiper, Lesser Yellowlegs, Least Sandpipers and Semi-palmated Sandpipers predominated. Two Black-billed Cuckoos were found across the road from the Brookfield Station. By walking down the tracks we found 4 Long-billed Marsh Wrens.
- Sept. 18. Due to heavy rain our cook-out was omitted. A few members gathered at the Jenkins home later.
- Sept. 21. All day trip to Goat Peak, Mt. Tom and Arcadia Sanctuary. Leader, Lloyd Jenkins. Total 30. Attendance 12. The only hawks seen were Red-shouldered, Pigeon and Osprey, as we were too late for migration this year and weather unfavorable. A total of 50 Flickers was noted.
- Oct. 5. Field trip to Newburyport and the Parker River Wildlife Refuge. Leader, Davis Crompton. Total species 72. Individuals 1620. A good day at last. Large flocks of American Widgeons, Greater Scaup, Black Ducks and Red-winged Blackbirds had congregated and some not often seen were Pintail (15) Shoveller (3) Ruddy Duck (7) Blackheaded gull (1) Golden Plover (26) Lark Sparrow (1) Mockingbird (1).
- Oct. 16. Regular monthly meeting at Rice House. It was a most rewarding evening as Prof. Laurence Chapman of Princeton showed us Kodachromes of his hobby, the nesting habits of Tree Swallows. His pictures showing the inside of nesting boxes revealed many stages in the life of a nestling.
- Oct. 19. Field trip to Great Meadows Wildlife Sanctuary, Concord. Dorothy Caldwell, leader. Total species 31. Attendance 13. This was a new Club trip and can well be repeated. Ducks were not abundant but those seen were Mallard, Black, Baldpate, Pintail, Wood and Redhead. Both Blue-winged and Green-winged Teal, Canada Goose and American Bittern were also noted.
- Oct. 26. Field trip to the Brookfields and Lake Quabog. Leader, Wallace Wetherbee. Total species 20. Individuals 126. Attendance 6. A cold, windy and rainy day kept all but the hardiest members at home. Most interesting species seen were Old Squaw (2) Wood Duck (1) Pied-billed Grebe (1), Horned Grebe (1) Pipit (12) Snipe (2), Thirty Rusty Blackbirds, 30 Juncos and 35 Grackles were seen along with one late Bluebird.
- Nov. 20. Regular meeting at Rice House. Davis Crompton as speaker gave an interesting account of his many trips to Nantucket Lightship in search of Pelagic birds.
- Dec. 11. Christmas meeting at the Sven Holmblad's in Holden. A blazing wood fire provided a setting for the various bird games enjoyed under the direction of Laura and Margaret Drown.

Refreshments were served at all meetings.

- Mary Lou Winters, Secretary

## IN MEMORY

Two Forbush Bird Club members were taken by death in 1958. Miss Ruth E. Bates was an enthusiastic bird student and although she was a member for only a year, she had made many friends through her bright smile and pleasing personality.

Mr. George Malm, a member since 1955 was a faithful participant in all the club activities. He was interested in Nature photography and the club enjoyed his beautiful color slides. We have lost two good members and friends.

- E.S.F.

## NORTHWARD TREND OF LIFE ZONES

When I first started birding well over thirty years ago, the "Carolinean life zone" as we called it then, in no way affected Worcester County--at least to our knowledge. We would make a pilgrimage to the Fay estate in Lynn in hopes of seeing the Carolina wren, for example. This winter four or five different reports of its presence in the county have been received.

Had anyone then told us that the cardinal would some day be commonly seen in Worcester, we would have scoffed at the idea. Yet that has been taking place over the last year, and it is most certain that a pair nested in Auburn, and another probably in the northwest corner of Worcester.

The chat, a bird which at that time we associated with states far to the south of us, has for the last two years been found in the Oakdale section of West Boylston, and last year was present up to August, indicating a probable nesting.

We must realize that changes have taken place in the last thirty years, and whether they will stop in due time, or continue in the same direction is the basis for some interesting conjecture.

- Lloyd S. Jenkins

# CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT 1958

1. Dec. 20, 1958. West Boylston, Worcester and Newton Sts., 2.30 to 3.30 P.M.  
Weather: windy, temperature of 15 degrees.  
Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 1; Blue Jay, 3; Black-capped Chickadee, 15; White-breasted Nuthatch, 1; Brown Creeper, 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 3; Starling, 10; House Sparrow, 15; Goldfinch, 8; Song Sparrow, 1.  
Additional, seen in the same area: Dec. 27, Robin, 1.  
Total: 12 species, 61 individuals.  
  
- Margaret and Laura Drown
2. Dec. 21, 1958. Worcester, West Boylston, Boylston, Sterling and Clinton, 6.45 A.M. to 4.15 P.M. Weather: clear, N.W. wind, temperature of 0 to 16 degrees.  
Common Loon, 3; Mallard, 75; Black Duck, 22; Hybrid Duck, 1; Greater Scaup Duck, 2; Common Goldeneye, 4; Common Merganser, 36; Sparrow Hawk, 1; Ring-necked Pheasant, 5; Herring Gull, 24; Rock Dove, 17; Mourning Dove, 5; Downy Woodpecker, 2; Blue Jay, 14; Crow, 9; Black-capped Chickadee, 14; White-breasted Nuthatch, 2; Brown Creeper, 2; Robin, 1; Cedar Waxwing, 20; Starling, 30; House Sparrow, 40; Baltimore Oriole, 1; Evening Grosbeak, 21; Goldfinch, 8; Slate-colored Junco, 16; Tree Sparrow, 22; White-throated Sparrow, 2;  
Total: 28 forms, 399 individuals.  
  
- Davis H. Crompton and Francis X. McMenemy
3. Dec. 21, 1958. Worcester, 20 Wildrose Ave., 9.00 A.M. to 1.00 P.M.  
Weather: fair with light wind and temperature of 18 degrees.  
Evening Grosbeak, 15; Goldfinch, 1; Slate-colored Junco, 2; Tree Sparrow, 1.  
Total: 4 species, 19 individuals.  
  
- Mary Lou Winters
4. Dec. 22, 1958. Worcester, Maplewood Road, dawn to dusk. Weather: clear, quiet, with temperature of 4 below zero to 15 degrees above.  
Rock Dove, 8; Downy Woodpecker, 2; Blue Jay, 4; Black-capped Chickadee, 5; Carolina Wren, 1; Starling, 3; House Sparrow, 16; Evening Grosbeak, 3; Slate-colored Junco, 12; Oregon Junco, 1; White-throated Sparrow, 4.  
Additional, seen in the same area: Dec. 28, Crow, 1; Song Sparrow, 1; Dec. 26, Goldfinch, 2.  
Total: 14 species, 63 individuals.  
  
- Walter J. and Ethel S. Fleming
5. Dec. 25, 1958. Paxton, Davis Hill Road, 7.00 A.M. to 12 M. Weather: fair, cold, windy.  
Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 1; Crow, 3; Black-capped Chickadee, 6; White-breasted Nuthatch, 2; Evening Grosbeak, 15; Pine Siskin, 1; Goldfinch, 6; Slate-colored Junco, 4.  
Total: 9 species, 39 individuals.  
  
- Lloyd S. Jenkins

6. Dec. 27, 1958. W. Elmer Ekblaw Wildlife Sanctuary, Paxton, all day.  
Weather: sunny, quiet, temperature of 25 to 33 degrees.  
Downy Woodpecker, 1; Blue Jay, 2; Crow, 1; Black-capped Chickadee, 5; Brown Creeper, 1; Evening Grosbeak, 12; Goldfinch, 5.  
Total: 7 species, 27 individuals.  
- Four members of the Forbush Bird Club
7. Dec. 29, 1958. Shrewsbury, Northboro, Boylston, 9.00 A.M. to 4.30 P.M. Ten miles on foot. Weather: cloudy with gentle wind and average temperature of 45 degrees.  
Cooper's Hawk, 1; Red-tailed Hawk, 2; Ruffed Grouse, 2; Virginia Rail, 1; Flicker, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 6; Blue Jay, 25; Crow, 3; Black-capped Chickadee, 20; Brown Creeper, 2; Robin, 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 3; Cedar Waxwing, 25; Starling, 12; House Sparrow, 12; Evening Grosbeak, 3; Goldfinch, 2; Slate-colored Junco, 6; Tree Sparrow, 100; Song Sparrow, 1; Swamp Sparrow, 1.  
Additional: in same area, White-winged Crossbill, 1 on Dec. 24; Purple Finch, 2 on Dec. 31.  
Total: 23 species, 239 individuals.  
- Stephen Packard
8. Dec. 29, 1958. Worcester, Lake Park heights and west shore of Lake Quinsigamond to Grafton, 8.20 A.M. to 4.00 P.M. Weather: cloudy, calm, temperature 22 to 32 degrees.  
Downy Woodpecker, 1; Blue Jay, 15; Crow, 2; Black-capped Chickadee, 3; White-breasted Nuthatch, 1; Cedar Waxwing, 7; Starling, 55; House Sparrow, 50; Evening Grosbeak, 8; Purple Finch, 11; Goldfinch, 6; Slate-colored Junco, 6; Tree Sparrow, 17; Song Sparrow, 1.  
Total: 14 species, 183 individuals.  
- Olive P. Wetherbee
9. Dec. 31, 1958. Northboro, Washburn, Main and Howard St. areas, 12.30 to 5.00 P.M. Five miles on foot. Weather: fair, N.W. wind, temperature about 20 degrees.  
Hairy Woodpecker, 4; Downy Woodpecker, 3; Blue Jay, 15; Black-capped Chickadee, 17; White-breasted Nuthatch, 4; Brown Creeper, 3; Starling, 6; House Sparrow, 14; Cowbird, 4; Evening Grosbeak, 12; Goldfinch, 5; Slate-colored Junco, 30; Tree Sparrow, 9.  
Total: 13 species, 126 individuals.  
- Edith G. Kinsel
10. Jan. 1, 1959. Boylston, West Boylston, Sterling, Clinton, Shrewsbury, 8.30 A.M. to 1.30 P.M. Fifty miles by car, one and one-half miles on foot.  
Weather: fair, high cloudiness, temperature, 24 to 30 degrees.  
Black Duck, 44; Common Merganser, 4; Ruffed Grouse, 3; Ring-necked Pheasant, 1; Herring Gull, 9; Rock Dove, 15; Hairy Woodpecker, 2; Downy Woodpecker, 1; Blue Jay, 50; Crow, 25; Black-capped Chickadee, 30; White-breasted Nuthatch, 3; Red-breasted Nuthatch, 1; Brown Creeper, 4; Starling, 100; House Sparrow, 6; Evening Grosbeak, 5; Goldfinch, 2; Slate-colored Junco, 20; Tree Sparrow, 15; Song Sparrow, 1.  
Total: 21 species, 341 individuals.  
- Bill McAllister

11. Jan. 1, 1959. Worcester, Auburn, West Boylston, Holden, 8.30 A.M. to 3.00 P.M. Thirty miles by car.

Mallard, 32; Black Duck, 105; Common Merganser, 81; Hybrid Duck, 1; Cooper's Hawk, 1; Ruffed Grouse, 1; Herring Gull, 13; Rock Dove, 5; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 1; Blue Jay, 50; Crow, 10; Black-capped Chickadee, 6; Starling, 40; House Sparrow, 25; Cowbird, 35; Evening Grosbeak, 50; Slate-colored Junco, 3; Tree Sparrow, 10; Song Sparrow, 2.  
Total: 19 species, 472 individuals.

- Wallace P. Wetherbee, Jake Nakshian

Additional species: Winter Wren, one in Spencer on Dec. 23; and Myrtle Warbler, twelve in Princeton on Dec. 29, both reported by Ben Morgan.

Totals: -

Common Loon	3	Red-breasted Nuthatch	1
Mallard	107	Brown Creeper	14
Hybrid Duck	2	Winter Wren	1
Black Duck	171	Carolina Wren	1
Greater Scaup	2	Robin	4
Common Goldeneye	4	Golden-crowned Kinglet	6
Common Merganser	121	Cedar Waxwing	52
Cooper's Hawk	2	Starling	256
Red-tailed Hawk	2	Myrtle Warbler	12
Sparrow Hawk	1	House Sparrow	178
Ruffed Grouse	6	Baltimore Oriole	1
Ring-necked Pheasant	6	Cowbird	39
Virginia Rail	1	Evening Grosbeak	144
Herring Gull	46	Purple Finch	13
Mourning Dove	5	Pine Siskin	1
Rock Dove	45	Goldfinch	45
Flicker	1	White-winged Crossbill	5
Hairy Woodpecker	9	Oregon Junco	1
Downy Woodpecker	19	Slate-colored Junco	99
Blue Jay	178	Tree Sparrow	174
Crow	54	White-throated Sparrow	6
Black-capped Chickadee	121	Swamp Sparrow	1
White-breasted Nuthatch	13	Song Sparrow	9

Total number of species: - 45  
Total individuals: - 1982

Towns represented: - 14  
Observers: - 15

- E.S.F.