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## Birds Cooperate on 1991 Fall Field Day

by Debra Miller

Good weather, good attendance, and very good birds made a success of COA's 1991 Fall Field Day at the Greenwich Audubon Center on September 21st. The Program Committee, Debra Miller (Chairperson), Gary Palmer, Frank Mantlik, and Joe Zeranski planned interesting activities which brought members and guests from Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New York.

As guests of the Greenwich Audubon Society and the National Audubon Society, we were able to enjoy a marvelous day of birds and friends. We extend special thanks to staff members Jean Porter and Ted Gilman, whose assistance and hospitality were much appreciated. Volunteer banders Rhoda, Carol and Mardi demonstrated their banding techniques and shared their birds with us. Many thanks also to Tom Meyer and Paul Miliotis for presenting morning workshops.

Tom Baptist, Louis Bevier, Roland Clement, Frank Mantlik, Todd McGrath, and Fred Purnell led field trips at the Greenwich Audubon Center, Fairchild Garden, and Greenwich Point. The combined total for all the trips was 97 species.

Louis took early arrivals to Fairchild Garden where Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Least Flycatcher (2), Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, In-

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Swainson's Hawk Greenwich Oct 12  
Bell's Vireo Westport Oct 14  
White-fronted Goose Wallingford Oct 30  
Northern Gannet Various Oct 31 - Nov 11  
Snowy Owls Various Nov 1 - 17  
Henslow's Sparrow Hammonasset Nov 9  
Northern Wheatear Hammonasset Nov 12

RARE BIRD ALERT: 203-254-3665

## 92nd Christmas Count Still Counting After All These Years

by Stephen P. Broker

Seasonal changes progress, and thoughts turn to upcoming Christmas Bird Counts. Again the question arises, why do we go out all day or part of a day to look for birds in mid-winter? Our answers are varied and many. The National Audubon Society Christmas Bird Counts are the oldest annual censusing of bird populations in America, having been conducted each year since 1900.

On Christmas Bird Counts we share fun times with old friends and new. We improve our knowledge of field identification and bird behavior. We hope for rarities. We brave the elements, birding in sunshine or rain, gentle breezes or blizzard, warmth or freezing cold as the day's conditions dictate. We may devote early morning hours to locating owls, snipe or woodcock. We bird in areas that we may not visit at any other time of the year, as we seek to cover our count circles thoroughly. We discover the predictable and the unpredictable. For those who thrive on competition, that too may be part of the appeal of this 24 hour quest for birds.

Whatever our reasons, we know that this is one of  
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## Christmas Count . . .

the best times of the year to experience our enjoyment of birds. Last year nearly 900 field observers and feeder watchers participated in one or more of 17 Christmas Bird Counts in Connecticut. Collectively, we counted more than 400,000 birds representing 163 different species.

Among the birds sighted were such rarities (for early winter) as Great Egret, Barnacle Goose, Peregrine Falcon, Sora, Laughing Gull, Barn Owl, Snowy Owl, Red-headed Woodpecker, Common Raven, Wood Thrush, Northern Shrike, Orange-crowned, Black-and-white and Wilson's Warblers, Painted Bunting and Brewer's Blackbird.

The mid- to late-December and early January weather of 1990-91 was generally much warmer than in previous years. Still, we had to contend with heavy rain and fog on many count days. One consequence of the difficult weather was a higher number of feeder watchers at the expense of field observers; yet participate we did.

Some of the species trends observed in recent years continued with the 1990-1991 count. Turkey Vulture, Red-bellied Woodpecker and Carolina Wren, all southern species, were again recorded in new high numbers as they continue a year-round expansion into the state. Bald Eagle and Eastern Bluebird numbers were high, reflecting their continued population recovery. American Kestrel and Ruffed Grouse were counted in low numbers, which was consistent with observed declines in their northeastern populations. Virginia Rail, American Coot, Marsh Wren and Eastern Meadowlark reversed downward slides, at least temporarily. A big incursion of Northern Shrike was a highlight of the count.

So, let's do it again! Check the list of Christmas Bird Counts on page five of this issue, and contact the CBC compiler in your area for details on participating in this special birding event.

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issue by January 15, 1992 to  
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43 Bridge Road, Weston, CT 06883.**

## Fall Field Day . . .

digo Bunting, Yellow-rumped and Bay-breasted Warbler, Veery, and Wood Thrush jump started the day.

Tennessee and Nashville Warbler, Solitary Vireo (3), Cedar Waxwing (10), Golden-crowned Kinglet, Rufous-sided Towhee and American Goldfinch were spotted on early morning walks at the Center led by Louis, Frank, Fred and Roland. A single Marsh Wren was of interest, as were Black-billed Cuckoo, Chimney Swift and Pileated Woodpecker.

The Hawk Watch, led by Tom Burke, recorded Turkey Vulture, Sharp-shinned, Cooper's, Red-tailed, Red-shouldered, and Broad-winged Hawk (high count for the day at 830), Northern Harrier, American Kestrel and Osprey. Two Bald Eagles excited many watchers. A Red-headed Woodpecker surprised and delighted observers in the afternoon.

After lunch, Tom Baptist took a group to Greenwich Point. American Oystercatcher (3) and Mourning Warbler highlighted this afternoon trip.

Other sightings included Great Blue Heron (6), Black-crowned Night Heron (2), Great Egret (10) and Snowy Egret (5), Greater Yellowlegs, Laughing and Black-backed Gull, Common Tern (1), Double-crested Cormorant, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Belted Kingfisher, Eastern Phoebe (20), Swainson's Thrush, Solitary and Red-eyed Vireo. Color was added to the day by Yellow, Chestnut-sided, Magnolia (20), Cape May, Black-throated Blue, Prairie, Palm, and Black-and-white Warbler, American Redstart, Ovenbird, Northern Waterthrush, Common Yellowthroat and Scarlet Tanager.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this event. It was a great day!

## Electronic Birding

by Mark Mushkat

Birders interested in tracking North American Rare Bird Alerts and chatting with far-flung colleagues have a new tool at their fingertips. By means of a personal computer, phone line, modem, and easy-to-use software, anyone can now access the fascinating (and often tantalizing) National Birding Hotline Cooperative (NBHC) through an international network called BITNET. And it's even possible for CompuServe members and others

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## Electronic Birding . . .

to link onto this computer-oriented, yet very friendly, database of bird-related information.

Imagine reading what Mexican specialties are wandering into southern Arizona, or learning the latest on Eurasian migrants spotted in the Pacific Northwest. Read and print the Connecticut RBA soon after the phone recording is made. Going to the Everglades or the Rockies for business or pleasure? Put a message onto BIRDCHAT to ask the assistance of fellow birders in suggesting a good itinerary or the most direct route to that much-needed list addition. Perhaps you're in the market for a new scope or a computer program for your year, state and life lists; a message on BIRDCHAT will start a conversation among many people about their experiences. We all know how birders love to give advice.

If you're interested in participating in this new technology, you can do so in one of three ways: 1) you have access to BITNET through an affiliation with a research institution, government agency, or university; 2) you belong to CompuServe, the world's largest personal information service; or 3) you can access an electronic bulletin board through long-distance phone lines.

In the event you have direct access to BITNET, you can log onto any of four services: BIRDEAST, BIRDCNTR, BIRDWEST and BIRDCHAT. Simply send a mail message to `LISTSERV@ARIZVM1` with the following command: `SUBSCRIBE BIRDEAST` your name. Substitute the other services to join any or all of them. Make sure to put a space between each of the four words and exclude punctuation.

Logging on to BITNET through CompuServe is more complicated and carries a price tag which is likely to be higher than the BITNET cost (often minimal, or even free). CompuServe charges most users a minimum of \$12.50 per hour, but it offers a specialized forum for people interested in outdoor activities. Bird watching has a niche within this forum.

Chuck Williamson, one of the founders of the National Birding Hotline Cooperative, has generously offered to help CompuServe subscribers log on to BITNET and the NBHC. Write to him and explain your interest; be sure to include your CompuServe identification number and the service(s) you'd like to receive. (At this time, however, BIRDCHAT is not available on

CompuServe.) Write to: NBHC, c/o Chuck Williamson, 4425 E. Pima, Tucson, AZ 85712. All requests must be accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Please consider sending the NBHC a small donation to support this all-volunteer effort.

If you do not belong to BITNET or CompuServe, you can still access the NBHC database by logging on to a public access bulletin board, such as The Osprey's Nest or The Southern Arizona Birding Bulletin Board. For more information, contact Norm Saunders at this bulletin board number: (301) 989-9036.

For those of you who are interested in these services but lack the necessary hardware and software, gaining access is not as complex as it looks. There are many resources in the community to help you get started -- from the local computer retailer to adult education courses to the friendly librarian. Bulletin board services and network databases are valuable tools for learning more about the world. And now, thanks to the NBHC, all of us can be up-to-date on North American birdlife.

## Ornithological Milestones - Part Two

by Joseph Zeranski

This is part two of a two-part historic record of Connecticut ornithological milestones beginning in 1981 and progressing back to 1841.

70 years ago a Chestnut-sided Warbler was reported especially early on April 25...on June 24, 1921, a summering Eurasian Wigeon was noted (Greenwich)...Mallard was claimed to have first nested in the wild (Fairfield)...a November 4th Western Kingbird was Connecticut's first (Meriden).

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### HOTLINE REPORTS

To report sightings of rare, unusual, or migrating birds, call one of the following:

Milan Bull 259-6305 or 255-8837  
Tom Rochovansky 222-7777  
Frank Mantlik 838-1694

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## Milestones . . .

**75 years ago** Glaucous Gull was first recorded, on March 18 (New Haven)...on May 24 the first spring Black Tern was seen (Norwalk)...the state's sole verified record of Say's Phoebe was recorded on December 15, 1916 (Gaylordsville).

**80 years ago** in 1911 small flocks of European Starlings were first recorded north of Hartford...early spring arrivals were Blackburnian Warblers on April 29 and Wilson's Warbler on May 3...November 27 produced a late Prothonotary Warbler (New Haven).

**85 years ago** in 1906 Winter Wren was first substantiated as nesting (Salisbury)...one of only three known state specimens of Boreal Owl was found on November 12 (Kent)...American Tree Sparrow was early, on October 10...Hoary Redpoll was first documented on November 24 (East Haddam).

**90 years ago** earliest spring Alder Flycatcher observed on May 7...ten pairs of nesting Northern Rough-winged Swallows were surveyed along the coast in 1901...first inland Carolina Wren nesting (Chester)...500 pairs of Roseate Terns breeding on Faulkner's and Goose Islands (Guilford).

**95 years ago** early spring Red-eyed Vireo arrived on April 26 and Golden-winged Warbler on May 3...in 1896 Pileated Woodpecker found nesting south to Litchfield.

**100 years ago** the state's largest recorded flight of Thick-billed Murres occurred, with "thousands" between Stamford and Branford from late December to early February, 1891...an April 27 Bobolink was quite early.

**105 years ago** first specimen of "Lawrence's" Warbler collected on May 12 (Stamford)...earliest ever was a Summer Tanager on April 18 and a Red-necked Phalarope on August 4...on November 17, 1896 King Eider was recorded inland (Portland).

**110 years ago** nesting Black-throated Blue Warblers were found in Eastford.

**115 years ago** Scissor-tailed Flycatcher made its first state appearance on April 27 (Plainville)...new state breeding species in 1876 included Red-breasted Nut-

hatch (Winsted) and Northern Rough-winged Swallow (Westport)...an August 16 Kentucky Warbler become "New England's" first (Suffield)...about September 20, a storm brought Sooty Terns into the state, with 5 specimens noted from 4 locations...eight Yellow Rails were collected by two hunters in an hour on October 14 (Milford).

**120 years ago** 1871 saw the first report of American Avocet for the Nutmeg state (Old Lyme).

**130 years ago** on May 25, 1861, New England's first confirmed nest of Peregrine Falcon was located (near Hartford)...a summer Swallow-tailed Kite was seen (Portland).

**150 years ago** Rev. Linsley collected a Long-billed Curlew and noted its long bill (Stratford)...in April of 1841 he found a Cerulean Warbler.

## Winter Bird Feeding

by Jerry Connolly

*(COA member Jerry Connolly is the owner of The Audubon Shop in Madison, a good source of birding and bird-feeding equipment and supplies. -- Ed.)*

Today there is scientific evidence as to the feeding preferences of songbirds so that we can intelligently provide a feeding station that will attract the greatest variety of species. Studies by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, and others have led to a surprisingly simple menu for the birds.

**Black Oil Sunflower** is the number one choice of songbirds that like to feed from small perches. Chickadees, nuthatches, titmice, and finches make up the group that will visit your sunflower feeder. If the hulls are too messy, hulled sunflower "hearts" are a great alternative. While it is twice the expense of oil seed, hearts provide double the food per pound.

**Mixed Seeds** containing fine corn and white proso millet, when used on flat trays or broadcast on the ground, will attract juncos, white-throated sparrows, jays, and doves. Cardinals are also ground feeders and will feed on the sunflower in your mix. Avoid supermarket mixes containing "filler" seeds such as wheat, oats, red millet, rape seed and milo, which hold little or no attraction to birds. We recommend Blue Seal

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## Christmas Bird Count Schedule

COA members are encouraged to participate in the 92nd annual National Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count. Counts in Connecticut are scheduled from Saturday, December, 14 to Wednesday, January 1st. Check the listing below for the date of the count in your area and call your compiler to sign up for this important birding event. If you have a scheduling conflict, join a count in a neighboring area on another day. Many COA members participate in several counts every year, and compilers always welcome another pair of eyes.

### Northern Counts

**BARKHAMSTED, CT (BA CT)** Saturday, December 21, 1991. Compilers: David Rosgen, 72-H Leigh Avenue, Thomaston, CT 06787, 203-283-8378 and David Tripp, Jr. 11 Davis Drive, Winsted, CT 06098, 203-379-9237.

**E. W. TEALE TRAIL WOOD, CT (EW CT)** Saturday, December 28, 1991. Compiler: Marilyn Higgins, Hammond Hill, Hampton, CT 06247, 203-455-0063.

**HARTFORD, CT (HA CT)** Saturday, December 28, 1991. Compiler: Jay Kaplan, 71 Gracey Road, Canton, CT 06019, 203-693-0157. Additional contact: Stephen A. Davis, 203-242-2135.

**LITCHFIELD HILLS, CT (LH CT)** Sunday, December 15, 1991. Compiler: Raymond E. Belding, 29 Windmill Road, Harwinton, CT 06791, 203-485-1368.

**LAKEVILLE-SHARON, CT (LS CT)** Sunday, December 15, 1991. Compiler: Bob Moeller, P.O. Box 1119, Sharon, CT 06069, 203-364-5936.

**STORRS, CT (ST CT)** Saturday, December 14, 1991. Compiler: Steve Rogers, 58 Pinney Hill Road, Willington, CT 06279, (H) 203-429-5532, (W) 203-872-0656.

### Mid-State Counts

**OXFORD, CT (OX CT)** Sunday, December 15, 1991. Compiler: Buzz Devine, 18 South Street, Plymouth, CT 06782, 203-283-0744.

**PAWLING, NY-CT (PA NY)** Wednesday, January 1, 1992. Compilers: Sibyll Gilbert, RR1, Box 236, Pawling, NY 12564, 914-855-3266 and Jeanne Kauffman, RD2, Box 172, Sherman, CT 06784, 203-355-1688.

### REGIONAL HOTLINES

Connecticut (203) 254-3665  
Rhode Island (401) 231-5728  
Eastern Massachusetts (617) 259-8805  
Western Massachusetts (413) 253-2218  
Vermont (802) 457-2779  
New Hampshire (603) 224-9900  
Maine (207) 781-2332  
New York Metro (212) 832-6523  
Northern New Jersey (201) 766-2661  
Cape May, New Jersey (609) 884-2626

**QUINNIPIAC VALLEY, CT (QV CT)** Sunday, December 15, 1991. Compiler: Wilford Schultz, 93 Harrison Road, Wallingford, CT 06492, 203-265-6398.

**SALMON RIVER, CT (SR CT)** Sunday, December 15, 1991. Compiler: David A. Titus, 376 Main Street, Cromwell, CT 06416, (H) 203-635-1544, (W) 203-347-9411 X2354.

**WOODBURY-ROXBURY, CT (WR CT)** Saturday, December 14, 1991. Compiler: Mark Szantyr, P.O. Box 80, Woodbury, CT 06798, (H) 203-429-4038, (W) 203-486-4081.

### Coastal Counts

**GREENWICH-STAMFORD, CT (GS CT)** Sunday, December 15, 1991. Compilers: Canfield Clark, 12 Heather Lane, Greenwich, CT 06831, 203-531-4857 and Gary Palmer, 34 Field Road, Cos Cob, CT 06807, 203-661-4897.

**NEW HAVEN, CT (NH CT)** Saturday, December 14, 1991. Compilers: Stephen P. Broker, 76 Diamond Street, New Haven, CT 06515, (H) 203-387-0798 and Frank Gallo, 54 Deer Run Road, Wilton, CT 06897, (H) 203-834-0945, (W) 203-966-9577.

**NEW LONDON, CT (NL CT)** Saturday, December 28, 1991. Compiler: Robert Dewire, 9 Canary Street, Pawcatuck, CT 06379, 203-599-3085.

**OLD LYME-SAYBROOK, CT (OL CT)** Sunday, December 29, 1991. Compiler: Jay Hand, 76 Sill Lane, Old Lyme, CT 06371, 203-434-0213.

**STRATFORD-MILFORD, CT (SM CT)** Thursday, December 26, 1991. Compiler: Steve Mayo, 136 Beach Avenue, Milford, CT 06460, 203-877-0445.

**WESTPORT, CT (WE CT)** Sunday, December 15, 1991. Compiler: Frank W. Mantlik, 17 Seabreeze Place, South Norwalk, CT 06854, 203-838-1694. Additional contact: Ed Hiestand, 203-227-5997.

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## Bird Feeding . . .

"Songmaker" which contains 20% sunflower, white millet, and fine corn. Songmaker is comparable in price to the supermarket concoctions.

Suet is a high protein favorite of woodpeckers. A yellow-bellied sapsucker was among the five species of woodpeckers that visited our suet feeders in recent months. Audubon Shop suet is made from rendered beef fat that won't turn rancid on warm days.

Thistle, or Niger Seed, is especially attractive to goldfinches and pine siskins (chickadees enjoy it also). It is dispensed in specially designed feeders because of its minute size. A thistle feeder works well when placed away from the very busy sunflower tubes, as goldfinches generally prefer to feed in a quieter area.

Water for drinking and bathing will attract all birds, even those that don't come to your feeders for seed. While it is essential year round, the water you provide in winter is especially important as it may be the only unfrozen supply for miles around. Adding a Nelson birdbath heater to your bath will keep the water unfrozen and is safe and inexpensive to operate.

Providing these five ingredients will ensure an active, colorful yard filled with the greatest variety of songbirds possible for your habitat.

## Artists Needed

Editor Betty Kleiner needs contributions of artwork depicting birds or birding for *The Connecticut Warbler*, COA's quarterly journal of ornithology. Illustrations should be pen-and-ink line drawings. This is an opportunity for artists to showcase their work before an appreciative audience; credit will be given to the artists, and original artwork will be returned. Contact Betty Kleiner at 658-5670 for details.

## Trips & Events

### An Evening of Owls

COA member Julio de la Torre will present a program on "The Owls of North America" at the Greenwich Arts Center, 299 Greenwich Avenue on Thursday, December 19 at 8:00 PM. Julio, author of "Owls: Their Life

and Behavior," published last year by Art Wolfe, will share slides, anecdotes, folklore, and his legendary imitations of the calls of the 19 species of North American owls.

## Connecticut Audubon

The Connecticut Audubon Society announces the following trips and invites COA members to participate. Contact Lauren Brown, CAS field trip coordinator, at 259-6305 or 481-0377.

**SACHUEST POINT**, Rhode Island with Steve Haydock. Sunday, January 12, 1:00 pm - 5:30 pm. Harlequin Ducks guaranteed.

**HAMMONASSET POINT** with Jay Hand. Sunday, January 26, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. One of Connecticut's classic birding spots in any season.

## New Haven Bird Club

The New Haven Bird Club announces the following field trips and invites COA members to participate. Contact Steve Broker, NHBC president, at 387-0798.

**BARKHAMSTEAD RESERVOIR** with Steve Broker. Saturday, January 11, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm. Search for eagles, ravens, turkeys, and winter finches. Meet at Stop & Shop in Westville.

**PLUM ISLAND**, Massachusetts with Frank Gallo. Saturday, February 8 - Sunday, February 9. A beautiful place to observe seabirds and wintering ducks.

## Saugatuck Valley Audubon

The Saugatuck Valley Audubon Society announces the following trips and invites COA members to participate. Contact Phil Reinertsen, SVAS president, at 762-5704.

**SHEPAUG DAM** with Phil Reinertsen. Saturday, January 11, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Wintering Bald Eagles up close at this special spot in Southbury.

**JAMAICA BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE** with COA president Frank Mantlik. Sunday, February 3, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm. Wintering ducks and geese with the Manhattan skyline in the background.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

COA encourages local bird clubs to send announcements of field trips and other events to the Bulletin at 314 Unquowa Road, Fairfield, CT 06430

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## Winter Field Reports

Please tear off the form which appears below, and use it to submit your Winter Field Report. List noteworthy sightings on separate sheet(s) of lined paper, giving species, date, number of individuals, and location. Use abbreviations when possible; for example, five Common Loons seen at Sherwood Island State Park on Feb. 26 should be entered as "Com. Loon 2/26 (5) SISP."

For common species, please record dates and locations of first, last, and maximum sightings. Rare and uncommon species, for which reports of all sightings are needed, are listed below. The compilers would greatly appreciate receiving your report with species listed in phylogenetic order; use the COA *Connecticut Field List* as a guide. **Note:** Detailed descriptions should be submitted for any species on the *Field List* which is denoted by \* (rare) or # (hypothetical) or for any species not on the *Field List*. All reports will be preserved. Observer's comments are welcomed.

## JOINING COA

The Connecticut Ornithological Association welcomes new members. Membership is only \$10.00 per year and includes this quarterly newsletter, a quarterly journal, and invitations to COA events. To join, send your name and address and a check to COA at 314 Unquowa Road, Fairfield, CT 06430.

## COA Annual Meeting

COA will hold its Annual Meeting at Courtland Gardens Residence in Stamford on Saturday, March 28, 1992. The focus of the meeting will be "Birds of the Connecticut Coast Line." There will be speakers, workshops, field trips, and a birder's marketplace. Volunteers are needed for the program, hospitality, and registration committees; if you are interested in helping in one of these areas, contact Program Committee chair Debra Miller at (508) 520-1289. Save the date!

## COA Field Report Form for Dec. 1, 1991 to Feb. 29, 1992

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please correct address label on other side if necessary.)

How often have you birded this season?

1) Just around my yard 2) 1-6 days 3) 7-12 days 4) 13 or more days

Which species impressed you as being more common this year?

Which species impressed you as being scarce this year?

Feeder location:  Urban  Suburban  Rural Farm  Rural Woodland

Feeder offerings:  Sunflower  Thistle  Mixed Seed  Suet  Water  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Please report birds that visited feeder.

### Species for which all records are needed:

Red-necked Grebe	Barrow's Goldeneye	Glaucous Gull	Wh-crowned Sparrow
American Bittern	Golden Eagle	Any Alcid	Lapland Longspur
Tundra Swan	Peregrine Falcon	Snowy Owl	Northern Oriole
Eurasian Teal	Gyrfalcon	Long-eared Owl	Any Crossbill
Eurasian Wigeon	Little Gull	Varied Thrush	Any Redpoll
Redhead	Com Bl-headed Gull	Northern Shrike	Pine Siskin
Any Eider	Iceland Gull	Any Warbler	
Harlequin Duck	Lesser Bl-backed Gull	Any Grosbeak	

Submit report to Betty Kleiner, 5 Flintlock Ridge, Simsbury, CT 06050 by March 10, 1992.

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