

TASL News January 1997



Take a Second Look
42 Baker Avenue
Lexington, MA 02173

11/24/96 TASL Census in Boston Harbor

	Species	Nahant	Winthrop	Central	Squantum	Hough's Neck	Weymouth	Hull	Totals
1	RED-THROATED LOON	1	15	5	11	1	1	7	41
2	COMMON LOON	1				3		2	6
3	PIED-BILLED GREBE			1					1
4	HORNED GREBE	26	20	22	34	13	9	34	158
5	RED-NECKED GREBE	1			2			3	6
6	GREAT CORMORANT				2	10		73	85
7	DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT		1	10	6		1		18
8	GREAT BLUE HERON				1	1	1	1	4
9	MUTE SWAN						4	1	5
10	BRANT	76	240	170	100	134	205	20	945
11	CANADA GOOSE		29		76		13	68	186
12	AMERICAN BLACK DUCK	3	62	137	181	52	107	109	651
13	MALLARD			5			55	18	78
14	GADWALL						1		1
15	GREATER SCAUP		17	21	6			8	52
16	COMMON EIDER	2900	2177	278	1957	603	1457	1453	10825
17	OLDSQUAW	5						36	41
18	BLACK SCOTER							1	1
19	SURF SCOTER	10		10	51	2		5	78
20	WHITE-WINGED SCOTER	94	95	11	329	20		102	651
21	COMMON GOLDENEYE		9	39	36	17	18	55	174
22	BUFFLEHEAD	86	173	110	188	233	308	318	1416
23	HOODED MERGANSER					8	2		10
24	RED-BREASTED MERGANSER	105	105	328	115	32	158	123	966
25	RUDDY DUCK						29		29
26	SHARP-SHINNED HAWK						1		1
27	COOPER'S HAWK				1				1
28	RED-TAILED HAWK				2				2
29	AMERICAN KESTREL	1	1						2
30	BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER		1			30			31
31	SANDERLING					52		11	63
32	DUNLIN					2			2
33	SMALL SHOREBIRD (SP)			75					75
34	COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL		1						1
35	BONAPARTE'S GULL	39	302				5	99	445
36	BLACK GUILLEMOT							1	1
37	GREAT HORNED OWL	2							2
38	NORTHERN SHRIKE	1							1
39	PALM WARBLER	1							1
40	SNOW BUNTING	11			43				54
41	HARBOR SEAL		2	3	2		1	1	9

Weather Sunny
Wind NW 15 to 5 mph
Temperature 35-45°F

Thanks to all the participants. Please participate in our remaining winter censuses by calling Maury Hall [(617)268-7571] or Soheil Zendehe [(617)863-2392]. Or leave email at sz@world.std.com.

What is TASL?

Take a Second Look (TASL) was started in the winter of 1980 by a local group of environmentally concerned birdwatchers; our primary focus has been to survey and census the bird population of Boston Harbor throughout the year.

The 1997 winter TASL Harbor Census dates are listed at the top of this page; please mark them in your calendars. These dates are chosen to coincide with high or incoming tide during the morning. We will start each census at 8:30 am and go until early afternoon. We are now censusing in nine separate parties: this means we need at least 18 volunteers per census date. Please remember: this is an excellent opportunity to learn—and teach—about the common water birds of the Harbor. You do not have to be an expert to participate. Each area will be led by at least one competent birder. That person will need help with navigation, driving and record-keeping. So make yourselves useful and learn something in the process.