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The past year has been an exciting one, full of great birds and defined by lots of good work and progress at COA. All of this happened thanks to you (the entire CT birding community), the 500 COA members, the COA Board, the very essential COA affiliates (non board members who fulfill important roles in running the organization), the Avian Records Committee of Connecticut (ARCC), and all of our many friends and allies in the birding community of CT and the surrounding region.

PRIORITIES FOR 2021 AND 2022

Our 2021 priorities will continue into and through 2022. They include pursuing science-based initiatives (as in our inaugural science conference in November), hardcore birding (as in our Big January, Mega Bowl, Workshops, ARCC, and Bird Of The Month), helping beginning birders come up the learning curve (as in our beginners' field trips), improving COA operations and infrastructure, looking back at COA's history to hear from and pay respect to the founders of COA, making COA more transparent to everyone (see the two new galleries of volunteers photos), our continually improving [COA website](#), finding backup persons for key roles in case the primary person moves on, reaching out to encourage young birders (our summer camp scholarship and also asking some to talk at the science conference), trying to capture and secure old bird data from decades ago before it is lost, etc.

COA ACTIVITIES IN 2021

We had more than the usual types of challenges in the past year, and we addressed them by doing two types of things: (1) continuing all the great things COA always does, with excellence, and also (2) innovating and experimenting with some new solutions and initiatives.

The following list summarizes many of the things COA did in the last year, with emphasis on the improvements in ongoing projects and on new activities. (Please use the embedded hyperlinks to explore further.) Feel free to contact me or Vice President, Chris Wood, with any questions or suggestions.

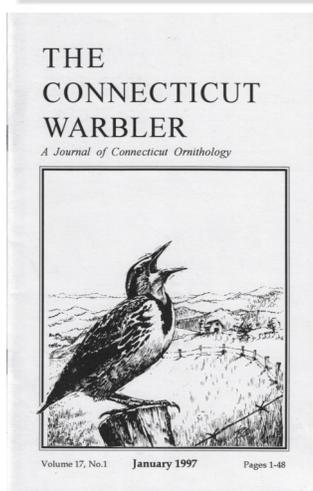
Volunteers and Recruiting:

COA is a non-profit volunteer-only organization, and to effectively fulfill our mission requires a lot of able and dedicated people. Every few years some of these great people depart and we need to find replacements. Others will be cycling off the Board in March and we need to find great replacements soon. Furthermore, we should always have a second person as standby backup for some crucial functions and operations, where this is possible. This is an ongoing challenge, so we welcome any offers of service and support to keep the organization running!

COVID-19 response:

Like most non-profit organizations, COA adjusted and adapted to the pandemic as

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COA is an all volunteer organization with the mission of promoting interest in Connecticut birds, and collecting, preparing, and disseminating the best available scientific information on the status of Connecticut birds and their habitats. While COA is not primarily an advocacy organization, we work actively to provide scientific information and to support other conservation organizations in the state.

best we could, using common sense and reasonable caution. For example, we learned how to use Zoom for all our meetings and workshops, especially our Annual Meeting in March 2021. Thanks to Chris Wood, Steve Morytko, Allison Black, Angela Dimmitt and others for that. And thanks to Tina Green, Maureen Wolter, the Annual Meeting Committee and our former President, Chris Loscalzo, for producing the excellent March 2021 Annual Meeting with its outstanding keynote speaker, Scott Weidensaul.

Beginning Birders:

Partly due to Covid we had some relatively new birders join COA, and we created a new beginning birders field trip for them on August 28 (after 3 earlier dates were rained out). Thanks to Frank Gallo and Patrick Dugan for leading that cruise through Long Island Sound. To make COA more transparent and welcoming to all birders, we created new webpages with photos and bios of [Board](#), [Affiliates](#), and [ARCC](#) members.

Workshops:

Our workshops leveraged Zoom meetings to reach more birders than ever before, including many new and beginning birders. This included more than 450 attendees at Chris Wood's beautifully illustrated Warbler workshop in May. There were also expert workshops on Gulls (Nick Bonomo), Shorebirds (Patrick Comins), Raptors (Ryan MacLean), Sparrows and Winter Waterfowl (both by Chris Loscalzo). A similar set of workshops is scheduled for 2022, plus workshops by our UConn colleagues, Chris Elphick and Margaret Rubega.

History, Fundamentals and Planning:

So many things are changing in the world that we decided to do a forward planning exercise later this year, to be led by Vice President Chris Wood, but have started in mid-2021 with a look-back into the [history of the COA](#) and its foundations and original intent. We are interviewing key founders of COA, including Miley Bull (see his interview [here](#)). My perception, thus far, is that COA can be summarized largely in one phrase: "High-voltage Birding, Science, Conservation and Education".

CTBirds listserv:

We had a "changing of the guard" in 2021, as long-time (14 years!) and founding listserv Moderator Roy Harvey announced his well-deserved retirement. Chuck Imbergamo seamlessly assumed the moderator role. Thanks to both of them, and to Steve Morytko for supporting the computer machinery. And thanks also to the wonderful birds that showed up in CT in 2021, and gave us plenty to report and discuss on CTBirds!

Automation and IT:

Our disparate COA systems had grown piece by piece, and in 2021 we decided to review and improve them, especially to reduce risks of loss of data (i.e., "disaster, recovery and business continuity"). Steve Morytko is leading that effort, with support from Larry Reiter (for membership), Chuck Imbergamo (for CTBirds), and Cynthia Ehlinger (for our website). Most of these systems are also being documented, since key people do occasionally leave COA.

COA Website:

Cynthia Ehlinger has greatly improved our [COA website](#) over the past year, in terms of content and functionality, with Steve Morytko providing unwavering support in its IT aspects. Thank you both.

ARCC:

Our [Avian Records Committee of Connecticut](#) had its hands full in 2021 with several new state birds and researching some of the older CT records and specimens in museums around the country. They also updated the [Checklist of the Birds of Connecticut](#) to reflect the latest AOS (formerly AOU) checklist, and are currently updating the month-by-month calendar of birds in CT. Thanks to Frank Gallo, Phil Rusch, Greg Hanisek and the entire ARCC team, chaired by Jay Kaplan.

The Connecticut Warbler (TCW), the state quarterly journal of ornithology:

During 2021, TCW underwent major revision through the graphic design work of Julian Hough, including graphic presentation, quality of the paper product, use of online databases, and Julian's creation of our new logo, used on TCW and elsewhere. Greg Hanisek continues as its Editor, and Manny Merositis as its Producer.

Conservation:

During 2021 multiple efforts were made to advocate for preservation of birds and their habitats. This included local, regional and national advocacy, with several successes. One example was [COA's support of special protections for the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine Monument](#). Thanks go to Craig Repasz and Patrick Comins, along with everyone who supported them on various initiatives.

Science:

COA compiled Connecticut's eight Summer Bird Counts (Tom Robben, plus the eight SBC circle compilers) and wrote the summary analysis report (Patrick Comins). COA produced the organization's first [Birds and the Environment Science Conference](#), with 20 high quality presentations. We started the [Long Island Sound Monthly Report](#), to summarize the seasonal changes in LIS birds and their food web. And of course, COA supported the current [Connecticut Bird Atlas](#) work (Craig Repasz led COA's role, and COA birders contributed countless hours of observation). COA also continues to do the state compilation/analysis/reporting for all 21 CT Christmas Bird Counts (Steve Broker).

Bird of the Month:

In late 2021, COA started its [Bird-Of-The-Month project](#), in which unusual species found in CT during the month are nominated for consideration, and one is selected to profile. In December, the [Northern Lapwing](#) at Milford Point was highlighted, while January featured the [Thick-billed Murre](#) (2 locations). These end-of-month reports will also be an opportunity for us to comment on the seasonal changes in our state and its ecosystems; i.e., bringing together ecology and "high-voltage birding" (where birding intensity and expertise matter!).

Big January:

We continue this tradition to start each new year with a big-bang! This Big January friendly competition has already resulted in 175 bird species being seen in CT during January 2022. In 2021, Big January was temporarily repurposed to focus on energizing birders to complete surveys in under-covered blocks for the late winter period of the CT Bird Atlas, making a great impact. This event is led by Dave Provencher.

Mega Bowl:

COA also continues to support the Mega Bowl, a friendly competition to keep the birding enthusiasm running through the typically coldest (on the average) few weeks of the year. It is run by Chris Loscalzo. A summary of results for 2022's event is provided on page 9 of this issue of the COA Bulletin.

Birding Community:

COA does many things to encourage, enable and nurture our vibrant state-wide birding community, including: the [Zepko Audubon Camp Scholarship for Young Birders](#), which sent two deserving teens to Maine for a week of bird study (Maureen Wolter), our [Mini-Grants program](#) (Kathy Van Der Aue), which provided \$6,241 in funding to 11 projects in 2021, our COA [Birding Events Calendar](#) (Sharon Dellinger), our COA Raffle (Laurie Reynolds), our FaceBook website (Cynthia Ehlinger <https://www.facebook.com/ctbirding>), and our newly updated Field Checklist, which is now being distributed (a printable version, PDF-formatted for 8 1/2 x 11", 2-sided, is available in the Members Only section).

Membership:

We are currently transitioning to our new, more automated member enrollment and renewal system. Thanks to Larry Reiter, Steve Morytko, and Paul Wolter for their efforts on this front.

In closing, special thanks to the outstanding Executive Committee of Chris Wood (Vice President), Denise Jernigan (Secretary) and Paul Wolter (Treasurer).

Thanks to everyone, and great birding for all,

Tom Robben, President

COA 2022 Annual Meeting

Due to the rise in Covid cases while planning was underway for our annual meeting and the unpredictability of the virus, the COA board decided on a Zoom meeting again, which will take place on **Saturday March 19, 2022 at 6:30 pm**. All are invited to register for the meeting by clicking on this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bMpNWsUJQSG9OJDj_od6hw

Our keynote speaker will be George Divoky from Seattle, Washington, and Cooper Island, Alaska, who will give a presentation concerning his long-term study of the Black Guillemots of Cooper Island.

George Divoky presents “A Seabird Responds to a Melting Arctic: Observations and Insights from 50 Years of Study”

George Divoky has studied Alaskan seabirds since 1970 when, as a Research Associate at the Smithsonian Institution, he participated in a three-year census of marine birds and mammals in response to the discovery of oil at Prudhoe Bay. In 1975 he began a study of Mandt’s Black Guillemots, an ice-obligate seabird, on Cooper Island, 35 km east of Point Barrow, Alaska. The study, now 47 years in duration, is the longest continuous seabird study in the Arctic and its findings on the consequences of decadal-scale reductions in snow and sea ice to seabird demographics and breeding provide some of the best examples of the long-term biological consequences of climate change.

Divoky has worked for federal and state agencies on a range of Alaskan seabird management and conservation issues including the Alaska Native Land Claims Settlement Act, oil and gas exploration of the outer continental shelf, and oil spill damage assessment and restoration. He is currently Director of Cooper Island Arctic Research, funded by the Seattle-based nonprofit, [Friends of Cooper Island](#).

Divoky’s research on the Black Guillemots of Cooper Island was featured in a cover story in the New York Times Magazine entitled “[George Divoky’s Planet](#),” in the PBS’s Scientific American Frontiers program “Hot Times in Alaska” with Alan Alda, and on ABC Nightly News and Nightline. He has appeared on The Late Show with David Letterman, and has been interviewed on NPR’s Talk of the Nation, On Point and Science Friday. His research and experiences on Cooper Island were featured in a play about climate change, *Greenland*, staged by the Royal National Theatre in London in 2011. *Audubon* magazine featured his work in a 2017 article:

<https://www.audubon.org/magazine/winter-2017/can-these-seabirds-adapt-fast-enough-survive>

Divoky was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, has Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from Michigan State University and a doctorate from the University of Alaska Fairbanks.



Black Guillemots. Photo by Joe McNally



COA 2022 Annual Meeting (continued)

Schedule for Saturday, March 19, 2022

The business portion of the meeting begins at 6:30 pm.

Tom Robben, COA President, presents a brief overview of the year’s activities, followed by election of officers and board members.

Presentation of COA Awards

- Mabel Osgood Wright Award – presented annually to a person or persons in Connecticut who have made a significant contribution to the knowledge, study, and conservation of birds.
- Betty Kleiner Award – honors the memory of Betty Kleiner, whose name is synonymous with *The Connecticut Warbler*, COA’s flagship publication. The award recognizes a deserving author or artist in the field of ornithology.
- COA Mini-grant Awards – awarded annually to the applicants whose projects most benefit Connecticut birds.
- President’s Award
- Zepko Audubon Camp Scholarship – awarded annually to a young birding enthusiast through a written application process.

Our Keynote Speaker will follow the business meeting at approximately 7:30 pm.

A note about registration: There is a nominal \$10 registration fee to help cover costs. The registration link above will take you to our annual meeting registration page. After completing a short form, press the “Pay and Register” button at the bottom. You will then be connected to PayPal where you may choose to pay using PayPal, a credit card, or a debit card (you may need to scroll down to see the credit/debit option). Once you successfully complete your payment, the meeting invitation with the link to join the meeting will be sent to the email address with which you registered. Save that message, as you will need it to join the meeting on March 19th.

Follow-up reminders will also be sent one week and one hour prior to the webinar. You will receive a refund automatically if you are unable to join the meeting or if you cancel in advance.

The meeting will be held as a Webinar, and attendees will not be visible or heard. However, you may pose questions using the Chat function located on the menu bar at the bottom of your screen. COA members will be instructed on voting procedures.

Assistance with the registration and using the Zoom program is available by emailing zoom@ctbirding.org

COA Membership Renewal Reminder

To renew online visit: <https://www.ctbirding.org/account-help/>

The link will take you to a page describing the account creation process with a link to start it. You will need to use a credit card, debit card, or PayPal account to purchase a membership.

WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT AND RENEW ONLINE IN ORDER TO EASE OUR TRANSITION TO THE ONLINE DATABASE.

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Individual	\$25/yr
Student	\$15/yr
Family	\$35/yr
Contributing	\$50/yr
Donor	\$75/yr
Benefactor	\$100/yr
Life	\$1000 (payable in three annual installments)

COA's 2022 Workshops and Events Schedule (Preliminary)

Here is COA's preliminary 2022 Workshop and Events Schedule. All dates, leaders, presenters, and topics are subject to change. Watch the COA website (<https://www.ctbirding.org>) for updates.

Currently, all workshop presentations and meetings are expected to be by Zoom, followed by guided trips in the field for seasonal birding workshops. Participants in public gatherings are encouraged to practice appropriate COVID protocols.

Please reach out to COA with any questions or suggestions regarding our Workshops Program:
contact@ctbirding.org

Best wishes for a healthy and birdy New Year from the COA Workshop Committee: Chris Wood, Allison Black, Chris Loscalzo, and Angela Dimmit.

March/Early April – Gull Workshop

Nick Bonomo, speaker. Nick's presentation, always popular, will be followed by field trips led by some of COA's top experts at various coastal locations. Watch for details.

May – Warbler Workshop

Chris Wood, speaker. A repeat of last year's popular presentation, but this year followed by several field trips at warbler hot spots, with expert guides. Field trip capacity may be limited by location, so watch for announcements and be ready to sign up. Tentative dates: Zoom presentation May 7th at 5 PM; field trips May 14th or 15th.

June/July – Summer Bird Counts and Vacation Time

SBCs are great – no snow! And with the conclusion of the Connecticut Bird Atlas project, we can go about observing late breeding activities and hummingbird antics at our leisure.

We may consider a Birding-by-Ear Workshop or another topic if we discern enough interest. Again, feel free to offer suggestions: contact@ctbirding.org

August – Shorebird Workshop

Patrick Comins, speaker. No matter how often you've attended this, there's always more to learn from Patrick's expert and engaging presentations, this again by Zoom. To be followed by a series of field trips at shorebird hot spots along the coast. Again, field trip attendee limits may be imposed, so watch for early announcements. Dates TBD.

September – Raptor Workshops

Field trips at Lighthouse Point and Quaker Ridge with Steve Mayo, Ryan MacLean or other experts. Watch for details.

October – Sparrow Workshop

Chris Loscalzo, speaker. COA resident workshop maven again presents his sparrow class by Zoom, followed by several field workshops around the state. Very popular last year, and with possible limits on field trip participants, be ready to sign up early. Zoom presentation 10/22; field trips 10/23.

November – Birds and the Environment Science Conference

Tom Robben, Coordinator. An informative and engaging series of presentations about current bird-related research and scientific activities, emphasizing volunteer efforts by birders. Scheduled for November 5, beginning at 9:30 AM by Zoom. Organized by COA President Tom Robben; watch for details this Fall.

November – Winter Waterfowl OR Dabbling/Diving Duck Workshop

Chris Loscalzo, speaker. Chris will reach out for preferences for this workshop. Zoom presentation followed by field trips at several promising locations.

December – Christmas Bird Counts

Everyone is too busy with CBC's and year end year-list loose ends to present or attend workshops. Happy Holidays!

Winter Photo Gallery



Pink-footed Goose, Milford Point – Wheeler Marsh
(Cody Limber, 23 Jan 2022)



Brant (Black) (bottom bird), West Haven boat ramp
(Nick Bonomo, 5 Feb 2022)



Tundra Swan, Pine Acres Lake, Hampton
(Russ Smiley, 4 Jan 2022)



Eurasian Wigeon, 14 Acre Pond, Norwalk
(John Clark, 2 Jan 2022)



Black-headed Gull, Barn Island WMA, Stonington
(Christina Cole, 12 Feb 2022)



Common Gull (Kamchatka), Cummings Park, Stamford
(David Mathieu, 12 Feb 2022)

Winter Photo Gallery



**Tufted Duck, Captain's Cove, Bridgeport
(DT Bowen, 4 Jan 2022)**



**Eared Grebe, Stonington Town Dock
(Russ Smiley, 27 Jan 2022)**



**Thick-billed Murre, Stonington Point
(Sue Palmer, 11 Feb 2022)**



**Northern Shrike, Major Donnelly Park, South Windsor
(Ronald Zigler, 15 Feb 2022)**



**Wilson's Warbler, Branford Water Treatment Plant
(Nick Bonomo, 22 Jan 2022)**



**Western Tanager, Hammonasset Beach SP
(Bob MacDonnell, 3 Jan 2022)**

CT Mega Bowl of Birding

The Mega Bowl of Birding in CT was held the first weekend of February, and I am happy to report that it was a great success. 70 CT birders comprising 30 teams went out on Saturday, Feb. 5 to see how many species they could observe either in an entire county or in a circle with a 5-mile radius that included their residence. The highest scoring teams were as follows: The CT Young Birders' Club Darth Waders (for the sixth year in a row) achieved the highest totals as they observed 90 species and garnered 202 points, Turdus Non-migratorius (birding within a circle) observed 78 species and attained 156 points and the UConn Yellow-Rumps saw 74 species and achieved 153 points. Inland, the highest scoring teams were the Flock of Smeagols with 64 species and 129 points and the Woodbury Warblers with 47 species and 89 points. The 30 teams combined to see a total of 130 species in CT. The 5-point (rare) birds were: Harlequin Duck, Eared Grebe, Thick-billed Murre, and Northern Gannet (all seen in New London county), Northern Saw-whet Owl, Eastern Phoebe, American Pipit, Eastern Meadowlark and Vesper Sparrow.



Prizes were awarded to the members of the winning teams as well as to five participants selected randomly. \$10 is being donated to each participant's CT conservation organization of their choice. These include: A Place Called Hope (\$140), DEEP Endangered Species/Wildlife Fund (\$80), Sharon Audubon Center (\$70), Save the Sound (\$50), Bent-of-the-River Audubon Sanctuary (\$50), and lesser amounts to nine other organizations. The participants met via a Zoom meeting on Sunday evening, where the results were reviewed and the prizes were awarded. I am hopeful that we will have an even greater level of participation next year and that we will meet in person after the event (as we did before the pandemic) to go over the results and enjoy a fine dinner together. Thanks to all who braved the cold and wind to participate in the event.

Chris Loscalzo,
Mega Bowl Coordinator
Woodbridge



Twenty-Five Years Ago in *The Connecticut Warbler*

Compiled by Steve Broker

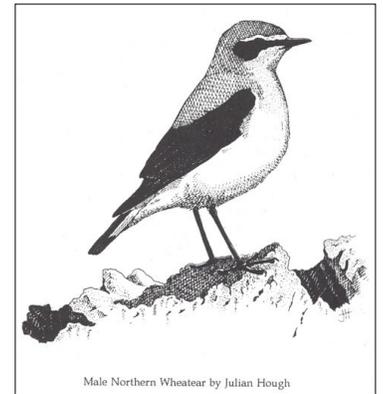
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The Status and Identification of Northern Wheatear in Connecticut, by Julian Hough

For Connecticut Birders, 1995 will be remembered as the year during which many added Northern Wheatear (*Oenanthe oenanthe*) to their state list. This perky old world chat had one of its best fall seasons to date on the eastern seaboard, with reports ranging from Maine to southern New Jersey. With several New England states hosting Northern Wheatears, it was hoped that Connecticut would not be left out of the running. We were not disappointed. The eventual discovery of not one, but four different individuals was definitely a lion's share of the bounty.



[Ed's Note: Julian Hough describes the colonization of North America by two distinct geographical populations. "Despite this colonization, Wheatears remain a rare occurrence in the northern United States." His article includes sections on the identification, aging and sexing, and geographical variation of this species, with accompanying drawings of a male Northern Wheatear and tail patterns of three Wheatear species: Northern, Isabelline (Southeast Europe), and Desert (Middle East and Asia Minor). Today, he comments that "Northern Wheatear records ebb and flow depending on the year and recently have slipped back into a period of scarcity, no doubt due to the weather patterns that affect their movements on their epic migration to Africa."]



Male Northern Wheatear by Julian Hough

A Pair of Roseate Terns Fledges Three Young With Limited Human Assistance, by Jeffrey A. Spendelow, James M. Zingo, and Sean Foss

Here we report a pair [of Roseate Terns, *Sterna dougallii*] that, with limited human assistance given to the initially smallest chick for two weeks, fledged three young in 1994 at Falkner Island off the coast of Connecticut. Falkner Island, now a unit of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (FWS) Stewart B. McKinney National Wildlife Refuge, is located in Long Island Sound about 5 km south of Guilford, Connecticut. Researchers have been studying the terns and other birds nesting at this site since 1978 as part of the Falkner Island Tern Project (FITP), and descriptions of the island and the nesting habitats used by Roseate Terns at this site have been given . . . [references listed].

As part of the general FITP procedures, Roseate Tern nests and chicks are checked daily in the late afternoon if the weather permits. All chicks are given a numbered U.S. Bird Banding Laboratory band on one leg within a day or two of hatching. Chicks receive a special 4-character "field-readable" band on the other leg when about five days old, and those found a few days before fledging receive color marks on their plumage for short-term, long-distance identification.

[Ed's Note: the authors describe placing an abandoned Roseate Tern egg (referred to as C) in a monitored nest already containing one egg (A) previously laid by the adult pair. This pair laid their second egg (B) a day later, bringing the clutch to three eggs. All three eggs hatched, and A-chick and B-chick fledged at 26 and 29 days. "The C-chick, however, lost weight at first and weighed only 15.3 g on 29 June, so during the next two weeks we fed it small sand lance (*Ammodytes* sp.) we found dropped on the beach by Common Terns (*Sterna hirundo*). [After our feedings] the C-chick gained weight rapidly over the next 6 days, and on 18 July it weighed 103 g, slightly more than either of its siblings, which both weighed 99 g. The early slow growth . . . of the C-chick, however, also resulted in slower-than-normal development of its feathers, and it did not fledge . . . until 31 July at 34 days of age."

Jeff Spendelow was honored as recipient of COA's Mabel Osgood Wright Award in 2019.]

A Great Gray Owl in Connecticut, by Tom Harrington

On 14 January 1996, Sue Craig and I were birding at Hammonasset Beach State Park in Madison, Connecticut. At approximately 9:15 am, as we entered the Willard's Island Nature Trail at the east end of the park, we heard an American Crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*) cawing at something in a dense stand of Eastern Red Cedar (*Juniperus virginianus*) near the trail. After searching for a minute or so we located the object of the crows' attention. . . a Great Gray Owl (*Strix nebulosa*).

The owl was about two to three feet over my head in the cedars. From that distance, the identification was simple even without binoculars. We spent the remainder of our initial time of observation studying the bird from a distance of about 25 feet, so as not to disturb the bird. A major irruption into New England [94 Great Gray Owls] occurred in the winter of 1978-79. The winter of 1995-96 saw an estimated 11 Great Gray Owls enter the New England region.

[Ed's Note: Tom Harrington provides a detailed identification and description of the observed Great Gray Owl at HBSP, followed by a description and status of Great Gray Owl in North America. He concludes his article with the following prescient comment: "An irruption of northern owls into our region can be a wonderful event. The long hours often necessary to locate these birds in the bitter cold of winter are well worth the effort. However, when we do find these owls, we must all ensure their safety by exercising proper birding behavior and ethics while observing them and we must encourage such behavior in those who share this experience with us." See the Seventh ARCC Report for a description of this sighting (*TCW*, July 1997) and Paul Fusco's 14 January 1996 photograph of the Hammonasset Beach Great Gray Owl.]



Photo by Paul Fusco

Wintering Regions for Connecticut Breeding Bird Species, by George A. Clark, Jr.

Because most Connecticut breeding birds winter outside the state, events in other geographic regions can potentially have major effects on the status of our nesting species. While watching summer birds in the field in Connecticut, we often do not think about their wintering grounds. However, many of our breeding species spend more time outside the state than in it. Furthermore, some of the Connecticut breeding species travel enormous distances outside the state while on migration. My object in this article is to examine available information for generalizations about wintering regions of importance for Connecticut breeding species. No previous studies have specifically focused on this topic for Connecticut.

Using the COA (1994) Field Checklist, I selected for analysis 171 species that have regularly bred in Connecticut in recent years (see Appendix for the complete list). [Ed's Note: George Clark describes his procedures for determining the wintering ranges of those bird species that regularly nest in the state, based on the published literature. The five wintering regions identified, and the number of species that winter there, are: Connecticut (71); eastern USA, south of Connecticut (106); Caribbean region (55); Central America (82); South America (53). One hundred seventeen of these species winter in more than one region.]

See also: Connecticut's 1996 Fall Hawk Migration, by Neil Currie; Killdeer's Dilemma, by Roland C. Clement; Books on Birds, by Alan H. Brush; Photo Challenge, by Louis Bevier; Connecticut Field Notes: Summer, June 1 to July 31, 1996, by Greg Hanisek. The cover art of Eastern Meadowlark is by Paul Carrier. The January 1997 issue of *The Connecticut Warbler* can be seen in its entirety at the following link to the COA website. Download Volume 17, and view pages 1-48. <https://ctbirding.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/CTWarblerVolume17.pdf>



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