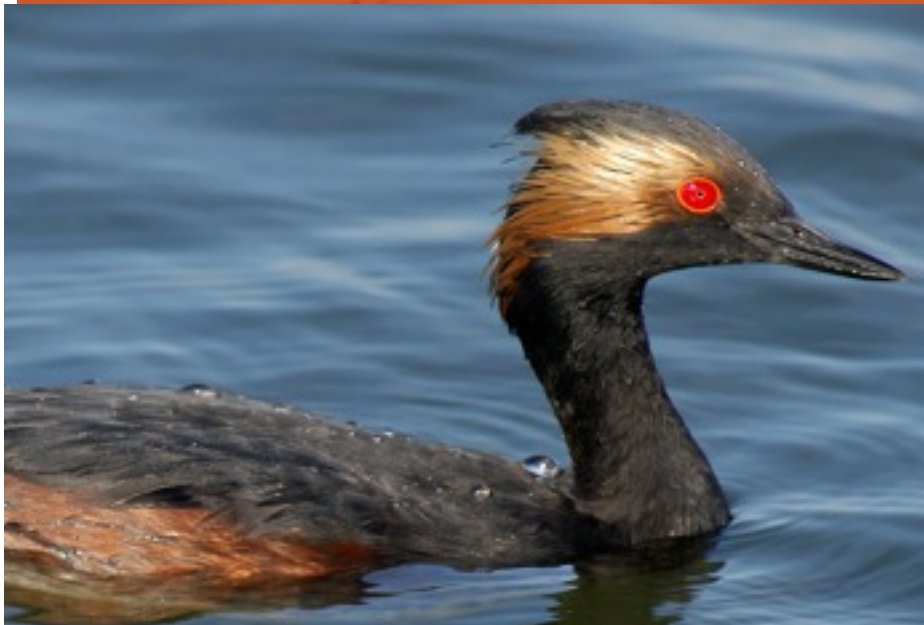


JAN 4TH

# BIRD WATCH

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The **Eared Grebe** is an excellent swimmer and diver, and pursues its prey underwater, eating mostly fish as well as small crustaceans, aquatic insects and larvae. It prefers to escape danger by diving rather than flying, although it can easily rise from the water.

Flickers, and 1 Ruby-crowned Kinglet.

Seen in Essex were 1 Turkey Vulture, 1 Merlin, 1 Virginia Rail, 1 Northern Flicker, 26 Horned Larks, 1 Ruby-crowned Kinglet, 3 Yellow-rumped Warblers, 1 Palm Warbler, and 1 Pine Siskin, and reports from Falmouth included 2 Eurasian Wigeon, 48 American Wigeon, 4 Redheads, 41 Greater Scaup, 35 Lesser Scaup, 1 Pied-billed Grebe, 5 American Coots, and 1 Ruby-crowned Kinglet.

Miscellaneous reports from the weekend included a Bald Eagle in Gloucester, 4 Red-winged Blackbirds and 1 Fox Sparrow in Burlington, 4 Ring-necked Ducks on the Charles River in Watertown, a Barrow's Goldeneye on the Charles River in Waltham, a Dickcissel in Acton, 2 Bald Eagles in Concord, 3 Fox Sparrows in Sudbury, a Merlin in Framingham, a Greater White-fronted Goose, 80 Horned Larks, 1 Lapland Longspur, and 45 Snow Buntings in Sharon, and a Short-eared Owl at Duxbury Beach.

## EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS

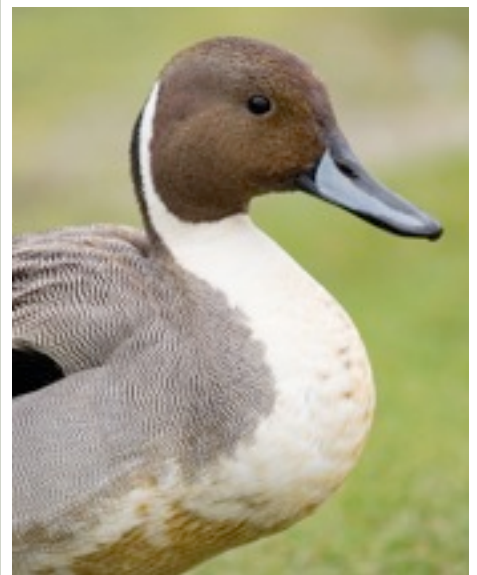
An Eared Grebe discovered at Mill Pond in the Marstons Mills section of Barnstable on Saturday was still there today, and also there was a Eurasian Green-winged Teal.

The Painted Bunting that's been visiting a feeder at 7 Harbor View Lane in Orleans since early December was still there this weekend, two Tundra Swans were seen at Martha's Vineyard on Friday, and another two Tundra Swans were noted at Nantucket on Friday.

The Nantucket Christmas Bird Count conducted on Friday recorded 117 species highlights among which included the 2 Tundra Swans, 1 Eurasian Wigeon, 64 Canvasbacks, 19 Harlequin Ducks, 2115

Bufflehead, 2 Barrow's Goldeneye, 4 Pied-billed Grebes, 1 American Bittern, 5 Turkey Vultures, 1 Yellow Rail, 3 Little Gulls, 2 Black-headed Gulls, 64 Iceland Gulls, 190 Lesser Black-backed Gulls, 7 Barn Owls, 2 Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers, 91 Northern Flickers, 131 Carolina Wrens, 1777 Yellow-rumped Warblers, and 3 Fox Sparrows.

Reports from the Salisbury/ Newburyport/Plum Island area included 6 Brant, 5 Northern Pintail, 1 Bald Eagle, 3 Northern Harriers, 12 Purple Sandpipers, 1 Glaucous Gull, 65 Razorbills, 1 Black Guillemot, 1 Snowy Owl, 22 Horned Larks, and 1 Lapland Longspur, and noted in Ipswich were 2 Turkey Vultures, 1 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 2 Northern



The Northern Pintail