## **CELEBRATE THE SEASON**(New England Winter Birds)

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"... All of these images are of New England winter birds. The robins, Bohemian waxwings and cedar waxwings were photographed on the Manchester-Hooksett campus of Southern New Hampshire University (some robins go south; others stay; still others come "south" to us from way up north, i.e., Newfoundland). They come each year to feast on our ornamental fruit trees. I am always amazed that people walk right past these beautiful creatures, oblivious to their presence. I'm sure the same species visit Rivier College as well. Keep your eyes peeled for them next winter."

- From Robert's letter to the editor



Cedar Waxwing. SNHU Campus, Manchester, New Hampshire. Color Photograph.



American Tree Sparrow. Parker National Wildlife Refuge, Plum Island, Massachusetts. *Color Photograph*.



Bohemian Waxwing. SNHU Campus, Manchester, New Hampshire. Color Photograph.



American Robin. SNHU Campus, Manchester, New Hampshire. Color Photograph.



White-Winged Crossbill. Salisbury State Reservation, Massachusetts. Color Photograph.

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