

BIRD SIGHTINGS

January/February 2015

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The New Year started out warm with a high of 52° in Boston on January 4, but the average temperature for the month was only 26°, 3° below normal. The first bitter cold arrived early on January 8 when Boston recorded -1° with a high of just 19°, 17° below normal for that date. Pittsfield recorded -9° and with the wind chill it felt like 27° below. The season's first major snowfall on January 27 left up to nine inches in some areas, with Boston receiving 5.1 inches. Two days later classic conditions for a nor'easter were in place as the jet stream transported cold air from Canada to the Atlantic where it met warm air moving up the coast. High pressure over eastern Canada held the storm in place over New England. This storm left more than 30 inches of snow in Worcester and Middlesex counties and dropped over 23 inches in Boston making it the sixth biggest snowstorm since 1935. The entire island of Nantucket lost power when winds reached gusts of 78mph.

February was also bitterly cold with a low of -3° on February 16; and an average for the month of 19°, 13° below average. On February 2 we were hit with a major snowstorm dumping 15.9 inches of snow in Boston. Other areas received more snow as Lunenburg recorded 20 inches, yet Cape Cod escaped with only one inch recorded in Chatham. Between February 7 and 12 snow fell each day adding another 25.3 inches in Boston then on February 14 and 15 we were hit with another 15.2 inches. Boston ended the month with 64.8 inches for a seasonal of 102 inches to date, already the second snowiest winter season of record with the month of March yet to come.

WATERFOWL THROUGH ALCIDS

While February weather was miserable for Massachusetts residents, it was even more miserable for wildlife. Sea birds took a particularly dramatic hit as storms blew them inland and the lucky few that were discovered by passers-by ended up at wildlife rehabilitators. The February 14 Cape Cod Times reported: "This past week dozens of thick-billed murrelets, some from as far inland as Taunton and Norwood were brought to rehab facilities on the Cape." On New England Wildlife's Facebook they reported on February 13: "In the past few days we have admitted 12 Thick-billed Murrelets, 8 Horned Grebes, 4 Bufflehead ducks, a Red-throated Loon, 3 Canada Geese and 2 American Black Ducks." Tufts Wildlife Clinic reported: "Large numbers of loons and other seabirds have been blown inland by the recent storms, says Flo Tseng, director of the Wildlife Clinic. 'Seabirds need to take off over bodies of water—they can't get airborne over solid ground,' she says. 'People are finding them everywhere, grounded and starving.'"

Two **Barnacle Geese** were discovered on January 2 on the Connecticut River in Northampton, and they continued through January 11. An **Eared Grebe** was seen on Mashpee Pond in Mashpee in November, and was rediscovered on January 20. On New Year's Day a **Brown Pelican** flew by south of Nantucket but was not seen again. Great Egrets used to be extremely rare in midwinter, but in the past four years there have been multiple individuals wintering in the southern counties. This year five individuals were reported.

An immature **Purple Gallinule** in distress was discovered in Weston on January 19, but when rescuers arrived the following day it had expired. Seven **Black-headed Gulls** were reported, all from the Cape and Islands, but only one **Little Gull** was reported. Huge numbers

Black Scoter								
1/1	P.I.	150	T. Wetmore	Common Loon	1/3	Edgartown	59	CBC (J. Trimble)
1/18	Boston H.	119	TASL (M. Hall)	1/18	Boston H.	60	60	TASL (M. Hall)
2/14	N. Truro	35	B. Nikula	2/7	Salisbury	20	20	P. + F. Vale
2/28	Cape Ann	150	J. Berry#	2/14	Gloucester	15	15	P. + F. Vale
Long-tailed Duck				2/28	Sandwich	16	16	M. Lynch#
1/1	Wachusett Res.	1	M. Lynch#	Pied-billed Grebe	1/2	Longmeadow	1	M. Moore
1/3	Salisbury	50	S. Selesky	1/3	Medford	1	1	R. LaFontaine
1/8	Quabbin Pk	1	L. Therrien	1/4	S. Peabody	1	1	R. Heil
1/15	Nantucket	3000	T. Pastuszak#	1/20	Milton	1	1	E. Lipton
1/19	Woods Hole	415	P. Trimble#	Horned Grebe	1/2	P.I.	24	T. Wetmore
1/24	Nantucket	2500	V. Laux#	1/11	Fairhaven	73	73	M. Lynch#
Bufflehead				1/17	S. Quabbin	2	2	L. Therrien
1/11	Fairhaven	584	M. Lynch#	1/18	Boston H.	90	90	TASL (M. Hall)
1/18	Boston H.	1174	TASL (M. Hall)	2/28	Cape Ann	7	7	J. Berry#
2/7	Westport	500	P. Champlin	Red-necked Grebe	1/1	Winthrop	32	R. Stymeist#
2/28	Wareham	241	M. Lynch#	1/11	P.I.	20	20	T. Wetmore
Common Goldeneye				1/17	Quabbin Pk	2	2	L. Therrien
1/1	Wachusett Res.	42	M. Lynch#	1/21	Cambr. (F.P.)	1	1	J. Trimble#
1/2	Cape Ann	30	J. Berry#	2/22	GMNWR	1	1	S. Annis#
1/11	Fairhaven	285	M. Lynch#	2/28	Cape Ann	7	7	J. Berry#
1/18	Boston H.	439	TASL (M. Hall)	Eared Grebe	1/20-23	Mashpee	1	M. Keleher + v.o.
1/24	Turners Falls	180	J. Rose	Northern Gannet	1/17	Rockport	2	B. Volkle#
Barrow's Goldeneye				1/18	P.I.	5	5	T. Wetmore
1/thr	Boston (Deer I.)	1	v.o.	Double-crested Cormorant	1/1	Belmont	6	J. Restivo
1/3	Cohasset	2	V. Zollo	1/3	P'town	6	6	B. Nikula
1/11	Gloucester	2	M. Goetschkes	1/6	Danvers	2	2	K. Elwell
1/12	Turners Falls	1	J. Rose	2/1	Harwich	1	1	B. Nikula
1/20	Somerville	1	A. Laquidara	Great Cormorant	1/1	Gloucester	16	R. Stymeist#
1/20	Fairhaven	1	D. MacKinnon	1/18	Hull	11	11	TASL (M. Hall)
2/7	Westport	1	P. Champlin	2/1	Harwich	23	23	B. Nikula
2/24	Katama	1	J. Bernier	2/6	Medford	8	8	P. Roberts
Common X Barrow's Goldeneye				2/7	Westport	17	17	M. Lynch#
1/5	Falmouth	1	G. Hirth	2/20	Amesbury	24	24	P. Brown
2/1	Newbypt	1 m	B. Harris	Brown Pelican	1/1	Nantucket	1	V. Laux
Hooded Merganser				American Bittern	1/4	Eastham (F.H.)	2	K. Yakola#
1/3	Worcester	94	M. Lynch#	1/20	P.I.	1	1	D. Chickering
1/3	Woburn (HP)	97	M. Rines	Great Blue Heron	1/2	Westport	10	M. Lynch#
1/4	Medford	50	J. Kovner	1/4	E. Boston (B.I.)	2	2	P. Peterson
1/4	Waltham	100	J. Forbes	2/7	Waltham	2	2	J. Forbes
1/5	Framingham	52	B. Black	2/18	Brookline	3	3	P. Peterson
Common Merganser				Great Egret	1/2	Westport	1	P. Champlin
1/1	Wachusett Res.	47	M. Lynch#	1/16	Orleans	2	2	K. Yakola#
1/4	Belmont	51	O. Burton	1/20	Nantucket	1	1	R. Ouren
1/7	Medford	140	P. Roberts	1/22	Yarmouth	1	1	J. Hoye#
1/9	Turners Falls	100	J. Smith	Black-crowned Night-Heron	1/10	Plymouth	1	H. Levesque#
1/14	Waltham	27	J. Forbes	2/21	Katama	1	1	M. Ditchfield
2/20	Amesbury	18	P. Brown	Black Vulture	1/16	Orleans	1	K. Yakola#
Red-breasted Merganser				1/19	Blackstone	5	5	J. Lawson
1/2	Westport	74	M. Lynch#	2/7	Medway	2	2	R. Crissman
2/7	Westport	114	M. Lynch#	2/25	Gardner	1	1	T. Pirro
2/28	Cape Ann	65	J. Berry#	Turkey Vulture	1/2	Westport	2	M. Lynch#
Ruddy Duck				2/21	Sutton	1	1	M. Lynch#
1/1	Waltham	5	J. Forbes#	2/22	Gill	2	2	A. Baker
1/1	Wachusett Res.	2	M. Lynch#	2/25	Manchester	1	1	K. Young
1/3	Gloucester (E.P.)	4	P. + F. Vale	2/27	Westfield	3	3	J. Zepko
1/8	Jamaica Plain	4	P. Peterson					
2/18	Gloucester H.	3	R. Heil					
Wild Turkey								
1/1	Mt.A.	26	C. Cook					
1/1	Wachusett Res.	23	M. Lynch#					
2/7	Westport	31	M. Lynch#					
Red-throated Loon								
1/2	Cape Ann	6	J. Berry#					
1/18	Boston H.	31	TASL (M. Hall)					
1/23	Dorchester	4	P. Peterson					
Pacific Loon								
1/29	P'town (R.P.)	1	R. Merrill					
2/1	Rockport	1 ph	L. Waters					
2/21	P'town (R.P.)	1 ph	P. Flood					

Bald Eagle				2/7	Westport	41	M. Lynch#
1/17	Amesbury	7	MAS (P. Roberts)	2/8	Plymouth B.	125	S. van der Veen
1/25	P.I.	9	T. Wetmore	2/25	Newbypt H.	21	R. Heil
2/4	Lawrence	4	C. Gibson	Wilson's Snipe			
2/12	S. Boston	3	E. Malatesta	1/10	Revere	1	R. Schain#
2/21	Medford	3	L. Thompson#	1/11	Plymouth	1	K. Doyon
2/22	Salisbury	8	C. Lapite	2/1	Mashpee	3	M. Malin
Northern Harrier				2/4	Williamstown	1	L. Reed-Evans
1/3	P.I.	4	S. McGrath#	2/8	Boston (A.A.)	1	E. Lipton
1/21	Salisbury	2	MAS (B. Gette)	Black-legged Kittiwake			
2/1	Saugus (Bear C.)	2	S. Zende	1/2	Rockport (A.P.)	50	J. Berry#
Sharp-shinned Hawk				1/18	P.I.	8	T. Wetmore
thr	Reports of indiv. from 13 locations			1/25	P'town	200	B. Nikula
Cooper's Hawk				1/25	Newbury	2	BBC (R. Petersen)
1/2	Essex	1	J. Berry#	Bonaparte's Gull			
2/15	Ipswich	1	J. Berry	1/1	Nantucket	2800	R. Ouren#
2/15	Wayland	1	J. Hoye#	1/2	P.I.	10	T. Wetmore
Northern Goshawk				1/21	Salisbury	4	MAS (B. Gette)
1/17	Windsor	1	G. Hurley+ v.o.	Black-headed Gull			
1/18	Orange	1	B. Lafley	1/1	Nantucket	2	V. Laux#
1/22	Sudbury	1 ad	T. Spahr	1/2	Edgartown	1	B. Lagasse
1/22	Marlboro	1 ad	T. Spahr	1/17	Hyannis	2	E. Nielsen
Red-shouldered Hawk				2/12	Osterville	1	P. Crosson
2/9	Groton	2	T. Murray	2/14	Orleans	1	M. Malin
2/20	Rehoboth	2	K. Bartels	Little Gull			
Rough-legged Hawk				1/1	Nantucket	1	V. Laux#
thr	Reports of indiv. from 14 locations			Iceland Gull			
thr	P.I.	5 max	v.o.	thr	Gloucester	137 max	2/18 v.o.
thr	Lee	3 max	v.o.	1/14	Boston (Deer I.)	17	O. Burton
Purple Gallinule				1/18	Winthrop	10	TASL (M. Hall)
1/19	Weston	1 imm	M. Grzenda	2/8	P'town	30	B. Nikula
Common Gallinule				Lesser Black-backed Gull			
1/2-11	Nantucket	2	R. Ouren	thr	Boston	1	v.o.
American Coot				1/2	Swansea	1	S. Davis
thr	Woburn (HP)	75 max	M. Rines	1/5-29	Turners Falls	1	J. Smith
1/1	GMNWR	28	M. Stone#	1/18	N. Truro	2	B. Nikula
1/8	Jamaica Plain	44	P. Peterson	2/6	Revere B.	1	T. Factor
1/18	Somerville	22	P. + F. Vale	2/11	New Bedford	4	L. Waters
Black-bellied Plover				2/21	Westport	4	P. Champlin
1/3	Edgartown	39	CBC (J. Trimble)	Glaucous Gull			
Semipalmated Plover				1/3	P'town	1	B. Nikula
1/3	Dennis	1	R. Hamman	1/3	Sharon	1	L. Waters
Killdeer				1/6	Lunenburg	1	B. Kamp
1/5	N. Dighton	4	J. Eckerson	1/19	Salisbury	1	D. Larson
1/5	Yarmouth	4	P. Crosson	1/19	Turners Falls	1	K. Yakola
1/18	Chilmark	8	J. Nelson#	2/1	Revere	3	E. Lipton
1/18	Nantucket	6	G. Andrews#	2/17	Gloucester	2	D. + J. Lovitch
2/14	Eastham	1	W. Mumford	2/21	Westport	2	P. Champlin
Greater Yellowlegs				2/21	Chatham (MI)	1	B. Harris
1/3	Chatham	1	R. Schain	Herring x Great Black-backed Gull			
Marbled Godwit				1/18	N. Truro	1	B. Nikula
1/16	Orleans	2	B. Lagasse#	Forster's Tern			
Ruddy Turnstone				1/3	Wellfleet H.	1	B. Nikula
1/14	Fairhaven	12	A. Morgan	Royal Tern			
1/14	S. Boston	1	P. Peterson	1/16	Nantucket	1	G. Andrews#
2/8	Plymouth B.	1	S. van der Veen	Dovekie			
Sanderling				1/thr	Gloucester	1	v.o.
1/22	P.I.	30	T. Wetmore	1/11	Rockport	2	Z. Weber#
2/7	Westport	29	M. Lynch#	1/16	P.I.	4	T. Wetmore
2/8	Plymouth B.	10	S. van der Veen	2/8	P'town H.	1	B. Nikula
2/25	Revere B.	23	P. Peterson	Common Murre			
Purple Sandpiper				1/11	Nantucket	1	T. Pastuszak
1/11	Fairhaven	17	M. Lynch#	1/26	Rockport (A.P.)	1	K. Hansen#
1/14	S. Boston	6	P. Peterson	2/8	P'town (R.P.)	52	P. Flood
1/21	Salisbury	12	MAS (B. Gette)	Thick-billed Murre			
2/7	Westport	16	M. Lynch#	2/7	Cape Ann	14 + 2 dead	B. Harris
2/28	Rockport (A.P.)	70	J. Berry#	2/8	P'town (R.P.)	12	P. Flood
Dunlin				2/28	Wareham	1	M. Lynch#
1/6	P.I.	90	T. Wetmore	Razorbill			
1/20	S. Boston	39	R. Stymeister	1/2	Cape Ann	36	J. Berry#

Razorbill (continued)								
1/3	Wellfleet	250	B. Nikula	1/18	Rockport (H.P.)	2	BBC (Van Demark)	
1/18	P.I.	150	T. Wetmore	1/21	Gloucester (B.R.)	10	P. Gilmore	
1/18	Winthrop	5	TASL (M. Hall)	2/22	Hull	2	C. Whitebread	
2/1	P'town H.	60	B. Nikula	1/29	P'town (R.P.)	1	R. Merrill	
Black Guillemot								
1/3	Cohasset	1	M. Garvey					

OWLS THROUGH FINCHES

Most of the bird reports this period occurred before the blizzards began on January 26. After that, most birders were stuck feeder watching. It was almost impossible to get around most of February with snow clogging streets and many bird club trips were cancelled.

The state's first record of **Prairie Falcon** was a nice surprise on Plum Island, seen and photographed by many birders out on the first day of 2015.

The bird of the period, however, was the appearance of a **Black-backed Woodpecker** discovered January 6 at the Forest Hills Cemetery in Jamaica Plain. From the evidence of the surrounding dead pines it looked as though the bird had been around for several days if not weeks prior to its discovery. According to *Birds of Massachusetts*, "Periodically, following periods of especially high food abundance, large numbers of Black-backed Woodpeckers move considerably farther south than their normal wintering range." (Veit and Petersen 1993) The last major flight of 13 birds occurred during the winter of 1974–75. Since then there have been just nine reported birds in the state, the most recent from Nantucket in 2009. With the onset of the blizzards the Cemetery remained closed from January 24 through the end of February preventing any further sightings.

A **Barn Owl** was found feeding over the fields of Hanscom Field in Concord. Barn Owls are rare in mainland Massachusetts; the last Middlesex County record was in 1995 from Pepperell. A Short-eared Owl was also noted at Hanscom during the same period. As many as six Snowy Owls were seen on Plum Island and single Long-eared Owls were noted in Hatfield and Quincy. One of the six **Rufous Hummingbirds** reported during November and December continued through January 7 in Brewster. A total of 41 Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were reported from over 30 locations. Prior to 1993 according to Veit and Petersen, sapsuckers were listed as rare and irregular in winter, this species has been increasing rapidly during the last five years.

Lingering passerines included a Blue-headed Vireo in Sandwich, Ovenbird in Provincetown, a Tennessee Warbler in Plymouth, a Northern Parula in Uxbridge; over 10 Orange-crowned Warblers were noted as well as traditional hardy migrants such as Ruby-crowned Kinglets, Hermit Thrushes, Gray Catbirds and Eastern Towhees. How many survived the heavy snow this winter was probably close to zero.

Unusual birds that continued from December included the **Townsend's Solitaire** in Marion, the **Townsend's Warbler** in Marblehead, the **Audubon's Warbler** and **Lark Sparrow** at Stodder's Neck in Hingham. There was a good showing of Northern Shrikes before the storms and **Bohemian Waxwings** after the storms. Other unusual birds included a Spotted Towhee photographed in Chilmark and a **Painted Bunting** in Wellfleet. European Goldfinches whose origins are unknown showed up in feeders in Boxboro and Lexington.

Winter finch reports were especially good for Pine Siskins and Common Redpolls; there were a few reports of White-winged Crossbills mostly from western Massachusetts with two noted on Nantucket. There were no reports of Evening Grosbeaks anywhere in the state.

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Barn Owl				1/20	Milton	1	E. Lipton
1/10-14	Concord	1	J. Winstanley#	Northern Shrike			
Eastern Screech-Owl				thr	Windsor	1	K. Hanson
1/1	Foxboro	3	J. Baur	1/2	Bolton Flats	1	S. Miller
1/1	Cambr. (F.P.)	2	R. Stymeist#	1/8	Hadley	1	L. Therrien
1/21	Stoughton	2	J. Baur#	1/11	Sheffield	1	G. Hurlley
Great Horned Owl				1/14	Northampton	1	J. Smith
thr	Mt.A.	pr	v.o.	1/16	P.I.	1	S. Riley
1/thr	P.I.	2	v.o.	1/23	W. Newbury	1	R. Heil
1/1	Bolton Flats	3	M. Lynch#	1/24	Williamstown	1	A. Richards
2/18	Holden	2	S. Corazzini	2/9	Rowe	1	C. Hytinen
Snowy Owl				Blue-headed Vireo			
thr	P.I.	6 max	v.o.	1/1	Sandwich	1	M. Keleher#
1/1	Yarmouth	2	M. Malin#	Fish Crow			
1/2	Orleans	2	K. Yakola#	1/11	Holyoke	1	L. Therrien
1/3	Edgartown	2	CBC (J. Trimble)	1/19	Mattapan (BNC)	7	C. Cook
1/4	Springfield	1	L. Richardson	1/21	Lexington	1	J. Forbes
1/10	Winthrop	2	R. Schain#	1/22	Ipswich	1	J. Berry
1/17	Cheshire	1	fide J. Morris-Siegal	1/29	Dorchester	3	P. Peterson
1/24	Nantucket	2	V. Laux#	2/13	Chicopee	1	F. Bowrys
Barred Owl				Common Raven			
thr	Reports of indiv. from 10 locations			1/1	Sharon	2	J. Baur
Long-eared Owl				1/2	Lexington	2	J. Forbes
1/18	Quincy	1	TASL (M. Hall)	1/3	Woburn	2	M. Rines
1/27	Hatfield	1	B. Geryk	1/18	Waltham	2	J. Forbes
2/7	Westport	1 dead	M. Lynch#	1/28	Saugus	2	S. Zende#
Short-eared Owl				2/1	Erving	2	M. Lynch#
1/12	Concord	1	C. Winstanley#	2/1	W. Roxbury (MP)	2	D. Bernstein
2/14	Leicester	1	A. Greene	2/1	Cheshire	14	M. Lynch#
2/27	Salisbury	1	E. Labado	2/25	Boxford	2	S. McGrath
Northern Saw-whet Owl				Horned Lark			
1/1	Ware R. IBA	2	M. Lynch#	1/2	Acton	35	P. + F. Vale
1/1	Sudbury	1	B. Harris	1/8	Sheffield	400	B. Lafley
1/3	Belchertown	1	L. Therrien	1/11	Saugus	40	S. Zende#
Rufous Hummingbird				1/11	Newbury	90	J. Berry#
1/1-7	Brewster	1	M. Myers	1/11	P.I.	80	D. Adrien
Belted Kingfisher				1/13	Acton	55	J. Forbes
2/1	Ware	2	M. Lynch#	1/19	Fairhaven	28	R. Stymeist#
American Kestrel				1/24	Hadley	450	L. Therrien
thr	Reports of indiv. from 10 locations			2/22	Hull	12	S. + C. Whitebread
Merlin				Tree Swallow			
thr	Reports of indiv. from 20 locations			1/2	Aquinnah	7	B. Lagasse#
Peregrine Falcon				1/2	Oak Bluffs	25	S. Mayhew
1/2	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	2	P. Champlin	Red-breasted Nuthatch			
1/23	Dorchester	2	P. Peterson	1/3	Edgartown	14	CBC (J. Trimble)
2/4	Gloucester	2	P. Peterson	1/3	P.I.	7	N. Landry
2/7	Cambridge	2	P. Roberts	1/4	Ipswich (C.B.)	4	M. Brengle
2/11	Lawrence	pr	C. Gibson	1/11	Boston (A.A.)	3	P. Peterson
Prairie Falcon				1/19	Manchester	2	P. + F. Vale
1/1	P.I.	1 ph	T. Wetmore#	2/7	Westport	3	M. Lynch#
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				Brown Creeper			
thr	Reports of indiv. from 28 locations			1/3	Edgartown	3	CBC (J. Trimble)
1/4	Mt.A.	2	O. Burton	1/9	GMNWR	3	K. Dia#
1/10	Winchester	2	R. LaFontaine	2/10	Boston (A.A.)	2	P. Peterson
1/11	Boston (A.A.)	3	P. Peterson	Carolina Wren			
2/4	Blackstone	2	A. Marble	1/2	Acoaxet	8	M. Lynch#
2/12	Millbury	2	A. Marble	1/19	Fairhaven	7	R. Stymeist#
2/18	Falmouth	2	T. Novitsky	Winter Wren			
Black-backed Woodpecker				1/18	Waltham	2	J. Forbes
1/6-23	Jamaica Plain	1	P. Peterson + v.o.	2/13	Concord	2	C. Corey#
Pileated Woodpecker				Marsh Wren			
1/5	Natick	1	P. Loranger	1/22	GMNWR	2	K. Dia#
1/17	Medford	2	J. Kovner#	2/1	Mashpee	1	M. Malin
1/18	Hamilton	1	J. Berry	Golden-crowned Kinglet			
1/19	Essex	1	P. + F. Vale	1/2	Acoaxet	2	M. Lynch#
2/12	Boxford	1	T. Martin	1/9	GMNWR	3	K. Dia#
2/23	W. Boylston	1	R. Sweeney	2/10	Boston (A.A.)	2	P. Peterson
Eastern Phoebe				Ruby-crowned Kinglet			
1/2	Falmouth	1	B. Lagasse#	thr	Reports of indiv. from 13 locations		
1/3	W. Tisbury	1	D. Hof	Eastern Bluebird			
1/10	Westboro	1	P. Morlock	1/18	DFWS	12	P. Sowizral
1/19	Turners Falls	1	J. Drucker	1/19	Southwick	10	S. Kellogg

Eastern Bluebird (continued)			1/3	Chilmark	1	T. Spahr
1/20 Shelburne	11	T. Gagnon	1/3	Aquinnah	1	T. Spahr (CBC)
2/20 Rehoboth	12	K. Bartels	1/3	Dorchester	1	J. Taylor
Townsend's Solitaire			1/3	Wellfleet	1	P. Sagan
1/1-14 Marion	1	v.o.	1/6	Nantucket	1	T. Pastuszek
Hermit Thrush			1/6	Somerville	1	R. Pidal
1/1 Medford	2	R. LaFontaine#	1/9	Quincy	1	C. Whitebread#
1/2 Acoaxet	7	M. Lynch#		Common Yellowthroat		
1/3 Edgartown	16	CBC (J. Trimble)	1/4	Eastham (F.H.)	1	K. Yakola#
1/15 Gill	2	J. Smith	1/19	Salisbury	1	B. Harris
1/26 Woburn (HP)	2	D. Williams		Northern Parula		
Gray Catbird			1/3	Uxbridge	1	E. Lodi
thr Reports of Indiv. From 12 locations				Palm Warbler		
Brown Thrasher			1/2	Mattapan (BNC)	1	A. Morgan
1/2 S. Dart. (A.Pd)	1	P. Champlin	1/2	Rockport	1	B. Harris
1/16 Granville	1	D. Holmes	1/3	Cohasset	2	M. Garvey
1/22 Nahant	1	L. Pivacek	1/3	Falmouth	2	M. Keleher
2/16 Truro	1	S. Lum	1/3	Edgartown	3	CBC (J. Trimble)
2/18 Yarmouthport	1	R. Hamman		Pine Warbler		
2/18 Centerville	1	P. Trimble	thr	Duxbury	4	N. Blake
American Pipit			1/3	Barnstable	1	R. Stymeist#
1/3 Edgartown	55	CBC (J. Trimble)	1/27	E. Bridgewater	1	E. Giles
1/3 W. Tisbury	50	B. Lagasse# (CBC)	2/1	Springfield	1	R. Burns
1/15 Boston (Deer I.)	2	P. Peterson	2/8	Sudbury	1	B. Black
Bohemian Waxwing			2/8	Concord	1	D. Swain#
1/5 WBWS	2	M. Faherty		Yellow-rumped Warbler		
1/16 Pepperell	1	T. Murray	1/2	Acoaxet	4	M. Lynch#
1/16 Orleans	2	K. Yakola#	1/4	Ipswich (C.B.)	12	M. Brengle
1/19 Williamstown	2	J. Pierce	1/16	Longmeadow	2	M. Moore
1/29 Amherst	3	K. Yakola	1/18	Waltham	2	J. Forbes
2/1 P'town	27	B. Nikula	1/19	Fairhaven	5	R. Stymeist#
2/16 Amesbury	4	K. Elwell	1/23	Waltham	2	K. Hansen
2/20 Quincy	2	D. Ranney		Audubon's Warbler		
2/22 Salisbury	1	C. Lapite	1/1-11	Hingham	1	v.o.
2/22 Gardner	40	J. Hoye#		Townsend's Warbler		
2/22 Hull	2	S. + C. Whitebread	1/1-07	MNWS	1	v.o.
2/23 Dorchester	1	R. Schain		Yellow-breasted Chat		
2/24 Windsor	3	T. Gagnon	1/7	Rockport (H.P.)	1	H. Mauer#
2/28 Waltham	3	J. Forbes + v.o.	1/10	Hyannis	1	P. MacFarland
2/28 N. Truro	31	J. Bullard#	1/29	Yarmouthport	1	D. Braginton-Smith
Cedar Waxwing				Spotted Towhee		
1/13 Ipswich	50	J. Berry	1/3	Chilmark	1 ph	T. Spahr
2/14 Boston	17	P. Peterson		Eastern Towhee		
2/21 Waltham	21	J. Forbes	1/2	Lexington	1	J. Forbes
2/24 Quincy	28	P. Edmundson	1/2	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	5	P. Champlin
2/26 Turners Falls	60	J. Rose	1/19	Fairhaven	3	R. Stymeist#
Lapland Longspur			2/3	Chelsea	1	S. Mossberg
1/2 Concord	2	S. Perkins	2/23	Woburn (HP)	1	M. Beyly
1/10 Wachusett Res.	1	M. Lynch#		American Tree Sparrow		
1/11 Gr Barrington	1	G. Hurley	1/3	Waltham	55	J. Forbes
1/11 Saugus	1	S. Zende#	1/7	W. Roxbury (MP)	50	P. Peterson
1/11 Newbury	13	J. Berry#	1/15	Northampton	120	L. Therrien
1/11 Northampton	4	L. Therrien	1/26	Concord	50	K. Dia
2/21 P.I.	1	D. Davis	2/24	Sudbury	45	B. Black#
2/21 Salisbury	5	S. Muise		Chipping Sparrow		
Snow Bunting			1/6	Concord	1	S. Perkins
1/4 Pittsfield	57	G. Hurley	1/20	Westwood	1	E. Nielsen
1/10 Wachusett Res.	20	M. Lynch#	1/25	Newbury	1	BBC (R. Petersen)
1/11 P.I.	5	J. Berry#	2/8	Plainville	1	K. Marie
2/12 Salisbury	18	H. Mauer#		Clay-colored Sparrow		
2/17 Hadley	9	C. Jones	thr	Belchertown	1	v.o.
2/18 Williamstown	12	C. Jones	1/10	Gloucester	1	R. Schain#
Ovenbird			1/11, 2/13	Dorchester	1	D. Sullivan
1/13 P'town	1	D. Minsky		Field Sparrow		
1/15 Dighton	1 dead	J. Eckerson	1/2	Boxboro	2	S. Miller
Tennessee Warbler			1/4	S. Peabody	10	R. Heil
1/5 Plymouth	1	D. Fletcher	1/18	Lincoln	5	N. Levey
Orange-crowned Warbler			1/18	Concord	3	C. Winstanley
1/thr Cambridge	1	v.o.	1/22	Woburn (HP)	4	M. Beyly
1/thr Malden	1	K. Marshall		Vesper Sparrow		
1/1 Chelsea	1	R. Stymeist#	1/9	Hadley	1	F. Bowrys
1/1 Barnstable	1	P. Trimble	1/19	W. Bridgewater	2	N. Block

Lark Sparrow				2/7	Westport	1	M. Lynch#
1/1-22	Hingham	1	v.o.	Rusty Blackbird			
Savannah Sparrow				2/thr	Wayland	7	J. Hoye#
1/4	Concord	2	S. Perkins	2/5	Westwood	1	E. Nielsen
1/11	Saugus	3	S. Zende#	2/21	Bradford	1	D. Larson
1/11	Cumb. Farms	38	B. Harris	Common Grackle			
1/19	Lincoln	24	N. Levey#	1/11	Egremont	15	G. Hurley
1/24	Hadley	12	L. Therrien	2/7	Lynnfield	20	P. + F. Vale
Ipswich Sparrow				Brown-headed Cowbird			
1/11	P.I.	2	D. Adrien	1/11	Fairhaven	56	M. Lynch#
2/7	Acoaxet	2	M. Lynch#	1/12	Medford	20	T. Murray
Grasshopper Sparrow				1/16	Concord	25	S. Perkins
1/1-26	Mattapan (BNC)	1	v.o.	1/24	Tewksbury	15	D. Prima
Nelson's Sparrow				Baltimore Oriole			
thr	Eastham (F.H.)	4 max	K. Yakola	1/thr	Harwich	1	M. Ford
Saltmarsh Sparrow				1/2	Stow	1	S. Jesseaume
thr	Eastham (F.H.)	2 max	K. Yakola	1/15	Brewster	2	G. Iannini
Seaside Sparrow				Purple Finch			
1/19	E. Orleans	1	J. Trimble	1/4	Norwood	2	V. Zollo
Fox Sparrow				1/6	Sharon	2	V. Zollo
1/3	Edgartown	4	CBC (J. Trimble)	1/23	Hadley	10	L. Therrien
1/7	W. Roxbury (MP)	3	P. Peterson	1/25	Lexington	3	J. Forbes
1/19	Fairhaven	3	R. Stymeist#	2/2	Medway	15	J. Alberta
1/30	Ipswich	2	J. Berry#	2/15	Ipswich	2	J. Berry
2/15	Belchertown	1	D. Griffiths	White-winged Crossbill			
Lincoln's Sparrow				1/11	Northfield	5	J. Smith
1/11-2/20	W. Boxford	1	T. Walker	1/17	S. Quabbin	3	L. Therrien
1/21	Turners Falls	1	T. Bullock	1/21	Nantucket	2	K. Blackshaw
1/27	Stow	1	G. Freedman	1/22	Windsor	1	J. Pierce
Swamp Sparrow				Common Redpoll			
1/7	W. Roxbury (MP)	4	P. Peterson	1/8	Conway	150	S. Dombek
1/9	GMNWR	3	K. Dia#	1/15	P.I.	100	T. Wetmore
1/11	Fairhaven	3	M. Lynch#	1/15	Tolland	20	R. Silsby
1/11	Cumb. Farms	8	B. Harris	1/17	Jamaica Plain	24	J. Taylor
White-crowned Sparrow				1/17	Rockport	20	B. Volkle#
1/3	Edgartown	4	CBC (J. Trimble)	1/23	Lexington (DM)	80	M. Rines
1/4	Plymouth	2	J. Barrett	1/26	Arlington	70	K. Hansen#
1/11	Nantucket	4	T. Pastuszak	2/1	Windsor	27	F. Bowrys
2/27	Sheffield	2	R. Wendell	2/14	Holden	20	S. Corazzini
Oregon Junco				2/19	Everett	50	D. Hefferon
1/10	Marlboro	1	T. Spahr	2/21	Waltham	20	J. Forbes
1/13	Wellfleet	1 ph	P. Bartlett	2/24	Cheshire	61	J. Pierce
Painted Bunting				Pine Siskin			
1/31-2/1	Wellfleet	1 ph	B. Chapman	1/10	Norwell	20	C. Patterson
Red-winged Blackbird				1/11	Gardner	11	D. Knowlton
1/2	Longmeadow	25	G. Kingston	1/11	Northfield	200	M. Taylor
1/2	Westport	40	M. Lynch#	1/15	Norwell	100	C. Patterson
1/7	Halifax	30	G. Gove#	1/15	New Salem	18	B. Laffley
1/7	W. Roxbury (MP)	40	P. Peterson	1/20	Rowe	40	C. Hytinen
1/16	Wayland	25	J. Forbes	1/20	Colrain	22	T. Gagnon
2/7	Lynnfield	30	P. + F. Vale	2/14	Bolton	26	J. Moosbrucker
Eastern Meadowlark				European Goldfinch			
1/2	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	24	P. Champlin	1/26	Boxboro	1	S. Miller
1/11	Cumb. Farms	2	B. Harris	2/25	Lexington	1	C. Floyd

ABBREVIATIONS FOR BIRD SIGHTINGS

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Locations			
Location-#	MAS Breeding Bird Atlas Block	ONWR	Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge
A.A.	Arnold Arboretum, Boston	PG	Public Garden, Boston
ABC	Allen Bird Club	P.I.	Plum Island
A.P.	Andrews Point, Rockport	Pd	Pond
A.Pd	Allens Pond, S. Dartmouth	POP	Point of Pines, Revere
B.	Beach	PR	Pinnacle Rock, Malden
Barre F.D.	Barre Falls Dam	P'town	Provincetown
B.I.	Belle Isle, E. Boston	Pont.	Pontoosuc Lake, Lanesboro
B.R.	Bass Rocks, Gloucester	R.P.	Race Point, Provincetown
BBC	Brookline Bird Club	Res.	Reservoir
BMB	Broad Meadow Brook, Worcester	RKG	Rose Kennedy Greenway, Boston
BNC	Boston Nature Center, Mattapan	S.B.	South Beach, Chatham
C.B.	Crane Beach, Ipswich	S.N.	Sandy Neck, Barnstable
CGB	Coast Guard Beach, Eastham	SRV	Sudbury River Valley
C.P.	Crooked Pond, Boxford	SSBC	South Shore Bird Club
Cambr.	Cambridge	TASL	Take A Second Look, Boston Harbor Census
CCBC	Cape Cod Bird Club	WBWS	Wellfleet Bay WS
Corp. B.	Corporation Beach, Dennis	WE	World's End, Hingham
Cumb. Farms	Cumberland Farms, Middleboro	WMWS	Wachusett Meadow WS
DFWS	Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary	Wompatuck SP	Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate, Norwell
DWMA	Delaney WMA, Stow, Bolton, Harvard	Worc.	Worcester
DWWS	Daniel Webster WS		
E.P.	Eastern Point, Gloucester		
F.E.	First Encounter Beach, Eastham		
F.H.	Fort Hill, Eastham		
F.P.	Fresh Pond, Cambridge		
F.Pk	Franklin Park, Boston		
G40	Gate 40, Quabbin Res.		
GMNWR	Great Meadows NWR		
H.	Harbor		
H.P.	Halibut Point, Rockport		
HP	Horn Pond, Woburn		
HRWMA	High Ridge WMA, Gardner		
I.	Island		
IRWS	Ipswich River WS		
L.	Ledge		
MAS	Mass Audubon		
MP	Millennium Park, W. Roxbury		
M.V.	Martha's Vineyard		
MBWMA	Martin Burns WMA, Newbury		
MNWS	Marblehead Neck WS		
MSSF	Myles Standish State Forest, Plymouth		
Mt.A.	Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambr.		
NAC	Nine Acre Corner, Concord		
Newbypt	Newburyport		

Other Abbreviations	
ad	adult
b	banded
br	breeding
dk	dark (morph)
f	female
fide	on the authority of
fl	fledgling
imm	immature
juv	juvenile
lt	light (morph)
m	male
max	maximum
migr	migrating
n	nesting
ph	photographed
pl	plumage
pr	pair
S	summer (1S = 1st summer)
v.o.	various observers
W	winter (2W = second winter)
yg	young
#	additional observers

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