

# BIRD SIGHTINGS

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## November-December 2015

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November and December were much warmer than normal with little precipitation. The high for Boston in November was 76° on November 5, and the low was 34°. Rainfall for the month measured 2.07 inches, nearly two inches below average. December 1 marks the start of meteorological winter, which was hard to believe this year. The high for Boston was a balmy 69° degrees on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day was sunny and 62°. The average temperature for December was 45°, ten degrees above normal. There was no killing frost in Boston until December 28. Rainfall totaled 4.28 inches, just a half-inch above normal; the most came with the storm on December 23–24, which also brought the record warmth.

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### WATERFOWL THROUGH ALCIDS

It was a banner period for geese, with seven different species reported. On November 13 a Snow Goose was reported on Plum Island, but the next day it was more carefully examined and identified as a **Ross's Goose**. Unfortunately it flew off in mid-morning and was not seen again. On November 25 a **Pink-footed Goose** was photographed at Turners Falls, but was not seen again in Massachusetts. On November 20 a Pink-footed Goose was found in Connecticut and lingered through the end of December; the number of sightings of this bird before and after the Turners Falls sighting indicate that it was probably not the same bird. On December 26 three **Barnacle Geese** were seen in Agawam, and like the others they spent little time in Massachusetts; however on January 3 a group of three was discovered in Windsor, Connecticut, which were likely the same birds. Multiple **Greater White-fronted Geese** and **Cackling Geese** might have been noteworthy in any other reporting period but paled by comparison to their rarer cousins.

A **Tufted Duck** spent three weeks on Johnson's Pond in Groveland, and presumably the same individual showed up ten days later on Lake Cochichewick in North Andover, only a couple of miles away. Barrow's Goldeneye were reported from three Connecticut River Valley locations, along with two other inland locations. **Pacific Loon** is seen almost annually at this time of year, but the November 11 sighting of one at Quabbin Reservoir was particularly exciting as it appears to be the only inland record for this species.

A **Brown Booby** sighted sporadically off Cape Cod since June 30 was seen several times during this reporting period as well. There was an intriguing flurry of reports of **American White Pelican** at this time. On November 15 one was photographed off Pochet Island in Orleans; it was last seen flying south and out of sight. The following day one was photographed at Niles Pond in Gloucester at dawn, and there was another sighting at Plum Island at 9:30 am. While these two Essex County birds could easily be the same bird, it is unlikely the same as the Orleans bird given the distance and the direction it was flying when last seen. On November 4 two birds were seen at Fort Hill in Eastham. On December 22 three were reported from Centerville. Although these birds were not photographed, a second report the same day of three birds flying over Eastham gives credence to the first report.

For a number of years Soheil Zende has been leading birding trips to the Wheelabrator property at Bear Creek in Saugus, and on December 20 (happily the day of the Greater Boston

Christmas Bird Count) his team photographed a **Swainson's Hawk** on the property. On November 8 a **Purple Gallinule** was photographed at the Burrage Wildlife Management Area in Hanson.

On November 29 a flock of 23 **Sandhill Cranes** was photographed flying over Kenoza Lake in Haverhill. There is an interesting history of what is presumed to be this flock. In November 2014 up to 30 Sandhills were reported near Skowhegan, Maine, and a number of these were spotted flying south over Newburyport. Once again in 2015 a flock of up to 28 Sandhills tarried near Skowhegan at least until November 21, so the Haverhill sighting was surely the same flock.

In mid-November there was a major fallout of **Franklin's Gull** on the East Coast of the United States. On November 13 Marshall Iliff posted on the Massbird Listserv: "... today is a repeat of a \*massive\* displacement of Franklin's Gulls eastward from the upper Midwest that happened in Nov 1998. That year many dozens were seen flying south past Cape May – today they had 105+ as of 10am." Later, the eBird web site posted a likely explanation: "A strong storm swept across the upper Midwest and Great Lakes on Wednesday, bringing with it lots of unsettled weather, raging winds at 50 mph or more in many places, and even a few tornadoes."

*M. Rines*

<b>Pink-footed Goose</b>				<b>Blue-winged Teal</b>			
11/25	Turners Falls	1	J.P. Smith#	11/1	Marstons Mills	1	P. Crosson
<b>Greater White-fronted Goose</b>				11/24	Longmeadow	4	M. Moore
11/20-12/20	Turners Falls	1	E. Huston	12/1	P.I.	1	R. Heil
12/1-20	Holden	1	P. Morlock	12/5	Mashpee	1	T. Green#
12/14-19	Hampden	2	A. Downey	<b>Northern Shoveler</b>			
12/24	Ipswich	2	J. Berry#	11/8	Westwood	3	E. Nielsen
12/27	Agawam	1	S. Motyl	11/15-12/31	Arlington Res.	4	v.o.
<b>Snow Goose</b>				11/26-12/31	GMNWR	4	v.o.
11/23	Granville	25	J. Weeks	11/26	P.I.	8	T. Wetmore
12/14	P.I.	36	S. Babbitt#	<b>Northern Pintail</b>			
12/14	Falmouth	40	R. Debenham#	thr	P.I.	180 max	v.o.
12/14	Pittsfield (Pont.)	340	J. Pierce	thr	GMNWR	12 max	v.o.
12/21	Seekonk	16	R. Bradley	11/25	W. Brookfield	4	M. Lynch#
12/25	Nantucket	3	G. Andrews	12/6	Acoaxet	170	M. Lynch#
<b>Ross's Goose</b>				12/26	Osterville	5	H. Yelle
11/13-14	P.I.	1 ph	N. Landry + v.o.	<b>Green-winged Teal</b>			
<b>Brant</b>				11/5	Pittsfield (Pont.)	49	J. Pierce
11/8	Quabbin Pk	1	J. Drucker#	11/12	Longmeadow	38	M. Moore
11/19	E. Boston (B.I.)	70	P. + F. Vale	11/14	Pembroke	77	G. d'Entremont#
12/8	Nahant	180	L. Pivacek	12/1	P.I.	750	R. Heil
12/30	Fairhaven	167	G. d'Entremont	12/17	GMNWR	8	A. Bragg#
<b>Barnacle Goose</b>				<b>Eurasian Green-winged Teal</b>			
12/26	Agawam	3	S. Motyl	12/1	P.I.	1	R. Heil
<b>Cackling Goose</b>				12/18	Seekonk	1	M. Iliff
thr	Reports of indiv. from 11 locations			<b>Canvasback</b>			
11/1	Acton	3	C. Cook	11/4	Cambr. (F.Pd)	1	B. Miller
11/2-6	Northampton	2	T. Pirro	11/20	Turners Falls	1	E. Huston
11/24-12/21	Concord (NAC)	3	J. Forbes	11/25	Brewster	1	B. Lagasse#
<b>Wood Duck</b>				12/10	Stoneham	3	D. + I. Jewell
12/10	GMNWR	56	A. Bragg#	12/27	Nantucket	28	CBC (N. Bonomo)
12/23	Brookline	30	A. + D. Morgan	12/31	P.I.	1	T. Wetmore
<b>Gadwall</b>				<b>Redhead</b>			
11/6	Royalston	7	M. Lynch#	11/1-14	Gloucester (E.P.)	1	v.o.
11/15	Lexington	11	J. Forbes#	11/6	Turners Falls	2	F. Bowrys
12/1	P.I.	109	R. Heil	11/8-12/12	Haverhill	2	S. + J. Mirick
12/13	Waltham	6	J. Forbes	11/11-12/31	Everett	3	J. Layman#
<b>Eurasian Wigeon</b>				12/27	Waltham	4	J. Forbes
thr	P.I.	1-3	v.o.	<b>Ring-necked Duck</b>			
11/14	Carver	1 m	L. Waters#	11/1	Pittsfield	900	G. Hurley
11/16	Swansea	1	S. Davis	11/9	Southboro	500	S. Miller
<b>American Wigeon</b>				11/21	Waltham	345	J. Forbes
11/14	P.I.	80	J. Berry	11/22	Groveland	400	J. Berry#
11/27	Acoaxet	12	M. Lynch#	12/13	Braintree	350	G. d'Entremont
12/13	Waltham	40	J. Forbes				

<b>Tufted Duck</b>				12/20	Hadley	1	S. Surner
11/15-12/8	Groveland	1 m	T. Walker + v.o.	12/27	Berkley	1	J. Sweeney
12/18-28	N. Andover	1	J. Parrot-Willis#	12/28	Falmouth	1	L. Schibley
<b>Greater Scaup</b>				12/30	Everett	1 m	J. Layman
11/1	Richmond	4	G. Hurley	<b>Hooded Merganser</b>			
11/21	Fairhaven	256	M. Lynch#	11/10	Ipswich	60	R. Heil
11/29	Waltham	25	J. Forbes	11/19	Quabog IBA	118	M. Lynch#
12/26	Lynnfield	30	P. + F. Vale	11/28	Lynnfield	50	P. + F. Vale
<b>Lesser Scaup</b>				12/6	Turners Falls	78	E. Huston
11/8	S. Quabbin	14	L. Therrien	12/12	W. Newbury	100	J. Berry#
11/9	Pembroke	42	J. Sweeney	12/12	Waltham	90	J. Forbes
11/15	Arlington Res.	11	J. Forbes#	<b>Common Merganser</b>			
12/27	Waltham	6	J. Forbes	11/19	Quabog IBA	661	M. Lynch#
12/30	Stockbridge	5	J. Pierce	11/19	Worcester	150	L. Hennin
<b>King Eider</b>				11/28	Lynnfield	200	P. + F. Vale
11/8	Eastham	1	G. Gove	11/29	Pittsfield (Pont.)	355	S. Surner
11/21	Gloucester (B.R.)	1	D. Hursh	<b>Red-breasted Merganser</b>			
12/5	Sandwich	1	L. Meeks	11/10	Winthrop B.	200	S. Zende#
12/7	Barnstable (S.N.)	1	S. Arena	11/12	Southwick	2	S. Kellogg
12/25	P'town (R.P.)	1	S. Arena#	11/21	Mattapoisett	686	M. Lynch#
12/30	Yarmouth	1 f	M. Iliff#	11/28	P'town (R.P.)	500	SSBC (GdE)
<b>Common Eider</b>				<b>Ruddy Duck</b>			
11/21	Rockport (A.P.)	1500	G. d'Entremont#	11/1	Waltham	37	J. Forbes
12/6	N.Truro	6000	B. Nikula	11/6	W. Newbury	100	MAS (D. Weaver)
12/25	P'town (R.P.)	15000	S. Arena#	11/14	Pembroke	551	G. d'Entremont#
<b>Harlequin Duck</b>				11/17	Quabog IBA	85	M. Lynch#
11/1	Chilmark	14	J. Nelson	11/22	Groveland	117	J. Berry#
11/2	Westport	4	M. Lynch#	11/29	Holland	66	M. Lynch#
11/16	Jeffreys L.	1	S. Mirick#	<b>Ring-necked Pheasant</b>			
12/4	Manomet	11	G. Gove#	11/24	Freetown	1	L. Abbey
12/9	Rockport	120	T. Wetmore#	12/13	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	1	E. Nielsen
<b>Surf Scoter</b>				<b>Ruffed Grouse</b>			
11/2	Westport	12	M. Lynch#	11/15	Quabbin Pk	3	B. Zajda#
11/23	Pittsfield (Onota)	1	J. Pierce	11/25	Sandwich	2	P. Trimble
12/5	Rockport	32	J. Berry#	12/20	Rutland	1	M. Lynch#
12/7	Barnstable (S.N.)	14000	S. Arena	<b>Wild Turkey</b>			
<b>White-winged Scoter</b>				11/10	Mt.A.	17	R. Stymeist
11/2	Westport	148	M. Lynch#	12/21	Quabog IBA	28	M. Lynch#
11/15	Rockport (H.P.)	60	J. Berry#	12/27	Ipswich	44	J. Berry#
12/7	Barnstable (S.N.)	6000	S. Arena	<b>Red-throated Loon</b>			
12/30	Quabbin Pk	10	L. Therrien	11/4	P.I.	474	D. Chickering
<b>Black Scoter</b>				11/11	Dennis (C.B.)	115	B. Nikula
11/14	P.I.	130	A. Gurka#	11/28	Rockport (A.P.)	254	R. Heil
11/21	Rockport (H. P.)	350	G. d'Entremont#	<b>Pacific Loon</b>			
11/23	Pittsfield (Onota)	74	J. Pierce	11/11	S. Quabbin	1	L. Therrien
12/6	N.Truro	1500	B. Nikula	11/30	P'town (R.P.)	1	K. Mueller
12/7	Barnstable (S.N.)	4000	S. Arena	12/25	Aquinnah	1	S. Whiting
<b>Scoter Species</b>				<b>Common Loon</b>			
11/3	E. of Chatham	30000	B. Nikula	11/11	Rockport (A.P.)	285	R. Stymeist
<b>Long-tailed Duck</b>				11/14	P.I.	121	A. Gurka#
11/1	Wachusett Res.	11	J. Lawson	11/18	E. of Chatham	110	B. Nikula#
11/8	Eastham (F.E.)	850	B. Nikula	11/22	Wachusett Res.	19	M. Lynch#
11/11	Rockport (A.P.)	160	R. Stymeist	11/22	Quabbin (G35)	19	B. Zajda#
11/15	Quabbin Pk	7	B. Zajda#	<b>Pied-billed Grebe</b>			
12/27	Nantucket	6382	CBC (K. Yakola)	11/2	Acoaxet	7	M. Lynch#
<b>Bufflehead</b>				11/9	Burrage WMA	6	J. Sweeney
11/8	P.I.	24	T. Wetmore	11/10	P.I.	3	T. Wetmore
11/8	Haverhill	22	S. + J. Mirick	11/15	Westboro	4	M. Lynch#
11/15	Ipswich	45	J. Berry#	<b>Horned Grebe</b>			
12/6	Acoaxet	270	M. Lynch#	11/9	Squantum	8	P. Peterson
12/26	Wakefield	19	P. + F. Vale	11/21	Mattapoisett	12	M. Lynch#
<b>Common Goldeneye</b>				11/22	Quabbin (G35)	8	B. Zajda#
11/15	Southboro	53	M. Lynch#	12/6	Westport	34	M. Lynch#
12/19	Agawam	85	S. Kellogg	<b>Red-necked Grebe</b>			
<b>Barrow's Goldeneye</b>				11/8	S. Quabbin	3	L. Therrien
11/1-25	Southboro	1 m	J. Lawson	12/1	P'town	20	B. Nikula
11/17-30	S. Boston	1 m	D. Scott#	12/22	P.I.	15	T. Wetmore
11/26	Dighton	1	D. Lima	<b>Northern Fulmar</b>			
11/29	New Bedford	1 m	G. Gove#	11/3	E. of Chatham	25	B. Nikula#
12/14-19	Agawam	1	L. Richardson	11/16	Jeffreys L.	11	S. Mirick#
12/17-30	Fairhaven	2	C. Longworth	11/18	E. of Chatham	10	B. Nikula#
12/20	Brewster	1	S. Finnegan#	12/26	Stellwagen	76	CBC

<b>Cory's Shearwater</b>							
11/2	Marshfield	6	M. Garvey	11/2-21	Barre Falls	7	Hawkcount (DS)
11/7	P'town	1200	B. Nikula	11/8	Mt. Wachusett	6	Hawkcount (SO)
11/8	Eastham (F.E.)	480	B. Nikula	11/15	Quabbin Pk	3 ad	B. Zajda#
<b>Great Shearwater</b>							
thr	P'town (R.P.)	6000 max	B. Nikula	11/21	Sudbury	3 ad	B. Black
11/3	E. of Chatham	1000	B. Nikula#	12/10	P.I.	3 ad	T. Wetmore
11/28	Rockport (A.P.)	29	R. Heil	12/26	S. Quabbin	4	M. Lynch#
11/28	Orleans	34	B. Nikula	12/31	GMNWR	4	A. Bragg#
12/26	Stellwagen	56	CBC	<b>Northern Harrier</b>			
<b>Sooty Shearwater</b>							
thr	P'town	13 max	B. Nikula	thr	P.I.	8 max	v.o.
11/18	E. of Chatham	2	B. Nikula#	11/1	Saugus	2	S. Zende#
12/15	Nantucket	1	R. Veit#	11/2	Concord	2	M. Rines
<b>Manx Shearwater</b>							
thr	P'town	60 max	B. Nikula	11/19	E. Boston (B.I)	2	P. Peterson
11/1	Chatham (MI)	70	B. Nikula	12/5	Cumb. Farms	4	J. Hoye#
11/3	E. of Chatham	50	B. Nikula#	12/5	Northampton	3	M. Moore
11/28	Orleans	16	B. Nikula	12/30	Barnstable	9	J. Trimble#
<b>Brown Booby</b>							
11/8	Eastham (F.E.)	1 ad	B. Nikula	<b>Sharp-shinned Hawk</b>			
11/11	Dennis (C.B.)	1 ad	B. Nikula	11/1	Quabog IBA	2	M. Lynch#
11/15	Wellfleet	1	M. Moniz#	11/2-21	Barre Falls	13	Hawkcount (DS)
<b>Northern Gannet</b>							
thr	P'town	1600 max	B. Nikula	11/18	Mt. Watatic	16	Hawkcount (TP)
11/3	E. of Chatham	500	B. Nikula#	<b>Cooper's Hawk</b>			
11/8	Eastham (F.E.)	650	B. Nikula	11/1	Quabog IBA	2	M. Lynch#
11/11	Rockport (A.P.)	450	R. Stymeist	11/2-04	Barre Falls	5	Hawkcount (DS)
11/11	Dennis (C.B.)	1125	B. Nikula	12/3	Belmont	2	R. Stymeist
12/15	Nantucket	100	R. Veit#	<b>Northern Goshawk</b>			
<b>Double-crested Cormorant</b>							
11/2	Westport	570	M. Lynch#	11/4	Barre Falls	1	Hawkcount (DS)
11/3	S. Monomoy	2000	B. Nikula#	11/9	Barre Falls	1	Hawkcount (DS)
11/29	Chatham	400	B. Nikula	11/22	Windsor	1	J. Pierce
<b>Great Cormorant</b>							
11/27	Acoaxet	10	M. Lynch#	11/27	P'town (R.P.)	1	J. Trimble#
12/5	Rockport	27	J. Berry#	12/20	Hadley	1	S. Schwenk
<b>American White Pelican</b>							
11/15	Orleans	1 ph	B. Lagasse#	<b>Red-shouldered Hawk</b>			
11/16	P.I.	1 ph	T. Wetmore#	11/14	Pembroke	2	G. d'Entremont#
11/16	Gloucester (E.P.)	1 ph	K. Smith	11/18	Mt. Watatic	2	Hawkcount (TP)
12/4	Eastham (F.H.)	2 ph	S. Barnes#	12/13	Braintree	2	G. d'Entremont
12/22	Centerville	3	R. Marcantonio	12/20	Cobble CBC	5	Allen Club
<b>American Bittern</b>							
12/16	W. Roxbury (MP)	1	B. Cassie	<b>Swainson's Hawk</b>			
12/26	P.I.	1	R. Heil	12/20	Saugus	1 ph	CBC (Kovner#)
<b>Great Egret</b>							
11/2	P.I.	9	T. Wetmore	<b>Rough-legged Hawk</b>			
11/2	Westport	10	M. Lynch#	11/13	P.I.	2 lt	T. Wetmore
11/25	Squantum	1	E. Lipton	11/15	P.I.	1 lt ph	BBC (J.Center)
12/28	Quincy	1	V. Zollo	12/1	P.I.	2 lt	R. Heil
<b>Little Blue Heron</b>							
thr	E. Boston (B.I.)	1	P. Peterson#	<b>Golden Eagle</b>			
<b>Black-crowned Night-Heron</b>							
11/4	P.I.	1	S. Miller	11/2, 7, 20	Granville	1, 1, 1	J. Weeks
11/19	Cambridge	1	C. Husic	11/2	Pittsfield (Pont.)	1	C. Johnson
<b>Black Vulture</b>							
11/4	Dartmouth	5	G. Gove#	11/3	N Adams	1	C. Johnson
11/11	Blackstone	3	D. Berard	11/7	Russell	1	T. Swochak
11/12	Millbury	2	S. Miller	11/8	Mt. Wachusett	2	Hawkcount (SO)
11/16	Monson	6	J. Athearn	11/14	Malden (P.R.)	1	Hawkcount (CJ)
11/29	Franklin	1	D. Allard	11/14	Shirley	1	D. Williams
12/28	Sheffield	7	J. Pierce	11/15	Barre Falls	1	Hawkcount (DS)
<b>Turkey Vulture</b>							
11/4	Dartmouth	53	G. Gove#	12/15	Pittsfield	1	T. Collins
11/4-09	Barre Falls	10	Hawkcount (DS)	12/19	Royalston	1 ad	CBC (J. Siegel)
11/6	Ipswich (C.B.)	6	J. Berry#	<b>Clapper Rail</b>			
<b>Osprey</b>							
12/6	W. Roxbury (MP)	1	M. Iliiff	12/30	Barnstable	1	J. Trimble#
12/19	Athol	1	CBC (B. Fregeau)	<b>Virginia Rail</b>			
12/28	Northampton	1	Froehlich	11/5	Wayland	1	B. Harris
				11/10	Ipswich	1	R. Heil
				11/12	Reading	1	D. Williams
				12/30	Barnstable	7	J. Trimble#
				<b>Sora</b>			
				12/30	Barnstable	1	J. Trimble#
				<b>Purple Gallinule</b>			
				11/8	Burrage WMA	1	E. Vacchino
				<b>American Coot</b>			
				thr	Woburn (HP)	33 max	M. Rines
				11/21	Groveland	155	G. d'Entremont#
				12/31	GMNWR	37	A. Bragg#
				<b>Sandhill Crane</b>			
				11/3	Concord	4	S. Clark
				11/29	Haverhill	23 ph	J. Pettipas
				12/1	Middleboro	1	E. Lipton

Sandhill Crane (continued)				12/27	Nantucket	31	CBC (S. Mirick)
12/18-31	E. Bridgewater	1	E. Giles#	Dunlin			
12/30	Jamaica Plain	1	T. Bradford#	11/1	Pittsfield (Pont.)	1	G. Hurley
Black-bellied Plover				11/4	Eastham (F.E.)	450	R. Stymeist
thr	P.I.	56 max	v.o.	11/15	Ipswich	350	J. Berry#
11/4	Eastham (F.E.)	26	R. Stymeist	11/15	P.I.	330	T. Wetmore
11/19	N. Quabbin	6	D. Monette	11/29	S. Boston	130	G. d'Entremont
Semipalmated Plover				12/6	Acoaxet	238	M. Lynch#
11/1	P.I.	26	E. Labato	12/31	P'town (R.P.)	1200	S. Arena
11/6	Ipswich (C.B.)	22	J. Berry#	Long-billed Dowitcher			
12/20	N. Chatham	2	B. Nikula#	11/3	Plymouth	1	B. Zuzevich
12/25	Plymouth	2	I. Davies	11/27	Eastham (F.H.)	1	J. Trimble#
Killdeer				12/19	P.I.	3	D. + S. Larson
11/7	E. Brookfield	12	R. Jenkins	Wilson's Snipe			
11/8	Taunton	9	J. Sweeney	11/1, 12/27	Saugus	3, 1	S. Zende#
Killdeer (continued)				11/8	Taunton	2	J. Sweeney
11/15	Arlington Res.	7	J. Forbes#	12/27	Nantucket	6	CBC (S. Mirick)
Sooty Shearwater (continued)				American Woodcock			
12/27	Acton	3	D. Swain	11/12	Boston (Fens)	3	P. Peterson
American Oystercatcher				12/10	Longmeadow	1	B. Kulvete
11/21	P.I.	2	E. Labato	12/30	Barnstable	2	J. Trimble#
12/5	Edgartown	1	L. Johnson	Red Phalarope			
12/thr	Wollaston B.	2	V. Zollo#	11/17	Barnstable (S.N.)	10	P. Crosson
American Avocet				11/21	Dennis (Corp. B.)	2	J. Trimble#
11/16	Salisbury	1	P. Brown	Black-legged Kittiwake			
Spotted Sandpiper				thr	P'town (R.P.)	1200 max	v.o.
11/4	Wachusett Res.	2	J. Lawson	11/1	Nantucket	3200	V. Laux#
11/4	Sheffield	1	J. Pierce	11/3	E. of Chatham	150	B. Nikula#
11/5	Aquinnah	1	S. Williams	11/15	N. Truro	800	B. Nikula
12/5	Mashpee	1	M. Keleher	11/28	Rockport (A.P.)	110	R. Heil
Greater Yellowlegs				Bonaparte's Gull			
11/1	Salisbury	33	F. Vale#	11/8	Eastham (F.E.)	190	B. Nikula
11/10	Ipswich	85	R. Heil	11/8	Turners Falls	1	E. Huston
11/14	Westport	26	M. Lynch#	11/10	Ipswich	220	R. Heil
11/21	Eastham (F.H.)	145	M. Keleher	11/22	P'town	600	B. Nikula
12/20	Cape Cod CBC	21	B. Nikula	12/15	Nantucket	1000	R. Veit#
Western Willet				12/19	Orleans	350	B. Nikula
11/24	Chatham	1	R. Debenham	Black-headed Gull			
Lesser Yellowlegs				11/5	Manomet	1	T. Lloyd-Evans
11/1	Wakefield	1	D. Williams	11/15	Nantucket	1	K. Blackshaw#
12/25	E. Boston (B.I.)	1	M. Kaufman	11/26	P'town	1	B. Nikula
Ruddy Turnstone				11/26	N. Truro	1	B. Nikula
11/27	Scituate	4	K. Rawdon	12/28	Nantucket	1	J. Trimble#
11/28	Quincy	2	J. Forbes	Little Gull			
11/29	S. Boston	3	G. d'Entremont	thr	P'town	3 max	v.o.
12/13	Manomet	2	X. Wei	11/8	Eastham (F.E.)	1 1W	B. Nikula
12/15	S. Boston	3	P. Peterson	11/15	Westport	1	P. Champlin
12/23	Manomet	2	I. Davies	11/20	Plymouth	1	K. Rawdon
12/27	Nantucket	22	CBC (S. Mirick)	11/22	P.I.	1	T. Wetmore
Red Knot				12/15	Nantucket	1	R. Veit#
11/12	P.I.	1	D. Adrien	12/26	N. Truro	1 ad	B. Nikula
11/21	Rockport (H.P.)	2	S. Wrisley	Laughing Gull			
Sanderling				11/4	Westport	27	G. Gove#
11/1	P.I.	40	E. Labato	11/26	Wellfleet	45	B. Nikula
11/2	Acoaxet	19	M. Lynch#	12/13	N. Truro	60	B. Nikula
11/4	Eastham (F.E.)	55	R. Stymeist	12/26	P'town (R.P.)	25	B. Nikula
11/27	Westport	46	M. Lynch#	Franklin's Gull			
12/27	P.I.	20	S. Miller#	11/13-15	Quabbin Pk	1-2	L. Therrien
Semipalmated Sandpiper				11/13	Richmond	4	G. Hurley
11/1	Nantucket	1	V. Laux#	11/13	GMNWR	1	W. Martens
11/1	Salisbury	1	F. Vale#	11/13	Plymouth	3	M. Liff
White-rumped Sandpiper				11/13	Gloucester (E.P.)	1	R. Heil
11/1, 19	P.I.	2, 1	T. Wetmore	11/14, 15	Westport	9, 4	P. Champlin
Pectoral Sandpiper				11/14	Lynn	1	J. Keeley
11/8	Taunton	3	J. Sweeney	11/15	Agawam	1	A. Roblee
11/14	GMNWR	1	J. Forbes	Iceland Gull			
11/19	Wakefield	1	D. Williams	12/26	P'town (R.P.)	25	B. Nikula
Purple Sandpiper				12/28	Nantucket	45	J. Trimble#
11/17	S. Boston	6	D. Scott	Lesser Black-backed Gull			
12/21	Rockport (A.P.)	26	F. Bouchard	11/1-22	Pittsfield (Pont.)	1	G. Hurley#
12/26	Gloucester (E.P.)	45	L. Waters	11/1	Chatham (MI)	9	B. Nikula

Lesser Black-backed Gull (continued)				Dovekie			
11/3	E. of Chatham	7	B. Nikula#	11/8, 23	Eastham (F.E.)	1, 12	B. Nikula
11/7-15	Charlton	1	R. Jenkins#	11/11	Rockport (A.P.)	2	R. Stymeist
11/15	N. Truro	6	B. Nikula	11/16	Jeffreys L.	12	S. Mirick#
11/20	Richmond	1	R. Packard	11/18	E. of Chatham	1	B. Nikula#
11/24-12/31	Turners Falls	1	J. Smith	11/21, 25	P'town	37, 8	B. Nikula
12/28	Nantucket	83	J. Trimble#	Common Murre			
12/21	Rockport (A.P.)	1	F. Bouchard	11/21	P.I.	1	D. Chickering
12/31	P'town (R.P.)	1	S. Arena	11/28	Rockport (A.P.)	6	R. Heil
Common Tern				12/12	P'town (R.P.)	18	S. Arena#
11/15-26	N. Truro	20 max	B. Nikula	12/26	Stellwagen	38	CBC
11/15	P'town (R.P.)	300	S. Arena#	Thick-billed Murre			
Forster's Tern				11/22	N. Truro	1	B. Nikula
11/11	Dennis (C.B.)	2	B. Nikula	12/12	Gloucester	1	M. Lynch#
11/22	N. Weymouth	1	S. Whitebread	12/27	P.I.	1 dead	T. Wetmore
<b>Great Skua</b>				Razorbill			
11/21	Dennis (Corp. B.)	1	J. Trimble#	11/21, 12/26	P'town	200, 2000	B. Nikula
Pomarine Jaeger				11/22	Scusset B.	340	SSBC (P. O'Neill)
11/16	Jeffreys L.	5	S. Mirick#	11/22	Ellisville H.	250	SSBC (P. O'Neill)
11/21	P'town	5	B. Nikula	11/28	Rockport (A.P.)	136	R. Heil
11/28	Rockport (A.P.)	6	R. Heil	12/5, 27	N. Truro	300, 1400	B. Nikula
12/19	Orleans	2	B. Nikula	12/12	P.I.	96	T. Wetmore
12/26	Stellwagen	3	CBC	12/15	Nantucket	3600	R. Veit#
Parasitic Jaeger				Black Guillemot			
thr	P'town	10 max	B. Nikula	11/10	Gloucester (B.R.)	6	J. Nelson
11/18	E. of Chatham	2	B. Nikula#	11/28	Rockport (A.P.)	6	R. Heil
11/22	N. Truro	4	B. Nikula	12/26	Gloucester (E.P.)	2	L. Waters
11/28	Rockport (A.P.)	1	R. Heil	<b>Atlantic Puffin</b>			
12/15	Nantucket	1	R. Veit#	12/26	Stellwagen	1	CBC (S. Perkins)

## DOVES THROUGH FINCHES

The most exciting bird of the period was the discovery of a **Common Ground-Dove** in Lexington on November 13, only the second state record. The first record was 42 years ago on October 7, 1973, on Monomoy Island off Chatham. The appearance of that bird occurred during the American Ornithologists Union 100th annual meeting and caused speculation that the bird had been set free to excite the participants on a field trip. The current report is not completely unprecedented since this season has had sightings from three locations in Michigan and two from Wisconsin and also from Minnesota and Illinois.

There was no repeat of the amazing 2013 Snowy Owl invasion; however the flight this season has been better than average. There were reports from over 20 locations, Norm Smith had 10 Snowys at Logan Airport on the day of the Greater Boston CBC, and three were tallied on the Nantucket CBC. The banding stations in Northbridge and Lincoln noted that the Northern Saw-whet Owl migration was much improved from last season. This was the twelfth season for these two sites, the Drumlin Farm site banded 64 birds in November, and Lookout Farm in Northbridge banded 22.

There were two reports of **Black-chinned Hummingbirds** this period, one of which, from Harwich, was banded; the coloration of the head and back, and the length of the bill and wings ruled out female Ruby-throated Hummingbird. The other report was from Dorchester, where a hummingbird was visiting flowering pineapple sage. The homeowner became concerned about the bird because of an impending storm and contacted Mass Audubon. Some photographs taken positively identified it as a hatch year female because of its clean white throat. Both birds were on private property and further access was not allowed. There were no reports of Rufous Hummingbirds, unlike last year when six different individuals were noted.

This period is always exciting for finding something special; there were an amazing five reports of **Ash-throated Flycatchers** including two from the same location in Rockport. The **Bell's Vireo** first noted from Fort Hill in Eastham on October 30 continued at that location

through at least December 12. There were nine individual **Western Kingbirds** noted during the period compared with none during the same period last year. The strong northwest winds that brought the epic flight of **Franklin's Gulls** to the east coast also brought a scattering of **Cave Swallows** to at least eight locations in Massachusetts as well as southern New Hampshire.

Reports of **Townsend's Solitaire** were posted in Hanson, North Truro, and Halibut Point in Rockport. A **Mountain Bluebird** was found at the Crane Wildlife Area in Falmouth in early December and was recorded on the Buzzard's Bay CBC; there are over ten records of this species in Massachusetts. Single **Bohemian Waxwings** were noted from Martha's Vineyard and Gill, and two were found in Provincetown, perhaps the vanguard of the larger flocks noted from northern New England. Among the 23 species of warblers seen during this period were a very cooperative **MacGillivray's Warbler** in Lexington, a **Yellow-throated Warbler** in Hingham, and an Audubon's Warbler in Gloucester. Unusually late reports included Bay-breasted and Prairie on the Nantucket CBC on December 27, and a Chestnut-sided in Acton as late as December 28. Rounding out the rarities this period was a **Western Tanager** in Sandwich.

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<b>Common Ground-Dove</b>				thr	Longmeadow	2-4		v.o.
11/13-12/3	Lexington	1 ph	Rodriguez + v.o.	11/10	Eastham (F.H)	1		P. Trimble
<b>Yellow-billed Cuckoo</b>				11/25-12/21	Ipswich	1 imm		Dubrow + v.o.
11/20	Eastham (F.H.)	1	L. Wightman	12/13-31	Worc. (BMB)	1		J. Shea + v.o.
<b>Barn Owl</b>					<b>Yellow-bellied Sapsucker</b>			
12/16	Nantucket	3	G. Andrews#	thr	Reports of indiv. from 12 locations			
<b>Eastern Screech-Owl</b>					<b>Northern Flicker</b>			
12/19	Randolph	4	G. d'Entremont#	12/5	Chatham	17		R. Schain
12/20	Cambr. (F.Pd)	3	CBC (R.Stymeist)	12/20	Essex (Choate I.)	9		D. Peterson
12/20	Belmont	3	CBC (R.Stymeist)		<b>Pileated Woodpecker</b>			
<b>Great Horned Owl</b>				11/6	Royalston	2		M. Lynch#
11/12	Woburn (HP)	2	M. Rines	12/18	Melrose	2		D. + I. Jewell
11/25	Belmont	2	F. Bouchard	12/26	S. Quabbin	2		M. Lynch#
12/12	Wayland	2	D. Peebles		<b>Eastern Phoebe</b>			
12/26	Salem	2	J. Paluzzi	12/15	Rockport	1		S. Miller#
<b>Snowy Owl</b>				12/26	Eastham (F.H.)	1		J. Sweeney#
thr	P.I.	1-3	v.o.	12/30	Falmouth	1		C. Whitebread#
11/15-12/31	Reports of indiv. from 16 locations				<b>Ash-throated Flycatcher</b>			
11/17	Barnstable (S.N.)	2	P. Crosson	11/25-28	Nantucket	1 ph		G. Andrews, v.o.
12/19	Sandwich	2	G. Hirth	12/4-26	Rockport	2 ph		S. Williams, v.o.
12/20	Logan	10	CBC (N. Smith)	12/10-31	Manomet	1 ph		B. Harrington#
12/27	Nantucket	3	CBC (K. Yakola)	12/28-31	Cambr. (Danehy)	1		S. Miller + v.o.
<b>Long-eared Owl</b>					<b>Great Crested Flycatcher</b>			
12/19	Warwick	1	CBC (J. Rasku)	11/1	Rockport	1		B. Harris
12/20	Essex (Choate I.)	1	CBC (D. Peterson)		<b>Western Kingbird</b>			
<b>Short-eared Owl</b>				11/1-7	DWWS	2		v.o.
11/14	Sandwich	1	M. Keleher#	11/3-4	Barnstable	1		P. Crosson#
11/18	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	1	L. Miller-Donnelly	11/9	P.I.	1		R. Murphy#
11/9-12/30	Northampton	1	J. Drucker+ v.o.	11/24-30	Eastham	2		S. Williams#
12/thr	P.I.	2	v.o.	11/27-28	Nantucket	1 ph		G. Andrews, v.o.
12/5	Cumb. Farms	1	J. Hoye#	12/22-30	N. Truro	2		M. Malin
12/20	E. Orleans	1	J. Trimble#		<b>Northern Shrike</b>			
12/31	Barnstable	1	M. Malin	11/1-12/30	Windsor	1		J. Morris-Siegel
<b>Northern Saw-whet Owl</b>				11/15	Williamstown	1		C. Jones
11/1-16	Northbridge	22 b	fide B. Milke	11/17	Quabbin (G33)	1		D. Monette
11/thr	DFWS	64 b	fide K. Seymour	12/3	Northfield	1		J. Pierce
12/26	Lincoln	3	N. Levy		<b>White-eyed Vireo</b>			
<b>Black-chinned Hummingbird</b>				12/19	Randolph	1		CBC (V. Zollo)
11/1-26	Dorchester	1 ph	C. Gathman#		<b>Bell's Vireo</b>			
11/30-12/1	Harwich	1 b	S. Finnegan	11/1-6, 12/12	Eastham (F.H)	1,1		J. Drucker + v.o.
<b>American Kestrel</b>					<b>Blue-headed Vireo</b>			
thr	Reports of indiv. from 6 locations			11/17	Mt.A.	1		L. Nichols
<b>Merlin</b>				11/19	Medford	1		R. LaFontaine
thr	Reports of indiv. from 18 locations			12/27	Nantucket	1		CBC (J. Trimble)
<b>Peregrine Falcon</b>					<b>Red-eyed Vireo</b>			
thr	Reports of indiv. from 18 locations			11/4	Manomet	1 b		T. Lloyd-Evans
<b>Red-headed Woodpecker</b>				11/4	P.I.	1		D. Adrien
thr	W. Roxbury (MP)	1	v.o.					

Fish Crow				Ruby-crowned Kinglet			
11/25	Sandwich	125	P. Trimble	11/10	Manomet	2 b	T. Lloyd-Evans
12/17	Northampton	1	T. Gagnon	11/14	Lexington (DM)	3	M. Rines
12/18	Worcester	3	B. Kamp	11/15	Saugus	2	S. Zende#
12/30	W. Roxbury(MP)	400	P. Peterson	11/15	Rockport (H.P.)	3	J. Berry#
Common Raven				12/10	DFWS	2	P. Sowizral
11/6	Royalston	2	M. Lynch#	Eastern Bluebird			
11/18	Mt. Watatic	12	T. Piro	11/9	DFWS	16	P. Sowizral
11/27	Hingham	2	G. d'Entremont	11/28	Nantucket	6	T. Pastuszak
11/30	Jamaica Plain	2	P. Peterson	12/7	W. Newbury	6	R. Heil
12/12	W. Newbury	2	J. Berry#	12/31	GMNWR	11	A. Bragg#
12/20	Waltham	2	J. Forbes	<b>Mountain Bluebird</b>			
12/26	W. Roxbury (MP)	3	M. McMahon	12/4-31	Falmouth	1 ph	G. Hirth
Horned Lark				<b>Townsend's Solitaire</b>			
11/15	Hadley	200	D. Griffiths	11/12-22	Rockport (H.P.)	1 ph	T. Bradford + v.o.
11/18	P.I.	50	T. Wetmore	11/16-17	Burrage WMA	1 ph	L. Wightman
11/19	Quabog IBA	22	M. Lynch#	12/22-30	N. Truro	1 ph	M. Malin + v.o.
12/6	Newbury	36	P. + F. Vale#	Swainson's Thrush			
12/27	Ipswich	60	J. Berry#	11/4	Manomet	1 b	T. Lloyd-Evans
12/27	Saugus	50	S. Zende#	Hermit Thrush			
Tree Swallow				11/8	Boston (RKG)	13	R. Stymeist
11/14	Nantucket	100	K. Blackshaw#	11/9	Medford	9	R. LaFontaine
11/15	Westport	2	E. Nielsen	11/9	Squantum	11	P. Peterson
<b>Cave Swallow</b>				11/12	Boston (Fens)	10	P. Peterson
11/14	Hampden	1	D. Marchant	12/22	P.I.	3	T. Wetmore
11/14	Lynn	5	J. Forbes#	American Robin			
11/14	Westport	3	P. Champlin	12/7	W. Newbury	3900	R. Heil
11/15	Chatham	4	B. Nikula#	Gray Catbird			
11/15	Wellfleet	2	M. Moniz#	11/28	Westport	22	S. Williams#
11/15	Westport	2	E. Nielsen	12/6	Acoaxet	4	M. Lynch#
12/3	Lynn	1	L. Pivacek	12/13	P.I.	2	T. Wetmore
12/13	Salisbury	1	D. Sibley	12/15	Cohasset	2	S. Williams
Barn Swallow				12/26	Fairhaven	2	G. d'Entremont
11/1	P'town (R.P.)	2	P. Flood#	Brown Thrasher			
Swallow species				11/10	P.I.	1	M. Halsey
11/18	Salisbury	1	P. + F. Vale	11/15	Westboro	1	R. McDaniel
12/3	Lynn	2	L. Pivacek	12/12	Ipswich (C.B.)	1	N. Dubrow
Red-breasted Nuthatch				12/30	Amherst	1	J. Rose
11/9	Quabbin (G35)	6	M. Lynch#	American Pipit			
12/13	Ware R. IBA	12	M. Lynch#	11/1	Acton	80	C. Cook
Brown Creeper				11/1	Wachusett Res.	21	J. Lawson
11/6	Royalston	2	M. Lynch#	11/6	Northampton	18	L. Therrien
12/20	Essex (Choate I.)	2	D. Peterson	11/15	Longmeadow	20	L. Richardson
12/31	GMNWR	3	A. Bragg#	11/17	Quabog IBA	8	M. Lynch#
Carolina Wren				11/26	GMNWR	8	D. Swain#
11/5	Quabog IBA	5	M. Lynch#	12/13	Saugus	2	S. Zende#
11/28	Eastham (F.H.)	5	SSBC (GdE)	<b>Bohemian Waxwing</b>			
12/11	Acoaxet	5	G. d'Entremont	11/5	Aquinnah	1	S. Williams
House Wren				11/26-27	Gill	1	J. Smith
11/5	Gay Head	1	S. Williams	11/29	P'town	2	J. Bourget#
11/9	Burrage WMA	1	J. Sweeney	Cedar Waxwing			
12/11	W. Yarmouth	2	P. Crosson	11/12	P.I.	50	T. Wetmore
12/26	Fairhaven	1	G. d'Entremont	11/12	Woburn (HP)	75	M. Rines
Winter Wren				11/27	Waltham	41	J. Berry#
thr	Reports of indiv. from 12 locations			12/3	Scusset B.	24	J. Hoye#
Marsh Wren				Lapland Longspur			
11/26	GMNWR	7	D. Swain#	11/13	Quabbin Pk	1	L. Therrien
11/29	Wayland	5	B. Harris	12/7	Newbury	1	R. Heil
12/20	E. Orleans	9	J. Trimble#	12/8	Northampton	1	J. Smith
12/27	Marshfield	2	D. Furbish	12/16	P.I.	7	MAS (B. Gette)
12/30	Barnstable	6	J. Trimble#	12/27	Saugus	1	S. Zende#
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				Snow Bunting			
12/4	Gloucester	1	B. Harris	11/6	Ipswich (C.B.)	80	J. Berry#
12/20	S. Chatham	1	P. Trimble	11/7	Deerfield	300	D. Holmes
Golden-crowned Kinglet				11/10	Winthrop B.	95	S. Zende#
11/6	Royalston	4	M. Lynch#	11/14	Acoaxet	96	M. Lynch#
11/12	Woburn (HP)	6	M. Rines	11/18	P.I.	300	C. Johnson
11/25	S. Quabbin	4	M. Lynch#	12/9	Gloucester (E.P.)	30	T. Wetmore#
12/11	Acoaxet	10	G. d'Entremont	Ovenbird			
12/13	Ware R. IBA	8	M. Lynch#	11/2	Boston	2	J. Taylor
12/20	Essex (Choate I.)	3	D. Peterson	11/28	Westport	1	S. Williams#
12/31	GMNWR	4	A. Bragg#				



Northern Waterthrush				Yellow-breasted Chat			
11/6	Nantucket	1	S. Kardell	thr	Reports of indiv. from 9 locations		
Tennessee Warbler				Eastern Towhee			
11/5	Gay Head	1	S. Williams	11/1	P.I.	2	F. Vale#
Orange-crowned Warbler				11/4	W. Roxbury (MP)	2	J. Young
thr	Reports of indiv. from 11 locations			12/20	Randolph	2	C. Whitebread
11/21	Eastham (F.H.)	3	M. Keleher	12/20	Rockport	2	B. Harris
12/1-10	Boston (Fens)	2	P. Peterson	12/20	Newton	2	H. Miller
12/20	N. Chatham	3	B. Nikula#	American Tree Sparrow			
Nashville Warbler				11/9	Burrage WMA	17	J. Sweeney
11/15	Saugus	2	S. Zende#	11/9	Concord	12	M. Rines
12/5	Boston (Fens)	2	P. Peterson	11/17	Quabog IBA	16	M. Lynch#
12/11	W. Yarmouth	1	P. Crosson	12/22	Salisbury	35	P. + F. Vale#
12/20	E. Orleans	1	J. Trimble#	Chipping Sparrow			
12/26	Nantucket	1	K. Yakola	11/12	Millbury	3	S. Miller
<b>MacGillivray's Warbler</b>				11/12	Wachusett Res.	3	M. Lynch#
11/5-23	Lexington	1	C. Floyd#	11/14	Worcester	2	B. Robo
Common Yellowthroat				12/19	Wilmington	1	S. Sullivan
11/18	Boston (RKG)	2	L. Nichols	12/31	Wayland	1	A. McCarthy#
12/10	Wayland	2	B. Harris	Clay-colored Sparrow			
12/25	Ipswich	1	N. Dubrow	11/1	Falmouth	1	M. Schanbacher
12/25	Lincoln	1	N. Levey	11/7-21	Barnstable	1	J. Trimble#
American Redstart				12/11	Manomet	1	T. Lloyd-Evans#
11/1	Boston (BNC)	1	R. Stymeist#	12/13-27	Arlington Res.	1	J. Forbes
11/1	Eastham (F.H.)	1	E. Nielsen	12/29	Haverhill	1	C. Norris
12/16	Nahant	1	S. Williams	Field Sparrow			
Northern Parula				11/28	WBWS	2	SSBC (GdE)
11/1-21	Winchester	1	R. LaFontaine#	12/6	Acoaxet	4	M. Lynch#
Bay-breasted Warbler				12/10-27	Westboro	2	T. Spahr
12/27	Nantucket	1	CBC (J. Trimble)	Vesper Sparrow			
Yellow Warbler				11/1	Lexington	1	J. Forbes
11/3	Mt.A.	1	M. Sabourin	11/2	Wayland	1	B. Harris
11/22	S. Peabody	1	R. Heil	Lark Sparrow			
Chestnut-sided Warbler				11/4-08	Winchester	1	J. Kovner#
12/24-28	Acton	1 ph	A. Pavao#	11/21-12/22	Eastham (F.H.)	1	M. Keleher
Blackpoll Warbler				12/13-17	Weymouth	1	V. Zollo#
11/4	Winchester	4	R. LaFontaine	Savannah Sparrow			
11/7	Manomet	3 b	T. Lloyd-Evans	11/6	W. Gloucester	1	J. Nelson
11/7	Winchester	2	R. Subramanian	11/9	Concord	12	M. Rines
11/19	N. Brookfield	1	R. Jenkins	11/14	P.I.	1	J. Berry
Black-throated Blue Warbler				11/17	Quabog IBA	2	M. Lynch#
12/13	Newbury	1	G. Dearmond	11/29	Saugus	7	S. Zende#
Palm Warbler				11/30	P.I.	1	D. Chickering
11/1	Paxton	3	R. Jenkins	12/5	Cumb. Farms	1	J. Hoye#
11/2	Westport	2	M. Lynch#	12/13	Saugus	3	S. Zende#
11/7	Paxton	2	R. Jenkins	12/18	P.I.	4	T. Wetmore
11/12	Woburn (HP)	1	M. Rines	12/27	Saugus	1	S. Zende#
12/23	Arlington Res.	1	J. Forbes	Ipswich Sparrow			
Pine Warbler				11/12	P.I.	2	D. Adrien
12/21	Lynn	2	M. Iliff	12/5	Chatham	11	R. Schain
12/27	Boston	1	J. Forbes#	Nelson's Sparrow			
12/27	E. Boston (B.I.)	1	K. Hartel#	11/8	Salisbury	2	J. Hoye#
12/29	Webster	1	H. Beaumont	12/30	Barnstable	1	J. Trimble#
Yellow-rumped Warbler				Fox Sparrow			
11/7	Salisbury	12	F. Vale#	11/12	Boston (Fens)	4	P. Peterson
11/12	P.I.	12	T. Wetmore	11/13	Lincoln	12	M. Rines
11/27	Westport	37	M. Lynch#	11/15	Lexington (DM)	15	M. Rines#
12/5	Chatham	86	R. Schain	12/26	Fairhaven	5	G. d'Entremont
<b>Audubon's Warbler</b>				12/30	Yarmouth	8	M. Iliff#
12/4	Gloucester	1	B. Harris	12/31	GMNWR	4	A. Bragg#
<b>Yellow-throated Warbler</b>				Lincoln's Sparrow			
11/10-12/31	Hingham	1 ph	S. Williams + v.o.	11/2	Wayland	1	B. Harris
Prairie Warbler				11/2	Concord	1	C. Gras
11/15	Gloucester (E.P.)	1 ph	P. Brown	11/3	Barnstable	1	P. Crosson
12/27	Nantucket	1	CBC (J. Trimble)	11/9	Lexington	1	E. Lipton
Black-throated Green Warbler				11/11	Everett	1	J. Layman
11/5	Winchester	1	R. LaFontaine	12/27	Nantucket	1	CBC (N. Bonomo)
Wilson's Warbler				Swamp Sparrow			
11/27	Brewster	2	M. Malin#	11/1	Boston (RKG)	7	R. Stymeist#
12/26	Boston (Fens)	1	P. Peterson#	11/26	GMNWR	15	D. Swain#
12/20	E. Orleans	1	J. Trimble#	12/20	Brookline	4	CBC (P. Peterson)

Swamp Sparrow (continued)				11/8	W. Roxbury	750	G. d'Entremont
12/30	W. Roxbury (MP)	4	P. Peterson	Brown-headed	Cowbird		
White-crowned Sparrow				11/21	Fairhaven	75	M. Lynch#
thr	Reports of indiv. from 11 locations			12/11	Acoaxet	50	G. d'Entremont
Scarlet Tanager				Orchard Oriole			
11/1	P.I.	1	E. Labato	11/1-12/12	Mattapan (BNC)	1	P. Peterson.
<b>Western Tanager</b>				11/2	Westport	1	M. Lynch#
11/29	Sandwich	1	M. Keleher	12/4-31	Manomet	1	R. Clay#
Northern Cardinal				12/31	Wayland	1	A. McCarthy#
12/6	Acoaxet	34	M. Lynch#	Baltimore Oriole			
Indigo Bunting				11/7	Truro	7	B. Harris
11/3	Concord	1 f	D. Sibley	11/28	Westport	3	S. Williams#
Dickcissel				12/4	Manomet	2	R. Clay
11/2	Nahant	2	L. Pivacek	12/20	E. Orleans	11	J. Trimble#
12/6	Rockport	2	B.Harris#	12/30	Dennis	4	M. Iliff#
Bobolink				Purple Finch			
11/7	Barnstable	1	J. Trimble#	11/7	N.Truro	6	B. Nikula
Red-winged Blackbird				11/14	Shutesbury	15	B. Emily
11/1	Lexington	120	J. Forbes	12/6	P.I.	12	P. + F. Vale#
12/5	Cumb. Farms	1000	J. Hoye#	12/27	Marshfield	3	G. d'Entremont#
Eastern Meadowlark				Common Redpoll			
11/22	Edgartown	18	J. Nelson	12/12	Ipswich (C.B.)	1	N. Dubrow
11/27	Westport	6	M. Lynch#	12/19	Warwick	3	CBC (J. Rasku)
11/28	Eastham (F.H.)	6	SSBC (GdE)	Pine Siskin			
12/5	Falmouth	6	G. d'Entremont#	11/1	S. Athol	15	B. Lafley
12/30	Barnstable	7	J. Trimble#	11/4	P.I.	15	S. Miller
Rusty Blackbird				11/15	Quabbin Pk	30	B. Zajda#
11/4	Wayland	9	G. Dysart	12/11	Lenox	20	J. Pierce
11/5	Pittsfield (Pont.)	16	J. Pierce	12/20	Norwell	50	C. Patterson
11/22	Wakefield	3	D. + I. Jewell	12/27	Marshfield	26	G. d'Entremont#
11/29	Sudbury	34	B. Harris	Evening Grosbeak			
12/19	Athol	5	CBC (M. Polana#)	11/9	Dalton	17	J. Morris-Siegel
Common Grackle							
11/1	Boston (BNC)	800	R. Stymeist#				



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## ABBREVIATIONS FOR BIRD SIGHTINGS

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<b>Locations</b>		Newbypt	Newburyport
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	<b>Other Abbreviations</b>	
F.E.	First Encounter Beach, Eastham	ad	adult
F.H.	Fort Hill, Eastham	b	banded
F.P.	Fresh Pond, Cambridge	br	breeding
F.Pk	Franklin Park, Boston	dk	dark (morph)
G40	Gate 40, Quabbin Res.	f	female
GMNWR	Great Meadows NWR	fide	on the authority of
H.	Harbor	fl	fledgling
H.P.	Halibut Point, Rockport	imm	immature
HP	Horn Pond, Woburn	juv	juvenile
HRWMA	High Ridge WMA, Gardner	lt	light (morph)
I.	Island	m	male
IRWS	Ipswich River WS	max	maximum
L.	Ledge	migr	migrating
MAS	Mass Audubon	n	nesting
MP	Millennium Park, W. Roxbury	ph	photographed
M.V.	Martha's Vineyard	pl	plumage
MBWMA	Martin Burns WMA, Newbury	pr	pair
MI	Morris Island	S	summer (1S = 1st summer)
MNWS	Marblehead Neck WS	v.o.	various observers
MSSF	Myles Standish State Forest, Plymouth	W	winter (2W = second winter)
Mt.A.	Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambr.	yg	young
NAC	Nine Acre Corner, Concord	#	additional observers

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