

BIRD SIGHTINGS

March–April 2020

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The unusually mild and snow-free conditions of January and February continued into March. The average temperature in March was 42.1 degrees, 4.1 degrees warmer than the average for the month. Boston reached a high of 72 degrees on March 9, the second hottest on record, behind the 77 degrees set in March 2016. Precipitation totaled 3.6 inches, about a half-inch below average. The highest single day rainfall for the month was 1.38 inches on March 23. Only a trace of snow was recorded in Boston compared to the 7.8 inches that fell in March the previous year.

April was unusually cold and damp; it was the nineteenth coldest April since records began in 1872. The high for the month was 62 degrees on April 6–7, while the average temperature for the month was 44.5 degrees, 3.5 degrees below normal. Rainfall totaled 4.33 inches, almost an inch above the average for April. There were 18 consecutive days where at least a trace of rain was recorded in Boston. On April 18, 0.7 inch of snow fell.

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GEESE THROUGH IBISES

Wild goose chasers were busy this period, with reports of all eight species of goose on the state list. A single **Pink-footed Goose** joined the continuing and long-staying pair of **Barnacle Geese** in the Rochester area. **Cackling Geese** were in short supply, with only single sightings in Essex and Worcester counties, compared to records in eight counties during the same period the previous year. A **Ross's Goose**, the first since November last year, made its 2020 debut in Newbury in mid-March.

Pittsfield, in Western Massachusetts, has had its share of rare waterfowl in the past, including a record of 10 King Eiders on May 5, 1993. This year, the town added two Eurasian ducks—**Eurasian Wigeon** and the Eurasian form of Green-winged Teal—both apparently second records for Berkshire County. Closer to the coast, this winter was good for Ring-necked Ducks, with Fresh Pond in Cambridge and the Chestnut Hill Reservoir scoring a high count for the period of 82 birds on March 3 and April 3, respectively. The big **Tufted Duck** news of the period was not the continuing drake on Nantucket—a regular since 2013—but a hybrid; a rare Tufted Duck x scaup, found in Sharon on April 4, was the first record away from Cape Cod. This taxon is nationally rare with a North American distribution predictably paralleling that of its parent Tufted Duck, i.e., in the Northeast and hugging the West Coast. For only a handful of those records has the scaup parent been identified to species. Also, in hybrid news, the Bufflehead x Common Goldeneye continued at Rock Harbor Marsh, Orleans. First discovered in April 2017, this bird is the only record of this taxon for the state.

In most years, Eastern Whip-poor-wills are the first of the goatsuckers to arrive—usually in the second half of April. This year's single April record from Quabbin Park on April 29 is the latest arrival since 2007 and it was beaten by a Common Nighthawk. A report of the latter in Hadley on April 24 would constitute the earliest arrival date for the state this century. Though most nighthawks arrive toward the end of May and early June, there are historical records from April and even March. Veit and Petersen (1993) report sightings as early as March 14 in 1925 and 1966.

SPECIES	ARRIVAL DATE (AVERAGE)	ARRIVAL DATE (2020)	DAYS EARLY (-) / LATE (+)
American Oystercatcher	3/8	3/15	+7
Piping Plover	3/13	2/23	-19
Lesser Yellowlegs	3/25	3/11	-14
Pectoral Sandpiper	3/25	3/11	-14
Solitary Sandpiper	4/14	4/16	+2
Upland Sandpiper	4/14	4/21	+7
Willet	4/15	4/11	-4
Spotted Sandpiper	4/17	4/18	+1
Least Sandpiper	4/17	4/26	+9
Short-billed Dowitcher	4/20	4/27	+7
Semipalmated Plover	4/27	4/11	-16
Whimbrel	5/1	4/11	-20

Table 1. Shorebird arrival dates in Massachusetts in 2020 compared to historical average (calculated for the period 2000–2019). Data from eBird.org.

Bolton Flats Wildlife Management Area, which straddles Lancaster and Harvard, produced a period record high of 18 Virginia Rails on April 25. Observer Steve Arena, who was positioned there from 4:00 am, noted of the rails that, “about half of them [are] advertising males. No to light wind coupled with the stunted spring vegetation made detection relatively easy.” The six Soras that Steve also recorded that day are the highest period count for the state since 1965. A **Common Gallinule** spotted on Nantucket on March 24 represents the only eBird record in Massachusetts for March.

Sandhill Cranes continue their expansion into our state, after the first breeding record in New Marlborough in 2007. The species has been recorded each spring and summer at Burrage Pond WMA since 2014, with breeding confirmed in 2016, 2017, and 2019. At least two birds were present this year from March 13, with a high count of 11 on April 17 setting a new period high count for the state.

Returning shorebirds were across the board in their arrivals this year (see Table 1). Lesser Yellowlegs and Pectoral Sandpiper appeared on March 11, a full two weeks ahead of schedule. A month later, April 11, brought more early birds: Willet (4 days early), Semipalmated Plover (16 days early) and a Whimbrel. The latter, which was found in Falmouth, was almost three weeks early, but still six days short of the earliest state record on Plum Island, April 5, 1974 (Veit and Petersen, 1993). Late arrivals included Upland Sandpiper (April 21), Least Sandpiper (April 26), and Short-billed Dowitcher (April 27)—all at least a week later than average.

The rarest shorebird species of the period was **Ruff**. A probable female was on Nantucket on April 4, the fifth record for the island and third earliest for the state. The earliest record is March 31 of 1999 (Ipswich) and 2019 (Scotland Road, Newbury). A young male Ruff was later found in Barnstable on April 25. Offshore, 30 Red Phalaropes passed First Encounter Beach on April 4, eclipsing the previous April high this century of just three birds, but still some way from the eye-popping 2,000 seen at the Nantucket Lightship on April 30, 1954 (Veit and Petersen, 1993).

The same sea watch that found the Red Phalaropes at First Encounter Beach also produced a **Great Skua**. It is the first sighting for the state since November 2015 and the only April eBird record for North America except for North Carolina (1993 and 2013) and Bermuda (2015).

The pale, arctic breeding *mandtii* subspecies of Black Guillemot, first discovered at MacMillan Wharf in Provincetown on December 16, 2019, continued until March 19. Over two weeks later, possibly a second bird was photographed off Race Point. A National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration survey aboard the R/V Auk on March 3 set a new March record for Common Murres with 102, beating the previous high of 70 set in 2004. The following month, Race Point set a new high for April with 261 Common Murres, which beat the previous high of 57 in 2013.

A **Mew Gull** was photographed on Nantucket on March 28. Since the mid-1990s Mew Gull has been almost annual to the state, with the majority of records coming from Essex County. This year's Nantucket bird is only the fourth record for the island after the first in 2013. It was tentatively identified to the Asian subspecies *kamtschatschensis* based on the primary wing pattern and the dark mantle.

An immature **Yellow-billed Loon** was a one-day wonder at Race Point on April 19. This is the second record for the state, after the long-staying immature seen February 27–April 17, 2016. The only other records in the United States this year have been inland records in Missouri, Oklahoma, and Colorado, as well as the more predictable West Coast records in California and Washington State. **Pacific Loons** were noted from Rockport and Race Point, with a bird at the latter on April 26 having molted into its attractive alternate (breeding) plumage.

The first **Brown Pelican** of the year was captured on video flying back and forth along the beach off Wellfleet. It is the only April record for the state and with the exception of three January records (1998, 2000, and 2015) it is the earliest record for the year.

Hérons were mostly early in their arrival dates this year, including Least Bittern (April 23, 12 days earlier than average), Tricolored Heron (April 1, 14 days early), and Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (April 20, 13 days early). Little Blue Herons bucked the trend; they were almost two weeks late, with the first being found on April 12. At least two **White-faced Ibises** returned to the Ipswich area in Essex County. The first bird was found on April 11 in West Newbury. The earliest record for the state is April 6, 2015.

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Snow Goose			Cackling Goose				
3/13-3/14	Newbury	102	S. Grinley# + v.o.	3/2-3/7	Lancaster	1 ph	E. Kittredge
3/14-4/4	Edgartown	6	B. Shriber	3/8	Middleton	1 ph	S. Sullivan#
3/20	Pittsfield	67	J. Pierce	Mute Swan			
3/20	Amherst	19	A. Richards	3/22-3/29	Westborough	8	M. Lynch#
3/23-3/28	Boston (FPk)	1	G. Denton, R. Schain + v.o.	4/23	Arlington Res.	10	N. Hayward
4/15	Hyannisport	10	P. Crosson	Wood Duck			
Ross's Goose				3/14	Wayland	9	G. d'Entremont
3/13-3/17	Newbury	1 ph	S. Grinley# + v.o.	3/28	Hinsdale	3	M. Lynch#
Greater White-fronted Goose				4/9	Boston (AA)	2	N. Hayward
3/1-4/5	PI	1 ph	v.o.	4/15	Nashua R. IBA	26	M. Lynch#
3/3-3/8	Easthampton	1 ph	A. Baker + v.o.	4/25	BFWMA	35	S. Arena
3/29,4/26,30	Edgartown	1,1,2 ph	B. Shriber# + v.o.	Blue-winged Teal			
Pink-footed Goose				4/4	Ashley Falls	2	K. Schopp
3/14-3/20	Rochester	1 ph	B. Vigorito + v.o.	4/5	E. Boston (BI)	2	D. Oliveria
3/27-3/28	Dartmouth	1 ph	Z. Moser + v.o.	4/6-4/20	BFWMA	2 1pr	W. Freedberg + v.o.
Brant				4/12	Plympton	2 1pr	B. Vacchino
3/4	GMNWR	3	R. Hodson	4/14	Waltham	2	J. Forbes
4/1-4/20	Nbpt H.	80	R. Heil + v.o.	4/20	PI	2 1pr n	R. Heil
4/2	Salisbury	100	J. Carroll	4/25-4/27	Hatfield	4 max	T. Gilliland + v.o.
4/7	Nahant	167	L. Pivacek	Northern Shoveler			
Barnacle Goose				3/1-4/25	PI	36 max	v.o.
3/1-3/18	Rochester	2 ph	N. Dowling + v.o.	3/10-3/12	Arlington Res.	3	J. Forbes + v.o.

Northern Shoveler (continued)				Common Eider			
3/12-4/14	E. Boston (BI)	6 max	S. Riley + v.o.	3/16	Gloucester (EP)	450	J. Keyes
3/23-4/20	BFWMA	3 2m+1f	V. Burdette + v.o.	3/18	N. Chatham	5600	L. Waters#
3/31	Turners Falls	3	D. Sibley	Harlequin Duck			
4/12	Hatfield	3	A. Richards	3/1	Rockport (HPt)	100	v.o.
4/14	Nantucket	10	M. Sayle	3/21	Cohasset	5	V. Zollo + v.o.
Gadwall				3/31	Manomet Point	41	M. Sheldon#
3/1-4/20	PI	42 max	D. Prima + v.o.	4/1-4/30	Rockport (AP)	11	v.o.
3/1	Gloucester (EP)	28	v.o.	Surf Scoter			
3/7	Plainville	12	J. Glover	4/5	Revere B.	400	G. d'Entremont
3/28	Somerset	12	G. d'Entremont	4/7	Nahant	165	L. Pivacek
4/5-4/6	Pittsfield (Pont.)	5 max	J. Pierce + v.o.	4/28	Pittsfield (Onota)	2	G. Hurley
Eurasian Wigeon				4/30	Southwick	3	D. Holmes
3/1-3/4	Gloucester	1 m	G. d'Entremont# + v.o.	White-winged Scoter			
3/1-3/22	Nantucket	1 m	B. Balkind + v.o.	3/5	South Hadley	1	L. Bledzki + v.o.
3/7	Edgartown	1 m	L. Johnson	4/7	Nahant	86	L. Pivacek
3/16	Ipswich	1 f	N. Dubrow	4/27	Pittsfield (Pont.)	6	J. Pierce
4/5	Pittsfield (Onota)	1 m	J. Pierce + v.o.	Black Scoter			
4/5	Ipswich	1 m	N. Dubrow	3/1	Rockport (HPt)	300	v.o.
4/26-4/30	W. Newbury	1 m	C. Marchant + v.o.	4/5	Millis	1 ph	D. Sullivan
American Wigeon				4/7	Nahant	175	L. Pivacek
3/1-3/10	PI	7	D. Prima + v.o.	Long-tailed Duck			
3/5-4/4	Concord	8	v.o.	3/16	Gloucester H.	93	J. Keyes
3/28	Somerset	9	G. d'Entremont	3/20	Turners Falls	2	E. Huston + v.o.
4/25	Sudbury	4	B. Harris	4/18	Easthampton	2	B. Finney + v.o.
American Black Duck				4/23	PI	2000	R. Heil
3/1	PI	500	v.o.	4/28	Dennis (Corp. B.)	1100	P. Flood
3/16	Holden	27	M. Lynch#	4/28	Pittsfield (Onota)	1	G. Hurley
Northern Pintail				Bufflehead			
3/1-4/9	PI	65	R. Heil + v.o.	3/18	Wachusett Res.	22	M. Lynch#
3/25	BFWMA	8	V. Burdette + v.o.	3/28	Squantum	100	G. d'Entremont
3/28	Quabbin (G28)	6	B. Lafley	4/7	Stockbridge	23	Z. Adams
Green-winged Teal				4/25	N. Scituate	65	G. d'Entremont
3/1-3/31	PI	300 max	v.o.	Bufflehead X Common Goldeneye (hybrid)			
4/21	Harwich	30	B. Nikula	3/21-4/13	Orleans	1 ph	M. Harris, D. Clapp
4/25	BFWMA	325	S. Arena	Common Goldeneye			
Green-winged Teal (Eurasian)				3/25	Wachusett Res.	27	M. Lynch#
3/18-3/27	Nantucket	1 m ph	S. Kardell	Barrow's Goldeneye			
3/22	Pittsfield	1 m ph	J. Pierce + v.o.	3/11	Nantucket	2 1pr	S. Kardell
4/5-4/25	PI	1 m ph	v.o.	3/14-3/24	Sharon	1 m	W. Sweet
Canvasback				3/18	Plymouth	2 1pr	J. Layman
3/20	Danvers	3	D. Walters + v.o.	Hooded Merganser			
3/22-4/1	Boston (CHRes.)	4	M. Kaufman + v.o.	3/9	Quaboag IBA	26	M. Lynch#
3/31-4/7	Cambr. (FP)	3	J. Trimble# + v.o.	3/30	Stockbridge	32	J. Pierce
Redhead				Common Merganser			
3/9	Nantucket	39	T. Pastuszak	3/1-3/24	W. Newbury	150 max	v.o.
3/23-4/12	Burrage Pd WMA	1 m	N. Henkenius	3/3-3/4	Easthampton	400 max	C. Stern + v.o.
Ring-necked Duck				3/9	Quaboag IBA	789	M. Lynch#
thr	Orange	225 max	B. Lafley + v.o.	3/18	Pittsfield (Onota)	160	J. Pierce
thr	Turners Falls	198 max	J. Burk + v.o.	3/22	Marlborough	62	J. Forbes
3/1-4/23	Cambr. (FP)	82 max	v.o.	Red-breasted Merganser			
3/4-4/4	Southwick	92 max	D. Holmes	3/8	Worc.	6	K. Keohane
3/4-thr	Boston (CHRes.)	82 max	M. Mulqueen + v.o.	4/7-4/19	Richmond	2 max	J. Pierce + v.o.
3/15	Ayer	96	J. Forbes	4/13	Cambr. (FP)	3	J. Trimble
3/22	Westborough	158	M. Lynch#	4/23	Auburn	3	E. Burch
3/22	Burrage Pd WMA	72	G. d'Entremont	Ruddy Duck			
Tufted Duck				3/4-3/31	Eastham	36 max	J. Hoye# + v.o.
3/2-4/9	Nantucket	1 m ph	G. Andrews, v.o.	3/21	W. Newbury	11	G. d'Entremont#
Greater Scaup				3/27	Waltham	5	J. Forbes
3/10-4/9	Turners Falls	13 max	J. Rose + v.o.	4/28	Boston (CHRes.)	7	N. Hayward
3/18	Wachusett Res.	52	M. Lynch#	Northern Bobwhite			
3/19-4/14	Boston (CHRes.)	12 max	R. Doherty + v.o.	3/1-3/8	Saugus	1	G. Wilson + v.o.
Lesser Scaup				3/9-4/30	W. Roxbury (MP)	1	M. Iliff + v.o.
3/11-4/8	Boston (CHRes.)	11 max	R. Doherty + v.o.	4/4	Hadley	1	M. Locher
3/20-4/4	Danvers	36	v.o.	Ruffed Grouse			
4/5	Wachusett Res.	12	J. Driscoll	4/5-4/25	Quabbin (G40)	12 max	J. Keeley + v.o.
Tufted Duck x Scaup (hybrid)				4/25	Mashpee	5	N. Marchessault
4/4	Sharon	1 ph	W. Sweet + v.o.	4/25	Williamstown	3	M. Gates
King Eider				Wild Turkey			
3/1	Rockport (AP)	1 imm m	G. d'Entremont#	3/15	New Braintree	24	M. Lynch#
3/3-4/4	Gloucester H.	1 m ph	B. Peters# + v.o.	Pied-billed Grebe			
4/28-4/29	Gloucester (BR)	1 m ph	S. Beattie	3/28	Somerset	2	G. d'Entremont

Pied-billed Grebe (continued)				Semipalmated Plover			
3/29	Wachusett Res.	2	M. Lynch#	3/2-3/9	Hyannis	2	P. Trimble#
4/17	WWMA	2	N. Jacob	4/30	Ipswich	1	N. Dubrow
Horned Grebe				Piping Plover			
3/21-3/29	Cambr. (FP)	1	D. Pettee + v.o.	3/14	Orleans	1	M. Plato
4/1-4/19	PI	8	v.o.	3/16	Duxbury B.	1	F. Bowes
4/12	Gloucester	4	D. Walters#	4/4-4/23	Ipswich (CB)	19	v.o.
4/20	Pittsfield (Onota)	27	J. Pierce	Upland Sandpiper			
4/24	Wachusett Res.	6	M. Lynch#	4/21-4/26	Chicopee	6 max	L.+A. Richardson+v.o.
Red-necked Grebe				4/23	Aquinnah	1	D. Belleny
3/11	Gloucester	16	D. Weaver#	4/23	Quincy	1	A. Trautmann
3/27	Quabbin Pk	3	L. Therrien	4/25	Plymouth Airport	2	G. d'Entremont
4/20	Pittsfield (Onota)	36	J. Pierce	Whimbrel			
4/27	WWMA	6	T. Spahr + v.o.	4/11	Falmouth	1	G. Hirth
4/27	Waltham	4	J. Forbes + v.o.	4/28	Cuttyhunk I.	2	M. Sylvia
Common Nighthawk				Hudsonian Godwit			
4/24-4/27	Hadley	2	M. Cozine, L. Waters	4/23	PI	1 ph	S. Zhang
Eastern Whip-poor-will				Ruddy Turnstone			
4/29	Quabbin Pk	1	L. Therrien	4/23	Rockport	1	C. Marchant
Chimney Swift				Ruff			
4/12	Hyannis	1	P. Trimble	4/4	Nantucket	1 ph	S. Kardell
4/21	W. Roxbury (MP)	1	R. Schain	4/25	Barnstable	1 ph	P. Crosson#
4/25	Cambr. (FP)	2	D. Pettee	Sanderling			
4/25	Pittsfield	1	S. Townsend	thr	PI	240 max	v.o.
Ruby-throated Hummingbird				3/8	Gloucester	10	C. Marchant
4/23	Franklin	1	D. Jantzen	4/19	Rockport (HPT)	30	v.o.
4/30	Montgomery	1	J. Page	Dunlin			
4/30	Florence	1	B. Finney	3/1-3/31	PI	160 max	v.o.
4/30	Concord	1	J. Meyerson	3/30-3/31	Pittsfield (Onota)	1	R. & F. Pierce + v.o.
Clapper Rail				4/21	Essex	190	S. Grinley#
3/28-4/27	Fairhaven	1	C. Longworth	4/28	Eastham (FE)	150	B. Nikula
4/7-4/25	W. Harwich	1 au	S. Finnegan#	Purple Sandpiper			
King/Clapper Rail				3/1-3/15	Gloucester (BR)	28	v.o.
4/8-4/30	Harwich Port	1	B. Nikula	3/1-3/20	Rockport (HPT)	16	v.o.
Virginia Rail				3/10	Swampscott	12	P. Martin
3/22	Lynnfield	2	D. Williams	4/11	Cohasset	2	V. Zollo
4/16	Barnstable	5	P. Crosson	4/23	PI	15	R. Heil
4/23	GMNWR	9	W. Martens#	Least Sandpiper			
4/25	BFWMA	18	S. Arena	4/26	Middleton	1	M. Sovay
4/25-4/30	Hatfield	5	T. Gilliland + v.o.	4/29	Lynnfield	1	A. Sanford
Sora				Pectoral Sandpiper			
4/4-thr	Indiv. reported from 11 locations			3/27-thr	Indiv. reported from 9 locations		
4/8-4/20	Lenox	2 max	J. Pierce + v.o.	3/11-4/26	Fairhaven	5 max	C. Molander + v.o.
4/25	BFWMA	6	S. Arena	4/17	Middleton	3	S. Sullivan
Common Gallinule				American Woodcock			
3/24	Nantucket	1	S. Fee	3/3	Burlington	11	M. Rines
4/24-4/29	Pittsfield	3 max	S. Townsend# + v.o.	3/5-3/11	IRWS	8	C. Decker + v.o.
American Coot				3/9	Quaboag IBA	19	M. Lynch#
3/16-3/22	Wellesley	2	J. Ferraro	3/15	Longmeadow	24	M. Moore
Sandhill Crane				3/17	Lexington (DM)	15	J. Young
thr	1-2 indiv. reported from 13 locations			Wilson's Snipe			
3/3	Mattapan (BNC)	3	C. Hartshorn	4/1-4/30	Middleton	15	S. Sullivan# + v.o.
3/3-thr	Burrage Pd WMA	11 max	T. O'Brien + v.o.	4/5	Lexington	16	M. Rines
3/12-3/28	Worthington	3 max	M. McKittrick	4/7	BFWMA	43	B. Abbot
3/23	Petersham	7	B. Bourque	4/12	Cumb. Farms	20	P. Jackson
3/26	Northborough	7	N. Dowling	Spotted Sandpiper			
3/27	PI	3	R. Heil	4/19-4/30	Arlington Res.	2	v.o.
4/1	N. Brookfield	3	M. Lynch#	Lesser Yellowlegs			
American Oystercatcher				3/11-thr	PI	5 max	T. Wetmore+v.o.
3/28	Squantum	1	G. d'Entremont	3/13-3/17	Topsfield	1	M. Watson
4/4	Edgartown	3	Capt. J. Nelson	Willet			
4/5	Gloucester	1	D. Walters#	4/25-4/30	Nbpt H.	5	R. Heil + v.o.
4/6-4/20	Marblehead	2	A. Sanford + v.o.	4/26-4/30	Ipswich	11	N. Dubrow + v.o.
Black-bellied Plover				4/29	PI	14	S. Mroz + v.o.
4/19	Edgartown	37	Capt. J. Nelson	Greater Yellowlegs			
4/19	PI	4	N. Forestell	3/12, 4/20	PI	1,44	S. Santino, R. Heil
4/21	Essex	17	S. Grinley#	3/13-3/14	Topsfield	1	v.o.
4/29	Ipswich	6	N. Dubrow	3/27-3/30	Rowley	5	R. Heil#
Killdeer				4/12	Longmeadow	2	N. DeGray
3/18	Wachusett Res.	12	M. Lynch#	Red Phalarope			
3/22	Northampton	16	B. Finney	4/4	Eastham (FE)	30	B. Nikula
3/30	Egremont	28	J. Pierce	4/4	P'town (RP)	4	P. Flood#
4/4	Middleton	43	S. McDonald	4/28	Dennis	1	S. Finnegan

Great Skua				4/19-4/30	Carver	7 max	v. o.
4/4	Eastham (FE)	1 ph	B. Nikula	4/26	Gill	1	J. Layfield
Parasitic Jaeger				4/29	Wachusett Res.	1	H. Siener
4/28	Dennis (Corp. B.)	4	P. Flood	4/30	Westford	1	S. Upperman
4/28	Eastham (FE)	3	B. Nikula	Common Tern			
Dovekie				4/16	Cheshire Res.	1	G. Hurley
3/3	Stellwagen Bank	3	P. Flood#	4/28	Revere B.	5	B. Burke
3/6	Rockport (HPt)	1	B. Winger	4/29	P'town (RP)	7	P. Flood
3/15	P'town (RP)	20	J. Sweeney#	Arctic Tern			
3/27	Cuttyhunk I.	8	M. Sylvia	4/27	Rockport (AP)	1 ad	R. Heil
Common Murre				Red-throated Loon			
3/3	Stellwagen Bank	102	P. Flood#	3/1-3/17	Medford	1	J. Kovner + v.o.
3/19,29,4/24	Rockport (AP)	3,5,15	M. Brengle, R. Heil	3/27	Quabbin Pk	1	L. Therrien
3/21	PI	1	G. d'Entremont#	4/1-4/30	Rockport (AP)	22	R. Heil + v.o.
4/11,19,29	P'town (RP)	261,38,4	P. Flood	4/4	P'town (RP)	450	P. Flood
Thick-billed Murre				4/23	PI	48	R. Heil + v.o.
3/1-3/15	Gloucester	2 max	v.o.	Pacific Loon			
3/1	P'town	1	E. Hill-Gest	3/1-3/8	Rockport (AP)	1 ph	R. Heil + v.o.
3/9	PI	1	J. Keyes#	4/5-4/26	P'town (RP)	1 ph	P. Flood#
3/18	P'town (RP)	1	L. Waters#	Common Loon			
4/1	Manomet Point	1	D. Furbish	3/10-4/29	Wachusett Res.	10 max	E. Kittredge + v.o.
Razorbill				4/30	Southwick	14	D. Holmes
thr	Rockport (AP)	50 max	M. Brengle + v.o.	Yellow-billed Loon			
3/3	Stellwagen Bank	157	P. Flood#	4/19	P'town (RP)	1 imm	P. Flood#
4/1	Manomet Point	1	D. Furbish	Leach's Storm-Petrel			
4/5-4/7	PI	5	J. Roth #	4/28	Dennis (Corp. B.)	2	P. Flood
4/12	Gloucester	5	D. Walters	Sooty Shearwater			
4/25	Cohasset	1	V. Zollo	4/14	Eastham	1	M. Waters
Large acid sp.				Manx Shearwater			
3/25	P'town (RP)	695	B. Nikula	3/31, 4/25	P'town (RP)	2,4	P. Flood
Black Guillemot				4/1-4/30	Revere B.	8	v.o.
3/16	Gloucester H.	1	J. Keyes	4/2	Scituate	2	J. Frost
4/1-4/30	Rockport (AP)	4	R. Heil + v.o.	4/4	Cohasset	1	J. Bock
4/1	Manomet Point	1	D. Furbish	4/28	Dennis (Corp. B.)	1	P. Flood
Black Guillemot (mandii)				Northern Gannet			
3/1-3/19	P'town	1 ph	v.o.	4/4	Cohasset	4	M. Iliif
4/4	P'town (RP)	1 ph	P. Flood#	4/19	Oak Bluffs	100	Capt. J. Nelson
Black-legged Kittiwake				4/26	P'town (RP)	1300	B. Nikula
4/4	Eastham (FE)	255	B. Nikula	4/28	Eastham (FE)	1300	B. Nikula
Bonaparte's Gull				Double-crested Cormorant			
4/3	Nantucket	540	S. Kardell	3/13	Needham	60	J. Bock
4/27	Wachusett Res.	27 ph	C. Martone	3/21	Cohasset	8	V. Zollo
4/29	P'town (RP)	1200	P. Flood	4/24	Wachusett Res.	14	M. Lynch#
Black-headed Gull				Great Cormorant			
3/1-3/30	Centerville	1	P. Trimble#	3/28	P'town (RP)	13	B. Nikula#
3/1-3/10	Gloucester	1 W ph	G. d'Entremont + v.o.	4/1-4/27	Rockport (AP)	28	v.o.
Little Gull				4/12	Gloucester	5	D. Walters
4/3	Nantucket	8 7ad+1 imm ph	S. Kardell	4/25	N. Scituate	5	G. d'Entremont
4/29	P'town (RP)	3 2ad+1 imm ph	P. Flood	Brown Pelican			
Mew Gull				4/10	Wellfleet	1 ph	D. Griffin#
3/28	Nantucket	1 ph	S. Kardell	American Bittern			
Iceland Gull				thr	Indiv. reported from 26 locations		
3/8	Saugus	1	D. Bates	3/26-4/29	Burrage Pd WMA	2 max	A. Kneidel + v.o.
3/30	Tewksbury	1	J. Keeley	4/12-4/29	BFWMA	3 max	V. Burdette + v.o.
4/4	Rockport (AP)	8	N. Dubrow + v.o.	4/12-4/20	Wayland	2	B. Harris + v.o.
4/4	Cohasset	4	M. Iliif	Least Bittern			
4/5	Gloucester	2	D. Walters#	4/23	Ipswich	1 au	N. Dubrow
4/11	Middleton	1	S. Sullivan#	Great Blue Heron			
Lesser Black-backed Gull				3/1	Cambr. (Alewife)	11	K. Johnson + v.o.
3/1	Nantucket	40	S. Kardell	3/24	Pittsfield	16	J. Pierce
3/1	Turners Falls	1	B. Wilde#	4/1-4/11	Middleton	72	J. Berry#
3/17-4/16	Arlington Res.	2	K. Hartel# + v.o.	4/7	Quaboag IBA	13	M. Lynch#
4/4	Oak Bluffs	1	Capt. J. Nelson	Great Egret			
4/6	BFWMA	1 icy	S. Miller#	3/20	Hamilton	1	D. Walters
4/14	Wachusett Res.	1 adS	M. Lynch#	4/10-4/19	Longmeadow	4 max	C. Surprenant
Glaucous Gull				4/23	Ipswich	39	N. Dubrow
3/1-3/8	Saugus	1	G. Wilson + v.o.	Snowy Egret			
3/11	PI	1	R. Heil	3/28-3/31	Ipswich	2	N. Dubrow + v.o.
3/22	Andover	1	M. McCarthy	Little Blue Heron			
4/4	Oak Bluffs	1	Capt. J. Nelson	4/20	Orleans	1	D. Ortolani
Caspian Tern				4/20	Nantucket	1	L. Dunn#
3/27	Pittsfield	1	J. Pierce + v.o.	4/25	Ipswich	1	L. Sundar
4/13	Scituate	2	D. Peacock	4/25	Hingham	1	G. d'Entremont

Little Blue Heron (continued)				Yellow-crowned Night-Heron			
4/29	Jamaica Plain	1	E. Achtenberg	4/20	P'town (RP)	1	E. Goodman
Tricolored Heron				4/24	Essex	1	K. Zoll
4/6-4/19	Eastham	1	S. Finnegan#	Glossy Ibis			
Green Heron				4/10	W. Newbury	31	v.o.
3/12	Tidmarsh WS	1	L. Schibley	4/23	Hamilton	215	D. Walters
4/17	Cambr. (Alewife)	1	R. Evans	4/24	Plymouth	24	D. Furbish
4/18	Sheffield	1	J. Pierce	4/24-4/26	Wakefield	12	M. Sovay + v.o.
4/20	Longmeadow	1	M. Moore	4/28	W. Harwich	29	B. Albro
Black-crowned Night-Heron				4/29	Ipswich	178	J. Berry
3/9	Essex	2	D. Brewster	White-faced Ibis			
3/28	Melrose	2	J. McCoy	4/11-4/12	W. Newbury	1 ph	M. Sovay + v.o.
4/4-4/30	Watertown	20	v.o.	4/13	Rowley	1 ph	S. Grinley#
4/4	Gloucester	2	N. Dubrow#	4/16-4/30	Ipswich	2 max ph	N. Dubrow# + v.o.
4/7	Quincy	2	D. O'Brien	4/26	Beverly	1 ph	M. Iliff
4/23-4/30	Nbpt	6	v.o.				

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A **Swallow-tailed Kite** was photographed in Bridgewater on March 11 and possibly the same individual was seen nearby on March 14. March reports of this species are rare in the state. The most recent March reports are from 2014, with birds recorded in Orleans and Harwich (March 12), Essex (March 15), and Nantucket (March 17). Another Swallow-tailed Kite was noted on April 11 from Truro, an area of the outer Cape that is one of the more reliable locations to see this species from mid-April through early June.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the traditional hawkwatch at Lot 1 on Plum Island was staffed with only a few volunteers; for the month of April, the hawkwatch logged a total of 68 hours compared with 158 hours in 2019. According to Paul Roberts, founder of the Eastern Massachusetts Hawk Watch, the 2020 season was about average. However, numbers of Sharp-shinned Hawks, American Kestrels, and Merlins were higher than the ten-year rolling average. Broad-winged Hawk migration was well under way by mid-April, with 13 individuals noted in Amherst on April 29. Wintering Rough-legged Hawks continued on Plum Island until March 12, and as many as three Snowy Owls were present on the refuge as late as March 28. The last reported Snowy Owl for the state was from Race Point in Provincetown on April 6.

March and April signal the start of migration. This year's migration was unlike any other that we have witnessed. On March 11, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the spread of Covid-19 a pandemic. By the end of the month many of our favorite birding areas were closed. All the local bird clubs cancelled their scheduled trips and meetings and most Mass Audubon sanctuaries were closed to visitors. On March 30, Mount Auburn Cemetery closed its gates to the public and to birders, with visiting hours restricted to 4–6 pm for those visiting the graves of loved ones. Parker River National Wildlife Refuge closed its gates to vehicles on April 17, but still allowed birders and others to enter on foot or by bicycle. We all learned what it meant to shelter in place and how to keep our social distance. Luckily, social distancing is generally not a problem for birding and staying close to home gave birders a reason to explore new areas. We all discovered that birding can be rewarding wherever you are.

The mild and relatively storm-free weather that we enjoyed at the start of the year continued into March. These mild conditions may help explain some unusual numbers of over-wintering birds that would otherwise have perished. Examples include many Ruby-crowned Kinglets, Gray Catbirds, Chipping Sparrows, Eastern Towhees, and Orange-crowned Warblers. There were also reports of birds that do not typically overwinter in our state, including a Black-throated Blue Warbler found at Mount Auburn in late March, a Northern Parula in Orleans, and a **MacGillivray's Warbler** at Manomet that likely moved on to breed. Tree Swallows and Eastern Phoebes arrived early in March and continued to build up in numbers by the start of April. The woods in late March were alive with the song of Winter Wrens and Brown Creepers. They were

soon joined by Blue-headed Vireos, Pine Warblers, and—in their regular spots—Louisiana Waterthrushes.

With the closure of many of the traditional locations where birders gather to witness and monitor the progression of migration, it was difficult to pinpoint the best days. The first significant movement seems to have occurred on April 19–20. Rick Heil had an excellent fallout of early migrants on Plum Island during the early morning of April 20. Among the 76 species Rick reported, high counts included 44 Northern Flickers, 12 Ruby-crowned Kinglets, 40 Hermit Thrushes, 51 Yellow-rumped Warblers, and 67 Savannah Sparrows. Cool weather and significant rain prevailed from April 24 through April 27, which stalled migration.

Among the highlights for the period included the continuing and cooperative **Red-headed Woodpeckers** at Rock Meadow Pond, Ayer, and at Bachelor Brook in South Hadley. The **Townsend's Solitaire**, which was first discovered on November 10, 2019, at Halibut Point in Rockport, was last seen on March 2. Noteworthy sparrow reports during the period were three Grasshopper Sparrows, a Lark Sparrow at Kingston, two reports of Clay-colored Sparrow, and a very obliging Ipswich Sparrow that spent seven days at Millennium Park in West Roxbury. A total of 19 species of warbler were noted during the period. Outstanding reports included the **MacGillivray's Warbler** seen and audio-recorded at Manomet, a Hooded Warbler and a **Prothonotary Warbler** in Provincetown, and another Hooded Warbler in Hingham. The **Western Tanager** first noted from Sandwich on the Buzzards Bay Christmas Bird Count on December 14 was last seen on March 3. Other Western Tanagers were noted from Nantucket and Amherst. Rounding out the rarities were reports of **Summer Tanagers** from Sandwich and Mashpee and two different **Painted Buntings** in Orleans.

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Black Vulture				Northern Goshawk			
3/1-3/12	Wrentham	6	W. Sweet	4/5	Pittsfield (Onota)	1 imm	J. Pierce, G. Hurley
3/10	South Hadley	9	M. Waters	4/6	Millers Falls	1	B. Kanash
3/10	Mendon	5	C. Martone	Bald Eagle			
3/24	S. Deerfield	13	B. Finney	3/1-3/8	Waltham	2 1pr n	v.o.
4/25	Bourne	2	E. Hill-Gest	3/4	Easthampton	7	D. Allard
4/25	P'town	2	P. Flood	3/20	Quaboag IBA	3 1pr+1imm	M. Lynch#
Turkey Vulture				4/14	Wachusett Res.	5 1imm	M. Lynch#
3/27	PI	14	R. Heil	4/23	Medford	8 4ad+4imm	P. Roberts#
4/1	Williamstown	18	M. Morales	Red-shouldered Hawk			
Osprey				thr	Easton	2 1pr n	K. Ryan
3/8	Longmeadow	1	C. Volker	3/12	Quaboag IBA	3	M. Lynch#
3/18-3/31	Ayer	2 1pr n	S. Miller# + v.o.	3/31-4/11	Middleton	2	J. Berry#
3/22	Harwich	3	J. Hoye#	Broad-winged Hawk			
3/22-3/31	Boxborough	2 1pr n	E. Zilinek	4/11	Sudbury	4	B. Harris
Swallow-tailed Kite				4/12	Pittsfield	4	K. Hanson#
3/11	Bridgewater	1 ph	J. Carlisle + v.o.	4/23	Ware R. IBA	3	M. Lynch#
4/11	Truro	1	J. Sweeney	4/29	Amherst	13	J. Rose
Northern Harrier				Rough-legged Hawk			
4/19	Edgartown	2	Capt. J. Nelson	3/1-3/12	PI	1	v.o.
4/20	PI	6 3ad m+3f	R. Heil	3/1	Lee	1	J. Pierce + v.o.
Sharp-shinned Hawk				3/1	Deerfield	1	S. Griesemer
4/thr	PI	120	Hawkcount (P. Roberts)	3/6	Worthington	1	B. Finney
4/11	Medfield	2	J. Bock	3/25	Northampton	1	H. Faerstein
4/12	Pittsfield	3	K. Hanson#	Barn Owl			
4/19	PI	12	J. Trimble	3/4, 4/8	Nantucket	1	S. Kardell#
Cooper's Hawk				Eastern Screech-Owl			
4/1-4/30	MtA	2 1pr n	A. Parker + v.o.	3/3	MSSF	2	G. d'Entremont
4/1-4/30	Arlington	2 1pr n	D. Bean + v.o.				

Great Horned Owl				4/29	Rockport	1	M. Nelson
3/1-4/12	Middleton	2	J. Berry#	4/29	W. Boylston	1	M. VandenBoom#
4/1-4/6	Lexington	3	A. Joslin#	Yellow-throated Vireo			
4/7	Boston (AA)	3	N. Hayward	4/19-4/30	Eastham	1	J. Sweeney#
Snowy Owl				4/29	Quabbin Pk	1	L. Therrien
3/1-3/28	PI	3	v.o.	Blue-headed Vireo			
3/9	Rowley	1	J. Carroll	4/11	Boxford	1	M. Watson
4/6	P'town (RP)	1	M. Heintz	4/13	Newton	1	M. Chalfin-Jacobs#
Barred Owl				4/22	Assabet R. NWR	5	S. Beattie
3/9	Quaboag IBA	4	M. Lynch#	Warbling Vireo			
3/24	Groveland	3	N. Dubrow	4/14	W. Newbury	1	T. Olsson
4/25	Wompatuck SP	3	G. d'Entremont	4/25	Hadley	1	S. Sumer, M. Locher
Short-eared Owl				Fish Crow			
3/3-3/28	PI	4	v.o.	3/1	Natick	4	J. Hoye#
3/7	Edgartown	2	B. Shriber	3/5-3/12	GMNWR	2	J. Trimble
3/14-4/25	Hanson	1	E. Finizio	3/30	Quaboag IBA	4	M. Lynch#
3/31	Quincy	1	C. Whitebread	4/22	Gill	22	J. Layfield
4/4	Hadley (Honeypot)	1	M. Locher	4/25	Concord	13	S. Perkins#
Northern Saw-whet Owl				Common Raven			
3/5	Marlborough	1	N. Tepper#	4/4	Carver	14	J. Young
3/8	Sheffield	1	K. Hanson, J. Jew	4/12	Pittsfield	9	S. Townsend
4/23	Williamstown	1	So. Auer	4/30	Nantucket	2	S. Kardell#
Belted Kingfisher				Horned Lark			
4/11	Ayer	2	G. d'Entremont	3/1-3/8	Saugus	70	G. Wilson + v.o.
Red-headed Woodpecker				3/21	Hadley	30	J. Oliverio
thr	Ayer	1	v.o.	3/27	Worc.	60	M. Lynch#
3/1-4/23	South Hadley	2	A. Hulsey + v.o.	3/27	Northfield	50	J. Coleman#
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				4/4-4/28	Acton	35	D. Swain + v.o.
3/19-3/27	Ipswich	2	M. Brengle	Bank Swallow			
4/11	Ashby	4	v.o.	4/12	Wayland	1	B. Harris
4/21	Sharon	2	V. Zollo	4/20	Hadley	2	L. Therrien
4/23	Hardwick	12	M. Lynch#	Tree Swallow			
Northern Flicker				3/5-3/9	GMNWR	3	W. Martens#
3/18	Wachusett Res.	5	M. Lynch#	3/10	New Salem	185	E. LeBlanc
4/20	PI	44	R. Heil	3/10	Hatfield	159	M. McKittrick
Pileated Woodpecker				3/11	Holyoke	190	D. Peake-Jones
thr	Ayer	3	v.o.	3/25	Stockbridge	500	J. Jew
4/5	Colrain	2	M. Lynch#	4/24	Wachusett Res.	350	M. Lynch#
American Kestrel				Northern Rough-winged Swallow			
4/thr	PI	377	Hawkcount (P. Roberts)	4/3	Belchertown	1	L. Therrien
4/8	Hanscom	25	M. Rines	4/5	Sheffield	3	J. Pierce
4/11	Bedford	5	D. Swain#	4/8-4/30	Arlington Res.	10	v.o.
4/19	PI	16	J. Trimble	Purple Martin			
4/28	Worc.	12	M. Lynch#	4/8	Barnstable	1	C. Walz
Merlin				4/13	Millis	4	J. Glover + v.o.
3/1-3/31	Medford	1	J. Layman + v.o.	4/15	Brighton	1	R. Schain
3/2	Lexington	1	D. Williams#	4/20	PI	5	R. Heil
4/thr	PI	42	Hawkcount (P. Roberts)	Barn Swallow			
4/20	PI	3	R. Heil	4/4	Hadley	1	L. Farlow
4/28	Worc.	1	M. Lynch#	4/6	PI	4	R. Heil
Peregrine Falcon				4/7	Pittsfield	2	S. Townsend
thr	Lawrence	2	C. Gibson + v.o.	Cliff Swallow			
thr	Watertown	2	R. Stymeist# + v.o.	4/11	Sharon	1	W. Sweet
3/28	P'town (RP)	1	B. Nikula	4/16-4/18	GMNWR	1	W. Martens+ v.o.
Great Crested Flycatcher				4/25	Hatfield	1	T. Gilliland
4/25	Easthampton	1	A. Kallenbach	4/28	S. Egremont	1	J. Pierce
Eastern Kingbird				Red-breasted Nuthatch			
4/29	Sheffield	1	M. Sand	3/1	Ware R. IBA	4	M. Lynch#
4/29	Cummington	1	T. Gessing	4/17	Shutesbury	10	L. Waters
Least Flycatcher				4/25	Wompatuck SP	2	G. d'Entremont
4/29	Northampton	1	H. Scott	Brown Creeper			
4/30	Pittsfield	1	K. Hanson	3/11	Assabet R. NWR	13	N. Tepper
Eastern Phoebe				4/6	Boxford	11	J. Berry#
3/1-3/8	Middleton	1	J. Keeley#	4/7	Shutesbury	9	L. Waters
4/2	Belchertown	16	D. Marchant	4/18	Wompatuck SP	6	G. d'Entremont
4/5	Colrain	23	M. Lynch#	4/25	Monterey	10	L. Hertzog
4/7	Quaboag IBA	26	M. Lynch#	House Wren			
4/12	Ashby	12	S. Miller#	3/16	Ipswich (CB)	1	N. Dubrow
Northern Shrike				4/5	Hingham	1	K. Rawdon
thr-4/7	Indiv. reported from 20 locations						
White-eyed Vireo				Winter Wren			
4/18	Barnstable	1	P. Trimble	3/10-3/11	IRWS	4	C. Decker + v.o.
4/20-4/30	P'town	1	B. Nikula#	4/1-4/30	Boxford	4	v.o.
				4/25	Wompatuck SP	5	G. d'Entremont

Marsh Wren				3/8	Saugus	1 ph	G. Wilson + v.o.
3/1-3/27	Wayland	2	B. Harris	Snow Bunting			
3/25-4/29	Lenox	2 max	K. Hanson + v.o.	3/8	Weymouth	28	M. Iliff
4/9	GMNWR	6	W. Martens#	3/9-3/11	Northampton	5 max	S. Griesemer + v.o.
Carolina Wren				3/15	Gloucester	2	J. Nelson, M. Watson
4/7	Holland	6	M. Lynch#	3/27	Rockport	1	H. Wales#
4/22	Blackstone	6	M. Lynch#	Grasshopper Sparrow			
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				3/1-3/8	Saugus	1	G. Wilson + v.o.
4/8	Easthampton	1	T. Gessing	4/8	Deerfield	1	D. Sibley + v.o.
4/8	Newton	1	W. Wang	4/20	Weymouth	2	D. O'Brien
4/8	Dedham	1	M. Iliff	Lark Sparrow			
4/12	Medford	3	M. Rines	4/15	Kingston	1	A. Kneidel
Golden-crowned Kinglet				Chipping Sparrow			
3/1	Ware R. IBA	5	M. Lynch#	3/1-3/5	Arlington	6	R. Stymeist#
4/5	Wendell	14	D. Narango	3/2-3/23	Eastham	13	v.o.
4/5	Holyoke	9	D. Peake-Jones	4/25	Wompatuck SP	16	G. d'Entremont
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				4/29	W. Brookfield	51	M. Lynch#
3/25	Shutesbury	20	L. Waters	4/29	Pittsfield	27	S. Townsend
4/20	PI	12	R. Heil	Clay-colored Sparrow			
4/23	P'town	14	B. Nikula	3/2-3/23	Eastham	1	v.o.
Eastern Bluebird				4/25	Hingham	1	K. Rawdon
3/1	Ayer	6	T. Murray	Field Sparrow			
3/8	Tyringham	12	M. Lynch#	3/1-3/6	Groton	3	T. Murray
3/14	IRWS	7	J. Hoye#	4/7	Brimfield	4	M. Lynch#
Townsend's Solitaire				4/21	Southwick	11	J. Meyers
3/1-3/2	Rockport (HPt)	1	v.o.	4/25	Spencer	6	M. Lynch#
Veery				Fox Sparrow			
4/30	Amherst	1	S. Schwenk	3/8-3/29	Orange	6 max	L. Boudreau
Hermit Thrush				3/15	S. Dartmouth	3	G. d'Entremont#
4/18	Clarksburg	14	So. Auer	4/5	Colrain	6	M. Lynch#
4/20	PI	40	R. Heil	4/6	Lenox	9	J. Pierce
4/20	Lexington	27	M. Rins	American Tree Sparrow			
4/21	Quabbin Pk	22	L. Therrien	4/20	Rockport	1	C. Marchant
Wood Thrush				4/20-4/25	Sudbury	1	B. Black#
4/28	Hadley (Fort R.)	1	L. Therrien	4/25	Ipswich	2	N. Dubrow
4/29	Pittsfield	1	S. Townsend	Dark-eyed Junco			
Gray Catbird				4/5	Colrain	210	M. Lynch#
3/10	W. Newbury	1	G. Keller	4/5	Rowe	62	M. Lynch#
4/12-4/30	PI	2	v.o.	Dark-eyed Junco x White-throated Sparrow (hybrid)			
Brown Thrasher				4/4	Upton	1 ph	N. Paulson#
3/15-3/31	Cambr. (FP)	1	M. Jensen + v.o.	White-crowned Sparrow			
4/1	Cambr. (Daneyh Pk)	1	N. Yusuff	3/1-3/8	Saugus	3	G. Wilson + v.o.
4/26	Hanscom	2	M. Rines	4/21	Nantucket	2	T. Pastuszek
Bohemian Waxwing				White-throated Sparrow			
3/1-3/16	P'town	1 ph	J. Wagner#	3/16	GMNWR	12	N. Hayward
American Pipit				3/28	Hinsdale	14	M. Lynch#
3/15, 4/26	Nantucket	3, 5	S. Kardell	4/5	Colrain	46	M. Lynch#
3/27	Edgartown	18	L. Johnson	Vesper Sparrow			
3/29-4/4	Ipswich	6	D. Walters#	3/17	Rochester	3	B. Burke
4/12-4/19	Hadley	22 max	T. Gagnon# + v.o.	4/4-4/8	Hadley (Honeypot)	4 max	L. Therrien
4/12	Cumb. Farms	18	D. Burton#	4/7-4/28	Williamstown	2 max	M. Morales + v.o.
Evening Grosbeak				4/8-4/26	Orange Airport	3 max	B. Lafley + v.o.
3/21-4/24	Conway	2 1pr	S. Baker, S. Dombeck	Seaside Sparrow			
3/28	Hinsdale	2	M. Lynch#	4/5	Eastham (FH)	1	S. Finnegan#
4/5-4/29	Williamsburg	12	J. Coleman	4/7	PI	1	R. Heil
4/5	New Salem	1	B. Lafley	Saltmarsh Sparrow			
4/25	Paxton	2 1pr	B. Samdahl	4/5	Eastham (FH)	1	S. Finnegan#
Purple Finch				Savannah Sparrow			
3/28	Hinsdale	8	M. Lynch#	4/18	Hanscom	73	M. Rines
4/20	PI	19	R. Heil	4/18	Ashley Falls	28	J. Pierce
4/20	P'town	1	B. Nikula	4/20	PI	67	R. Heil
4/26	Shutesbury	8	B. Emily	4/21	Deerfield	20	J. Layfield
Red Crossbill				4/29	Easthampton	50	L. Farlow
3/2	Lenox	1	Z. Adams	Savannah Sparrow (Ipswich Sparrow)			
3/15, 4/26	Tolland	1, 1	D. Holmes	4/15-4/21	W. Roxbury (MP)	1	M. Iliff + v.o.
3/25-4/19	Conway/Williamsburg	9 max	G. Lebaron + v.o.	4/18	Rockport	1	J. Keeley#
3/28	Huntington	1	D. Allard	Swamp Sparrow			
4/1-4/7	Lenox	1, 2	J. Pierce	4/20	Lenox	24	L. Waters
Pine Siskin				4/26	Burrage Pd WMA17	1	G. d'Entremont
4/23	Belchertown	1	L. Therrien	Spotted x Eastern Towhee (hybrid)!			
4/24	Bernardston	2	S. Gross	4/16	Assabet R. NWR	1 ph	N. Tepper
Lapland Longspur							
3/1	Edgartown	1	B. Shriber				

Eastern Towhee				Blackburnian Warbler			
3/1-4/6	Newton	2	H. Miller+ v.o.	4/29	Williamsburg	1	A. Kallenbach
3/15	S. Dartmouth	3	G. d'Entremont#	Yellow Warbler			
3/18	Ayer	2	S. Wilson	4/24	Turners Falls	1	R. Brown
Yellow-breasted Chat				4/25	Easthampton	2	B. Finney
3/1-4/18	Hyannis	1	L. Cassidy#	4/25	Cambr. (Alewife)	1	S. Griffin
3/8-3/9	Winchester	1	R. LaFontaine+ v.o.	Black-throated Blue Warbler			
3/28	Nantucket	1	S. Kardell	3/23-4/23	MtA	1 m	R. Stymeist+ v.o.
3/31-4/5	Scituate	1	R. Copeland	4/25	Clarksburg	1	So. Auer
4/12	Tisbury	1	L. Johnson	4/29	New Marlborough	5	K. Schopp
Yellow-headed Blackbird				Palm Warbler			
4/16	Kingston	1 ph	B. Creamer	4/6	Boxford	14	J. Berry#
4/28	Chatham	1 m ph	M. Hardy	4/11	Holyoke	73	D. Peake-Jones#
Eastern Meadowlark				4/11	Groton	17	S. Wilson
3/10-4/30	Ipswich	5	N. Dubrow+ v.o.	4/15	Belchertown	52	L. Therrien
4/5-4/30	Concord	6	v.o.	4/23	Hardwick	12	M. Lynch#
4/8-4/26	Westover AFB	6 max	L+A. Richardson	Palm Warbler (Western)			
Baltimore Oriole				3/4	Falmouth	1	J. Hoye#
3/1	Nantucket	2	G. Andrews#	3/28	Burrage Pd WMA	2	S. Sullivan
3/25-4/29	Kingston	1	D. Furbish	4/20	P'town	1	B. Nikula
4/23	Belchertown	2	M. Cozine	4/23	Andover	1	M. McCarthy
Rusty Blackbird				4/29	MBO	1	E. Dalton
3/3, 3/7	Barnstable	1	E. Hill-Gest	Pine Warbler			
3/21	Lexington	22	M. Rines	3/1	Lowell	8	v.o.
3/30	Medfield	97	J. Bock	4/5-4/30	Boxford	19	v.o.
4/1-4/28	Lynnfield	108	M. Sovay+ v.o.	4/19	Wompatuck SP	19	G. d'Entremont
4/14	W. Roxbury	27 max	R. Schain+ v.o.	4/25	Spencer	38	M. Lynch#
Ovenbird				Yellow-rumped Warbler			
4/22	Chesterfield	1	T. Gessing	4/20	P'town	60	B. Nikula
4/25	Arlington Res.	1	K. Hartel	4/20	PI	51	R. Heil
4/26	Longmeadow	1	L. + A. Richardson	Prairie Warbler			
Louisiana Waterthrush				4/12	Edgartown	1	S. Williams#
4/6	Turners Falls	1	E. Huston	Black-throated Green Warbler			
4/6	Wayland	1	J. Hoye#	4/23	Orange	2	G. Watkevich
4/9	Boxford	3	T. Martin	4/26	Shutesbury	2	C. Sylvia
4/11-4/30	Ashby	5	L. Kramer#	Summer Tanager			
4/25	Spencer	6	M. Lynch#	4/15	Sandwich	1 m ph	J. Comeau
Northern Waterthrush				4/23	Mashpee	1 imm m ph	P. Kyle#
4/19-4/21	Assabet R. NWR	2	N. Tepper+ v.o.	Scarlet Tanager			
4/25	Wompatuck SP	2	G. d'Entremont	4/22	Barnstable	1	N. Villone
Black-and-white Warbler				4/30	Granville	1	M. Lerner
4/21	Pittsfield	1	J. Pierce	Western Tanager			
4/25-4/30	Concord	3	v.o.	3/1-3/3	Sandwich	1	S. Boutilier
Prothonotary Warbler				3/7-4/5	Nantucket	1 ph	G. Andrews#
4/15	Nantucket	1 ph	S. Fee	4/18-4/19	Amherst	1 ph	J. Mildred+ v.o.
Orange-crowned Warbler				Rose-breasted Grosbeak			
thr	Indiv. reported from 13 locations			4/14	Yarmouth	1	J. Dwelly
MacGillivray's Warbler				4/15	Nantucket	1	S. Kardell
4/29	MBO	1 ph	auE. Dalton+ v.o.	4/17-4/18	Lynn	1	T. McElligot
Common Yellowthroat				Blue Grosbeak			
4/11	W. Roxbury (MP)	1	M. Iliff	4/16-4/28	Nantucket	1	J. Olney
4/14	Ipswich	2	P. Low	4/22	Waltham	1 f ph	R. Barton
Hooded Warbler				Indigo Bunting			
4/21	Wompatuck SP	1	H. Cross	4/14	P'town	1	B. Nikula
4/26	P'town	1	K. Miller#	4/17	Orleans	2	D. Errichetti
American Redstart				4/20	Watertown	1	D. Bates
4/23	Hardwick	1	B. Goodwin	Painted Bunting			
4/28	Turners Falls	1	J. Layfield	3/6	Orleans	1 f/imm m ph	R. Utt
4/29	Ware	4	R. Menck	4/7-4/15	Orleans	1 f/imm m ph	R. Davis
Northern Parula				Dickcissel			
3/1-4/15	S. Orleans	1	D. Gilmore	3/1-4/15	Rumney (Revere)	1	S. Whitebread+ v.o.
4/14	Randolph	1	M. Iliff	3/29	Georgetown	1 ph	M. Watson
4/25	Leverett	2	C. Sylvia	3/31-4/5	Williamstown	1 ph	v.o.
4/25	Easthampton	2	A. Kallenbach				



ABBREVIATIONS FOR BIRD SIGHTINGS

Taxonomic order is based on AOS checklist, Seventh edition, 60th Supplement, as published in *Auk* 136: ukz042 (2019) (see <<http://checklist.aou.org/>>).

Locations		PI	Plum Island
AA	Arnold Arboretum, Boston	Pk	Park
ABC	Allen Bird Club	PLY Co. seas	Plymouth County, offshore
AFB	Air Force Base	Pont.	Pontoosuc Lake, Lanesboro
AP	Andrews Point, Rockport	POP	Point of Pines, Revere
APd	Allens Pond, S. Dartmouth	PR	Pinnacle Rock, Malden
AthBC	Athol Bird Club	P'town	Provincetown
B.	Beach	R.	River
Barre FD	Barre Falls Dam	Res.	Reservoir
BBC	Brookline Bird Club	RKG	Rose Kennedy Greenway, Boston
BFWMA	Bolton Flats WMA, Bolton & Lancaster	RP	Race Point, Provincetown
BHI	Boston Harbor Islands	SB	South Beach, Chatham
BI	Belle Isle, E. Boston	SF	State Forest
BMB	Broad Meadow Brook, Worcester	SN	Sandy Neck, Barnstable
BNC	Boston Nature Center, Mattapan	SP	State Park
BR	Bass Rocks, Gloucester	SRV	Sudbury River Valley
BRI Co. seas	Bristol County, offshore	SSBC	South Shore Bird Club
Cambr.	Cambridge	TASL	Take A Second Look, Boston Harbor Census
CB	Crane Beach, Ipswich	WBWS	Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
CCBC	Cape Cod Bird Club	WE	World's End, Hingham
CCG	Coast Guard Beach, Eastham	WMA	Wildlife Management Area
Co.	County	WMWS	Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary
Corp. B.	Corporation Beach, Dennis	Wompatuck SP	Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate, Norwell
CP	Crooked Pond, Boxford	Worc.	Worcester
Cumb. Farms	Cumberland Farms, Middleboro	WS	Wildlife Sanctuary
DFWS	Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary	WSF	Willowdale State Forest, Ipswich
DM	Dunback Meadow	WWMA	Westborough WMA, Westborough
DWMA	Delaney WMA, Stow, Bolton, Harvard	Other Abbreviations	
DWWS	Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary	*	first state record (pending MARC review)
EP	Eastern Point, Gloucester	!	subject to MARC review
FE	First Encounter Beach, Eastham	ad	adult
FH	Fort Hill, Eastham	au	audio recorded
FHC	Forest Hills Cemetery, Boston	b	banded
FP	Fresh Pond, Cambridge	br	breeding
Fpk	Franklin Park, Boston	cy	cycle (3cy = 3rd cycle)
G#	Gate #, Quabbin Res.	d	dead
GMNWR	Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge	dk	dark (morph)
H.	Harbor	f	female
HCB	Herring Cove Beach, Provincetown	fl	fledgling
HP	Horn Pond, Woburn	h	heard
HPt	Halibut Point, Rockport	imm	immature
HRWMA	High Ridge WMA, Gardner	inj	injured
I.	Island	juv	juvenile
IBA	Important Bird Area	lt	light (morph)
IRWS	Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary	m	male
L.	Ledge	MARC	Massachusetts Avian Records Committee
MAS	Mass Audubon	max	maximum
MBO	Bird Observatory, Manomet	migr	migrating
MBWMA	Martin Burns WMA, Newbury	n	nesting
McW	McLaughlin Woods	nfc	nocturnal flight call
MI	Morris Island	ph	photographed
MNWS	Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary	pl	plumage
MP	Millennium Park, W. Roxbury	pr	pair
MSSF	Myles Standish State Forest, Plymouth	r	rescued
MtA	Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambr.	S	summer (1S = first summer)
MV	Martha's Vineyard	subad	subadult
NAC	Nine Acre Corner, Concord	v.o.	various observers
Nbpt	Newburyport	W	winter (2W = second winter)
ONWR	Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge	yg	young
Pd	Pond	#	additional observers
PG	Public Garden, Boston		

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