

BIRD SIGHTINGS

November/December 2014

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November opened with a weekend storm, which turned into a nor'easter bringing the first snow of the season along with strong winds and some coastal flooding. Boston's snow quickly turned into rain, but snow piled up in southeastern Massachusetts, and some flooding closed roads in Plymouth County. Most of the month saw near normal temperatures. Boston averaged 42°, with the first freeze on November 15. The first major snowstorm occurred the day before Thanksgiving and dumped up to 16 inches in parts of the state. Many areas lost power, creating havoc for those preparing Thanksgiving festivities. Snowfall totals were highest in Franklin and Worcester counties, Hawley recorded 16 inches, and Royalston had 14 inches. Boston had only 2.6 inches of snow but 1.57 inches of rain during the Thanksgiving storm.

December was warmer than normal; Boston averaged 38°, three degrees above normal. The high was 64° on December 1, and the low was 18° on December 8. The big story for the month was the nor'easter that occurred on December 9, which brought record rainfall to the state. Many areas reported more than three inches of rain; Wakefield recorded the most with 3.94 inches. Strong winds caused coastal flooding and power outages.

R. Stymeist

WATERFOWL THROUGH ALCIDS

On December 20 a Ross's Goose was discovered at Turners Falls. Because it was accompanied by two Snow Geese, birders had an opportunity to make comparisons. The Ross's Goose lingered through December 26, and many enjoyed it.

Cackling Geese were well reported during this period. On December 7 a **Tundra Swan** was discovered in Seekonk, where it was foraging in a cornfield with Canada Geese. It remained through December 19, during which time it moved around between Seekonk and Rehoboth. **Tufted Ducks** were reported from Falmouth and Nantucket. Because a Tufted Duck had been reported from Nantucket during the past two seasons, this was likely a repeating bird. **Barrow's Goldeneyes** were well reported, especially from inland locations. Inland reports appear to be increasing, but it is difficult to tell whether they signify a trend or simply better coverage as birding increases in popularity across the state.

Eared Grebes were reported from Quabog Pond in Brookfield and Wakeby Pond in Mashpee. This species is always an exceptional find, but the one in Worcester County appears to be the first inland record in 35 years.

For years a significant vulture roost has been assumed to exist in Westport because of reports of high numbers during the winter. Black Vultures have often been included in these tallies, but a count of 31 on December 2 shattered all previous records. A hybrid Red-tailed Hawk x Red-shouldered Hawk was photographed in West Boylston on November 9. According to the observer, there appear to be only about 10 records of this hybrid.

On November 28 at 8:13 am, a flock of 24 Sandhill Cranes was sighted flying south over Interstate 95 in Newburyport. Before this month, this number of Sandhills was unprecedented in Massachusetts and probably in the entire northeast United States. Earlier in November as

many as 30 Sandhills were reported near Skowhegan, Maine. On November 27 a flock of 24 was seen flying south over Seabrook, New Hampshire, and the next morning was the Massachusetts sighting. Also on November 28 at 2:00 pm, 23 were reported flying over Lighthouse Point in Connecticut (they were flying high; undoubtedly one was missed). On November 29 at 10:15 am, the flock was seen over Philadelphia. These sightings give us an idea of the Sandhills' movements. It is fascinating to be able to follow these birds, something made possible only by today's technology, which combines reports from email Listservs, eBird maps, and Facebook posts.

Black-headed Gulls were reported from five locations, including a rare inland sighting in Hadley. **Little Gulls** were reported from four locations. A **Mew Gull** was discovered on the Nantucket Christmas Bird Count (CBC) on December 28, and a **Thayer's Gull** was found at Niles Pond in Gloucester on December 27. As usual, Nantucket boasted large numbers of Lesser Black-backed Gulls.

M. Rines

Greater White-fronted Goose				American Wigeon			
11/15-12/31	W. Newbury	1	Goetschkes + v.o.	11/1	P.I.	80	T. Wetmore
11/16-23	Lunenburg	3	v.o.	11/2	C. Berkshire	17	T. Tynning
11/23	Lakeville	1	J. Young	12/2	Fairhaven	44	R. Stymeist
12/10-13	Nantucket	1	J. Papalay#	12/6	Waltham	65	J. Forbes
Snow Goose				12/14	Barnstable	80	C. Lapite#
11/25	Randolph	6	P. Peterson	American Black Duck			
11/28	Pittsfield	255	T. Collins	11/23	Acoaxet	217	M. Lynch#
12/2	Sheffield	5	R. Wendell	11/29	P.I.	600	T. Wetmore
12/14	Hatfield	5	S. Sauter	Blue-winged Teal			
12/18	Nantucket	4	V. Laux#	11/2	C. Berkshire	1	T. Tynning
12/20	Turners Falls	2	J. Smith	11/4	Marstons Mills	2	P. Crosson
Ross's Goose				11/5	Newbypt H.	1	D. Larson
12/20-26	Turners Falls	1 ph	B. Zajda + v.o.	11/28	Chatham	2	R. Schain
Brant				12/29	Sheffield	1	C. Jones
11/1	Quabbin Pk	7	L. Therrien	Northern Shoveler			
11/10	Wellfleet	225	P. Kyle	thr	Arlington Res.	9 max	v.o.
11/15	Bourne	179	M. Lynch#	thr	P.I.	12 max	v.o.
12/23	Nahant	350	L. Pivacek	11/19	Belchertown	10	E. Dalton
Cackling Goose				11/22	Marstons Mills	6	L. Waters
11/1-18	Turners Falls	1	J. Coleman#	12/6	Pittsfield (Onota)	3	J. Pierce
11/9	Agawam	1	L. Therrien	12/14	E. Boston	11	CBC (R. Stymeist)
11/9	Concord	2 ph	D. Sibley#	12/26	Fall River	15	C. Longworth
11/10	Amherst	1	I. Davies	Northern Pintail			
11/22-12/31	Belmont	2 ph	B. Miller + v.o.	thr	P.I.	175 max	v.o.
12/5-07	Rochester	1	J. Sweeney	11/22	Yarmouth	6	E. Hoopes
12/14-19	GMNWR	1	S. Perkins	11/23	Acoaxet	37	M. Lynch#
12/14	Hadley	1	E. Dalton	11/30	Marstons Mills	8	J. Davis
Tundra Swan				12/6	Quabog IBA	27	M. Lynch#
12/7-19	Seekonk/Rehoboth	1	S. Davis + v.o.	12/14	Hadley	20	L. Therrien
Wood Duck				12/28	Sudbury	29	B. Black#
11/1	Douglas-Sutton	81	M. Lynch#	Green-winged Teal			
11/6	GMNWR	30	A. Bragg#	11/9	Nantucket	75	K. Blackshaw
11/16	Brookline	49	P. Peterson	11/16	P.I.	450	T. Wetmore
12/30	Jamaica Plain	13	P. Peterson	11/18	Longmeadow	21	M. Moore
Gadwall				11/20	Pittsfield (Pont.)	18	J. Pierce
11/8	Pittsfield (Pont.)	6	Allen Club	12/25	Turners Falls	1	J. Coleman
11/22	Hyannis	40	L. Waters	Canvasback			
11/22	W. Yarmouth	54	P. Bono	thr	Cambr. (F.Pd)	4 max	v.o.
11/28	Ipswich	25	P. + F. Vale	11/3	Hudson	2	T. Spahr
11/29	Nantucket	51	B. Perkins	11/16	Nantucket	8	K. Blackshaw
12/27	P.I.	100	T. Wetmore	11/23	Richmond	5	J. Pierce
Eurasian Wigeon				11/25-12/19	Turners Falls	5 max	v.o.
11/1-25	P.I.	1 m	T. Wetmore	12/2	Stockbridge	5	J. Pierce
11/3	Marstons Mills	1	S. Paventy + v.o.	12/27	Nantucket	68	M. Malin#
11/9	Westport	1 m	E. Nielsen	12/28	Brookline	1	R. Schain#
11/22-12/31	Fairhaven	1 m	D. Logan#	Redhead			
11/23	Somerset	1 m	S. Davis	thr	Southboro	4 max	v.o.
12/27	Nantucket	1	J. Smith#	11/25	Nantucket	1	K. Blackshaw

Redhead (continued)				11/22	Nant. Shoals	6420	BBC Pelagic
12/4	W. Newbury	3	S. Mirick	12/16	P.I.	420	T. Wetmore
12/7	Lee	1	R. Wendell	Long-tailed Duck			
12/18	Clinton	2	J. Lawson#	11/1	Wachusett Res.	10	P. Morlock
12/26	N. Dennis	1	M. Faherty	11/1, 12/13	Quabbin Pk	59.2	L. Therrien
12/27	Nantucket	5	M. Malin#	11/1	Dennis (C.B.)	575	P. Flood
Ring-necked Duck				11/2	Eastham (F.E.)	520	B. Nikula
thr	Waltham	270 max	J. Forbes	11/22	Nant. Sound	150710	BBC Pelagic
thr	Cambr. (F.Pd)	186 max	v.o.	11/27	Richmond	3	C. Jones
thr	Southboro	1151 max	M. Lynch#	12/15	Newbypt H.	340	R. Heil
11/5	W. Newbury	150	P. + F. Vale	Bufflehead			
11/9	Pittsfield	700	S. Sumner	11/2	C. Berkshire	130	T. Tynning
11/16	Falmouth	225	C. Caron	11/5	Falmouth	250	M. Malin
Tufted Duck				11/8	Marion	385	M. Lynch#
12/13-31	Falmouth	1	S. Kellogg	11/9	Edgartown	210	R. Stymeist#
12/28	Nantucket	1	F. Gallo	11/9	Eastham (F.H.)	250	P. Crosson
Greater Scaup				11/13	Nahant	500	J. Berry#
11/4	P.I.	19	T. Wetmore	12/28	Nantucket CBC	2200	J. Trimble#
11/9, 12/22	Wachusett Res.	89, 77	M. Lynch#	Common Goldeneye			
12/1	Marion	91	M. Lynch#	11/5	Southboro	38	M. Lynch#
12/14	Falmouth	1320	J. Trimble	11/8	Brewster	30	K. Fiske
12/22	Stockbridge	3	R. Wendell	12/6	Mashpee	42	M. Malin
12/31	Waltham	4	J. Forbes	12/11	Turners Falls	70	J. Rose
Lesser Scaup				12/20	Agawam	100	S. Kellogg
11/20	Clinton	11	M. Lynch#	12/22	Wachusett Res.	66	M. Lynch#
11/25	Lynnfield	20	D. Williams	Barrow's Goldeneye			
12/3	Gloucester (E.P.)	21	MAS (B. Gette)	11/5	Southboro	1	M. Lynch#
12/20	Mashpee	276	M. Faherty	12/9-31	Turners Falls	1	J. Smith
12/29	Southboro	20	M. Lynch#	12/14	Boston (Deer I.)	1	R. Stymeist
King Eider				12/18-31	Agawam	1	A. & L. Richardson
11/8	Gloucester	1 m	B. Pfeiffer	12/18-31	Northfield	1	J. Smith
11/22-12/3	Weymouth	1 m	K. Rawdon	12/20	Bourne	1	M. Faherty
11/23	Dennis (C.B.)	1 f	A. Burdo#	12/26	W. Yarmouth	1	P. Trimble
12/3	N. Chatham	1 m	K. Yakola	12/27	Gloucester (E.P.)	1	N. Bonomo#
12/5	N. Scituate	1	MAS (D. Ludlow)	12/28	Orleans	2	B. Lagasse
12/6	P.I.	1 m	C. Whitebread	12/31	Hyannis	1	R. Debenham
12/9	Rockport (A.P.)	1 f	T. Spahr	Hooded Merganser			
12/27	Nahant	1 m	J. Malone	11/16	Lunenburg	120	T. Pirro
Common Eider				11/25	W. Newbury	160	J. Berry
11/15	Bourne	515	M. Lynch#	11/29	Turners Falls	133	M. Lynch#
11/16	N. Truro	3500	B. Nikula	12/3	Waltham	120	J. Forbes
11/22	Nant. Sound	60615	BBC Pelagic	12/6	Westboro	124	G. Gove
Harlequin Duck				12/20	Mashpee	66	M. Malin#
thr	Rockport	75 max	v.o.	12/25	Turners Falls	40	J. Coleman
11/4	Manomet	9	J. Chisholm	Common Merganser			
11/10	Chilmark	11	R. Stymeist#	11/16	Pittsfield (Pont.)	338	J. Pierce
11/23	Acoaxet	12	M. Lynch#	11/16	Quabog IBA	1322	M. Lynch#
11/26	Chappaquiddick	15	C. Blauvelt#	11/23	Northboro	178	P. Morlock
11/26	Aquinnah	25	C. Plimpton#	11/25	Lynnfield	265	D. Williams
11/29	Dennis (C.B.)	6	R. Doherty	11/29	Arlington	165	J. Forbes
12/28	Nantucket CBC	27	J. Trimble#	12/6	Westboro	517	G. Gove
Surf Scoter				12/31	Southwick	185	S. Kellogg
11/1	Wachusett Res.	1	P. Morlock	Red-breasted Merganser			
11/1	S. Quabbin	1	L. Therrien	11/4	Wellfleet	1150	M. Dettrey
11/6	P.I.	35	T. Wetmore	11/8	Mattapoisett	72	M. Lynch#
11/8	Marion	29	M. Lynch#	11/16	P.I.	30	E. Labato
11/22	Nant. Sound	1110	BBC Pelagic	11/16	P'town	2000	B. Nikula
12/28	Nantucket CBC	2750	J. Trimble#	12/27	Quabbin	1	CBC
White-winged Scoter				Ruddy Duck			
thr	Wachusett Res.	1-2	v.o.	11/3	Chestnut Hill	409	R. Stymeist
11/1	Rockport (A.P.)	350	P. + F. Vale	11/5	Sterling	52	S. LaBree
11/1	S. Quabbin	13	L. Therrien	11/5	Southboro	80	M. Lynch#
11/4	P.I.	120	T. Wetmore	11/5	W. Newbury	185	P. + F. Vale
11/16	N. Truro	1000	B. Nikula	11/8	Pittsfield	55	Allen Club
11/22	Nant. Sound	2303	BBC Pelagic	11/9	Wachusett Res.	159	M. Lynch#
12/22	Stockbridge	7	R. Wendell	11/16, 12/28	Waltham	117, 23	J. Forbes
Black Scoter				12/19	Eastham	196	M. Malin
11/1	Barnstable (S.N.)	1800	P. Flood	Northern Bobwhite			
11/1	Waltham	51	J. Forbes	11/3	Marstons Mills	1	E. Hoopes
11/1	Wachusett Res.	49	P. Morlock	12/26	W. Yarmouth	5	CBC
11/1	S. Quabbin	91	L. Therrien	12/30	Truro CBC	10	B. Nikula#
11/13	Nahant	150	J. Berry#				

Ring-necked Pheasant				Sooty Shearwater			
11/10 Aquinnah	2	R. Stymeist#		11/16, 30 P'town	1, 1		B. Nikula
11/15 Wellfleet	1	C. Caron		Manx Shearwater			
11/29 Newbury	1	P. + F. Vale#		11/1, 15 P'town	10, 7		B. Nikula
12/31 P'town	1	F. Gallo#		11/16 Chatham (MI)	1		B. Nikula
Ruffed Grouse				11/22 Nant. Shoals	3		BBC Pelagic
11/15 Quabbin	3	C. Allen#		Leach's Storm-Petrel			
11/16 Mashpee	1	M. Malin		11/3 Dennis (C.B.)	1		E. Hoopes
12/20 Camp Edwards	2	J. McCumber		Northern Gannet			
Red-throated Loon				11/1, 12/28 P'town	3100, 300		B. Nikula
11/1 Quabbin Pk	1	L. Therrien		11/23 Chatham	5500		R. Schain
11/2 Pittsfield (Pont.)	1	v.o.		11/27 Eastham (F.E.)	2250		B. Nikula
11/4 Brookfield	1	R. Jenkins		12/2 Rockport (A.P.)	380		R. Heil
11/6 P.I.	120	T. Wetmore		12/7 Eastham (F.E.)	350		B. Nikula
11/10 Dennis (C.B.)	120	T. Green#		Double-crested Cormorant			
11/15 Wellfleet	250	C. Caron		11/6 P'town	400		B. Nikula
11/16 Chatham (MI)	1300 migr	B. Nikula		11/7 Chatham (MI)	600		B. Nikula
11/21 Gloucester	90	J. Nelson		11/8 Marion	101		M. Lynch#
Pacific Loon				11/9 Eastham (F.H.)	1200		S. Sullivan#
12/20 P'town (R.P.)	1 ph	P. Flood		11/29 Arlington	22		J. Forbes
Common Loon				12/20 Belmont	20		R. Jilek
thr P.I.	190 max	v.o.		Great Cormorant			
11/9 Wachusett Res.	26	M. Lynch#		11/10 Aquinnah	4		R. Stymeist#
11/11 Orleans	60	P. Trull		11/28 Monomoy	47		R. Schain
11/22 Nant. Shoals	115	BBC Pelagic		11/29 P'town	33		A. Burdo
11/24 Dennis (C.B.)	138	S. Paventy		American Bittern			
12/16 Ipswich (C.B.)	41	J. Berry		11/6 Barnstable	2		S. Paventy
12/30 Nant. Sound	44	F. Gallo#		11/7 Eastham (F.H.)	5		S. Paventy
Pied-billed Grebe				11/11 Concord	1		D. Sibley
11/2 C. Berkshire	6	T. Tynning		11/16 P.I.	2		E. Labato
11/10 Brewster	6	E. Hoopes		11/25 Wellfleet	1		S. Broker
11/16 Jamaica Plain	4	P. Peterson		12/1 N. Truro	1		D. Reynolds
11/25 Nantucket	12	K. Blackshaw		Great Blue Heron			
12/1 Brewster	6	E. Hoopes		11/9 P.I.	10		T. Wetmore
12/26 Hyannis	11	CBC		11/9 Saugus	11		S. Zende#
Horned Grebe				11/28 Squantum	12		P. Peterson
11/9 Wellfleet	45	T. Green		12/26 Mid-Cape CBC	40		CBC
11/22 S. Quabbin	6	L. Therrien		Great Egret			
11/23 Barnstable (S.N.)	45	P. Crosson		12/13 Eastham	6		J. Trimble
12/1 Marion	39	M. Lynch#		12/17 Ipswich (C.B.)	1		P. Brown
12/16 P.I.	32	T. Wetmore		12/22 Orleans	5		v.o.
12/16 Ipswich (C.B.)	24	J. Berry		12/31 Nantucket	1		T. Pastuszak
12/26 Mid-Cape CBC	106	CBC		Snowy Egret			
Red-necked Grebe				11/2 Nantucket	1		G. Andrews
11/9 Wachusett Res.	3	M. Lynch#		Little Blue Heron			
11/13 Brookfield	3	R. Jenkins		11/18 Quincy	1		J. Sweeney
11/21 Gloucester	18	J. Nelson		11/25 Yarmouth	1		S. Paventy
11/24 Dennis (C.B.)	24	S. Paventy		Cattle Egret			
12/16 P.I.	12	T. Wetmore		11/8 Edgartown	2		J. Young
12/21 P'town	20	B. Nikula		11/12 Gill	1		J. Smith
Eared Grebe				Green Heron			
11/15-21 Brookfield	1	J. Young + v.o.		11/1 Eastham (F.H.)	1		D. Clapp
11/20-22 Mashpee	1	M. Keleher + v.o.		11/11 Longmeadow	1		M. Moore
Northern Fulmar				Black-crowned Night-Heron			
11/22 Nant. Sound	2	BBC Pelagic		11/9 Edgartown	2		R. Stymeist#
12/9 Rockport (A.P.)	1	T. Spahr		11/15 P'town	1		C. Caron
12/16 Stellwagen	2	CBC		11/24 Plymouth	1		R. Bowes
12/29 Eastham (F.E.)	1	F. Atwood		12/12 Nantucket	2		T. Pastuszak
Cory's Shearwater				Black Vulture			
11/1, 16 P'town	3000, 15	B. Nikula		11/11 Hadley	2		L. Therrien
11/1 Manomet	1	I. Davies		11/23 Williamstown	3		C. Jones
11/3 Dennis (C.B.)	272	E. Hoopes		11/25 Uxbridge	3		M. Lynch#
11/3 Eastham (F.E.)	600	B. Nikula		12/2 Westport	31		L. Waters#
11/3 Orleans	300	B. Nikula		12/29 Sheffield	6		C. Jones
Great Shearwater				Turkey Vulture			
11/1, 12/2 P'town	850, 7	B. Nikula		11/5 Georgetown	4		P. + F. Vale
11/16 Chatham (MI)	25	B. Nikula		11/8 Essex	3		BBC (I. Girunas)
11/22 Nant. Shoals	71	BBC Pelagic		11/14 Cambr. (Daney)	5		R. Stymeist
11/27 Eastham (F.E.)	12	B. Nikula		11/28 Nantucket	28		D. Blatt
12/2 Rockport (A.P.)	2	R. Heil		12/2 Westport	35		L. Waters#
12/16 Stellwagen	62	CBC		Osprey			
				11/thr			Reports of indiv. from 11 locations

Osprey (continued)				Common Gallinule			
12/3	Brewster	1	M. Faherty	11/1-16	Fairhaven	1	C. Longworth
12/6	Newbypt. H.	1	S. + C. Whitebread	11/16	Nantucket	1	E. Ray
12/8	Westboro	1	T. Spahr	American Coot			
12/14	Wachusett Res.	1	J. Lawson	thr	Waltham	160 max	J. Forbes
Bald Eagle				thr	GMNWR	230 max	A. Bragg#
11/4	Quabbin (G5)	5	M. Lynch#	thr	Woburn (HP)	98 max	M. Rines
12/11	GMNWR	4	A. Bragg#	11/2	C. Berkshire	145	T. Tynning
12/14	P.I.	4	N. Landry	11/8	Richmond	88	Allen Club
Northern Harrier				11/22	Eastham	120	L. Waters
11/9	Orleans	6	C. Harris	11/29	W. Newbury	95	J. Berry#
11/23	Plymouth B.	2	M. Sylvia#	12/27	Nantucket	80	J. Smith#
11/28	GMNWR	2	A. Bragg#	Sandhill Crane			
11/29	Hadley	2	M. Lynch#	11/7	Pittsfield (Pont.)	2	J. Pierce
12/1	Cumb. Farms	5	I. Davies	11/28	Newburyport	24	D. Lovitch#
12/19	P.I.	8	P + J. Roberts	Black-bellied Plover			
12/26	Barnstable	17	J. Trimble	11/9	P.I.	70	E. Labato
Sharp-shinned Hawk				11/10	Duxbury B.	31	R. Bowes
11/2	Quabog IBA	2	M. Lynch#	11/11	Katama	70	R. Stymeist#
11/3-15	Barre Falls	27	Hawkcount (DS)	11/15	E. Quabbin	2	C. Allen
12/26	Mid-Cape CBC	11	CBC	11/20	Eastham (F.H.)	109	E. Hoopes
Cooper's Hawk				12/30	Wellfleet	3	Truro CBC
11/5	Lexington (DM)	2	M. Rines#	American Golden-Plover			
11/9	P.I.	3	T. Wetmore	11/1	P.I.	2	T. Wetmore
11/16	Barnstable	3	P. Crosson	11/11	Katama	1	R. Stymeist#
12/26	Mid-Cape CBC	12	CBC	11/23	Nantucket	1	K. Blackshaw
Northern Goshawk				Semipalmated Plover			
11/8	P.I.	1	MAS (P. Roberts)	11/9	Eastham (CGB)	2	B. Sullivan
11/8	Eastham (F.H.)	1	J. Trimble#	11/27	Falmouth	1	J. Hiam
11/12	New Salem	1	J. Smith	11/29	P.I.	1	C. Morgan
11/14	Barre Falls	1	Hawkcount (DG)	12/14	Boston H.	1	CBC (R. Schain)
12/5	Belchertown	1	D. Griffiths	12/31	Dennis (C.B.)	1	R. Hamman
12/7	Southwick	1	S. Kellogg	Killdeer			
12/27	Quabbin	3	CBC	11/4	Acton	18	R. Stymeist
Red-shouldered Hawk				11/25	Lynn	4	R. Heil
11/3-15	Barre Falls	9	Hawkcount (DS)	12/26	Hyannis (CBC)	3	K. Rosenberg#
11/14	Mt. Watatic	8	Hawkcount (TP)	American Oystercatcher			
12/27	Westfield	2	A. & L. Richardson	11/9	Nantucket	10	K. Blackshaw
Red-tailed Hawk				11/9	Chappaquiddick	2	R. Stymeist#
11/3-15	Barre Falls	63	Hawkcount (DS)	11/10	Chatham	4	B. Harris
12/26	Mid-Cape CBC	55	CBC	12/3	Quincy	1	C. Leuchtenburg
Red-shouldered Hawk X Red-tailed Hawk				Spotted Sandpiper			
11/10	W. Boylston	1	R. Schain	11/23	Orleans	1	B. Lagasse
Rough-legged Hawk				Greater Yellowlegs			
thr	P.I.	4 max	v.o.	11/7	Eastham (F.H.)	50	S. Paventy
11/5	Windsor	1	G. Hurley	11/8	Essex	6	BBC (I. Girionas)
11/23	Williamstown	1	C. Jones	11/10	Yarmouth	46	G. d'Entremont
11/28	Squantum	1	P. Peterson#	11/12	Quabbin (G43)	2	B. Kamp
11/30	Saugus	2	S. Zende#	12/7	Marion	2	J. Sweeney
12/1	Pittsfield (Pont.)	1	G. Hurley	12/24	P.I.	3	MAS (B. Gette)
12/4	Windsor	1	J. Pierce	Willet			
12/12	Southwick	2	J. Weeks	11/7	Eastham (F.H.)	1	S. Paventy
12/23	DWWS	1	E. Dalton#	11/10	Duxbury B.	1	R. Bowes
12/30	Dalton	1	J. Morris-Siegel	Lesser Yellowlegs			
Golden Eagle				11/5	Nantucket	1	R. Ouren
11/4	New Salem	1 ad	M. Lynch#	Hudsonian Godwit			
11/7	Lexington	1 imm	P. + F. Vale	11/10	Duxbury B.	1	R. Bowes
11/8	Fairhaven	1 ph	A. Morgan#	Ruddy Turnstone			
Yellow Rail				11/18	Osterville	15	M. Malin
12/28	Nantucket CBC	1	T. Johansson#	12/26	Mid-Cape CBC	71	CBC
Clapper Rail				12/29	Nantucket	25	D. Bates
11/9	Wellfleet	4	S. Broker	Red Knot			
12/1	Cotuit	1	P. Crosson	11/9	P.I.	3	E. Labato
12/29	Wellfleet	1	S. Broker	11/23	Chatham	12	R. Schain
Virginia Rail				12/5	Duxbury B.	2	R. Bowes
12/15	GMNWR	1	A. Bragg	Sanderling			
12/26	Barnstable	14	J. Trimble	11/1	Barnstable (S.N.)	300	P. Crosson
12/30	Milford	1	N. Paulson	11/11	Orleans	250	P. Trull
Sora				11/16	P'town (R.P.)	275	P. Flood
12/8	GMNWR	1	D. Pettee	12/4	P.I.	150	T. Wetmore
12/14	Cape Cod CBC	2	CBC	12/15	Dennis	300	P. Kyle

White-rumped Sandpiper				12/7	Hyannis	1	E. Hoopes
11/9	Duxbury B.	2	R. Bowes	Mew Gull			
11/16	P.I.	1	T. Wetmore	12/28	Nantucket CBC	1	J. Trimble#
11/26	Pittsfield (Pont.)	1	J. Pierce	Thayer's Gull			
11/30	Nantucket	2	J. Young	12/27	Gloucester (E.P.)	1 ph	N. Bonomo#
Pectoral Sandpiper				Iceland Gull			
11/2	Nantucket	3	T. Pastuszak#	11/8	Gloucester (E.P.)	2	L. Ferraresso
11/8	P.I.	1	P. + F. Vale#	11/16	P'town (R.P.)	3	P. Flood
11/10	Pittsfield (Pont.)	1	G. Hurley	12/28	Nantucket	77	CBC (J. Trimble#)
11/23	Nantucket CBC	1	R. Ouren	Lesser Black-backed Gull			
Purple Sandpiper				thr	Reports of indiv. from 7 locations		
12/6	Gloucester	110	BBC (N. Hayward)	11/22	Nant. Shoals	12	BBC Pelagic
12/11	Salisbury	19	P. + F. Vale	12/28	Nantucket CBC	111	J. Trimble#
12/11	Rockport	88	BBC (B. Volkle)	Glaucous Gull			
12/20	Falmouth	5	M. Malin#	thr	Reports of indiv. from 7 locations		
12/29	Nantucket	20	D. Bates	Common Tern			
Dunlin				11/2	Eastham (F.E.)	5	B. Nikula
11/10	W. Gloucester	105	J. Nelson	11/6, 30	P'town	70, 1	B. Nikula
11/23	Westport	90	M. Lynch#	11/30	N. Truro	1	B. Nikula
11/23	Plymouth B.	500	M. Sylvia#	Forster's Tern			
11/25	P.I.	700	T. Wetmore	11/3	Yarmouth	10	P. Crosson
11/27	Eastham (F.E.)	550	B. Nikula	11/8	P'town	8	P. Brown
12/15	Dennis	420	P. Kyle	11/23	Barnstable (S.N.)	1	P. Crosson
Short-billed Dowitcher				11/24	Dennis (C.B.)	1	B. Lagasse#
11/30	Edgartown	1	S. Whiting#	Pomarine Jaeger			
Wilson's Snipe				11/2, 12/7	Eastham (F.E.)	47, 90	B. Nikula
11/2	Saugus	3	S. Zende#	11/3	Orleans	16	B. Nikula
11/9	Stockbridge	2	J. Pierce	12/2, 27	Rockport (A.P.)	3, 1	R. Heil
11/15	Worc. (BMB)	3	J. Liller#	12/7	Orleans	47	B. Nikula
12/30	Nantucket	2	R. Ouren	12/16	Stellwagen	16	CBC
American Woodcock				12/21	N. Truro	1	B. Nikula
11/5	S. Hadley	2	S. Desrosier	Parasitic Jaeger			
12/26	Mid-Cape CBC	4	CBC	11/11, 12/5	P'town	3, 1	B. Nikula
Red Phalarope				Dovekie			
11/3	Dennis (C.B.)	3	E. Hoopes	11/2, 12/7	Eastham (F.E.)	2, 16	B. Nikula
Black-legged Kittiwake				12/16	Stellwagen	25	CBC
11/22	Nant. Shoals	139	BBC Pelagic	12/28	Nantucket CBC	174	J. Trimble#
11/27	Eastham (F.E.)	255	B. Nikula	12/28	P'town	9	B. Nikula
12/2	Rockport (A.P.)	122	R. Heil	12/30	Truro CBC	30	CBC
12/28	P'town	475	B. Nikula	Common Murre			
Bonaparte's Gull				11/30	Gloucester (B.R.)	1	J. Nelson
11/16	P'town (R.P.)	2500	P. Flood	12/2	Rockport (A.P.)	41	R. Heil
11/20	Pittsfield (Pont.)	2	J. Pierce	12/16	Stellwagen	70	CBC
11/23	Plymouth B.	300	P. Edmundson	Thick-billed Murre			
11/27	Eastham (F.E.)	280	B. Nikula	12/2	Rockport (A.P.)	3	R. Heil
11/30	N. Truro	450	B. Nikula	12/27	Gloucester	1	R. Heil
12/28	Nantucket CBC	875	J. Trimble#	12/29	Marblehead	1	D. Noble
Black-headed Gull				Razorbill			
11/15	Plymouth H.	1 ad ph	D. Ludlow#	11/22	Nant. Shoals	97	BBC Pelagic
11/19	Hull	1 ad ph	S. Williams	12/16	Stellwagen	134	CBC
12/14-18	Hadley	1	C. Page	12/26	Cohasset	24	V. Zollo
12/15	Newbypt H.	1 ad ph	R. Heil	12/27	Cape Ann	695	R. Heil
12/28	Nantucket CBC	3	J. Trimble#	12/28	P.I.	30	T. Wetmore
Little Gull				12/30	Truro CBC	1233	CBC
11/9-16	P'town	1 ad	B. Nikula	Black Guillemot			
11/18	Orleans	1	B. Lagasse	11/16	Rockport (H.P.)	4	J. Berry#
11/30	N. Truro	1 ad	B. Nikula	11/23	Dennis (C.B.)	1	T. Green#
12/28	Nantucket CBC	2	J. Trimble#	11/30	Gloucester	3	J. Nelson
Laughing Gull				12/7	P'town	1	M. Faherty#
11/9	Chappaquiddick	82	R. Stymeist#	12/26	Cohasset	2	V. Zollo
11/9	Westport	70	E. Nielsen	Atlantic Puffin			
11/11, 23	P'town	75, 10	B. Nikula	12/16	Stellwagen	13	CBC
11/22	Nant. Shoals	21	BBC Pelagic	12/30	Wellfleet	3	J. Liller
11/30	N. Truro	4	B. Nikula				

OWLS THROUGH FINCHES

There was no repeat of last year's incredible Snowy Owl invasion, but the flight this season has been better than average. During this period there were reports from over 30 locations with a maximum of six from Plum Island. Norm Smith had thirteen Snowys at Logan Airport on the day of the Greater Boston CBC, and nine were tallied on the Nantucket CBC. The Northern Saw-whet Owl migration was much better than last season's as reported by the banding stations in Northbridge and Lincoln. This was the eleventh season for these two sites, and the grand total of Saw-whets banded was an amazing 2942! Saw-whets were well reported on Christmas Counts: Quabbin recorded 19, Truro 10, and Mid Cape 8.

There were six reports of **Rufous Hummingbirds** this period; Sue Finnegan of Brewster banded five. Last year there was only one report during the same period. There were reports of **Ash-throated Flycatchers** from three places: Harwich, Plymouth, and Milton. A **Gray Jay** took up residence at Quabbin's Gate 41 for nearly two weeks, although many birders had to make multiple trips to catch a glimpse. A **Townsend's Solitaire**, named after John Kirk Townsend—an ornithologist and contemporary of Audubon—made a one-day appearance at Halibut State Park in Rockport, and another Solitaire delighted many birders in Marion for over a month. A **Townsend's Warbler**—named for the same ornithologist—took up residence for most of December at Marblehead Neck Sanctuary. The most exciting find this month was a **Smith's Longspur**, well documented with several photos taken at East Point in Nahant. This was just the second record for this species in Massachusetts; the only other record was from Salisbury State Park on October 12, 1968. Other unusual birds seen during this period were several **Bohemian Waxwings**, a Yellow-throated Warbler, a **LeConte's Sparrow**, and a **Painted Bunting**.

December signals the Christmas Count season, and many birders were busy scouting their areas. The weather cooperated for most of the counts, and this year the recurring theme was record high counts of woodpeckers. All-time high counts for Downy, Hairy, Red-bellied, and Pileated woodpeckers and Northern Flicker were tallied in many counts. Eastern Bluebirds occurred in record numbers on the Athol, Cape Cod, Concord, Groton, Greenfield, Quabbin, and Worcester CBCs. For complete results of the various Christmas Counts visit <http://netapp.audubon.org/CBCObservation/CurrentYear/ResultsByCount.aspx>.

R. Stymeist

Barn Owl				12/21	Ipswich	2	S. Riley
11/9	Edgartown	1	R. Stymeist#	12/27	Mendon	2	B. Cassie
Eastern Screech-Owl				Long-eared Owl			
12/21	Ipswich	4	S. Riley	12/2	Northampton	1	A. Magee
12/26	Mid-Cape CBC	26	CBC	12/2	Hadley	3	J. Oliverio
12/27	Mendon	35	B. Cassie	12/26	Mid-Cape CBC	1	CBC
Great Horned Owl				Short-eared Owl			
11/27	Newton	2	P. Gilmore	11/4	Rockport (H.P.)	1	J. McCoy#
12/13	Mt.A.	2	R. Stymeist	11/25	Orleans	1	B. Lagasse#
12/13	W. Newbury	2	R. Heil	11/29	Hadley	1	S. Motyl
12/26	Mid-Cape CBC	12	CBC	11/30	Rowley	1	B. Rusnica
12/27	Mendon	9	B. Cassie	12/20	P.I.	1	N. Landry
Snowy Owl				12/26	Mid-Cape CBC	2	CBC
11/8-12/31	P.I.	6 max	v.o.	Northern Saw-whet Owl			
11/10-12/31	Reports of 1-2 indiv. from 26 locations			11/3	DFWS	10 b	fide K. Seymour
12/7	Ipswich (C.B.)	7	N. Dubrow	11/3-15	Northbridge	29 b	fide B. Milke
12/14	Boston (Logan)	13	CBC (N. Smith)	12/14	Hadley	2	S. Surner
12/26	Barnstable (S.N.)	5	CBC	12/21	Sudbury	3	B. Harris
12/27	Duxbury B.	3	R. Bowes	12/26	Mid-Cape CBC	8	CBC
12/28	Nantucket	9	CBC	12/27	Quabbin	19	CBC
Barred Owl				12/30	Truro CBC	10	CBC
11/8	P.I.	2	MAS (P. Roberts)				

Ruby-throated Hummingbird				White-eyed Vireo		
11/1-15	E. Dennis	1 b	S. Finnegan	11/11	Westport	1 J. Young
11/1-21	Chestnut Hill	1 b	M. Garvey	11/12	Mashpee	1 M. Keleher
11/19	Plymouth	1 b	S. Finnegan	12/26	Osterville	1 C. Caron
Rufous Hummingbird				12/28	Taunton	1 V. Zollo#
thr	Brewster	1 b	M. Myers	Blue-headed Vireo		
11/1-12/16	Orleans	1 b	S. Finnegan	11/8	Newton	1 M. Gooley
11/7-16	Roslindale	1 b	C. Wenc	11/9	Dennis	2 P. Flood
11/15-18	Arlington	1 b	S. Simpson	11/10	Chilmark	1 R. Stymeist#
11/25-12/21	Woods Hole	1	D. Remsen	11/21	Sandwich	1 T. Green
12/1-16	Orleans	1 b	S. Finnegan	11/22	Scusset B.	1 B. Harris
American Kestrel				12/15	Nantucket	1 R. Ouren
11/8	Eastham (F.H.)	1	T. Green#	Gray Jay		
11/9	Chappaquiddick	1	R. Stymeist#	11/4-16	Quabbin (G41)	1 M. Lynch + v.o.
11/16	Saugus	4	S. Zende#	Fish Crow		
11/30	Medford	1	M. Rines#	12/1	Boston (F.Pk)	40 S. Walker
12/16	Cumb. Farms	1	J. Sweeney	12/20	Bourne	480 J. Trimble#
12/26	Newburyport	1	P + F. Vale	12/22	W. Roxbury (MP)	90 P. Peterson
Merlin				12/30	Waltham	3 J. Forbes
11/11	DWWS	2	L. Wightman	Common Raven		
11/15	P.I.	2	T. Wetmore	11/5	Mt. Wachusett	2 S. Olson
11/28	Hadley	2	S. Surner	11/14	Mt. Wataic	5 T. Pirro
11/30	Saugus	2	S. Zende#	11/30	Ware R. IBA	2 M. Lynch#
Peregrine Falcon				12/2	Swansea	2 S. Davis
11/7	Medford	2	P. Roberts	12/7	Quabbin Pk	2 J. Rose
11/16	Saugus	2	S. Zende#	12/18	Northbridge	2 S. Ricker
11/24	Squantum	2	P. Peterson	12/thr	W. Roxbury (MP)	2 v.o.
11/29	Nantucket	2	D. Blatt	Horned Lark		
12/14	Greater Boston	11	CBC	11/15	Chatham (S.B.)	35 M. Malin
12/29	P.I.	2	T. Wetmore	11/16	Saugus	80 S. Zende#
Monk Parakeet				11/28	Acton	75 J. Forbes
12/2	Brighton	2	G. Gurka	11/29	Hadley	300 H. Galbraith
Red-bellied Woodpecker				12/14	Rehoboth	80 M. Lynch#
11/1	Douglas-Sutton	5	M. Lynch#	12/21	P.I.	90 T. Wetmore
11/6	W. Barnstable	6	P. Crosson	12/31	Northampton	225 T. Gagnon
12/14	Cape Cod CBC	57	CBC	Tree Swallow		
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				11/10	Aquinnah	120 R. Stymeist#
11/25	Mt.A.	2	R. Stymeist	11/16	GMNWR	1 M. Gooley
11/27	Vineyard Haven	3	C. Plimpton	12/1	Nantucket	50 T. Pastuszak
11/30	Boston	3	BBC (R. Stymeist)	12/2	P.I.	2 T. Graham
12/14	Cape Cod CBC	21	CBC	12/3	Yarmouth	6 P. Crosson
12/26	Winchester	2	C. Gibson	12/27	Barnstable	1 S. Thomas
Northern Flicker				Red-breasted Nuthatch		
11/7	Eastham (F.H.)	11	M. Keleher	11/5	Boston (A.A.)	5 P. Peterson
11/10	Aquinnah	12	R. Stymeist#	11/6	W. Barnstable	8 P. Crosson
11/25	Orleans	10	K. Yakola	11/16	Quabog IBA	8 M. Lynch#
12/26	Mid-Cape CBC	97	CBC	11/23	Mashpee	9 M. Keleher
Pileated Woodpecker				12/4	P.I.	5 T. Wetmore
11/22	Quabbin (G37)	3	B. Lafley	12/26	Mid-Cape CBC	61 CBC
11/29	W. Newbury	2	J. Berry#	12/27	Quabbin	39 CBC
12/21	Ipswich	2	S. Riley	12/30	Truro CBC	98 CBC
Empidonax species				Brown Creeper		
12/1	Cambridge	1	T. Spahr	11/5	Boston (A.A.)	2 P. Peterson
Eastern Phoebe				11/6	Newton	2 J. Forbes
12/18	Sharon	1	W. Sweet	11/23	Mashpee	3 M. Keleher
12/19	Malden	1	K. Marshall	12/13	Quabog IBA	2 M. Lynch#
12/22	Cambr. (F.Pd)	1	M. Sabourin	12/18	GMNWR	4 A. Bragg#
12/26	Mid-Cape CBC	5	CBC	Carolina Wren		
12/27	Turners Falls	1	B. Kenney	11/8	Marion	12 M. Lynch#
12/28	Nantucket	1	P. Trimble	11/10	Chilmark	17 R. Stymeist#
Ash-throated Flycatcher				11/10	Aquinnah	12 R. Stymeist#
11/8-12	Harwich	1	P. Kyle + v.o.	11/13	Nahant	12 J. Berry#
11/22	Plymouth	1	B. Silkas	12/1	Mattapoisett	10 M. Lynch#
11/24	Milton	1 ph	E. Lipton	House Wren		
Northern Shrike				11/5	Concord	1 D. Sibley
11/4	Medford	1	R. LaFontaine	11/25	Woburn (HP)	1 M. Rines
11/5-12/31	Windsor	1	G. Hurley+ v.o.	12/2	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	1 L. Waters
11/24-12/31	Gill	1	J. Smith+ v.o.	12/12	Boston (F.Pk)	1 P. Peterson
12/1-4	Northampton	1	D. McLain	12/20	Sandwich	1 J. Trimble
12/2	P.I.	1	T. Graham	Winter Wren		
12/14	Holyoke	1	D. McLain	11/4	Brookline	4 P. Peterson
12/16	Cumb. Farms	1	J. Sweeney	11/7	Bourne	2 M. Malin

Winter Wren (continued)				12/20	Williamstown	2	G. Soucie
11/23	Lexington (DM)	5	M. Rines#	12/30	Truro CBC	1	B. Nikula#
11/26	Shirley	2	T. Aversa	Cedar Waxwing			
12/5	Woburn (HP)	2	D. Williams	11/8	Aquinnah	55	S. Whiting
12/13	W. Newbury	2	R. Heil	11/11	Falmouth	55	M. Keleher
12/30	Truro CBC	11	CBC	11/16	Yarmouth	50	P. Bono
Marsh Wren				11/20	Barnstable	65	P. Crosson
11/16	Wayland	4	B. Harris	12/14	Rockport	120	B. Harris
12/14	Cape Cod CBC	13	CBC	Lapland Longspur			
12/15	Newbury	3	R. Heil	11/3	P.I.	15	T. Wetmore
12/18	GMNWR	3	K. Dia	11/8	Newbury	2	P. + F. Vale#
12/19	IRWS	3	S. Santino	11/29	Hadley	4	H. Galbraith
12/26	Mid-Cape CBC	13	CBC	12/14	Hatfield	3	S. Sauter
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				12/22	Acton	2	S. Perkins
11/29	Squantum	1	S. Williams	Smith's Longspur			
12/26	Hyannis (CBC)	1	S. Williams#	11/9	Nahant	1 ph	A. Trautmann
Golden-crowned Kinglet				Snow Bunting			
11/3	Nantucket	8	G. Andrews	11/4	Wachusett Res.	40	E. Kittredge
11/9	Wachusett Res.	5	M. Lynch#	11/11	P.I.	80	T. Wetmore
11/9	N. Truro	10	S. Sullivan#	11/15	Chatham (S.B.)	120	M. Malin
11/13	Mashpee	9	P. Kyle	11/15	Sandwich	130	C. Schlotterbeck
12/1	Boston (F.Pk)	2	S. Walker	11/15	S. Quabbin	43	J. Young
12/29	Southboro	2	M. Lynch#	11/16	N. Truro	150	B. Nikula
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				11/22	Plymouth B.	150	S. van der Veen
11/8	Aquinnah	3	S. Whiting	11/22	Hyannis	40	BBC Pelagic
11/28	Falmouth	2	R. Doherty	11/23	Acoaxet	40	M. Lynch#
11/28	Cambr. (Danehy)	2	K. Hartel	11/29	Hadley	40	H. Galbraith
12/28	Milton	1	P. Peterson	12/14	Ipswich (C.B.)	80	J. Berry#
12/29	Westboro	1	N. Paulson	Ovenbird			
Eastern Bluebird				12/14	Brighton	1	CBC (R. Doherty)
11/9	Westport	22	E. Nielsen	12/22	N. Dighton	1	J. Eckerson#
12/14	DFWS	20	P. Sowizral	Northern Waterthrush			
12/14	Cape Cod CBC	89	CBC	11/11	Brookline	1	P. Peterson
12/26	Mid-Cape CBC	66	CBC	Black-and-white Warbler			
Townsend's Solitaire				11/6	N. Brookfield	1	R. Jenkins
11/4	Rockport (H.P.)	1	H. Galbraith	11/30	Nantucket	1	D. Blatt
11/29-12/31	Marion	1 ph	V. Zollo + v.o.	12/7	Chestnut Hill	1	M. Garvey
Swainson's Thrush				12/20	Brookline	1	M. Hunt
11/4	Manomet	1 b	T. Lloyd-Evans	Tennessee Warbler			
12/6	Carlisle	1 ph	S. Heinrich	12/16	Milford	1 ph	B. Parette
Hermit Thrush				Orange-crowned Warbler			
11/4	P.I.	8	T. Wetmore	11/9	Westport	4	E. Nielsen
11/9	Westport	8	E. Nielsen	11/9	Truro	4	B. Harris#
11/10	Chilmark	7	R. Stymeist#	11/10	Aquinnah	3	R. Stymeist#
11/23	Boston (RKG)	9	R. Stymeist#	11/29	Squantum	2	S. Williams
12/1	Wayland	2	B. Harris	11/29	Nantucket	2	T. Pastuszak
12/26	Mid-Cape CBC	37	CBC	12/14	Greater Boston	8	CBC
Gray Catbird				12/26	Mid-Cape CBC	3	CBC
11/9	Westport	15	E. Nielsen	12/30	Truro CBC	2	CBC
11/10	Aquinnah	11	B. Stymeist	Nashville Warbler			
11/10	Chilmark	7	R. Stymeist#	11/10	Chilmark	1	R. Stymeist#
12/14	Rockport	5	B. Harris	11/10	P'town	1	M. Keleher
12/30	Truro CBC	30	CBC	Common Yellowthroat			
Brown Thrasher				11/8	Eastham	2	B. Harris#
11/9	Westport	1	E. Nielsen	11/23	N. Dighton	3	A. Eckerson
11/10	Chilmark	1	R. Stymeist#	12/29	Salisbury	1	S. Sullivan#
11/16	Saugus	1	J. Smith	American Redstart			
11/23	Chatham	1	R. Schain	11/15	Wellfleet	1	C. Caron
12/14	Rockport	1	B. Harris	12/2	Cohasset	1	S. Avery
American Pipit				12/28	Nantucket	1	J. Trimble
11/2	Saugus	50	S. Zende#	Cape May Warbler			
11/3	Longmeadow	75	A & L Richardson	12/10	Nantucket	1	T. Pastuszak
11/3	P.I.	25	T. Wetmore	Northern Parula			
11/5	Newbury	20	MAS (B. Gette)	11/4	Brookline	1	P. Peterson
11/10	Chilmark	33	R. Stymeist#	12/16-31	Uxbridge	1	E. Lodi
11/28	Nantucket	25	R. Ouren	Magnolia Warbler			
12/12	Acton	50	P. + F. Vale	11/5	Boston (PG)	1	T. Factor
12/17	Rehoboth	40	S. Miller	Bay-breasted Warbler			
12/28	Nantucket	1	P. Trimble	11/8-11	E. Quabbin (G41)	1	J. Kraus
Bohemian Waxwing				Yellow Warbler			
12/14	Rockport	2 ph	B. Harris	11/9	WBWS	1 b	J. Junda
12/20	Buzzard's Bay	3	CBC	11/28	Squantum	1	P. Peterson

Blackpoll Warbler			12/27	Arlington Res.	1	K. Hartel
11/3 Barnstable	1	R. Debenham#	Clay-colored Sparrow			
11/4 Sudbury	1	J. Lawson	11/3 Hadley	1	J. Drucker	
11/4 Wayland	1	B. Harris	11/3 Cambr. (F.Pd)	1	R. Stymeist	
11/4 Marlboro	1	T. Spahr	11/10 Aquinnah	1	R. Stymeist#	
11/19 Manomet	1	T. Lloyd-Evans	11/16 Harwich	1	C. Caron	
Black-throated Blue Warbler			11/29 Brewster	1	R. Doherty	
11/5 Stoughton	1	A. Johnston	12/4-31 Belchertown	1	D. Griffiths	
11/8 Rockport (H.P.)	1	L. Ferraresso	12/21 W. Newbury	1 ph	CBC (D. Lange)	
11/9 Groton	1	T. Murray	Field Sparrow			
Palm Warbler			11/10 Chilmark	4	R. Stymeist#	
11/10 Chilmark	3	R. Stymeist#	11/11 Katama	4	R. Stymeist#	
11/10 W. Dennis	6	E. Hoopes	11/16 Falmouth	10	M. Malin	
11/10 Harwich	5	J. Hoye#	11/23 N. Eastham	10	K. Yakola	
11/11 Katama	12	R. Stymeist#	12/28 Marlboro	2	T. Spahr	
11/11 Edgartown	12	B. Stymeist	12/30 Boxboro	2	S. Miller	
12/26 Mid-Cape CBC	10	CBC	Vesper Sparrow			
12/28 Uxbridge	1	E. Lodi	11/3 Hadley	1	J. Drucker	
Pine Warbler			11/16 Falmouth	1	K. Fiske	
11/6 Waltham	1	J. Forbes	11/18 Deerfield	1	J. Rose	
11/16 DFWS	1	P. Sowizral	11/22 Turners Falls	1	E. Huston	
12/2 Westport	1	L. Waters	Lark Sparrow			
12/12 Roxbury	1	P. Peterson	11/22-12/31 Hingham	1	V. Zollo#	
12/30 Plymouth	1	R. Bowes	11/25 Longmeadow	1	M. Moore	
Yellow-rumped Warbler			11/28 Hadley	1	S. Surner#	
11/4 Barnstable (S.N.)	43	P. Crosson	12/15 Eastham	1	S. Williams	
11/8 Harwich	40	A. Curtis	Savannah Sparrow			
11/8 Rockport (H.P.)	10	L. Ferraresso	11/4 Concord	16	R. Stymeist	
11/8 Marion	14	M. Lynch#	11/4 P.I.	4	T. Wetmore	
11/9 Nantucket	51	M. Malin	11/8 Newbury	1	P. + F. Vale#	
12/1 Squantum	4	P. Peterson	11/29 Hadley	19	M. Lynch#	
12/1 Marion	8	M. Lynch#	11/29 W. Newbury	1	S. McGrath#	
12/28 Nantucket CBC	127	J. Trimble#	11/30 GMNWR	1	J. Forbes	
Audubon's Warbler			12/12 Boston (F.Pk)	2	P. Peterson	
11/21-12/19 Hingham	1 ph	S. Williams#	12/22 W. Roxbury (MP)	9	P. Peterson	
Yellow-throated Warbler			12/31 Waltham	1	J. Forbes	
12/14-16 Orleans	1	J. Trimble#	Ipswich Sparrow			
Prairie Warbler			11/8 Westport	1	P. Champlin	
11/29 Squantum	1	S. Williams	11/9 P.I.	1	T. Wetmore	
Townsend's Warbler			11/9 Duxbury B.	3	R. Bowes	
12/7-31 MNWS	1	A. Sanford + v.o.	11/22 Plymouth B.	1	S. van der Veen	
Black-throated Green Warbler			12/11 P.I.	1	D. Adrien	
11/5 Hadley	1	A. Bartols	12/14 Ipswich (C.B.)	2	J. Berry#	
Wilson's Warbler			Grasshopper Sparrow			
11/23 Milton	1	P. O'Neill	11/4 Falmouth	1	M. Malin	
12/6 Gloucester	1	S. Hedman	11/16 Lexington	1	J. Forbes	
Yellow-breasted Chat			11/23 Dennis	1	P. Flood	
11/12 Boston (Fens)	1	P. Peterson	12/14 Eastham	1	V. Zollo	
11/15 P.I.	1	S. McGrath#	12/21 W. Roxbury (MP)	1	M. Garvey	
12/14 Cape Cod CBC	3	CBC	12/29 Mattapan (BNC)	1	P. Peterson	
12/26 Mid-Cape CBC	2	CBC	Le Conte's Sparrow			
Eastern Towhee			12/14-15 Eastham	1	V. Zollo#	
11/9 Westport	3	E. Nielsen	Nelson's Sparrow			
11/10 Aquinnah	6	R. Stymeist#	11/23 Eastham (F.H.)	1	K. Yakola	
12/1 Cambridge	1	T. Spahr	Saltmarsh Sparrow			
12/8 MNWS	1	J. Hoye#	11/7 Eastham (F.H.)	1	S. Paventy	
12/12 Quabbin Pk	1	L. Therrien	Seaside Sparrow			
12/21 Wayland	1	B. Harris	11/23 Eastham (F.H.)	1	K. Yakola	
12/30 Truro CBC	14	CBC	11/23 Dennis	2	P. Flood	
American Tree Sparrow			12/15 Newbypt H.	3	R. Heil	
11/4 P.I.	3	D. Williams	12/26 Mid-Cape CBC	3	CBC	
11/6 GMNWR	6	A. Bragg#	Fox Sparrow			
11/27 Bolton Flats	35	T. Aversa	11/7 Brookline	6	P. Peterson	
11/29 Hadley	31	M. Lynch#	11/10 Paxton	6	M. Lynch#	
12/2 Fairhaven	18	R. Stymeist	11/12 Lexington (DM)	10	M. Rines	
12/7 Waltham	25	J. Forbes	12/5 Wakefield	2	P. + F. Vale	
Chipping Sparrow			12/20 P.I.	2	B. + E. Bornhofft	
11/10 Aquinnah	6	R. Stymeist#	12/22 W. Roxbury (MP)	4	P. Peterson	
12/1 Southboro	3	M. Garvey	Lincoln's Sparrow			
12/2 Westport	2	I. Davies#	11/8 Westport	1	P. Champlin	
12/14 Cape Cod CBC	7	CBC	11/13 Harwich	1	D. Hefferon	
12/24 Groton	1	T. Murray	11/28 Mt.A.	1	A. + G. Gurka	

Lincoln's Sparrow (continued)			11/15	Brewster	7	D. Clapp	
11/29	N. Eastham	1	K. Yakola	11/20	Brookline	8	A. Morgan
11/29	Squantum	1 ph	S. Williams	11/25	Wayland	8	J. Forbes
12/28	Concord	1	E. Nielsen	12/5	Agawam	2	K. Daniels
Swamp Sparrow				Baltimore Oriole			
11/5	Lexington (DM)	12	M. Rines#	11/5	P.I.	2	P. + F. Vale
11/7	Eastham (F.H.)	14	M. Keleher	11/5	Boston (PG)	1	T. Factor
11/16	Wayland	22	B. Harris	11/9	Truro	3	B. Harris#
11/16	Harwich	14	C. Caron	11/9	N. Truro	2	S. Sullivan
12/22	W. Roxbury (MP)	10	P. Peterson	11/12-12/13	Reports of indiv. from 9 locations		
12/26	Mid-Cape CBC	119	CBC	12/26	Mid-Cape CBC	4	CBC
White-throated Sparrow				Purple Finch			
11/10	Paxton	62	M. Lynch#	11/5	Lexington (DM)	61	M. Rines#
11/11	Falmouth	48	M. Keleher	11/8	Chilmark	30	J. Young
11/23	Boston (RKG)	47	R. Stymeist#	11/9	N. Truro	10	S. Sullivan#
White-crowned Sparrow				11/9	Falmouth	12	M. Schanbacher
11/2	Holden	6	S. Corazzini	12/14	Ipswich (C.B.)	9	J. Berry#
11/10	Paxton	2	M. Lynch#	12/26	Mid-Cape CBC	10	CBC
11/12	Concord	2	D. Swain	Red Crossbill			
11/29	Hadley	5	H. Galbraith	12/27	Quabbin	1	CBC
12/20	Agawam	2	J. Zepko	White-winged Crossbill			
12/29	Sheffield	2	C. Jones	12/14	Amherst	1	E. Dalton
Oregon Junco				Common Redpoll			
12/28	Marlboro	1	T. Spahr	11/26	Amherst	25	J. Rose
Scarlet Tanager				11/26	Belchertown	4	L. Therrien
11/28	Falmouth	1	M. Schanbacher	12/14	N. Chatham	2	B. Nikula #
Rose-breasted Grosbeak				12/14	Pittsfield	22	G. Hurley
11/9	Athol	1	D. Small	12/23	DWWS	20	E. Dalton#
11/10	Nantucket	1	T. Pastuszek	12/26	Mid-Cape CBC	15	CBC
Blue Grosbeak				12/27	Quabbin	5	CBC
11/1	Sudbury	1	B. Black	12/30	Watertown	6	R. Stymeist
Indigo Bunting				Pine Siskin			
11/8	Harwich	1	D. Clapp#	11/1	Douglas-Sutton	38	M. Lynch#
11/20	Cambridge	1	T. Spahr	11/4	Brookline	30	P. Peterson
12/4	Falmouth	1	M. Schanbacher	11/4	Lexington (DM)	22	M. Rines
Painted Bunting				11/7	Medford	30	P. Roberts
11/1-3	Brighton	1 ph	P. DeGennaro#	11/8	Aquinnah	95	S. Whiting
12/14	Nantucket	1	S. Langer#	11/9	Brookline	35	P. Peterson
Dickcissel				11/9	Wachusett Res.	25	M. Lynch#
12/2	Watertown	1	A. Gurka	11/12	Lincoln	40	J. Forbes
Eastern Meadowlark				11/28	New Salem	60	B. Lafley
11/11	DWWS	12	L. Wightman	12/11	Falmouth	3	M. Schanbacher
11/14	Barre Falls	1	D. Grant	12/20	Mashpee	3	J. Trimble#
11/30	Hadley	1	S. Surner	12/21	Ipswich	12	S. Riley
12/1	Cumb. Farms	13	I. Davies	12/27	Essex	1	M. Brengle#
12/26	Mid-Cape CBC	15	CBC	12/28	Milton	1	P. Peterson
12/28	Saugus	4	A. Schliemann#	Evening Grosbeak			
Yellow-headed Blackbird				11/1	Turners Falls	1	J. Coleman
11/5	Nantucket	1	G. Andrews	11/3	Adams	3	J. Jones
11/11	Hadley	1	L. Waters#	11/9	N. Brookfield	1	J. Smith
11/22	Groton	1	R. Templeton	11/13	Plainfield	1	J. Williams
11/25	Concord	1	S. Perkins	11/19	Conway	1	S. Baker
Rusty Blackbird				12/2	Brighton	1	G. Gurka
11/3	Pittsfield (Pont.)	15	J. Pierce	12/20	Williamstown	1	G. Soucie

Correction

The entry for Cory's Shearwater in the July/August 2014 Bird Sightings (*Bird Observer* 42.6, December 2014) included the the following entry:

Cory's Shearwater 7/21, 8/17 P'town 2000, 4000 B. Nikula

the correct entry should be:

Cory's Shearwater 7/21, 8/17 P'town 2000, 10000 B. Nikula

ABBREVIATIONS FOR BIRD SIGHTINGS

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Locations		ONWR	Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge
Location-#	MAS Breeding Bird Atlas Block	PG	Public Garden, Boston
A.A.	Arnold Arboretum, Boston	P.I.	Plum Island
ABC	Allen Bird Club	Pd	Pond
A.P.	Andrews Point, Rockport	POP	Point of Pines, Revere
A.Pd	Allens Pond, S. Dartmouth	PR	Pinnacle Rock, Malden
B.	Beach	P'town	Provincetown
Barre F.D.	Barre Falls Dam	Pont.	Pontoosuc Lake, Lanesboro
B.I.	Belle Isle, E. Boston	R.P.	Race Point, Provincetown
B.R.	Bass Rocks, Gloucester	Res.	Reservoir
BBC	Brookline Bird Club	RKG	Rose Kennedy Greenway, Boston
BMB	Broad Meadow Brook, Worcester	S.B.	South Beach, Chatham
BNC	Boston Nature Center, Mattapan	S.N.	Sandy Neck, Barnstable
C.B.	Crane Beach, Ipswich	SRV	Sudbury River Valley
CGB	Coast Guard Beach, Eastham	SSBC	South Shore Bird Club
C.P.	Crooked Pond, Boxford	TASL	Take A Second Look, Boston Harbor Census
Cambr.	Cambridge	WBWS	Wellfleet Bay WS
CCBC	Cape Cod Bird Club	WE	World's End, Hingham
Corp. B.	Corporation Beach, Dennis	WMWS	Wachusett Meadow WS
Cumb. Farms	Cumberland Farms, Middleboro	Wompatuck SP	Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate, Norwell
DFWS	Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary	Worc.	Worcester
DWMA	Delaney WMA, Stow, Bolton, Harvard		
DWWS	Daniel Webster WS	Other Abbreviations	
E.P.	Eastern Point, Gloucester	ad	adult
F.E.	First Encounter Beach, Eastham	b	banded
F.H.	Fort Hill, Eastham	br	breeding
F.P.	Fresh Pond, Cambridge	dk	dark (morph)
F.Pk	Franklin Park, Boston	f	female
G40	Gate 40, Quabbin Res.	fide	on the authority of
GMNWR	Great Meadows NWR	fl	fledgling
H.	Harbor	imm	immature
H.P.	Halibut Point, Rockport	juv	juvenile
HP	Horn Pond, Woburn	lt	light (morph)
HRWMA	High Ridge WMA, Gardner	m	male
I.	Island	max	maximum
IRWS	Ipswich River WS	migr	migrating
L.	Ledge	n	nesting
MAS	Mass Audubon	ph	photographed
MP	Millennium Park, W. Roxbury	pl	plumage
M.V.	Martha's Vineyard	pr	pair
MBWMA	Martin Burns WMA, Newbury	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
Newbypt	Newburyport		

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