

# BIRD SIGHTINGS

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## July–August 2019

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According to researchers at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), July was the hottest month worldwide in more than a century of global record-keeping. Here in Boston the average temperature was 87 degrees, four degrees above average. The temperature was in the 90s for 12 days of the month with a high of 98 degrees on July 21. Rainfall in Boston totaled 5.81 inches, 2.3 inches above the average for July. Violent thunderstorms rolled through the state on the last day of the month, downing trees and leaving thousands of residents without power. A microburst at Logan Airport clocked more than 70 mph.

August temperatures were more in line with historical precedent; the average for the city of Boston was 82 degrees, which is about normal, with a high temperature of 95 degrees on August 19. Rainfall totaled 3.48 inches, also about average. Severe thunderstorms in central Massachusetts, on the warmest day of the month, uprooted trees and brought power outages to Hampden County.

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## GEESE THROUGH HERONS

Forget nocturnal flight calls; beaked whales are the new thing in birding. Well, perhaps not yet. But looking for beaked whales might just be the best way to add to your state bird list. More on that story later. Let's start with the more accessible and terrestrial birds that were seen in Massachusetts this summer.

Some of the more unusual, although by no means exceptional, wildfowl seen during the summer included a male **King Eider** at Gloucester (the third July record this century), a Common Goldeneye at Plum Island (the first July record since 2005), and a couple of Lesser Scaup at South Monomoy (the third August record this century). Gadwall bred successfully at Great Pond, Nantucket, last year, and did so again this year. The species is also a regular breeder across Nantucket Sound at South Monomoy Island.

Pied-billed Grebes continue to do well in the state with reports this summer from a record high 10 counties, with breeding confirmed in Royalston and West Newbury. The species is listed as endangered under the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act. **Common Gallinule**, which is listed under that same act as a species of special concern, was confirmed breeding at the south end of Monomoy for the second year in a row. Sandhill Cranes are now annual breeders in the state. This year, five young cranes were raised in three locations.

A high count of 2,214 Common Nighthawks in Northampton on August 30 is a new record count (per eBird) for Massachusetts for the month of August.

The best pair of shorebirds this summer were at Plum Island. A **Red-necked Stint** was present for four days in July and is the first record since a very red-necked bird found there in June 2013. There are 13 accepted records of this Eurasian stint for the state, most of which have appeared in June and July. There was only one other Red-necked Stint in the Lower 48 this year—a bird near San Francisco, California, on August 7. An adult **Common Ringed Plover** was reported at Sandy Point on August 23. If accepted, this would represent the seventh record

for the state. All but one of those records—in May 2013—were fall birds found in August and September. Other good shorebirds included a **Black-necked Stilt** that continued on Nantucket until July 5, and an **American Avocet** at Plum Island and Chatham, both still present at the end of August. A high-flying flock of 54 Hudsonian Godwits over Dighton on August 30 was the highest August count in the state since 2010 and a new record count for Bristol County. Plus, it was a satisfying yard tick for Matthew and Joel Eckerson who commented, “It may take the cake as our best sighting ever here.”

And so, back to those beaked whales I promised earlier. They were actually the main target of a survey conducted on a research vessel out of Woods Hole. Kate Sutherland, of Hatteras, North Carolina, accompanied the team as the official seabird observer. The boat was running transects, which were periodically abandoned if an interesting cetacean appeared. There was no chumming. Birding highlights for the survey, which ran between August 18–28, included a **Trindade Petrel** (fourth for the state), 50 (!) **Black-capped Petrels** (including a new record high of 15 in one day, beating the previous high count by 15 times), 2 **Red-billed Tropicbirds**, 174 **Audubon’s Shearwaters** (including 64 in one day, the second highest count for the state), 6 **White-faced Storm-Petrels**, 47 **Band-rumped Storm-Petrels**, and the fourth and fifth state records of **Masked Booby** (two different individuals). A small black-and-white shearwater photographed on August 20 is being reviewed as a potential **Barolo’s Shearwater**, of which there have been two previously accepted records for the state. The lesson here is obvious—the next time someone tells you they’re just popping out to look for beaked whales, join them!

There was a time, and not that long ago, when **Brown Booby** and **Brown Pelican** made the birding headlines. Now, these brown megas are almost annual brown rarities. This summer’s Brown Booby was at Provincetown on July 27 and the Brown Pelican was at Nantucket for three days in July. Perhaps the other brown megas will take the cue and start visiting us more often? Brown-chested Martin and Brown Noddy, anyone?

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Brant				7/25	Nantucket	4	S. Kardell
7/25	S. Monomoy	1	R. Lambert#	8/25	DWMA	25	BBC (C. Cook)
8/16	P'town	1	C. Randler	8/26	PI	45	C. Cook
Mute Swan							
8/26	Westboro	22	M. Lynch#	7/1-7/4	Huntington	1 m	D. McLain
Wood Duck				8/27	S. Monomoy	2 lpr	N. Dorian#
7/26, 8/2	PI	2	D. Prima	Greater Scaup			
7/29-8/28	Longmeadow	464 max	M. Moore	7/13-8/5	Stockbridge	1	J. Pierce + v.o.
8/24	Wayland	220	J. Keeley	7/31-8/26	Northampton	1 f	T. Gessing + v.o.
8/24	Harvard	89	N. Tepper	Lesser Scaup			
Blue-winged Teal				8/27	S. Monomoy	2	N. Dorian#
8/24	Plymouth	5	L. Schibley	<b>King Eider</b>			
8/27	S. Monomoy	7	N. Dorian#	7/4-7/8	Gloucester	1 ad m ph	A. Bechler+v.o.
8/31	P'town (RP)	34	P. Flood#	Common Eider			
8/31	PI	18	J. Bourget#	8/9	Acoaxet	105	M. Lynch#
Northern Shoveler				8/18	Rockport (HPT)	49	J. Berry#
7/7	PI	2 lpr	R. Young	Surf Scoter			
8/27	S. Monomoy	1	N. Dorian#	7/17	PI	2	J. Berry#
Gadwall				Black Scoter			
7/4	Nantucket	8 1ad+7yg	S. Fea	8/9	Westport	4	M. Lynch#
8/17	PI	13 fl	C. Cook#	Long-tailed Duck			
8/27	S. Monomoy	32	N. Dorian#	7/3	Gloucester	2	J. Keyes
American Wigeon				Bufflehead			
7/3	PI	2	D. Prima	7/17	Nantucket	1	S. Englebourg#
7/8-7/18	Pittsfield	1 m	J. Pierce + v.o.	7/22	Duxbury B.	1	T. Kuras
8/27	S. Monomoy	2	N. Dorian#	Common Goldeneye			
American Black Duck				7/1-7/2	PI	1	T. Nauman
8/4	S. Egremont	2	M. Lynch#	Common Merganser			
Northern Pintail				7/12	Quabbin (G8)8 4f+4yg		M. Lynch#
8/16	PI	4	A. Stack#	7/13	Sandisfield27 1f+26yg		M. Lynch#
8/27	S. Monomoy	8	N. Dorian#	Ruddy Duck			
Green-winged Teal				7/1-7/3	Winchester	1	J. Thomas + v.o.
7/16-8/29	October Mountain	8 max	J. Pierce, Z. Adams+v.o.	7/8-7/13	Chestnut Hill	1	R. Doherty + v.o.

<b>Ruddy Duck (continued)</b>				<b>Sandhill Crane</b>			
7/31	PI	1	S. McGrath	thr	Worthington 4	1pr+2yg	L. Waters, J. Eckerson
8/27	S. Monomoy	6	N. Dorian#	7/5-8/31	Burrage Pd WMA	4 1pr+2yg	R. Eberhardt+v.o.
<b>Northern Bobwhite</b>				7/17	Sandsfield	3 1pr+1yg	L. Foulce-Green
thr	Indiv. reported from 10 locations			7/27	Colrain	9	C. Perdue + v.o.
7/30	Quincy	2	L. Clemens	8/2	Hardwick	2	J. Denney
<b>Ruffed Grouse</b>				8/9-8/20	Ashfield	2	D. Radovsky + v.o.
7/4	W. Barnstable	1	S. Matheny	<b>Black-necked Stilt</b>			
7/14	MSSF	3 1ad+2yg	G. d'Entremont	7/1-7/5	Nantucket	1	B. Foehring
7/18-8/23	Hardwick	6 1ad+5yg max	W. Howe	<b>American Avocet</b>			
7/19-8/29	October Mountain	2 max	S. Townsend# + v.o.	8/21-8/31	PI	1 ph	S. Baker + v.o.
<b>Wild Turkey</b>				8/24-8/31	Chatham	1 ph	F. Grenon#
7/6	New Salem	20 2ad+18yg	M. Lynch#	<b>American Oystercatcher</b>			
8/24	Sandsfield	15	M. Lynch#	8/10	Westport	7	M. Eckerson#
<b>Pied-billed Grebe</b>				8/12	Chatham	50	B. Harrington#
thr	Indiv. reported from 14 locations			8/15-8/17	Rockport (AP)	4	R. Heil
7/5-8/30	Royalston	2 1ad+1yg	E. LeBlanc	8/31	Winthrop	28	S. Zende#
7/21	W. Newbury	2 juv	K. Wilmarth	<b>Black-bellied Plover</b>			
8/24-8/27	S. Monomoy	3	N. Dorian#	8/11	Nauset	250	J. Trimble#
<b>Horned Grebe</b>				8/15	Chatham	715	B. Harrington#
7/1-7/2	MBO	2	A. Kneidel + v.o.	8/17-7/2	PI	150	C. Cook#
7/16-8/30	Duxbury B.	1	K. Rawdon + v.o.	<b>American Golden-Plover</b>			
7/17-8/27	Marblehead	1	A. Sanford + v.o.	8/22	Plymouth B.	2	L. Schibley
<b>Yellow-billed Cuckoo</b>				8/23	PI	3	M. McCarthy#
7/7	Stow	2	N. Tepper	8/25	Athol	1	B. Lafley
8/17	Winchendon	3	M. Lynch#	8/27	S. Monomoy	1	N. Dorian#
<b>Black-billed Cuckoo</b>				8/29	Hadley (Honeypot)	2	L. Therrien
7/4	Falmouth	1	G. d'Entremont	8/31	P'town (RP)	3	P. Flood#
7/6	Quabbin (G10)	1	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)	<b>Common Ringed Plover!</b>			
7/14	MSSF	1	G. d'Entremont	8/23	PI	1 ph	S. Sullivan + v.o.
8/4	Sheffield	1	M. Lynch#	<b>Semipalmated Plover</b>			
<b>Common Nighthawk</b>				7/18-thr	Longmeadow	6 max	T. Gilliland+v.o.
8/20-8/22	MtA	28	R. Stymeist#	7/19-8/19	October Mountain	5 max	G. Ward + v.o.
8/27	Pittsfield	108	G. Hurley	8/11	Eastham	850	J. Trimble#
8/29	Uxbridge	200	N. Demers	8/13	Plymouth B.	1300	L. Schibley#
8/30	Northampton	2214	T. Gagnon	8/14	Ipswich (CB)	650	J. Berry
8/30	Sudbury	522	B. Harris	8/15	S. Monomoy	1000	R. Lambert#
<b>Chuck-will's-widow</b>				8/21	PI	2150	R. Heil
7/7	Mashpee NWR	1 au	P. Kyle	<b>Piping Plover</b>			
7/13	Plymouth	1 au	B. Vigorito	season	PI	167 50pr+67fl	USFWS
<b>Eastern Whip-poor-will</b>				7/13	Yarmouth	20	G. d'Entremont
7/13	Plymouth	1	B. Vigorito	8/3	Winthrop	6	S. McDonald
8/25	Milton	1	V. Zollo	8/7	Plymouth B.	45	T. Evans
8/26	PI	4	M. Watson	8/19	Ipswich (CB)	17 juv	J. Berry#
8/30	Quabbin Pk	2	L. Therrien	<b>Killdeer</b>			
<b>Chimney Swift</b>				8/5	Topsfield	6 1pr+4yg	J. Berry
8/4	S. Egremont	10	M. Lynch#	8/26	Holden	14	M. Lynch#
8/30	Lexington (DM)	240	C. Cook	<b>Upland Sandpiper</b>			
<b>Ruby-throated Hummingbird</b>				7/8	Boston (Logan)	2	H. Maxfield
8/10	Whately	43	B. Benner#	7/19	Falmouth	1	P. Trimble#
8/20	Deerfield	20	D. Sibley	7/25	Hadley (Honeypot)	1	T. Gilliland
8/25	Webster	20 1 leucistic	M. Lynch#	<b>Whimbrel</b>			
<b>Clapper Rail</b>				7/5	Gloucester (EP)	2	J. Keyes
7/4	Fairhaven	8 2ad+6imm	C. Longworth	8/3	PI	6	S. Grinley#
8/23	S. Dart. (APd)	1	M. Iliff	8/9	Duxbury B.	3	R. Bowes
<b>Virginia Rail</b>				8/17	Chatham	4	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)
7/4-7/6	Bolton Flats	29	S. Arena	8/22	Edgartown	35	A. Eppedio#
7/7	Stow	12	N. Tepper	8/28	Westport	6	J. Eckerson#
7/13-7/14	GMNWR	26	S. Arena	<b>Hudsonian Godwit</b>			
7/27	PI	3	T. + N. Walker	8/17	Chatham	10	J. Trimble#
8/24	Sandsfield	3	M. Lynch#	8/17-8/31	PI	1	D. Chickering + v.o.
<b>Sora</b>				8/30	Dighton	54 ph	M. Eckerson#
7/4-7/6	Bolton Flats	2	S. Arena	<b>Marbled Godwit</b>			
7/13-7/14	GMNWR	4	S. Arena	8/2	Chatham	1	B. Harrington#
8/18	S. Monomoy	4	N. Dorian#	8/9-8/24	PI	1	P. + F. Vale + v.o.
8/18-8/19	PI	2	T. Wetmore + v.o.	8/15-8/16	Westport	1	T. Murray + v.o.
8/25	Squantum	2 1ad+1juv	G. d'Entremont#	8/27-8/31	Chatham	3	S. Matheny#
<b>Common Gallinule</b>				<b>Ruddy Turnstone</b>			
8/27	S. Monomoy	4 2ad+2juv ph	N. Dorian#	8/9	Duxbury B.	49	R. Bowes
<b>American Coot</b>				8/15	S. Monomoy	150	R. Lambert#
7/2-7/26	Nantucket	1	v.o.	8/15	Westport	28	M. Eckerson
8/5-8/20	Woburn (HP)	1	J. Kovner + v.o.	<b>Red Knot</b>			
8/18	Woburn	1	J. Forbes	7/26	Plymouth B.	20	T. Lloyd-Evans

Red Knot (continued)				8/22	Sheffield	1	R. Wendell
7/26	PI	3	D. Prima#	Spotted Sandpiper			
8/15	Chatham	530	B. Harrington#	7/5-7/13	PI	10	T. Wetmore
8/15	S. Monomoy	300	R. Lambert#	7/7	BHI (Lovells I.)	6	S. Jones
8/22	MBO	14	E. Dalton	7/11	Westport	6	M. Iliiff
Stilt Sandpiper				7/20	Wachusett Res. 9	5ad+4fl	K. Bourinot#
7/22	S. Dart. (APd)	2	H. Zimmerlin	8/10	Marshfield	4	N. Marchessault#
8/1	PI	8	J. Hoye#	Solitary Sandpiper			
8/12-8/25	Quincy	1	P. Peterson + v.o.	8/3	Winchendon	3	M. Lynch#
<b>Red-necked Stint</b>				8/11	Burrage Pd WMA	3	B. Frost
7/15-7/18	PI	1 ph	D. Adrien + v.o.	8/19	W. Roxbury (MP)	3	M. Iliiff
Sanderling				8/25	Belmont	4	A. + G. Gurka
7/27	Plymouth B.	310	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)	8/27	Beaver Brook	9	C. Cook
8/11	Nauset	350	J. Trimble#	Lesser Yellowlegs			
8/15	Chatham	1800	B. Harrington#	8/11	Nauset	20	J. Trimble#
8/15	S. Monomoy	500	R. Lambert#	8/17	Chatham	150	J. Trimble#
Dunlin				8/25	Squantum	29	G. d'Entremont
8/11	Nauset	4	J. Trimble#	Willet			
Baird's Sandpiper				7/4	Nbpt H.	99	S. Grinley#
8/13-8/31	PI	2	S. Grinley#	7/9	S. Monomoy	180	R. Lambert#
8/25-8/31	Indiv. reported from 6 locations			8/2	Chatham	170	B. Harrington#
Least Sandpiper				Willet (Western)			
7/17	PI	190	J. Berry#	8/16	E. Boston (BI)	1	J. Layman
8/26	Holden	29	M. Lynch#	8/17	Monomoy NWR	10	J. Trimble#
8/27	Beaver Brook	23	C. Cook	8/20-8/25	Nauset	4	N. Tepper#
8/30	Acoaxet	8	M. Lynch#	8/22	Esther I.	3	S. Kardell#
White-rumped Sandpiper				Greater Yellowlegs			
8/13	Plymouth B.	13	L. Schibley#	8/11	Nauset	35	J. Trimble#
8/17	Chatham	310	J. Trimble#	8/25	Squantum	56	G. d'Entremont
8/29	PI	50	S. Jones#	8/26	Holden	7	M. Lynch#
Buff-breasted Sandpiper				Wilson's Phalarope			
8/28	Westport	1	J. Eckerson#	8/24	Quincy	1	M. Lipson#
8/29-8/31	PI	2	R. Heil + v.o.	Red-necked Phalarope			
Pectoral Sandpiper				7/29	Jeffreys L.	6	L. Merrill#
7/12-8/31	PI	2 max	v.o.	8/21	S. of Nantucket	50	R. Kannan
8/3-8/22	E. Boston (BI)	2	A. Trautmann# + v.o.	8/25	S. of Nantucket	17	K. Sutherland#
8/13	Quincy	2	C. Whitebread#	Red Phalarope			
8/27	S. Monomoy	10	N. Dorian#	7/10	Jeffreys L.	6	J. Smith
Semipalmated Sandpiper				<b>South Polar Skua</b>			
7/22-8/29	October Mountain	3 max	G.&C. Ward+v.o.	8/15	Georges Bank	1 ph	R. Dickerson
7/23	Plymouth B.	985	L. Schibley	8/21,27	S. of Nantucket	2,2	K. Sutherland#
7/25	PI	2420	R. Heil	Pomarine Jaeger			
8/11	Nauset	450	J. Trimble#	8/10	E. of Chatham	1 S ph	B. Nikula#
8/14	Ipswich (CB)	470	J. Berry	8/28	S. of Nantucket	4	K. Sutherland#
8/15	S. Monomoy	2000	R. Lambert#	Parasitic Jaeger			
8/15	Chatham	1500	B. Harrington#	7/29	Jeffreys L.	3	L. Merrill
Western Sandpiper				8/14	Ipswich (CB)	2	J. Berry
8/11	Nauset	2 ad	J. Trimble#	8/17	Stellwagen Bank	1	A. Steenstrup
8/11	Eastham	2	J. Trimble#	8/21	PI	3	R. Heil
8/16-8/31	PI	6 max	O.+N.Komar+v.o.	8/22, 8/25	Rockport (AP)	2,1	R. Heil
8/18	Duxbury B.	2	G. Lynch	8/25	P'town (RP)	3	B. Nikula#
Short-billed Dowitcher				<b>Long-tailed Jaeger</b>			
7/11	PI	258	R. Heil	7/4	E. of Chatham	1 S ph	B. Nikula#
7/16	Duxbury	45	K. Rawdon#	8/22	MBO	1	E. Dalton
7/21-7/22	October Mountain	1	G. & C. Ward + v.o.	8/24	P'town (RP)	1 S ph	P. Flood#
7/23	Plymouth B.	61	L. Schibley	8/25	Rockport (AP)	1	R. Heil
8/2	Chatham	1175	B. Harrington#	Common Murre			
8/6	Longmeadow	1	L. & A. Richardson	7/8	Stellwagen Bank	1	P. Flood#
8/17	PI	46	hendersoni D.+T. Swain	Razorbill			
8/21	S. Monomoy	2	hendersoni N.Dorian#	7/18	Rockport (AP)	1	R. Heil
Long-billed Dowitcher				Black Guillemot			
8/11-8/23	Quincy	1	J. Offermann + v.o.	8/22-8/29	Rockport (AP)	1	R. Heil
8/21	S. Monomoy	2	N. Dorian#	<b>Atlantic Puffin</b>			
8/27	Revere	1	S. Zende#	7/7	Rockport (AP)	1	D. Walters
8/31	PI	15	T. Wetmore	7/8	Stellwagen Bank	1 ph	P. Flood#
American Woodcock				Black-legged Kittiwake			
7/7	Dighton	1	M. Eckerson	8/24	Scituate	1	K. Rawdon
7/7	Mattapan (BNC)	1	L. Markley#	<b>Sabine's Gull</b>			
7/7	BHI (Lovells I.)	1	S. Jones	8/30	P'town (RP)	1 ad ph	P. Flood#
7/15	Dover	2	F. Lehman	Bonaparte's Gull			
Wilson's Snipe				7/2-7/31	PI	1	M. Watson + v.o.
8/3-8/26	October Mountain	2 max	S. Townsend# + v.o.	7/23	Plymouth B.	13	L. Schibley
8/21	Wayland	1	J. Forbes	7/24	Revere (POP)	16	P. Peterson

Bonaparte's Gull (continued)				Common Loon			
7/28	Lynn	24	S. McDonald	7/4, 8/17	E. of Chatham	4,3	B. Nikula#
8/10-8/16	Wachusett Res.	3 max	B. Robo + v.o.	7/7-8/thr	Quabbin Pk	7	B. Lafley + v.o.
<b>Black-headed Gull</b>				8/7	Hinsdale	3 1pr+1yg	G. Hurley
7/24-8/1	S. Monomoy	1 ph	R. Lambert#	7/1-8/17	Wachusett Res.	11 max	E. Kittredge+v.o.
<b>Little Gull</b>				7/1-8/30	Gardner	5 max	T. Pirro + v.o.
8/25	Dennis	1 ph	A. Eckerson#	<b>Trinidad Petrel</b>			
Laughing Gull				8/18	S. of Nantucket	1 ph	K. Sutherland#
8/11	Nauset	1600	J. Trimble#	<b>Black-capped Petrel</b>			
8/14	Ipswich (CB)	48 2ad+46juv	J. Berry	8/18-24	S. of Nantucket	50	K. Sutherland#
8/15	S. Monomoy	3000	R. Lambert#	8/23	S. of Nantucket	15	K. Sutherland#
8/17	E. of Chatham	350	B. Nikula#	Cory's Shearwater			
Iceland Gull				7/4, 8/17	E. of Chatham	9,40	B. Nikula#
7/11-8/26	Chatham	1	J. Sweeney, v.o.	7/7	P'town (RP)	33	B. Nikula#
Lesser Black-backed Gull				7/26	Jeffreys L.	60	S. Williams#
7/3	Scituate	1	B. Frost	8/13	Stellwagen Bank	20	C. Randler
7/23	Plymouth B.	1	L. Schibley	8/15	Rockport (AP)	11	R. Heil
8/11	Nauset	2	J. Trimble#	8/18-28	S. of Nantucket	722	K. Sutherland#
8/11	Eastham	2	J. Trimble#	8/24	S. of Nantucket	462	K. Sutherland#
8/18-8/25	PI	1	J. Bourget + v.o.	Sooty Shearwater			
8/19	Ipswich (CB)	2 1ad+1subad	J. Berry#	7/4, 8/17	E. of Chatham	260,30	B. Nikula#
Least Tern				7/7	P'town (RP)	61	B. Nikula#
7/11	PI	105	R. Heil	7/26	Jeffreys L.	60	S. Williams#
7/21	Plymouth B.	75	S. van der Veen	8/16	Stellwagen Bank	10	W. Tatro
8/2	Duxbury B.	120	A. Crawford	Great Shearwater			
8/14	Ipswich (CB)	20	J. Berry	7/4, 8/17	E. of Chatham	700,600	B. Nikula#
Caspian Tern				7/7	P'town (RP)	105	B. Nikula#
7/2	Duxbury B.	2	N. Henkenius	7/26, 8/17	Jeffreys L.	2690,115	S. Williams#, A. Steenstrup
7/8-8/13	Indiv. reported from	5 locations		8/17	Rockport (AP)	48	R. Heil
8/24	Plymouth	2	L. Schibley	8/24	S. of Nantucket	140	K. Sutherland#
Black Tern				Manx Shearwater			
8/9, 8/21	PI	2,1	T. Wetmore#, S. Grinley#	7/26	Jeffreys L.	80	S. Williams#
8/17	Chatham	1	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)	8/3	Revere (POP)	4	A. Trautmann#
8/18	S. of Nantucket	1	K. Sutherland#	8/13	Stellwagen Bank	5	C. Randler
8/20	MBO	1	A. Kneidel#	8/15	Rockport (AP)	11	R. Heil
8/21	S. Dart. (APd)	3	M. Iliff	8/17	E. of Chatham	40	B. Nikula#
8/27	Westport	2	J. Eckerson#	8/18-27	S. of Nantucket	11	K. Sutherland#
Roseate Tern				8/21	PI	3	R. Heil
7/4	PI	11	R. Heil	<b>Audubon's Shearwater</b>			
7/11	Westport	130	M. Iliff	8/18-28	S. of Nantucket	174	K. Sutherland#
7/29	Jeffreys L.	6	L. Merrill	8/24	S. of Nantucket	64	K. Sutherland#
8/15	Rockport (AP)	13	R. Heil	<b>Barolo Shearwater!</b>			
Common Tern				8/20	S. of Nantucket	1 ph	K. Sutherland#
7/9	S. Monomoy	20000	R. Lambert#	Wilson's Storm-Petrel			
7/11	Westport	635	M. Iliff	7/1	Boston H.	32	T. Myers
8/11	Nauset	3000	J. Trimble#	7/4	E. of Chatham	1400	B. Nikula#
8/20	Ipswich (CB)	500	J. Berry#	7/4	PI	6	S. Grinley#
Arctic Tern				7/18	Rockport (AP)	20	R. Heil
8/19,24	S. of Nantucket	1,1	K. Sutherland#	7/19	MBO	22	E. Dalton#
Forster's Tern				7/26	Jeffreys L.	490	S. Williams#
8/11	Nauset	12	J. Trimble#	8/18-28	S. of Nantucket	522	K. Sutherland#
8/15	Rockport (AP)	3	R. Heil	<b>White-faced Storm-Petrel</b>			
8/17	PI	4	D. Bates	8/20	S. of Nantucket	6 ph	K. Sutherland#
Royal Tern				Leach's Storm-Petrel			
7/4	Westport	1	M. Eckerson#	7/4	E. of Chatham	2	B. Nikula#
7/7	Rockport (AP)	1	D. Walters	7/10	Jeffreys L.	1	J. Smith
7/12-7/18	Dennis	1	J. Bock#	8/18-28	S. of Nantucket	117	K. Sutherland#
7/18	MBO	1	E. Dalton#	8/20	S. of Nantucket	30	K. Sutherland#
7/19	Wellfleet	1	P. Sagan#	<b>Band-rumped Storm-Petrel</b>			
7/26	E. of Chatham	1	P. Trimble#	8/18-23	S. of Nantucket	47	K. Sutherland#
8/3	Revere (POP)	1	A. Trautmann#	8/19	S. of Nantucket	21	K. Sutherland#
8/11	Dartmouth	1	M. Eckerson#	<b>Masked Booby</b>			
Black Skimmer				8/20,24	S. of Nantucket	1,1 ph	K. Sutherland#
7/11	Westport	1 au	M. Iliff	<b>Brown Booby</b>			
7/16-7/17	Chatham	2	P. Kyle#	7/27	P'town	1 ad ph	D. Minsky#
7/21	Plymouth B.	1	S. van der Veen	Northern Gannet			
7/26	PI	2	D. Prima + v.o.	8/14	PI	150	T. Wetmore
8/17	Edgartown	38	A. Eppedio#	8/24	P'town (RP)	500	B. Nikula#
8/22	Dartmouth	1	B. King#	8/25	Rockport (AP)	380	R. Heil
<b>Red-billed Tropicbird</b>				Double-crested Cormorant			
8/19,21	S. of Nantucket	1,1 ph	K. Sutherland	8/thr	Everett	236 max	R. Stymeist+v.o.
Red-throated Loon				8/18	Rockport (HPT)	65	J. Berry#
7/5-7/6	Winchester	1	J. Forbes + v.o.	8/30	Westport	225	M. Lynch#

Great Cormorant				8/23	PI	150	M. McCarthy#
7/2	BHI (The Graves)	1	S. Jones#	8/28	Westport	201	J. Eckerson#
7/11	Westport	1	M. Iliff	Little Blue Heron			
8/1-8/28	MBO	1	A. Kneidel#	8/10	PI	3 juv	G. d'Entremont#
8/9	Acoaxet	2 imm	M. Lynch#	8/15	E. Boston (BI)	3	DCR (S. Riley)
8/24	W. Roxbury (MP)	1	M. McMahon	8/16	W. Gloucester	8 2ad+6juv	J. Nelson
8/25-8/31	Rockport (AP)	1	R. Heil	Tricolored Heron			
<b>Brown Pelican</b>				7/6	Gloucester	1	A. Steenstrup
7/14-7/16	Nantucket	1 ph	R. Newman#	8/9-8/31	Chatham	1	v.o.
American Bittern				Green Heron			
thr	Indiv. reported from 11 locations			thr	Belchertown	17 max	M. McKittrick + v.o.
7/4-7/6	Bolton Flats	5	S. Arena	7/29-8/28	Longmeadow	22 max	M. Moore
7/4	Wakefield	3	P. + F. Vale	8/15	Fairhaven	9	C. Longworth
7/16-8/29	October Mountain	3 max	Z.Adams, J.Pierce+v.o.	8/24	Wayland	14	J. Keeley#
Least Bittern				8/26	W. Roxbury (MP)	10	L. Grimes
7/1-7/6	Pittsfield	1 au	S. Townsend#+v.o.	Black-crowned Night-Heron			
7/4-7/6	Bolton Flats	8	S. Arena	7/6	Gloucester	7	A. Steenstrup
7/4-8/28	PI	2 max	R. Heil + v.o.	8/8	PI	14	D. Prima
7/7	Salem	4	K. Wilmarth	8/24	Nbpt	9 4ad+5juv	P. + F. Vale
7/13-7/14	GMNWR	18	S. Arena	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron			
7/21	W. Newbury	2	K. Wilmarth	7/31-8/6	Scituate	4	L. Norton, M. Noiseux
Great Blue Heron				8/12	Mattapoisett	6 1ad+5juv	N. Marchessault
7/17	PI	9	J. Berry#	8/15	Nbpt	3	L. Grimes
8/thr	Everett	16 max	R. Stymeist+v.o.	8/17	S. Dartmouth	7 2ad+5juv	A. + D. Morgan
Great Egret				8/21	PI	5	R. Heil
7/17	PI	45	J. Berry#	8/23	Marshfield	9	C. Whitebread#
8/2	Egremont	23	G. Hurley	7/25, 8/29	Barnstable	9, 11	P. Crosson, E. Hill-Gest#
8/11	Nauset	35	J. Trimble#	Glossy Ibis			
8/17	Barnstable	68	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)	7/25	Somerset	21	M. Eckerson
8/28	Westport	286	J. Eckerson#	7/28	Quincy	20	J. Bock#
Snowy Egret				8/23	PI	14	M. McCarthy#
7/28	Quincy	29	P. Peterson	8/30	Chatham	6	M. Perrin#
8/17	Barnstable	24	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)				

## VULTURES THROUGH DICKCISSEL

Fall hawk migration in the Northeast extends from early August through early December. A few dedicated hawkwatchers were stationed on Mount Wachusett in mid-August counting the first migrating hawks, nearly a month before the bulk arrival of Broad-winged Hawks. Although few raptors are on the move this early, the hawkwatchers were rewarded with 10 Bald Eagles and 57 Broadwings. The raptor breeding highlight this year was the successful nesting of Merlins in Gardner, Pittsfield, and Williamstown. When the first Massachusetts Breeding Bird Atlas was published in 2003, there was no record of Merlin breeding in the state. The first documented nesting of the falcon was in 2008 on Chappaquiddick Island, where the same pair nested again in 2010.

Breeding songbirds are still active in early to late July and this is a popular time to perform breeding bird surveys. The South Shore Bird Club surveyed Quabbin Reservoir on July 7 and reported some impressive numbers from Gate 10 in Pelham: 32 Veerys, 53 Ovenbirds, and 15 Chestnut-sided and 14 Black-throated Blue warblers. A survey of the Quaboag Important Bird Area (IBA) was conducted by Mark Lynch and Sheila Carroll on July 27. This IBA, which contains extensive freshwater marsh, forest and grassland areas, is located in the towns of Warren and the Brookfields. Highlights of that count included 7 Willow Flycatchers, 13 Yellow-throated Vireos, 11 Marsh Wrens, 57 Swamp Sparrows, 28 Yellow Warblers, and 66 Gray Catbirds. Catbirds also ended up in the mist nets at Manomet—a total of 183 were banded from August 15 through the end of the month.

This was another successful breeding season for Purple Martins in the state with low reports of mortality. Mary Keleher counted 214 Purple Martins fledged in Mashpee, which is up from 178 last season. Sue McGrath reported 84 fledged on Plum Island. Other Purple Martin colonies produced 118 fledged in Easton and 90 fledged from Long Pasture Audubon Sanctuary in Barnstable.

Fall migration gets underway in August when tens of thousands of Tree Swallows gather along our coasts. On Plum Island, an estimated 100,000 were noted on August 26. Some of the last migrants to arrive in the spring are the first to return south in the fall, with both Olive-sided and Yellow-bellied flycatchers sharing that distinction. Another early-returning fall migrant was a Tennessee Warbler at Hadley on August 6. A total of 28 warbler species were recorded during the period including a **Yellow-throated Warbler** photographed on Nantucket on August 30. There were also two reports of the hybrid **Lawrence's Warbler**. Other rarities included a **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** found near Quaboag Pond in East Brookfield, and the **Tropical Kingbird** that was first found in Marshfield on June 14 and extended its stay to July 4th.

This year's Winter Finch Forecast, the much-anticipated annual prediction from Ron Pittaway of the Ontario Field Ornithologists, paints a gloomy picture for our region. An abundant spruce-cone crop across the boreal forest from Ontario to Newfoundland, together with excellent seed crops of Mountain Ash and Black Ash, will likely keep **Pine Grosbeaks** and **Bohemian Waxwings** to the north of us this winter.

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Black Vulture				8/28	Fairhaven	2	C. Longworth
7/13	Bourne	1	A. Kneidel#	Broad-winged Hawk			
7/17	Sheffield	6	K. Hanson	7/19	Monroe	5	M. Lynch#
7/27	Blackstone	11	M. Noiseux	8/16-8/31	Mt Wachusett	57	Hawkcount (R. Chase)
8/8	Hadley	8	N. Kahn	8/20	Mt Wachusett	35	Hawkcount (R. Chase)
8/24	Dracut	3	F. Boombatz	8/24	Sandisfield	4	M. Lynch#
Turkey Vulture				8/31	Mt Watatic	11	Hawkcount (B. Rusnica)
7/9	Millbury	47	E. Kittredge	Red-tailed Hawk			
8/27	Mt Wachusett	20	Hawkcount (R. Chase)	8/23	Mt Wachusett	6	Hawkcount (R. Chase)
Osprey				Barn Owl			
7/4, 8/4	PI	21,8	R. Heil	7/23	Nantucket	3 juv	T. Sackton
8/10	Quincy	11	P. Peterson	8/18	W. Tisbury	2	B. Murtha
8/30	Westport	43	M. Lynch#	Eastern Screech-Owl			
8/31	Mt Watatic	4	Hawkcount (B. Rusnica)	8/3	Winchester	4 fl	P. Devaney
Bald Eagle				8/31	DWWS	2	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)
7/9	Fairhaven	2	B. Abbott	Barred Owl			
8/3	Marshfield	3 2ad+1juv	G. d'Entremont	7/1-7/19	Ipswich	1	J. & N. Berry
8/10	Quabbin (G8)	4 3imm+1ad	M. Lynch#	Northern Saw-whet Owl			
8/11	Nauset	1 imm	J. Trimble#	8/14	Leverett	1	B. Normark
8/26-8/31	Mt Wachusett	10 migr	Hawkcount(R.Chase)	8/27	Boston	1	R. O'Donnell#
Northern Harrier				Belted Kingfisher			
7/7-8/31	Indiv. reported from 8 locations			7/2	Hardwick	5	W. Howes
7/21-8/29	October Mountain	3	S. Townsend, J. Jew+v.o.	8/16	Sutton	2	M. Lynch#
8/9-8/12	PI	2	T. Wetmore + v.o.	<b>Red-headed Woodpecker</b>			
8/23-8/31	PI	3	S. Sullivan#	7/16	Manomet	1 ad m	S. Abele
8/30	Westport	2	M. Lynch#	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			
Sharp-shinned Hawk				7/5	Hardwick	6	M. Lynch#
thr	Indiv. reported from 4 locations			7/6	Wendell	8	M. Lynch#
7/3, 8/6	Sharon	2 1pr	V. Zollo	7/6	Quabbin (G10)	7	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)
8/16-8/27	Mt Wachusett	10	Hawkcount (R. Chase)	Hairy Woodpecker			
Cooper's Hawk				7/4	Ipswich	5	J. Berry
8/10	Ipswich	2	J. Berry	8/3	Winchendon	5	M. Lynch#
8/16	Sutton	2 imm	M. Lynch#	Northern Flicker			
8/23	Mt Wachusett	5	Hawkcount (R. Chase)	8/31	DWWS	5	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)
Northern Goshawk				Pileated Woodpecker			
7/28	Rowley	1 ad	J. Nelson	7/28	Lexington	1	C. Cook
8/3	Winchendon	1 ad	M. Lynch#	8/17	Ipswich	2	J. Berry
8/31	Petersham	1 imm	B. Lafley	8/31	Winchendon	3	M. Lynch#
Red-shouldered Hawk				American Kestrel			
7/13	Westwood	2	F. Lehman	7/16, 8/28	E. Boston (BI)	2,2	P. Peterson, S. Jones#
7/28	Petersham	2	M. Lynch#	7/20	Wachusett Res.	2 1ad f+1yg	K. Bourinot#
8/16	Burrage Pd WMA	3	J. Carlisle	8/13	Lawrence	4	C. Gibson

<b>American Kestrel (continued)</b>							
8/24	Sandisfield	2	M. Lynch#	Fish Crow	7/13	Stoughton	21 G. d'Entremont
8/24	Plymouth	2	A. Kneidel		7/27	Quaboag IBA	5 M. Lynch#
8/28	Weymouth	2	J. Kricher		8/3	Ipswich	6 J. Berry#
8/29	Concord	4	D. Swain	<b>Common Raven</b>			
<b>Merlin</b>					7/31	PI	8 T. Wetmore
7/1-8/10	Gardner	6 1pr+4yg	S. Erickson, T. Pirro#		8/16	Oxford	6 M. Lynch#
7/1-7/23	Williamstown	4 2ad+2yg	M. Morales+v.o.		8/19-8/20	Mt Wachusett	9 Hawkcount (R. Chase)
7/2	Pittsfield	4 1f+3yg	K. Hanson		8/20	S. Dart. (APd)	4 J. Eckerson#
8/23	Revere (POP)	2	P. Peterson	<b>Horned Lark</b>			
<b>Peregrine Falcon</b>					7/16	Duxbury	1 K. Rawdon#
8/15	S. Monomoy	3	R. Lambert#		7/29-8/9	Northampton	4 max T. Gessing
8/31	PI	4	S. Sullivan		8/9	Hadley (Honeypt)	2 L. Therrien
8/31	P'town (RP)	2 imm	B. Nikula#		8/17	Duxbury B.	3 T. Kuras
<b>Olive-sided Flycatcher</b>					8/17	Chatham	2 SSBC (G. d'Entremont)
8/11-8/30	Indiv. reported from 13 locations			<b>Purple Martin</b>			
<b>Eastern Wood-Pewee</b>					season	Mashpee	214 fl M. Keleher
7/5	Hardwick	21	M. Lynch#		season	Barnstable	90 fl fide M. Keleher
8/16	N. Andover	7	J. Berry#		season	PI	84 fl S. McGrath#
8/17	Beaver Brook	10	C. Cook		season	Salisbury	5 fl S. McGrath#
8/30	Quabbin Pk	11	L. Therrien		7/thr	Easton	118 fl M. Linck
<b>Yellow-bellied Flycatcher</b>					7/thr	Norfolk	57 fl M. Linck
8/22-8/31	Indiv. reported from 8 locations				8/3	Marshfield	28 G. d'Entremont
<b>Acadian Flycatcher</b>					8/30	Burrage Pd WMA	1 A. Kneidel
7/6	Quabbin (G8)	3	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)	<b>Tree Swallow</b>			
8/22-8/24	Leverett	1	M. Harris		8/3	Winchendon	217 M. Lynch#
<b>Alder Flycatcher</b>					8/19	Ipswich (CB)	3500 J. Berry#
7/28	Petersham	8	M. Lynch#		8/26	PI	100000 B. Lee#
8/3	Winchendon	8	M. Lynch#		8/30	Westport	210 M. Lynch#
8/11	Huntington	5	M. Lynch#	<b>Northern Rough-winged Swallow</b>			
<b>Willow Flycatcher</b>					7/7	Fairhaven	3 G. d'Entremont#
7/27	Quaboag IBA	7	M. Lynch#		7/13	Yarmouth	2 G. d'Entremont
8/4	Fairhaven	3	G. d'Entremont		8/3	Marshfield	10 G. d'Entremont
8/25	W. Roxbury (MP)	2	M. Iliff		8/18	Rockport (HPt)	3 J. Berry#
<b>Least Flycatcher</b>					<b>Bank Swallow</b>		
7/5	Hardwick	7	M. Lynch#		7/2	MBO	100 A. Kneidel#
8/28	Westport	1	J. Eckerson#		7/27	Plymouth B.	45 SSBC (G. d'Entremont)
8/28	Boston (McW)	1	S. Jones		8/3	Bolton	50 R. Eberhardt
8/30	Dighton	3	M. Eckerson#		8/14	Ipswich (CB)	15 2juv J. Berry
<b>Great Crested Flycatcher</b>					<b>Cliff Swallow</b>		
7/5	Hardwick	4	M. Lynch#		7/5-7/11	Shelburne Falls	14 max P. Gagarin
7/6	Wendell	7	M. Lynch#		7/8-8/31	Pittsfield	17 max L. Merry
8/18	Rockport (HPt)	3	J. Berry#		8/21	PI	2 R. Heil
<b>Tropical Kingbird</b>					8/22	Nantucket	5 F. Morello#
7/1-7/4	DWWS	1 ph	S. Pedane + v.o.		8/24	Chatham	5 J. Eckerson#
<b>Eastern Kingbird</b>					8/27	S. of Nantucket	3 K. Sutherland#
7/13	Falmouth	15	A. Kneidel#	<b>Barn Swallow</b>			
7/28, 8/24	PI	14,14	G. d'Entremont#		7/17	PI	45 J. Berry#
8/20	Sudbury	15	J. Forbes		7/27	Plymouth B.	80 SSBC (G. d'Entremont)
8/25	DWMA	21	BBC (C. Cook)		8/27	Princeton	250 Hawkcount (R. Chase)
<b>Scissor-tailed Flycatcher</b>					8/30	Acoaxet	80 M. Lynch#
8/23-8/28	Quaboag Pond	1 ph	A. Cuadra + v.o.		8/30	Lexington (DM)	70 C. Cook
<b>White-eyed Vireo</b>					<b>Red-breasted Nuthatch</b>		
8/9	Acoaxet	3	M. Lynch#		7/6	Wendell	11 M. Lynch#
<b>Yellow-throated Vireo</b>					7/14	MSSF	4 G. d'Entremont
7/5	Topsfield	1	J. Berry#		8/31	Winchendon	32 M. Lynch#
7/6	Quabbin (G10)	4	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)	<b>Brown Creeper</b>			
7/27	Quaboag IBA	13	M. Lynch#		7/6	Quabbin (G10)	3 SSBC (G. d'Entremont)
<b>Blue-headed Vireo</b>					7/8-8/9	Rutland	13 max B. Robo
7/6	Wendell	9	M. Lynch#		8/1	Stoughton	2 G. d'Entremont
7/13	Tolland	7	M. Lynch#	<b>House Wren</b>			
7/26	Ware R. IBA	11	M. Lynch#		7/5	Hardwick	26 23ad+3yg M. Lynch#
8/24	Sandisfield	3	M. Lynch#		7/14	MSSF	4 G. d'Entremont
<b>Philadelphia Vireo</b>					8/11	Huntington	11 M. Lynch#
8/29	Dartmouth	1	B. King	<b>Winter Wren</b>			
8/31	Scituate	1	P. Peterson		7/4	Ipswich	2 J. Berry
<b>Warbling Vireo</b>					7/6	Wendell	3 M. Lynch#
7/27	Quaboag IBA	7	M. Lynch#		7/28	Petersham	5 M. Lynch#
8/24	Sandisfield	4	M. Lynch#	<b>Marsh Wren</b>			
<b>Red-eyed Vireo</b>					7/4-8/25	Bolton	14 max S. Arena + v.o.
7/5	Hardwick	144	M. Lynch#		7/9	Great Barrington	26 Z. Adams, J. Pierce
7/7	Worthington	126	M. Lynch#		7/27	Quaboag IBA	11 M. Lynch#
7/19	Monroe	156	M. Lynch#		7/27-8/10	Hatfield	2 L. Therrien + v.o.



Carolina Wren				Lark Sparrow			
8/9	Acoaxet	13	M. Lynch#	7/31	MBO	1 ph	E. Dalton#
8/17	PI	4	D. + T. Swain	8/20	Quincy	1 ph	J. Bock
8/18	Rockport (HPT)	4	J. Berry#	8/23	N. Truro	1 ph	S. Williams#
Golden-crowned Kinglet				8/27-8/29	Everett	1 ph	J. Layman + v.o.
7/7-7/27	Rutland	2	B. Robo	8/31	W. Dennis	1 ph	N. Villone
7/16-8/30	October Mountain	12	max Z.Adams,J.Pierce+v.o.	Savannah Sparrow			
Eastern Bluebird				7/4	Leicester	23	M. Lynch#
7/13	Tolland	5	M. Lynch#	7/7	Worthington	4	M. Lynch#
8/16	Sutton	13	M. Lynch#	Grasshopper Sparrow			
Veery				thr	Lancaster	10	maxBBC(Z.Weber)#
7/3	Middleboro	74	A. Kneidel	7/2	Easthampton	2	D. McLain
7/5	Hardwick	53	M. Lynch#	7/7	Weymouth	2	D. O'Brien
7/6	Quabbin (G10)	32	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)	7/13	Falmouth	30	A. Kneidel#
7/13	Tolland	20	M. Lynch#	Saltmarsh Sparrow			
Swainson's Thrush				7/17	PI	19	J. Berry#
7/6-8/24	N. Adams	4	maxZ. Adams + v.o.	8/5	S. Dart. (APd)	48	M. Eckerson#
7/19	Monroe	1	M. Lynch#	8/17	E. Boston (BI)	16	DCR (S. Riley)
8/25	Northampton	1	M. McKittrick	8/22	Edgartown	13	A. Eppedio#
8/30	Quabbin Pk	1	L. Therrien	Seaside Sparrow			
8/31	Stow	1	nfc N. Tepper	7/2-7/31	PI	2	T. Wetmore + v.o.
Hermit Thrush				7/11-8/22	Barnstable (SN)	1	P. Crosson + v.o.
7/7	Worthington	18	M. Lynch#	8/5	S. Dart. (APd)	35	M. Eckerson#
7/14	MSSF	5	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)	Lincoln's Sparrow			
8/1	Sharon	4	V. Zollo	8/12	Orange Airport	1	B. Lafley
8/3	Winchendon	39	M. Lynch#	Swamp Sparrow			
Wood Thrush				7/4	Wakefield	8	P. + F. Vale
7/4	Leicester	11	M. Lynch#	7/27	Quaboag IBA	57	M. Lynch#
7/4	Ipswich	4	J. Berry	8/4	S. Egremont	7	M. Lynch#
7/7	Worthington	10	M. Lynch#	White-throated Sparrow			
Gray Catbird				7/19	Monroe	5	M. Lynch#
7/27	Quaboag IBA	66	M. Lynch#	8/3	Winchendon	6	M. Lynch#
8/15-8/30	MBO	183	b Trevor Lloyd-Evans#	Dark-eyed Junco			
8/17	Lexington (DM)	17	C. Cook	7/13	Tolland	1	M. Lynch#
Brown Thrasher				7/19	Monroe	2	M. Lynch#
7/4	Leicester	1	M. Lynch#	Yellow-breasted Chat			
Cedar Waxwing				8/21, 8/22	MBO	1,1	b Trevor Lloyd-Evans#
7/17	PI	36	J. Berry#	Bobolink			
8/11	Huntington	29	M. Lynch#	7/29	Paxton	65	R. Jenkins
8/31	Winchendon	27	M. Lynch#	8/11	Huntington	34	M. Lynch#
Evening Grosbeak				8/21-8/23	PI	10	T. Wetmore + v.o.
7/1-7/4	Royalston	1	E. LeBlanc	8/31	DWWS	20	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)
Purple Finch				Eastern Meadowlark			
7/7	Worthington	2	M. Lynch#	7/4	Falmouth	5	G. d'Entremont
7/14	MSSF	2	G. d'Entremont	7/16	Weymouth	9	J. Bock
7/27	Quaboag IBA	1	M. Lynch#	7/20	Wachusett Res.	5	K. Bourinot#
Red Crossbill				8/16	Ipswich	8	P. Brown
7/9	Leominster	2	S. Williams	Orchard Oriole			
8/11	Washington	1	ph G. Hurley	7/4	Falmouth	11	G. d'Entremont
Pine Siskin				7/5	PI	6	T. Wetmore
7/1	Gardner	1	E. Faughnan	7/7-8/22	Deerfield	7	max D. Sibley
7/4	Charlton	1	W. McPhail	7/8-8/6	Hadley	5	max C. Elowe# + v.o.
8/18	Winchester	4	M. Paris	Baltimore Oriole			
8/23	Easthampton	1	T. Gessing	8/20	Ipswich (CB)	3	J. Berry#
8/26	Gloucester	1	P. Hackett	8/31	DWWS	7	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)
Eastern Towhee				8/31	Winchendon	6	ad m M. Lynch#
7/4	Falmouth	14	G. d'Entremont	Ovenbird			
7/6	Wendell	56	M. Lynch#	7/2	Milton	30	P. Peterson
7/14	MSSF	27	G. d'Entremont	7/3	Middleboro	85	A. Kneidel
7/26	Ware R. IBA	35	M. Lynch#	7/4	Ipswich	29	J. Berry
8/30	Quabbin Pk	20	L. Therrien	7/6	Quabbin (G10)	53	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)
Clay-colored Sparrow				7/6	Wendell	49	M. Lynch#
7/2-7/4	Falmouth	1	J. Pratt#	8/28	S. of Nantucket	1	K. Sutherland#
Field Sparrow				Worm-eating Warbler			
thr	Falmouth	18	max v.o.	7/13	Mashpee	1	A. Kneidel#
7/2	PI	3	M. Watson	7/27	Hadley	3	T. Gilliland
7/28	Lexington	3	C. Cook	8/31	Brewster	1	b S. Finnegan
7/28	Petersham	3	M. Lynch#	Louisiana Waterthrush			
Vesper Sparrow				7/7	Worthington	2	M. Lynch#
7/2-7/18	Lancaster	3	max BBC(Z.Weber)#	7/14	Petersham	3	M. Lynch#
7/6-8/17	Hadley (Honeypot)	5	max L. Therrien + v.o.	Northern Waterthrush			
7/7	Norfolk	1	M.Noiseux	7/3	Middleboro	10	A. Kneidel
8/12	Orange Airport	2	B. Lafley	8/12	Winchester	2	R. LaFontaine

Northern Waterthrush (continued)									
8/15	Westport	4		M. Eckerson	Chestnut-sided Warbler	7/5	Hardwick	17	M. Lynch#
Blue-winged Warbler					7/6	Quabbin (G10)	15	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)	
8/18	Beaver Brook	2		C. Cook	7/19	Monroe	65	M. Lynch#	
<b>Lawrence's Warbler (hybrid)</b>					Blackpoll Warbler				
7/16	N. Brookfield	1 ph		D. Lusignan	7/6-7/13	N. Adams	7	maxZ. Adams + v.o.	
8/20	Lexington (DM)	1 ph		M. Chalfin-Jacobs#	Black-throated Blue Warbler				
Black-and-white Warbler					7/6	Wendell	35	M. Lynch#	
7/3	Middleboro	21		A. Kneidel	7/6	Quabbin (G10)	14	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)	
8/11	Huntington	11		M. Lynch#	Pine Warbler				
8/30	Quabbin Pk	8		L. Therrien	7/5	Topsfield	18	J. Berry#	
Tennessee Warbler					7/6	Quabbin (G10)	17	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)	
8/6-8/26	Indiv. reported from 4 locations				8/31	Winchendon	54	M. Lynch#	
Nashville Warbler					Yellow-rumped Warbler				
7/7-7/18	Rutland	3 max		B. Robo	7/6-8/24	N. Adams	19	maxZ. Adams + v.o.	
7/29-8/30	October Mountain	3 max		J. Pierce + v.o.	7/13	Tolland	5	M. Lynch#	
8/31	Winchendon	1		M. Lynch#	8/31	Royalston	12	E. LeBlanc	
Mourning Warbler					<b>Yellow-throated Warbler</b>				
7/19	Monroe	4 m		M. Lynch#	8/30	Nantucket	1 ph	S. Kardell	
8/16	Amherst	1		L. Therrien	Prairie Warbler				
8/22-8/24	Rockport (AP)	1		R. Heil + v.o.	7/4	Falmouth	9	G. d'Entremont	
8/24	Wayland	1		B. Harris	7/9	Leominster	8	S. Williams	
8/28	Sharon	1		V. Zollo	7/14	MSSF	7	G. d'Entremont	
8/30	MBO	1 b		Trevor Lloyd-Evans#	Black-throated Green Warbler				
8/31	Stow	2 nfc		N. Tepper	7/6	Wendell	12	M. Lynch#	
Common Yellowthroat					7/13	Tolland	19	M. Lynch#	
7/4	Ipswich	19		J. Berry	Canada Warbler				
7/14	Lexington (DM)	30		C. Cook	thr	Indiv. reported from 7 locations			
8/11	Huntington	96		M. Lynch#	7/3	Middleboro	3	A. Kneidel	
Hooded Warbler					7/11-8/23	Rutland	2 max	B. Robo	
7/3	MSSF	1		J. Young	7/29-8/30	October Mountain	5 max	J. Pierce + v.o.	
7/14	Great Barrington	1		G. & C. Ward	Wilson's Warbler				
7/27	Hadley	1		T. Gilliland	8/24	Amherst	1	S. Surner	
8/19	Nantucket	1		S. Kardell#	8/26	PI	1	D. Chickering	
American Redstart					8/26-8/29	Hadley	1	T. Gilliland + v.o.	
8/11	Huntington	18		M. Lynch#	Scarlet Tanager				
8/24	Sandisfield	6		M. Lynch#	7/6	Quabbin (G10)	16	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)	
Cerulean Warbler					7/6	Wendell	14	M. Lynch#	
7/1-7/14	Hadley	2 max		M. McKittrick + v.o.	7/14	Hardwick	17	M. Lynch#	
8/27	Hadley	1		L. Therrien	Rose-breasted Grosbeak				
Northern Parula					7/6	Quabbin (G10)	3	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)	
8/5-8/31	Indiv. reported from 6 locations				8/11	Huntington	3	M. Lynch#	
Magnolia Warbler					8/17	Lexington (DM)	6	C. Cook	
7/16-8/30	October Mountain	3 max		Z. Adams, J. Pierce + v.o.	Blue Grosbeak				
Bay-breasted Warbler					7/1	Leverett	2	S. Scheibel#	
8/7	Amherst	1 m		C. Stern	7/2-8/31	Falmouth	2 max ph	v.o.	
Blackburnian Warbler					7/13-7/22	Hadley (Honeypot)	3 max ph	S. Surner + v.o.	
7/6	Quabbin (G10)	7		SSBC (G. d'Entremont)	Indigo Bunting				
7/7-7/27	Rutland	5 max		B. Robo	7/19	Monroe	14	M. Lynch#	
7/9-8/30	Washington	5 max		A. Place# + v.o.	8/11	Huntington	19	M. Lynch#	
7/19	Monroe	5		M. Lynch#	Dickcissel				
Yellow Warbler					8/15	Westport	2	M. Eckerson	
7/27	Quaboag IBA	28		M. Lynch#	8/15	Rockport (AP)	2	R. Heil	
8/11	Huntington	11		M. Lynch#	8/31	Concord	2	D. + T. Swain	



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# BYGONE BIRDS

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## Historical Highlights for July–August

Neil Hayward

### 5 YEARS AGO

#### *July–August 2014*

The BBC August pelagic trip produced an eye-popping bounty: three **Black-capped Petrels**, one hundred **Audubon's Shearwaters** (a new high for the state), a **White-faced Storm-Petrel**, eight **Band-rumped Storm-Petrels**, a **Red-billed Tropicbird**, a **South Polar Skua**, and two **Long-tailed Jaegers**. A **Curlew Sandpiper** was a one-day wonder at Nahant on August 21. A **Sabine's Gull** was at Race Point on August 24. Five or six **Gull-billed Terns** were reported through the period. **White-winged Doves** were noted from three locations. A breeding plumaged male **Rufous Hummingbird** was present at a feeder in Townsend for five days at the end of July. An adult **Red-headed Woodpecker** was discovered at Sleepy Hollow Cemetery in Concord.



Best sighting: a **Zone-tailed Hawk** was photographed at the Cumberland Farm fields on July 8. This is the second record for the state, after the first was photographed at Chappaquiddick Island on April 25 of the same year.

### 10 YEARS AGO

#### *July–August 2009*

The July BBC pelagic trip scored 19 **Audubon's Shearwaters**, a new high count for the state. A **White-faced Storm-Petrel** was photographed from a fishing vessel 15 miles off Nantucket on August 28. A **White-tailed Tropicbird**, found in Carlisle on August 23, was a victim of Hurricane Bill. The same day a **Gull-billed Tern** was seen flying past First Encounter Beach, Eastham. On August 29 the next hurricane, Danny, brought all-time high counts of Cory's, Sooty, and Manx shearwaters past Andrew's Point and a **Sabine's Gull** to First Encounter Beach. A **Great White Heron** was present in Fairhaven from July 9–August 26. A **White-winged Dove** visited a feeder in Manomet in August. Continuing passerine rarities included the **Henslow's Sparrow** in Montague, which stayed through July 8. A **Northern Wheatear** was found at Crane Beach, Ipswich, on August 26. A young male **Yellow-headed Blackbird** was present at Great Meadows, August 9–14.



Best sighting: a **Black-capped Petrel**, 77 miles south of Martha's Vineyard, July 18. This was the third record for the state, the first photographed and the first seen on a BBC pelagic.

## 20 YEARS AGO



### *July–August 1999*

An **Audubon's Shearwater** was found dead at Muskeget Island on July 5. Plum Island hosted an **American Avocet** and a male **Ruff** between August 9–11. The **Red-necked Stint** found there on June 26 continued to July 2. A **Sabine's Gull** was sitting on South Beach, Chatham, on August 26. A **White-winged Dove** visited a feeder in Marshfield in July. For the third year a Philadelphia Vireo returned to the Oxbow NWR in Harvard. This bird was recorded singing Warbling and Philadelphia vireo songs.

Best nesters: A family of Pied-billed Grebes at Nantucket constituted the first confirmed nesting record for the species on the island, while American Coots nested for the second time on the island.

## 40 YEARS AGO



### *July–August 1979*

A Red-necked Grebe found dead at Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary was the first August record for the species in the state. A **White Ibis** continued into July in the Newburyport area. Two **Bar-tailed Godwits** were present this period: one on Monomoy in July and August and one at Plum Island on August 7–10. A breeding plumage **Curlew Sandpiper** was on Nantucket, August 4–5. Monomoy boasted a record 360+ Whimbrels on August 1, and 86 Stilt Sandpipers on August 8. Upwards of 60 Western Sandpipers were in Nauset Bay at the end of August. A **Bridled Tern** was seen flying past Sandy Neck during a nor'easter on August 12.

Best sighting: a dead Least Sandpiper chick found at Monomoy on July 12. This is the first breeding record in the Lower 48—at least 500 miles from their closest breeding site in Sable Island, Nova Scotia. 🐦

## ABBREVIATIONS FOR BIRD SIGHTINGS

Taxonomic order is based on AOS checklist, 7th edition, 59th Supplement, as published in *Auk* 2018, vol. 135:798–813 (see <<http://checklist.aou.org/>>).

Locations		Pl	Plum Island
AA	Arnold Arboretum, Boston	Pk	Park
ABC	Allen Bird Club	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
BHI	Boston Harbor Islands	RP	Race Point, Provincetown
BI	Belle Isle, E. Boston	SB	South Beach, Chatham
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
CGB	Coast Guard Beach, Eastham	WMA	Wildlife Management Area
Corp. B.	Corporation Beach, Dennis	WMWS	Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary
CP	Crooked Pond, Boxford	Wompatuck SP	Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate, Norwell
Cumb. Farms	Cumberland Farms, Middleboro	Worc.	Worcester
DFWS	Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary	WSF	Willowdale State Forest, Ipswich
DM	Dunback Meadow		
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
FP	Fresh Pond, Cambridge	b	banded
FPk	Franklin Park, Boston	br	breeding
G#	Gate #, Quabbin Res.	cy	cycle (3cy = 3rd cycle)
GMNWR	Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge	d	dead
H.	Harbor	dk	dark (morph)
HCB	Herring Cove Beach, Provincetown	f	female
HP	Horn Pond, Woburn	fl	fledgling
HPt	Halibut Point, Rockport	h	heard
HRWMA	High Ridge WMA, Gardner	imm	immature
I.	Island	inj	injured
IBA	Important Bird Area	juv	juvenile
IRWS	Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary	lt	light (morph)
JBBC	Joint Base Cape Cod	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	plumaged
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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