

BIRD SIGHTINGS

November–December 2017

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Weather

The warmer than average temperatures in October continued into early November; a high of 75 degrees in Boston on November 3 was 20 degrees above normal for that date. The first official freeze in Boston occurred on November 11 when the overnight low was 23 degrees. The month averaged 44 degrees, just one degree below normal. Rainfall was only 1.8 inches, four inches below the average for November.

December was cold. The temperature in Boston averaged 31 degrees, four degrees below the monthly average. Total precipitation for December in the form of rain was 2.49 inches, 1.29 inches below the average. The first blast of winter occurred just before the start of the Christmas Bird Count period; on December 9 the first significant snowstorm dumped 6–8 inches with the higher totals south and west of Boston. It was a white Christmas for all of New England. Boston recorded 2.9 inches of snow with more north of the city. High winds buffeted the coast, especially Cape Cod and the Islands, with gusts up to 65 mph. Arctic air moved into our area after the Christmas storm and Boston broke a nearly 100-year old record; the lowest high temperature on December 28 was just 12 degrees, six degrees lower than the previous record of 18 degrees set in 1924.

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GEESE THROUGH HERONS

There are seven species of wild goose on the Massachusetts state list and, with a bit of driving, all seven could be chased this period. The rarest, a **Pink-footed Goose**, was in Westfield for the first two days of November, and then possibly the same bird appeared as a one-day wonder farther north at Turners Falls on November 5. A **Barnacle Goose** continued in the Westfield area from the previous period and may have been responsible for additional sightings in Longmeadow and central Connecticut. This was a good year for **Ross's Goose**; six individuals were recorded at four coastal locations. This year marks the twentieth anniversary since the species was first admitted to the state list (Sunderland, March 25–26, 1997). Ross's Goose has undergone a range shift in Arctic nesting sites, which has brought more to the East Coast. It has been recorded annually in Massachusetts since 2008. This was also an above average period for **Cackling Goose** and **Greater White-fronted Goose**, with both reported from more than 10 locations.

A **Tundra Swan** was seen by many on Farrar Pond, Lincoln, on November 10, before disappearing the next day.

Eurasian Wigeon numbers were particularly strong this period, with reports from eight locations. Three of the ten birds involved were females, reflecting a growing confidence in identifying the more cryptic sex. Nantucket hosted a male **Tufted Duck** for the fifth year in a row. An additional male was present in Lakeville. Tufted Duck has been recorded every year in Massachusetts since 1995 with the exception of 2006 and 2008. **King Eiders** were reported in good numbers from all the usual locations. A female at Deer Island in Boston Harbor is the first Suffolk County record since January 2012. Redheads are enjoying an excellent year. A high of 17

birds on Nantucket is the highest period count since 1979, when 67 were reported in Falmouth. The period featured a couple of interesting potential duck hybrids: an American Wigeon x Mallard hybrid in Plymouth in November; and a Common Goldeneye x Barrow's Goldeneye in Boston Harbor in December. Both birds were photographed.

An **Eared Grebe** was sighted off Race Point in Provincetown from December 2–5. This species never used to be so difficult in Massachusetts. Many local birders remember the individual that spent the winter of 1995 off Niles Beach in East Gloucester and returned each winter for the next 13 years. Since then, there have been five records, four of which were on the Cape. This year's record is the first since January 2015.

Last period's late show of Yellow-billed Cuckoos continued into the first week of November, buoyed by strong southwesterly tail winds at the end of October. A bird found on November 12 in Chestnut Hill was the first November record for Norfolk County.

Thirty-nine years ago, in April 1978, the first *Selasphorus* hummingbird of the state buzzed into a Newton backyard. This western genus includes two extremely similar species, Allen's and Rufous, and the color slides of that first pioneer couldn't distinguish between the two. Ten years later, a *Selasphorus* hummingbird fortuitously flew into a mist net in Nantucket, allowing identification as Allen's by measurement of the tail feathers. And finally, in 1992, a Rufous Hummingbird was videotaped in Holyoke, and the stop action frames revealed its own definitive tail feather pattern. Since then, of course, we've witnessed a truly remarkable explosion of late fall and wintering western hummingbirds in the east (see *Bird Observer* Vol. 45, No.5, 303–308). Since that first definitive record in 1992, **Rufous Hummingbird** has been recorded every year since, except for three years. This period's female in Hingham from November 12 to December 14 is the second record this year, following an overwintering bird in Falmouth at the start of the year. The average this century is 2.6 birds per year.

Perhaps surprisingly, our own familiar Ruby-throated Hummingbird is much less common in winter than Rufous Hummingbird. A bird present in Medford from November 12–December 14 is only the fourth December eBird record for the state, and the only Ruby-throat remaining north of Cape May, New Jersey.

Sandhill Cranes were spotted in seven locations, including the 2017 nonbreeding summering locales of Tolland and Burrage Pond.

Piping Plovers have typically departed the state by the end of September. A bird present at Plum Island until November 12 was rare, its departure delayed (and its fate probably sealed) by an injured wing. Semipalmated Plovers are hardier, with a number of overwintering records. Birds seen in Duxbury and Orleans in the last week of the year were the most northerly stragglers remaining on the East Coast.

There are few December records of Semipalmated Sandpipers in the United States and only two records in Massachusetts. Birds typically leave the country earlier to complete their pre-basic molt in Mexico and the Caribbean. An intriguing report from Chatham in the last week of December of Semipalmated/Western Sandpiper would be exceptionally late for either species.

Up to three Western Willets continued in Chatham through November 21. Eastern Willets, subspecies *semipalmata*, are coastal breeders, and typically leave the state by the end of September to spend the winter in South America. The larger, longer-billed western subspecies, *inornata*, that breeds in the Great Plains and prairies remains in the country, wintering along the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. (Willet is often touted as a potential split based on differences in morphology, voice, range and nesting habitat.) Although uncommon in Massachusetts, Western Willet is the expected Willet in winter.

PARASITIC JAEGER
NUMBER OF DAYS RECORDED IN MASSACHUSETTS IN NOV, DEC

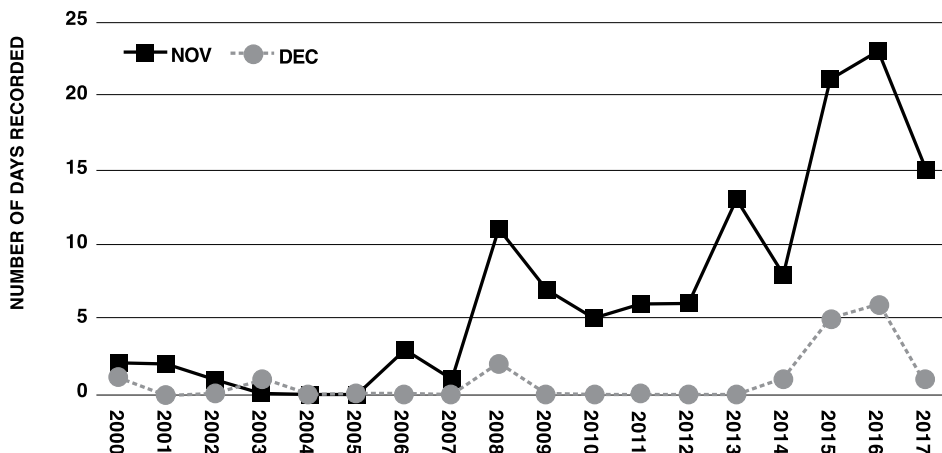


Figure 1. Parasitic Jaeger: occurrence in Massachusetts as number of days recorded in November (solid line) and December (dotted line) from 2000–2017. Data from eBird.org.

Despite the rarity of winter phalaropes, both species were reported in December. A Red-necked Phalarope, swimming off Mashpee on December 6, is the only December record for the state, and only the third December record on the Atlantic Coast (the other two were from North Carolina). Red-necked Phalaropes have typically left the country in November to spend the winter at sea in the southern hemisphere. Two days after the Red-necked, a probable Red Phalarope was spotted off Gooseberry Neck, only the eighth December record and the first since 2013.

Parasitic Jaegers are lingering in our waters longer than they have in the past, now staying well beyond their historical October departure (see Figure 1). This year saw birds through November and even into December.

Alcid numbers were about average for the period. Stellwagen Bank predictably supported some of the larger numbers; a boat trip on December 18 recorded 138 Dovekies and an impressive 19 **Atlantic Puffins** (a new high count for December).

In recent winters, Laughing Gulls haven’t been laughing so much as shivering. For the past two years large numbers have lingered into a chilly December (high counts of 60 in 2015 and 250 in 2016). This year, most of them got the message to leave in November, with only a handful staying into December. Otherwise, gull action was about average for the period: **Black-headed Gulls** and **Little Gulls** were reported from five and two coastal locations, respectively.

The “P’Town P’Loon Magnet” was working well this period, attracting three Pacific Loons on December 27, tying the state high count set in the spring of 2016.

All four species of regularly-occurring shearwater were reported this period. In recent years, Cory’s especially have lingered into November often in large numbers. This year’s 600 off Provincetown on November 1 would have been spectacular in the years before 2014 when the species started to appear in the thousands.

Both species of pelican were reported again this period. Presumably the same **Brown Pelican** that has been spotted up and down the North Shore this summer was seen at Nahant and Sandy Neck in November. A probable **American White Pelican** stopped in Marshfield for a day, representing the only December record for Plymouth County.

November has become a reliable month for **Cattle Egrets**, and this year four were scattered around the state. None lingered into December.

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Snow Goose				11/6-12/24	Barnstable	1	M. Keleher + v.o.
11/18, 12/16	PI	7,1	A. Gurka# + v.o.	11/11-11/19	Concord	1	S. Perkins + v.o.
12/14	Sheffield	17	J. Pierce	11/14	Orleans	3	P. Crosson
12/23	Eastham	3	C. Wagner	11/18	Carver	1	v.o.
12/24	Nantucket	4	S. Kardell	11/24	Nahant	2	D. Burton
12/28-12/31	Westfield	4	D. Holmes	12/7	PI	1	T. Graham#
12/29	Chilmark	15	P. Trimble#	Northern Shoveler			
Ross's Goose				11/2	PI	13	S. Williams
12/8-12/31	Nantucket	1 imm ph	R. Ouren#	11/13	Worcester	10	P. Morlock
12/24-12/31	Boston	1 ph	J. Pietrzak + v.o.	11/18	Marion	5	G. d'Entremont#
12/25	Gloucester	1	D. Lovitch#	12/19	Woburn (HP)	5	B. Lee#
12/29	Edgartown	1 ph	M. Iliff#	12/30	Nantucket	5	F. Gallo#
12/30	Nantucket	2 ad ph	F. Gallo#	Gadwall			
Greater White-fronted Goose				11/3	Longmeadow	5	M. Moore
11/2-12/8	Rutland area	1	M. Lynch# + v.o.	11/18	Marion	67	G. d'Entremont#
11/5-12/10	Egremont area	1	J. Pierce	12/11	Ipswich	84	N. Dubrow
11/9	Granby	1 ad	B. Zajda	12/11	PI	80	T. Wetmore
11/14-12/28	Westfield	3 max	D. Holmes	Eurasian Wigeon			
11/19-11/26	Ipswich	1 ad	M. Goetschkes, S. Grinley	11/8	Sudbury Res.	1 f	M. Lynch#
11/27-12/26	Boston	1 ad ph	M. Iliff + v.o.	11/16-12/30	Nantucket	2 max m	v.o.
12/2-12/9	Agawam area	2 max	S. Motyl + v.o.	11/18, 12/26	Somerset area	1 ph	A. Eckerson# + v.o.
12/22-12/28	Taunton area	1 ph	J. Sweeney + v.o.	11/25-12/8	Ipswich	1 m	J. Berry#
12/25	Gloucester	1	S. Grinley#	12/10-12/27	Plymouth	2 m,f	B. Griffith# + v.o.
12/26, 12/28	Nbpt H.	3,1	C. Marchant	12/12-12/16	E. Sandwich	1	P. Crosson + v.o.
Pink-footed Goose				12/23, 12/26	Dennis area	1	P. Flood, M. Faherty
11/1-11/2	Westfield	1	D. Holmes + v.o.	12/29	MV	1 f	M. Iliff#
11/5	Turner's Falls	1	J. Layfield#	American Wigeon			
Brant				thr	PI	60 max	T. Wetmore
11/1	Deerfield	35	R. Packard	11/12	Waltham	11	J. Forbes
11/1	Sudbury	22	B. Harris	11/18	Marion	32	G. d'Entremont#
11/1	E. Boston (BI)	60	P. Peterson	12/11	Ipswich	96	N. Dubrow
11/4	Eastham (FH)	110	G. d'Entremont#	American Wigeon x Mallard (hybrid)			
11/24	Nahant	300	D. Burton	11/27	Plymouth	1 ph	L. Schibley
Barnacle Goose				American Black Duck			
11/1-12/28	Westfield	1	D. Holmes	11/9, 12/2	PI	700,397	R. Heil
12/3-12/16	Longmeadow	1	v.o.	11/25	Acoaxet	206	M. Lynch#
Cackling Goose				Northern Pintail			
11/1-12/31	Westfield	1 ph	D. Holmes + v.o.	thr	PI	280 max	T. Wetmore
11/1-12/24	Sharon	1 ph	M. Iliff + v.o.	11/25	Acoaxet	37	M. Lynch#
11/4-12/3	Egremont area	1 ph	G. Ward + v.o.	11/25	Ipswich	63	J. Berry#
11/5-12/12	Rochester	1 ph	M. Iliff + v.o.	Green-winged Teal			
11/12-12/10	Northampton	1 ph	K. Yakola + v.o.	thr	PI	550 max	T. Wetmore
11/17-12/3	Middleton	1 ph	W. Tatro# + v.o.	11/9	Quabog IBA	17	M. Lynch#
11/24-12/28	Berkley	1 ph	J. Eckerson + v.o.	11/18	Marion	66	G. d'Entremont#
12/1-12/2	Concord (NAC)	1 ph	S. Williams + v.o.	11/28	Orleans	80	R. Heil
12/9-12/30	Agawam area	2 max ph	N Dowling + v.o.	Canvasback			
12/10-12/30	Halifax area	1 ph	J. Sweeney + v.o.	11/1	Sharon	1 m	V. Zollo
12/24	Mansfield	1 ph	J. Sweeney	11/2-11/9	Cambr. (FP)	1 m	v.o.
Mute Swan				11/16-12/31	Nantucket	70 max	R. Ouren
11/10	Waltham	38	J. Forbes	Redhead			
11/18	Westboro	133	M. Lynch#	11/5	Stockbridge	5	M. Kelly
Tundra Swan				11/6	Gill	3	J. Smith
11/10	Lincoln	1	J. Forbes + v.o.	12/8-12/31	Nantucket	17 max	v.o.
Wood Duck				12/19-12/21	Falmouth	2	G. Hirth
11/2	PI	9	S. Williams	Ring-necked Duck			
11/9, 12/14	GMNWR	32,3	A. Bragg#	11/1-12/21	Cambr. (FP)	151 max	R. Stymeist + v.o.
12/17	Boston	22	G. d'Entremont#	11/8	Sudbury Res.	2,789	M. Lynch#
12/19	Brookline	21	P. Peterson	11/11	W. Newbury	380	D. Williams
Blue-winged Teal				11/18	Randolph	240	M. Iliff + v.o.
11/1	N. Truro	2	J. Pratt	12/14	Stockbridge	68	G. Ward

Ring-necked Duck (continued)				11/8	Sudbury Res.	88	M. Lynch#
12/16	Waltham	100	J. Forbes	11/17	Randolph	30	D. Burton
Tufted Duck				11/18	Lakeville	131	G. d'Entremont#
11/14-11/24	Lakeville	1 m ph	J. Sweeney + v.o.	12/16	Agawam	90	J. Zepko
12/10	Nantucket	1 m ph	T. Pastuszak#	Common X Barrow's Goldeneye (hybrid)			
Greater Scaup				12/15-12/19	BHI (Deer I.)	1 ph	S. Zende# + v.o.
11/18	Lakeville	85	G. d'Entremont#	Barrow's Goldeneye			
11/18	Wachusett Res.	160	M. Lynch#	11/5-11/21	Southboro	1 m	B. Abbott + v.o.
11/22	Richmond	5	J. Pierce + v.o.	11/16-12/24	Randolph	2 m, f	J. Bock + v.o.
11/25	Acoaxet	108	M. Lynch#	11/18, 12/18	Cohasset	1 m	D. Burton + v.o.
12/12	Rockport (AP)	816	R. Heil	11/23-12/28	Dighton	1 m	J. Eckerson + v.o.
12/16	Nantucket	440	P. Trull	11/23-12/16	Sharon	1 m	E. Ganin + v.o.
Lesser Scaup				11/25-12/31	BHI (Deer I.)	1 m	J. Layman + v.o.
11/4	Quabbin (G41)	11	B. Zajda	11/29-12/2	Agawam	1	J. Weeks
11/8	Sudbury Res.	18	M. Lynch#	12/4-12/12	Fairhaven	1 m	C. Longworth
11/18	Lakeville	155	G. d'Entremont#	12/5	Turner's Falls	1	J. Smith
12/13	Gloucester (EP)	15	MAS (D. Moon)	12/12	Rockport (AP)	1 m ad	R. Heil
12/16	Randolph	8	G. d'Entremont#	Hooded Merganser			
King Eider				11/12	Hinsdale	48	M. Lynch#
thr	P'town (RP)	1 m ph	v.o.	11/18	Lakeville	73	G. d'Entremont#
11/5	Barnstable	1 f ph	P. Crosson	11/30	Groveland	80	J. MacDougall
11/19-12/31	Rockport (AP)	2 max m, f ph	R. Heil + v.o.	12/2	Quabog IBA	240	M. Lynch#
11/19-12/17	BHI (Deer I.)	1 f ph	J. Layman + v.o.	12/9	Waltham	250	J. Forbes
11/23-12/7	Gloucester (BR)	1 m ph	v.o.	Common Merganser			
12/2	Sandwich	1 m	S. Wheelock#	11/23	Holland	1886	M. Lynch#
12/10	Chatham	1 subad m ph	M. Iliff	11/25	Wakefield	350	B. Zajda
Common Eider				11/29	Quabog IBA	658	M. Lynch#
11/4	Eastham (FE)	1500	G. d'Entremont#	11/30	Wakefield	155	P. Peterson
12/17	Orleans	2575	P. Flood#	Red-breasted Merganser			
12/18	PI	830	R. Heil	11/5	PI	200	T. Wetmore + v.o.
12/31	Ipswich	250	J. Berry#	11/5	Quabbin Pk	2	B. Zajda
Harlequin Duck				11/25	Westport	81	M. Lynch#
thr	Rockport	35 max	v.o.	12/2	Somerville	12	J. Forbes
11/4-12/13	P'town	3 max	v.o.	12/10	P'town (RP)	730	B. Nikula
11/5-thr	Westport	15 max	J. Eckerson + v.o.	Ruddy Duck			
11/5	Nantucket	10	G. Andrews#	11/4	Quabbin (G35)	79	B. Zajda
11/5-12/18	Cohasset	4 2m, 2f	V. Zollo + v.o.	11/8	W. Newbury	260	P. + F. Vale
11/11	Chilmark	21	J. Young	11/14	Fall River	500	P. Champlin
11/17	Duxbury B.	4	R. Bowes	11/25	Cambr. (FP)	64	C. Cook
Surf Scoter				12/2	Holland	77	M. Lynch#
11/2	PI	233	S. Williams	12/11	Arlington	95	R. Stymeist
11/4	Eastham	1000	G. d'Entremont#	Northern Bobwhite			
11/7	Ipswich (CB)	21	J. Berry	11/4	Eastham (FH)	2	G. d'Entremont#
11/15	Pittsfield (Onota)	2	G. Hurley	11/8	Franklin	12	J. Waldron
White-winged Scoter				Ring-necked Pheasant			
11/4-11/12	Cambr. (FP)	1	P. + F. Vale# + v.o.	11/3	Quabbin (G35)	1 m	B. Lafley
11/5	PI	250	T. Wetmore	11/25	Athol	1 m	D. Wornham
11/6, 11/27	Turner's Falls	2, 4	J. Coleman + v.o.	12/12	Westport	1 m	S. Martin
11/8, 11/23	Pittsfield (Onota)	1, 3	G. Hurley	Ruffed Grouse			
11/9	Dennis	2500	P. Flood	12/8	Bourne	2	P. Trimble
11/25	Westport	136	M. Lynch#	12/30	Quabbin	2	M. Lynch#
Black Scoter				Wild Turkey			
11/2	PI	1387	S. Williams	11/12	Westport	31	G. d'Entremont
11/4	Eastham	750	G. d'Entremont#	12/10	Lincoln	45	P. + F. Vale
11/4	Jamaica Plain	40	S. Jones	12/19	Rutland	76	M. Lynch#
11/5	Quabbin Pk	25	B. Zajda	12/31	Ipswich	39	J. Berry#
11/11	Pittsfield (Onota)	14	Allen Club	Pied-billed Grebe			
11/18	Waltham	11	J. Forbes	11/2, 12/7	GMNWR	2, 1	A. Bragg#
Long-tailed Duck				11/2-11/7	PI	2	S. Williams + v.o.
11/2	Gill	26	J. Smith	11/4-11/29	Melrose	3 max	D. Jewell + v.o.
11/3	Pittsfield (Pont.)	3	T. Collins	11/11-11/30	Groveland	5 max	G. d'Entremont#
11/4	Wachusett Res.	46	M. Lynch#	11/18	Wareham	4	G. d'Entremont#
11/5, 12/18	PI	150, 220	T. Wetmore + v.o.	11/25	Acoaxet	3	M. Lynch#
Bufflehead				Horned Grebe			
11/1	PI	240	T. Wetmore	11/4	Quincy	10	P. Peterson
11/1	Turner's Falls	31	J. Smith	11/8	Waltham	3	M. Rines
11/13	Sterling	36	D. Grant	11/8	Westboro	4	M. Lynch#
11/18	Lakeville	189	G. d'Entremont#	11/18	Lakeville	29	G. d'Entremont#
11/25	Acoaxet	336	M. Lynch#	12/9	S. Quabbin	11	L. Therrien
11/28	Orleans	530	R. Heil	12/18	PI	13	R. Heil
12/31	Nantucket	1069	I. Davies#	Red-necked Grebe			
Common Goldeneye				thr	PI	10 max	M. Watson + v.o.
thr	PI	112 max	R. Heil + v.o.	11/3	Quabbin (G35)	2	B. Lafley

Red-necked Grebe (continued)					Killdeer			
11/8	Westboro	2	M. Lynch#	12/7	Dedham	1		D. Sullivan
11/15	Pittsfield (Onota)	2		12/9	Cumb. Farms	1		M. Iliff
12/3	P'town	8	B. Nikula	12/16	Orange	1		J. Rose
12/31	Nantucket	16	I. Davies#	12/16	Plymouth	1		A. Bartolo
Eared Grebe					12/19	Amherst	1	B. Laffley
12/2-12/5	P'town (RP)	1 ph	P. Flood#	12/19	Winthrop	1		B. Burke
Yellow-billed Cuckoo					12/24	Sterling	1	J. Lawson#
11/1	New Bedford	1	H. Zimmerlin	Whimbrel				
11/1	Turner's Falls	1	J. Rose	11/4, 11/17	Eastham (FE)	1,1	G.d'Entremont#, P.Trimble	
11/2	W. Roxbury (MP)	1	M. Kaufman#	11/12-11/16	WBWS	1	N. Dorian, M. Faherty	
11/3	Waltham	1	J. Forbes	12/27	Chatham	1	F. Atwood	
11/3-11/5	WBWS	1	v.o.	Hudsonian Godwit				
11/4	PI	1	A. Gurka	11/5	Nantucket	1 ph	K. Blackshaw#	
11/5	Falmouth	1	G. Hirth	Ruddy Turnstone				
11/12	Chestnut Hill	1	M. Iliff	11/7	Westport	4	L. Waters	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird					11/8	Winthrop B.	15	T. Bradford#
11/12-12/14	Medford	1 ph	L. Eforo	11/12	Quincy	8	D. Burton	
Rufous Hummingbird					Red Knot			
11/17-12/4	Hingham	1 f b ph	v.o.	11/4	Nantucket	1	S. Kardell	
Clapper Rail					11/5, 12/3	Barnstable	23,1	P. Crosson
11/1	Fairhaven	1	C. Longworth	11/11	Orleans	2	M. + L. Waters	
12/17	Chatham	1	T. Spahr, S. Finnegan	Stilt Sandpiper				
12/30	Harwich	1	S. Williams	11/1-11/21	PI	1	T. Wetmore	
Virginia Rail					11/1-11/3	Quincy	1	V. Zollo + v.o.
11/2	GMNWR	2	A. Bragg#	Sanderling				
11/18	Northampton	1	D. Bates	thr	PI	150 max	D. Adrien + v.o.	
12/18-12/24	Berkley	2 max	au A. Eckerson + v.o.	11/9	Barnstable (SN)	1000	P. Crosson	
12/19	Wareham	1	N. Marchessault	11/10	Sheffield	1	G. Ward	
12/27-12/30	PI	1	J. Nealon + v.o.	11/25	Westport	210	M. Lynch#	
12/27	Plymouth	1	B. Griffith	Dunlin				
Sora					11/1	Bolton Flats	9	E. Kittredge
11/7	Eastham (FH)	1	M. Iliff#	11/5	Ashley Falls	4	G. Ward	
11/12	Cotuit	1	P. Trimble	11/8	PI	800 max	D. Adrien	
American Coot					11/9	Barnstable (SN)	1200	P. Crosson
11/4	Eastham	12	G. d'Entremont#	12/17	Ipswich (CB)	410	J. Berry#	
11/11	Richmond	28	Allen Club	Purple Sandpiper				
11/11	Groveland	27	G. d'Entremont#	11/1	PI	16	T. Wetmore	
11/25	Acoaxet	14	M. Lynch#	11/6, 12/11	Cohasset	13,16	D. Burton	
11/27	Jamaica Plain	15	P. Peterson	11/12	Westport	2	M. Sylvia	
11/30	GMNWR	52	A. Bragg#	11/26	Rockport (AP)	40	P. Van Demark	
12/19	Woburn (HP)	51	B. Lee#	White-rumped Sandpiper				
Sandhill Crane					11/5	P'town (RP)	9	J. Pratt
12/4	Tolland	4	D. Holmes	11/12	Pembroke	1	J. Young	
11/1	Uxbridge	4 ph	B. Robo	11/15	Quabog IBA	5	M. Lynch#	
11/5	Burrage Pd WMA	2 ph	E. Vacchino	11/18	Gloucester	1	S. Mirick	
11/8	Barre Falls	10	D. Schilling#	11/18-12/5	PI	4 max	P.+F.Vale+v.o.	
11/23-11/24	Pittsfield (Onota)	3 ph	G. Hurley	Pectoral Sandpiper				
12/3	P'town	5 ph	W. Hochachka	11/2	Hatfield	8	M. McKittrick	
12/29-12/30	Rehoboth	2 ph	D. Mozzoni + v.o.	11/4	Quincy	6	P. Peterson	
American Oystercatcher					11/4	Petersham	2	B. Laffley
11/3	Quincy	3	M. Iliff	11/5	Nantucket	25	K. Blackshaw#	
11/3	Scituate	1	K. Rawdon#	Semipalmated Sandpiper				
Black-bellied Plover					11/3	Yarmouth	1	P. Trimble
11/thr	PI	330 max	D. Adrien	11/8	Winthrop B.	1	T. Bradford#	
11/1	Bolton Flats	9	E. Kittredge	Semipalmated / Western Sandpiper				
11/3	GMNWR	9	P. Jay	12/27-12/28	Chatham	2 ph	F. Atwood#	
11/4	Quabbin (G35)	16	B. Zajda	Long-billed Dowitcher				
11/8	Winthrop B.	60	T. Bradford#	11/2-11/3	Quincy	1	K. Rawdon + v.o.	
11/9	Barnstable (SN)	300	P. Crosson	11/3	Hyannis	1	P. Trimble	
American Golden-Plover					11/3-11/12	WBWS	2	N. Dorian
11/1-11/9	Nantucket	2 max	K. Blackshaw#	American Woodcock				
11/2	Chatham	1 ad m	B. Nikula#	11/1	PI	1	T. Wetmore	
11/2	PI	1	T. Wetmore	11/12	Weymouth	2	V. Zollo	
11/4	Northampton	1	D. McLain	11/15	W. Roxbury (MP)	1	S. Jones	
Semipalmated Plover					11/20	New Braintree	1	B. Robo
11/2-11/23	PI	15 max	D.Chickering + v.o.	11/21	Dartmouth	3	C. Newton	
11/3	Quabbin (G35)	1	B. Laffley	Wilson's Snipe				
11/24-11/28	Westport	2 max	J. Forbes	11/1	Woburn (HP)	1	K. Marshall	
12/24	Duxbury B.	2	B. Vigorito	11/1	E. Boston (BI)	1	P. Peterson	
12/25, 12/30	Orleans	2,1	F. Atwood, B. Lagasse	11/12	Saugus	3	S. Zende#	
Piping Plover					12/12	Franklin	1	D. Allard
11/6-11/12	PI	1 ph, inj	D.Adrien + v.o.	12/15	Cumb. Farms	1	J. Sweeney	

Lesser Yellowlegs				12/31	Nantucket	1	I. Davies#
11/2	Nbpt H.	6	Z. Pohlen	Little Gull			
11/4	Quabbin (G35)	2	B. Zajda	11/1	N. Truro	1	J. Pratt
12/20	Dartmouth	1	S. Martin	11/18	Westport	1 ph	O. DaRugna#
Willet (Western)				Laughing Gull			
11/1-11/21	Chatham	3 max	N. Villone# + v.o.	11/20	Westport	30	E. Lipton
Greater Yellowlegs				11/21	Dartmouth	3	J. Eckerson
11/4	Chatham	98	G. d'Entremont#	11/25	Acoaxet	2	M. Lynch#
11/5	Salisbury	17	S. Grinley	11/25	Scusset B.	1	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)
11/9, 11/30	PI	22,1	T. Wetmore	12/14	Falmouth	1	P. Crosson
11/11	Newbury	45	P. + F. Vale	12/22	Wellfleet	1	J. Pratt
11/12	Quincy	8	D. Burton	12/27	W. Tisbury	1	S. Whiting#
12/4-12/20	Dartmouth	7	S. Martin	Iceland Gull			
12/29	MV	2	M. Iliff#	11/22	Gardner	2	T. Pirro
Red-necked Phalarope				11/26-12/16	Wilmington	6 max	S. Sullivan#
12/6	Mashpee	1 ph	B. Fiero	12/2, 12/26	Turner's Falls	1,1	E. Huston
Red Phalarope				12/3-12/17	Lunenburg	2 ad, imm	T. Pirro
12/8	Westport	1	M. Iliff	12/6	Tewksbury	5	D. Walters
Pomarine Jaeger				12/12	Rockport (AP)	1 ad	R. Heil
11/26, 12/16	P'town (RP)	4,2	P. Flood#	12/18	PI	1 ad	Kumlien's R. Heil
12/12	Rockport (AP)	7	R. Heil	12/19	Westboro	1 lcy	S. Williams
12/18	Stellwagen Bank	9	P. Flood#	12/25	BHI (Deer I.)	6	S. Jones
Parasitic Jaeger				12/27	P'town (RP)	26	S. Arena
11/2, 12/3	P'town (RP)	26,1	M. Harris + v.o.	12/31	Ipswich	1 ad	Kumlien's J. Berry#
11/15	Nantucket	3	L. Dunn	12/31	Nantucket	46	I. Davies#
Dovekie				Lesser Black-backed Gull			
12/3, 12/10	P'town (RP)	3,4	B. Nikula, L. Waters#	11/2-12/26	PI	1 ad	D. Adrien + v.o.
12/12	Rockport (AP)	36	R. Heil	11/4	P'town (RP)	3	S. Arena
12/18	Stellwagen Bank	138	P. Flood#	11/10	Southwick	1	D. Holmes
Common Murre				11/13	Westminster	1 ad	T. Pirro
12/12	Rockport (AP)	142	R. Heil	11/15-12/18	Turner's Falls	2 max	J. Smith + v.o.
12/18	Stellwagen Bank	32	P. Flood#	12/31	Nantucket	64	I. Davies#
12/24	P'town (RP)	104	S. Arena	Glaucous Gull			
Thick-billed Murre				11/3	Waltham	1	A. Gurka
12/12	Rockport (AP)	3	R. Heil	11/14	Gloucester	1 imm	MAS (D. Weaver)
12/24	P'town (RP)	2	L. Waters#	12/2	Wilmington	1	J. Keeley
Razorbill				Common Tern			
11/8, 12/27	P'town (RP)	220,2300	B. Nikula, S. Arena	11/4	Eastham	25	G. d'Entremont#
12/12	Rockport (AP)	338	R. Heil	11/4-12/4	P'town (RP)	500,1	B. Nikula
12/18	PI	75	R. Heil	11/25	Scusset B.	1 1W	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)
12/18	Cohasset	8	D. Burton	Forster's Tern			
Black Guillemot				11/4	Eastham	2	G. d'Entremont#
12/3	Cohasset	3	V. Zollo	11/9	Dennis	27	P. Flood
12/12	Rockport (AP)	2	R. Heil	11/19	P'town (RP)	10	N. Marchessault
12/24	P'town (RP)	1	B. Nikula#	11/23	Fairhaven	1	C. Longworth
12/28	MV	1	I. Davies#	Red-throated Loon			
12/28	PI	3	M. Daley#	11/1-11/12	PI	55,370	T. Wetmore
Atlantic Puffin				11/6	Cohasset	175	D. Burton
11/1	Orleans	1	C. Goodrich	12/11	Tolland	1	D. Holmes
12/3	Jeffrey's L.	1 ph	S. Mirick#	12/12	Rockport (AP)	262	R. Heil
12/12	Rockport (AP)	18	R. Heil	12/31	Nantucket	121	I. Davies#
12/18	Stellwagen Bank	19	P. Flood#	Pacific Loon			
Black-legged Kittiwake				12/24, 12/30	P'town (RP)	1,1 ph	P. Flood
12/3, 12/10	P'town (RP)	300,375	E. Ripma, B.	12/27	P'town (RP)	3 ph	S. Arena
Nikula#				Common Loon			
12/12	Rockport (AP)	276	R. Heil	11/5	PI	100	T. Wetmore
12/18	Stellwagen Bank	178	P. Flood#	11/5	Quabbin Pk	23	B. Zajda
12/31	Nantucket	311	I. Davies#	11/6	Cohasset	100	D. Burton
Bonaparte's Gull				Northern Fulmar			
11/1, 12/22	Quabbin Pk	1	L. Therrien	12/18	Stellwagen Bank	6	P. Flood#
11/2	Pittsfield (Pont.)	2	J. Pierce	12/31	Nantucket	13	H. Young#
11/4, 11/9	Turner's Falls	1	P. Gagarin, J. Rose	Cory's Shearwater			
11/4	Quabbin (G35)	1	B. Zajda	11/1, 11/15	P'town (RP)	600,3	B. Nikula
11/5	Ipswich	155	R. Heil	11/4, 11/5	Cohasset	1,2	D. Burton, V. Zollo
11/9	Quabog IBA	1 adW	M. Lynch#	11/5	Manomet	2	L. Waters
11/18	Nantucket	600	L. Dunn	11/14	Barnstable (SN)	2	P. Crosson
11/29, 12/18	PI	200,4	T. Wetmore + v.o.	11/17	Eastham (FE)	30	B. Nikula
12/12	Rockport (AP)	435	R. Heil	Sooty Shearwater			
Black-headed Gull				11/4	Eastham	5	G. d'Entremont#
11/1	Orleans	1 ad W	C. Goodrich	11/10, 12/10	P'town (RP)	11,1	S. Arena, B. Nikula#
11/7	P'town (RP)	1 ad W ph	M. Iliff#	11/11	Orleans	1	B. Nikula
11/18-11/21	Dartmouth	1 ad W ph	A. Kneide+ v.o.	Great Shearwater			
12/3, 12/16	Falmouth	1,1 1W ph	B. Fiero, S. Williams#	11/6	Cohasset	2	D. Burton

Great Shearwater (continued)				Brown Pelican			
11/8, 12/25	P'town (RP)	1100,1	B. Nikula + v.o.	11/7	Nahant	1 imm	L. Pivacek
12/6	Hull	1	D. Burton	11/9, 11/14	Barnstable (SN)	1 imm ph	P. Crosson#
12/10	N. Truro	8	B. Nikula	American Bittern			
12/12	Rockport (AP)	2	R. Heil	11/16-12/2	PI	1 D.	Chickering + v.o.
Manx Shearwater				Great Blue Heron			
11/4	Eastham	25	G. d'Entremont#	11/4	Eastham (FH)	15	G. d'Entremont#
11/10, 12/10	P'town (RP)	50,12	S. Arena, B. Nikula#	11/4	Quincy	10	P. Peterson
Northern Gannet				11/5	Saugus	17	S. Zende#
11/8	P'town (RP)	2200	B. Nikula	Great Egret			
11/17	Eastham (FE)	2500	B. Nikula	11/7	PI	9	D. Chickering
12/12	Rockport (AP)	262	R. Heil	11/18, 12/23	S. Dart. (APd)	23,8	P. Champlin + v.o.
Double-crested Cormorant				12/6	Nantucket	3	T. Pastuszak#
11/1, 12/11	PI	1500,2	T. Wetmore	12/22	Chatham	1	F. Atwood
11/4	Wachusett Res.	17	M. Lynch#	Snowy Egret			
11/25	Westport	10	M. Lynch#	11/23-11/25	W. Dennis	1	J. Sherwonit
11/26	Wakefield	8	J. Berry#	Cattle Egret			
Great Cormorant				11/1-11/5	Gill	1	v.o.
11/4	Aquinnah	38	B. Winn	11/5	Nantucket	1	K. Blackshaw#
11/8	Turner's Falls	2	J. Smith	11/22	Wakefield	1	L. Schibley
11/25	Acoaxet	12	M. Lynch#	11/24	Saugus	1	DCR (T. Trainor)
12/11	Cohasset	11	D. Burton	Black-crowned Night-Heron			
American White Pelican				12/2	Eastham (FH)	2	M. Baumann#
11/18	DWWS	1 !	K. Rawdon#	12/29	Vineyard Haven	11	L. Johnson#

VULTURES THROUGH DICKCISSEL

A few dedicated hawk watchers continued to monitor migration long after the peak of the Broad-winged Hawk flight. At Mount Wachusett, during a five-day stretch from November 4–8, 69 Turkey Vultures and 66 Red-tailed Hawks were tallied. At Blueberry Hill in Granville, two juvenile **Golden Eagles** and 15 Red-shouldered Hawks were counted on November 6. Other Golden Eagles were noted from the Barre Falls hawk watch, Groton, Groveland as well as a bird photographed in Salisbury. A high count of 15 Black Vultures was observed in Blackstone on the Rhode Island border. It was a good year for Rough-legged Hawks with reports from 14 locations compared to five areas during the same period last year.

This winter is a good one for Snowy Owls. By mid-November Snowys were showing up all along our coastline. The last major irruption was four years ago during the winter of 2013–14. Four years is the typical cycle between Snowy Owl irruptions, which coincides with the peak of lemming numbers, their preferred food source. During those years when lemmings are plentiful Snowy Owls will breed and raise young. There were reports this period from 14 locations, with a single day high of 16 individuals at Plum Island on December 18. The Greater Boston CBC found 12 birds, with eight of them at Logan Airport. Two Snowys at Drumlin Farm, Lincoln, were the only inland reports. In mid-December a **Barn Owl** was found roosting in a garage in Lexington. Barn Owls are unusual away from Martha's Vineyard or Nantucket. Long-eared Owls were reported from six locations with multiple birds in Essex and Lexington.

November in Massachusetts can be very exciting and this November was just that! Strong winds from the south at the end of October caused a sort of reverse migration redirecting migrants to the Northeast. This was especially notable on Cape Cod with many reports of vireos and warblers that should have been long gone from our area. Many of these were still being seen up until the snowstorm and frigid weather that arrived on December 9. White-eyed Vireos were reported from 19 locations totaling at least 28 individuals. (During the same period last year there were only two individuals.) Twenty-five species of wood warblers were noted during the period. Exceptionally late dates included a Blue-winged Warbler on December 9, a Hooded Warbler on December 13, a Cape May Warbler on December 14, and a Magnolia Warbler on December 11. Other unusually late reports included a Blue-headed Vireo in Bourne on December 19, and a Wood Thrush in Chatham on December 17.

Vagrants are another November specialty. Many of these are young birds lost on their

first migration or blown off course by surprise weather. There were two confirmed reports of **Hammond's Flycatchers**, just the sixth and seventh records for the state. **Ash-throated Flycatchers** are almost expected each fall, and this period there were four. A **Bell's Vireo** found in Fairhaven was the eighth state record and was enjoyed by many during its 16-day stay. There were two reports of **Cave Swallows**, the first noted in the state since 2015. A **Townsend's Solitaire** took up winter residence at Demarest Lloyd State Park in Dartmouth, and was still present in February. A **MacGillivray's Warbler** was found in Hadley, a first for Hampshire County. A **Black-throated Gray Warbler** played hide-and-seek for 17 days in Wakefield, frustrating many birders, though patience eventually rewarded most. **Western Tanagers** were noted from three localities and a male **Painted Bunting** was found in Mashpee. There was a mini invasion of **Summer Tanagers**, with reports of individuals from seven different locations, all documented with photographs.

A possible **Western Meadowlark** was photographed at Plum Island on November 21–23. Fall meadowlarks, especially in freshly molted plumage, are a notorious identification challenge and one in which call does not necessarily help (meadowlarks learn their songs, so can learn the “wrong” song from another meadowlark species). While some features of the Plum Island bird look good for Western (barred central tail feathers with a dark line along the shaft, and the amount of white in the tail), others are more suggestive of Eastern, suggesting the bird could even be a hybrid. There are no accepted records of Western Meadowlark for the state, although the Massachusetts Avian Records Committee has yet to review a record of a meadowlark singing a Western song at Fort Hill, Eastham, in February 2014.

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Black Vulture				Red-shouldered Hawk			
11/6	Granville	6	J. Weeks	11/3-11/8	Barre Falls	8	Hawkcount (D. Schilling)
12/11	Blackstone	15	S. Wheelock	11/4	Westport	3	J. Hoye#
12/24	Westport	3	P. Champlin	11/4	Ashby	2	J. Forbes
Turkey Vulture				11/6	Blueberry Hill	15	J. Weeks
11/2-11/8	Barre Falls	31	Hawkcount (D. Schilling)	Red-tailed Hawk			
11/4	Ashby	15	J. Forbes	11/3-11/17	Barre Falls	105	Hawkcount (D. Schilling)
11/4-11/8	Mt Wachusett	69	Hawkcount (R. Chase)	11/4	Ashby	15	J. Forbes
11/25	Westport	17	M. Lynch#	11/4-11/8	Mt Wachusett	66	Hawkcount (R. Chase)
Osprey				11/6	Blueberry Hill	26	J. Weeks
11/16	Harvard	1	T. Nash	12/30	Northampton	1	<i>abieticola</i> K. Yakola
11/18	Lakeville	2	G. d'Entremont#	Rough-legged Hawk			
11/28	Wayland	1	J. Forbes	thr	PI	2	max J. Nelson + v.o.
12/14	Quincy	1	D. Burton	11/5	Ipswich	1	lt R. Heil
Bald Eagle				11/19	Revere	1	A. Trautmann#
11/3-11/18	Barre Falls	10	Hawkcount (D. Schilling)	11/24	Plymouth	1	K. Doyon#
11/4	Salisbury	4 2ad, 2juv	P. + F. Vale	12/16-12/30	N. Truro	1	P. Flood#
11/4	Ashby	7	J. Forbes	12/16	Orleans	1	S. Williams#
11/26	Quabbin	6 2ad, 4imm	M. Lynch#	12/21	Southampton	1	B. Lafley
12/20	W. Newbury	4	D. Prima	12/24	Saugus	1	S. Zende#
Northern Harrier				12/24	Concord	1	S. Heinrich#
thr	PI	10 max	R. Heil + v.o.	12/24-12/31	Lexington (DM)	2	max lt, dk B. Lee + v.o.
11/18	Nbpt area	8 ad m, 7imm	MAS (P. Roberts)	12/24	Sterling	2	J. Gaghan#
12/9	Cumb. Farms	6	M. Iliff	12/28	Gill	1	B. Lafley
12/24	Saugus	3 ad m+f, imm	S.Zende#	12/30	Agawam	2	D. Holmes
Sharp-shinned Hawk				12/30	Hardwick	1	W. Howes#
11/3-11/17	Malden (PR)	16	Hawkcount (C. Jackson)	Golden Eagle			
11/4	PI	2	N. Landry	11/6	Blueberry Hill	2	juv J. Weeks
11/26	E. Brimfield	3	B. Zajda	11/7	Groton	1	ad G. Gove#
Cooper's Hawk				11/15	Barre Falls	1	subad Hawkcount (D. Schilling)
11/1-11/15	Barre Falls	18	Hawkcount (D. Schilling)	11/27	Groveland	1	D. Chickering
11/4	Blueberry Hill	9	J. Weeks	12/11	Salisbury	1	ph S. Grinley#
12/3	Westport	2	G. d'Entremont#	Barn Owl			
12/20-12/24	PI	2	ad, imm T. Wetmore	12/20-12/31	Lexington (DM)	1	M. Rines
12/31	Ipswich	2	J. Berry#	Great Horned Owl			
Northern Goshawk				11/12	Cambridge	2	ph J. Stout
12/17	Northampton	1	Hampshire Club	12/5	Ipswich	2	J. Berry#
12/27	Westminster	1	C. Caron	12/16	Boylston	6	M. Lynch#

Great Horned Owl (continued)				Eastern Phoebe			
12/29	Lexington	2	R. Rotberg	11/27, 11/29	PI	1	P. + F. Vale + v.o.
Snowy Owl				12/7-12/23	Barnstable	1	J. Sweeney#
thr	P'town (RP)	4 max	v.o.	12/12-12/31	Dartmouth	1	B. King
11/11-11/30	Duxbury B.	3 max	R. Bowes + v.o.	12/29	W. Tisbury	1	M. Iliff#
11/13	Eastham (FE)	1	S. Finnegan#	12/30	Lakeville	1	M. Faherty
11/21	DFWS	2	MAS (P. Sowizral)	Ash-throated Flycatcher			
11/29	Fairhaven	2	C. Longworth	11/26-12/2	DFWS	1	ph P. Sowizral + v.o.
12/3	Barnstable (SN)	3	P. Crosson#	11/27-12/3	N. Truro	1	ph J. Pratt#
12/17	Orleans	5	P. Flood#	12/8	Hingham	1	ph! S. Avery
12/17	Ipswich (CB)	2	J. Berry#	12/11	Wareham	1	ph N. Marchessault
12/17	Boston (Logan)	8	N. Smith	Northern Shrike			
12/18-12/26	W. Dennis	2	D. Meyer#	11/1	Montague	1	E. Huston, J. Rose
12/18	PI	16	R. Heil	11/4	Quabbin (G35)	1	ad B. Zajda
12/19	Nahant	2	L. Privacek	11/21	Southwick	1	M. Voelker
12/24	Chatham	2	F. Atwood	11/25	Turner's Falls	1	J. Smith
12/31	Nantucket	5	H. Young#	12/24	Amherst	1	S. Surner
Barred Owl				White-eyed Vireo			
11/25	Woburn	2	M. Rines	11/1-11/8	Turner's Falls	1	J. Smith
11/30	Wayland	2	A. McCarthy#	11/2-11/17	Nantucket	1	R. Ouren + v.o.
12/14	W. Brookfield	3	M. Lynch#	11/4, 12/7	Chatham	1,1	P. Trimble, R. Schain
12/17-12/23	Barnstable	1	E. Hill-Gest	11/4	Nahant	1	imm L. Ferraresso
Long-eared Owl				11/4	Rockport (HPt)	1	S. Sullivan#
11/7	Amherst	1	C. Russell	11/5-11/7	MNWS	1	J. Smith + v.o.
11/23	Quabbin (G35)	1	B. Zajda	11/7	Truro	1	J. Trimble#
12/21	Essex	4	J. Berry#	11/9-12/10	Dartmouth	1-3	E. Lipton#
12/23	Barnstable	1	J. Trimble#	11/9-12/9	PI	1-2	v.o.
12/30	PI	1	ph M. Culpepper#	11/11	Aquinnah	1	J. Young
12/30-12/31	Lexington (DM)	4	J. Young + v.o.	11/12	Eastham	3	S. Williams#
Short-eared Owl				11/12-11/13	Northampton	1	B. Lawson#
11/5, 12/24	Saugus	4,3	S. Zende#	11/12	MtA	1	K. Sayn-Wittgenstein
11/10, 11/23	Northampton	1	T. Buhl, L. Therrien	11/18-11/25	Rockport	1	S. Williams + v.o.
11/11	Orleans	2	B. Nikula#	11/21-12/17	Orleans	1-3	v.o.
11/14	Cumb. Farms	3	C. Floyd	11/21	Sandwich	1	P. Crosson
12/15	PI	4	P. Roberts#	12/2, 12/6	Falmouth	1	S. Williams, P. Trimble
Northern Saw-whet Owl				12/2	E. Gloucester	1	L. Waters#
11/28	Gill	3	J. Smith	12/3	Plymouth	1	M. Iliff
12/14	W. Brookfield	2	M. Lynch#	12/22	Hyannis	1	S. Matheny
12/30	Quabbin	3	M. Lynch#	Bell's Vireo			
Belted Kingfisher				11/28-12/13	Fairhaven	1	ph J. Sweeney + v.o.
11/4	Wachusett Res.	3	M. Lynch#	Yellow-throated Vireo			
11/18	Wareham	2	G. d'Entremont#	11/1	N. Dighton	1	ph J. Eckerson
Red-headed Woodpecker				11/23	Wellfleet	1	ph L. Waters#
11/25-12/31	Northampton	1	juv ph E. Labato + v.o.	12/2	Woods Hole	1	ph S. Williams#
12/11	Quabog IBA	1	ad M. Lynch#	Blue-headed Vireo			
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				11/5, 12/16	Nantucket	1,1	B. Harris#
12/2	Westport	2	E. Nielsen	11/30	Plymouth	1	A. Bartolo
12/15	MtA	2	J. Trimble	12/19	Bourne	1	D. Clapp#
12/17	Orleans	4	M. Faherty#	Red-eyed Vireo			
12/30	Warren	2	D. Evans	11/1	Brewster	3	b S. Finnegan
Pileated Woodpecker				11/2-11/8	PI	3	max Z. Pohlen, D. Adrien
11/24	Hamilton	2	J. Berry#	11/4, 11/18	Rockport	1,1	J. Trimble, S. Williams
11/24	Royalston	2	M. Lynch#	11/8	Medford	1	imm R. LaFontaine
12/3-12/4	Lincoln	2	P. Peterson	11/12	Rockport (HPt)	1	S. Sullivan#
12/30	Quabbin	5	M. Lynch#	11/17	Westport	2	S. Williams#
American Kestrel				Fish Crow			
12/3	Saugus	2	S. Zende#	11/18	Wareham	8	G. d'Entremont#
Merlin				11/23	PI	1	J. Nathan
12/18	PI	2	R. Heil	12/17	Worcester	2	M. Lynch#
Peregrine Falcon				Common Raven			
11/1	E. Boston (BI)	3	P. Peterson	11/7	Mt Wachusett	11	R. Chase#
11/3	Westport	2	A. Eckerson	11/26	P'town (RP)	4	P. Flood#
11/10, 12/19	Winthrop	2	M. Iliff, B. Burke	12/26	Wachusett Res.	5	M. Lynch#
11/10	Revere	1	pr DCR (S. Riley)	Horned Lark			
11/26	Jamaica Plain	2	S. Walker	11/11	Acton	100	G. d'Entremont#
12/2, 12/18	PI	4,3	S. Harvell, T. Wetmore	11/25	Northampton	300	D. Allard
12/24	Saugus	2	S. Zende#	11/26	Rutland	70	M. Lynch#
Least Flycatcher				12/24	Saugus	100	S. Zende#
11/18-11/30	S. Dart. (APd)	1	au P. Champlin + v.o.	Tree Swallow			
Hammond's Flycatcher				11/1, 11/12	P'town (RP)	1500,400	B. Nikula#
11/11	Concord	1	ph J. Forbes#	12/9	Chatham	7	J. Trimble#
11/29-12/3	Medford	1	ph au N. Dorian + v.o.	12/19	Nantucket	2	L. Dunn

Tree Swallow (continued)				11/28	Orleans	17		R. Heil
12/24	Westport	1	P. Champlin	12/4-12/27	PI	3		T. Wetmore
12/29	Tisbury	5	O. Houghton		Brown Thrasher			
Northern Rough-winged Swallow				11/16, 12/26	PI	1,2	T. Wetmore, M. Kennedy	
11/1	Sudbury	1	B. Harris	12/2	S. Dart. (APd)	3		P. Champlin
12/3	Woods Hole	1	M. Iliff	12/27	Fairhaven	1		M. Sylvia
Cave Swallow					Cedar Waxwing			
11/6	Manomet	1 ph	A. Kneidel	11/6	Quabog IBA	70		M. Lynch#
11/18	Westport	2	A. Boyce	12/3	Manomet	180		S. Williams
Barn Swallow					American Pipit			
11/6	Manomet	4	A. Kneidel	11/14	Peabody	78		D. Williams
11/12	Westport	1	P. Champlin	12/3	Fairhaven	50		G. d'Entremont#
11/20	Yarmouth	2	P. Crosson	12/3, 12/24	Saugus	36,2		S. Zende#
Red-breasted Nuthatch				12/9	Cumb. Farms	38		M. Iliff
11/26	Holland	8	B. Zajda		Evening Grosbeak			
12/3	Winchendon	25	M. Lynch#	11/5, 12/5	Royalston	5,6	E. LeBlanc, D. Furbish#	
12/18	PI	3	R. Heil		Purple Finch			
12/30	Quabbin	16	M. Lynch#	11/4	Medford	1		M. Rines#
Brown Creeper				11/12	PI	4		N. Landry
11/7	Natick	2	D. Burton	11/26	Salisbury	3		D. Burton
11/9	GMNWR	6	A. Bragg#		Common Redpoll			
11/20	S. Dart. (APd)	2	C. Cook	11/26	Salisbury	1		D. Burton
12/21	Mt Wataatic	4	T. Spahr		Red Crossbill			
House Wren				11/5	Salisbury	1		S. Grinley
12/6-12/15	Cambridge	1	R. Stymeist	11/7	Dunstable	2 au		C. Sheridan
12/9	Cumb. Farms	1	M. Iliff	11/23	Millbury	1		D. Berard#
12/11	Plymouth	1	M. Faherty	12/8	Savoy	6		T. Spahr
12/16	Mashpee	1	J. Trimble	12/21	Mt Wataatic 7 Type 3+10			T. Spahr
12/23	Osterville	1	I. Davies#	12/31	Newton	1		H. Miller
Winter Wren					White-winged Crossbill			
11/8	Medford	3	R. LaFontaine	12/15	Leicester	1		N. Paulson
12/2	S. Dart. (APd)	3	P. Champlin	12/15	Mt Wataatic	16		T. Spahr
12/2	Westport	3	E. Nielsen		Pine Siskin			
12/3	Winchendon	5	M. Lynch#	11/4	Quabbin (G35)	4		B. Zajda
12/28	Sheffield	3	J. Pierce	11/18	Palmer	12		B. Zajda
Marsh Wren				11/18	Belmont	1		MAS (J. Layman)
12/5	W. Roxbury (MP)	1 au	M. Iliff	12/10	Savoy	8		T. Spahr
12/14, 12/28	GMNWR	4,1	A. Bragg#		Lapland Longspur			
12/19	Wareham	3	N. Marchessault	11/2	Gill	1		J. Smith
12/27	Plymouth	2	B. Griffith	11/12, 12/30	PI	25,5		T. Wetmore
Carolina Wren				11/12	Weymouth	1		V. Zollo
11/28	Orleans	30	R. Heil	11/19	Saugus	1		S. Zende#
12/16	Braintree	10	G. d'Entremont#	11/20-12/13	Northampton	1		L. Therrien + v.o.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher					Snow Bunting			
11/4	Rockport (HPT)	1	J. Keeley#	11/11	Salisbury	87		P. + F. Vale
11/9	Rockport (AP)	1	P. + F. Vale	11/15	New Salem	60		B. Lafley
12/1-12/3	Manomet	2	J. Barrett + v.o.	12/16	PI	60		T. Wetmore
12/2	Falmouth	1	S. Williams#	12/30	P'town (RP)	90		B. Nikula#
Golden-crowned Kinglet				12/31	Nantucket	120		H. Young#
11/24	Hamilton	13	J. Berry#		Eastern Towhee			
11/26	Holland	16	B. Zajda	12/3-12/29	N. Reading	1 f		J. Keeley + v.o.
12/30	Quabbin	24	M. Lynch#	12/11	Concord	1		B. Olson
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				12/18-12/20	Dartmouth	1		B. King + v.o.
11/3	Stoneham	6	D. Jewell	12/30	Lincoln	1		N. Levey
12/2	Falmouth	6	S. Williams#		American Tree Sparrow			
12/2	S. Dart. (APd)	7	P. Champlin	11/7, 11/21	PI	1,11		T. Wetmore
Eastern Bluebird				12/6	Hadley	33		M. Lynch#
11/5	Ipswich	13	R. Heil	12/14	PI	50		T. Wetmore#
11/26	Holland	18	B. Zajda	12/30	N. Marshfield	45		G. d'Entremont#
12/3	Winchendon	19	M. Lynch#		Chipping Sparrow			
12/7	GMNWR	17	A. Bragg#	11/10	Belchertown	5		M. McKittrick
Townsend's Solitaire				11/12, 11/25	Dover	3,2		E. Nielsen
11/12-12/3	Dartmouth	1 ph	G. d'Entremont + v.o.	11/24, 12/3	PI	2,1		A. Bean
Swainson's Thrush				11/25	MtA	4		C. Cook
11/5	Ipswich	1	R. Heil	12/23	Berlin	3 ad		J. Gahagan
Hermit Thrush					Clay-colored Sparrow			
11/4	Belmont	6	R. Jilek	thr	Reports of indiv. from 13 locations			
12/2	Westport	9	E. Nielsen		Field Sparrow			
12/7, 12/27	PI	7,7	T. Wetmore	12/1	Truro	4		R. Stymeist
Wood Thrush				12/20	Lancaster	3		A. Bairstow
12/17	Chatham	1	B. Nikula#	12/27	Plymouth	9		B. Griffith
Gray Catbird					Lark Sparrow			
11/21	S. Dart. (APd)	8	J. Eckerson#	11/6-11/7	Cambridge	1 ph		G. Hantsbarger + v.o.

Savannah Sparrow				12/30	Stow	8	O. Moss
11/3, 12/4	PI	12,1	P. + F. Vale + v.o.	12/31	Vineyard Haven	2	L. Johnson#
11/14	Concord	4	D. Williams	Ovenbird			
Ipswich Sparrow				11/5	Nantucket	1	B. Harris#
11/11	Orleans	5	L. Waters#	12/6	Chatham	1	R. Schain#
11/12, 11/24	Westport	3,1	M. Sylvia, P. Champlin	12/23	Barnstable	1	J. Trimble#
12/17	Ipswich (CB)	6	J. Berry#	12/29	Tisbury	1	O. Houghton
Grasshopper Sparrow				Northern Waterthrush			
11/3	Burrage Pd WMA	1 ph	J. Sweeney	11/2	Cambr. (FP)	1 ph	J. Trimble
11/21	Orleans	1	S. Williams#	11/11, 11/30	Orleans	1	B. Nikula#
12/14	Brookfield	1	Sturbridge CBC (B. Robo#)	12/17	S. Dartmouth	1	J. Young
12/17-12/20	Melrose	1 ph	Greater Boston CBC	Blue-winged Warbler			
12/31	Nantucket	1	S. Williams#	11/3	Westport	1 ph	E. Lipton#
Nelson's Sparrow				11/28-12/9	Orleans	1	R. Heil, J. Trimble#
11/2-11/4	E. Boston (BI)	1 ph	T. Bradford + v.o.	Black-and-white Warbler			
Saltmarsh Sparrow				11/4	Gloucester (EP)	1 ph	D. + T. Swain
11/4	MNWS	1 ph	A. Sanford	Tennessee Warbler			
Seaside Sparrow				11/5	Ipswich	1	R. Heil
11/27-12/2	Eastham (FH)	1	A. Belford + v.o.	11/28	Orleans	1	R. Heil
Fox Sparrow				11/29	PI	1 ph	S. Sullivan
11/16	Quincy	5	P. Peterson	Orange-crowned Warbler			
12/2	S. Dart. (APd)	8	P. Champlin	thr	Reports of indiv. from 39 locations		
12/5	IRWS	4	J. Nelson	11/2, 11/28	PI	3,3	S. Williams, T. Wetmore
12/17	Nantucket	4	T. Pastuszak#	11/7-11/24	Westport	3	max L. Waters, P. Champlin
Lincoln's Sparrow				11/28	Orleans	3	R. Heil
11/11	Groton	2	T. Murray	Nashville Warbler			
12/8, 12/27	Manomet	1	L. Schibley, M. Faherty	11/3	Burrage Pd WMA	1	J. Sweeney
12/15	Cumb. Farms	1	J. Sweeney	11/24	Barnstable	1	P. Crosson
12/16	Weymouth	1	J. Bock	11/24	Westport	1	P. Champlin
Swamp Sparrow				11/25	Nahant	1	S. Williams
11/3, 12/18	PI	2	P. + F. Vale, R. Heil	12/6	Chestnut Hill	1	P. Peterson
11/9, 12/28	GMNWR	16,1	A. Bragg#	12/18	Quincy	1	M. Garvey
12/27	Plymouth	3	B. Griffith	MacGillivray's Warbler			
12/31	Ipswich	2	J. Berry#	11/12-11/17	Hadley (Honeypot)	1 ph	T. Gilliland
White-crowned Sparrow				Common Yellowthroat			
12/9	Cumb. Farms	7	M. Iliif	11/18	S. Dart. (APd)	2	P. Champlin
12/17	Douglas	4	M. Lynch#	12/1	PI	1 f	N. Dubrow
Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)				12/3	Fairhaven	1 m	E. Lipton
12/2	PI	1 ph	T. Gilliland	Hooded Warbler			
Yellow-breasted Chat				11/7	PI	1 f imm	P. Donahue#
11/1	Quincy	1	J. Young#	12/3-12/13	Chestnut Hill	1 ph	H. Mazerall + v.o.
11/12	Nahant	2	J. McCoy	American Redstart			
11/17, 12/2	Westport	4,1	S. Williams#, E. Nielsen	11/5	Nantucket	1	B. Harris#
11/18-11/21	S. Dart. (APd)	1	P. Champlin + v.o.	11/11	Orleans	1	M. Waters#
12/1	Orleans	1	R. Stymeister	11/11-11/12	S. Dart. (APd)	1	J. Offermann + v.o.
12/1	Wellfleet	1	R. Stymeister	Cape May Warbler			
12/3	Manomet	1	S. Williams	11/10	Scituate	1 m	J. Young
12/7-12/21	Waltham	1	J. Forbes + v.o.	11/15	P'town (RP)	1	S. Finnegan#
12/11	Saugus	1	G. Wilson	11/29, 12/3	PI	1	S. Sullivan, T. Gilliland
12/27	Fairhaven	1	M. Sylvia	12/3	W. Newbury	1 imm m	D. Peacock
Eastern Meadowlark				12/7	Chatham	1	P. Trimble
11/4	Eastham (FH)	9	G. d'Entremont#	12/14	Wellesley	1	M. Salett#
11/7	Westport	10	J. Hoye#	Northern Parula			
11/18, 12/22	S. Dart. (APd)	40,8	P. Champlin	thr-12/3	Reports of indiv. from 10 locations		
12/22	DWWS	11	S. Avery#	11/12, 11/30	S. Dart. (APd)	2,1	E. Lipton, J. Eckerson
Western Meadowlark*				Magnolia Warbler			
11/21-11/23	PI	1 ph	S. Sullivan + v.o.	11/10	Scituate	1 m	J. Young
Baltimore Oriole				12/11	Nantucket	1	T. Pastuszak#
thr	Reports of indiv. from 12 locations			Chestnut-sided Warbler			
11/4	Belmont	2	R. Jilek	12/3	Medford	1 ph	A. Brandt
12/2	Falmouth	2	S. Williams#	Blackpoll Warbler			
12/16	Rockport	2	R. Diebboll	11/2	PI	1	S. Williams
12/17	Orleans	3	J. Trimble#	11/21	Plymouth	1 ph	B. Griffith
Red-winged Blackbird				Black-throated Blue Warbler			
12/19	Wareham	25	N. Marchessault	11/3	Dartmouth	1 f	B. King
12/21	Lynnfield	30	L. Ireland	Palm Warbler			
12/30	Wayland	69	B. Harris	11/7	Westport	2 western	L. Waters
12/31	Ipswich	7	J. Berry#	12/9	PI	1	N. Landry
Rusty Blackbird				12/17	Northampton	4	v.o.
11/11	Boxborough	25	A. Sgroi#	Pine Warbler			
11/11	Worcester	25	E. Kittredge	11/24	Hamilton	6	J. Berry#
12/14-12/29	Wayland	30 max	A. McCarthy#	11/26	Westport	3	P. Champlin
12/24	Lynnfield	42	J. Dillon	12/11-12/14	Plymouth	2	L. Meeks + v.o.

Yellow-rumped Warbler				
11/2	PI	52	S. Williams, T. Wetmore	
11/7, 11/12	Westport	75,42	L. Waters, M. Sylvia	
11/12, 11/20	Dartmouth	20,20	G. d'Entremont, C. Cook	
11/30	Orleans	120	S. Williams	
12/3	Manomet	18	S. Williams	
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's)				
11/7-11/8	Somerset	1 ph	J. Sweeney + v.o.	
11/15	P'town (RP)	1 ph	S. Finnegan#	
11/28	Orleans	1 ph	P. Trimble	
Yellow-throated Warbler				
11/5	Nantucket	1 ph	B. Harris#	
11/9-11/11	Orleans	1 ph	C. O'Connor + v.o.	
11/12	Nahant	1 m ph	L. Pivacek	
11/26	Westport	1 ph	P. Champlin#	
12/2-12/19	Salisbury	1 ph	J. Mirick + v.o.	
12/17	Orleans	1	J. Trimble	
Prairie Warbler				
11/3-11/4	Westboro	1 ph	T. Spahr + v.o.	
12/9	Chatham	1	J. Trimble#	
Black-throated Gray Warbler				
11/20-12/6	Wakefield	1 ph	B. Lee, D. Williams + v.o.	
Black-throated Green Warbler				
11/2	N. Dighton	1 ph	J. Eckerson	
11/3	Pittsfield (Pont.)	1 ph	J. Pierce	
Wilson's Warbler				
12/2	Westport	1	E. Nielsen	
12/3	Truro	1	M. Iliff	
12/3-12/7	Brookline	1	M. Kaufman + v.o.	
12/3	Plymouth	1 m ph	M. Iliff	
12/5-12/17	Brighton	1 ph	R. Stymeist	

Summer Tanager				
11/1	N. Truro	1 ph	J. Pratt	
11/12, 12/10	E. Harwich	1 ph	D. Gray + v.o.	
11/15-11/23	Scusset B.	1 ph	N. Villone#	
12/4-12/28	Nantucket	1 ph	T. Pastuszak#	
12/7-12/13	Wellfleet	1 ph	D. O'Connell#	
12/8-12/31	Plymouth	1 ph	L. Meeks + v.o.	
12/9-12/19	S. Dartmouth	1 ph	A. Morgan + v.o.	
Scarlet Tanager				
11/4	Rockport	1 ph	T. Spahr#	
11/4	Nantucket	1	B. Harris#	
Western Tanager				
12/11-12/15	Westwood	1 ph	E. Nielsen	
12/16-12/30	Haverhill	1 ph	N. Dubrow + v.o.	
12/27	Brewster	1 ph	M. Leonard	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak				
11/3-11/16	Nantucket	1	S. Kardell	
11/4-11/12	S. Dart. (APd)	1	E. Lipton + v.o.	
11/16-12/7	WBWS	1	M. Faherty#	
12/22	Woods Hole	1	L. McCartin	
Indigo Bunting				
11/1	Harwich	3	J. Sweeney	
11/4, 11/12	Rockport	5,2	T. Spahr, S. Sullivan#	
12/15	Marshfield	1	C. Whitebread#	
12/31	Nantucket	1	S. Williams#	
Painted Bunting				
12/12-12/22	Massheepe	1 m ph	K. Whitney#	
Dickcissel				
11/4	Eastham (FH)	1	G. d'Entremont#	
12/15	Cumb. Farms	1	J. Sweeney	
12/16-12/30	Nantucket	1	S. Kardell	
12/23	Woburn	1	M. Rines	

BYGONE BIRDS

Historical Highlights for November–December

Neil Hayward

5 YEARS AGO

November–December 2012

Up to four **Western Grebes** sat off Plum Island from the end of November through December. The state hosted two **Allen's Hummingbirds**, one continuing in Great Barrington and another on Martha's Vineyard. Two **Northern Lapwings** were found in Plymouth County in mid-November; the two individuals continuing on Nantucket brought the period count to an amazing four birds. A **Black-capped Petrel** was seen from Andrew's Point on December 21. A **Little Egret** spent over a month on Cape Cod. The passerine highlight was a **Mountain Bluebird** at Good Harbor Beach. The winter finch invasion was historic: Plum Island alone hosted 180 White-winged Crossbills, 180 Common and one Hoary Redpoll, and 30 Red Crossbills. Large flocks of Pine and Evening Grosbeaks roamed the state.

Best sighting: **Black-browed Albatross**, off Martha's Vineyard, December 2. Third state record and first photographed. Seen feeding within 20 feet of a boat, only four miles into Massachusetts waters (from Rhode Island).



10 YEARS AGO

November–December 2007



A **Western Grebe** was at Plum Island November 25–28. Western hummingbirds were abundant: four **Rufous Hummingbirds** were banded and a **Black-chinned Hummingbird** on Nantucket was the state's fourth. East Orleans hosted the state's latest **American Avocet** on December 14. A **Gray Jay** spent most of November on Mount Watatic. The winter will be remembered by many for the unprecedented invasion of **Bohemian Waxwings**; the Cape Cod Christmas Bird Count (CBC) tallied a record 983. The winter was also exceptional for **Pine Grosbeaks**, with flocks of up to 100 reported from 20 locations, and at least 11 **Hoary Redpolls**.

Best sighting: **Slaty-backed Gull**, Gloucester, December 23. Two individuals, found on the same day, constituted the first and second state records.

20 YEARS AGO

November–December 1997



A **Bar-tailed Godwit** at Plymouth on December 29–31 remains the only state record for that month. A Roseate Tern at Indian Lake, Worcester, on November 2–3 was the first inland record and the latest for the state, until one (the same bird?) appeared two weeks later on the Vineyard. A **Sedge Wren** appeared at Eastern Point, Gloucester, on November 28 and stayed long enough to participate in the CBC. Six "Oregon" Juncos were seen throughout the period.

Best sighting: **Hermit Warbler**, Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, December 21. This is the third confirmed record for Massachusetts. The bird stayed until the following March and was seen by many.

40 YEARS AGO

November–December 1977



Waterfowl put up some impressive numbers this winter: six "**Whistling**" (**Tundra**) **Swans** on Martha's Vineyard on December 17; 1,200 Canvasback at Assonet on December 11; 184 Redheads on Nantucket on November 26, and a raft of 8,000 Red-breasted Mergansers at Truro. Ten **Fulvous Whistling-Ducks** arrived at Plum Island on November 6, with one bird staying until November 25. Ten unidentified (but presumably Great) **Skuas** were present at Georges Bank throughout November. Up to ten **Boreal Chickadees** were visiting three locations in November. During the same month, there was a mild invasion of **Varied Thrushes** with five birds scattered throughout the state. A **Black-throated Gray Warbler** continued in Salem until November 23, and a **Harris's Sparrow**, found in Belmont on December 12, stayed two weeks.

Best sighting: **MacGillivray's Warbler**, Dunback Meadow, November 13–30. This represents the first state record. 🐦

ABBREVIATIONS FOR BIRD SIGHTINGS

Taxonomic order is based on AOS checklist, 7th edition, 58th Supplement, as published in *Auk* 2017, vol. 134(3):751-773 (see <<http://checklist.aou.org/>>).

Locations		Pk	Park
AA	Arnold Arboretum, Boston	Pont.	Pontoosuc Lake, Lanesboro
ABC	Allen Bird Club	POP	Point of Pines, Revere
AP	Andrews Point, Rockport	PR	Pinnacle Rock, Malden
APd	Allens Pond, S. Dartmouth	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	heard / 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)
HP	Horn Pond, Woburn	f	female
HPt	Halibut Point, Rockport	fl	fledgling
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)
L.	Ledge	m	male
MAS	Mass Audubon	MARC	Massachusetts Avian Records Committee
MBO	Bird Observatory, Manomet	max	maximum
MBWMA	Martin Burns WMA, Newbury	migr	migrating
MI	Morris Island	n	nesting
MNWS	Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary	nfc	nocturnal flight call
MP	Millennium Park, W. Roxbury	ph	photographed
MSSF	Myles Standish State Forest, Plymouth	pl	plumage
MtA	Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambr.	pr	pair
MV	Martha's Vineyard	r	rescued
NAC	Nine Acre Corner, Concord	S	summer (1S = first summer)
Nbpt	Newburyport	subad	subadult
ONWR	Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge	v.o.	various observers
Pd	Pond	W	winter (2W = second winter)
PG	Public Garden, Boston	yg	young
PI	Plum Island	#	additional observers

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