

BIRD SIGHTINGS

July–August 2020

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It was a hot July and August in our region. The mercury hit 90 degrees or higher in Boston on seven days in July and six days in August. Since May of this year, many areas of the state have been in severe drought. During that period, the rainfall in Boston was 7.2 inches less than the average, making it the tenth-driest period since 1872.

Tropical Storm Isaias arrived in Massachusetts on August 4, tracking through our state about 160 miles west of Boston. Areas in central Massachusetts and the Berkshires experienced more rain and stronger winds than Cape Cod and Cape Ann. For birders, the storm brought a number of unusual seabirds to inland lakes, especially Pontoosuc and Onota lakes in the Pittsfield area and at the Quabbin and Wachusett reservoirs.

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A Note on Taxonomy

Bird Observer follows the taxonomy published by the American Ornithological Society (AOS). The AOS was previously known as the American Ornithologists' Union (AOU) before its merger with the Cooper Ornithological Society in October 2016. Each summer the AOS's Committee on Classification and Nomenclature of North and Middle American Birds (NACC) publishes an annual supplement to its bird checklist. Highlights from this year's supplement (the 61st) include the split of Mexican Duck from Mallard, and the lumping of Northwestern and American crows. Neither of these decisions affects the Massachusetts state list, although deeper insight into phylogenetic relationships—often through genetic analysis—has resulted in some reshuffling of species within families, thus changing the linear order of those species in the checklist.

GEESE THROUGH IBISES

Some of our common wintering ducks are entirely absent from the state during the summer. This period, a number of those species remained, some even staying to breed. Northern Shovelers were found in July for only the third time this century. The 24 birds reported from Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) on July 25 beat the previous July high of just three birds in 2018. The flock was up to 45 birds in August, eclipsing the previous year's count of 16. The high numbers included several successful broods. Chestnut Hill Reservoir scored the first Suffolk County records for Ring-necked Duck for both July and August. The species was also recorded at Wachusett Reservoir, the first August record for Worcester County since 1999. Breeding was confirmed at Royalston. This is the location where Ring-necked Ducks bred in 2018, the first record of breeding in the state since 1979. Lesser Scaup is rare in summer, and a male found at Wachusett Reservoir is the first Worcester County record (per eBird.org) of the species for July and August. A male Harlequin Duck at Eastham through most of the period is the first summer record for the state since 2006.

Pied-billed Grebes were reported from a record 11 counties (last summer the record was 10), with evidence of successful breeding at Monomoy NWR, Rock Meadow Pond in Ayer, and Lake Wallace in Belchertown. The latter two appear to be new breeding locations for this species. Pied-billed Grebe is listed as endangered under the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (MESA).

There were two records of **White-winged Dove** this period, both from islands. The July bird is the third eBird record for Tuckernuck Island (the previous two were both in June), and the August record was a first for Cuttyhunk Island. These are the first records for the state since a pair of doves at Fenway Gardens, Boston, in the winter of 2017–2018. **Chuck-will's-widows** were reported from Falmouth through July 10, with two audio-recorded on July 6. With such a cryptic species, it is difficult to confirm breeding, although with birds reported at this location annually since 2013, there seems a reasonable chance of active nesting.

Monomoy NWR hosted up to 11 Common Gallinules this summer, which is the highest eBird summer count for the state since 15 birds at Great Meadows in August 1978. The number included at least seven chicks and was the only location at which breeding was confirmed this year. Sandhill Cranes raised single chicks at Worthington and Burrage Pond Wildlife Management Area (WMA). A pair at Hardwick had two young in May that were subsequently lost in June; it was the first breeding attempt for Worcester County. Typically, young cranes will remain with their parents for 9–10 months. They learn to fly at 65–75 days old.

The shorebird highlight was a **Pacific Golden-Plover** on Esther Island off Nantucket on August 26. This is the fourth record for the state with previous records from Plum Island on April 21–May 5, 2002, Plymouth Beach on July 20, 2013, and Monomoy NWR on July 25–August 2, 2019. Pacific Golden-Plovers breed in western Alaska and the Russian Far East and are very rare vagrants in the east. The first Massachusetts record in 2002 was only the third for the East Coast. This year's bird may be the same individual spotted in central Pennsylvania on July 16 and at Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, on July 18–20. In contrast to the one-day-one-observer plover, a breeding-plumaged **Curlew Sandpiper** at Third Cliff, Scituate, from August 2–6 was much more widely appreciated. This is the only fall record for the East Coast this year. This Eurasian shorebird has been recorded in 14 years this century, with the bulk appearing in May and August. It is the first record for Plymouth County since a bird at Duxbury Beach in May 2009. Other rare shorebirds included male **Ruffs**, reported from Fairhaven and Monomoy NWR at the start and end of July, respectively, and **American Avocets** at Plum Island—presumably separate birds in mid-July and mid-August—and Chatham and Yarmouth at the end of August. A count of 24 Whimbrels at Scituate on August 2 is a new eBird high count for Plymouth County, and a single bird at Wachusett Reservoir on August 4 is the first Worcester County record for a decade. Marbled Godwits were reported from four counties, including a bird at Squantum on August 15, which represents the first Norfolk County record since 1996.

Hurricane Isaias deposited a number of pelagic goodies over mainland Massachusetts on August 4. The star species was **Sooty Tern**, of which 34 birds were recorded in 10 locations. The highest concentration—18 birds—was seen and photographed at Onota Lake in Pittsfield. However, it was Wachusett Reservoir that provided many birders with their state tick, with up to two birds lingering for 10 days. Birds at Longmeadow and Cuttyhunk Island were firsts for Hampden and Dukes counties, respectively. Sooty Terns were reported all along the path of Isaias, from Florida north to inland Rockingham County, New Hampshire, and Matinicus Rock, Maine. Sooty Terns are colonial breeders in the Caribbean and, because of their pelagic abundance and reluctance to land on water, are prone to hurricane-related vagrancy. The largest number recorded in Massachusetts was in September 1979 following Hurricane David, when at least 85 Sooty Terns were recorded (Veit and Petersen, 1993).

Other storm-blown species included a jaeger flying over Quabbin Reservoir and Laughing Gulls—exceptionally rare inland—in Hampden, Hampshire, and Worcester counties. Red-necked Phalaropes appeared at Wachusett Reservoir, Scituate, Manomet, Pittsfield, Fresh Pond in Cambridge, and Cuttyhunk Island. An **Atlantic Puffin** that flew past Andrews Point in Rockport may also have been storm related.

A **South Polar Skua** was photographed harassing gulls at Race Point on July 17. South Polar skuas are annual in the state, typically appearing between July to September. A Long-tailed Jaeger at Gooseberry Neck on July 7 is the first record for Bristol County. Although annual, **Sabine's Gull** is a difficult species to see in Massachusetts because they often do not linger long. This year, a first summer bird spent almost the entire period at Race Point, where it was briefly joined by a juvenile at the end of August. The vast majority of state records come from Cape Cod. Adult **Franklin's Gulls** were reported from Eastham, Rockport (after the hurricane), and West Barnstable. Four Roseate Terns appeared at the Point of Pines, Revere, on August 27. The species is surprisingly rare for Suffolk County, with only two prior eBird records (1921 and 1999). Two days later, on August 29, at least 79 birds were seen in Quincy Bay, only the third year in which the species has been recorded in Norfolk County, and by far the largest flock seen there. An impressive 1,825 Roseate Terns flew by Race Point that day, with juveniles representing 10–15 percent of birds.

A breeding-plumaged **Pacific Loon** was photographed at Race Point on August 22. A week later, another bird, this one in nonbreeding plumage, was reported. These birds represent the first August records for the state, which means Pacific Loons have now been found in Massachusetts in every month of the year.

Brown Boobies have become regular, albeit rare, visitors to the state. This period, there were three reports from Cape Cod, together with four reports from pelagic vessels. **Brown Pelicans** have experienced a similar upward trend, and this period a single bird was reported from Wellfleet on July 9.

This appears to have been a good year for Yellow-crowned Night-Herons. A bird at Lanesborough on August 7 is the first August record for Berkshire County, and only the fourth eBird record for the county. Up to 15 birds were at Plum Island, which represents the second-highest count for Essex County. New county highs were 14 birds at Tuckernuck Island (Nantucket County) and 11 birds in Marshfield (Plymouth County). And Middlesex County scored its first Yellow-crowned Night-Heron in a decade.

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VULTURES THROUGH DICKCISSEL

Brant				Northern Pintail			
7/10	MV	1	P. Moynihan#	7/25, 8/8	Monomoy NWR	6,16	S. Williams#, J. Trimble#
7/3	Revere (POP)	1	L. Markley	8/11	P'town (RP)	1	M. Morales
7/8-8/9	Plymouth B.	1	S. van der Veen	Green-winged Teal			
8/12-8/28	Tuckernuck I.	1	S. Kardell	7/11	P'town (RP)	1	B. Nikula
Wood Duck				7/14-7/19	GMNWR	3 max	A. Bragg#
8/14	Longmeadow	200	M. Moore	7/25, 8/8	Monomoy NWR	6,26	S. Williams#, J. Trimble#
8/19	Hatfield	83	L. Therrien	8/14-8/24	Longmeadow	4 max	M. Moore + v.o.
8/30	Petersham	145	M. Lynch#	8/30	Petersham	10	M. Lynch#
Blue-winged Teal				Ring-necked Duck			
8/8	Monomoy NWR	18	J. Trimble#	7/1-8/31	Boston (CHRes.)	3	R. Doherty + v.o.
8/14-8/21	Longmeadow	2	M. Moore + v.o.	7/2	Royalston	6 1ad+5juv	E. LeBlanc
8/19-8/30	W. Roxbury (MP)	4	M. Illiff + v.o.	8/5	Wachusett Res.	1	M. Lynch#
Northern Shoveler				8/8	Monomoy NWR	4	J. Trimble#
7/25, 8/8	Monomoy NWR	24,47	S. Williams#, J. Trimble#	8/26-8/31	Cambr. (FP)	2 max	J. Barcus + v.o.
8/22	Nantucket	7	S. Fea	8/27-8/31	PI	5 max	W.Klockner+v.o.
Gadwall				8/31	Acton	1	K. Hansen
7/4	Fairhaven	6	G. d'Entremont#	Lesser Scaup			
7/25, 8/8	Monomoy NWR	64,85	S. Williams#, J. Trimble#	7/2-8/5	Wachusett Res.	1 m	B. Robo + v.o.
8/19-8/21	Turners Falls	1	J. Smith + v.o.	Common Eider			
American Wigeon				7/5	Tuckernuck I.	85	S. Kardell
7/18	PI	2	M. Sovay#	7/13	PI	45	J. Smith
8/31	Woburn (HP)	1	J. Thomas	8/24	Nahant	98	R. Heil
American Black Duck				Harlequin Duck			
7/25	Monomoy NWR	16	S. Williams#	7/9-8/26	Eastham (CGB)	1 m	M. Krista-Plato
8/30	PI	98	R. Cohn				

White-winged Scoter									
thr	P'town (RP)	9 max	A. Burdo						
8/31	Rockport (AP)	6	A. Burdo#						
Long-tailed Duck									
7/2-8/3	Gloucester (EP)	7 max	D. Sweet + v.o.						
7/17-7/23	Chatham	1	F. Atwood						
Hooded Merganser									
7/1	Woburn (HP)	2	J. Thomas						
7/5	Petersham	3	M. Lynch#						
7/11-8/31	October Mountain	7 max	K.Hanson + v.o.						
8/20	Lexington	3	J. Forbes						
Common Merganser									
7/11	Quabbin (G8)	8 yg	M. Lynch#						
7/22-8/23	Brewster	1 P.	Kenneally + v.o.						
8/25	Paxton	10 yg	M. Lynch#						
Ruddy Duck									
7/25, 8/8	Monomoy NWR	5,7	S. Williams#, J. Trimble#						
Northern Bobwhite									
7/25	P'town (RP)	1	G. d'Entremont						
7/25-8/18	IRWS	1	D. Williams + v.o.						
8/3	Natick	1	J. Campos						
Ring-necked Pheasant									
8/16	Hadley	8	M. Locher						
Ruffed Grouse									
7/3	Quabbin (G10)	6	lad+5yg G. d'Entremont						
7/4	Savoy	10	J. Pierce						
7/31	Quincy	1	J. Condon						
8/3	Pittsfield	3	A. Connors						
Wild Turkey									
7/21	Quaboag IBA	11	lad+10yg M. Lynch#						
8/7	Quabbin (G43)	5	M. Lynch#						
Pied-billed Grebe									
thr	Reported from	23	locations						v.o.
7/1-7/16	Belchertown	3	max L.Therrien+v.o.						
7/3	Ayer	6	J. Franklin						
7/25	Monomoy NWR	5	S. Williams#						
8/21-8/30	W. Roxbury (MP)	2	M. Dunham + v.o.						
8/22	Burrage Pond WMA	2	R. Eberhardt						
8/26	PI	1	W. Tatro						
Horned Grebe									
thr	Marblehead	1	A. Sanford + v.o.						
8/5-8/19	Chatham	1	A. Riina, v.o.						
Red-necked Grebe									
7/2-8/3	Gloucester (EP)	1	D. Sweet + v.o.						
White-winged Dove									
7/13-7/16	Tuckernuck I.	1	ph S. Kardell						
8/20-8/31	Cuttyhunk I.	1	ph A.Burdo#, L. Waters						
Yellow-billed Cuckoo									
7/29	Winchendon	6	M. Lynch#						
7/31	Warwick	4	M. Lynch#						
8/22	Birch Hill WMA	2	G. d'Entremont#						
8/30	Quincy	1	E. Nielsen + v.o.						
Black-billed Cuckoo									
7/4	Hardwick	2	M. Lynch#						
7/15	Quaboag IBA	2	M. Lynch#						
8/1	Cohasset	1	D. O'Brien						
Common Nighthawk									
8/21	Pittsfield	415	Z. Adams						
8/28	Easthampton	1150	J. Lafley						
8/28	Wayland	503	B. Harris						
8/28	W. Roxbury (MP)	66	J. Battenfeld						
8/28	Tuckernuck I.	5	S. Kardell						
8/29	Northampton	730	T. Gagnon						
8/29	Turners Falls	470	J. Smith						
Chuck-will's-widow									
7/6	Falmouth	2	au C. Floyd						
Eastern Whip-poor-will									
thr	PI	7	max S. Babbitt + v.o.						
thr	Quabbin Pk	4	max L.Therrien+v.o.						
7/15	Quincy	2	D. Burton + v.o.						
8/12-8/24	Mount Tom	2	D. Allard + v.o.						
8/28	Medford	2	A. Demary						
Chimney Swift									
7/15	South Hadley	170							L. Therrien
7/26	Centerville	188							S. Johnson
8/30	Greenfield	200							E. Huston
Ruby-throated Hummingbird									
thr	Deerfield	20	max						D. Sibley
8/20	Cuttyhunk I.	28							A. Burdo#
8/30	Petersham	18							M. Lynch#
Virginia Rail									
thr	GMNWR	7	max						v.o.
7/15	Quaboag IBA	5							M. Lynch#
7/18	Warren	7	1yg						M. Lynch#
Sora									
7/3	E. Boston (BI)	1							J. Trimble
7/16, 8/27	GMNWR	1	D. Swain, R. Evans						
7/21-7/23	Longmeadow	1	imm T.Gilliland+v.o.						
8/11-8/30	PI	2	max						v.o.
8/22	IRWS	1							W. Tatro
8/27	W. Roxbury (MP)	1							M. McMahon
8/30	Waltham	1							C. Cook
Common Gallinule									
7/25, 8/8	Monomoy NWR	11,7	S. Williams#, J. Trimble#						
American Coot									
7/19-8/16	Nantucket	1							v.o.
Sandhill Crane									
thr	Worthington	3	2ad+1yg ph						B. Finney+v.o.
thr	Ashfield	2	1pr						B. Finney + v.o.
7/3-8/31	Burrage Pd WMA	3	2ad+1yg						P. Jacobson#
7/6	Hardwick	2	1pr						W. Howes
7/16	Rowe	2							C. Hyytinen
8/5	Essex	1							P. Hackett
8/26	Cumb. Farms	2							J. Carlisle
8/27	Quincy	1							M. McWade
American Avocet									
7/13, 8/18	PI	1,1	ph D.Prima, B.Scillano#						
8/22-8/30	Yarmouth/Chatham	1	ph C. Wrisley + v.o.						
American Oystercatcher									
7/5-7/26	Marblehead	3	max A.Sanford + v.o.						
7/9	Wellfleet	22							J. Frost
7/30	Monomoy NWR	25							I. Davies#
8/21	Tuckernuck I.	26							S. Kardell
Black-bellied Plover									
8/1-8/31	PI	314	max						v.o.
8/4	Quabbin Pk	1							L. Therrien#
8/19	Westwood	1							E. Nielsen
8/30	Monomoy NWR	340							W. Petersen
American Golden-Plover									
7/25, 8/9	Yarmouth	1,1							A. Burdo
7/28, 8/26-30	PI	1,1	A. Sanford, J. Smith + v.o.						
8/18	WBWS	1	W. Mumford						
8/20	Dennis	1	K. Fiske						
8/23	Sandwich	1	P. Crosson						
8/26-8/31	P'town (RP)	1	N. Tepper + v.o.						
8/26	Tuckernuck I.	1	S. Kardell						
8/27	GMNWR	1	K. Dia#						
8/28	Eastham	1	T. Spahr						
8/29	Longmeadow	1	T. Gilliland						
Pacific Golden-Plover									
8/26	Nantucket	1	ph						L. Dunn#
Killdeer									
8/6	PI	37							A. Gurka
8/6	Wachusett Res.	26							M. Lynch#
Semipalmated Plover									
7/12	October Mountain	2	So. Auer, S. Townsend						
8/1-8/31	PI	980	max R. Heil + v.o.						
8/19	Longmeadow	14	T. Gilliland						
8/24	Eastham	2090							N. Tepper#
8/30	Scituate	250							G. d'Entremont#
Piping Plover									
7/1-7/31	PI	20	max						W. Tatro + v.o.
7/1-8/8	Quincy	3	2ad+1yg						C. Whitebread+v.o.
7/5	Cohasset	1							D. Burton

Piping Plover (continued)				8/24	Longmeadow	49	T. Gilliland
7/17	Nahant	7	M. Livingston	White-rumped	Sandpiper		
7/30	Monomoy NWR	21	I. Davies#	8/2-8/31	PI	32	max S. Miller# + v.o.
8/1-8/31	Ipswich (CB)	47	max N. Dubrow + v.o.	8/24	Eastham	18	N. Tepper#
Upland Sandpiper				Buff-breasted Sandpiper			
8/4	Hadley (Honeypot)	1	L. Therrien	8/15	PI	1	S. Sullivan + v.o.
8/12	Chatham	1	B. Albro	8/24	Eastham	2	N. Tepper#
8/14	Quincy	1	J. Bock	8/27-8/29	Scituate	1	T. O'Brien + v.o.
8/16	Tuckernuck I.	1	S. Kardell	8/30	P'town (RP)	5	P. Flood
8/25	Scituate	1	J. Frost	Pectoral Sandpiper			
8/27	GMNWR	1	D. + T. Swain	7/19	Quincy	1	J. Offerman
Whimbrel				7/31	Springfield	1	M. Moore
7/8	Essex	12	D. Brown	8/2	E. Boston (BI)	1	P. Bain
7/19-7/31	PI	26	max S. Grinley# + v.o.	8/24	Eastham	17	N. Tepper#
7/31	Monomoy NWR	137	A. Kneidel, B. Harrington	8/28-8/31	Sterling	1	V. Burdette + v.o.
8/2	Scituate	24	N. Tepper	8/30	Scituate	1	juv G. d'Entremont
8/4	Wachusett Res.	1	S. Williams	Semipalmated Sandpiper			
8/15	Wellfleet	10	G. d'Entremont#	8/1	PI	1300	G. d'Entremont#
8/18	Quincy	2	G. Hantsbarger	8/4	Quabbin Pk	113	L. Therrien
8/27	E. Boston (BI)	5	J. Layman	8/7	Monomoy NWR	3825	W. Petersen#
Hudsonian Godwit				8/22	Petersham	1	B. Lafley
7/25-8/22	Monomoy NWR	16	max v.o.	8/30	Scituate	500	G. d'Entremont#
7/26	Nauset B.	1	N. Tepper, W. Sweet	Western Sandpiper			
8/12	Essex	1	D. Brown	7/30	Monomoy NWR	7	I. Davies#
8/18	Eastham (FEB)	6	A. Burdo#	8/13-8/31	PI	3	max S. Mroz + v.o.
8/27	Quincy	1	J. Young + v.o.	8/19-8/24	Ipswich	8	max N. Dubrow
8/29-8/11	Nantucket	1	S. Kardell + v.o.	8/25-8/30	Quincy	3	juv D. Burton + v.o.
Marbled Godwit				Short-billed Dowitcher			
7/30, 8/22	Monomoy NWR	1,3	I. Davies#, N. Tepper#	7/11-7/17	October Mountain	1	G. Ward + v.o.
8/4	Nbpt H.	1	S. Williams	7/27	PI	120	C. Floyd
8/6	Tuckernuck I.	1	S. Kardell	7/28	Longmeadow	1	S. Shelasky
8/11-8/31	Chatham	2	max P. Kyle + v.o.	7/30	Monomoy NWR	4600	I. Davies#
8/15	Quincy	1	M. McMahon + v.o.	7/30	Monomoy NWR	13	henderson I. Davies#
8/26	Yarmouth	1	D. + F. Clapp	8/4	Waltham	3	J. Forbes
Ruddy Turnstone				8/15	Chatham	250	G. d'Entremont#
8/4	Quabbin Pk	2	L. Therrien#	Long-billed Dowitcher			
Red Knot				7/15-8/31	PI	15	max J. Offermann + v.o.
8/1-8/31	PI	9	max v.o.	7/30, 8/22	Monomoy NWR	1,1	I. Davies#, W. Freedberg#
8/9	Chatham	507	J. Wagner#	8/7	E. Boston (BI)	1	L. Markley
8/25	Quincy	1	M. McWade	American Woodcock			
8/25	E. Boston (BI)	1	A. Hrycyna	7/23	Quabbin (G43)	1	M. Lynch#
Ruff				Wilson's Snipe			
7/2-7/3	Fairhaven	1	m ph C. Molander	7/17	Pittsfield	1	J. Jew
7/30	Monomoy NWR	1	m ph I. Davies#	7/29-8/31	October Mountain	1	J. Pierce + v.o.
Stilt Sandpiper				8/24	Medway	1	M. Pierre-Louis
7/15-20, 8/7	Quincy	1,2	A. Trautmann + v.o.	8/27	GMNWR	1	D. Swain#
7/25, 8/8	Monomoy NWR	14,7	S. Williams#, J. Trimble#	Spotted Sandpiper			
7/25	PI	11	R. Heil	7/24	Winchendon	5	M. Lynch#
8/28	E. Boston (BI)	1	S. Zende# + v.o.	8/11	Hatfield	9	D. Pritchard
Curlew Sandpiper				8/24	Tuckernuck I.	10	S. Kardell
8/2-8/6	Scituate	1	ph T. O'Brien + v.o.	Solitary Sandpiper			
Sanderling				7/18	Westwood	1	E. Nielsen
7/13-thr	P'town (RP)	350	B. Nikula + v.o.	8/21	Erving	2	M. Lynch#
7/30	Monomoy NWR	600	I. Davies#	8/30	Petersham	4	M. Lynch#
7/30	Webster	1	N. Russo	Lesser Yellowlegs			
8/2	Longmeadow	2	T. Gilliland	7/13	Easthampton	2	T. Gilliland
8/5	Wachusett Res.	1	M. Lynch#	8/8	Monomoy NWR	265	J. Trimble#
Dunlin				8/20	PI	36	K. Zhang
7/24-8/9	Monomoy NWR	4	max L. Waters + v.o.	8/23	Holden	2	M. Lynch#
7/25, 8/13	PI	1,1	T. + N. Walker, S. Camillieri	Willet			
8/24	Nantucket	4	T. Sackton	7/6	PI	52	R. Heil
8/25	Hingham	1	P. Edmundson	7/30	Monomoy NWR	184	I. Davies#
Baird's Sandpiper				7/30	Monomoy NWR	22	western I. Davies#
8/3-8/5	Gloucester (EP)	1	J. Keyes + v.o.	Greater Yellowlegs			
8/22-8/25	Sandisfield	1	B. Devine + v.o.	thr	PI	89	max v.o.
8/26	Tuckernuck I.	1	S. Kardell	8/14	Squantum	71	C. + S. Whitebread#
8/28-8/29	Winthrop B.	1	K. Bailey + v.o.	8/23	Holden	6	M. Lynch#
8/29	Turners Falls	1	K. Barnes, Sa. Auer	Red-necked Phalarope			
Least Sandpiper				8/4	Wachusett Res.	2	S. Williams
7/10	Sheffield	8	J. Pierce	8/4	Scituate	2	B. + J. Frost
7/23	Turners Falls	8	C. Stern	8/4	Manomet	2	L. Schibley
7/24	Winchendon	9	M. Lynch#	8/4	Pittsfield (Onota)	1	K. Hanson, Z. Adams#
8/4	Quabbin Pk	23	L. Therrien#	8/4	Cambr. (FP)	1	J. Trimble

Red-necked Phalarope (continued)									
8/5	Cuttyhunk I.	5		M. Sylvia	8/5	Longmeadow	1 ph	M. Donohue#	
8/14	Quincy	1		J. Bock + v.o.	8/5	Nantucket	1 ph	B. Balkind	
8/18	Agawam	1		T. Gilliland	8/6	Tuckernuck I.	1 ph	S. Kardell	
8/26	PI	2		B. Murphy#	8/8	Truro	1	G. Young	
phalarope sp.						Monomoy NWR	1 ph	J. Trimble#	
8/4	Pittsfield (Pont.)	2		M. Morales#	Least Tern				
South Polar Skua					thr	PI	60 max	v.o.	
7/17	P'town (RP)	1 ph		K. Burke	7/5	Waltham	1	P. Moser	
Parasitic Jaeger					7/26	Medford	1	J. Mott	
7/11, 8/17	P'town (RP)	1,6		B. Nikula	8/5	P'town (RP)	320	L. Waters#	
Long-tailed Jaeger					Caspian Tern				
7/11	Gooseberry Neck	1 ph	J. + J.	Eckerson#	7/7	Wachusett Res.	1	H. Siener	
8/20	P'town (RP)	1	IS lt ph	M. Sovay#	7/15	Manomet	1	I. Davies	
8/21	P'town (RP)	1	IS dk ph	B. Nikula#	7/17	Longmeadow	2	T. Gilliland	
jaeger sp.					8/15	Gooseberry Neck	2	J. + M. Eckerson	
8/4	Quabbin Pk	1		L. Therrien#	8/25	Agawam	3	L.+ A. Richardson+v.o.	
Common Murre					8/27	Edgartown	1	M. Gilmore	
7/3	Rockport (AP)	1		R. Heil	8/29	Squantum	7	M. Iliff	
Black Guillemot					8/29	PI	5	C. Kaynor	
7/18	Marblehead	1		H. Bernatas	8/30	Carver	1	Anonymous	
7/24	Gloucester (BR)	1		C. Jones	Black Tern				
7/31	P'town	1		M. Noiseux	7/25, 8/8	Monomoy NWR	5,15	S. Williams, J. Trimble#	
8/8	Chatham	1		A. Burdo#	8/8	Quabbin (G8)	1	M. Lynch#	
Atlantic Puffin					8/15-8/16	PI	2	S. Grinley# + v.o.	
8/4	Rockport (AP)	1		D. Walters#	8/17	P'town (RP)	6	B. Nikula	
Black-legged Kittiwake					8/18	Turners Falls	1	D. McLain, K. Jones	
7/13	P'town (RP)	1,1		S. Finnegan + v.o.	8/28	Tuckernuck I.	32	S. Kardell	
7/14	Plymouth B.	1		L. Schibley	Roseate Tern				
8/16	Wellfleet	4		R. Sormani	7/31	Penikese I.	100	M. Sylvia	
8/19	Woods Hole	1		M. J. Foti	8/4	Marion	1400	I. Davies	
Sabine's Gull					8/21	Tuckernuck I.	750	S. Kardell	
7/12-8/31	P'town (RP)	1	IS	P. Flood + v.o.	8/27	Revere (POP)	4	S. Jones, T. Bradford	
8/31	P'town (RP)	1	juv	S. Jones, T. Bradford	8/29	P'town (RP)	1825	B. Nikula	
8/26	N. Truro	1	IS ph	J. Smith	8/29-8/30	Quincy	79	M. Iliff + v.o.	
Bonaparte's Gull					Common Tern				
7/24	Longmeadow	2	ph	T. Gilliland + v.o.	7/1	Mystic River	29 max	v.o.	
8/4-8/8	Wachusett Res.	6	max	S. Williams# + v.o.	7/25	Wachusett Res.	1	K. Bourinot#	
8/19-8/21	Pittsfield (Pont.)	1		J. Pierce + v.o.	7/30	Monomoy NWR	13000	I. Davies#	
8/28	Ipswich (CB)	51		N. Dubrow	7/31	Penikese I.	500	M. Sylvia	
Black-headed Gull					8/4	Randolph	1	D. Burton	
7/13-8/18	P'town (RP)	1	IS ph	D. Burton, J. Bock+v.o.	8/28	Ipswich (CB)	70	N. Dubrow	
7/13	Plymouth B.	1		I. Davies	8/29	P'town (RP)	1700	B. Nikula	
7/24	Eastham	1	IS ph	S. Williams	Arctic Tern				
8/26-8/31	Nbpt H.	1	ph	B. Murphy + v.o.	7/4-7/18	P'town (RP)	4	P. Flood#	
8/29	Revere (POP)	1	ad ph	M. Iliff	7/8	Nantucket	1	S. Fee	
Little Gull					8/15	PI	1	S. Sullivan	
7/1, 7/4	N. Truro	1	ph	K. Burke + v.o.	Forster's Tern				
7/25	P'town (RP)	1	ad ph	I. Davies#	8/15	Wellfleet	15	G. d'Entremont#	
Laughing Gull					8/18-8/22	Quincy	1	D. Burton + v.o.	
7/11, 8/12	Longmeadow	1		T. Gilliland	8/27-8/30	Revere (POP)	2	S. Jones + v.o.	
8/4	Quabbin Pk	1		L. Therrien#	8/28	Ipswich (CB)	2	N. Dubrow	
8/4-8/6	Wachusett Res.	1	juv	M. Iliff# + v.o.	Royal Tern				
8/7	Chatham	4000		S. Williams#	7/11, 7/28	Eastham (CGB)	1	N. Tepper#, L. Waters#	
8/24	Agawam	1		T. Gilliland	7/12-7/14	P'town (RP)	1	C. Cook, v.o.	
8/28	Ipswich (CB)	18		N. Dubrow	7/24	Salem H.	1	P. Guidetti	
Franklin's Gull					8/6	Ipswich (CB)	1	J. Denoncour#	
7/26	Eastham (CGB)	1	ad ph	N. Bonomo#	Black Skimmer				
8/4	Rockport (AP)	1	ad ph	D. Walters#	7/3	W. Dennis	2	S. MacDonald	
8/29	W. Barnstable	1	ad ph	P. Crosson	7/3, 7/13	PI	1	E. Labato, A. Sanford+v.o.	
Glaucous Gull					8/13	Edgartown	62	R. Culbert	
7/3-7/10	N. Truro	1		K. Burke	Pacific Loon				
7/5	Wellfleet	1		W. Mumford	8/22, 8/29-31	P'town (RP)	1,1 ph	P. Flood + v.o.	
7/12-8/23	Revere	1		S. Zende# + v.o.	Common Loon				
7/15-7/27	P'town (RP)	1		L. Grimes + v.o.	7/4-7/26	Concord	2 max	C. Nabel + v.o.	
8/1	Everett	1		J. Forbes+ v.o.	7/22-8/2	Hopkinton	4	2ad+2yg max	J. Sweeney
Sooty Tern					7/23	Quabbin (G43)	5	ad	M. Lynch#
8/4-8/5	Pittsfield (Pont.)	18	max ph	M. Morales + v.o.	8/6	Wachusett Res.	10	9ad+1yg	M. Lynch#
8/4	Pittsfield (Onota)	4		K. Hanson, Z. Adams#	8/29	Quabbin (G8)	4		M. Lynch#
8/4-8/13	Wachusett Res.	2	max ph	S. Williams+v.o.	Wilson's Storm-Petrel				
8/4	Marion	1	ph	I. Davies	7/12	Stellwagen Bank	1		M. Emmons#
8/5	P'town (RP)	2	ph	L. Waters#	Cory's Shearwater				
8/5	Cuttyhunk I.	2	ph	M. Sylvia	7/4-7/10	P'town (RP)	1	Scopoli's	P. Flood#
					7/12	Stellwagen Bank	1		M. Emmons#

Cory's Shearwater (continued)				7/31	Penikese I.	12	M. Sylvia
7/15	Cohasset	1	D. Burton + v.o.	8/24	Eastham	26	N. Tepper#
7/25	P'town (RP)	400	I. Davies, L. Seitz	Snowy Egret			
Sooty Shearwater				7/31	Penikese I.	35	M. Sylvia
8/17, 8/29	P'town (RP)	450,200	B. Nikula	8/1-8/31	PI	114 max	v.o.
Great Shearwater				8/4-8/12	Wachusett Res.	2 max	B. Robo# + v.o.
7/12	Stellwagen Bank	1	M. Emmons#	8/24	Eastham	63	N. Tepper#
8/17	P'town (RP)	470	B. Nikula	Little Blue Heron			
Manx Shearwater				7/31-8/8	Westborough	2	S. Miller# + v.o.
8/17	P'town (RP)	195	B. Nikula	8/10	Sterling	2	E. Kittredge
Brown Booby				8/11-8/20	Quincy	1 imm	J. Bock + v.o.
7/31, 8/13, 15	S. of Nantucket	1,1,1 ph	L. Dugan	8/15	W. Gloucester	7	J. Nelson
8/5	Woods Hole	1 ph	N. Marchessault	8/21	Barnstable	2	M.J. Foti
8/5	Veatch Canyon	1 ad ph	L. Dugan	8/22	Bolton	2	D. Fogal
8/17	P'town (RP)	1 ad ph	B.Nikula#	Tricolored Heron			
8/17	Eastham (FE)	1 imm ph	S. Williams#	7/1-7/26	PI	1	v.o.
Double-crested Cormorant				Green Heron			
8/5	Wachusett Res.	18	M. Lynch#	thr	Belchertown	36 max	L. Therrien+v.o.
8/28	Ipswich (CB)	800	N. Dubrow	8/24	S. Peabody	3 1ad+2juv	R. Heil
Great Cormorant				Black-crowned Night-Heron			
7/26	Plymouth B.	1	I. Davies#	7/1	Brookline	2	J. Weinberg
8/7	Rockport (AP)	1	N. Dubrow#	7/31	Penikese I.	8	M. Sylvia
8/17	MBO	1	A. Kneidel	8/6-8/18	Longmeadow	3 max	M. Moore + v.o.
8/19-8/21	Norwood	1 juv	M. Iliff + v.o.	8/24	Eastham	52	N. Tepper#
Brown Pelican				Yellow-crowned Night-Heron			
7/9	Wellfleet	1	J. Frost	7/24-8/31	Nbpt	11 max	A. Sanford+v.o.
American Bittern				8/1-8/31	PI	15 max	J. Bourget#+v.o.
7/2	Sudbury	2	R. Schlegel	8/6-8/9	Marshfield	11	E. Duane + v.o.
7/11-8/31	October Mountain	6 max	J. Pierce + v.o.	8/7-8/17	Lanesborough	1	H. Gold + v.o.
7/20	Ayer	1	J. Franklin	8/14	Quincy	2	M. Iliff
7/25	Monomoy NWR	1	S. Williams#	8/19-8/22	Ipswich	4 imm max	N. Dubrow
8/29	GMNWR	1	J. Forbes	8/21	Tuckernuck I.	14	S. Kardell
Least Bittern				8/24	Eastham	23	N. Tepper#
7/15-7/22	Amherst	5 2ad+3yg	C.+H. Allen+v.o.	8/25	Winthrop	3	S. Jones + v.o.
8/9	PI	3	L. Kramer#	8/31	Mystic River	1 imm	K. Destefano
Great Blue Heron				Glossy Ibis			
7/3	Ware R. IBA	1 1ad+10yg	M. Lynch#	thr	PI	52 max	v.o.
7/18	Warren	13 3yg	M. Lynch#	7/21-7/24	N. Quabbin	6 max	B. Kanash + v.o.
7/25	GMNWR	22	BBC (S. Martin)	7/22	GMNWR	14 ph	J. Forbes
Great Egret				7/26	Wayland	1	J. Forbes
thr	PI	78 max	C. Decker + v.o.	7/31	Penikese I.	16	M. Sylvia
7/12	Squantum	9	G. d'Entremont	8/12-8/16	S. Hadley	1	T. Gilliland
7/22-8/31	Longmeadow	34 max	L.+A. Richardson+v.o.				

The annual fall hawk migration season began at Wachusett Mountain on August 15, nearly a month before the bulk arrival of Broad-winged Hawks. From August 20 to the end of the month, 76 Broad-winged Hawks were tallied. During the last four days of August, an impressive 11 Bald Eagles passed over the summit. A total of five Northern Goshawks were reported statewide during the month of August. The raptor highlight of the period was the discovery of a **Crested Caracara** in Gloucester on August 12. The same bird was refound on August 16–17 in the vicinity of Woodsom Farm, Amesbury. Only three previous reports of this species have been recorded for the state, at Cumberland Farms in Middleborough from January 3–9, 1999, West Tisbury on May 14, 2007, and Chatham on April 5, 2015. It is possible that the Chatham bird may have been the same bird reported three months later in Westport on July 5, 2015.

Many local bird clubs conduct annual Breeding Bird Surveys. This year's pandemic resulted in many surveys and trips being canceled. Glenn d'Entremont, however, ran his usual South Shore Bird Club trip to Gate 10 alone—with no other participants—at the Quabbin Reservoir with much success. Some of the highlights included 83 Red-eyed Vireos, 51 Veeries (up from 32 in the previous year), and 93 Ovenbirds (up from 53 in the previous year). Mark Lynch and Sheila Carroll surveyed the Ware River Important Bird Area on July 9 and counted 29 Veeries, 33 Hermit Thrushes, and 56 Ovenbirds. Reports of possible breeding Olive-sided Flycatchers were noted in July from Sheffield and from the Moran WMA in Windsor.

The fall songbird migration gets underway in August. One of the highlights is the gathering of thousands of Tree Swallows on Plum Island. This year over 15,000 swallows were estimated. Some of the last migrants to arrive here in the spring are the first to return south in the fall. Olive-sided and Yellow-bellied flycatchers fall into that category. A total of 29 warbler species were noted during the period, highlighted by **Golden-winged Warblers** from Belmont and Harwich. In mid-August, there was a mass movement of Red-breasted Nuthatches reported throughout the state. Likewise, there were good numbers of Red Crossbills, which were noted from over 20 different locations during the period. These reports may be indicative of a poor cone crop in the northern forests, suggesting that higher numbers of irruptive species may be seen in the coming fall and winter months. The most unusual songbird reported this period was a *Tyrannus* kingbird—likely a **Tropical** or **Couch's kingbird**—along the Charles River in Watertown. These two species are notoriously difficult to separate without vocalization. It is interesting to note that during the same period last year, a **Tropical Kingbird** was present at Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary in Marshfield. Unfortunately, this year's bird at Watertown was never heard, prohibiting conclusive identification. 🐦

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Black Vulture				8/12	Boston (AW)	2	R. Schain
7/4	Wrentham	1	J. Barrett	8/20-31	Mt Wachusett	76	Hawkcount (R. Chase)
7/5-8/30	Milton / Randolph	1	D. Burton + v.o.	8/22	Birch Hill WMA	3	G. d'Entremont#
8/5	Wachusett Res.	2	S. Zhang	8/25-8/25	Jamaica Plain	4	J. Miller
8/8	Upton	4	J. Givens#	Barn Owl			
8/14	Dracut	1	F. Boombatz	7/28	Tuckernuck I. 4	1ad+3yg	S. Kardell#
8/14	Medway	1	J. Bock	Barred Owl			
8/28	Sharon	1	C. Field	7/3	Quabbin (G10)	1	G. d'Entremont
Turkey Vulture				8/14	Huntington	6	D. McLain
8/15	Petersham	13	M. Lynch#	Northern Saw-whet Owl			
Osprey				7/14	Monterey	1	P. Banducci
7/18	Warren	3 yg	M. Lynch#	7/23	Sunderland	1	Sa. Auer
Northern Harrier				7/24	MSSF	2	W. Sweet#
7/11-7/31	October Mountain	2	J. Pierce + v.o.	Belted Kingfisher			
7/27	Tyringham	1	G. Ward	8/1	Belchertown	7	L. Therrien
8/26	Worc.	1 m	M. Lynch#	8/23	Holden	3	M. Lynch#
8/30	Petersham	1	M. Lynch#	Red-headed Woodpecker			
Sharp-shinned Hawk				8/2-8/9	Manomet	1 ph	S. Abele
7/14-7/28	Sharon	4 2ad+2yg	V. Zollo	8/16	Ashby	1 ph	F. Morello
Cooper's Hawk				8/30	South Hadley	1	M. Locher
8/19	PI	2 imm f	N. Hayward	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			
8/23	Holden	2 imm	M. Lynch#	7/3	Quabbin (G10)	11	G. d'Entremont
Northern Goshawk				7/5-8/3	Ashby	1	J. Forbes + v.o.
8/6	Petersham	1 ad	B. Lafley	7/14	Deerfield	15	D. Sibley
8/15	Shelburne Falls	1 ad	P. Conlin	7/26	Petersham	16	M. Lynch#
8/23	Westminster	1	C. Caron	8/19	PI	1	J. Layman
8/30	Goshen	1 imm	B. Finney	8/21	Erving	3	M. Lynch#
8/30	Rockland	1	E. LeBlanc	8/27	Belmont (RM)	1	J. Barcus
Bald Eagle				Hairy Woodpecker			
7/14	Norwood	1 ad	M. Iliiff	7/3	Quabbin (G10)	5	G. d'Entremont
7/23	Quabbin (G43)	2 ad	M. Lynch#	7/31	Warwick	6	M. Lynch#
8/14-8/23	Wrentham	1	M. Noiseux + v.o.	Northern Flicker			
8/23-31	Mt Wachusett	11	Hawkcount (R. Chase)	7/24	Winchendon	7	M. Lynch#
8/26	Quincy	1	E. Ross	7/26	Petersham	9	M. Lynch#
8/30	Scituate	3 2ad+1juv	G. d'Entremont#	Pileated Woodpecker			
Red-shouldered Hawk				7/3	Quabbin (G10)	2	G. d'Entremont
8/14	Stoughton	2	G. d'Entremont	8/22	Royalston	2	G. d'Entremont
8/18	Waltham	2	J. Forbes	Crested Caracara			
8/19	Winchendon	3	M. Lynch#	8/12-8/13	Gloucester	1 ph	M. Baber + v.o.
8/22	Birch Hill WMA	2	G. d'Entremont#	8/16-8/17	Amesbury	1 ph	J. Gage + v.o.
Broad-winged Hawk				American Kestrel			
7/29	Winchendon	3	M. Lynch#	7/8-7/21	Ayer	4 max J. Zaborowski + v.o.	

American Kestrel (continued)				7/11	Woods Hole	1	N. Marchessault
7/29-7/31	PI	2 max	J. Young + v.o.	7/29	Edgartown	1	D. Benvent
8/1-8/4	Ipswich	2 max	S. Mroz + v.o.	Yellow-throated Vireo			
8/25	Worc.	3	M. Lynch#	7/2-7/31	GMNWR	1	v.o.
Merlin				7/3	Quabbin (G10)	2	G. d'Entremont
7/7	Pittsfield	1	K. Hanson	7/4	Hardwick	8	M. Lynch#
7/29	Nantucket	2	B. Connolly	7/26	Petersham	5	M. Lynch#
7/30	Worthington3	1ad+2yg n	K. Hanson	8/4	W. Roxbury (MP)	1	M. McMahon
7/30	Gloucester	1	C. Haines	Blue-headed Vireo			
Peregrine Falcon				7/10	Winchendon	12	M. Lynch#
thr	PI	3 max	v.o.	7/18	Boxford	30	L. Ireland
7/8-7/12	Brookline	1	J. Weinberg, R.	7/31	Warwick	20	M. Lynch#
Doherty				Philadelphia Vireo			
7/24	Lexington (DM)	1	C. Cook	8/24	PI	1	J. Bock
Great Crested Flycatcher				8/25	Hadley	1	S. Sumner
7/4	Hardwick	3	M. Lynch#	8/27	Wellfleet	1	N. Tepper
7/9	Ware R. IBA	4	M. Lynch#	8/30	South Hadley	1	M. Locher
Tropical / Couch's Kingbird				Warbling Vireo			
7/1	Watertown	1 ph	J. Flagg + v.o.	7/1-7/31	GMNWR	9 max	v.o.
Eastern Kingbird				7/15	Quaboag IBA	7	M. Lynch#
7/1-7/31	PI	20 max	v.o.	8/28	Tuckernuck I.	5	S. Kardell
7/1-7/31	GMNWR	12 max	v.o.	Red-eyed Vireo			
7/18	Warren	15	M. Lynch#	7/3	Quabbin (G10)	83	G. d'Entremont
8/28	Tuckernuck I.	19	S. Kardell	7/26	Petersham	118	M. Lynch#
8/28	Lexington	9	J. Forbes	7/31	Warwick	84	M. Lynch#
Olive-sided Flycatcher				Fish Crow			
7/19	Sheffield	1	J. Felton	7/15	N. Brookfield	6	M. Lynch#
7/24	Windsor	1	J. Felton	8/6	Holyoke	150	E. Light
8/25-8/25	Boston (AA)	1	D. Sullivan	Common Raven			
8/26	Eastham (FH)	1	T. Spahr	7/11	Belchertown	4	M. Lynch#
8/26	PI	1	E. LeBlanc# + v.o.	7/27	Nantucket	4	S. Fea
8/28	Orleans	1	N. Tepper	8/30	Petersham	5	M. Lynch#
8/28	Lexington (DM)	1	C. Cook	Horned Lark			
8/28	Sharon	1	L. Waters	8/3	Hatfield	2	L. Therrien
8/31	W. Roxbury (MP)	1	M. McMahon + v.o.	8/29	Turners Falls	1	E. Huston
Eastern Wood-Pewee				Bank Swallow			
7/3	Quabbin (G10)	10	G. d'Entremont	8/1-8/29	E. Boston (BI)	2	G. Nassiopoulou + v.o.
7/19	Ware R. IBA	8 3juv	M. Lynch#	8/21	Medfield	8	J. Bock
7/26	Petersham	22	M. Lynch#	thr	Hadley (Honey-pot)	200 max	L. Therrien + v.o.
8/16	Deerfield	21	J. Smith	Tree Swallow			
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher				8/1-8/31	PI	15000 max	v.o.
8/18	Pittsfield	1	B. Gyllenhaal	8/13	Rockport (AP)	650	R. Heil
8/19	Williamstown	1	So. Auer	8/28	E. Boston (BI)	400	S. Riley
8/21	Sharon	1	V. Zollo	Northern Rough-winged Swallow			
8/26	MBO	2 b 1ad+1imm	T. Lloyd-Evans#	7/4	Ware	24	T. Meehan
8/28	Tuckernuck I.	1	S. Kardell	7/4	Hardwick	20	M. Lynch#
Acadian Flycatcher				Purple Martin			
7/11-7/27	Granville5 max 2ad+2yg		D. Holmes	7/1-7/31	PI	36 max	v.o.
7/11-7/17	Bernardston	1 au n	J. Smith	8/1	Medfield	1 juv	J. Bock
7/11	Quabbin (G8)	1	M. Lynch#	8/28	Tuckernuck I.	10	S. Kardell
Alder Flycatcher				Barn Swallow			
7/15, 8/15	IRWS	1	N. Werth, M. Fein	7/1-7/16	Hadley213 68ad+145yg		A. French
7/23	GMNWR	1	A. Bragg#	8/19	Winchendon	61	M. Lynch#
7/29	Winchendon	3	M. Lynch#	Cliff Swallow			
7/31	Warwick	6	M. Lynch#	7/4	Rowe	50 br	A. Green
8/12	Newton	1	J. Mott#	7/25, 8/26	PI	2,1	J. Nathan#, S.
8/28	Carlisle	1	A. Ankers	Jones#			
Willow Flycatcher				8/12	Tuckernuck I.	1	S. Kardell
7/1-7/31	PI	8 max	v.o.	8/29	E. Boston (BI)	1	M. Illiff
7/1-7/31	GMNWR	6 max	v.o.	Red-breasted Nuthatch			
7/1-7/31	IRWS	4 max	v.o.	thr	Quabbin Pk	67	L. Therrien + v.o.
7/9	Ware R. IBA	4	M. Lynch#	thr	Montague	22	F. Bowrys + v.o.
7/21	Stow	7	N. Tepper	8/19	Winchendon	89	M. Lynch#
8/26	MBO	1 b imm	T. Lloyd-Evans#	8/21	Erving	61	M. Lynch#
Least Flycatcher				8/22	Birch Hill WMA	55	G. d'Entremont#
7/3	Ware R. IBA	7	M. Lynch#	8/28	Ipswich (CB)	44	N. Dubrow
7/10	Winchendon	9	M. Lynch#	Brown Creeper			
8/27	Sharon	1	V. Zollo	7/3	Quabbin (G10)	9	G. d'Entremont
8/28	Tuckernuck I.	4	S. Kardell	7/24	Winchendon	5	M. Lynch#
Eastern Phoebe				7/26	Stoughton	2	G. d'Entremont
8/22	Birch Hill WMA	25	G. d'Entremont#	House Wren			
White-eyed Vireo				7/4	Hardwick	25	M. Lynch#
7/9-8/22	Cuttyhunk I.	1	M. Sylvia	7/15	Quaboag IBA	16	M. Lynch#

House Wren (continued)				8/28	Dedham	1	M. Iliiff
8/22	Birch Hill WMA	8	G. d'Entremont#	Red Crossbill			
8/26	Ware R. IBA	8	M. Lynch#	7/5	Ashby	4 au	J. Forbes
Winter Wren				7/6-7/26	Mount Greylock	8 max au	G. Ward + v.o.
7/4	Dover	3	C. Cook	7/9	Ware R. IBA	2	M. Lynch#
7/5	Petersham	10	M. Lynch#	7/10-8/20	Westminster	3 max	C. Caron
7/6-7/19	Boxford	2 max	N.Forestell+v.o.	7/15	Athol	3	E. LeBlanc
7/9	Ware R. IBA	6	M. Lynch#	7/17-8/31	Deerfield	10 max au	D. Sibley
7/18	Topsfield	3	C. Barnes	7/26-8/28	Montague	22 au	T.Gilliland + v.o.
7/31	Warwick	4	M. Lynch#	7/26	Lincoln	3	E. Harvey
8/19	Boxborough	3	C. Denger	7/31-8/22	Royalston	14 max	E. LeBlanc + v.o.
Marsh Wren				7/31-8/9	Barre	8 max au	T. Spahr + v.o.
7/3-8/3	Hatfield	2 max	C. Elowe + v.o.	8/1-8/31	Quabbin Pk	10 max au	L. Therrien + v.o.
7/15	Quaboag IBA	9	M. Lynch#	8/8-8/13	Royalston	8 max au	E. LeBlanc + v.o.
7/15	Millis	2	D. Sullivan	8/8	Wachusett Res. (G8)	5	G. d'Entremont
7/25	GMNWR	18	BBC (S. Martin)	8/13	Petersham	13	M. Lynch#
7/26	Richmond	4	J. Young, E. Seyferth	8/13	Rockport (HPt)	2 au	M. Iliiff#
Carolina Wren				8/14	IRWS	2	B. Swift
7/4	Hardwick	7	M. Lynch#	8/18	Quabbin (G37)	13	E. LeBlanc
Golden-crowned Kinglet				8/19	Winchendon	14	M. Lynch#
7/1	Pelham	1	L. Therrien	8/22-8/31	Boxford	3 max	L.Ireland + v.o.
7/4	Savoy	3	J. Pierce	8/31	Assabet R. NWR	2	N. Tepper
7/14	Washington	3	K. Hanson#	Grasshopper Sparrow			
7/18	Quabbin (Prescott)	4	L. Therrien	7/3-7/13	Weymouth	2	M. Sanda
Eastern Bluebird				7/10	Falmouth	25	B. Burke
8/22	Birch Hill WMA	16	G. d'Entremont#	7/14	Edgartown	3	M. Gilmore
8/26	Ware R. IBA	9	M. Lynch#	7/16-8/22	Southwick	2 max	J.Longenecker
Veery				8/23-8/24	Deerfield	1	D. Sibley
7/3	Quabbin (G10)	51	G. d'Entremont	Lark Sparrow			
7/4	Hardwick	52	M. Lynch#	7/3	Burrage Pd WMA	1	J. Carlisle# + v.o.
7/9	Ware R. IBA	29	M. Lynch#	8/24	Harwich	1	P. Kyle
7/10	Winchendon	29	M. Lynch#	8/26	Concord	1	S. Perkins
8/26	MBO	4 b imm	T.Lloyd-Evans#	8/27-8/31	P'town	1	J. Smith, v.o.
8/28	Tuckernuck I.	3	S. Kardell	8/28-8/31	Tuckernuck I.	1	S. Kardell
8/28	Lexington (DM)	2	C. Cook	8/29-8/30	PI	1	S. Sullivan + v.o.
8/31	Deerfield	10 nfc	D. Sibley	Chipping Sparrow			
Swainson's Thrush				8/22	Birch Hill WMA	50	G. d'Entremont#
7/2-7/25	Mount Greylock	2 max	A.Drogin + v.o.	Clay-colored Sparrow			
7/26	Washington	1 au	M. Watson	7/4	Mt Wachusett	1	T. Pirro
8/14	MNWS	1	J. Smith	7/4	Princeton	1	T. Pirro
8/26	MBO	1 b ad	T.Lloyd-Evans#	7/26-7/27	Monterey	1	P. Banducci + v.o.
8/30	Petersham	2	M. Lynch#	8/31	P'town (RP)	1	N. Villone
8/31	Deerfield	1 nfc	D. Sibley	Field Sparrow			
Hermit Thrush				7/12, 8/30	Petersham	5,1	M. Lynch#
7/3	Quabbin (G10)	5	G. d'Entremont	Dark-eyed Junco			
7/19	Ware R. IBA	33	M. Lynch#	7/1-7/27	Hadley (Skinner SP)	2	L. Therrien + v.o.
7/29	Winchendon	51	M. Lynch#	7/4	Quincy	1	C. Whitebread + v.o.
7/31	Warwick	21	M. Lynch#	7/11-7/18	Mount Tom	2 max	D. Allard
Wood Thrush				White-throated Sparrow			
7/3	Quabbin (G10)	11	G. d'Entremont	7/4-8/27	Mount Greylock	3 max	N. Kahn + v.o.
7/4	Hardwick	23	M. Lynch#	7/7	Springfield	1	M. Baker
7/24	Lexington (DM)	5	C. Cook	7/29	Winchendon	16	M. Lynch#
7/26	Petersham	9	M. Lynch#	7/30	Lexington (DM)	1	J. Forbes
Gray Catbird				8/25	Boston (AA)	1	M. Sheridan
7/4	Hardwick	85	M. Lynch#	8/28	Quabbin (G29)	1	B. Lafley
8/17-8/31	MBO	153 b	T. Lloyd-Evans#	Vesper Sparrow			
8/28	Lexington (DM)	20	C. Cook	thr	Hadley (Honeypot)	6 max	4ad+2yg L. Therrien+v.o.
Brown Thrasher				7/3-8/6	Easthampton	3 max	M. Harris
thr	PI	5 max	v.o.	7/30	Hadley	2	S. Moreno
7/3-7/12	Medway	1	M. Pierre-Louis	Seaside Sparrow			
7/4	Hardwick	1	M. Lynch#	7/3-7/9	PI	1	S. Babbitt + v.o.
8/31	Needham	1	J. Thompson	7/10	Newbury	1	J. Berry
Cedar Waxwing				7/27	Eastham (CGB)	1	F. Atwood
8/27	P'town (RP)	500	T. Green	8/4	Salem (Winter I.)	1	S. Weston
8/27	Ashley Falls	150	G. Ward	8/12	Rumney (Revere)	1	B. Burke + v.o.
8/28	Tuckernuck I.	250	S. Kardell	8/19	Chatham	1	P. Kyle#
Evening Grosbeak				Saltmarsh Sparrow			
thr	Blandford	2	D. Holmes	7/4	Fairhaven	5	G. d'Entremont#
8/22-8/31	Lanesboro	1	H. Gold	7/6, 8/10	PI	41,4	R. Heil
Purple Finch				7/25	Monomoy NWR	22	S. Williams#
7/12	Sharon	1	D. Levenson	8/24	Eastham	25	N. Tepper#
7/26	Petersham	2	M. Lynch#	Savannah Sparrow			
8/21	Granville	8	D. Holmes	thr	P'town (RP)	6 max	v.o.

Savannah Sparrow (continued)				8/31	Boston (AW)	1		R. Schain
thr	PI	3 max	v.o.	Common Yellowthroat				
8/19	W. Roxbury (MP)	3	M. Iliff	7/4	Hardwick	57		M. Lynch#
Swamp Sparrow				7/10	Winchendon	59		M. Lynch#
7/10	Winchendon	17	M. Lynch#	7/18	Quabbin (Prescott)	26		L. Therrien
7/15	Quaboag IBA	37	M. Lynch#	7/24	Lexington (DM)	18		C. Cook
Eastern Towhee				Hooded Warbler				
7/3	Quabbin (G10)	19	G. d'Entremont	7/3	Ashley Falls	1		J. Jew
7/24	Winchendon	35	M. Lynch#	7/3	Great Barrington	1		K. Hanson#
Bobolink				7/5	New Marlborough	1		G. Ward
8/7	Quabbin (G43)	8	M. Lynch#	8/12	Woburn (HP)	1		A. Flynn
8/15	New Braintree	20	M. Lynch#	8/19	Tuckernuck I.	1		S. Kardell
8/19	Hadley	395	D. McLain	American Redstart				
Eastern Meadowlark				7/4	Hardwick	11		M. Lynch#
7/3	Weymouth	5	M. Sanda	8/28	Tuckernuck I.	11		S. Kardell
7/10	Falmouth	5	B. Burke	8/28	Lexington (DM)	10		C. Cook
7/16-8/1	Southwick	2 max	J. Longenecker + v.o.	Cape May Warbler				
7/23-8/19	Pittsfield	2 max	J. Pierce + v.o.	8/22-8/31	Deerfield	4 max		D. Sibley
8/31	Hadley	5	L. Farlow, S. Winn	8/22	Royalston	1		E. LeBlanc
Orchard Oriole				8/23-8/26	Pittsfield	1		S. Townsend
thr	Hadley	5 max	C. Elowe + v.o.	8/24	Huntington	1		D. McLain
7/3-7/8	Needham	3	R. Everett	8/26	Sharon	1		V. Zollo
7/10	Falmouth	15	B. Burke	8/28	Tuckernuck I.	4		S. Kardell
8/9	PI	2	J. Cushman#	8/31	Concord	1		C. Winstanley
Baltimore Oriole				8/31	Assabet R. NWR	1		N. Tepper
7/18	Warren	8	M. Lynch#	Cerulean Warbler				
8/17-8/18	Longmeadow	23 max	C. Saltzgeber + v.o.	7/1-7/12	Hadley (Skinner SP)	3 max	ph	L. Therrien + v.o.
8/22	Birch Hill WMA	8	G. d'Entremont#	8/22	Deerfield	1		D. Sibley
8/28	Tuckernuck I.	24	S. Kardell	Northern Parula				
Ovenbird				8/17	Newton	1		M. Chalfin-Jacobs
7/3	Quabbin (G10)	93	G. d'Entremont	8/19	Amherst	1		S. Surner
7/3	Ware R. IBA	56	M. Lynch#	8/24	Huntington	1		D. McLain
7/5	Petersham	63	M. Lynch#	8/26	Lexington (DM)	1		C. Floyd
Worm-eating Warbler				8/26	Cambr. (FP)	1		J. Barcus
7/1-7/12	Hadley (Skinner SP)	5 max	L. Therrien + v.o.	Magnolia Warbler				
7/2-7/13	Sharon	2	G. Denton	7/9	Ware R. IBA	1		M. Lynch#
7/16	Hadley	10	3ad+3imm	8/28	BMB	2		B. Robo#
Louisiana Waterthrush				8/28	MBO	1	b imm	T. Lloyd-Evans#
7/3	Quabbin (G10)	2	G. d'Entremont	8/31	Newton	2		M. Chalfin-Jacobs
7/13	Maynard	1	N. Tepper#	Bay-breasted Warbler				
8/1	Huntington	2	M. Lynch#	8/17	Rockport (HPt)	1		N. Dubrow#
8/22	Birch Hill WMA	1	G. d'Entremont#	8/27	Belmont (RM)	1		J. Barcus
Northern Waterthrush				8/28	Northampton	1		C. Elowe
8/2	Quabbin (G8)	1	M. Lynch#	Blackburnian Warbler				
8/12	Belmont	1	J. Forbes	7/13	Hawley	8		A. Hulsey
Golden-winged Warbler				8/11	MNWS	1		A. Sanford
8/30-8/31	Belmont (Habitat)	1 m	ph J. Layman + v.o.	8/13	Petersham	3 juv		M. Lynch#
8/31	E. Harwich	1 m	M. Faherty	8/28	Tuckernuck I.	2		S. Kardell
Blue-winged Warbler				8/28	Wayland	1		B. Harris
8/28	Tuckernuck I.	3	S. Kardell	Yellow Warbler				
Lawrence's Warbler (hybrid)				7/4	Hardwick	9		M. Lynch#
7/1	Belchertown	1	L. Therrien	7/15	PI	27		N. Werth
8/1	Deerfield	1	D. Sibley	7/29	Winchendon	9		M. Lynch#
Black-and-white Warbler				Chestnut-sided Warbler				
7/3	Quabbin (G10)	11	G. d'Entremont	7/3	Quabbin (G10)	20		G. d'Entremont
8/28	Ware R. IBA	9	M. Lynch#	7/4	Hardwick	37		M. Lynch#
8/30	Petersham	3	M. Lynch#	7/10	Winchendon	20		M. Lynch#
Tennessee Warbler				8/28	Tuckernuck I.	4		S. Kardell
8/18	Deerfield	1	D. Sibley	Blackpoll Warbler				
8/19	Hadley (Honeypt)	1	M. McKittrick	7/3	Pittsfield	1		R. Davis
8/21	Barre	1	W. Howes	7/5	Monterey	1		P. Banducci
8/27	Cohasset	1	C. Johnson	7/8-8/17	Mount Greylock	5 max		G. Hurley + v.o.
8/28	Lexington (DM)	1	C. Cook	8/26	Amherst	1		S. Surner
Nashville Warbler				8/30	Belmont (Habitat)	1		C. Cook
7/25	Longmeadow	2	C. Volker	Black-throated Blue Warbler				
8/15	Williamsburg	1	D. Pritchard	7/3	Quabbin (G10)	17		G. d'Entremont
Mourning Warbler				7/5	Petersham	3		M. Lynch#
7/7-7/15	Cheshire	3 max	2m+1f	8/1	Huntington	4		M. Lynch#
7/8	Lanesboro	1	G. Ward + v.o.	8/31	MBO	1	b imm f	T. Lloyd-Evans#
8/11	Ware	1	L. Therrien	Pine Warbler				
8/19	MBO	1	b imm	7/9	Ware R. IBA	36		M. Lynch#
8/21	Great Barrington	1	I. Reid	8/21	Erving	14		M. Lynch#

Pine Warbler (continued)				8/28	Easthampton	1	J. Lafley
8/22	Birch Hill WMA	21	G. d'Entremont#	Scarlet Tanager			
Yellow-rumped Warbler				7/3	Quabbin (G10)	12	G. d'Entremont
7/29	Winchendon	8	M. Lynch#	7/5	Petersham	31	M. Lynch#
8/16	Brookline	1	R. Scott	7/31	Warwick	8	M. Lynch#
8/21	Erving	18	M. Lynch#	Rose-breasted Grosbeak			
Prairie Warbler				7/4	Hardwick	8	M. Lynch#
7/4	Hardwick	7	M. Lynch#	8/22	Birch Hill WMA	4	G. d'Entremont#
7/12	Petersham	4	M. Lynch#	8/28	Lexington (DM)	6	C. Cook
Black-throated Green Warbler				Blue Grosbeak			
7/3	Quabbin (G10)	22	G. d'Entremont	thr	Falmouth	4	max B. Burke + v.o.
7/23	Quabbin (G43)	5	M. Lynch#	7/3-8/31	Hadley (Honeypot)	6	max M.McKittrick + v.o.
7/31	Warwick	7	M. Lynch#	7/17-8/31	Hadley	3	max T.Gilliland + v.o.
8/19	Barnstable	1	E. Hill-Gest	Indigo Bunting			
8/28	Ware R. IBA	7	M. Lynch#	7/3	Quabbin (G10)	2	G. d'Entremont
Canada Warbler				8/15	New Braintree	36	M. Lynch#
8/12	Belmont (RM)	1	J. Barcus	8/19	Hadley	45	D. McLain
8/26	MBO 4 b 1ad+3imm		T. Lloyd-Evans#	Dickcissel			
8/26	Sharon	1	V. Zollo	8/22	PI	1	S. Williams
8/26	Ware R. IBA	1 imm	M. Lynch#	8/24	Westwood	1	E. Nielsen
8/27	Wellfleet	1	N. Tepper	8/27, 8/31	P'town (RP)	2	T. Green, N. Villone
8/31	Needham	1	J. Thompson				
Wilson's Warbler							
8/22	Gardner	1	T. Pirro				



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BYGONE BIRDS

Historical Highlights for November–December

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5 YEARS AGO

November–December 2015

Rare geese included a **Ross's Goose** on Plum Island on November 13, a **Pink-footed Goose** at Turners Falls on November 25, and three **Barnacle Geese** at Agawam on December 26. A **Pacific Loon** at Quabbin Reservoir on November 11 was the first inland record of the species for the state. A **Swainson's Hawk** was photographed at Bear Creek in Saugus on December 20, the date of the Greater Boston Christmas Bird Count (CBC). A **Purple Gallinule** was photographed at the Burrage Pond Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in Hanson on November 8. A major fallout of **Franklin's Gulls** occurred on the East Coast on November 13, a result of storms across the upper Midwest. At least 22 were seen in Massachusetts. Single **Black-chinned Hummingbirds** were reported from Harwich and Dorchester. There were two **Ash-throated Flycatchers** in Rockport and nine individual **Western Kingbirds**. The **Bell's Vireo** continued at Fort Hill, Eastham, through December 12. **Townsend's Solitaires** were reported from Hanson, North Truro, and Rockport. A **Mountain Bluebird** was found at Crane WMA in Falmouth, and a cooperative **MacGillivray's Warbler** was in Lexington.

Best sighting: **Common Ground Dove** in Lexington, November 13. This was only the second state record after one was found on Monomoy Island on October 7, 1973.

10 YEARS AGO

November–December 2010

A **Pink-footed Goose**, only the third for the state, spent over a month in Sudbury, while a **Ross's Goose** spent the end of December on Nantucket. November 20 was a memorable date, producing two flocks of **Tundra Swans**—29 in Brimfield and 19 at Quabbin Reservoir—and a **Gyr Falcon** at Plum Island. An adult **Purple Gallinule** in distress was rescued from Hull on December 27. Nantucket set a new record for Lesser Black-backed Gulls with 327 on November 26. A **White-winged Dove** appeared at a Watertown feeder on December 4 and remained for the Greater Boston CBC. A **Rufous Hummingbird** was banded in Worcester and a **Black-chinned Hummingbird** visited a feeder on Nantucket. An adult **Fork-tailed Flycatcher** appeared on Nantucket on the last day of November. A **Boreal Chickadee** chose Squantum Point Park in Quincy for a six-day visit in early November. The many visiting birders also found a **LeConte's Sparrow** and a Yellow-breasted Chat. Other passerine highlights included **Sedge Wrens** from Weymouth and Nantucket, a **Townsend's Solitaire** in Gardner, a **Yellow-throated Warbler** in Chatham, three reports of **Harris's Sparrow**, and a **Black-headed Grosbeak** photographed in Easthampton.

Best sighting: **Northern Lapwing**, Plum Island, December 2. The shorebird was observed flying in from the east, whereupon it briefly harassed a Rough-legged Hawk and then continued on its way headed south.

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20 YEARS AGO

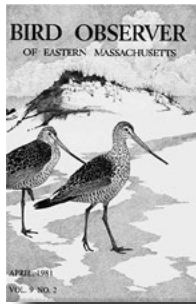


November–December 2000

An adult Black Brant, *Branta bernicla nigricans*, was found at Plymouth on November 4. There were fewer than 10 records of this subspecies in the state. An immature **Gyr Falcon** spent almost three weeks at the Plum Island salt marshes, proving surprisingly reliable for the many birders who chased it. A **Yellow Rail** was flushed from a Nantucket marsh on November 28. A Barn Owl was found in the dunes along South Beach in Chatham in November. The **Mountain Bluebird**, the fifth for the state, remained at the Concord sewer beds until November 2. Other rare passerines included **Western Tanagers** in Gloucester and East Falmouth, a **Henslow's Sparrow** in Dorchester, and a **Sedge Wren** on Nantucket.

Best sighting: **Tropical Kingbird** at World's End in Hingham, November 8–30. This represents the first state report of this species.

40 YEARS AGO



November–December 1980

Four **Tundra Swans** (then known as Whistling Swans) were observed flying between Ipswich and Plum Island in December, and another was seen in Nantucket on the CBC. An impressive 18 **Northern Goshawks** were reported, including three on the Newburyport CBC and four on the Concord CBC. The Newburyport CBC also turned up a Barn Owl on December 27. Nine **Boreal Chickadees** were scattered around the state, including three in Salisbury, and two in Wellesley. A **Sedge Wren** (then known as Short-billed Marsh Wren) was banded in Nantucket in November and lingered long enough to make the CBC. The **Loggerhead Shrike** that appeared in Salisbury on September 13 stayed until November 25. Marlboro hosted a **Varied Thrush** on December 21–22. Three **Brewer's Blackbirds** were found in Marshfield on November 9–12. A male **Black-headed Grosbeak** was reported from a feeder in Walpole, December 2–27. The Concord CBC, held on December 28, recorded 915 Evening Grosbeaks, 33 Pine Grosbeaks, 123 Purple Finches, 95 Common Redpolls, and 74 Pine Siskins.

Best sighting: **Ash-throated Flycatcher**, Wellesley, November 11–12. This was the third record for 1980, before which there had been only three records for the state. 🐦



Common Ground Dove. 2015. Photograph by Tom Murray.

ABBREVIATIONS FOR BIRD SIGHTINGS

Taxonomic order is based on AOS checklist, Seventh edition, 61st Supplement, as published in *Auk* 137: ukaa030 (2020) (see <<http://checklist.americanornithology.org/>>).

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

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