

FIELD RECORDS

NOVEMBER 1988



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November was what October might have been, mild and sunny. The temperature averaged 46.7 degrees, 1.5 degrees above normal. This was the sixteenth mildest November in 118 years. The high temperature was 67 degrees on November 6, and the temperature reached into the 60s on eight additional days. The low mark was 28 degrees on November 24. Rain totaled 6.57 inches, 2.36 inches more than normal. The most in any one day was 2.25 inches on November 20. This was only the eighth November in 118 years without any snow. A late season thunderstorm struck on November 20. In fact some suburbs recorded thunder on November 8 and 13 as well, quite unusual for November. R.H.S.

LOONS THROUGH WATERFOWL

The Boston Harbor waterfowl monitoring program was initiated November 13. This series of waterfowl counts follows in the footsteps of *Bird Observer's* Take A Second Look (TASL) program of regular surveys of the harbor from East Point in Nahant to the Weir River in Hingham. Over the next few years, the Massachusetts Audubon Society (MAS) will conduct these surveys as the clean-up of Boston Harbor proceeds. In the *Bird Observer* field records, these observations will be shown as reports from Boston Harbor with MAS/TASL listed as the observers. On the first census, forty-five volunteers tallied 68 Horned Grebes, 175 Double-crested Cormorants, 1182 Brants, 1194 American Black Ducks, and 1000 Common Eiders—to mention a few highlights.

There were many reports of Pied-billed Grebes. A Red-necked Grebe at the Chestnut Hill Reservoir in Brighton was especially interesting, although not unprecedented. Northern Gannets were flying past Chatham at a rate of about 280 per hour on November 7.

On November 22, an adult Brown Pelican in winter plumage was found on a Nahant Beach. The Salem Animal Rescue League transferred the very weak bird to a rehabilitation center in Hingham where it died three days later.

American Bitterns were noted from four locations. Great Blue Herons were reported in good numbers from a wide area; on the MAS/TASL count, 28 individuals were tallied in Boston Harbor. Cattle Egrets lingered in South Dartmouth, Bourne, and Sandwich.

Ten Tundra Swans were photographed at Nauset on November 18. This is the right time for migrants of this species to be found, but unfortunately the ten were only seen on one day. On November 25 three Tundra Swans were seen on Nantucket. Two adult "Blue" Snow Geese were found at the Cherry Hill Reservoir in West Newbury, and a "Richardson's" Canada Goose was noted in Lakeville.

At Fresh Pond in Cambridge, a high of 1045 Canvasbacks was tallied on November 5. The number of Canvasbacks seen in the fall at Fresh Pond has been increasing over the last few years, but this total far surpasses the nearly 700 individuals reported in November 1987. Lakeville is the traditional stronghold for Ring-necked Ducks; about 1000 individuals were counted there on November 1. Very good numbers of Hooded Mergansers and Ruddy Ducks were also reported from a wide area. R.H.S.

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	NOVEMBER 1988
Red-throated Loon				
2, 5	Wayland, Ipswich	1, 24	R. Forster, BBC (J. Berry)	
13, 20	Mass. Bay, Rockport	8, 35	BBC (S. Perkins), C. Schubarth	
Common Loon				
5, 19; 6	Natick; P.I.	1, 1; 7	E. Taylor; D. F. Oliver#	
9, 13	Wayland, Gloucester	1, 15	R. Forster, BBC (W. Drummond)	
13, 19	Mass. Bay, P'town	15, 5	BBC (S. Perkins), D. F. Oliver	
19, 20	Newbypt area, Cape Ann	15, 15	BBC (S. Moore), C. Schubarth	
Pied-billed Grebe				
5, 12, 20	Arlington (Spy Pd)	15, 9, 11	L. Taylor#	
11, 25	Braintree, Lakeville	5, 3	J. Hatch#, W. Petersen	

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Horned Grebe				
2, 9; 6	Waltham; Quabbin (G40)	2, 3; 5	R. Forster; M. Lynch#	
13	Boston H., Rockport	68, 20	MAS/TASL, BBC (W. Drummond)	
14, 19	Hull, W. Yarmouth	20, 22	P. Thayer, P. Trimble	
25	Lakeville	26	W. Petersen	
Red-necked Grebe				
6, 13	Quabbin (G40), Brighton	1, 1	M. Lynch#, R. Stymeist	
27	Rockport	3	J. Berry#	
Northern Gannet				
7	Chatham	800+/-	V. Fazio	
13	Mass. Bay, Rockport	6, 10	BBC (S. Perkins), BBC (W. Drummond)	
19, 20	Salisbury, Rockport	4, 62	BBC (S. Moore), C. Schubarth	
Brown Pelican				
22	Nahant	1 ad (winter pl)	C. Wasserman	
Great Cormorant				
6, 12	Concord	1 imm	R. Forster	
9, 11	Waltham, Lakeville	1 imm, 2	R. Forster, W. Petersen	
13	Boston Harbor	25	BBC (S. Perkins)	
Double-crested Cormorant				
4, 11	S. Dart., Lakeville	20, 7	D. Christiansen, W. Petersen	
13	Boston Harbor	175	MAS/TASL	
19, 22	Newburyport, Natick	10, 1	J. Berry, R. Forster	
23, 25	Cambridge, Plymouth	1, 1	J. Barton, W. Petersen	
American Bittern				
5, 19	P.I.	1, 1	BBC (W. Gette), D. Donovan#	
8, 11	S. Dart., Salisbury	1, 1	D. Christiansen, C. Black#	
24	Eastham (Fort Hill)	1	B. Nikula	
Great Blue Heron				
5	Belmont, Wakefield	3, 5	L. Taylor#, BBC (D. Williams)	
7	Squantum	9	K. Ryan	
8	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	10	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
13	Everett, Boston H.	10, 28	J. Heywood, MAS/TASL	
Many reports of 1 or 2 individuals from a wide area.				
Cattle Egret				
13	S. Dart. (Tucker Pd)	1	D. Christiansen	
19, 23	Bourne, Sandwich	2, 3 ph	D. Clapp, P. Trimble	
Black-crowned Night-Heron				
5, 22	Wakefield, E. Boston	3, 4	BBC (D. Williams), T. Aversa	
Tundra Swan				
18, 25	Nauset, Nantucket	10 ph, 3	R. Everett#, D. Arvidson#	
Mute Swan				
thr	P.I., Gloucester	5 max, 12 max	11/26 C. Black#, R. Stymeist + v. o.	
5, 12-28	Wakefield, Arlington	1, 2	BBC (D. Williams), L. Taylor#	
Snow Goose				
6, 7	Quabbin (G40), Wellfleet	1, 75	M. Lynch#, V. Fazio	
11-19	P.I.	22 max 11/19	BBC (S. Moore) + v. o.#	
13	Arlington	1 imm	L. Taylor	
"Blue" Snow Goose				
20	W. Newbury (Cherry Hill)	2 ad	R. Forster	
Brant				
3, 4	S. Dart., Quincy	5, 250+	D. Christiansen, T. Aversa	
13, 19	Boston H., Newbypt	1182, 3	MAS/TASL, D. Donovan#	
Canada Goose				
thr	Cambridge (F.P.)	240 max 11/23	J. Barton + v. o.	
5, 10	Wakefield, GMNWR	157, 450	BBC (D. Williams), T. Aversa	
14, 18, 20	P.I.	945, 725, 1500	W. Drew, T. Aversa, R. Forster	
15, 30	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	487, 400	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
22, 27	GMNWR, Framingham	930, 400	R. Forster	
"Richardson's" Canada Goose				
11, 26	Lakeville, GMNWR	1, 1	W. Petersen, S. Perkins	
Wood Duck				
5	P.I., Ipswich	1, 1	BBC (W. Gette), BBC (J. Berry)	
10	GMNWR	6	T. Aversa	
Green-winged Teal				
thr	P.I., S. Monomoy	430 max 11/11, 650 max 11/5	W. Drew#, B. Nikula	
19	Wayland (Heards Pd)	90	R. Forster	
American Black Duck				
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	489 max 11/1	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
5, 19, 26	S. Monomoy	300, 300, 200	B. Nikula#	
13, 14	Boston H., P.I.	1194, 405	MAS/TASL, W. Drew#	

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Mallard 5, 12 23, 26	Cambridge (F.P.), Falmouth Sandwich, Quabbin (G41)	132, 147 120, 86	J. Barton, M. Lynch# P. Trimble, M. Lynch#	
Northern Pintail 5, 19, 26; 5 10, 16; 14	S. Monomoy; Waltham GMNWR; P.I.	60, 130, 10; 3 15, 5; 16	B. Nikula#; D. F. Oliver T. Aversa, D. Flood; W. Drew#	
Blue-winged Teal 5, 19; 6	S. Monomoy; GMNWR	2, 1; 1	B. Nikula#; V. Fazio	
Northern Shoveler thr 14, 22	S. Monomoy, P.I. GMNWR, Hull	45 max 11/19, 16 max 11/3 4, 1	B. Nikula#, R. Forster# + v. o. R. Forster, P. Thayer	
Gadwall 5, 19, 26 6, 16 13, 20; 21 25	S. Monomoy GMNWR Arlington; Braintree Plymouth (Billington Sea)	30, 25, 10 20, 20 1; 2 30	B. Nikula# BBC (R. Vernon), D. Flood L. Taylor#; K. Ryan W. Petersen	
Eurasian Wigeon 10-30, 25	Chatham, Plymouth	1, 1 m	G. Carpenter#, W. Petersen	
American Wigeon thr thr 1; 5, 19, 26 5, 13 21, 25	Arlington Reservoir Cambridge (F.P.) New Bedford; S. Monomoy Ipswich, Squantum-Wollaston Braintree, Plymouth	85 max 11/5 28 max 11/7 26; 40, 30, 10 25, 40 18, 50	L. Taylor J. Barton R. Forster; B. Nikula# BBC (J. Berry), MAS/TASL K. Ryan, W. Petersen	
Canvasback thr 2, 6 11, 19 26, 29	Cambridge (F.P.) Cambridge Reservoir, W. Newbury Lakeville, W. Newbury S. Monomoy, Marlboro	1045 max 11/5 12, 10 15, 50 35, 4	J. Barton + v. o. R. Forster, J. Berry W. Petersen, BBC (S. Moore) B. Nikula#, R. Graefe	
Redhead 1-15, 18 25, 26	Cambridge (F.P.), Middleboro Plymouth, S. Monomoy	1 f, 1 m 4, 25	J. Barton + v. o., D. Briggs W. Petersen#, B. Nikula#	
Ring-necked Duck thr thr 1, 10 6, 11 13, 26	Cambridge (F.P.) Marlboro Lakeville, Framingham Quabbin (G40), Halifax W. Newbury, S. Monomoy	154 max 11/5 and 11/7 50 max 11/9 900-1000, 36 189, 65 260, 300	J. Barton + v. o. R. Graefe R. Forster M. Lynch#, W. Petersen R. Forster, B. Nikula#	
Greater Scaup thr 12, 13	Cambridge (F.P.) Falmouth, Boston H.	23 max 11/6 709, 326	J. Barton + v. o. M. Lynch#, MAS/TASL	
Lesser Scaup thr 5 6, 12 25 26	Cambridge (F.P.) Natick, Wakefield W. Newbury, Falmouth Plymouth, Lakeville S. Monomoy	4 max 11/4 and 11/5 1, 2 12, 2 7, 20 40	J. Barton + v. o. E. Taylor, BBC (D. Williams) D. F. Oliver#, M. Lynch# W. Petersen W. Petersen + B. Nikula	
Common Eider 13 14, 26	Boston Harbor S. Monomoy	1000 9000, 10000+	MAS/TASL D. Houghton, B. Nikula#	
Harlequin Duck 12, 20-31 30	Winthrop, Rockport S. Monomoy	1 m, 4 3	T. Aversa, C. Schubarth D. Houghton#	
Oldsquaw 11 19, 20	Lakeville W. Yarmouth, Rockport	1 30, 99	W. Petersen P. Trimble, C. Schubarth	
Black Scoter 4, 20	S. Monomoy, Rockport	1000, 62	D. Houghton#, C. Schubarth	
Surf Scoter 20	Rockport	34	C. Schubarth	
White-winged Scoter 4, 26 11, 13 14	S. Monomoy Lakeville, Boston H. PRNWR	17000, 15000 6, 312 170	D. Houghton, B. Nikula# W. Petersen, MAS/TASL W. Drew#	
Common Goldeneye 13	Boston Harbor	391	MAS/TASL	
Bufflehead thr 7, 9 13, 18	S. Dart. (Allens Pd) Chatham, Cambridge Reservoir Boston H., Newbypt H.	55 max 11/15 365, 24 2141, 400+	LCES (D. Christiansen) V. Fazio, R. Forster MAS/TASL, J. Berry	

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Hooded Merganser				
2, 9	Cambridge Reservoir	46, 57	R. Forster	
5, 19, 26	S. Monomoy	10, 15, 25	B. Nikula#	
12, 23	Falmouth, Stoneham	56, 18	M. Lynch#, T. Aversa	
25	Plymouth, Lakeville	40, 12	R. Forster	
27, 29	Braintree, Eastham	28, 48	T. Cameron#, T. Aversa	
Common Merganser				
5, 6	Wakefield, Quabbin (G40)	52, 34	BBC (D. Williams), M. Lynch#	
25, 27	Lakeville, W. Newbury	200+, 100+	R. Forster#, M. Lynch#	
Red-breasted Merganser				
4, 13	S. Monomoy, Boston H.	10000, 764	D. Houghton#, MAS/TASL	
15	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	102	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
16	Hull (Point Allerton)	1200	P. Thayer	
Ruddy Duck				
thr	Cambridge (F.P.)	29 max 11/9	J. Barton + v. o.	
thr	Marlboro	14 max 11/9	R. Graefe	
2, 9	Cambridge Reservoir	70, 90	R. Forster#	
5, 19, 26	S. Monomoy	170, 150, 130	B. Nikula#	
5	Wakefield, Waltham	29, 34	BBC (D. Williams), D. F. Oliver	
5	Arlington Reservoir, Natick	19, 20	L. Taylor, E. Taylor	
6, 7	W. Newbury, Norton	54, 110	J. Berry, K. Ryan	
19, 25	Framingham, Plymouth	100, 80	E. Taylor, W. Petersen	

VULTURES THROUGH ALCIDS

Turkey Vultures lingered through midmonth, and there were many reports of Ospreys through November 19, which is late for this species. Details were submitted for a Swainson's Hawk sighting by an observer familiar with this species in the west. The hawk was seen in the area where this species was seen in October. Swainson's Hawk is now regular in the fall at Cape May, and now that many local birders have seen this species, there will probably be more reports.

A Yellow Rail was reported by the observer as follows: "Flushed from *Spartina patens* only two or three feet from my feet; flew thirty to forty feet and landed in some taller *S. alterniflora*. Size and dorsal coloration were somewhat reminiscent of Eastern Meadowlark; dorsal surface, straw-colored with white rectangular patches on the trailing edge of each wing; bill, stubby; flight, weak and sloppy." Clapper Rails were noted in Chatham and in Newburyport, and up to 225 American Coots were counted in the Billington Sea in Plymouth, a goodly number of coots considering reports of the last several years. A report of a late bird was that of a Black Skimmer; the latest records for this species are generally in late September so that this report constitutes a very late one.

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Turkey Vulture				
3, 11	Eastham, Salisbury	1, 1	C. Ewer, L. Taylor#	
11, 17	Braintree, Stoughton	1, 1	K. Ryan	
Osprey				
2, 11	Easton, Braintree	2, 2	K. Ryan	
6	Concord, GMNWR	2, 2	R. Forster, BBC (R. Vernon)	
9-19	Wayland	3 max 11/9	R. Forster	
Reports of 11 individuals from 11 locations 11/5-11/19.				
Bald Eagle				
6	Quabbin (G40)	2 imm + 1 ad	M. Lynch#	
25	Lakeville	1 ad + 1 imm	W. Petersen	
Northern Harrier				
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	3 max	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
5, 19, 26	S. Monomoy	3, 3+, 3+	B. Nikula#	
2, 19	Marlboro, PRNWR	1, 7	R. Graefe, D. Donovan#	
Sharp-shinned Hawk				
6, 12	Quabbin (G40), Falmouth	2, 2	M. Lynch#	
12, 19	Weymouth, P. I.	1, 1	W. Petersen, D. F. Oliver#	
19, 29	W. Yarmouth, Chatham	1, 1	P. Trimble, T. Aversa	
Cooper's Hawk				
5, 6	Medfield, Quabbin (G40)	1, 1	T. Aversa, M. Lynch#	
13, 16	Ipswich, Squantum	1, 1	J. Berry, MAS/TASL	
Northern Goshawk				
14, 17	Millis, Brookline	1, 1	R. Forster, H. Wiggin	
19	P. I., Hardwick	1, 1 ad	M. Argue#, M. Lynch#	
18, 30	Easton, Middleboro	1 ad, 1	K. Ryan, K. Holmes	

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Red-shouldered Hawk 23	Sharon	1 ad	R. Titus	
Swainson's Hawk (details submitted) 1	Middleboro	1	R. Titus	
Red-tailed Hawk 3, 27	Boston, Newton	1, 1	M. Murphy	
Rough-legged Hawk 6	W. Newbury	1	D. Chickering	
25	Nantucket	3	D. Arvidson#	
American Kestrel 13, 19; 19	Everett; Newburyport	1, 3; 1	J. Heywood; D. Donavan#	
28	Middleboro	1	K. Holmes	
Merlin 13, 19	Winthrop, Hyannis	1, 1	MAS/TASL, P. Trimble	
27	Salisbury	1	M. Lynch#	
Peregrine Falcon 4	Boston	1	M. Murphy	
15, 23	S. Dartmouth	1, 1 imm	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
19; 26	S. Monomoy	1 imm; 1 ad + 1 imm	B. Nikula#	
Ruffed Grouse 25, 2-24	Stoughton, Easton	2, 1 or 2	T. Aversa, K. Ryan	
Wild Turkey 6	Quabbin (G40)	13	M. Lynch#	
Northern Bobwhite 25	Sandwich	3	P. Trimble	
Yellow Rail (details submitted) 21	Chatham (Morris I.)	1	B. Nikula	
Clapper Rail 1-26, 6	Chatham, Newburyport	2, 1	P. Trull#, C. Floyd	
American Coot thr	Cambridge (F.P.), W. Newbury	7 max, 9 max	J. Barton, v. o.	
5-20, 5	Arlington, Waltham	16 max, 14	L. Taylor#, D. F. Oliver	
23, 25	Sharon, Plymouth	14, 225	R. Titus, W. Petersen	
Black-bellied Plover 1-15	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	7 max 11/1	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
6, 13	P. I., Ipswich	30, 50	J. Berry	
6, 17	N. Monomoy, Squantum	250, 25	B. Nikula, K. Ryan	
Lesser Golden-Plover 6, 12	P. I.	8, 6	D. F. Oliver#, D. Chickering	
13	Ipswich	1	J. Berry	
Semipalmated Plover 1	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
6, 13	N. Monomoy, Salisbury	5, 1	B. Nikula, J. Berry#	
Killdeer 9, 17; 13	Easton; Middleboro	23, 18; 6	K. Ryan; K. Holmes	
15, 14-18	Wenham, Marlboro	5, 4 or 5	J. Brown, R. Graefe	
American Oystercatcher 6	Chatham	7	B. Nikula	
Greater Yellowlegs thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	9 max 11/15	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
7	Squantum, WBWS	29, 14	K. Ryan, V. Fazio	
6, 18	Quabbin (G40), Lakeville	11, 8	M. Lynch#, D. Briggs	
Lesser Yellowlegs 2, 7	Lexington, WBWS	1, 1	R. Forster, V. Fazio	
24	Stoughton	1	R. Titus	
Spotted Sandpiper 3, 6	S. Dartmouth, Lincoln	1, 1	D. Christiansen, S. Perkins	
Hudsonian Godwit 6-19	Newburyport	6 max 11/18	v. o.	
5	Barnstable	2	M. Tuttle	
Marbled Godwit 11	Newburyport	1	L. Taylor#	
Ruddy Turnstone 11	Quincy	2	K. Ryan	
Red Knot 7, 13	WBWS, S. Boston	1, 1	V. Fazio, MAS/TASL	
Sanderling 6, 11	N. Monomoy, Quincy	250, 32	B. Nikula, K. Ryan	
Calidris species 7	WBWS	14	V. Fazio	

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White-rumped Sandpiper				
2, 5	Winthrop, S. Monomoy	14, 2	T. Aversa, B. Nikula	
6, 13	P. I., Salisbury	3, 1	D. F. Oliver#, R. Forster	
Pectoral Sandpiper				
5	Arlington Reservoir	7	L. Taylor#	
5, 6	S. Monomoy, N. Monomoy	25, 3	B. Nikula	
9, 11	Easton, Braintree	6, 1	K. Ryan, J. Hatch#	
Purple Sandpiper				
13, 19	P. I., Salisbury	1, 15	R. Forster, H. Wiggin#	
Dunlin				
1, 6	Lakeville, P. I.	1, 305	R. Forster, D. F. Oliver	
6, 19	N. Monomoy, Newburyport	600, 200	B. Nikula, J. Berry	
Short-billed Dowitcher				
6	N. Monomoy	2	B. Nikula	
Long-billed Dowitcher				
5, 6	P. I.	6, 5	BBC (W. Gette), D. F. Oliver#	
Common Snipe				
19	Truro	1	D. F. Oliver#	
American Woodcock				
6, 9	Medfield, Wayland	1, 1	R. Forster	
Laughing Gull				
2, 13	New Bedford, E. Boston	18, 56	R. Titus, J. Quigley	
Little Gull				
2, 10; 10	Lynn; Revere	1, 1; 1 ad	J. Quigley	
13	Mass. Bay	1 ad + 1 (1W)	BBC (S. Perkins)	
11, 21	Revere	1, 1	J. Quigley	
Common Black-headed Gull				
8; 12, 24; 27	Lynn; Revere; E. Boston	1 ad; 2 ad; 4 ad	J. Quigley	
19	Newburyport	1 ad + 1 imm	J. Berry	
Bonaparte's Gull				
3, 19	S. Dartmouth, Newburyport	121, 125	D. Christiansen, J. Berry	
13, 30	Boston Harbor, Lynn	300, 300	BBC (S. Perkins), J. Quigley	
Ring-billed Gull				
5, 10	Arlington, Weston	50, 100	L. Taylor#, E. Taylor	
27	E. Boston	800	J. Quigley	
Iceland Gull				
26	Barre	1	M. Lynch#	
Lesser Black-backed Gull				
26	Barre	1 imm	M. Lynch#	
Glaucous Gull				
13	Salisbury	1	R. Forster	
Black-legged Kittiwake				
13	Mass. Bay	1	BBC (S. Perkins)	
Common Tern				
13	Wellfleet	12	L. Sager	
Black Skimmer (details submitted)				
8	S. Dartmouth	1 ad	D. Christiansen	
Thick-billed Murre				
13, 27	Rockport, Cape Ann	3, 1	BBC (W. Drummond), D. Chickering	
Razorbill				
13	Mass. Bay	2	BBC (S. Perkins)	
13, 20	Rockport	2, 2	BBC (W. Drummond), C. Schubarth	
Black Guillemot				
13-27	Rockport	3-4	v. o.	
Atlantic Puffin				
20	Rockport	1	C. Schubarth	

DOVES THROUGH FINCHES

A Common Barn-Owl was found at Squaw Rock Park in Quincy and was seen by many birders on November 5. A Great Horned Owl found on South Monomoy was very unusual for the island, and a Barred Owl in Brookline was also noteworthy.

A Pileated Woodpecker was reported from Manchester, and there were 2 reports of Red-bellied Woodpeckers during the month. Three individual reports of Eastern Phoebe represent the first November *Bird Observer* field records for this species in two years. A Western Kingbird was present at Fort Hill in Eastham for nearly a week, and Tree Swallows were noted at three locations. The American Crow roost in Framingham totaled over 3400 birds, and the Eurasian Jackdaw continued to be seen on Nantucket throughout the month. It was another lean year for Red-breasted Nuthatches with no birds reported from

coastal locations. Good numbers of Carolina Wrens were reported, and 3 House Wrens were the first November *Bird Observer* field records since 1984. American Robins were noted in large flocks at several locations.

The Loggerhead Shrike first found in September was still present at Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary in Marshfield through November 7. A Northern Shrike was found at Plum Island on November 11.

Two Orange-crowned Warblers were noted, and late warbler reports included a Blackpoll in Bourne on November 19. A dead Rose-breasted Grosbeak was found; this was the first November *Bird Observer* field record of the species since 1976. A Blue Grosbeak was photographed in Sandwich, and an Indigo Bunting was photographed at a feeder in Newton, a month later than the usual departure date in our area. Lingering sparrows included 4 Chipping Sparrows and a Lincoln's Sparrow in Everett. A Clay-colored Sparrow was noted in Truro, and Fox Sparrows were reported from three locations.

Snow Buntings were noted in good numbers throughout the area, and small numbers of Lapland Longspurs were also reported. Large flocks of blackbirds were present in the Bridgewater-Lakeville area early in the month. Three Red Crossbills and a single Evening Grosbeak were reported from Quabbin.

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Mourning Dove				
5	Hull	50	P. Thayer	
Common Barn-Owl				
5	Squantum (Squaw Rock)	1	D. Brown + v. o.	
Eastern Screech-Owl				
13	Brookline	1	BBC (R. Stymeist)	
Great Horned Owl				
thr	Ipswich	3 max	J. Berry	
5-12, 13	Belmont, Brookline	1, 3	L. Taylor#, BBC (R. Stymeist)	
19, 30	S. Monomoy, Middleboro	1, 1	B. Nikula, K. Holmes	
Barred Owl				
13	Brookline (Lost Pond)	1	BBC (R. Stymeist)	
Short-eared Owl				
18, 23	Hyannis, N. Monomoy	1, 1	P. Trimble, P. Trull	
Northern Saw-whet Owl				
26	Hamilton	1	BBC (I. Giriunas)	
Red-bellied Woodpecker				
7, 27	Brewster, Middleboro	1, 1 f	E. Gill, K. Holmes	
Hairy Woodpecker				
19	PRNWR	1	D. Donovan	
Northern Flicker				
27	Braintree	25+	J. + T. Cameron	
Pileated Woodpecker				
19	Manchester	1	BBC (G. Hotz)	
Eastern Phoebe				
4, 5	Cambridge (F.P.), P.I.	1, 1	D. Flood, BBC (W. Gette)	
27	W. Newbury	1	M. Lynch#	
Western Kingbird				
14-19	Eastham (F.H.)	1	A. King#	
Horned Lark				
6	Quabbin (G40)	30	M. Lynch#	
9, 11	Concord, Halifax	16, 250+	R. Forster, W. Petersen	
13-27	Salisbury	15 max	v. o.	
13, 19	Ipswich, Quabbin (G37)	110+, 75	J. Berry, G. d'Entremont#	
Tree Swallow				
1	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	250	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
4, 19	S. Monomoy, Danvers	25, 1	D. Houghton#, J. Brown	
Blue Jay				
12	Falmouth	29	M. Lynch#	
American Crow				
thr, 25	Framingham, Sandwich	3400+, 110	E. Taylor, P. Trimble	
Fish Crow				
12	Sudbury, Concord	20, 9	R. Forster, R. Forster	
13, 23-30	Brookline, Framingham	1, 5	H. Wiggin, E. Taylor	
Common Raven				
6-23	Quabbin (G40)	3 max	v. o.	
Eurasian Jackdaw				
thr	Nantucket	1	E. Andrews	

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Tufted Titmouse 25	Wompatuck State Park	49	D. Ludlow	
Red-breasted Nuthatch 6, 26	Quabbin (G40), (G41)	9, 16	M. Lynch#	
Brown Creeper 19	East Quabbin	6	M. Lynch#	
Carolina Wren 1-22, 12	Ipswich, Falmouth	1, 14	J. Berry, M. Lynch#	
13, 14	Brookline, Milton	2, 2	BBC (R. Stymeist), T. + J. Cameron	
23	Sharon	2	R. Titus	
25, 26	Sandwich, Eastham (F.H.)	1, 2	P. Trimble, C. Floyd	
House Wren 6, 12	Lexington, Falmouth	1, 1	L. Taylor#, M. Lynch#	
26	Eastham (F.H.)	1	C. Floyd	
Winter Wren 19, 25	Falmouth, Stoughton	1, 1	C. Black#, T. Aversa	
26	Quabbin (G41)	1	M. Lynch#	
Marsh Wren 14	GMNWR	2	R. Forster	
Golden-crowned Kinglet 6	Quabbin (G40), Lincoln	19, 11	M. Lynch#, BBC (J. Nove)	
26	Middleboro, Quabbin (G41)	1, 13	K. Holmes, M. Lynch#	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet 8, 11	Stoneham, Squantum	2, 2	T. Aversa, R. Forster	
13, 19	Brookline, Everett	1, 1	BBC (R. Stymeist), J. Heywood	
Eastern Bluebird 10	DWWS	1	D. Ludlow + D. Clapp	
Hermit Thrush 8, 12	Newton, Falmouth	2, 3	M. Murphy#, M. Lynch#	
12	Wayland	1	R. Forster	
American Robin 6	Millis, Quabbin (G40)	150+, 123	R. Forster, M. Lynch#	
14, 30	Everett, Middleboro	75, 15	J. Heywood, K. Holmes	
Gray Catbird 6, 11-19	P.I., Falmouth	1, 4 max	C. Floyd, v. o.	
Northern Mockingbird 7, 12	Chatham, Falmouth	16, 7	V. Fazio, M. Lynch#	
13, 27	Brookline, Salisbury	7, 6	BBC (R. Stymeist), M. Lynch#	
Water Pipit 6, 13	Lincoln, W. Newbury	38, 5	BBC (J. Nove), J. Brown	
14	Concord	5	R. Forster	
Cedar Waxwing 4, 6	Cambridge (F.P.), Quabbin (G40)	12, 20+	D. Flood, M. Lynch#	
19	Ipswich	13	J. Berry	
Northern Shrike 11	P.I.	1 ad	L. Taylor#	
Loggerhead Shrike 1-7	DWWS	1 ad	v. o.	
shrike species 19	Salisbury	1	H. Wiggin	
Orange-crowned Warbler 13	Salisbury, Brookline	1, 1	R. Forster#, BBC (R. Stymeist)	
Yellow-rumped Warbler 8-14, 19	Millis, PRNWR	3 max, 6	R. Forster, D. Donovan#	
26, 27	S. Monomoy, Salisbury	50, 24	W. Petersen#, M. Lynch#	
Pine Warbler 6	Quabbin (G40)	1	M. Lynch#	
Palm Warbler 26, 27, 30	S. Monomoy, Everett, Norwood	5, 6, 1	W. Petersen, R. Stymeist#, S. Bolton	
Blackpoll Warbler 19	Bourne	1	D. Clapp	
Common Yellowthroat 4, 16	DWWS, GMNWR	1, 1	T. Aversa, D. Flood	
Yellow-breasted Chat 4, 24	S. Dart., Berkley	1, 1	LCES (D. Christiansen), A. Stetson	
Northern Cardinal 12, 19	Falmouth, Everett (one spot)	18, 15	M. Lynch#, J. Heywood	

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Rose-breasted Grosbeak 25	Lincoln	1 road kill	L. Seeckts	
Blue Grosbeak 23-24	Sandwich	1 ph	P. Trimble	
Indigo Bunting 23-25	Newton	1 ph	N. Mueller	
Rufous-sided Towhee 14-27, 19	Everett, Manchester	1 m, 2	J. Heywood, BBC (G. Hotz)	
American Tree Sparrow 6, 9	Quabbin (G40), SRV	9, 36	M. Lynch#, R. Forster	
Chipping Sparrow 14, 19, 27	Everett	4, 1, 1	J. Heywood#	
Clay-colored Sparrow 22	Truro	1	fide S. Perkins	
Field Sparrow 3, 19 25	Lincoln, Everett Sandwich	3, 4 7	R. Forster, J. Heywood P. Trimble	
Vesper Sparrow 25	Sandwich	1	P. Trimble	
Savannah Sparrow 25	Sandwich	10	P. Trimble	
"Ipswich" Savannah Sparrow 26	S. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula#	
Sharp-tailed Sparrow 5	P.I.	1	BBC (W. Gette)	
Fox Sparrow 5, 19 26	Quabbin (G40), Falmouth S. Monomoy	1, 1 1	D. Small#, D. Clapp W. Petersen#	
Song Sparrow 19	Everett (one spot)	15	J. Heywood	
Lincoln's Sparrow 19	Everett	1	J. Heywood	
White-throated Sparrow 4, 14 19	Cambridge (F.P.), Boston Everett	1, 15 11	D. Flood, H. Wiggin J. Heywood	
White-crowned Sparrow 6	W. Newbury	1 imm	J. Berry	
Dark-eyed Junco 13	Brookline	5	H. Wiggin#	
Lapland Longspur 9, 13 13, 26	Concord, Ipswich P.I., S. Monomoy	1, 2 1, 10	R. Forster, J. Berry R. Forster, W. Petersen#	
Snow Bunting 4, 5 6-25 9, 11 23, 26 23-30	Duxbury B., Ipswich P.I. Concord, Halifax Mashpee, S. Monomoy S. Dartmouth	43, 110 80 max 6, 20 10, 250+ 100 max	D. Clapp, BBC (J. Berry) v. o. R. Forster, W. Petersen P. Trimble, B. Nikula# LCES (D. Christiansen)	
Red-winged Blackbird 1, 5	Bridgewater, Ipswich	400, 75+	R. Titus, BBC (J. Berry)	
Eastern Meadowlark 15, 30	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	9, 8	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
Rusty Blackbird 13, 15	Brookline, Millis	1, 1	BBC (R. Stymeist), R. Forster	
Common Grackle 2, 8 26	Lakeville, Topsfield S. Monomoy	3200, 18 1	R. Titus, J. Brown W. Petersen	
Brown-headed Cowbird 1, 26	Bridgewater, Essex	300, 55	R. Titus, BBC (I. Giriunas)	
Purple Finch 5, 6 9, 12	Squantum, Quabbin (G40) Sudbury, Falmouth	1, 7 6, 4	G. d'Entremont, M. Lynch# R. Forster, M. Lynch#	
House Finch 19	Holliston	80+	T. Aversa	
Red Crossbill 19	Quabbin (G40)	3	M. Lynch#	
American Goldfinch 23	Brookline	5	H. Wiggin	
Evening Grosbeak 6	Quabbin (G40)	1	M. Lynch#	

BIRD OBSERVER FIELD RECORDS

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ad	adult	F.P.	Fresh Pond, Cambridge
b	banded	G37 or 40	Gate 37 or 40, Quabbin
br	breeding	H.	Harbor
dk	dark (phase)	H.P.	Halibut Point, Rockport
f	female	I.	Island
imm	immature	M.V.	Martha's Vineyard
ind	individuals	Mt.A.	Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge
juv	juvenile	Nant.	Nantucket
loc	location	Newbypt	Newburyport
lt	light (phase)	P.I.	Plum Island
m	male	Pd	Pond
max	maximum	P'town	Provincetown
mi	mile	Quab.	Quabbin
migr	migrating	Res.	Reservation
n	nesting	R.P.	Race Point, Provincetown
ph	photographed	S. Dart.	South Dartmouth
pl	plumage	S.N.	Sandy Neck, Barnstable
pr	pair	Stellw.	Stellwagen (Bank)
S	summer (1S = first summer)	BBC	Brookline Bird Club
thr	throughout	BOEM	Bird Observer of Eastern Massachusetts
v.o.	various observers	CBC	Christmas Bird Count
W	winter (2W = second winter)	CCBC	Cape Cod Bird Club
w/	with	DFWS	Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary
yg	young	DWWS	Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary
#	additional observers	EMHW	Eastern Massachusetts Hawk Watch
A.A.	Arnold Arboretum	FCBC	Felix Cutler Bird Club
A.P.	Andrews Point, Rockport	GMNWR	Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge
B.	Beach	IRWS	Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary
B.I.	Belle Isle, E. Boston	LCES	Lloyd Center for Environmental Studies
B.R.	Bass Rocks, Gloucester	MAS	Massachusetts Audubon Society
Buzz.	Buzzards Bay	MBO	Manomet Bird Observatory
C.	cape as in Cape Cod	MNWS	Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary
Cambr.	Cambridge	NEHW	New England Hawk Watch
Corp. B.	Corporation Beach, Dennis	ONWR	Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge
C.P.	Crooked Pond, Boxford	PRNWR	Parker River National Wildlife Refuge
E.P.	Eastern Point, Gloucester	SRV	Sudbury River Valley
F.E.	First Encounter Beach, Eastham	SSBC	South Shore Bird Club
F.H.	Fort Hill, Eastham	WBWS	Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
F.M.	Fowl Meadow	WMWS	Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary

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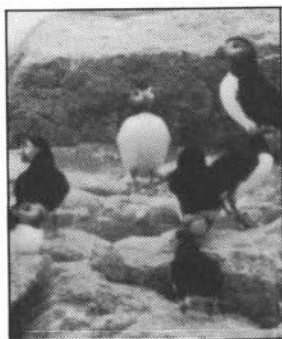
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