

BIRD SIGHTINGS

MAY 1993

SUMMARY



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May was sunny, warm, and dry. The temperature averaged 60.3 degrees, 2.1 degrees above normal. The high temperature reached 91 degrees in Boston on May 11. The first half of the month averaged over 4 degrees above normal. Rainfall totaled 1.04 inches, 2.21 inches below normal. The month was the fifteenth driest May in 176 years. Rain was frequent, but amounts were very small. Thunder and heavy fog were noted on just one day each. The wind was out of the southwest only one day (May 25). R. H. S.

LOONS THROUGH WATERFOWL

Excellent numbers of both Common and Red-throated loons were reported from Nantucket early in the month, with good numbers persisting at least through midmonth. Both Horned and Red-necked grebes were tardy but not unexpected. Fulmars, shearwaters, and storm-petrels were all seasonal at typical locations and in small numbers with the exception of Wilson's Storm-Petrel. The report of a Magnificent Frigatebird in West Newbury on the 21st was inexplicable. This species is a casual vagrant at best, and this sighting represents the first reported occurrence inland in Massachusetts.

American Bitterns were more numerous than the previous month but were still very scarce. Least Bittern was reported from four locations, where this reclusive species has long been suspected of breeding. The Little Egret appeared on Nantucket for the second consecutive year, although unlike last year its stay was brief. Other heron reports were routine, with the best counts in Manchester, where birds were seen flying to Kettle Island in the evening. Tricolored Heron was better reported than normal, and the two seen flying to Kettle Island is suggestive of a breeding pair.

The discovery of three immature Whooper Swans in Danvers was unprecedented. These individuals were almost certainly escapes and very likely the same three birds present on Long Island, New York, from March to mid-May. A Eurasian Wigeon at Plum Island was late, and the Harlequin Ducks at Race Point in Provincetown were at an unusual location. The movement of White-winged Scoters at Nantucket was noteworthy. A single Ruddy Duck continued through the month at West Newbury. R. A. F.

Red-throated Loon			
1, 15	Nantucket	1500, 200	S. Perkins
15, 16	P.I., Westport	1, 1	R. Bradbury, M. Boucher
22	Plymouth, N. Scituate	4, 2	W. Petersen#
Common Loon			
1, 15; 11	Nantucket; Wayland	500, 150; 1	S. Perkins; S. Arena
13, 19	Mt. A., Newburyport	6 migr, 6	W. Petersen#, S. Perkins#
21, 24	Lincoln, Holden	2, 2	S. Perkins, R. Bradbury
Horned Grebe			
15	P.I.	1	R. Bradbury
Red-necked Grebe			
8	Newburyport, N. Scituate	1 W pl, 3	J. Johnstone#, P. O'Neill#
Northern Fulmar			
15	5 mi. east of Truro	4	K. Jones#
Sooty Shearwater			
14-15	Nantucket	1	S. Perkins
Manx Shearwater			
11, 12-13	Truro, Nantucket	2, 1	K. Jones#, J. Soucy
Wilson's Storm-Petrel			
15	5 mi. east of Truro	25	K. Jones#
Leach's Storm-Petrel			
16, 19	Nantucket, Provincetown	1, 1	S. Perkins, K. Jones

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Northern Gannet 13, 15 16, 19	Nantucket, Stellwagen Bank Provincetown, P.I.	300, 10 3, 12	S. Perkins#, J. Berry K. Mills#, S. Perkins#	
Great Cormorant 15 15, 22	Nantucket, Nahant Sandwich, Lakeville	5, 1 imm 6, 8	S. Perkins, R. Stymeist P. Trimble#, SSBC (R. Fox)	
Double-crested Cormorant thr, 9 16, 22	Provincetown, Gloucester Nantucket, P.I.	5 pr n, 65 200+, 150+	K. Jones, BBC (J. Nove) S. Perkins, J. Berry	
Magnificent Frigatebird 21	W. Newbury	1	N. + A. Clayton	
American Bittern thr 1, 23	P.I., Bolton Newburyport, Wayland	1-3, 1-3 1, 1	v. o. M. Lynch#, J. Botelho	
Least Bittern 16, 21 22, 30	Wayland, P.I. Bolton, Wakefield	1, 1 1, 1	BBC (S. Arena), R. Heil J. Hoye#, R. Stymeist#	
Great Blue Heron thr thr, 20 22, 31	Acton, Sherborn Westboro, Wayland Carlisle, Wayland	34+ nests, 5 pr n 7 pr, 2 juv 7, 6	v. o., E. Taylor E. Taylor, S. Perkins BBC (D. F. Oliver), S. Arena	
Great Egret thr 14, 16	P.I., S. Dart. (A. Pd) Nantucket, Wayland	14 max, 8 max 4, 1	v. o., LCES (J. Hill) S. Perkins, BBC (S. Arena)	
Little Egret 1-17	Nantucket	1 ad	S. Perkins# + v. o.	
Snowy Egret thr, 1-2 16	P.I., Bolton/Lancaster S. Dartmouth, Manchester	30 max, 1 13, 20	W. Drew#, R. Bradbury + v. o. M. Boucher, M. Lynch#	
Little Blue Heron 1, 14 15, 22	Nantucket, N. Monomoy Manchester, P.I.	1, 1 pied 5, 1	S. Perkins#, B. Nikula# D. Chickering, v. o.	
Tricolored Heron 4-15, 7 15-29, 15	P.I., S. Dartmouth Harwich, Manchester	1, 1 1, 2	J. St. Jean + v. o., M. Boucher# C. Shubarth + v. o., D. Chickering	
Cattle Egret thr, 8 21, 22	Ipswich, Nantucket Topsfield, Fairhaven	10-12 max, 1 1, 1	J. Berry, fide E. Andrews W. Drew#, M. Boucher#	
Green-backed Heron 8-25, 13-31 17-31, 18 21, 29	W. Newton, Wayland Nantucket, Beverly Cambridge, W. Roxbury	2+, 3 2 n, 2 8, 2	T. Kuklinski, S. Arena E. Andrews, J. Brown# fide S. Perkins, T. Aversa	
Black-crowned Night-Heron thr, 1 15, 20	Medford, P.I. Manchester, Hingham	23 max, 6 4, 30	M. Rines, P. + F. Vale D. Chickering, E. Taylor	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron 15, 27 27	Manchester, Hingham Wareham	2, 1 2	D. Chickering, K. Ward M. LaBossiere	
Glossy Ibis 8 16, 17 22	Bolton, P.I. N. Truro, W. Barnstable Topsfield, Rowley	10, 22 3, 2 28, 14	E. Salmela, S. Perkins# B. Nikula#, S. Hecker R. Stymeist#, P. + F. Vale	
Whooper Swan (probable escapes) 18-31	Danvers	3 imm	A. Hill + v. o.	
Brant thr, 1-22 6, 15	Newbypt, Squantum Duxbury, Plymouth	192 max, 350 max 240, 60	v. o. D. Clapp, K. Mills#	
Wood Duck 8-31, 15 23 27, 30	Boxford, Peabody IRWS, ONWR Wayland, Medford	2-4, 2 2, 2 14, 6	J. Brown#, P. + F. Vale P. + F. Vale, BBC (J. Center) S. Arena, BBC (D. F. Oliver)	
Green-winged Teal thr, 7 9, 14 22, 31	P.I., S. Dartmouth Bolton, Nantucket Cumb. Farms, S. Monomoy	20 max 5/1, 4 3, 1 m 2, 5	v. o., M. Boucher BBC (M. Lynch), S. Perkins# SSBC (R. Fox), B. Nikula#	
American Black Duck 31	S. Monomoy	60	B. Nikula#	
Northern Pintail 31	S. Monomoy	3	B. Nikula#	
Blue-winged Teal thr 1	P.I., Ipswich Bolton, Newburyport	4 or 5, 2-4 2, 7	W. Drew#, J. Berry R. Bradbury, P. + F. Vale	

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Blue-winged Teal (continued)				
22, 31	Middleboro, S. Monomoy	1 m, 2	G. d'Entremont#, B. Nikula#	
Northern Shoveler				
15-17, 31	P.I., S. Monomoy	pr, 5	J. Hoye# + v. o., B. Nikula#	
Gadwall				
thr, 30	P.I.	24 max, 21 + 10 yg	W. Drew#, M. Lynch#	
thr, 31	S. Dart. (A.Pd), S. Monomoy	2-4, 25	LCES (J. Hill), B. Nikula#	
Eurasian Wigeon				
4	P.I.	1	D. Chickering	
American Wigeon				
18, 31	P.I., S. Monomoy	2, 2	W. Drew#, B. Nikula#	
Greater Scaup				
1, 15	Newburyport	5+, 1	M. Lynch#, M. Rines#	
Common Eider				
15	N. Scituate, Manomet	75, 30	G. d'Entremont#	
15, 20	Gloucester, Cohasset	100+, 60	J. Berry, E. Taylor	
Harlequin Duck				
3	Provincetown (R.P.)	2	K. Jones	
Oldsquaw				
1, 30; 1	Newburyport; Nantucket	1000, 1; 300	v. o.; S. Perkins#	
22-28	Marblehead	1 m	T. Aversa# + v. o.	
Black Scoter				
14, 15	Nantucket, Manomet	8, 2 m	S. Perkins, G. d'Entremont	
21, 22	Marblehead, Plymouth	2 m, 1 m	R. Forster#, SSBC (R. Fox)	
Surf Scoter				
9, 15	Gloucester, Nantucket	8, 20	BBC (J. Nove), S. Perkins	
22	Plymouth	7	SSBC (R. Fox)	
White-winged Scoter				
15	Nahant, Nantucket	220, 6000+	R. Stymeist#, S. Perkins	
Common Goldeneye				
21, 27	Marblehead, Newburyport	1 f, 1 f	R. Forster#	
Bufflehead				
28, 30	Marblehead, Newburyport	1 f, 1 m	T. Aversa#, J. Berry	
Common Merganser				
1, 13	W. Newbury, Mt. A.	15, 1	G. d'Entremont#, M. Rines	
15, 16	MNWS, Boston (F.Pk)	1, 1 m	I. Lynch#, T. Aversa	
22, 29	Boxford, Quabbin (G45)	1, 1	R. Stymeist#, K. Mills#	
Red-breasted Merganser				
7, 8	S. Dartmouth, Squantum	21, 100	LCES (J. Hill), SSBC (P. O'Neill)	
15, 30	Nantucket, P.I.	30, 3	S. Perkins, M. Lynch#	
Ruddy Duck				
thr	W. Newbury	1 m	J. Berry + v. o.	

RAPTORS THROUGH RAILS

Few concentrated movements of hawks occurred in May, perhaps because the weather was generally good and no extended periods of inclement weather backed up hawk movement. In particular there were only a handful of reports during the month of appreciable numbers of Broad-winged Hawks. This movement represents the late passage of first-year birds and is most obvious on outer Cape Cod. A peripatetic American Swallow-tailed Kite, the second of the season, graced several Martha's Vineyard locations for about a week. The three reports of Mississippi Kites very likely represented only two individuals. All three birds were sub-adults (first year birds). The bird in Chatham was somewhat exhausted, and the bird found dead in Pembroke two days later (specimen at Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University) was emaciated. The now-annual appearance of the Mississippi Kite in the state is remarkable, especially because the first sighting was only in 1969, and it was another seven years before a second sighting occurred.

The appearance of four Clapper Rails was somewhat surprising. The species has been very poorly reported in recent years, especially in the fall when it is usually found. Excellent counts of Virginia Rails were made late in the month in Lynnfield and Wayland. One wonders if the high water levels in marshes through April created ideal conditions for rails. During the same time period Soras were also reported but in much lower numbers than Virginia Rails. A dead Purple Gallinule at Nantucket was the first specimen reported on the island. This species is a notorious long-distance wanderer, and in Massachusetts it is as likely to be found dead or moribund as it is alive. No moorhens were reported! The decline of this species, while never common, has been frighteningly precipitous and widespread.

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Turkey Vulture			
1, 5	W. Newbury, Truro	4, 12	M. Lynch#, K. Jones
8, 9	Salem, Easton	4, 4	I. Lynch, K. Ryan
15, 23	Provincetown, Wenham	11, 6	B. Nikula#, J. Berry

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Osprey thr, 8 21, 23	Essex, Nantucket S. Dart. (A.Pd), Orleans	pr n, 7 pr 11, 2 pr n	v. o., fide E. Andrews LCES (J. Hill), M. Lynch#	
American Swallow-tailed Kite 9-13	Martha's Vineyard	1	fide V. Laux	
Mississippi Kite 14 27, 29	E. Brookfield Chatham, Pembroke	1 sub ad 1 sub ad, 1 dead	B. Blodget R. Clem, R. Farnishetti	
Bald Eagle 2, 17 23, 29	Quabbin (G37), S. Wellfleet ONWR, Hardwick	3, 1 imm 1 ad, 1 imm	E. Neilsen, K. Jones BBC (J. Center), M. Lynch#	
Northern Harrier 1, 8 8, 15	Essex, P.I. Nantucket, Middleboro	2, 2 8, pr	I. Lynch, S. Perkins# fide E. Andrews, W. Petersen#	
Sharp-shinned Hawk 2 thr	P.I., N. Truro Reports of individuals from 6 locations	3, 25+	D. Chickering, B. Nikula#	
Cooper's Hawk thr	Reports of individuals or pairs from 10 locations			
Northern Goshawk thr, 2 16, 22	Lincoln, N. Truro Princeton, Plymouth	pr n, 1 imm 1, 1 imm	fide W. Petersen, B. Nikula M. Boucher, K. Jones#	
Red-shouldered Hawk 2 8, 8-23 15, 16 thr	Lincoln, Holliston Quabbin (G45), Boxford Middleboro, Easton Reports of individuals from 4 locations	2, 2 2, 1 or 2 pr n, 2	BBC (J. Nove), T. Aversa T. Aversa, J. Brown# W. Petersen#, K. Ryan	
Broad-winged Hawk 2, 6 7, 8 9, 15 thr	Woburn, Mt. A. Chatham, Weston ONWR, Provincetown Reports of individuals from 10 locations	3, 2 18, 2 2, 25+	J. Brown#, D. Chickering W. Bailey, D. Morimoto# BBC (M. Lynch#), B. Nikula#	
American Kestrel 1, 7 8	Ipswich (C.B.), Boston (Logan) Nantucket	3, 3 5	D. Rimmer, N. Smith fide E. Andrews	
Merlin 2; 2, 7 9 thr	N. Truro; P.I. Gloucester Reports of individuals from 9 locations	2; 3, 2 2	B. Nikula#; R. Forster# BBC (J. Nove)	
Peregrine Falcon 1, 7 9, 15; 9 23	P.I., Boston (Logan) N. Monomoy; Gloucester N. Truro	1, 1 1 ad; 1 1 ad	D. Chickering, N. Smith R. Clem#; BBC (J. Nove) B. Nikula	
Ruffed Grouse 1, 6 8, 12 22, 31	Boxford, N. Dartmouth Weston, Worcester (BMB) Carlisle, Ipswich	3, 1 2, 1 1, 1	I. Lynch#, M. Boucher D. Morimoto#, K. Mills# BBC (D. F. Oliver), J. Berry	
Wild Turkey 1, 2 2, 4 6, 19	Boxford, Sudbury Quabbin (G37), Bedford Acton, Newbury	5, 6 4, 1 2, 1	J. Berry, L. Morrow E. Neilsen, fide W. Petersen A. Campbell, W. Petersen#	
Northern Bobwhite 8, 22 20, 23	Nantucket, Plymouth W. Roxbury, Orleans	5, 2 5, 6	fide E. Andrews, G. d'Entremont# T. Aversa, M. Lynch#	
Clapper Rail 7, 8 15, 16	P.I., Nantucket W. Barnstable, S. Dartmouth	1, 1 1, 1	R. Forster#, fide E. Andrews B. Nikula#, D. Maker#	
King Rail 15	Whitman	1	W. Petersen#	
Virginia Rail 6, 8 20, 22 30, 31	Bolton, Nantucket Wayland, Whitman Lynnfield, Wayland	7, 3 3, 6 22, 31	E. Salmela, fide E. Andrews S. Perkins, W. Petersen# R. Stymeist#, S. Arena#	
Sora 1, 9 22, 31 31	Nantucket, Bolton Lynnfield, Wayland Newbury	1, 4 3, 5 2	S. Perkins#, M. Lynch# R. Stymeist#, S. Arena# R. Forster	
Purple Gallinule 6	Nantucket	1 dead ad	fide E. Andrews	
American Coot 22	Milford	1	R. Bradbury	

SHOREBIRDS THROUGH ALCIDS

The shorebird migration was subpar, and the maximum numbers for most species were lower than expected, particularly at North Monomoy, where recent, and drastic, ecological changes may have made the area less attractive for shorebirds. Although a rare spring migrant, the two Lesser Golden-Plover reports were not unexpected. Piping Plover numbers on the North Shore were very encouraging. If counts in breeding areas on Cape Cod also reflect this trend, Piping Plovers may be making a healthy recovery. For the second consecutive year, American Oystercatcher was found at Crane Beach in Ipswich, suggesting that Crane Beach may become the next breeding outpost for this handsome wader. Two female Ruffs posed side-by-side in Newburyport, affording a good comparison of their dissimilar plumage. Resident Willets were well reported as usual, but a migrant group of 70 Willets in Falmouth was unexpected. Two Wilson's Phalaropes were seen in Quincy, a decidedly unusual location.

Nantucket hosted the only reports of Parasitic Jaeger and Iceland and Lesser Black-backed gulls. Bonaparte's Gull reports were unusually scarce from Newburyport and the Lynn/Revere area. The usual few Caspian Terns passed through in early May, with the birds in Lakeville notable for their inland location. A Royal Tern in Nahant was very early and critically examined to differentiate it from the more expected Caspian Tern. Resident terns arrived late, and Black Tern, an erratic spring visitor, appeared at only two locations. A single Razorbill was the sole holdover from a good April showing. R. A. F.

Black-bellied Plover			
thr	N. Monomoy, Newbypt	800 max, 470 max	B. Nikula, v. o.
12, 21; 15	S. Dart. (A.Pd); Nantucket	5, 56; 50	LCES (J. Hill); S. Perkins
21, 23	Ipswich, Orleans	130, 130+	D. Rimmer, M. Lynch#
Lesser Golden-Plover			
16-19, 21-22	Newbypt, Rowley	1, 1	M. Lynch# + v. o., W. Drew# + v. o.
Semipalmated Plover			
thr, 7-31	N. Monomoy, Newbypt area	25 max, 50 max	B. Nikula, v. o.
7, 8	S. Dartmouth, Nantucket	18, 11	M. Boucher, fide E. Andrews
14, 15	Squantum, Nahant	10, 18-25	J. Nichols, R. Stymeist#
14-31, 19	Ipswich, Lancaster	74 max 5/30, 1	D. Rimmer, R. Bradbury
Piping Plover			
thr, 7	Ipswich (C.B.), S. Dart. (A.Pd)	17 pr, 5	D. Rimmer, LCES (J. Hill)
23, 27	Orleans, P.I.	3 n, 5 pr + 1 (3 n)	M. Lynch#, R. Springfield#
Killdeer			
thr	Nantucket	3 pr	J. Papale, P. Dunwiddie
American Oystercatcher			
thr, 5	N. Monomoy, Ipswich (C.B.)	20+, 4	B. Nikula, C. Leahy
7, 8	Boston (Logan), Quincy	2, 7	N. Smith, P. O'Neill#
13, 14	Fairhaven, Nantucket	3, 14	M. Boucher, S. Perkins
18, 27	Eastham, N. Scituate	8, 3	T. Aversa, W. Petersen#
Greater Yellowlegs			
1, 8	Bolton, Nantucket	7, 7	R. Bradbury, fide E. Andrews
9; 15	Arlington; Petersham, Hardwick	2; 2, 1	M. Rines; M. Lynch#
11, 16	Wayland, Newburyport	4, 150+	S. Arena, M. Lynch#
Lesser Yellowlegs			
1, 16; 1	Newbypt; Lancaster	5, 20; 1	M. Lynch#; R. Bradbury
11, 15	Wayland, Hardwick	1, 1	S. Arena, M. Lynch#
Solitary Sandpiper			
9, 12	P.I., Easton	7 mig, 4	S. Perkins#, K. Ryan
15	Hardwick, SRV	16, 13	M. Lynch#, R. Forster#
16, 18	Topsfield, Cumb. Farms	7, 5	G. d'Entremont#, T. Aversa
26, 27	Wellesley, Rowley	1, 1	R. Forster
Willet			
thr	N. Monomoy, P.I./Newbypt	40 max, 20 max	B. Nikula, v. o.
5, 12	Falmouth, S. Dart. (A.Pd)	70 migr, 25	I. Nisbet, LCES (J. Hill)
12, 13	Yarmouthport, Fairhaven	9, 2	K. Hamilton, D. Zimberlan
14, 15	Squantum, Nantucket	2, 5	J. Nichols, S. Perkins#
Spotted Sandpiper			
2, 8	Petersham, Topsfield	4, 3	M. Lynch#, P. + F. Vale
15	SRV, Hardwick	7, 4	R. Forster, M. Lynch#
16, 28	Wayland, P.I.	3, 3	BBC (S. Arena), W. Drew#
Upland Sandpiper			
thr, 10	Newburyport, Lancaster	1, 1	v. o., H. Merriman
15	Bolton, Middleboro	1, 5	F. McMenemy, W. Petersen#
15, 16	Otis A.F.B., Scituate	5+, 1	P. Trimble#, S. Hecker
18, 27	Spencer, Boston (Logan)	1, 2	M. Lynch#, J. Brown#
Whimbrel			
1, 12	Nantucket, Yarmouthport	2, 2	B. Vigneau#, K. Hamilton

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Ruddy Turnstone thr, 16 20, 31	N. Monomoy, Nantucket Quincy, Plymouth	300 max, 45 6, 78	B. Nikula, S. Perkins E. Taylor, R. Stymeist#	
Red Knot 11-31, 23	N. Monomoy, Orleans	6 max, 7	B. Nikula, M. Lynch#	
Sanderling thr	N. Monomoy	800 max	B. Nikula	
Semipalmated Sandpiper thr, 27	N. Monomoy, Newbypt	1200 max, 1500	B. Nikula, R. Forster#	
Least Sandpiper thr, 7 11-31, 12 12, 13 thr	Newbypt, S. Dart. (A.Pd) N. Monomoy, Lancaster Easton, Nantucket Reports of 1-6 individuals from several inland locations.	400 max, 61 100 max, 19 15+, 60	v. o., LCES (J. Hill) B. Nikula, R. Bradbury K. Ryan, S. Perkins	
White-rumped Sandpiper 11-31, 13 15-31, 22 31	N. Monomoy, Fairhaven Newbypt/P.I., Middleboro Rowley	40+ max, 1 4 max, 1 6	B. Nikula, M. Boucher v. o., W. Petersen# R. Forster#	
Pectoral Sandpiper 2, 5	Newburyport, Topsfield	3, 6	R. Forster, H. Weisburg	
Purple Sandpiper 14 15, 16	Marblehead, Nantucket Nahant, S. Dartmouth	60, 15 30+, 16	N. Nash, S. Perkins T. Young#, M. Boucher	
Dunlin thr thr	Newburyport, N. Monomoy S. Dart. (A.Pd)	100 max 5/16, 700 max 44 max 5/12	M. Lynch#, B. Nikula LCES (J. Hill)	
Ruff 1, 2	Newburyport	1 f, 2 f	J. Berry, R. Forster#	
Short-billed Dowitcher thr, 1 16, 19-31	N. Monomoy, Bolton Nantucket, P.I./Newbypt	12 max, 1 11, 120 max 5/28	B. Nikula, R. Bradbury J. Soucy#, v. o.	
American Woodcock 1, 7 15	Nantucket, Plymouth Milton, Petersham	12, 7 3, 10+	S. Perkins#, G. d'Entremont# G. d'Entremont#, M. Lynch#	
Wilson's Phalarope 7-31, 15-30 15, 18 23	P.I., Rowley Chatham, Quincy N. Monomoy	2-4, 2 1 f, 2 1 f	v. o. P. Trull#, K. Ryan B. Nikula#	
Parasitic Jaeger 15	Nantucket	1 ad	S. Perkins#	
Laughing Gull 1, 14 14, 15 22	E. Boston, Newbypt Nantucket, Stellwagen Bank Plymouth	2, 1 12, 2 ad 14	J. Quigley, R. Bradbury S. Perkins, J. Berry W. Petersen#	
Bonaparte's Gull 15, 16 22	Newburyport, Revere Plymouth	14, 60 3	D. Chickering, J. Quigley W. Petersen#	
Iceland Gull 1-15	Nantucket	1 1S	S. Perkins#	
Lesser Black-backed Gull 1, 4	Nantucket	1 1S, 1 ad	S. Perkins#, fide J. Papale	
Caspian Tern 2, 7 7, 23	Newburyport, Lakeville Ipswich, P.I.	1, 3 2, 1	E. Salmela, G. d'Entremont D. Rimmer, J. Young	
Royal Tern 2	Nahant	1	C. Leahy	
Roseate Tern 2, 14 15, 23 31	Marion, Nantucket N. Monomoy, Orleans Plymouth	2, 200+ 5, 3+ 6-8	I. Nisbet, S. Perkins C. Cook#, M. Lynch# R. Stymeist#	
Common Tern 2, 7 15, 23	Marion, P.I. Nantucket, Orleans	50, 40 500, 200	I. Nisbet, R. Forster# S. Perkins#, M. Lynch#	
Arctic Tern 23, 31	Orleans, Plymouth	1, 4 nests	M. Lynch#, R. Stymeist#	
Least Tern 10-31 13, 21 23, 27 29, 31	Ipswich (C.B.) Fairhaven, S. Dart. (A.Pd) Orleans, P.I. Quincy, Plymouth	55-100 4, 7 30+, 40 (2 n) 8, 40+	D. Rimmer M. Boucher, LCES (J. Hill) M. Lynch#, R. Springfield# E. Taylor, R. Stymeist#	
Black Tern 15, 25	N. Monomoy, Boston (Deer I.)	1, 2	C. Cook#, L. Sager	

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Black Skimmer 8, 15	Orleans (Nauset)	3, 7	J. Sones#	
Razorbill 16	Nantucket	1 br pl	S. Perkins	

CUCKOOS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

Both species of cuckoos were well reported, and several observers commented that it appeared it was going to be a good cuckoo year. A late Snowy Owl was present at Logan Airport. The eleven Northern Saw-whet Owls in Nantucket are intriguing. Presumably all of the owls were resident birds. Is this indicative of the actual breeding population on the island, or does the number of nesting pairs fluctuate from year to year due to unknown factors? Good numbers of Common Nighthawk were noted in midmonth. Two Chuck-will's-widows had arrived at Martha's Vineyard by May 2. As many as ten birds were calling at this location last summer. A pair of Red-headed Woodpeckers was present in Sherborn for the fourth consecutive year. Red-bellied Woodpeckers continue to be well reported, and several confirmed or presumed nesting pairs were located. A handful of Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were noted in the first half of the month after a poor April showing.

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Black-billed Cuckoo 15-31	Reports of 1 or 2 individuals from 18 locations			
Yellow-billed Cuckoo 15-31	Reports of individuals from 9 locations			
Barn Owl thr, 8	Newbury, Nantucket	pr n, 2	v. o., fide E. Andrews	
Eastern Screech-Owl thr	Mt. A., Salem	pr + 1 yg 5/26,	pr v. o., I. Lynch	
Great Horned Owl thr, 4	Mt. A., Ipswich	pr, pr	v. o., J. Berry	
8, 22	Quabbin (G45), Middleboro	pr + 1 yg, 5	T. Aversa, W. Petersen#	
Snowy Owl 7, 17	Logan Airport	1	N. Smith	
Barred Owl 13, 15	Weston, Middleboro	1, 2	D. Morimoto#, W. Petersen#	
22	Ipswich, Bridgewater	1, 1	R. Stymeist#, W. Petersen#	
Northern Saw-whet Owl 8, 15	Nantucket, Petersham	11, 1	J. Papale#, M. Lynch#	
15	Brewster	1	P. Trimble#	
Common Nighthawk 7, 10	Plymouth, Nahant	1, 1 m (perched)	G. d'Entremont#, T. Aversa	
14, 16	Wayland, Northboro	20, 14	R. Forster#, B. Volkle	
16, 22	Ipswich, Sudbury	23, 17	J. Berry, K. Hamilton	
Chuck-will's-widow 2	M.V.	2	fide V. Laux	
Whip-poor-will 8, 12	Nantucket, Easton	5, 2	fide E. Andrews, K. Ryan	
16; 7, 25	S. Dartmouth; Plymouth	5; 13, 43	M. Boucher; G. d'Entremont#	
Chimney Swift 3, 20	Milford, Wayland	40, 70	R. Bradbury, S. Perkins	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird 4-31, 12	Boxford, Mt. A.	1-3, 5	J. Brown#, R. Stymeist	
14, 22	Groveland, P.I.	3, 6	T. Aversa, R. Stymeist#	
4-31	Reports of individuals from 16 locations			
Red-headed Woodpecker 8-31, 22	Sherborn, S. Orleans	pr, 1	E. Taylor, K. McGinley	
Red-bellied Woodpecker 9, 10	Easton, Weymouth	pr, pr	K. Ryan, R. Campbell	
14-31, 23-31	Medford, Ipswich	pr, pr n	M. Rines, J. Berry	
thr	Reports of individuals from 9 locations			
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 2	Nantucket, Ipswich	1 f, 1	E. Andrews, J. Berry	
7, 15	Newbury, Quabbin (G40)	1, 1 m n	S. Arena, T. Aversa	
16	IRWS	1	P. + F. Vale	
Hairy Woodpecker thr, 22	Boxford, Carlisle	1-3, 3	J. Brown#, BBC (D. F. Oliver)	
Pileated Woodpecker thr	Reports of 1 or 2 individuals from 10 locations			

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH FINCHES

Unlike last year's persistent easterly winds along the coast, the winds were more favorable for birds, and

birders reported good numbers of migrants from many locations. On May 9 the wind shifted from southeast to northeast and produced a reasonable fallout of birds, especially at coastal locations. May 25 was the only day during the month when the wind was out of the southwest. It was also flycatcher day at Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge. Nine species were recorded at the cemetery, including Olive-sided, ten Yellow-bellied, Alder, Willow, and Least flycatchers. Also on May 25 birders recorded 20 species of warblers, including four Mourning Warblers and 30 American Redstarts.

Unusual birds noted during the month included a **Fork-tailed Flycatcher** in Chatham, a breeding-plumaged Dickcissel at a feeder on Plum Island, a Clay-colored Sparrow photographed in Bolton, seven Summer Tanagers, and a Yellow-headed Blackbird. A total of 34 species of warblers plus 2 hybrids were noted; unusual warblers were 2 Orange-crowned, 6 Golden-winged, 1 Yellow-throated, 5 Cerulean, 3 Prothonotary, 3 Kentucky, and 2 Hooded warblers. No Yellow-breasted Chats were reported. R. H. S.

Olive-sided Flycatcher

12, 15	P.I., N. Truro	1, 1	S. Selesky, B. Nikula#
16, 17	Princeton, Newbury	1, 1	M. Boucher, D. Chickering
24	Newburyport, Newbury	1, 1	D. Chickering, T. Aversa
25	Mt. A., Boston (F.Pk)	1, 1	C. Floyd#, T. Aversa

Eastern Wood-Pewee

11, 12	Wayland, Worcester (BMB)	1, 3	S. Arena, M. Lynch#
14-31, 16-31	Medford, Boston	5 max, 3 max	M. Rines, T. Aversa
15-31	Reports of 1-3 individuals from 8 locations		

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

22-30, 25	P.I., Mt. A.	1 or 2, 8-10	v. o., C. Floyd + v. o.
25, 27	Boston (F.Pk), Brookline	2, 1	T. Aversa, H. Wiggins#
28, 29	MNWS, Newbury	1, 1	T. Aversa#, J. Berry

Acadian Flycatcher

27, 29	Manomet, Quabbin (G45)	2 b, 2	MBO Staff, K. Mills#
31	P.I.	1	v. o.

Alder Flycatcher

23; 24, 31	Boston (F.Pk); P.I.	1; 2, 2	T. Aversa; T. Aversa + v. o.
25, 26	Mt. A., Sterling	1, 1	C. Floyd#, H. Merriman
30, 31	Wakefield, Belmont	1, 1	R. Stymeist#, L. Taylor
31	Royalston, Phillipston	1, 1	M. Lynch#

Willow Flycatcher

2, 22; 9, 30	Bolton; Lynnfield	1, 8; 1, 8	J. Hoye# + v. o.; R. Stymeist#
15, 31; 30	Wayland; P.I.	1, 16; 13	S. Arena + v. o.; M. Lynch#
16-31	Reports of 1-4 individuals from numerous locations		

Least Flycatcher

2	Bolton, ONWR	2, 2	R. Bradbury, C. Cook
8, 9	Quabbin (G45), Groveland	19, 5	T. Aversa, R. Stymeist#
15	Quabbin (G37)	28	T. Aversa
6-31	Reports of 1 or 2 individuals from 4 locations		

Great Crested Flycatcher

1, 2	Boxford, Ipswich	1 or 2, 1	J. Berry
2-31, 6	Boston (F.Pk), BMB	5 max, 4	T. Aversa, M. Lynch#
8, 9-31	Nantucket, Medford	6, 5	fide E. Andrews, M. Rines

Eastern Kingbird

thr, 8	Mt. A., Bolton	5 max, 11	v. o., K. Mills#
9	Arlington Res., P.I.	7, 57 migr	L. Taylor, S. Perkins#

Fork-tailed Flycatcher

15	Chatham (Morris I.)	1	D. Mazzaresse#
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Horned Lark

7, 26; 18	Ipswich (C.B.); Eastham (F.E.)	1; 1	D. Rimmer; T. Aversa
31	Plymouth, Rowley	2, 1 juv	R. Stymeist#, R. Forster#

Purple Martin

thr	P.I.	40 max	v. o.
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Tree Swallow

8, 9	Nantucket, P.I.	352, 50+ migr	fide E. Andrews, S. Perkins#
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Northern Rough-winged Swallow

1	Nantucket, GMNWR	1, 4	S. Perkins#, J. Miller
3, 12	Mt. A., Salem	4, 4	BBC (M. Rines), J. Brown#

Bank Swallow

thr	Ipswich (C.B.)	25 breeding pr	D. Rimmer
2, 8	New Braintree, Nantucket	30+, 35	M. Lynch#, fide E. Andrews
15, 23	P.I., ONWR/Bolton	10, 15	J. Hoye#, BBC (J. Center)

Cliff Swallow

2, 7	Marshfield, P.I.	14, 2	D. Clapp, R. Forster#
23, 24	Byfield, Rutland	11, 6 (3 nests)	J. Young, R. Bradbury
28, 29	Rowley, N. Monomoy	6, 2	T. Aversa, W. Petersen#

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American Crow 1, 25, 30	Framingham	350, 50, 10	E. Taylor	
Fish Crow thr, 2 thr	Mt. A., N. Truro Reports of 1-4 individuals in 5 locations.	2 pr, 6	R. Stymeist#, B. Nikula#	
Common Raven 9, 29	Athol, Quabbin (G45)	1 ad + 3 yg n, 3	BBC (J. Johnstone), K. Mills#	
Red-breasted Nuthatch thr, 8	Mt. A., Nantucket	pr n, 10	v. o., fide E. Andrews	
Carolina Wren thr, 9 8, 15	Worcester (BMB), Gloucester Nantucket	4, 5 25, pr n	K. Mills#, BBC (J. Nove) fide E. Andrews, S. Perkins	
House Wren 9-31, 6 6, 8	Medford, Fairhaven Worcester (BMB), Weston	3, 2 pr 9, 3	M. Rines, J. Botelho M. Lynch#, D. Morimoto#	
Winter Wren thr, 1 8, 16	Braintree, Boxford Weston, Princeton	2, 4 m 3, 2	G. d'Entremont#, J. Berry D. Morimoto#, M. Boucher	
Marsh Wren 1, 6-31 30	GMNWR, Wayland P.I., Lynnfield	5, 46 max 5/31 13, 22	J. Miller, S. Arena M. Lynch#, R. Stymeist#	
Golden-crowned Kinglet 7, 17 21-26, 22	P.I., Wenham Weston, Lakeville	1, 1 1, 2	R. Forster#, N. Nash D. Morimoto#, SSBBC (R. Fox)	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1-12, 1-22 9 15	Mt. A., P.I. MNWS, Gloucester Squantum	7 max 5/1, 14 max 5/9 6, 3 1	v. o. E. Taylor, BBC (J. Nove) G. d'Entremont#	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 1, 7 2, 6 9, 21 30	Boxford, MNWS N. Dartmouth, Wayland ONWR, GMNWR Lynnfield, Ipswich	10, 5 3, 2 11, pr n 2, 2 pr n	T. Aversa, J. Smith M. Boucher, S. Arena M. Lynch#, R. Forster# R. Stymeist#, L. Taylor#	
Eastern Bluebird thr, 10 13, 30	Ipswich, Newbury Holliston, Medford	pr n, 2 4, pr	J. Berry, W. Drew# M. Martinek, BBC (D. F. Oliver)	
Veery 1, 4 11, 13 15, 20 7-9	GMNWR, Nantucket Brookline, Mt. A. Concord, Boston (F.Pk) Reports of individuals from 7 locations	1, 1 3, 4 4, 5	D. Lange, J. Van Vorst F. Bouchard, v. o. T. Aversa	
Gray-cheeked Thrush 15; 20, 25 22, 24 27	P.I.; Mt. A. Petersham, Provincetown Boston (F.Pk)	1; 1, 1 1, 1 2	J. Hoye#; BBC (C. Cook), M. Rines# J. Baird#, B. Nikula# T. Aversa	
Swainson's Thrush 9-31, 12-27 16, 24 11-30	Boston (F.Pk), Mt. A. MNWS, P.I. Reports of 1 or 2 individuals from 7 locations	13 max 5/25, 15 max 5/20 5, 9	T. Aversa, v. o. M. Lynch#, T. Aversa	
Hermit Thrush thr, 1 9, 15	Sherborn, Boxford MNWS, Ipswich	6, 5 8, 5	E. Taylor, J. Berry B. Malcolm, J. Berry	
Wood Thrush 1, 31; 2 6; 6, 12 13, 16	Waltham; Lincoln N. Dartmouth; BMB Weston, Wayland	1, 5; 1 1; 6, 9 7, 8	L. Taylor#; S. Perkins M. Boucher; M. Lynch# D. Morimoto#, BBC (S. Arena)	
Gray Catbird 9, 30	P.I., Lynnfield	30, 10	S. Perkins#, R. Stymeist#	
Brown Thrasher 8, 9 12, 27	P.I., Medford Worcester (BMB), Wayland	18, 10 4, 3	S. Perkins#, M. Rines M. Lynch#, S. Arena	
American Pipit 1, 6-14 21, 22	Nantucket, Ipswich (C.B.) Topsfield, Rowley	1, 9 max 4, 2	S. Perkins#, D. Rimmer W. Drew#, BBC (W. Drummond)	
White-eyed Vireo 2, 7 7, 9-22 17	Westport, MNWS Nantucket, P.I. Newburyport, Boston (F.Pk)	1, 1 1, 1 1, 1 m	M. Boucher, J. Smith J. Soucy, S. Perkins + v. o. C. Cook, T. Aversa	
Solitary Vireo 1 9	Boxford, Waltham P.I., Gloucester	8 m, 4 7, 8	J. Berry, L. Taylor S. Perkins, BBC (J. Nove)	

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Yellow-throated Vireo				
2, 23; 8, 31	ONWR; Wayland	1, 4; 1, 3	C. Cook#; R. Forster#	
8-9, 11	Provincetown, Brookline	1, 1	B. Nikula#, F. Bouchard	
15, 18	Quabbin (G40), Easton	4, 1	T. Aversa, K. Ryan	
25	Milton (Fowl Meadow)	1	T. Raymond	
Warbling Vireo				
1, 5; 1	Wellesley; GMNWR	1, 5; 1	R. Forster; D. Lange	
2-31, 2	Boston (F.Pk), ONWR	2, 6	T. Aversa, C. Cook	
9	Medford, Arlington Res.	5, 5	M. Rines, L. Taylor	
16, 30	Wayland, Lynnfield	9, 9	BBC (S. Arena), R. Stymeist#	
Philadelphia Vireo				
11, 26; 17	ONWR; F.Pk	1, 1; 1	T. Aversa, R. Bradbury; T. Aversa	
24	Provincetown, P.I.	1, 1	B. Nikula#, T. Aversa	
Red-eyed Vireo				
5, 11-31	Easton, Mt. A.	1, 15 max 5/20	S. Arena, v. o.	
14, 16	Medford, Wayland	10, 6	M. Rines, S. Arena	
22, 31	Newbury, Waltham	6, 10	BBC (W. Drummond), L. Taylor	
warbler sp				
9	P.I.	500+	S. Perkins#	
Blue-winged Warbler				
6, 11; 6, 12	ONWR; BMB	1, 16; 4, 15	E. Salmela#; K. Mills#	
9	IRWS, MNWS	3, 4	J. Brown#, B. Malcolm	
11, 14	Boxford, Groveland	3, 8	J. Brown#, T. Aversa	
15, 29	Weston, Newbury	3, 8-10	BBC (B. Howell), J. Berry	
Golden-winged Warbler				
7-31, 7	Newbury, MNWS	1 or 2 m, 1	R. Forster + v. o., I. Lynch	
9, 15	Groveland, Quabbin (G37)	1 m, 1	J. Gordon#, M. Lynch#	
30	Ipswich	1 m	J. Berry#	
"Brewster's" Warbler				
23-31, 24	Ipswich, Newbury	1 m, 1 m	J. Berry# + v. o., T. Aversa	
"Lawrence's" Warbler				
10, 12	Wenham, Georgetown	1 m, 1	J. Brown#, D. Chickering	
14	Groveland	1 m	T. Aversa	
Tennessee Warbler				
9-25, 11	Mt. A., W. Newton	4 max 5/20, 1	v. o., T. Kuklinski	
13, 18	Wellesley, Newbypt	2, 3	R. Forster, H. Wiggin#	
24	Provincetown, P.I.	6+, 2	B. Nikula#, T. Aversa	
Orange-crowned Warbler				
14	Gloucester	2	C. Leahy	
Nashville Warbler				
7-12; 7, 9	Mt. A.; MNWS	1-4; 1, 4	v. o.; J. Smith, B. Malcolm	
8, 9	Waltham, Gloucester	1, 1	L. Taylor, BBC (J. Nove)	
15, 16	Ipswich, Princeton	2 m, 4	J. Berry, M. Boucher	
Northern Parula				
1-25, 2-25	Mt. A., F.Pk	18 max 5/12, 23	max 5/12 v. o., T. Aversa	
8, 9	Waltham, Gloucester	8, 28	L. Taylor, BBC (J. Nove)	
9	MNWS, P.I.	30, 35	B. Malcolm, S. Perkins#	
12	Provincetown	20	B. Nikula#	
Yellow Warbler				
2	Westport, Lincoln	15, 10	M. Boucher, BBC (J. Nove)	
9	Gloucester, MNWS	22, 25	BBC (J. Nove), B. Malcolm	
22, 30	P.I., Lynnfield	100, 38	BBC (W. Drummond), R. Stymeist#	
Chestnut-sided Warbler				
2, 7	ONWR, MNWS	1, 1	C. Cook, J. Smith	
8, 9	Quabbin (G45), P.I.	9, 8	T. Aversa, S. Perkins#	
9, 24	Gloucester, Newbury	6, 5	BBC (J. Nove), T. Aversa	
Magnolia Warbler				
7, 9; 7	MNWS; Wellesley	2, 18; 1	W. Drew#, B. Malcolm; R. Forster#	
9, 24; 9	P.I.; Gloucester	11, 30; 7	S. Perkins#, T. Aversa; J. Nove#	
9-31, 10-31	F.Pk, Mt. A.	10 max 5/13, 12 max 5/12	T. Aversa, v. o.	
Cape May Warbler				
9, 22; 9	P.I.; MNWS	3, 2; 2	S. Perkins, W. Drummond#; B. Malcolm	
9-14, 12	Mt. A., Boston (F.Pk)	5 max 5/11, 7	v. o., T. Aversa	
12, 13	Worcester (BMB), Nantucket	1, 1 m	M. Lynch#, E. Andrews	
Black-throated Blue Warbler				
2	Newburyport, Lincoln	1, 1	R. Forster#, BBC (J. Nove)	
7, 9; 9-25	MNWS; Mt. A.	5, 18; 11 max 5/12	W. Drew#, B. Malcolm; v. o.	
10	P.I.	6	J. Hoye#	
Yellow-rumped Warbler				
1-25, 1-27	Mt. A., F.Pk	120 max 5/10, 66 max 5/9	v. o., T. Aversa	
2, 4	IRWS, Boxford	50, 50	P. + F. Vale, J. Brown#	
9, 12	P.I., Provincetown	175, 100+	S. Perkins#, B. Nikula#	

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Black-throated Green Warbler				
1, 2	Boxford, Lincoln	8, 3	T. Aversa#, BBC (J. Nove)	
3-25, 7-25	Mt. A., F.Pk	15 max 5/12, 8 max 5/12	v. o., T. Aversa	
8, 9	Weston, MNWS	12, 12	D. Morimoto#, B. Malcolm	
9	P.I., Medford	16, 6	S. Perkins#, M. Rines	
Blackburnian Warbler				
7-30, 9-27	P.I., Mt. A.	1-4, 1-3	v. o.	
18, 20	Provincetown, Boston (F.Pk)	8, 3	T. Aversa	
Yellow-throated Warbler				
7-8	MNWS	1	J. Smith + v. o.	
Pine Warbler				
1, 9	Newton, ONWR	3, 5	BBC (D. + A. Bandes), M. Lynch#	
Prairie Warbler				
10, 12	Newbury, Worcester (BMB)	4, 12	W. Drew#, K. Mills#	
14	Groveland, Medford	15, 4	T. Aversa, M. Rines#	
15, 29	Sherborn, Newbury	4, 10	E. Taylor, J. Berry	
Palm Warbler				
1, 1-10	Newton, Mt. A.	6, 6 max	BBC (D. + A. Bandes), v. o.	
2	IRWS, Waltham	5, 3	P. + F. Vale, L. Taylor	
Bay-breasted Warbler				
8, 9-30	Quabbin (G45), P.I.	1 m, 10 max 5/22	T. Aversa, v. o.	
9-25, 9-20	Mt. A., F.Pk	11 max 5/20, 5 max 5/20	v. o., T. Aversa	
14	Medford	4	M. Rines#	
Blackpoll Warbler				
7, 9; 7-24	MNWS; P'town	2, 4; 70 max 5/24	W. Drew#; B. Nikula#	
9-27, 12-31	Mt. A., F.Pk	20 max 5/20, 14 max 5/20	v. o., T. Aversa	
23, 24	Bolton, P.I.	5, 11	BBC (J. Center), T. Aversa	
Cerulean Warbler				
9	S. Quabbin, Gloucester	1, 1	E. Salmela, S. Ells#	
14, 20	Nantucket, Mt. A.	1 m, 1 m	S. Perkins, BBC (C. Cook)	
30	Quabbin (G40)	1	R. Bradbury	
Black-and-white Warbler				
1-25, 2	Mt. A., Ipswich	25 max 5/20, 7 m	v. o., J. Berry	
8, 9	Weston, P.I.	8, 30+	D. Morimoto#, S. Perkins#	
9	MNWS, Medford	75, 10	B. Malcolm, M. Rines	
American Redstart				
2-31, 8	Mt. A., Quabbin (G45)	30 max 5/25, 24	v. o., T. Aversa	
9, 24	MNWS, P.I.	9, 45	B. Malcolm, T. Aversa	
Prothonotary Warbler				
1	GMNWR, Wellfleet	1 m, 1 m	D. Lange, B. Nikula	
1	M.V.	1 m	fide V. Laux	
Worm-eating Warbler				
9, 13	Provincetown, Holliston	1, 1	B. Nikula#, M. Martinek	
13, 22; 15	Weston; Milton	2, 1; 2	D. Morimoto#; G. d'Entremont#	
16	Dartmouth, Medfield	1, 1	B. Maker#, BBC (T. Prince)	
16	Boxford	1	G. d'Entremont#	
Ovenbird				
4, 8	Truro, Weston	2, 10	K. Jones, D. Morimoto#	
9	MNWS, Medford	17, 11	B. Malcolm, M. Rines	
15, 16	Ipswich, Milton	15 m, 7	J. Berry, BBC (T. Prince)	
Northern Waterthrush				
9	P.I., MNWS	6, 7	S. Perkins#, B. Malcolm	
10	Nahant, Wenham	6, 4	T. Aversa, J. Brown#	
11	Wayland	4	S. Arena	
2-29	Reports of 1 or 2 individuals from 18 locations			
Louisiana Waterthrush				
1	Holden, Boxford	1, 2 m	M. Lynch#, J. Berry	
9, 15	MNWS, Quabbin (G40)	1, 2	B. Malcolm, T. Aversa	
15, 31	Milton, Royalston	1, 1	W. Petersen#, M. Lynch#	
Kentucky Warbler				
2-4, 18; 11	Mt. A.; Norfolk	1 m, 1 f; 1 m	v. o., C. Floyd#; B. Cassie	
Mourning Warbler				
21-27, 22-31	Mt. A., P.I.	4 max 5/25, 1	v. o.	
22; 25, 29-30	Newbury; Wellesley	1; 1, 1	H. Wiggin#; R. Forster	
25	Wenham, MNWS	1, 1	N. Nash	
30	Boston (F.Pk), Lynnfield	1, 1	T. Aversa, R. Stymeist#	
Common Yellowthroat				
9	P.I., MNWS	20, 35	S. Perkins#, B. Malcolm	
12, 30	Worcester (BMB), Lynnfield	27, 33	M. Lynch#, R. Stymeist#	
Hooded Warbler				
11, 12	Nantucket	1 m, 1 m	K. Wilson#, P. DeFlorio	

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Wilson's Warbler 7-21, 9-27 12-25, 14 24	MNWS, Boston (F.Pk) Mt. A., Medford P.I.	6 max 5/9, 3 max 1 or 2, 2 17	5/20 v. o., T. Aversa v. o., M. Rines# T. Aversa	
Canada Warbler 7, 9; 9 9-31, 13-30 22, 24	MNWS; Peabody Mt. A., F.Pk Wellesley, P.I.	1, 3; 1 6 max 5/25, 4 max 5, 17	5/25 v. o., T. Aversa R. Forster, T. Aversa	
Summer Tanager 8, 9 9, 11 16, 16-17 17	Nantucket, IRWS Provincetown, Norfolk Fairhaven, Gloucester Hingham	1, 1 m 1, 1 m 1 m, 1 m 1 m	fide E. Andrews, J. Brown# J. Sones#, B. Cassie B. Maker, K. Morrissey S. Shapiro#	
Scarlet Tanager 2, 7 9-25, 9-31 11, 14 15, 16	Boston (F.Pk), Lincoln Mt. A., Medford Worcester (BMB), Boxford Quabbin (G40), Milton	1 m, 1 6 max, 4 max 10, 6 7, 4	T. Aversa, S. Perkins v. o., M. Rines M. Lynch#, J. Brown# T. Aversa, BBC (T. Prince)	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak 1; 2, 9 6-27, 8 13, 16	Waltham; ONWR Mt. A., Nantucket Worcester (BMB), Princeton	1; 2, 8 8 max 5/12, 5 7, 8	L. Taylor; C. Cook, M. Lynch# v. o., fide E. Andrews M. Lynch#, M. Boucher	
Blue Grosbeak 1, 12; 1 6, 10-12	Nantucket; P'town Brookline, Tuckernuck	2, 1 f; 1 1, 1 imm m	J. Stroupe#, J. Soucy#; B. Nikula# L. Knowlton, D. Sutherland	
Indigo Bunting 8, 9 10-25, 29 29, 30	Nantucket, Boston (F.Pk) Mt. A., W. Roxbury Newbury, Groveland	4, 1 m 1 or 2, 6 m 4, 5 m	fide E. Andrews, T. Aversa v. o., T. Aversa J. Berry, J. Botelho	
Dickcissel 16-17	P.I.	1 m	v. o.	
Rufous-sided Towhee 6, 8 9	Worcester (BMB), Nantucket Medford, P.I.	14, 90 30, 20	M. Lynch#, fide E. Andrews M. Rines, S. Perkins#	
Clay-colored Sparrow 7	Bolton	1 ph	R. Bradbury	
Field Sparrow 6 8, 31; 9 22, 29	Worcester (BMB), Fairhaven P.I.; Medford Woburn, Newbury	16, 4 1, 2 m; 4 4, 7	M. Lynch#, J. Botelho S. Perkins#, R. Forster#; M. Rines M. Hall, J. Berry	
Vesper Sparrow 1, 10 17, 26	P.I., Lancaster Plymouth, Boston (Logan)	1, 1 5, 1	v. o., R. Bradbury W. Petersen, N. Smith	
Savannah Sparrow 2, 9	Rowley, Arlington Res.	6, 2	J. Berry, L. Taylor	
Grasshopper Sparrow 10, 11-12	Lancaster, Clinton	2, 1	R. Bradbury, E. Salmela	
Sharp-tailed Sparrow thr, 30	S. Dart. (A.Pd), P.I.	14 max, 10+	LCES (J. Hill), M. Lynch#	
Seaside Sparrow 12, 22	S. Dart. (A.Pd), P.I.	1, 3+	LCES (J. Hill), R. Stymeist#	
Song Sparrow 30	Lynnfield	27	R. Stymeist#	
Lincoln's Sparrow 11, 13 1-24	ONWR, Boston (F.Pk) Reports of individuals from 13 locations	3, 2	T. Aversa	
Swamp Sparrow 3, 9 31	GMNWR, Bolton/ONWR Wayland	20+, 21 15	M. Lynch# S. Arena	
White-throated Sparrow 1-12, 9	Mt. A., MNWS	12 max 5/2, 25	v. o., E. Taylor	
White-crowned Sparrow 7-15, 9 9, 11 14, 17 3-21	P.I., Gloucester Bolton, ONWR Wayland, DWWS Reports of individuals at 14 locations	5 max, 4 2, 3 2, 2	v. o., BBC (J. Nove) M. Lynch#, T. Aversa R. Forster#, D. Ludlow	
Dark-eyed Junco 9, 25	P.I., Boston (F.Pk)	1, 1 m	S. Perkins#, T. Aversa	
Bobolink 2, 22; 9 12, 15 22	Rowley; P.I. Boston (F.Pk), Middleboro Carlisle	4 m, 50; 510 migr 30, 175+ 14	J. Berry; S. Perkins# T. Aversa, W. Petersen# BBC (D.F. Oliver)	

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Red-winged Blackbird				
8, 9	Bolton Flats, P.I.	200+, 250+ f migr	K. Mills#, S. Perkins#	
30	Lynnfield	68	R. Stymeist#	
Yellow-headed Blackbird				
30	P.I.	1 m	M. Lynch#	
Rusty Blackbird				
1, 2; 2	Westwood; Holliston	155, 95; 3	E. Neilsen; T. Aversa	
Common Grackle				
9	P.I.	170 migr	S. Perkins#	
Orchard Oriole				
1, 12; 1, 22	Nantucket; Rowley	1, 2; 1, 3	E. Andrews; H. Wiggin# + v. o.	
4-31, 4	Wellesley, Easton	3-6, 1	R. Forster, K. Ryan#	
6-31	Reports of 1 or 2 individuals from 20 locations			
Northern Oriole				
2	ONWR, Wellesley	1, 1	C. Cook, R. Forster	
2-31, 9	Boston (F.Pk), P'town	20 max 5/12, 15	T. Aversa, B. Nikula#	
16, 30	Waltham, Lynnfield	9, 12	L. Taylor, R. Stymeist#	
Purple Finch				
1, 8	Boxford, Nantucket	4, 3	J. Berry, fide E. Andrews	
9, 16	P.I., Wayland	11 migr, 2 f	S. Perkins#, BBC (S. Arena)	
Pine Siskin				
12	Provincetown	1	B. Nikula#	
American Goldfinch				
9, 30	P.I., Wakefield	422 migr, 18	S. Perkins#, R. Stymeist#	
Evening Grosbeak				
2, 31	Quabbin (G37), Royalston	5, 2	E. Neilsen, M. Lynch#	

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