

# BIRD SIGHTINGS

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### SUMMARY



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November and December were very mild and unseasonably sunny. It was the 5th warmest November and the 11th warmest December in 124 years of records. The high was 79° on November 5, and the low mark was 13° on December 30. The season's first frost did not come until November 23, setting a new annual record for Boston of 247 days above freezing. Inland suburbs had earlier frosts. Rainfall totaled 9.68 inches for both months, 1.47 inches above normal. The most rain in any storm was 2.28 inches on November 22-24. The season's first snowfall came on November 23, but it quickly melted. The total snowfall for both months at Boston was 1.6 inches, 7.2 inches less than average. A storm on December 23-24 brought a peak gust of 56 mph from the northeast. Stronger gusts were noted in eastern Massachusetts, with a peak gust of 76 mph noted in the Blue Hills in Milton. Birders lucky enough to get out on Christmas morning were treated to several surprises along the coast.

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#### LOONS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

This reporting period featured some outstanding rarities and numerous unseasonal records. There were no significant coastal storms in November, not even a day when winds averaged from the northeast. A major storm on Christmas Eve day brought numerous observers to coastal vantage points and only meager results. However, Christmas morning proved quite productive for the fortunate few observers who ventured out.

Common Loons were reported in very good concentrations from Nantucket Sound and the Vineyard. On the annual lakes and ponds survey conducted by the Cape Cod Bird Club, the count of Pied-billed Grebes was the second highest in the 12 years of the census. An **Eared Grebe** in Wareham, although almost an annual visitor, was still a noteworthy find. Northern Fulmars were observed as a result of the storm, with a fine total of 37 at Provincetown on Christmas Day. Cory's Shearwaters held on in good numbers off Martha's Vineyard until early November. An **American White Pelican**, reported from Wareham and Orleans (probably the same individual), may have been one of two that wintered in Rhode Island the previous winter. Heron reports included only the hardier species with the usual November reports of Cattle Egret. Perhaps the bird of the season was the immature **Wood Stork** that appeared in Cotuit on November 16. When first discovered, the bird appeared in poor health but seemed to improve during its stay, which lasted into some very cold weather. This is the first confirmed report for Wood Stork since 1955 and one of fewer than ten records for the entire state.

As usual for this period waterfowl were well reported, this being the time of maximum abundance for many species. A flock of **Tundra Swans** appeared at Squibnocket Pond on Martha's Vineyard, where they are annual at this time of year. Several Greater White-fronted Geese were observed further supporting their status as a regular migrant in small numbers. Northern Shovelers were widely reported but were numerous only at South Monomoy. The Gadwall totals on Cape Cod were the highest ever recorded on the Cape Cod census. Ninety-two percent of the total was recorded in the mid-Cape towns of Barnstable, Yarmouth, and Dennis. Other duck species that were exceptionally plentiful were Ring-necked and Ruddy ducks, and Hooded Mergansers. The count of Harlequin Ducks at Gay Head is the highest total ever recorded in the state. Eurasian Wigeons were fairly well represented and included sightings of two females, which are seldom reported. For the second successive year King Eiders were scarce. Also notably scarce were both Redheads and Canvasbacks.

Fewer Ospreys lingered than usual, while at Cumberland Farms the harrier total was impressive. The handful of reports for Rough-legged Hawk clearly indicated it will not be a big winter for them. There were an inordinate number of reports for the secretive Virginia Rail, and American Coot numbers were truly spectacular. One has to wonder what caused the turnaround in coot, a species that has become increasingly

scarce for the last decade. There was little out of the ordinary among the shorebird group. Species that normally linger into November did so in limited numbers. One of the four **American Avocets** present during October lingered briefly into November. The last of the 14 **Marbled Godwits** present on Martha's Vineyard in early November lingered into early December.

Jaegers and a skua were welcome Christmas presents at First Encounter Beach in Eastham. Remarkably, all reports of Little Gull were from Cape Cod and the Islands, including a group of three at the unlikely location of Great Pond in Eastham. Equally unlikely was an immature **Common Black-headed Gull** at Quabbin Reservoir. This sighting was a first for Worcester County. A report of a possible **California Gull** at Lake Nagog in Acton prompted scores of observers to the lake in search of this rarity. Although the California Gull was not relocated, other gull species were observed, including **Glaucous**, **Iceland** and **Lesser Black-backed** gulls. **Kittiwakes** were very poorly reported, which was likely due to the lack of storms. Both **Common** and **Forster's** terns lingered in fair numbers on Cape Cod until mid-November. Only a few **Dovekies** were seen, mostly as a result of the December storm, when **Razorbills** were reported in numbers. Nonstorm acid reports included an **Atlantic Puffin** at Rockport and good counts of **Black Guillemot** at Cape Ann and Boston Harbor.

Snowy Owls arrived late, with the first report from Gay Head on December 7 and only a few thereafter. There were scattered reports of **Short-eared Owls**, with an impressive count of nine at Cumberland Farms. The amazing presence of non-Ruby-throated **Hummingbirds** continued with two *selasphorus* types remaining at Fairhaven and Needham well into December. Another in Swansea on November 24 reportedly was identified as a **Rufous Hummingbird** from photographs. Reports of five **Red-headed Woodpeckers** were a good early winter total.

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Date	Location	Number	Observers	Date	Location	Number	Observers
<b>Red-throated Loon</b>				12/25	Provincetown	37	B. Nikula
11/5	Winthrop	12	M. Lynch#	12/27	Eastham	1	fide R. Prescott
11/6	Salisbury	250	G. d'Entremont#	<b>Cory's Shearwater</b>			
11/12	Danvers Res.	1	R. Heil	11/1	Katama	30	A. Keith
11/20	Boston H.	23	TASL (S. Zende#)	11/6	Wellfleet H.	1	J. Sones#
11/26	Squibnocket	300	G. Daniels#	<b>Shearwater species</b>			
12/4	P.I.	15	S. Perkins	12/6	Provincetown	1	J. Sones
<b>Common Loon</b>				12/24	Barnstable (S.N.)	4	T. Cameron
11/13	Westport	25	M. LaBossiere	<b>Northern Gannet</b>			
11/23	Squibnocket	200	G. Daniels#	11/5	Rockport	150	BBC (J. Nove)
11/25	Quabbin	6	S. Arena	11/10	P.I.	56	K. Disney
12/3	Cape Ann	16	J. Berry	11/22	Katama	750+	A. Brown#
12/9	P.I.	12	W. Drew#	11/27	Chatham	500+	B. Nikula
12/31	Nant. Sound	131	R. Heil	<b>American White Pelican</b>			
<b>Pied-billed Grebe</b>				11/30	Wareham	1	B. Peters
11/4	P.I.	13	W. Drew#	12/9, 10	Orleans, Nauset	1	A. Dorman + v. o.
11/6, 12/11	Pembroke	18, 2	W. Petersen#	<b>Double-crested Cormorant</b>			
11/6	Lakeville	17	W. Petersen#	11/12	P.I.	32	M. Lynch#
11/12	Amesbury	6	R. Heil	11/18	Wellfleet H.	6	R. Heil
11/20	Acushnet	9	G. d'Entremont	11/20	Boston H.	341	TASL (S. Zende#)
11/20	Rochester	10	G. d'Entremont#	12/18	Essex	1	imm G. Wood
12/3-4	Cape Cod	95	CCBC	12/31	Vineyard Haven	1	G. Daniels
<b>Horned Grebe</b>				<b>American Bittern</b>			
11/4	Wellfleet	24+	J. Sones	11/1	Arlington	1	M. Rines
11/5	Winthrop	17	M. Pelikan	11/4	P.I.	2	W. Drew#
11/6	Lakeville	28	W. Petersen#	11/6	Eastham (F.H.)	3+	B. Nikula
11/18	Marion	6	M. LaBossiere	11/6	Barnstable	8	P. Trimble
11/20	Boston H.	195	TASL (S. Zende#)	11/12	GMNWR	1	E. Taylor
12/9, 21	P.I.	19, 56	W. Drew#	11/13	Westport	1	S. Arena#
12/30	Rockport	24	T. Young	12/3	W. Barnstable	5	S. Clifton#
<b>Red-necked Grebe</b>				12/4	WBWS	1	K. Weinheimer#
11/5	Wellfleet H.	1	R. Heil	<b>Great Blue Heron</b>			
11/6	Lakeville	1	W. Petersen#	11/4	P.I.	22	W. Drew#
11/20	Boston H.	11	TASL (S. Zende#)	11/5	Eastham (F.H.)	40	J. Hoye#
11/26	N. Scituate	31	G. d'Entremont	11/7	S. Dartmouth	24	M. Boucher
11/27	Rockport	18	S. Perkins#	11/20	Boston H.	23	TASL (S. Zende#)
11/27	Dennis	4	B. Nikula	11/23	Saugus	7	J. Berry
11/30	Squibnocket	11	G. Daniels	11/27	Falmouth	7	M. Lynch#
<b>Eared Grebe (details submitted)</b>				12/26	Winthrop	6	P. + F. Vale
12/17	Wareham	1	W. Petersen#	<b>Great Egret</b>			
<b>Northern Fulmar</b>				11/4	P.I.	3	W. Drew#
12/24	Barnstable (S.N.)	3	W. Petersen#				

Cattle Egret									
11/13 Ipswich	2	BBC (I. Giriunas)							
11/16 P.I.	2	T. Young							
Black-crowned Night-Heron									
11/3 Boston	2	T. Aversa							
11/27 Falmouth	1	M. Lynch#							
12/31 Vineyard Haven	5	A. Brown							
Wood Stork									
11/16-12/11 Cotuit	1	A. Hughes + v. o.							
Tundra Swan									
12/6 Squibnocket	9	A. Fischer							
Whooper Swan									
11/4, 12/2 P.I.	2	W. Drew#							
11/12 Ipswich	1 ad	R. Heil							
Mute Swan									
12/3-4 Cape Cod	233	CCBC							
12/10 E. Gloucester	33	M. Lynch#							
Greater White-fronted Goose									
11/12, 22 W. Newbury	1, 2	R. Heil							
11/21 Fairhaven	2	M. Boucher							
12/21 W. Newbury	2	L. Nachtrab							
12/26 Newburyport	1 imm	R. Heil							
Snow Goose									
11/3 Arlington Res.	1	C. Taylor#							
11/8 Boston	50+	J. Paputseanos							
11/8 S. Dart. (A. Pd)	22	LCES (J. Hill)							
11/10, 12/9 P.I.	17, 15	W. Drew#							
12/12 Groton	40	E. Stromsted							
12/15 Sterling	1 imm	R. Bradbury							
12/31 Winthrop	2	R. Stymeist							
11/26-12/3 Reports of 1-5 indiv. from 4 loc.									
Brant									
11/20 Boston H.	1454	TASL (S. Zende)							
12/26 Quincy	500	E. Taylor							
Canada Goose									
thr Sherborn	600	E. Taylor							
11/26 W. Newbury	1000+	J. Berry							
12/2, 21 P.I.	205, 460	W. Drew#							
12/3-4 Cape Cod	792	CCBC							
12/18 Hamilton	1042	J. Brown#							
Wood Duck									
11/5 GMNWR	30	E. Taylor							
11/5 Wakefield	11	P. + F. Vale							
12/13 Squibnocket	3	A. Keith#							
Green-winged Teal									
11/3 Arlington Res.	28	M. Pelikan							
11/4 P.I.	200+	J. Brown#							
11/12 S. Monomoy	30	B. Nikula							
11/12 GMNWR	100	E. Taylor							
11/24 Wakefield	30	P. + F. Vale							
12/3-4 Cape Cod	56	CCBC							
12/9 P.I.	41	W. Drew#							
12/27 W. Barnstable	47	T. Aversa							
American Black Duck									
thr P.I.	2743 max	W. Drew#							
11/15 S. Dart. (A. Pd)	211	LCES (J. Hill)							
11/20 Boston H.	1145	TASL (S. Zende)							
11/27 Falmouth	130	M. Lynch#							
12/3-4 Cape Cod	2184	CCBC							
Mallard									
12/3-4 Cape Cod	1462	CCBC							
Northern Pintail									
11/4, 12/21 P.I.	65, 21	W. Drew#							
11/8 GMNWR	12	T. Aversa							
11/12 S. Monomoy	25	B. Nikula							
11/27 Falmouth	2	M. Lynch#							
12/11 Westport	89	LCES							
12/31 Edgartown	7	J. Norton							
Blue-winged Teal									
11/5 GMNWR	2	E. Taylor							
11/11 P.I.	3	J. Hoye#							
11/16 Squibnocket	2	A. Keith#							
11/24 Cotuit	1	M. Blazis							
Northern Shoveler									
11/5 S. Monomoy	75	H. Ferguson							
11/18 E. Boston	2	T. Aversa							
12/2-23 P.I.	2	v. o.							
12/3-4 Cape Cod	1	CCBC							
12/15-31 Worcester	1	R. Bradbury							
12/31 Edgartown	3	J. Norton							
thr Reports of individuals from 5 locations									
Gadwall									
11/12 S. Monomoy	15	B. Nikula							
11/18 Ipswich	27	N. Nash							
11/24 Marstons Mills	30	B. Nikula							
11/25 P.I.	8	W. Drew#							
11/27 Gloucester	70+	S. Arena							
11/30 Wenham	6	N. Nash							
12/3-4 Cape Cod	183	CCBC							
12/15 Wenham	8	N. Nash							
12/20 Squibnocket	10	G. Daniels							
Eurasian Wigeon									
thr Barnstable	1-2	v. o.							
11/12 Ipswich	1 f	R. Heil							
11/14-12/18 Wenham	1 m	N. Nash							
11/18-12/31 Chatham	2	v. o.							
11/20 E. Gloucester	1	B. Malcolm							
11/25 Plymouth	1 f	W. Petersen							
12/31 Belmont	1 m	R. Stymeist							
American Wigeon									
11/11, 12/27 Arlington	20, 10	L. Taylor							
11/12 Amesbury	20	R. Heil							
11/12 S. Monomoy	20	B. Nikula							
11/16 M. V.	75+	A. Brown#							
11/18 Ipswich	75	N. Nash							
11/27 Barnstable	20+	M. Lynch#							
12/1-18 Wenham	5	N. Nash							
12/3-4 Cape Cod	121	CCBC							
12/11 Camb. (F.P.)	32	P. Roberts							
Canvasback									
11/26 W. Newbury	1 f	M. Argue#							
12/3-4 Cape Cod	115	CCBC							
12/4 Camb. (F.P.)	50	M. Pelikan							
12/10 Acton	1 f	M. Lynch#							
12/10 E. Gloucester	1 f	S. Perkins							
Redhead									
11/13, 12/27 M. V.	1	A. Keith#							
Ring-necked Duck									
thr Arlington Res.	89 max	D. Arvidson							
11/6 W. Newbury	570	D. Chickering							
11/6 Lakeville	375+	W. Petersen#							
11/12 S. Monomoy	150	W. Petersen#							
11/15 Framingham	75	E. Taylor							
11/19 Southboro	550	E. Taylor							
12/3-4 Cape Cod	107	CCBC							
12/3 Acton	50+	M. Lynch#							
12/11 Brockton	46	S. Arena							
Greater Scaup									
11/4 P.I.	38	W. Drew#							
11/6 Lakeville	200	W. Petersen#							
11/20 Boston H.	95	TASL (S. Zende)							
11/27 Falmouth	470+	M. Lynch#							
12/3-4 Cape Cod	1245	CCBC							
Lesser Scaup									
11/6 Pembroke	16	W. Petersen#							
11/6 Lakeville	30	W. Petersen#							
11/12 W. Newbury	15	R. Heil							
11/12 Peabody	13	R. Heil							
11/24 Cotuit	35	B. Nikula#							
11/27 Tisbury	200	A. Brown#							
11/27 Falmouth	30+	M. Lynch#							
12/3-4 Cape Cod	46	CCBC							

Lesser Scaup (continued)				12/3-4	Cape Cod	2078	CCBC
12/26	Quincy	10	E. Taylor	12/31	Newburyport	100+	J. Berry
12/27	Vineyard Haven	25	A. Keith#	Hooded Merganser			
Common Eider				11/12	Ipswich	64	R. Heil
11/12	S. Monomoy	20,000	B. Nikula	11/15	Newton	41	J. Samuelson
11/13	Rockport (H.P.)	2129	M. Lynch#	11/19	Waltham	60	R. Forster
11/20	Boston H.	5908	TASL (S. Zende#)	11/25	M.V.	52	G. Daniels
11/27	Westport	175	M. Boucher	11/26	Groveland	63	S. Charette
12/14	Squibnocket	2500	A. Keith	11/27	Braintree	55	W. Petersen
12/31	Nant. Sound	3500+	R. Heil	12/2	W. Newbury	47	T. Young
King Eider				12/3-4	Cape Cod	718	CCBC
11/13	Rockport (H.P.)	2	M. Lynch#	12/11	Worcester	66	M. Lynch#
12/3	Rockport (H.P.)	1 imm	R. Stymeist#	12/20	Oak Bluffs	100+	A. Brown
Harlequin Duck				12/27	Arlington (Spy Pd)	79	L. Taylor
11/8-12/31	Squibnocket	16 max	v. o.	Common Merganser			
11/10-12/31	Wellfleet H.	2	v. o.	11/4	P.I.	40	W. Drew#
11/25	N. Scituate	12	J. Cameron#	11/12	Waltham	40	S. Arena#
11/25-12/31	Rockport (A.P.)	10-12	v. o.	11/20	Lakeville	100	M. Pelikan
12/11	Gay Head	80	A. Fischer	11/26	W. Newbury	105	R. Heil
12/18	Nahant	1	P. Duffy	11/27	Danvers	170	J. Berry
12/31	Woods Hole	5	T. Young	12/3-4	Cape Cod	424	CCBC
Oldsquaw				12/3	Acton	50	M. Lynch#
11/7	S. Dartmouth	16	M. Boucher	12/3	Wakefield	157	P. + F. Vale
11/13	Rockport (H.P.)	74	M. Lynch#	12/11	Pembroke	65	W. Petersen
11/26	Newburyport H.	400	M. Argue#	Red-breasted Merganser			
11/27	Barnstable	45+	M. Lynch#	11/5	Truro	900	R. Heil
12/24	Vineyard Haven	1500+	V. Laux	11/5	Winthrop	250+	M. Lynch#
Black Scoter				11/20	Boston H.	1950	TASL (S. Zende#)
11/6	Gay Head	150	G. Daniels	11/24	Vineyard Haven	425	A. Brown#
11/6	P.I./Salisbury	200	BBC (S. Charette)	11/27	Falmouth	290+	M. Lynch#
11/9	Scussett B.	35	M. LaBossiere	Ruddy Duck			
11/13	Rockport (H.P.)	33	M. Lynch#	11/5	S. Monomoy	300	H. Ferguson
12/14	Squibnocket	75	A. Keith#	11/6	Pembroke	355	W. Petersen#
Surf Scoter				11/24	Lincoln	110	M. Pelikan
11/8	Squibnocket	250+	A. Brown#	11/26	W. Newbury	310	J. Berry
11/12	P.I.	100	BBC (J. Center)	12/3-4	Cape Cod	59	CCBC
11/13	Rockport (H.P.)	43	M. Lynch#	12/10	W. Newbury	239	R. Heil
11/20	Boston H.	20	TASL (S. Zende#)	12/11	Pembroke	50	W. Petersen
11/27	Barnstable	22	M. Lynch#	12/3	Melrose	25	P. + F. Vale
11/27	Westport	75	M. Boucher	12/11	Westport	61	LCES
12/31	Nant. Sound	550	R. Heil	12/11	Gay Head	60	A. Fischer
White-winged Scoter				Turkey Vulture			
11/4	P.I.	495	W. Drew#	11/6	N. Dartmouth	4	M. Boucher
11/6	Gay Head	220	G. Daniels	12/3	Wareham	1	M. LaBossiere
11/20	Boston H.	660	TASL (S. Zende#)	12/23	Randolph	1	W. Petersen
11/27	Barnstable	100+	M. Lynch#	Osprey			
12/31	Nant. Sound	800	R. Heil	11/5	S. Carver	1	K. Anderson
Scoter species				11/20	N. Attleboro	1	G. Valade
11/12	S. Monomoy	10,000	B. Nikula	11/30	W. Tisbury	1	S. Whiting
Common Goldeneye				12/1	Tisbury	1	A. Keenan
thr	Marlboro	11 max	R. Graefe	12/2	Chilmark	1	H. Smith
11/6	Lakeville	18	W. Petersen#	Bald Eagle			
11/20	Boston H.	325	TASL (S. Zende#)	thr	Lakeville	2 ad	v. o.
11/27	Falmouth	23	M. Lynch#	11/3	Sandwich	1	K. Anderson#
12/3	Cape Ann	30	J. Berry	11/11	Rochester	1 ad	K. Weinheimer
12/3-4	Cape Cod	292	CCBC	11/25, 12/23	W. Newbury	1, 2	R. Heil
12/31	Wachusett Res.	7	R. Bradbury	11/26	Frammingham	1 imm	K. Hamilton
Common Goldeneye x Hooded Merganser				12/15	Brewster	1	R. Clem
12/22	Eel Pd (M.V.)	1	A. Keith#	12/26	Stow	1	T. Gumbart
Barrow's Goldeneye				12/30	Newburyport	2	C. Ralph
11/30	M.V. (W. Chop)	1 f	A. Keith	Northern Harrier			
12/4-31	Winthrop	1 m	P. + F. Vale	11/5	Truro	3 imm	R. Heil
12/12-31	Vineyard Haven	2-4	v. o.	11/6	Barnstable	4	P. Trimble
12/17	Wareham	1 m	W. Petersen#	11/8	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	3	LCES (J. Hill)
12/31	Gloucester H.	1 m	J. Brown#	11/8	Squibnocket	3	A. Brown#
Bufflehead				11/22	Cumb. Farms	14	T. Aversa
11/13	M.V.	175	A. Keith#	12/9	P.I.	6	W. Drew#
11/15	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	57	LCES (J. Hill)	Sharp-shinned Hawk			
11/20	Boston H.	2089	TASL (S. Zende#)	11/4	N. Attleboro	2	G. Valade
11/26	W. Newbury	50	J. Berry	11/20	Boston H.	3	TASL (S. Zende#)
11/27	Falmouth	420+	M. Lynch#	11/12	Squibnocket	3	A. Brown

Sharp-shinned Hawk (continued)				12/4	P.I.	1	S. Perkins#
12/31	Malden	2	P. + F. Vale	12/13	Cotuit	5	T. Aversa
thr	Reports of indiv. from many locations			12/27	Eastham (F.H.)	1	T. Aversa
Cooper's Hawk				Common Moorhen			
thr	Sandwich	3 max	P. Trimble	11/4	P.I.	1	W. Drew#
thr	M.V.	6 max	v. o.	11/12	IRWS	1 imm	G. Bertrand
thr	Reports of indiv. from 23 locations			American Coot			
Northern Goshawk				11/4, 12/9	P.I.	227, 125	W. Drew#
11/3	Sandwich	1	K. Anderson#	11/5	S. Monomoy	500	H. Ferguson
11/12	P.I.	1 imm	BBC (J. Center)	11/5	GMNWR	160	P. Roberts
11/14	Wayland	1 imm	N. Patterson	11/6, 12/11	Pembroke	250, 75	W. Petersen#
11/18	Framingham	1 ad	K. Hamilton	11/6	Lakeville	250	W. Petersen#
11/29	Royalston	1	K. Hamilton	11/12	Amesbury	453	R. Heil
12/20	Vineyard Haven	1	G. Daniels	11/28	W. Newbury	149	R. Heil
12/27	E. Boxford	1	K. Disney	12/3-4	Cape Cod	171	CCBC
Red-shouldered Hawk				12/3	Squibnocket	100	A. Brown
11/17	Wrentham	1	W. Petersen	12/11	Westport	525	LCES
12/3	W. Barnstable	1 ad	S. Arena#	12/27	Arlington (Spy Pd)	104	L. Taylor
12/3	Groton	1	M. Resch	12/30	Rochester	175	K. Weinheimer
12/30	Rochester	1	M. LaBossiere	thr	Reports of 1-100 indiv. from many loc.		
Rough-legged Hawk				Black-bellied Plover			
11/12	Newbury	1 lt	R. Forster#	11/2, 12/26	Katama	200, 75	A. Keith
11/15	Danvers	1	G. Lynch	11/3	Dennis	120	K. Hamilton#
12/6	Bourne	1	F. Bouchard	11/4	P.I.	16	W. Drew#
12/21	P.I.	1	L. Nachtrab	11/5	Winthrop	120	M. Pelikan
Golden Eagle				11/5, 13	N. Monomoy	550, 220	B. Nikula
11/19	Nantucket	1 imm	D. Sutherland	American Golden-Plover			
12/26	Quabbin (G37)	1 ad	R. Bradbury	11/5	N. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula
American Kestrel				Semipalmated Plover			
11/14	N. Attleboro	3	G. Valade	11/5	N. Monomoy	4	B. Nikula
12/4	Jamaica Plain	2	M. Rines	11/13	Salisbury	1	BBC (I. Giriunas)
12/11	Boston (Logan)	2	N. Smith	12/4	Eastham (F.E.)	1	E. Weinheimer#
thr	Reports of individuals from 5 locations			12/12	Saugus	1	W. Petersen#
Merlin				Killdeer			
thr	Reports of 13 indiv. from 12 locations			11/5	Westboro	6	M. Lynch#
Peregrine Falcon				12/4	Eastham (F.E.)	7	K. Weinheimer#
thr	Lawrence	1	J. Hogan	12/7	Danvers	2	J. Brown#
thr	Saugus	1 ad	J. Berry	12/16	Chatham	1	R. Clem
11/4	P.I.	1	W. Drew#	American Oystercatcher			
11/8	Danvers	1 ad	J. Brown#	11/5	N. Monomoy	15	B. Nikula
11/12	W. Tisbury	3	P. Unlendorf	11/29, 12/4	Katama	6, 5	A. Brown#
11/12	Chatham (S.B.)	1	W. Petersen#	American Avocet			
11/20	Boston H.	2	TASL (S. Zende#)	11/5	E. Boston	1	J. Quigley
11/27	Westport	1	M. Boucher	Greater Yellowlegs			
12/18	Eastham	1	W. Petersen#	thr	Hyannis	16 max	S. Clifton#
Ruffed Grouse				11/4, 12/21	P.I.	36, 1	W. Drew#
11/2	Georgetown	2	S. Charette	11/6	Squantum	60	P. Fitzgerald
11/27	Milton	1	G. d'Entremont	11/8, 29	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	12, 1	LCES (J. Hill)
11/27	E. Boxford	1	J. Brown#	11/18	E. Boston	20	T. Aversa
12/2	Wayland	1	N. Patterson	11/20	Hull	6	TASL (S. Zende#)
12/3	N. Middleboro	6-7	K. Holmes	12/14	Wareham	3	M. LaBossiere
12/17	Andover	2	T. Walker#	Lesser Yellowlegs			
Wild Turkey				11/13	S. Dartmouth	1	M. Boucher
thr	Sherborn	23	E. Taylor	11/22	WBWS	1	J. Sones
11/3	E. Boxford	11	J. Brown#	Hudsonian Godwit			
11/13	Essex	10	R. Young#	11/10	P.I.	3	W. Drew#
11/19	Chilmark	35	A. Keith	Marbled Godwit			
Ring-necked Pheasant				11/1-12/2	M.V.	14 max	11/7 v. o.
12/22	Rosindale	12	T. Aversa	Ruddy Turnstone			
Northern Bobwhite				11/12	N. Monomoy	1	W. Petersen#
11/1	W. Roxbury	9	T. Aversa	12/31	Nantucket	5+G.	d'Entremont#
11/27	Cotuit	5	M. Lynch#	Red Knot			
12/31	N. Middleboro	16	K. Holmes	11/3	Dennis	20	K. Hamilton
Clapper Rail				11/5, 13	N. Monomoy	235, 70	B. Nikula
11/6	Eastham (F.H.)	1	J. Hoye#	11/20	P.I.	1	M. Lynch#
12/4	P.I.	1	S. Perkins#	12/4	P.I.	4	S. Perkins#
Virginia Rail				Sanderling			
11/5	WBWS	2	R. Heil	11/3	Dennis	450	K. Hamilton#
11/16	Squibnocket	2	A. Keith#	11/5, 13	N. Monomoy	1100, 300	B. Nikula
11/20	Essex	2	T. Young	11/19	Katama	100+	A. Brown#
12/3	Squibnocket	2	A. Brown	12/26	Winthrop	91	P. + F. Vale

Sanderling (continued)								
12/21 P.I.	73		W. Drew#					
Semipalmated Sandpiper								
11/14 S. Monomoy	1		B. Nikula					
White-rumped Sandpiper								
11/5 Newbury	9		R. Forster					
11/5 S. Monomoy	30		H. Ferguson					
11/12 S. Monomoy	10		W. Petersen#					
11/13 Salisbury	2		BBC (I. Giriunas)					
Pectoral Sandpiper								
11/5 Newbury	1		R. Forster#					
11/14 S. Monomoy	1		B. Nikula#					
Purple Sandpiper								
11/13 Salisbury	1		BBC (I. Giriunas)					
11/19 Boston H.	125+		S. Arena#					
11/20 Westport	15		M. Pelikan#					
11/20 P.I.	1		M. Lynch#					
11/26 E. Gloucester	22		S. Perkins#					
12/4 N. Scituate	75		C. Ralph					
12/18 Swampscott	50		P. Duffy					
Dunlin								
11/3 Dennis	250		K. Hamilton#					
11/5, 13 N. Monomoy	1500, 1100		B. Nikula					
11/5 Revere	200		M. Pelikan					
11/18 Winthrop	200		T. Aversa					
11/18 WBWS	700		R. Heil					
11/26 Eastham	2000+		W. Petersen					
11/26 Newburyport	500		H. Wiggin#					
12/23 S. Dart. (A. Pd)	233		LCES (J. Hill)					
Short-billed Dowitcher								
11/9 Katama	1		A. Brown#					
Long-billed Dowitcher								
12/4 P.I.	3		S. Perkins#					
Common Snipe								
11/5 Newbury	14		R. Forster					
11/19 W. Bridgewater	2		T. Cameron#					
12/2 N. Attleboro	4		G. Valade					
11/1-12-5 Reports of indiv.	from 5 locations							
American Woodcock								
11/11 Essex	1		T. Young					
11/12 S. Monomoy	1		B. Nikula					
11/23 Wayland	1		N. Patterson					
11/28 Royalston	1		K. Hamilton					
12/4 IRWS	1		P. + F. Vale					
12/22 Cumb. Farms	1		K. Anderson					
12/27 Marstons Mills	1		T. Aversa					
Pomarine Jaeger								
12/25 Eastham (F.E.)	2		B. Nikula					
Parasitic Jaeger								
11/1 Katama	1		A. Keith#					
11/12 Vineyard Haven	1		V. Laux					
Jaeger species								
12/6 Provincetown	1		J. Sones					
12/25 Eastham (F.E.)	4		B. Nikula					
Skua species								
12/25 Eastham (F.E.)	1		B. Nikula					
Laughing Gull								
11/2 Katama	500		A. Keith					
11/5, 18 Wellfleet	125, 85		R. Heil					
11/16 E. Boston	13		J. Quigley					
11/20 New Bedford	9		J. Young#					
11/26 Provincetown	2		W. Petersen#					
12/4 Winthrop	1		BBC (R. Stymeist)					
12/8 M.V.	3		G. Daniels					
12/10 Provincetown H.	2		B. Nikula					
Little Gull								
11/5 Eastham	3		R. Heil					
11/17, 12/3 Menemsha	1		A. Keith					
11/18 Vineyard Haven	1 imm		V. Laux#					
12/24 Eastham (F.E.)	1 imm		S. Arena#					
Common Black-headed Gull								
11/12 Newburyport	1 ad		M. Lynch#					
11/14 Lynn	1 ad		J. Quigley					
11/16 E. Boston	3 ad		J. Quigley					
11/17-12-31 Quabbin	1		T. Gagnon#					
12/28 Newburyport	1 ad		J. Brown#					
12/31 Winthrop	8		R. Stymeist					
Bonaparte's Gull								
11/5 Eastham	275		R. Heil					
11/20 Boston H.	1112	TASL	(S. Zende#)					
11/20 Newbypt area	97		M. Lynch#					
11/25 Osterville	220		P. Trimble					
12/3 Menemsha	75+		A. Brown#					
12/11 Ipswich	23		J. Berry					
12/17 Bourne area	450		W. Petersen#					
Ring-billed Gull								
11/22 Brockton	400		S. Arena					
California Gull (details submitted)								
12/2 Acton	1 ad		M. Resch					
Iceland Gull								
12/22 Worcester	1 imm		R. Bradbury					
12/25 Acton	2-3		S. Perkins					
Lesser Black-backed Gull								
11/2, 12/9 Lynn	1 ad		J. Quigley					
11/3 Dennis	1		K. Hamilton					
11/27 W. Boylston	1		B. Blodgett					
12/3 Brewster	1		R. Comeau#					
12/3, 12/17 Acton	1 ad, 1 3W		M. Resch					
12/10 Easton	1 ad		S. Arena					
Glaucous Gull								
12/17 Acton	2 imm		M. Resch					
12/24 Rockport (A.P.)	1 1W		R. Heil					
Herring x Great Black-backed Gull								
11/21 Lynn	1 ad		J. Quigley					
Black-legged Kittiwake								
11/12 Vineyard Haven	3		V. Laux					
11/26 P.I.	7		S. Perkins#					
12/24 Rockport (A.P.)	80		R. Heil					
12/25 Eastham (F.E.)	60		B. Nikula					
Common Tern								
11/3 Dennis	8		K. Hamilton					
11/5, 18 Wellfleet	80, 7		R. Heil					
11/15 Barnstable	40		R. Forster#					
Forster's Tern								
11/3 Dennis	30		K. Hamilton					
11/5 Wellfleet	10+		R. Heil					
11/7 M.V.	45		V. Laux#					
11/7 S. Dartmouth	3		M. Boucher					
11/15 Barnstable	2		R. Forster#					
11/25 Dennis	1		W. Loughran					
11/27 Falmouth	1		M. Lynch#					
12/4 Katama	1		A. Brown#					
Dovekie								
11/5 P.I.	1		P. Roberts					
11/13 Rockport (H.P.)	5		M. Lynch#					
12/20 Wellfleet H.	1		R. Everett					
12/24 Rockport (A.P.)	2		R. Heil					
12/24 Dennis	13		K. Weinheimer#					
12/24 Manomet	1		G. d'Entremont					
12/25 Barnstable (S.N.)	4		A. Strauss					
12/31 Provincetown	1		J. Sones#					
Thick-billed Murre								
11/20 Squantum	1	TASL	(S. Zende#)					
11/23-30 Edgartown	1		M. Dix + v. o.					
11/24 P'town H.	2		G. Martin					
11/27 P'town (R.P.)	2		E. Nielsen#					
12/3 E. Gloucester	1		J. Berry					
Razorbill								
11/27 Wellfleet H.	40+		J. Sones#					
12/10 Sandwich	40+		M. Tuttle#					
12/20 Eastham (F.E.)	450+		J. Sones					
12/23 P.I.	17		R. Heil					



Razorbill (continued)									
12/24 Dennis	25	K. Weinheimer#	11/4 P.I.	1					W. Drew#
12/24 Rockport (A.P.)	53	R. Heil	11/8 Edgartown	1					V. Laux
12/25 Provincetown	150	B. Nikula	11/20 DWWS	2					N. Smith
12/25 Barnstable (S.N.)	90	A. Strauss	11/25 Barnstable (S.N.)	1					H. Ferguson
12/31 Nant. Sound	34	R. Heil	11/25 Cumb. Farms	9					R. Stymeist#
Large Alcids Species			12/1 Katama	1					A. Keith#
12/24 Eastham (F.E.)	95	B. Nikula#	12/10 Topsfield	3					P. Duffy
12/24 Dennis	90	B. Nikula#	12/11 Boston (Logan)	1					N. Smith
12/25 Eastham (F.E.)	235	B. Nikula#	Northern Saw-whet Owl						
12/25 Provincetown	530	B. Nikula	11/2 S. Middleboro	1	dead				R. Turner
12/31 Provincetown	110	B. Nikula#	11/17 DWWS	1	b				N. Smith
Black Guillemot			<b>Rufous Hummingbird</b>						
11/19 Boston H.	20+	S. Arena#	11/24 Swansea	1					V. Geldart
11/25 N. Scituate	4	J. Cameron#	<b>Selasphorus species</b>						
11/27 Wellfleet H.	1	A. Thomas#	thr Fairhaven	1		L. + N. Mach + v. o.			
12/9 Cape Ann	50	R. Forster#	12/15 Needham	1	imm	m			K. Eriks + v. o.
<b>Atlantic Puffin</b>			<b>Red-headed Woodpecker</b>						
11/27 Rockport	6	S. Perkins#	11/9-13 P.I.	1					D. Bergeron + v.o.
Mourning Dove			12/1-31 Lakeville	1					F. Cushman
11/20 Sandwich	200	S. Perkins	12/20-31 Petersham	1					R. Bradbury + v. o.
Barn Owl			12/26 Vineyard Haven	1					P. Uhlendorf
11/7 Quincy	1	N. Komar	12/26 Georgetown	1					CBC
Eastern Screech-Owl			<b>Red-bellied Woodpecker</b>						
thr Mt. A.	3	v. o.	11/7 Lincoln	1					B. Howell
thr Reports of indiv. from 6 locations			11/13 Falmouth	1					L. Taylor#
<b>Great Horned Owl</b>			11/27 Yarmouth	1					T. Noonan
11/8 Essex	2	T. Young	11/30 Vineyard Haven	1					G. Daniels
11/12 S. Monomoy	2+	B. Nikula	12/10 Acton	1					M. Resch
11/29 Eastham F.H.)	3	T. Aversa	12/11 Carlisle	1					C. Hergenrother
12/3-31 Mt. A.	1 or 2	v. o.	12/13 Marston Mills	1					T. Aversa
12/19 Essex	2	T. Young	12/30 Attleboro	1					G. Valade
12/22 E. Middleboro	2	K. Anderson	12/31 Acushnet	1					M. LaBossiere
12/31 N. Middleboro	2 pr	K. Holmes	<b>Yellow-bellied Sapsucker</b>						
<b>Snowy Owl</b>			12/27 Vineyard Haven	1					P. Uhlendorf
12/7-30 Gay Head	1	A. Fischer + v. o.	<b>Hairy Woodpecker</b>						
12/11 Boston (Logan)	1	N. Smith	thr Ipswich	4					J. Berry
12/18, 22 Nant. (2 loc.)	1, 1	v. o.	thr Natick	2					E. Taylor
12/31 Newburyport	1 imm	J. Berry	11/30 Vineyard Haven	3					A. Brown
<b>Barred Owl</b>			12/10 N. Middleboro	2					K. Holmes
11/27 Royalston	1	K. Hamilton#	<b>Northern Flicker</b>						
<b>Long-eared Owl</b>			11/6 Gay Head	100+					G. Daniels
11/9 Somerville	1	B. Favaloro	<b>Pileated Woodpecker</b>						
11/17 DWWS	1	N. Smith	11/23 Lincoln	1					W. Petersen
12/1 Edgartown	1	A. Keith	11/27 Winchendon	1					K. Hamilton
12/10 P.I.	1	BBC (W. Drummond)	12/4 IRWS	1					P. + F. Vale
12/16 Essex	1	T. Young	12/6 Wayland	1					N. Patterson
<b>Short-eared Owl</b>			12/26 Topsfield	1					K. Disney

#### FLYCATCHERS THROUGH GROSBEAKS

Late fall and early winter hold exciting possibilities for rarities, and this season was no disappointment. Mostly of western origin, rarities included an **Ash-throated Flycatcher** reported from Sandwich on November 8. If confirmed by the Massachusetts Avian Records Committee (MARC), this would represent only the tenth state record, and the fourth in the past five years. All but one of the sightings of this species in Massachusetts have been in November or December. Another **myiarchus** flycatcher was briefly seen in Wakefield, but the observers, pressured by the deadline of a flight departure, were unable to pursue their search. A call from Logan Airport was made but the bird could not be relocated later that day or the following day despite a diligent search.

A **Black-throated Gray Warbler** reported from Brookline on November 18 was well described by the observer, but could not be relocated after that date. If confirmed by MARC it would be only the 11th state record, all of which have been in the fall. Good feeder birds included a **Western Tanager** in Belmont, a **Harris's Sparrow** in Hopkinton, and **Painted Buntings** from Gay Head and Brewster. The bunting in Brewster is now an old friend to the home owners, who welcomed it for the third consecutive year. Not so rare but also noteworthy were a **Sedge Wren** at Fort Hill in Eastham and a **Yellow-headed Blackbird** in Westport.

A "Spotted" Towhee was photographed at a feeder in Acushnet in early December. This subspecies of the Rufous-sided Towhee is a rare visitor to Massachusetts. An "Audubon's" Warbler, the western subspecies of Yellow-rumped Warbler, was found among the "Myrtles" at Gay Head on Martha's Vineyard.

Red-breasted Nuthatches took a dive this season with only 10 individuals reported, compared with hundreds in the same period last year. Although Carolina Wren numbers seem down slightly, they appear to be holding their own despite the severe winter last year. Last year's winter finch invasion was not repeated. Not a single siskin, redpoll, crossbill, or Pine Grosbeak was reported.

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Eastern Phoebe				12/16	Cumb. Farms	1	T. Aversa
11/5	Newton	1	G. d'Entremont	12/31	N. Attleboro	1	G. Valade
12/2	Gardner	1	P. Vickery	Winter Wren			
<b>Ash-throated Flycatcher</b>	(details submitted)			11/5	WBWS, Truro	1, 2	R. Heil
11/8	Sandwich	1	P. Trimble	11/5	Nahant	3	M. Pelikan
Great Crested Flycatcher				11/6	Arlington Res.	2	M. Pelikan
11/26	Chatham	1	ph B. Nikula	11/8	Nahant	3	T. Aversa
<b>Myiarchus species</b>				11/29	Eastham (F.H.)	3	T. Aversa
11/24	Wakefield	1	P. + F. Vale	12/9	Falmouth	5	T. Aversa
Western Kingbird				12/27	Barnstable	3	T. Aversa
11/3-4	Eastham (F.H.)	1	R. Everett#	<b>Sedge Wren</b>			
11/4	Chilmark	1	W. Manter	11/26-29	Eastham (F.H.)	1	T. Aversa#
11/5	Truro	1	R. Heil	Marsh Wren			
Horned Lark				11/6	Squibnocket	1	A. Keith
11/15	Newbury	150	B. Van Dusen	11/12	P.I.	1	M. Lynch#
11/27	S. Dartmouth	75	M. Boucher	11/19	Cotuit	3	M. Lynch#
12/26	Cumb. Farms	30+	T. Cameron#	12/6	S. Dartmouth	1	T. Aversa
12/31	N. Attleboro	37	G. Valade	12/13	Cotuit	1	T. Aversa
Tree Swallow				12/27	Eastham (F.H.)	2	T. Aversa
11/6	Middleboro	10	W. Petersen#	Golden-crowned Kinglet			
11/12, 14	S. Monomoy	400, 250	B. Nikula#	11/5	Nahant	6	M. Pelikan
12/4	Harwich	1	E. Weinheimer#	11/5	Medford	5	M. Pelikan
12/11	Gay Head	40+	A. Fischer	11/18	Falmouth	10	M. Rines
12/20	Squibnocket	30	G. Daniels	Ruby-crowned Kinglet			
Barn Swallow				11/4	Andover	4	S. Charette
11/4	P.I.	4	L. Nachtrab	11/6	Medford	2	M. Rines
11/5	Orleans	6	R. Heil	11/8	Nahant	12	T. Aversa
11/6	Eastham	3	J. Hoye#	11/30	Roslindale	2	T. Aversa
11/8	Avon	1	G. d'Entremont	12/4	Boston	2	T. Aversa
American Crow				12/6	S. Dartmouth	2	T. Aversa
11/6, 26	Frammingham	200, 2000	E. Taylor	12/9	Falmouth	2	T. Aversa
12/31	Frammingham	4800	E. Taylor	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			
Fish Crow				11/2	W. Newton	1	R. Forster
11/4	N. Attleboro	2	G. Valade	11/13	Chatham	1	J. Sones
11/9	Sandwich	1	P. Trimble	11/21	New Bedford	1	M. Rines
11/12	W. Roxbury	2	T. Aversa	12/4	S. Orleans	1	K. McGinley
11/30	Roslindale	1	T. Aversa	Eastern Bluebird			
12/3	Lexington	1	L. Taylor	11/2	Sharon	12	K. Ryan
Common Raven				11/3	Edgartown	32	V. Laux
11/27	Royalston	4	K. Hamilton	11/17	E. Boxford	14	J. Brown#
11/30	Winchendon	2	K. Hamilton	11/20	Attleboro	27	G. Valade
Red-breasted Nuthatch				11/25	Hingham	12	S. Carey
thr Middleboro	1	K. Anderson		12/7	Mattapoisett	21	F. Smith
11/15	Cotuit	5	T. Aversa	12/25	Pepperell	19	E. Stromsted
11/27	Royalston	4	K. Hamilton	thr	Numerous reports of 1-10 individuals		
Brown Creeper				Hermit Thrush			
thr E. Boxford	1-2	J. Brown#		11/4	Andover	3	S. Charette
11/4	Andover	2	S. Charette	11/6	Edgartown	4	T. Young
Carolina Wren				11/6	Boston (F.Pk)	5	T. Aversa
11/3	Wayland	2	M. Pelikan	11/6	Waltham	4	L. Taylor
11/18	Falmouth	23	M. Rines	11/12	Braintree	3	J. Cameron#
11/21	New Bedford	7	M. Rines	11/27	Falmouth	2	M. Lynch#
11/25	Fairhaven	17	R. Stymeist#	12/6	S. Dartmouth	2	T. Aversa
12/3	Cambridge	1	L. Taylor	12/13	Barnstable	4	T. Aversa
12/3	Barnstable	14	S. Arena#	12/22	E. Middleboro	2	K. Anderson
12/11	Natick	1	E. Taylor	American Robin			
House Wren				11/7	Wayland	785	K. Hamilton
thr Boston	1	T. Aversa		11/10	Essex	600+	T. Young
11/24	Chilmark	1	A. Keith	11/13	W. Tisbury	2500	A. Keith
11/25	Hyannisport	1	P. Trimble	12/30	Boston	785	K. Hudson
11/26	Truro	1	T. Aversa#				



Gray Catbird				11/12	P.I.	80+	M. Lynch#
12/9 Falmouth	8	T. Aversa		11/29	Eastham (F.H.)	60	T. Aversa
thr Reports of 1-2 indiv. from 8 locations				12/4	Squantum	60	M. Rines
Brown Thrasher				12/9	Falmouth	26	T. Aversa
11/9-12/31 Boston	1	T. Aversa		12/20	Taunton	19	T. Aversa
11/13 Westport	1	M. LaBossiere		<b>"Audubon's" Warbler</b>			
11/22 Sandwich	1	P. Trimble		11/21	Gay Head	1	A. Keith
12/11 Gay Head	1	A. Fischer		<b>Black-throated Gray Warbler</b>			
12/13 Hyannis	1	T. Aversa		11/18	Brookline	1	T. Aversa
12/17 Wareham	1	W. Petersen#		Pine Warbler			
American Pipit				12/12	Brewster	1	A. King
11/3 Wayland	8	M. Pelikan		Prairie Warbler			
11/6 Middleboro	250	W. Petersen#		11/18	Truro	1	R. Heil
11/6 Barnstable	17	P. Trimble		Palm Warbler			
11/14 Attleboro	27	G. Valade		11/1-30	Sandwich	30 max	P. Trimble
11/15 Sandwich	35	T. Aversa		11/1	W. Roxbury	10	T. Aversa
11/26 W. Newbury	15	J. Berry		11/5	Waltham	4	L. Taylor#
12/30 Katama	10	G. Daniels#		11/25	N. Scituate	2	J. Cameron#
Bohemian Waxwing				11/29	Eastham	13	T. Aversa
12/18 Eastham	1	W. Petersen#		12/2	W. Roxbury	2	T. Aversa
Cedar Waxwing				12/4	Scituate	3	C. Ralph
12/16 Wareham	50	M. LaBossiere		12/16	Cumb. Farms	1	T. Aversa
12/18 N. Attleboro	99	G. Valade		12/20	Raynham	10	T. Aversa
Northern Shrike				12/30	Katama	11	G. Daniels
11/13-20 Newbury	1	J. Soucy + v. o.		Blackpoll Warbler			
11/15 Salisbury	1	M. Rines#		11/6	DWWS	1	K. Weinheimer
11/25 W. Roxbury	1 imm	T. Aversa		American Redstart			
12/3 Truro	1	R. Comeau#		11/13	Westport	1	M. LaBossiere
12/13 Hyannisport	1	T. Aversa		Northern Waterthrush			
12/18 Eastham	1	W. Petersen#		11/18	Barnstable	1	D. Ludlow
12/21 P.I.	2	L. Nachtrab		12/3, 27	Marstons Mills	1	T. Aversa#
12/25 Ipswich	1	J. Cook		Common Yellowthroat			
12/31 Nantucket	1	D. Lange#		11/6	Wakefield	1	P. + F. Vale
European Starling				11/13	Falmouth	1	L. Taylor#
11/19 Methuen	1 million	J. Hogan		11/15	Cumb. Farms	2	T. Aversa
11/26 Newbypt	10,000+	S. Charette		11/18	Everett	1	T. Aversa
White-eyed Vireo				11/25	Fairhaven	1	M. Rines#
11/14 Yarmouthport	1	R. Forster#		11/27	Cotuit	1	P. Trimble
11/20 S. Dartmouth	1	J. Young#		12/9	Boston	1 m	V. Caiani
12/26 Chilmark	1	A. Keith#		12/16	Cumb. Farms	1	T. Aversa
Solitary Vireo				12/28	W. Tisbury	1	A. Keith
11/12 IRWS	1	G. Bertrand		Wilson's Warbler			
Red-eyed Vireo				11/1	W. Roxbury	1 m	T. Aversa
11/3 Barnstable	1	M. Tuttle		12/4	Roslindale	1 m	T. Aversa
11/12 S. Boston	1	R. Donovan		Yellow-breasted Chat			
Orange-crowned Warbler				11/8	Nahant	1	T. Aversa
11/2 Chilmark	1	A. Keith		11/29	Eastham (F.H.)	2	T. Aversa
11/5 Truro	1	R. Heil		12/9	Falmouth	3	T. Aversa
11/6 DWWS	1	K. Weinheimer		12/17-31	Dorchester	1	R. Donovan
11/9-12/31 Boston	3 max	T. Aversa		12/26-29	Chilmark	1	A. Goldman#
11/12 W. Roxbury	2	T. Aversa#		<b>Western Tanager</b>			
11/13 Milton	1	G. d'Entremont		12/22-31	Belmont	1	J. Campbell
11/18 E. Boston	1	T. Aversa		Blue Grosbeak			
12/26 Chilmark	1	A. Keith#		11/1	Gay Head	1	G. Daniels
Nashville Warbler				11/4	Barnstable	1	M. Tuttle
11/1-12 W. Roxbury	1-2	T. Aversa#		<b>Painted Bunting</b>			
11/2 Chilmark	1	A. Keith		11/12-12/31	Brewster	1 m	A. Furman
11/3 Boston	1	T. Aversa		12/3	Gay Head	1 f	G. Daniels
11/6 Medford	1	M. Rines		Dickcissel			
11/9 Sandwich	1	P. Trimble		11/1	W. Roxbury	1	T. Aversa
11/18 E. Boston	1	T. Aversa		11/9	Westwood	1	B. Wicks
Yellow Warbler				11/27	S. Dartmouth	1	E. Nielsen#
11/19 S. Boston	1	R. Donovan		12/5	Marshfield	1	fide D. Clapp
Magnolia Warbler (details)				12/7-31	Melrose	1	D. Jewell + v. o.
11/12 Boston	1	S. Arena#		Rufous-sided Towhee			
Black-throated Blue Warbler				11/9	N. Dartmouth	1	M. Boucher
11/10 Katama	1	fide A. Brown		11/13	Falmouth	3	L. Taylor#
Yellow-rumped Warbler				11/20	Boston	1	T. Aversa
11/5 E. Boston (B.I.)	20+	M. Lynch#		11/22	DWWS	1	N. Ludlow
11/6 Orleans	40	J. Hoye#		11/24	Easton	1	K. Ryan
11/12 Squibnocket	50+	A. Brown#		12/6	S. Dartmouth	3	T. Aversa

## Rufous-sided Towhee (continued)

12/13	W. Barnstable	1	T. Aversa
12/15	Bedford	1	D. Argon
12/18	N. Attleboro	2	G. Valade
12/27	Charlestown	1	M. Hall

## "Spotted" Towhee

12/5-31	Acushnet	1 ph	M. LaBossiere#
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## American Tree Sparrow

11/9	Sandwich	12	P. Trimble
11/18	Ipswich	14	N. Nash
11/26	Lynnfield	25+	M. Lynch#
12/2	W. Roxbury	113	T. Aversa
12/12	Saugus	30	W. Petersen#
12/16	Cumb. Farms	370	T. Aversa

## Chipping Sparrow

11/5	E. Boston (B.I.)	1	M. Lynch#
11/6	Hanson	1	W. Petersen#
11/6	Gay Head	6	G. Daniels
11/6	P.I.	2	D. Chickering
11/16	Boston	1	T. Aversa
12/4	P.I.	40	S. Perkins#
12/12	Brewster	4	A. King
12/20	Raynham	1	T. Aversa

## Clay-colored Sparrow

12/9	M.V.	1	V. Laux
12/3-31	Nantucket	1	E. Andrews#

## Field Sparrow

11/5	Truro	13	R. Heil
11/5	E. Boston (B.I.)	4	M. Lynch#
11/6	Acushnet	6	M. LaBossiere
11/12	W. Roxbury	6	T. Aversa
11/13	Boston	3	T. Aversa
11/20	Bourne	20	T. Aversa
12/16	Cumb. Farms	23	T. Aversa
12/20	Raynham	45	T. Aversa
12/23	Berkley	11	G. d'Entremont

## Vesper Sparrow

thr	Sandwich	6 max	P. Trimble
11/6	Katama	1	V. Laux#
11/8	N. Attleboro	1	G. Valade
11/20	Bourne	1	T. Aversa
12/16	Cumb. Farms	1	T. Aversa
12/17	Westport	1	M. LaBossiere

## Savannah Sparrow

11/6	N. Attleboro	19	G. Valade
11/9	Sandwich	60	P. Trimble
11/12	P.I.	14	M. Lynch#
12/6	S. Dartmouth	20	T. Aversa
12/16	Cumb. Farms	51	T. Aversa
12/20	Raynham	25	T. Aversa
12/29	Wayland	9	N. Patterson

## "Ipswich" Savannah Sparrow

11/4	P.I.	9	L. Nachtrab
11/5	Salisbury	5	R. Forster
11/12	S. Monomoy	3	W. Petersen#
11/13	M.V.	2	A. Keith#
12/3	N. Monomoy	20+	B. Nikula
12/18	Eastham	16	W. Petersen#

## Grasshopper Sparrow

11/5	Revere	1	P. + F. Vale
11/20	Sandwich	1	S. Sweet

## Sharp-tailed Sparrow

11/5	Salisbury, P.I.	3, 20	R. Forster#
11/6	Barnstable	1	P. Trimble
11/6	Eastham (F.H.)	6	J. Hoye#
12/3	Scituate	10	S. Perkins#

## Seaside Sparrow

11/5	Salisbury, P.I.	1, 2	R. Forster#
12/3	Scituate	3	S. Perkins#
12/4	P.I.	2	C. Floyd
12/6	Eastham (F.H.)	10	J. Sones

## Fox Sparrow

11/2	Boston (F.Pk)	2	T. Aversa
11/14	Mt. A.	2	M. Rines
11/18	Wayland	5	N. Patterson
11/20	N. Attleboro	3	G. Valade
12/2	Acushnet	1	M. LaBossiere
12/2	Gay Head	1	A. Fischer
12/4	Wayland	1	N. Patterson
12/6	S. Dartmouth	1	T. Aversa
12/12	W. Roxbury	2	T. Aversa
12/13	Middleboro	1	J. McEntee

## Swamp Sparrow

11/8	GMNWR	15	T. Aversa
11/9	Sandwich	14	P. Trimble
11/15	Cotuit	14	T. Aversa
12/6	S. Dartmouth	21	T. Aversa
12/16	Cumb. Farms	69	T. Aversa

## White-throated Sparrow

thr	N. Dartmouth	29	M. Boucher
11/27	Falmouth	22	M. Lynch#

## White-crowned Sparrow

thr	Sandwich	20 max	P. Trimble
11/5	Salisbury	1	R. Forster#
11/8	N. Attleboro	2	G. Valade
11/12	W. Roxbury	2	T. Aversa#
11/18	Brookline	4	T. Aversa
12/3	Gay Head	1	G. Daniels
12/6	Fairhaven	1	T. Aversa
12/9	Falmouth	2	T. Aversa
12/16	Cumb. Farms	4	T. Aversa

## Harris' Sparrow

12/11-31	Hopkinton	1	G. Gove + J. Gordon
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## Dark-eyed Junco

11/2	Andover	250+	S. Charette
11/11	Gay Head	350+	G. Daniels

## Lapland Longspur

11/4	P.I.	80	D. Chickering
12/3	N. Monomoy	15+	B. Nikula
12/31	Newbury	6	J. Berry

## Snow Bunting

11/4	Provincetown	250+	J. Sones
11/5	Ipswich (C.B.)	400	J. Berry
11/5	Salisbury	115	R. Forster#
11/12	P.I.	300+	M. Lynch#
11/12	W. Newbury	100	R. Forster
11/13,	12/16 Katama	85, 15	A. Keith
11/19	Boston H.	400+	S. Arena#
11/27	Westport	98	M. Boucher
12/2	W. Roxbury	5	T. Aversa

## Red-winged Blackbird

11/11	Gay Head	200+	A. Brown
12/16	Cumb. Farms	130 f	T. Aversa

## Eastern Meadowlark

11/6	Katama	35	V. Laux#
11/6	Barnstable	30	P. Trimble
11/20	N. Attleboro	9	G. Valade
11/27	Middleboro	50+	W. Petersen
11/29	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	11	LCES (J. Hill)
12/3	Barnstable	12	S. Arena#
12/3	Katama	15	A. Keith
12/9	N. Attleboro	19	G. Valade
12/30	Essex	7	T. Young

## Yellow-headed Blackbird

12/17	Westport	1 m	D. Bowen
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## Rusty Blackbird

11/5	Wakefield	24	P. + F. Vale
11/12	Randolph	1	G. d'Entremont
11/26	Framingham	32	K. Hamilton
12/2	W. Roxbury	1	T. Aversa
12/27	Wayland	2	N. Patterson
12/27	Marstons Mills	3	T. Aversa

Common Grackle				11/11 Squibnocket	1	A. Brown#
11/9 Sandwich	2000	P. Trimble		11/14-12/31 Mt.A.	1	M. Rines + v. o.
Brown-headed Cowbird				11/15 Yarmouthport	1	R. Forster#
11/2 Rowley	104	D. Chickering		11/29 Peabody	2	M. Rines
11/3 Lawrence	230	J. Hogan		12/16-23 Chilmark	1	T. Rivers
11/20 S. Dartmouth	700	M. Pelikan#		Purple Finch		
12/20 Raynham	190	T. Aversa		11/12 Waltham	2	L. Taylor
12/23 Berkley	200	G. d'Entremont		12/16 Essex	1	T. Young
12/27 E. Middleboro	150	K. Anderson		American Goldfinch		
12/29 Pepperell	90	E. Stromsted		12/3 Salisbury/P.I.	225	R. Forster#
Northern Oriole				Evening Grosbeak		
11/3 Hubbardston	2 f	M. Pelikan		11/29 Athol	1	K. Hamilton

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ad	adult	H.	Harbor
alt	alternate	I.	Island
b	banded	L.	Ledge
br	breeding	M.V.	Martha's Vineyard
dk	dark (phase)	Mt.A.	Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge
f	female	Nant.	Nantucket
fl	fledged	Newbypt	Newburyport
imm	immature	P.I.	Plum Island
ind	individuals	Pd	Pond
juv	juvenile	P'town	Provincetown
loc	location	Quab.	Quabbin
lt	light (phase)	Res.	Reservoir
m	male	R.P.	Race Point, Provincetown
max	maximum	S.B.	South Beach, Chatham
mi	mile	S. Dart.	South Dartmouth
migr	migrating	S.F.	State Forest
n	nesting	S.N.	Sandy Neck, Barnstable
ph	photographed	S.P.	State Park
pl	plumage	Stellw.	Stellwagen Bank
pr	pair	Worc.	Worcester
S	summer (1S = first summer)	BBC	Brookline Bird Club
thr	throughout	BMB	Broad Meadow Brook, Worcester
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	GMNWR	Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge
A.P.	Andrews Point, Rockport	HRWMA	High Ridge Wildlife Management Area, Gardner-Westminster
A.Pd	Allens Pond, S. Dartmouth	IRWS	Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary
Arl.	Arlington	LCES	Lloyd Center for Environmental Studies
B.	Beach	MARC	Massachusetts Avian Records Committee
B.I.	Belle Isle, E. Boston	MAS	Massachusetts Audubon Society
B.R.	Bass Rocks, Gloucester	MBO	Manomet Observatory
Buzz.	Buzzards Bay	MBWMA	Martin Burns Wildlife Management Area, Newbury
Cambr.	Cambridge	MDFW	MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
C.B.	Crane Beach, Ipswich	MNWS	Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary
Corp. B.	Corporation Beach, Dennis	MSSF	Myles Standish State Forest
C.P.	Crooked Pond, Boxford	NAC	Nine Acre Corner, Concord
Cumb. Farms	Cumberland Farms, Middleboro-Halifax	NBC	Needham Bird Club
E.P.	Eastern Point, Gloucester	NEHW	New England Hawk Watch
F.E.	First Encounter Beach, Eastham	ONWR	Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge
F.H.	Fort Hill, Eastham	SRV	Sudbury River Valley
F.M.	Fowl Meadow	SSBC	South Shore Bird Club
F.P.	Fresh Pond, Cambridge	TASL	Take A Second Look Harbor Census
F.Pk	Franklin Park, Boston	USFWS	US Fish and Wildlife Service
G40	Gate 40, Quabbin	WBWS	Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
G45	Gate 45, Quabbin	WMWS	Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary