

# BIRD SIGHTINGS

NOV. / DEC. 1995

## SUMMARY

*Red-bellied Woodpecker*  
Photo by Judi Gendreau



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November and December were both very cold and exceptionally stormy. With a mean temperature of 41.9° in November and December combined, Boston experienced its coldest November in 15 years and the coldest December since 1989. The high was 65° on November 28, and the low was 17° on December 12. The season's first freeze was recorded on November 9, while inland locations had earlier frosts. Rainfall totals were well above average in November, continuing to offset the deficits of the spring and summer. In December the total rainfall was 3.2 inches, 0.81 inch below normal. The big story was the snowfall, 4.1 inches in November, 2.8 inches over the norm. In December Boston recorded 24.1 inches, more than triple the past average of 7.4 inches. This was the fifth snowiest December on record and the most snowfall since the record amount of 27.9 inches in 1970. The season total is now at 28.2 inches, the second highest in the records. Measurable snow fell on 11 days, and traces on 3 more days, leaving only 17 snowless days. There was a white Christmas.

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### LOONS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

Loon numbers were average with the notable exception of a well-documented movement of Red-throated Loons in Duxbury on November 19. Pied-billed Grebe numbers were strong through November and culminated with the highest total ever on the Cape Cod waterfowl survey in early December. An Eared Grebe graced the Gloucester shore briefly in late December. A remarkable concentration of Northern Fulmars and Greater Shearwaters was reported off Nantucket in mid-November. Nearly as remarkable was a movement of Greater Shearwaters numbering in excess of 500 individuals at Rockport on November 12. Shearwaters are seldom recorded in these numbers from land north of Boston. The count was all the more remarkable because it occurred on southerly winds. Other reports of shearwaters and storm-petrels were minimal. Reports of herons and allies were routine and included single reports of three egret species.

The thirteenth annual Cape Cod Lake and Pond Waterfowl Survey was conducted on the weekend of December 2-3. This survey provides valuable baseline data on waterfowl distribution in early winter on Cape Cod, an area notably rich in species and numbers of waterfowl at this season. In addition to Pied-billed Grebe, species reported in record numbers included Northern Shoveler, Gadwall, American Wigeon, Ring-Necked Duck, Bufflehead, Hooded Merganser, Red-breasted Merganser, and American Coot with both Green-winged Teal and Ruddy Duck approaching the record tally of the previous year. On the down side were Canvasback and scaup. Other reports included the now-expected Greater White-fronted Goose from three locations, two of which likely represented the same individual. Two Tufted Duck reports were a drake in Sterling in the vicinity of where one was present last winter, and a brown individual with a partial tuft where it was originally observed in late October. Also reported were several immature Tufted Ducks, both male and female, which purportedly lacked tufts. Observers are cautioned to accurately report the details of such sightings and are encouraged to promptly notify additional observers for corroboration. Green-winged Teal continued at Plum Island in excellent numbers. Among the more unusual ducks, Harlequin Duck was found in decent numbers, Redhead and Barrow's Goldeneye reports were scanty, and no King Eiders were found.

Reports of raptors were typical for the season and included some rather late lingering Ospreys and wandering early winter Bald Eagles. Exciting finds were two Golden Eagles migrating at Mt. Wachusett and another consorting with Bald Eagles in Lakeville for several weeks, an adult light-phase Swainson's Hawk that persisted at the Cumberland Farms field until November 12, and three Gyrfalcons, one of which was trapped, banded, and photographed at Quincy. Cooper's Hawk continued their very fine showing, but Rough-legged Hawk reports were sparse indicating it may be a "down" winter for them. Rails were sparsely

reported and included three reports of Common Moorhens. American Coots were widespread and numerous. Three reports of Sandhill Crane were on par for this now annual species.

Shorebird reports were fairly standard and produced relatively few reports of which might be considered typically late migrants. Included in this category are American Golden-Plover, Hudsonian Godwit, White-rumped and Pectoral sandpipers, and Long-billed Dowitcher. This was more than offset by the stunning presence of a **Long-billed Curlew** at Plum Island for two days in early December. This species is exceedingly rare in the state with most recent records occurring during late spring or early summer. Also of interest was a very late and well-described Upland Sandpiper at the Cumberland Farms fields on November 17. The species is very seldom recorded after mid-September and has never been observed previously in November. Noteworthy among late-appearing shorebirds was an American Oystercatcher at Hyannisport. The species has only been reported once previously on a CBC.

The number of Pomarine Jaegers reported during December is in stark contrast to a very poor fall season for any jaeger species. A skua seen in Eastham could not be conclusively identified to species. There was only a scattering of both Little and Common Black-headed gulls, while Bonaparte's Gulls were locally abundant. There were the usual scattered reports of Iceland, Glaucous, and Lesser Black-backed gulls. Only one significant count of Black-legged Kittiwake and alcids in general was reported. Only rarely have both cuckoo species lingered into November.

Because of their nocturnal habits and low profile during the daylight hours, it is usually difficult to determine the general distribution and abundance of owls. The 17 Northern Saw-whet Owls banded in a single night at Marshfield bears ample testimony to how little we know. How many of these owls would have been found if nets were run in ten suitable locations for the entire month? The Barred Owl reports are similarly intriguing. Almost all the reports of Barred Owl for the entire season were away from places where they are known to be resident, and nearly half of these were reported within a ten-mile radius from downtown Boston. Although Barred Owls are not known to be as migratory as Northern Saw-whet Owls, they have been documented making periodic fall movements. One wonders how extensive a movement occurred this year. Long-eared Owls appeared to be very scarce, and, with the exception of the Cumberland Farm fields, Short-eared Owls fared little better. A single report of Snowy Owl represents one of the poorest season totals for this much sought species. Red-bellied Woodpeckers were numerous and widespread. The species is now an established, albeit difficult-to-see, resident that continues signs of increasing. R. A. F.

Date	Location	Number	Observers	Date	Location	Number	Observers
<b>Red-throated Loon</b>							
11/1	Plymouth	25	M. LaBossiere	11/4	Waltham	8	R. Forster#
11/5	Lakeville	1	W. Petersen	11/5	Lincoln	2	M. Pelikan
11/11	P.I.	26	S. Arena	11/19	Boston H.	189	TASL (M. Hall)
11/14	Marshfield	150+	D. Clapp	11/13	Lakeville	19	F. Bouchard
11/14	Barnstable (S.N.)	40	T. Aversa	11/23	P.I.	10	D. Chickering
11/15	Eastham (F.E.)	14	M. Lynch#	11/25	Truro	12	W. Ellison#
11/15	Provincetown	15	M. Lynch#	11/26	Quincy Bay	156	G. d'Entremont#
11/15	M.V.	200	G. Daniels#	12/3	Sandwich	17	M. Lynch#
11/19	Gurnet	1007	R. Ferren	12/30	Nantucket	8	S. Perkins#
11/19	Boston H.	71	TASL (M. Hall)	<b>Horned Grebe</b>			
11/23	Lincoln	1	M. Pelikan	11/4	Waltham	1	R. Forster#
12/30	Nantucket	60	S. Perkins#	11/19	Boston H.	20	TASL (M. Hall)
<b>Common Loon</b>							
11/16	N. Attleboro	1	G. Valade	11/24	Provincetown	20	P. Roberts
11/19	Gurnet	53	R. Ferren	11/23	M.V.	12	G. Daniels
11/19	Boston H.	36	TASL (M. Hall)	11/25	Rockport	19	M. Lynch#
11/20	M.V.	150	A. Keith#	11/25	Lakeville	1	F. Bouchard
11/25	Rockport	31	M. Lynch#	12/3	Winthrop	33BBC (R. Stymeist)	
12/3	Ipswich	20	J. Berry	12/25	Rockport (A.P.)	6	T. Young#
12/3	Sandwich	22	M. Lynch#	12/23	Gloucester	1	M. Lynch#
<b>Pied-billed Grebe</b>							
11/5	Worcester	8	WPLS (M. Lynch)	11/15	40 mi SE of Nant.	150	V. Laux
11/5	W. Newbury	17	J. Berry	<b>Greater Shearwater</b>			
11/7	Braintree	25	S. Carey	11/4	Eastham (F.E.)	18	B. Nikula
11/13	Lakeville	22	F. Bouchard	11/12	Rockport	500+	J. Berry#
11/19	Northboro	5	M. Lynch#	11/15	P'town (R.P.)	8	M. Lynch#
11/26, 12/10	Arlington	14, 5	K. Hartel	11/15	40 mi SE of Nant.	5000+	V. Laux
12/2-3	Cape Cod	179	CCBC	<b>Large shearwater species</b>			
12/3	Westport	2	M. Boucher	11/4	Eastham (F.E..)	26	B. Nikula
12/10	Camb. (F.P.)	3	P. Roberts	11/8	Eastham (F.E.)	12	J. Sones
12/30	Nantucket	3	S. Perkins#				

Leach's Storm-Petrel									
11/15	Eastham (F.E.)	1	M. Lynch#			11/5	P.I.	35	T. Maloney#
Storm-Petrel species						11/29	Rochester	12	M. LaBossiere
11/4	Eastham (F.E.)	2	B. Nikula			12/2	P.I.	19	J. Berry
Northern Gannet						12/10	Groton	120	C. Canner
11/4	Eastham (F.E.)	1500+	B. Nikula			12/13	Edgartown	34	V. Laux
11/12	Marshfield	100+	D. Clapp			12/31	Newburyport	5	D. Chickering
11/12	Rockport	200+	J. Berry			Brant			
11/15	Provincetown	200	M. Lynch#			11/5	Revere B.	150	P. + F. Vale
11/20	M.V.	125	G. Daniels			11/10	Plymouth	90	D. Clapp
11/12	Eastham (F.E.)	600+	F. Pratt			11/19	Boston H.	1476	TASL (M. Hall)
12/3	Rockport	30+	R. Lockwood			11/24	Eastham	5	S. Thompson
12/3	Barnstable (S.N.)	50+	M. Lynch#			11/23	Truro	10	W. Ellison#
12/6	Salisbury	30	C. Ralph			12/10	New Bedford	27	M. Boucher
12/10	Eastham (F.E.)	300	B. Nikula			Canada Goose			
12/30	Nantucket	4000+	S. Perkins#			11/5	Worcester	130	WPLS (M. Lynch)
Great Cormorant						12/2-3	Cape Cod	1005	CCBC
11/19	Boston H.	10	TASL (M. Hall)			Wood Duck			
11/23	Lexington	3	R. Forster			11/2	Boston	12	T. Aversa
11/25	Truro	26	W. Ellison#			11/5	Worcester	5	WPLS (M. Lynch)
12/8	Acton	2 imm	M. Resch			11/19, 12/10	Groton	13, 9	C. Canner
12/26	Gloucester	14	J. Berry			12/2-3	Cape Cod	3	CCBC
Double-crested Cormorant						12/28	Leicester	1 f	M. Lynch#
thr	Cambridge	11 max	v.o.			Green-winged Teal			
11/5	Worcester	5	WPLS (M. Lynch)			thr	Arlington Res.	30 max	M. Pelikan
11/5	P.I.	600	T. Maloney#			thr	P.I.	2060 max	W. Drew#
11/12	Lakeville	7	G. d'Entremont#			11/4	Randolph	63	G. d'Entremont
11/19	Boston H.	188	TASL (M. Hall)			11/5	E. Boston	60	P. + F. Vale
12/3	P.I.	1	R. Lockwood			11/5	Worcester	12	WPLS (M. Lynch)
12/5	Falmouth	5	T. Aversa			11/22	Seekonk	14	M. Boucher
12/8	Dorchester	1	T. Aversa			11/25	S. Monomoy	60	B. Nikula#
12/30	Nantucket	10	S. Perkins#			11/30	M.V.	52	G. Daniels
American Bittern						12/2-3	Cape Cod	55	CCBC
11/1, 11/27	Dorchester	1	R. Donovan			12/12	Roslindale	3	T. Aversa
11/10	Rowley	1	J. Berry			12/31	W. Roxbury	2	T. Aversa
11/14	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	1	LCES (J. Hill)			American Black Duck			
11/20	Eastham (F.E.)	4	J. Sones			thr	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	396 max	LCES (J. Hill)
11/22	Chatham	1	D. Scott			thr	P.I.	3235 max	W. Drew#
11/24	P.I.	2	W. Drew#			11/5	Worcester	20	WPLS (M. Lynch)
12/27	Nantucket	1	S. Arena#			11/10	Plymouth	350	D. Clapp
Great Blue Heron						11/19	Boston H.	1316	TASL (M. Hall)
11/5	P.I.	10	T. Maloney#			11/25	S. Monomoy	350	B. Nikula
11/5	Worcester	5	WPLS (M. Lynch)			12/2-3	Cape Cod	1067	CCBC
11/7, 12/3	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	8, 7	LCES (J. Hill)			12/3	Westport	289	M. Boucher
11/8	Saugus	7	J. Berry			Mallard			
11/10	Eastham (F.H.)	9	K. Weinheimer#			11/5	Worcester	240	WPLS (M. Lynch)
11/26	Rowley	4	J. Berry			11/19	Boston H.	248	TASL (M. Hall)
11/28	M.V.	5	G. Daniels			12/2-3	Cape Cod	1619	CCBC
12/3	Pembroke	2	W. Petersen			Northern Pintail			
12/3	Westport	9	M. Boucher			11/4	Westport	18	R. Stymeist#
Great Egret						11/5	Worcester	1	WPLS (M. Lynch)
11/25	Gloucester	1	H. Allen			11/5, 11/24	P.I.	120, 6	W. Drew#
Snowy Egret						11/11	GMNWR	20	R. Lockwood
12/8	Sciutate	1	D. Clapp			11/12	Lexington	2	M. Pelikan
Cattle Egret						11/19	Ipswich	2	BBC (I. Giriunas)
11/4	Waltham	1	W. Petersen#			11/25	S. Monomoy	150	B. Nikula#
Black-crowned Night-Heron						11/26	Seekonk	8	D. Zimberlin
11/5	P.I.	1	T. Maloney#			12/3	Westport	103	M. Boucher
12/2	Yarmouthport	3	S. + E. Miller			12/9	P.I.	80	V. Laux#
12/3	Boston	1 ad	T. Aversa			12/22	Sandwich	2	T. Aversa
Mute Swan						Blue-winged Teal			
11/4	Westport	111	R. Stymeist#			11/5	Worcester	2	WPLS (M. Lynch)
11/19	Ipswich	18	BBC (I. Giriunas)			12/2-3	Cape Cod	1	CCBC
11/30	M.V.	88	G. Daniels			Northern Shoveler			
12/2-3	Cape Cod	193	CCBC			11/1-12/4	Arlington Res.	3 max	C. Floyd
12/3	Westport	103	M. Boucher			11/2	E. Boston	1 m	T. Aversa
Greater White-fronted Goose						11/5	Worcester	1	WPLS (M. Lynch)
11/24	Katama, M.V.	1 ad	A. Keith#			11/10	Rochester	1 f	M. LaBossiere
12/3	Revere	1BBC (R. Stymeist)				11/11	Seekonk	2	J. Young
12/5-12	Lynn	1	J. Quigley			11/15, 12/3	Marstons Mills	1	M. Lynch#
Snow Goose						11/25	S. Monomoy	40	B. Nikula#

12/2-3	Cape Cod	5	CCBC	12/2-3	Cape Cod	1682	CCBC
12/2	Worcester	1 f	M. Lynch#	Common Eider			
12/2-17	Orleans	3	K. McGinley#	11/15	Gay Head	12,000	A. Keith#
Gadwall				11/15	Eastham (F.E.)	830	M. Lynch#
11/4	Arlington Res.	5	M. Pelikan	11/19	Boston H.	5431	TASL (M. Hall)
11/4	DWWS	22	K. Weinheimer#	11/25	Rockport	1575	M. Lynch#
11/15	Rochester	4	M. LaBossiere	11/25	S. Monomoy	5000	B. Nikula#
11/14	Marstons Mills	64	T. Aversa	12/28	Hyannis	2500	S. Perkins#
11/22	Seekonk	51	M. Boucher	12/30	Nantucket	1200	S. Perkins#
11/24	P.I.	8	W. Drew#	Harlequin Duck			
11/25	S. Monomoy	30	B. Nikula#	11/6	Dennis	4	M. Tuttle
12/1	P.I.	98	D. Chickering	11/16	M.V.	28	G. Daniels
12/2	Pembroke	5	W. Petersen	11/26	Rockport (H.P.)	22	R. Lockwood
12/2-3	Cape Cod	261	CCBC	12/7	Wellfleet H.	2	W. Bailey#
12/31	Gloucester	23	D. Chickering	12/23	Provincetown H.	5	J. Young
Eurasian Wigeon				12/25	Rockport	15	P. + F. Vale
11/14	W. Barnstable	1 m	T. Aversa	12/30-31	E. Orleans	5	R. Prescott#
11/15	Marstons Mills	1	M. Lynch#	Oldsquaw			
11/16-17	Chatham	2 m	J. Sones#	11/4	Waltham	1 f	R. Forster#
12/1-31	Chatham/E. Harwich	3 max	v.o.	11/12	Marshfield	200	D. Clapp
12/16-31	Quincy	1 f	D. Brown + v.o.	11/12	Lakeville	14	W. Petersen
12/31	Nantucket	1 m	G. d'Entremont#	11/16	Wellfleet H.	200	D. Sandee
American Wigeon				11/19	Duxbury	437	R. Ferren
11/5	Worcester	37	WPLS (M. Lynch)	11/19	Boston H.	16	TASL (M. Hall)
11/14	W. Barnstable	115	T. Aversa	11/19	W. Newbury	10	BBC (I. Giriuas)
11/15, 12/3	Marstons Mills	29, 18	M. Lynch#	11/25	Rockport	90	M. Lynch#
11/23	P.I.	10	R. Lockwood	Black Scoter			
11/25	S. Monomoy	40	B. Nikula#	11/1	Lakeville	1	C. Ralph
11/26, 12/10	Arlington	30, 50	K. Hartel	11/4	Rockport	15	BBC (J. Nove)
12/2	Pembroke	11	W. Petersen	11/15	Eastham (F.E.)	120	M. Lynch#
12/2-3	Cape Cod	176	CCBC	11/25	Rockport (A.P.)	54	M. Lynch#
Canvasback				12/2	P.I.	52	J. Berry
11/15	W. Newbury	1	R. Lockwood	12/3	Westport	76	M. Boucher
11/23	P.I.	9	P. + F. Vale	Surf Scoter			
11/25	S. Monomoy	170	B. Nikula#	11/1	Plymouth	150+	M. LaBossiere
11/26, 12/17	Camb. (F.P.)	200, 87	P. Roberts	11/15	Eastham (F.E.)	1200	M. Lynch#
11/26	Braintree	15	G. d'Entremont#	11/19	Boston H.	301	TASL (M. Hall)
12/2-3	Cape Cod	175	CCBC	11/15	Rockport	65+	J. Berry
12/16	S. Dartmouth	1	M. Boucher	12/3	Sandwich	45	M. Lynch#
Redhead				White-winged Scoter			
11/4	Lakeville	1	S. Arena#	11/15	Eastham (F.E.)	650	M. Lynch#
11/11-19	W. Newbury	1	H. Miller	11/19	Boston H.	945	TASL (M. Hall)
11/13	Camb. (F.P.)	2	C. Floyd	12/2	P.I.	175	J. Berry
11/25	P.I.	1 f	H. Wiggin#	scoter species			
12/2-3	Cape Cod	1	CCBC	11/15	M.V.	8000	G. Daniels
Ring-necked Duck				11/19	Boston H.	1020	TASL (M. Hall)
thr	Arlington Res.	109 max	M. Pelikan	Common Goldeneye			
11/5	W. Newbury	300	J. Berry	11/1	S. Boston	80	R. Donovan
11/12	Northboro	119	M. Lynch#	11/19	Southboro	22	M. Lynch#
11/19	Southboro	538	M. Lynch#	11/19	Boston H.	263	TASL (M. Hall)
12/2-3	Cape Cod	358	CCBC	12/10	New Bedford	53	M. Boucher
12/10	Brighton	5	N. Komar	12/30	Nantucket	700	S. Perkins#
12/23	Framingham	20	E. Taylor	12/31	Newburyport	310	D. Chickering
Tufted Duck				Barrow's Goldeneye			
11/1-26	Sterling	1 m	B. Volkle + v.o.	11/26	Quincy	1 m	G. d'Entremont#
11/1-5	Lakeville	1	v.o.	11/26	Winthrop	1 m	M. Pelikan
Greater Scaup				11/26	Ipswich	1	D. + I. Jewell
11/4	Lakeville	75	S. Arena#	11/27	S. Boston	1	R. Donovan
11/5	P.I.	18	T. Maloney#	12/3	Ipswich	1 m	J. Berry
11/11	Sterling	37	G. d'Entremont#	12/8	New Bedford	1	G. Mock
11/19	Boston H.	54	TASL (M. Hall)	12/30	Winthrop	1 m	M. Rines
12/2-3	Cape Cod	438	CCBC	Bufflehead			
Lesser Scaup				11/5	Lakeville	147	G. d'Entremont#
11/4	Lakeville	60	S. Arena#	11/5	Quincy	400	E. Taylor
11/5	Worcester	18	WPLS (M. Lynch)	11/19	Boston H.	1836	TASL (M. Hall)
11/5	P.I.	1	T. Maloney#	12/2-3	Cape Cod	2784	CCBC
11/10-17	Arlington Res.	1	C. Floyd	Hooded Merganser			
11/26	Braintree	2	G. d'Entremont#	11/4	Lincoln	70	R. Forster#
12/2	Pembroke	60	W. Petersen	11/5	Worcester	73	WPLS (M. Lynch)
12/2-3	Cape Cod	24	CCBC	11/12	Eastham	37	W. Petersen
scaup species				11/13	Lakeville	70	W. Petersen#

Hooded Merganser (continued)

11/24	M.V.	60	A. Keith
11/24	Braintree	36	J. Cameron#
11/25	Wareham	46	D. Clapp
11/26, 12/10	Arlington	41, 128	K. Hartel
12/2	Eastham	105	R. Clem
12/2	Worcester	50	M. Lynch#
12/2-3	Cape Cod	867	CCBC
12/3	Pembroke	45	W. Petersen
12/10	Brighton	20	N. Komar
12/29	Boston	8	T. Aversa
12/31	Medford	4	M. Rines

Common Merganser

11/5	Worcester	8	WPLS (M. Lynch)
11/13, 11/19	Lakeville	150, 250	W. Petersen#
11/18	Wakefield	150	P. + F. Vale
11/23	Lincoln	83	M. Pelikan
11/26	Spencer	160	M. Lynch#
12/2	Worcester	26	M. Lynch#
12/2-3	Cape Cod	285	CCBC
12/10	Arlington	66	K. Hartel
12/10	Brighton	25	N. Komar

Red-breasted Merganser

11/7	S. Dart. (A.Pd.)	133	LCES (J. Hill)
11/14	Barnstable (S.N.)	470	T. Aversa
11/19	Boston H.	1899	TASL (M. Hall)
11/25	Truro	300	W. Ellison#

Ruddy Duck

thr	W. Newbury	500	maxD. Chickering
11/5	Worcester	5	WPLS (M. Lynch)
11/7	Braintree	400	S. Carey
11/12, 11/19	Southboro	63, 215	M. Lynch#
11/14	W. Newbury	82	F. Pratt
11/17	M.V.	165	A. Fischer
11/18	Melrose	76	I. + D. Jewell
11/19	W. Newbury	300	BBC (I. Giriunas)
11/25	S. Monomoy	130	B. Nikula#
12/2-3	Cape Cod	47	CCBC
12/3	Pembroke	80	W. Petersen
12/7	Attleboro	47	G. Valade
12/15	Brookline	16	B. Malcolm
12/29	Boston	4	T. Aversa
12/31	Medford	77	M. Rines#

Turkey Vulture

11/4	Westport	11	M. Rines#
thr	Reports of 1-2 indiv.	from 8 locations	

Osprey

11/1-30	Wayland	1-2	K. Hamilton#
11/4	DWWS	1	K. Weinheimer#
11/5	W. Newbury	1	J. Berry
11/5	Worecsster	1	WPLS (M. Lynch)
11/13, 11/19	Lakeville	4, 2	W. Petersen#
11/16	Cambridge	1	L. Liu
11/22	Lincoln	1	R. Wolanin
11/23	Arlington	1	M. Pelikan
11/26	Auburn	1	C. Ralph
11/26	S. Quabbin	1	R. Forster#
12/1	Camb. (F.P.)	1	M. Rines
12/2	Wayland	1	G. Long

Bald Eagle

11/19	Lakeville	5	W. Petersen#
12/27	W. Newbury	3	C. Ralph
12/28	Lawrence	2	J. Center
12/30	Lakeville	7	K. Holmes
thr	Reports of indiv.	from 15 locations	

Northern Harrier

11/4	Cumb. Farms	9	S. Arena#
11/4	Westport	5	M. Rines#
11/5	Salisbury	2	D. Chickering
11/24	P.I.	3	W. Drew#
11/25	S. Monomoy	4+	B. Nikula#

11/25	M.V.	3	G. Daniels
12/22	Sandwich	3	T. Aversa
12/30	Nantucket	4	S. Perkins#
12/30	Cumb. Farms	2	BBC (K. Holmes)

Sharp-shinned Hawk			
11/4	Cumb. Farms	3	M. Lynch#
11/19	Boston H.	2	TASL (M. Hall)
11/24	Braintree	2	J. Cameron#
12/30	Nantucket	2	S. Perkins#

Cooper's Hawk			
11/18	M.V.	2	G. Daniels
thr	Reports of indiv.	from 31 locations	

Northern Goshawk			
11/19	Lakeville	2 ad	W. Petersen#
11/21	Groton	1	T. Pirrou
11/26	Annisquam	1	H. Allen
11/30	Pepperell	1	E. Stromsted

Red-shouldered Hawk			
thr	Sherborn	2	E. Taylor
11/3	W. Roxbury	1 imm	T. Aversa
11/4-5	Mt. Wachusett	9	P. Roberts
11/24	Pepperell	1	E. Stromsted

11/17	Holliston	1	J. Howe
12/13	DWWS	1	D. Ludlow
12/15	W. Roxbury	1	T. Aversa
12/16	S. Dartmouth	1	M. Boucher
12/16	Freetown	1	R. Shore#

12/7, 12/29	Middleboro	1, 2	R. Shore#
11/1-12	Middleboro	1	v.o.

Red-tailed Hawk			
11/4-5	Mt. Wachusett	28	P. Roberts
11/4	Westport	7	M. Rines#
11/5	Cumb. Farms	6	M. Lynch#
12/15	W. Roxbury	6	T. Aversa

12/30	Nantucket	8	S. Perkins#
11/4-5	Mt. Wachusett	1	P. Roberts
11/5	Cumb. Farms	2	C. Ralph
11/9	P.I.	1	S. Haydock
12/3	Rowley	1 lt	J. Berry

12/9	P.I.	2	V. Laux#
12/10	Plympton	1 lt	W. Petersen#
12/10, 12/31	Ipswich	1 lt	J. Berry
12/10	Cumb. Farms	1 dk	W. Petersen#
12/13	Boston (Logan)	1	N. Smith

12/13	P.I.	2	C. Ralph
12/13	DWWS	1	D. Ludlow
11/4-5	Mt. Wachusett	2	P. Roberts
11/5-12/16	Lakeville	1	C. Ralph + v.o.

American Kestrel			
11/4	Westport	4	R. Stymeist#
11/4	Cumb. Farms	3	R. Lockwood
11/5	P.I.	2	R. Lockwood
12/13	Boston (Logan)	3	N. Smith

12/30	Nantucket	2	G. d'Entremont#
11/4	Westport	1	R. Stymeist#
11/10	Rowley	1-2	J. Berry
11/11	Salisbury	1	H. Miller
11/13	Cumb. Farms	1	F. Pratt

11/19	Squantum	1	TASL (M. Hall)
11/24	P.I.	1	W. Drew#
11/24	Braintree	1	J. Cameron
11/27	S. Boston	1	R. Donovan
12/12	Wellesley	1	R. Forster

12/13	Boston (Logan)	1	N. Smith
11/4	Westport	5	M. Rines#
11/5	Salisbury	2	D. Chickering
11/24	P.I.	3	W. Drew#
11/25	S. Monomoy	4+	B. Nikula#

Peregrine Falcon								
11/5	Eastham	1	B. Nikula#		11/5, 11/19	Salisbury	8, 2	D. Chickering
11/9, 11/24	P.I.	1, 1	S. Haydock		11/19	Boston H.	58	TASL (M. Hall)
11/19	Boston H.	2	TASL (M. Hall)		11/19	Bridgewater	5	M. Resch
11/25	P.I.	2	T. Maloney		11/24	Wellfleet	45	J. Young
11/25	S. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula#		11/24	M.V.	200	G. Daniels
11/26	Ipswich	1	D. + I. Jewell		12/2	Quincy	2	SSBC (P. Kelly)
12/13	P.I.	1 imm	C. Ralph		12/23	Newburyport	1	V. Laux#
12/25	Westborough	1 ad	M. Lynch#		12/23	Gloucester	1	M. Lynch#
12/30	Nantucket	1 ad	S. Perkins#	American	Golden-Plover			
Gyrfalcon					11/2	Boston (Logan)	1	N. Smith
11/5	Quincy	1 b	N. Smith#		11/11	Ipswich	1	H. Miller
12/11	P.I.	1 dk	A. Knue		11/25	Truro	1	J. Young
12/12	N. Falmouth	1 dk	I. Nisbet	Semipalmented Plover				
Ruffed Grouse					11/4	Duxbury	8	K. Weinheimer#
11/5	Bolton	1	S. + L. Hennin	Killdeer				
11/6	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson	12/1	Fairhaven	7	T. Aversa	
11/19	Pepperell	1	E. Stromsted	12/3	P.I.	1	C. Ralph	
11/24	Hardwick	1	M. Lynch#	American	Oystercatcher			
12/2	Groton	1	E. Stromsted	11/26	M.V.	1	G. Daniels	
12/5	Wayland	1	N. Patterson	12/26	Hyannisport	1	J. Sones#	
12/8	N. Middleboro	3	K. Holmes	Greater	Yellowlegs			
12/24	W. Boylston	2	S. + L. Hennin	11/2	E. Boston	60	T. Aversa	
Wild Turkey				11/4	Westport	6	M. Rines#	
11/9	Braintree	1	B. Campbell	11/4	Lincoln	4	R. Forster#	
11/11	Charlton	11	R. Stymeist#	11/5	Lakeville	5	S. Arena#	
11/11	Orange	16	R. Stymeist#	11/5	Salisbury	12	D. Chickering	
11/11	Pepperell	2	C. Eisenberg	11/6, 11/24	P.I.	17, 1	W. Drew#	
11/24	Barre	15	M. Lynch#	11/14, 11/30	S. Dart. (A.Pd) 5	1	LCES (J. Hill)	
11/24	Middleboro	60+	R. Shore	11/15	M.V.	2	G. Daniels	
12/24	Barre	91	M. Lynch#	11/19	Boston H.	21	TASL (M. Hall)	
12/24	Worc. (airport)	12	M. Lynch#	11/22	Lexington	3	R. Forster	
Northern Bobwhite				11/25	Eastham	4	W. Nichols	
11/25	Truro	12	W. Ellison#	12/5	Falmouth	1	T. Aversa	
11/25	Middleboro	1	R. Shore	12/10	P.I.	1	M. Lynch#	
12/31	W. Roxbury	20	T. Aversa	Lesser Yellowlegs				
Clapper Rail				11/2	E. Boston	1	T. Aversa	
11/5	P.I.	1	F. Bouchard	11/4	Duxbury	2	K. Weinheimer#	
11/23	Provincetown	1	W. Nichols	11/6	Westport	1	M. Boucher	
Virginia Rail				Upland Sandpiper (details submitted)				
11/25	Eastham (F.H.)	2	S. Arena#	11/17	Cumb. Farms	1	E. Weinheimer#	
12/2	Cotuit	2	S. Arena#	Long-billed Curlew				
12/28	E. Middleboro	1	K. Holmes	12/6-7	P.I.	1	C. Ralph, L. Nachtrab#	
Common Moorhen				Hudsonian Godwit				
11/23	Waltham	1	M. Pelikan	11/6	P.I.	2	W. Drew#	
11/25	S. Monomoy	1	J. Trimble	11/10	Eastham (F.H.)	1	K. Weinheimer#	
12/31	Nantucket	1	G. d'Entremont	Ruddy Turnstone				
American Coot				11/12	Rockport	1	J. Berry	
thr	Arlington	130 max	K. Hartel	11/19	Winthrop	5	TASL (M. Hall)	
11/4	Westport	170	R. Stymeist#	12/30	Nantucket	10	G. d'Entremont#	
11/5	W. Newbury	100	J. Berry	Red Knot				
11/5	Worecster	12	WPLS (M. Lynch)	11/9	P.I.	30	S. Haydock	
11/7	Braintree	100	S. Carey	11/10	WBWS	13	K. Weinheimer#	
11/10	Lakeville	445	S. Arena	11/24	M.V.	1	A. Keith#	
11/18	Peabody	71	P. + F. Vale	12/3	P.I.	1	R. Lockwood	
12/3	Mashpee	58	F. Caruso	Sanderling				
12/3	Westport	81	M. Boucher	11/19	Boston H.	525	TASL (M. Hall)	
12/3	Pembroke	75+	W. Petersen	12/27	Salisbury	20	J. Berry	
12/2-3	Cape Cod	296	CCBC	White-rumped Sandpiper				
12/7	Attleboro	51	G. Valade	11/25	P.I.	1	T. Maloney	
12/10	Brighton	100	N. Komar	11/25	S. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula#	
12/10	Arlington	158	K. Hartel	11/26	Rowley	5	J. Berry	
12/31	Medford	77	M. Rines	Pectoral Sandpiper				
Sandhill Crane				11/4	Newburyport	1	D. Chickering	
11/8-12/2	Spencer	2	D. LaCroix + v.o.	11/5	Plympton	5	W. Petersen	
11/20-23	Newbury	1	D. + I. Jewell + v.o.	Purple Sandpiper				
12/20-31	Nantucket	1	N. Brooks + v.o.	11/7	Rockport (H.P.)	12	L. Liu	
Black-bellied Plover				11/19	Nahant	29	TASL (M. Hall)	
thr	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	2	LCES (J. Hill)	11/19	Marblehead	2	D. Chickering	
11/4	Westport	7	M. Rines#	11/20	M.V.	8	G. Daniels	
11/5	P.I.	8	T. Maloney#	11/25	Gloucester	20	M. Lynch#	

Purple Sandpiper (continued)

12/27	Rockport (A.P.)	8	I. Lynch
12/30	Nantucket	25	G. d'Entremont#
Dunlin			
11/5	Revere B.	300	P. + F. Vale
11/10	WBWS	300	K. Weinheimer#
11/14	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	124	LCES (J. Hill)
11/19	Nahant	200	TASL (M. Hall)
11/25	Eastham	1200	W. Nichols
12/13	P.I.	40	C. Ralph
12/27	Salisbury	30	J. Berry

Long-billed Dowitcher

11/2	E. Boston	5	T. Aversa
11/19	Boston H.	1	TASL (M. Hall)
11/25	Eastham	1	W. Nichols
11/26	P.I.	1	R. Lockwood
12/26	Hyannisport	2	J. Sones#

Common Snipe

11/5	E. Boston	1	P. + F. Vale
11/10	N. Attleboro	2	G. Valade
11/19	Cumb. Farms	4	W. Petersen
11/22	Newbury	1	T. Aversa#
12/7	N. Attleboro	2	G. Valade
12/9	Ipswich	1	J. Berry
12/12	P.I.	1	T. Aversa
12/26	Newburyport	2	T. Young

American Woodcock

11/1	Boston (F.Pk)	1	T. Aversa
11/4	Arlington Res.	1	M. Pelikan
11/17	Wayland	1	N. Patterson
11/10	DWWS	2	F. Garretson

phalarope species

12/10	Eastham (F.E.)	13	B. Nikula
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Pomarine Jaeger

11/4	Eastham (F.E.)	4	B. Nikula
11/12	Eastham (F.E.)	4	F. Pratt
11/15	P'town (R.P.)	3	M. Lynch#
11/15	40 mi SE of Nant.	20	V. Laux
11/25	Rockport (H.P.)	1	T. Burke#
12/2	Orleans	20+	B. Nikula
12/15	Dennis	1 sub ad.	R. Forster
12/21	Eastham (F.E.)	10	B. Nikula

jaeger species

11/4	Eastham (F.E.)	9	B. Nikula
11/8	Eastham (F.E.)	4	J. Sones

skua species

11/8	Eastham (F.E.)	1	J. Sones
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Laughing Gull

11/7	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	2	LCES (J. Hill)
11/7	Lynn	1	J. Quigley
11/15	Barnstable (S.N.)	100	H. Ferguson
11/19	Winthrop	12	TASL (M. Hall)
11/20	M.V.	1	G. Daniels
11/23	Provincetown	4	W. Nichols
11/23	Truro	1 ad	W. Ellison

Little Gull

11/23-24	Wellfleet H.	1 imm	G. Martin + v.o.
12/30	Nantucket	2 ad	T. Maloney#

Common Black-headed Gull

11/10-12/5	Lynn	1-2	J. Quigley
11/14	N. Dartmouth	1	M. Boucher
11/17	M.V.	1 imm	V. Laux
11/19	Winthrop	5	TASL (M. Hall)
11/25	Wellfleet H.	1	R. Comeau#
12/2-7	Orleans	1 1W	P. Trimble#
12/30	Nantucket	2	S. Perkins#

Bonaparte's Gull

11/7	Lakeville	2	K. Anderson
11/10	Lynn	1000	J. Quigley
11/15	Barnstable (S.N.)	500	H. Ferguson
11/19	Boston H.	1084	TASL (M. Hall)

12/3	Ipswich	30	J. Berry
12/13	S. Carver	1	J. Shaw
12/30	Nantucket	800	S. Perkins#

Ring-billed Gull

12/1-30	Lynn	1000	J. Quigley
11/1	Lynn	1 ad	J. Quigley

Iceland Gull

12/9	Acton	1	R. Lockwood
12/19	Lynn	1 1W	J. Quigley
12/26	Rockport (A.P.)	1	K. Hartel
12/30	Nantucket	20	S. Perkins#

Lesser Black-backed Gull

11/19	Acton	1 ad	M. Resch
11/19	Gardner	1	T. Pirrou
12/4	Lynn	1 ad	J. Quigley
12/8	Acton	1 1W	M. Resch

Glaucous Gull

12/17	Hull	1	N. Swirka
12/23	Newburyport	1 1W	V. Lauw#
12/25	Rockport (A.P.)	1 1W	T. Young#

Black-legged Kittiwake

11/4	Eastham (F.E.)	800	B. Nikula
11/8	Eastham (F.E.)	150	J. Sones
11/15	P'town (R.P.)	30	M. Lynch#
11/15	Rockport (H.P.)	20	R. Lockwood
11/28	M.V.	5	G. Daniels
12/15	Rockport (A.P.)	6	J. Soucy
12/23	P.I.	8	S. Perkins#
12/30	Nantucket	30	S. Perkins#

Common Tern

11/14	Salisbury	1	F. Pratt
11/14	Barnstable (S.N.)	3	T. Aversa
11/25	Wellfleet H.	2	S. Thompson
11/26	P.I.	1	R. Lockwood

Forster's Tern

11/4	Eastham (F.E.)	1	B. Nikula#
11/5	Truro	2	B. Nikula#
11/5	Salisbury	1	R. Lockwood
11/10	Wellfleet H.	5	K. Weinheimer#
12/3	S. Dart. (A. Pd)	1	LCES (J. Hill)

tern species

12/2	Wellfleet H.	2	B. Nikula#
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Dovekie

11/16	Wellfleet H.	4	D. Sandee
11/25	Provincetown	1	W. Nichols
12/2	Rockport	1	T. Young
12/27	Rockport (A.P.)	2	I. Lynch

Thick-billed Murre

11/15	F.E., P'town	1, 1	M. Lynch#
11/25	Rockport (H.P.)	1	T. Burke#
12/4	Provincetown	1	L. High
12/9	Rockport (H.P.)	3	S. + L. Hennin
12/15	Scusset B.	2	M. LaBossiere
12/15	Rockport (A.P.)	30	J. Soucy

Razorbill

11/15	Provincetown	20	M. Lynch#
11/15	Rockport (H.P.)	15	C. Cook
11/16	Wellfleet H.	15	D. Sandee
11/23	Truro	20	W. Ellison
11/25	Rockport (H.P.)	30	T. Burke#
12/3	Sandwich	10	M. Lynch#
12/13	Scusset B.	2	M. LaBossiere
12/15	Rockport (A.P.)	30	J. Soucy

large alcid species

11/15	F.E., P'town	20, 40	M. Lynch#
12/10	Eastham (F.E.)	35	B. Nikula

Black Guillemot

11/4	Rockport	2	BBC (J. Nove)
11/16	Wellfleet H.	2	D. Sandee
11/25	Cape Ann	14	M. Lynch#
12/9	Rockport	3	S. + L. Hennin

Atlantic Puffin					
11/15	40 mi SE of Nant.	1	V. Laux	11/24	Eastham
Black-billed Cuckoo				11/24	M.V.
11/1	Wareham	1	M. LaBossiere	11/26	E. Orleans
11/5	Eastham (F.H.)	1	B. Tirrell#	11/30	S. Dart. (A.Pd)
Yellow-billed Cuckoo				12/4	Orleans
11/4	Osterville	1	T. Noonan#	12/10	Cumb. Farms
Eastern Screech-Owl				12/13	Edgartown
thr	Mt.A.	3+	J. Heywood#	12/31	S. Dart. (A. Pd)
12/30	E. Middleboro	2	K. Holmes	Northern Saw-whet Owl	
Great Horned Owl				11/2	Concord
11/10	Bolton	2	S. + L. Hennin	11/5	Salisbury
11/25	S. Monomoy	2	B. Nikula#	11/26	Brookline
11/30-12/31	Mt.A.	2	M. Rines#	11/28	Boston
12/1-30	Bolton	2	S. + L. Hennin	11/28	DWWS
12/1-30	Ipswich	pr	J. Berry	12/2	Wayland
12/13	W. Gloucester	2	R. Medico#	12/14	Boston
12/30	E. Middleboro	2	K. Holmes	12/23	Topsfield
Snowy Owl				12/30	Nantucket
12/15	Boston (Logan)	1	N. Smith	Belted Kingfisher	
Barred Owl				12/2	Barnstable
11/3	Brookline	2	T. Aversa	Red-headed Woodpecker	
11/13	Boston (Common)	1	E. Einhorn	11/9	Pocasset
11/21-12/30	Camb. (F.P.)	1	M. Rines#	11/14	Athol
11/24	Royalston	1	M. Lynch#	11/17	Woburn
11/25	Boston (B.U.)	1	J. Martinez	Red-bellied Woodpecker	
11/26	Rockport (H.P.)	1	R. Lockwood	thr	Ipswich
11/26-12/31	Roslindale	1	T. Aversa	thr	Sherborn
11/27	Danvers	1	J. Gordon	4	Woods Hole
11/27	Wayland	1	N. Patterson	11/10-11/16	E. Boxford
11/29	Boston (Pub.Gard.)	1	K. Hudson	11/23-25	Truro
12/1	Acushnet	1	dead R. Styrene#	12/1-31	Boxford
12/5	Belmont	1	C. Kopkowski	12/1-31	Pepperell
12/9	Stoneham	1	S. Perkins#	12/5	Falmouth
12/9	Lynnfield	1	V. Laux#	12/31	Nantucket
12/12	Natick	1	L. Breen	11/1-30	Reports of indiv. from 31 locations
12/12	Boston (Beacon HI)	1	K. Hudson	12/1-31	Reports of indiv. from 22 locations
12/18	S. Boston	1	S. Devou	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	
12/19	W. Roxbury	1	T. Aversa	11/21	Boston
12/25	Sudbury	1	B. Barren	Hairy Woodpecker	
12/28	Arlington	1	K. Hartel	thr	E. Boxford
12/28	Lynn	1	J. Quigley	11/5	Malden
Long-eared Owl				Northern Flicker	
11/22	Gay Head	2	A. Fischer	12/30	Nantucket
11/25	Chilmark	1	A. Keith	Pileated Woodpecker	
12/22	Sandwich	4	T. Aversa	11/30	Wayland
Short-eared Owl				12/5	Westford
11/4	Rockport	2	J. Berry	12/19	Weston
11/18	Cumb. Farms	8	C. Ralph	12/29	Wayland

## FLYCATCHERS THROUGH GROSBEAKS

A single Western Kingbird was found in Chilmark on November 11, only the third of the season. The previous season low was four individuals in 1976 and 1978. The Scissor-tailed Flycatcher originally found on October 29 was still delighting birders at the Cumberland Farms fields in Halifax through November 7. A Gray Jay was found in the Quabbin area of Petersham on November 9, and perhaps a second individual on December 30. The Gray Jay is a very rare winter visitor which historically seems to prefer the remote forested areas around Quabbin where many of the reports occur.

The unseasonably cold weather and near record snowfall in November and December was reflected in the number of northern species that were found. **Bohemian Waxwings** were noted from 14 locations, with the largest flock of 20 individuals in Wellfleet. They arrived early, with the first being seen at Halibut Point in Rockport on October 22.

The real show-stopper for numbers was the Northern Shrike invasions. According to Veit and Petersen in *Birds of Massachusetts*, "The extent and magnitude of the bird's southward migrations appear to be determined by the availability of rodents and small birds on their boreal breeding grounds." Well, there must have been a crash. We were invaded by Northern Shrikes. The first shrike reported this season was on October 13, and by the end of the year shrikes were being seen in almost every community. On the eastern Massachusetts Christmas Bird Counts, it was one of only 16 species that were seen on every count!

Winter finches were also moving, unlike last November and December, when not a single siskin, redpoll, crossbill or Pine Grosbeak was seen. Purple Finches also appeared in many locations. Royalston played host to as many as 25 Pine Grosbeaks, and nearby Athol recorded 12. Athol also reported over 350 Pine Siskins. It was an exciting time for birders.

Other rarities this season included a two-day visit of a **Townsend's Warbler** in South Boston, only the fourth report for Massachusetts. And certainly the most bizarre report was the appearance of a **Eurasian Tree Sparrow** at a feeder in the Brighton section of Boston on November 6, where it remained through the end of the year. Access to see this bird was extremely difficult due in part to a delicate situation among neighbors. How this bird arrived here is a mystery, since it is not known to be kept in captivity and its occurrence in the United States is limited to an introduced colony in the St. Louis area. The bird was videotaped and photographed, and its status has yet to be decided by the Massachusetts Avian Records Committee. Stay tuned.

R. H. S.

<b>Eastern Phoebe</b>							
11/3 W. Roxbury	1	T. Aversa	11/5 Worcester	2	M. Lynch#		
11/5 Cumb. Farms	1	G. d'Entremont#	11/6 Brookline	2	H. Wiggin#		
11/6 Boston (F.Pk)	1	T. Aversa	11/9 Lexington	1	M. Rines		
11/11 Seekonk	1	J. Young	11/10 Belmont	3	M. Rines		
11/12 Gay Head	1	G. Daniels#	11/11 Arlington	1	K. Hartel		
11/23 Acushnet	1	M. LaBossiere	11/12 Rockport	1 m	J. Berry		
11/24 Katama	1	T. Rivers	11/19 Southboro	1	M. Lynch#		
11/26 Brookline	1	F. Bouchard	11/22 Bolton	2	S. + L. Hennin		
<b>Western Kingbird</b>			12/1-31 E. Middleboro	pr	K. Anderson		
11/11 Chilmark	1	A. Keith	12/3 Falmouth	13	M. Lynch#		
<b>Scissor-tailed Flycatcher</b>		v.o.	12/12 Bolton	2	S. + L. Hennin		
11/1-7 Cumb. Farms	1		12/20 Brighton	1	R. Hastie		
<b>Horned Lark</b>			12/28 Clinton	1	S. + L. Hennin		
11/9 Spencer	15	M. Lynch#	12/30 Nantucket	5	S. Perkins#		
11/10 Wayland	10	G. Long	<b>House Wren</b>				
11/19 Middleboro	200	M. Resch	11/3 W. Roxbury	1	T. Aversa		
11/23 Salisbury	17	P. + F. Vale	11/11 Gay Head	1	A. Keith		
12/21 N. Attleboro	45	G. Valade	11/22 N. Dartmouth	1	M. Boucher		
12/22 Sandwich	120	T. Aversa	11/27 Roslindale	1	T. Aversa		
12/27 Salisbury	50	J. Berry	12/15 N. Attleboro	1	G. Valade		
<b>Tree Swallow</b>			<b>Winter Wren</b>				
11/10 P.I.	1	D. + I. Jewell	11/7 Nahant	2	T. Aversa		
11/14 S. Dart. (A.Pd)	4	LCES (J. Hill)	11/11 Arlington Res.	2	M. Pelikan		
11/15 M.V.	100	G. Daniels	11/14 Woods Hole	2	T. Aversa		
11/25 S. Monomoy	100	B. Nikula#	11/19 Westboro	2	M. Lynch#		
<b>Gray Jay</b>			12/8 Nahant	2	T. Aversa		
11/9 Petersham	1	J. Lafley	thr Reports of indiv. from 10 locations				
12/30 Petersham	1	S. Moore#	<b>Marsh Wren</b>				
<b>American Crow</b>			11/19 Westboro	1	M. Lynch#		
11/10, 11/30 Framingham	400, 4500	E. Taylor	11/21 Cumb. Farms	3	T. Aversa		
12/1-31 Framingham	5000+	E. Taylor	11/27 Dorchester	3	R. Donovan		
<b>Fish Crow</b>			12/5 Falmouth	1	T. Aversa		
11/20 Roslindale	6	T. Aversa	12/23 Newburyport	1	S. Perkins#		
11/28 W. Roxbury	20+	T. Aversa	12/31 Nantucket	1	G. d'Entremont		
12/1-16 Braintree	20 max	G. d'Entremont#	<b>Golden-crowned Kinglet</b>				
12/31 W. Roxbury	5	T. Aversa	11/11 Petersham	6	S. + L. Hennin		
<b>Common Raven</b>			11/12 Concord	10	M. Pelikan		
11/11 Athol	1	M. Rines#	11/19 Southboro	17	M. Lynch#		
11/11 Petersham	1	M. Rines#	<b>Ruby-crowned Kinglet</b>				
11/16 Quabbin (G40)	1	S. + L. Hennin	11/7 Brookline	7	T. Aversa		
11/24 Royalston	2	M. Lynch#	11/11 Arlington	6	K. Hartel		
12/31 Petersham	1	M. Lynch#	11/19 Northboro	2	M. Lynch#		
<b>Red-breasted Nuthatch</b>			11/26, 12/1 Roslindale	4, 1	T. Aversa		
11/19 Southboro	12	M. Lynch#	12/1 Fairhaven	2	T. Aversa		
12/24 W. Boylston	3	S. + L. Hennin	12/2 P.I.	1	J. Berry		
12/30 Nantucket	7	S. Perkins#	<b>Blue-gray Gnatcatcher</b>				
<b>Brown Creeper</b>			11/21 Chatham	1	R. Clem		
11/11 Arlington	6	K. Hartel	<b>Eastern Bluebird</b>				
11/12 Wayland	5	G. Long	thr E. Boxford	1-6	J. Brown#		
12/10 Harvard	3	S. + L. Hennin	thr Mattapoisett	3-5	F. Smith		
<b>Carolina Wren</b>			11/1 Cumb. Farms	6	C. Ralph		
11/3 Stow	1	S. + L. Hennin	11/5 W. Newbury	8	J. Berry		
11/4 Westport	8	M. Rines#	11/5 Middleboro	16	G. d'Entremont#		
11/5 Wayland	1	M. Pelikan	11/10 WBWS	5	K. Weinheimer#		
			11/14 Woods Hole	4	T. Aversa		

## Eastern Bluebird (continued)

11/23	Framingham	5	R. Forster
11/23	Acushnet	12	M. LaBossiere
11/25	Lakeville	10	R. Shore#
11/26	Wayland	5	N. Patterson
12/13	Edgartown	10	V. Laux
12/21	N. Attleboro	7	G. Valade
12/23	Truro	5	J. Young
12/24	Sterling	12	B. Volkle
12/25	Acushnet	4	M. LaBossiere
12/30	Middleboro	10+	R. Shore#

Hermit Thrush  
 11/1 Boston (F.Pk) 16 T. Aversa  
 11/5 W. Newbury 2 J. Berry  
 11/5 Melrose 3 P. + F. Vale  
 11/10 Wenham 2 N. Nash  
 11/12 Wayland 2 G. Long  
 12/5 Falmouth 4 T. Aversa  
 thr Reports of indiv. from 11 locations

American Robin			
11/11	Beverly	110	J. Brown#
11/13	Ipswich	150	I. + D. Jewell
12/9	Halifax	450+	W. Petersen
12/20	N. Dartmouth	125	M. Boucher

Gray Catbird			
thr	Wellesley	1	R. Forster
11/11	Somerset	2	J. Young
12/5	Falmouth	7	T. Aversa
12/23	Newton	1	N. Komar
12/28	Wareham	2	M. LaBossiere
12/30	Nantucket	4	B. Malcolm#

Brown Thrasher			
11/23	Acushnet	1	M. LaBossiere
12/3	Falmouth	1	M. Lynch#
12/21	Ashland	1	M. Lazzola
12/23	Newbury	1	P. Trimble#

American Pipit			
11/4	Cumb. Farms	100	S. Arena#
11/5	W. Newbury	8	J. Berry
11/5, 11/26	P.I.	5, 6	R. Lockwood
11/11	Danvers	4	J. Brown#
11/21	Groton	4	T. Pirrou
11/26	P.I.	6	R. Lockwood
11/26	Katama	20	A. Keith#
11/28	W. Roxbury	7	T. Aversa
12/3	Falmouth	1	M. Lynch#

Bohemian Waxwing			
11/5	Cumb. Farms	4	G. d'Entremont#
11/6	P.I.	2	D. + I. Jewell
11/9	Marshfield	1	D. Furbish
11/13	P.I.	1-2	C. Cook
11/11	E. Boxford	1	K. Disney
11/21-12/30	Royalston	60max	v.o.
11/25	Lakeville	2	R. Shore#
12/7	Rockport (H.P.)	1	H. D'Entremont
12/9	Wellfleet	20	G. Martin
12/21	Wenham	1	C. Leahy
12/23	N. Truro	18	J. Young
12/24	Sterling	1	B. Volkle
12/23	W. Newbury	1	R. Symeist#
12/28	Nantucket	5	S. Arena#

Cedar Waxwing			
11/4	DWWS	30	K. Weinheimer#
11/11	Worcester	100	G. d'Entremont#
11/25	Lakeville	60+	R. Shore#
12/6	Essex	90+	T. Young
12/9	Lakeville	60	R. Shore
12/9	Halifax	100+	W. Petersen
12/9	Bridgewater	20	W. Petersen
12/23	Wenham	20	S. + L. Hennin
12/27	Pepperell	32	E. Stromsted

## Northern Shrike

11/1-30	Cape Cod	12+	v.o.
thr	P.I.	3 max	v.o.
thr	Wayland	2 max	G. Long
11/7	Braintree	2	S. Carey
11/10	Petersham	2	C. Cook
11/11	Spencer	3	B. Volkle
11/21	Cumb. Farms	3	T. Aversa
11/25-28	M.V.	3	v.o.
11/25	Milton	2	T. Cameron
12/3-5	Gardner	2	T. Pirrou
12/4	M.V.	5	fide G. Daniels
12/15	W. Roxbury	3	T. Aversa
12/23	Truro	3	J. Young

11/1-30 Reports of indiv. from 35 locations  
 12/1-31 Reports of indiv. from 29 locations

White-eyed Vireo			
11/25	P.I.	1	T. Burke#

Solitary Vireo			
11/3	Newton	1	H. Miller
11/3	W. Roxbury	1	T. Aversa

Red-eyed Vireo			
11/4	Falmouth	2	T. Aversa#
11/7	Brookline	1	T. Aversa

Tennessee Warbler			
11/13	Middleboro	1	W. Petersen#
11/18	Arlington	1	K. Hartel

Orange-crowned Warbler			
11/4	Woods Hole	1	T. Aversa#
11/12	Marshfield	1	D. Clapp

Yellow-rumped Warbler			
11/1-25	Wayland	50 max	N. Patterson
11/4	Rockport	15	BBC (J. Nove)
11/4	Westport	25	M. Rines#
11/4	Rockport	15	BBC (J. Nove)
11/5	Middleboro	25	G. d'Entremont#
11/11	Arlington	60	K. Hartel
11/12	GMNWR	9	M. Pelikan
11/15	Provincetown	15+	M. Lynch#
12/3	Falmouth	13	M. Lynch#
12/9	P.I.	2	S. Perkins#

Townsend's Warbler			
12/4-5	S. Boston	1	R. Donovan

Black-throated Green Warbler			
11/1	Boston (F.P.)	1	T. Aversa
11/1	Boston (F.P.)	1	T. Aversa

Pine Warbler			
11/23	Quabbin (G40)	1	S. + L. Hennin
11/25	Lakeville	1	J. Cameron#
12/7	Cotuit	1	S. + E. Miller
12/25	Mattapoisett	1	F. Smith
12/31	Nantucket	2	G. d'Entremont#

Palm Warbler			
11/5	Wayland	3	M. Pelikan
11/10	M.V.	1	A. Keith#
11/11	Worcester	1	G. d'Entremont#
11/16	Cumb. Farms	7	M. Rines
11/26	Eastham	6	J. Young

Blackpoll Warbler			
11/1	Boston (F.P.)	1	T. Aversa
11/13	Cumb. Farms	1	W. Petersen#

Black-and-white Warbler			
11/3	Reading	1	L. Beattie
11/2	MNWS	1	T. Aversa

American Redstart			
11/11	Arlington	1	K. Hartel
11/20	Roslindale	1	T. Aversa

Ovenbird			
12/19-20	Newton	1	M. Linshaw





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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
		WPLS	Worcester Pond and Lake Survey