

BIRD SIGHTINGS

JUNE 1997

SUMMARY

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Below-average temperatures prevailed through June 9. This cold weather was accompanied by east and northeast winds, which did little to aid the arrival of the last of the spring migrants. On June 9 the winds switched southeast, and on June 10, with the arrival of a warm front, the temperature finally soared to 92°, a full month later than average. There was little rain in June, with a total of only 1.41 inches, 1.68 inches lower than average. Measurable amounts fell on only six days. M. W. R.

LOONS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

A **Pacific Loon**, presumably the same bird reported from the same area May 10, was relocated June 2. Most of Massachusetts' overwintering, nonbreeding Common Loons are found in Buzzards Bay, and the 67 counted in the Wareham portion of the Bay at month's end were no doubt there for the season. For several years prior to 1996, there was a dearth of summer pelagic reports from Stellwagen Bank. However, June reports this year, suggested that Stellwagen would be productive for the second consecutive year. Most heron reports were routine, but two breeding records were noteworthy. There have been few, if any, modern-day nesting records for Great Blue Heron in Essex County, so the discovery of a colony of 40 nests in Boxford was exciting. And two pairs of Yellow-crowned Night-Herons, rare breeders anywhere in the state, were found nesting in Barnstable. Large numbers of Black-crowned Night-Herons on the Charles River in Watertown and on Lower Mystic Lake in Medford were gathering to exploit the runs of alewife that peak in June. Single Snow Geese at two different locations were exceptionally late, as were eight Oldsquaw off North Monomoy Island in Chatham and two Bufflehead.

The **Mississippi Kite**, discovered at the end of May in Orleans, lingered at the same locale into early June and was seen and photographed by many birders. Since most kites in Massachusetts are observed only briefly as flyovers, this bird's unusual behavior should have been suspect. Indeed, the bird was discovered dead on June 5, and the specimen was taken to Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary. At this writing, the cause of its death is not known. Another raptor rarity was a **Swainson's Hawk** discovered in Provincetown, among a flock of 21 Broad-winged Hawks. Elsewhere in the state in spring, sizable flocks of Broad-wings are, typically, only seen during April and May. But, in early summer, it is not unusual to see groups of non-breeding, immature birds on the outer Cape, that have become "trapped" at the tip on southwest winds. Such might also have been the case with the Swainson's, which remained through the end of the month (and beyond). Single Clapper and King rails continued at Plum Island through the middle of the month (see the May report for more information). A **Purple Gallinule** visited a pond-side feeding station for more than two weeks on Nantucket, where it was seen by a number of observers.

A **Wilson's Plover** was reported from New Island at Nauset Marsh in Orleans by a biologist monitoring the local tern colony. A Western Sandpiper on North Monomoy furnished a rare spring report for this species. Royal Terns are very uncommon, albeit regular, June visitors to Massachusetts, but a Caspian Tern in Boston Harbor on June 22 was extraordinarily late. The two Forster's Terns reported at Plum Island were almost certainly the same birds that were found nesting on the Plum Island Sound marshes earlier, in May. A **White-winged Dove** was reported coming to a feeder in North Truro. It is interesting to note that in June of 1996 a White-winged Dove was reported from Provincetown, the town adjacent to Truro. Both cuckoo species were well reported in June. A **Chuck-will's-widow** heard calling in Eastham midmonth kept alive hopes that this species will soon be proven to nest in the Commonwealth. The few chucks that return annually to Martha's Vineyard once again thwarted efforts to confirm their breeding there. Red-headed Woodpeckers have bred in Sherborn for a number of years, but locals were discouraged to find only a single bird there this year. However, the discovery a pair of Red-headed in Malden was exciting. M. W. R., S. P.

Date	Location	Number	Observers	Date	Location	Number	Observers
Red-throated Loon				Green Heron			
1-3	Tuckernuck	6	R. Veit#	thr	DWWS	2	D. Furbish
13	Orleans	1	J. Hoye#	9	Norfolk	2	D. Furbish#
15	Vineyard Haven	1	H. Meloney	14	IRWS	4	LBS (D. F. Oliver)
Pacific Loon (no details)*				15	GMNWR	2	P. + F. Vale
2	P.I.	1	br pl B. Gette	22	Wakefield	4	P. + F. Vale
Common Loon				Black-crowned Night-Heron			
1-3	Tuckernuck	15	R. Veit#	1	Watertown	40	R. Stymeist#
6	Stow	1	D. Morimoto#	23	Medford	103	M. Rines
27	Nashawena I.	1	A. Jones#	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron			
26	Wareham	67	M. Sylvia	thr	Barnstable	2	pr n fide S. Hecker
28	Gardner	1	T. Pirro	2	Milton	1	P. O'Neill
Pied-billed Grebe				Glossy Ibis			
8	GMNWR	1	F. Bouchard	7	Topsfield	8	R. Finch
Northern Fulmar				9	Weymouth	1	N. Swirka
14	Stellwagen	1	BBC (E. Tarry)	10	DWWS	1	D. Furbish
14	Nantucket	1	B. Perkins	14	IRWS	10	LBS (D. F. Oliver)
Greater Shearwater				17	Wayland	5	N. Patterson
14	Stellwagen	2	BBC (E. Tarry)	21	Rowley	7	P. + F. Vale
29	Stellwagen	8	M. Burns#	22	Westport	84	M. Sylvia
Sooty Shearwater				Whooper Swan			
2-3	Tuckernuck	100	R. Veit#	25	P.I.	4	J. Brown#
22	Stellwagen	24	M. Rines#	Snow Goose			
Manx Shearwater				4	S. Boston	1	M. Hall
27	Stellwagen	3	D. Small	21	P.I. Sound	1	S. Perkins#
Wilson's Storm-Petrel				Brant			
13	Gloucester	12	J. Soucy	6	Plymouth B.	1	M. Rines#
14	Stellwagen	200	BBC (E. Tarry)	Wood Duck			
22	Boston H.	34	M. Rines#	22	Wakefield	26	P. + F. Vale
Northern Gannet				22	GMNWR	58	E. Taylor
2-3	Tuckernuck	150	R. Veit#	Green-winged Teal			
6	Rockport (A.P.)	2	M. Lynch#	13	P.I.	6	W. Drew#
22	Stellwagen	40	I. Giriunas	Blue-winged Teal			
29	M.V.	2	A. Keith#	10	Nashawena I.	3	A. Jones#
American Bittern				13	P.I.	4	W. Drew#
8	DWWS	1	D. Furbish	Gadwall			
Least Bittern				13	P.I.	16	W. Drew#
10	GMNWR	1	M. Rines	Common Eider			
15	Salem	1	J. Hoye#	1-10	Nantucket	15	R. Veit
21	P.I.	1	P. + F. Vale	1	Westport	24	M. Lynch#
27	DWWS	1	D. Ludlow	15	N. Monomoy	35	B. Nikula
Great Blue Heron				23-27	Nashawena I.	2	f + 14 yg A. Jones#
8	Boxford	40	neests J. Berry	Oldsquaw			
14	Westboro	36	E. Taylor	15	N. Monomoy	8	B. Nikula
28	Gardner	13	T. Pirro	Surf Scoter			
Great Egret				1	Westport	1	M. Lynch#
1	Westport	12	M. Lynch#	24	Gay Head	5	V. Laux
1	Watertown	1	R. Stymeist#	White-winged Scoter			
14	IRWS	9	LBS (D. F. Oliver)	29	Nahant	6	R. Stymeist
21	Newbypt/P.I.	13	R. Lockwood#	Bufflehead			
Snowy Egret				1	W. Newbury	1	W. Petersen#
15	Mashpee	20	S. Perkins#	15	Hingham	1	m K. Godfrey
21	P.I.	9	R. Lockwood#	Hooded Merganser			
25	DWWS	6	D. Furbish	thr	Lincoln	2	pr W. Harrington
Little Blue Heron				7, 14	Hopkinton	1	ad + 6 yg E. Taylor
1	Essex	4	L. Healy	Red-breasted Merganser			
20	Hingham	1	N. Swirka	7	P.I.	2	J. Berry
Tricolored Heron				1-10	Nantucket	3	R. Veit
thr	P.I.	1	v.o.	14	Eastham	8	M. Lynch#
1	Chappaquiddick	1	A. Keith#	Black Vulture			
23	Gay Head	1	V. Laux#	5	Wayland	1	S. Arena
23	WBWS	1	K. Dorsey				

Turkey Vulture									
13	Marshfield	5		D. Furbish					
21	Ipswich	4		S. Perkins#					
23-27	Nashawena I.	3		A. Jones#					
25	P'town	12		K. Jones					
Osprey									
thr	Dighton	3 nests	fide	Providence Jnl					
1	Westport	50 nests		M. Lynch#					
14	Westboro	pr n		E. Taylor					
Mississippi Kite * (specimen at WBWS)									
1-4	Orleans	1		M. Prue + v.o.					
Bald Eagle									
12	DWWS	2 imm		D. Furbish					
23-27	Nashawena I.	1 imm		A. Jones#					
Northern Harrier									
thr	Tuckernuck	2 pr n		R. Veit#					
11	Nantucket	3		E. Andrews					
Sharp-shinned Hawk									
7	N. Middleboro	2		K. Holmes					
8	Rutland	1		M. Lynch#					
21	Rowley	1		P. + F. Vale					
23	Westwood	1		E. Nielsen#					
30	Medfield	1		E. Nielsen#					
Cooper's Hawk									
thr	WBWS	pr + 5 yg		v.o.					
21	W. Gloucester	ad + 2 yg		J. Berry					
22	Chilmark	pr n		V. Laux					
Northern Goshawk									
7	N.E. Quabbin	pr		J. Hoye#					
8	Groveland	2 ad	LBS	(R. Stymeist)					
8	Rutland	1		M. Lynch#					
Red-shouldered Hawk									
thr	E. Boxford	2		J. Brown#					
8	Rutland	1		M. Lynch#					
14	W. Newbury	1		D. Chickering					
14	DWWS	1		D. Furbish					
14	IRWS	1LBS		(D. F. Oliver)					
15	Templeton	1		R. Lockwood#					
Broad-winged Hawk									
4	Orleans	2		F. Vale#					
7	Framingham	3		K. Hamilton					
16	Attleboro	2		D. Furbish					
17	Kingston	2		D. Furbish					
21	Groton	2		M. Rines#					
25	P'town	21		K. Jones					
Swainson's Hawk (no details)*									
25-30	P'town	1 ad ph		K. Jones + v.o.					
American Kestrel									
thr	DWWS	4 n		D. Furbish#					
9	Carlisle	2		S. Wedge					
Ruffed Grouse									
14	Sudbury	1 f		K. Hamilton					
14	Concord	1		R. Lockwood					
15	Petersham	1		R. Lockwood#					
29	Quabbin (G40)	1		R. Lockwood					
Wild Turkey									
1	Saugus	3		D. + I. Jewell					
1	GMNWR	1		K. Dorsey					
6	Sherborn	1 ad + 14 yg		J. Young					
12	Bedford	2		R. Lockwood#					
13	Truro	f + 3 yg	fide	WBWS					
14	Halifax	6		S. Katz					
21	Worc. (BMB)	7	LBS	(J. Liller)					
26	Middleboro	22		G. d'Entremont					
27	Lancaster	ad + 12 yg		R. Lockwood					
Northern Bobwhite									
3	Cumb. Farms	1		K. Anderson					
15	DWWS	2		D. Furbish					
15	Berkley	2		G. d'Entremont					
15	Raynham	1		G. d'Entremont					
19	Orleans	1		J. Hoye#					
23	Walpole	26		K. Holmes					
26	Plymouth (MSSF)	1		G. d'Entremont					
30	Medfield	1		E. Nielsen#					
Clapper Rail									
11	P.I.	1		D. Chickering					
14	Nauset Marsh	2		M. Lynch#					
24-30	Nantucket	2 ph		D. Sutherland					
King Rail									
1-14	P.I.	1		v.o.					
7	Wayland	1		J. Hoye#					
Virginia Rail									
1	GMNWR	pr + 5 yg		K. Dorsey					
8	Rutland	1		M. Lynch#					
14	IRWS	2	LBS	(D. F. Oliver)					
25	Salem	2		I. Lynch					
Sora									
2	Lexington	2		M. Rines#					
8	P.I.	1 ad + 1 yg		S. Carey					
29	P'town	1		B. Nikula					
Purple Gallinule									
11-30	Nantucket	1 ad		P. Burchell + v.o.					
Black-bellied Plover									
7	Nauset Marsh	250+		M. Lynch#					
9,24	N. Monomoy	80, 120		B. Nikula					
27	Chatham (S.B.)	25		S. Perkins#					
Wilson's Plover (no details)*									
28	Orleans	1		K. Jones					
Semipalmated Plover									
6	Plymouth B.	71		M. Rines#					
9,24	N. Monomoy	2, 4		B. Nikula					
Piping Plover									
thr	Plymouth B.	8 pr	fide	S. Hecker					
7	Nauset Marsh	17		M. Lynch#					
9	Ipswich	15+		BBC (J. Berry)					
27	Chatham (S.B.)	10		S. Perkins#					
American Oystercatcher									
1-10	Nantucket	15+		R. Veit#					
9,24	N. Monomoy	22, 20		B. Nikula					
13	Orleans	24		J. Hoye#					
Greater Yellowlegs									
23-27	Nashawena I.	1		A. Jones#					
29	E. Boston (B.I.)	3		R. Stymeist#					
Solitary Sandpiper									
12	Marshfield	1		D. Furbish					
Willet									
9,24	N. Monomoy	60, 100		B. Nikula					
15	Mashpee	1		S. Perkins#					
21	P.I. Sound	20+		S. Perkins#					
27	Chatham (S.B.)	15		S. Perkins#					
29	Chappaquiddick	3		A. Keith					
Spotted Sandpiper									
8	Newton	2		H. Miller					
29	Quabbin (G40)	6		W. Petersen#					
Upland Sandpiper									
thr	Bedford	12		R. Lockwood					
thr	Lancaster	2		R. Lockwood					

Whimbrel			
30	Rowley	2	J. Berry
Hudsonian Godwit			
24	N. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula
Ruddy Turnstone			
6	Plymouth B.	23	M. Rines#
9,15	N. Monomoy	40, 15	B. Nikula
Red Knot			
1	P.I.	14	J. Brown#
9,24	N. Monomoy	10, 1	B. Nikula
27	Chatham (S.B.)	30	S. Perkins#
Sanderling			
7	P.I.	15	H. Wiggin#
27	Chatham (S.B.)	8	S. Perkins#
Semipalmated Sandpiper			
9,15	N. Monomoy	300, 35	B. Nikula
21	P.I.	5	R. Lockwood#
27	Chatham (S.B.)	7	S. Perkins#
Western Sandpiper			
15	N. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula
White-rumped Sandpiper			
6	Plymouth B.	2	R. Stymeist#
9,15	N. Monomoy	8, 4	B. Nikula
13	P.I.	14	W. Drew#
Dunlin			
9,15	N. Monomoy	2, 1	B. Nikula
27	Chatham (S.B.)	5	S. Perkins#
Short-billed Dowitcher			
21	P.I.	1	P. + F. Vale
American Woodcock			
1	Wayland	1	K. Hamilton
6	DWWS	3	D. Furbish
thr	Concord	5	R. Lockwood
Wilson's Phalarope			
3-8	P.I.	2-3	v.o.
Parasitic Jaeger			
3	Tuckernuck	3	R. Veit#
Jaeger species			
11	S. of Tuckernuck	1	R. Veit#
Laughing Gull			
thr	Orleans	481 pr	fide S. Hecker
thr	Plymouth B.	300 pr	fide S. Hecker
7	Nauset Marsh	400+	M. Lynch#
Bonaparte's Gull			
1	Swampscott	75	J. Young
20	P.I.	100	D. Chickering
Caspian Tern			
22	Boston H.	1	R. Stymeist#
Royal Tern			
14	Nauset Marsh	3	M. Lynch#
28	Nauset B.	1	M. Resch
29-30	Edgartown	1	A. Keith#
Roseate Tern			
thr	Mattapoisett	300 pr	fide S. Hecker
thr	Marion	1100 pr	fide S. Hecker
thr	Plymouth B.	10 pr	fide S. Hecker
thr	Orleans	11 pr	fide S. Hecker
27	Chatham (S.B.)	15	S. Perkins#
Common Tern			
thr	Mattapoisett	1000 pr	fide S. Hecker
thr	Monomoy I.	1000 pr	fide S. Hecker
thr	Plymouth B.	4967 pr	fide S. Hecker
thr	Marion	2000 pr	fide S. Hecker
thr	Orleans	2051 pr	fide S. Hecker
Arctic Tern			
thr	Orleans	2 pr	fide S. Hecker
thr	Plymouth B.	1 pr	fide S. Hecker
27	Chatham (S.B.)	1 1S	S. Perkins#
Forster's Tern			
25	P.I.	2	J. Brown
Least Tern			
thr	Plymouth B.	110 pr	fide S. Hecker
Black Skimmer			
thr	Orleans	2 pr	fide S. Hecker
thr	Monomoy I.	2 pr	fide S. Hecker
12	S. Dartmouth	1	F. Thurber
26	Wareham	2	M. Sylvia
White-winged Dove (no details)			
10	N. Truro	1	R. Beatty
Black-billed Cuckoo			
5, 21	Worc. (BMB)	3	M. Lynch#
8	S. Groveland	9	LBS (R. Stymeist)
12	Marshfield	3	D. Furbish
13	Hingham	3	D. Clapp
14	Topsfield	5	LBS (D. F. Oliver)
15	Peabody	3	J. Hoye#
21	Worc. (BMB)	3	LBS (J. Liller)
29	Quabbin (G40)	3	R. Lockwood
thr	Reports of 1 or 2 indiv. from 23 loc.		
Yellow-billed Cuckoo			
8	S. Groveland	5	LBS (R. Stymeist)
13	Norwell	2	D. Clapp
14	IRWS	5	LBS (D. F. Oliver)
15	Medford	2	BBC (M. Rines)
thr	Reports of indiv. from 19 locations.		
Eastern Screech-Owl			
25	Salem	2	I. Lynch
Great Horned Owl			
10	DWWS	1	D. Furbish
Barred Owl			
2	Weston	1	M. Rines
14	IRWS	1	LBS (D. F. Oliver)
14	Concord	2	R. Lockwood
15	Ipswich	2	J. Berry
19	Stow	1	D. Morimoto
Short-eared Owl			
thr	Tuckernuck	2 pr + 3 yg	R. Veit#
Northern Saw-whet Owl			
13	Eastham	1	J. Hanson
Common Nighthawk			
2	Wayland	11	N. Patterson
5	DWWS	2	D. Furbish
30	Brookline	1	H. Wiggin
Chuck-will's-widow			
14	Eastham	1	D. Reynolds
thr	Edgartown	10	V. Laux
Whip-poor-will			
thr	MSSF	29 max	G. d'Entremont
7	Dover	1	E. Taylor
9	Ipswich	3	BBC (J. Berry)
13	Wellfleet	2	J. Hoye#
15	Stow	2	D. Morimoto#
17	Lancaster	51	R. Lockwood
28	Carver	2	K. Holmes
9-13	Nashawena I.	1	A. Jones#
Ruby-throated Hummingbird			
8	Rutland	2	M. Lynch#
14	Boylston	4	W. Miller

Ruby-throated Hummingbird (continued)				Hairy Woodpecker			
15, 29	N. Middleboro	4	K. Holmes	14	Concord	4	R. Lockwood
15	Boylston	2 pr	W. Miller	17	Melrose	3	D. + I. Jewell
20	DWWS	2	D. Furbish	21	Worc. (BMB)	10	LBS (J. Liller)
Red-headed Woodpecker				Pileated Woodpecker			
thr	Sherborn	1	E. Taylor	thr	Manchester	pr	H. Creighton
thr	Malden	pr	C. Jackson	6	Quabbin (Dana)	2	D. Small
8-16	Nantucket	1	fide E. Ray	7	Barre	1	J. Young
Red-bellied Woodpecker				8	Ashburnham	1	J. Young
thr	Sherborn	4	E. Taylor	11	Weston	2 + 3 yg	E. Randle
3	Medford	3 pr n	M. Rines	13	Pepperell	1	E. Stromsted
21	Bolton	2	R. Stymeist#	14	IRWS	1	LBS (D. F. Oliver)
21	Worc. (BMB)	2	LBS (J. Liller)	22	Concord	2	R. Lockwood#
30	Holliston	pr + 2 yg	J. Howe	28	Dunstable	1	D. Christopher
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				29	W. Brookfield	1	M. Lynch#
8	Westminster	pr	D. Oliver				

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH GROSBEAKS

As usual, June yielded a few late migrants after the first week of the month. For example: Note a Yellow-bellied Flycatcher on June 14 in Gloucester, an Alder Flycatcher June 21 on Plum Island, a Cape May Warbler June 15 in Manchester, Blackpolls in two migrant traps June 15, Mourning Warblers in three localities June 12-15, and Lincoln's Sparrows on June 5 in Medford and on June 9 in Gardner.

It seems likely that at least some, if not all, of eight Alder flycatchers along a powerline in West Boxford were nesting. This is a noteworthy count for Essex County, since this species is a scarce breeder in eastern Massachusetts. Two pairs of Rough-winged Swallows at Mount Auburn Cemetery must have been able providers, since the numbers of fledged young observed per pair, were equal to the usual number of eggs laid by this species (7). The Burlington Bank Swallow colony (mentioned in the May report) had grown to 205 burrows, but the mother of all colonies was discovered in a Groveland gravel pit, where no fewer than 533 burrows were found in three groups.

Red-breasted Nuthatches and Winter Wrens were well reported from various eastern localities, where, as nesters, they are less common than they are farther west. White-eyed Vireos and Golden-winged Warblers were scarce, as usual. A Solitary Vireo in Fall River midmonth seemed out of place, and a pair of Warbling Vireos present in Oak Bluffs through the middle of the month was noteworthy inasmuch as this species has never been known to breed on the Vineyard. A Philadelphia Vireo was reported from Waltham June 21-29 without details. These birds are virtually unheard of south of the White Mountains in the nesting season, and documentation is in order for such encounters. The same may be said of a report of a Blackpoll in Rockport on June 30.

Reports of single Northern Parulas in Ipswich and Concord were intriguing, since nesting is currently known only in the southeastern part of the state where Usnea is apparently still available to them. Other noteworthy warbler reports included eight Northern Waterthrushes in Willowdale State Forest in Ipswich and a singing Yellow-breasted Chat in Westport. Interestingly, Canada Warblers were not with the Northern Waterthrushes despite the apparent adequacy of the swampy habitat.

A female **Painted Bunting**, banded at Manomet June 4, came as a complete surprise, and an apparently unpaired, singing **Clay-colored Sparrow** was videotaped in Groton. Grasshopper Sparrows continue to thrive on Nashawena Island in Buzzards Bay, though they are increasingly threatened by vegetational succession since the island's sheep were eliminated by Coyotes. Of recent interest was the continued presence of Evening Grosbeaks during the breeding season in eastern Massachusetts (see May summary). Among four reports were two sightings in eastern reaches of the reporting region, in Essex and Westwood.

Rutland State Park continued to yield excellent numbers of songbirds, as did three surveys labeled "LBS" (or Local Bird Surveys) in the records. These are regularly conducted walking surveys of specific plots: two of MAS sanctuaries (Broad Meadow Brook in Worcester and Ipswich River in Topsfield), and one along several miles of powerlines in the western part of Essex County. These valuable surveys, which give us some of our best information on population trends of nesting birds, are somewhat analogous to the Christmas Counts, which provide trend data for numbers of birds in early winter. Observers are encouraged to participate in such surveys, or to initiate their own because of the value of long-term data for avian conservation efforts.

Olive-sided Flycatcher	8	Groveland	10	LBS (R. Stymeist)
1 P.I.	2	W. Petersen#	16 m	J. Berry
1 Wakefield	1	P. + F. Vale	14	Concord
5 E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson	14	IRWS
6 Needham	1	H. Miller	8	LBS (D. F. Oliver)
Eastern Wood-Pewee	21	Worc. (BMB)	14	LBS (J. Liller)
	29	Quabbin (G40)	21	R. Lockwood

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1	P.I.	1	W. Petersen#	1	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson
	14	Gloucester	1	J. Soucy	2	Weston	4	M. Rines
Acadian Flycatcher	1	Chilmark	1	A. Keith	8	Sudbury	3	B. Howell
	1	P'town	1	S. Miller	14	Ipswich	2	J. Berry
	14	W. Barnstable	1	B. Nikula	23-30	Concord	1	R. Lockwood
	15	Quabbin (G46)	1	R. Lockwood#	29	Rockport	1	M. Flor
	23	Gay Head	1	V. Laux#	29	Quabbin (G40)	4	R. Lockwood
Alder Flycatcher	1	P.I.	3	W. Petersen#	White-breasted Nuthatch			
	1	Watertown	2	R. Stymeist#	14	IRWS	11	LBS (D. F. Oliver)
	8	Groveland	8	LBS (R. Stymeist)	Brown Creeper			
	8	Rutland	5	M. Lynch#	8	Rutland	8	M. Lynch#
	8	Westminster	pr	D. Oliver	14	Ipswich	3	J. Berry
	11	Bedford	2	R. Lockwood	21	Bolton	1	M. Rines#
	13	Westboro	2	A. Boover	22	Concord	4	R. Lockwood#
	21	P.I.	2	P. + F. Vale	29	Quabbin (G40)	4	R. Lockwood
Willow Flycatcher	7	P.I.	7 m	J. Berry	Carolina Wren			
	11	Bedford	6	R. Lockwood	thr	Natick	2	E. Taylor
	13	Westboro	6	A. Boover	1	Westport	12	M. Lynch#
	13	DWWS	8	D. Furbish#	21	Harvard	2	R. Stymeist#
	14	IRWS	11	LBS (D. F. Oliver)	22	Beverly	1	D. + I. Jewell
	20	Lancaster	8	R. Lockwood	House Wren			
	21	Worc. (BMB)	6	LBS (J. Liller)	8	Groveland	8	LBS (R. Stymeist)
	22	Wakefield	8	P. + F. Vale	15	Medford	6	BBC (M. Rines)
Least Flycatcher	1	P.I.	3	W. Petersen#	15	Berkley	6	G. d'Entremont
	8	Rutland	17	M. Lynch#	21	Worc. (BMB)	12	LBS (J. Liller)
	15	Quabbin (G46)	5	R. Lockwood#	21	Bolton	15	M. Rines#
	22	Wakefield	3	P. + F. Vale	Winter Wren			
	29	Quabbin (G40)	21	R. Lockwood	6	Needham	1	H. Miller
Eastern Phoebe	14	IRWS	10	LBS (D. F. Oliver)	6	Quabbin (Dana)	2	D. Small
	21	Worc. (BMB)	10	LBS (J. Liller)	8	Rutland	2	M. Lynch#
	29	Quabbin (G40)	9	R. Lockwood	10	Saugus	1 m	J. Young
Great Crested Flycatcher	8	Groveland	14	LBS (R. Stymeist)	11	Barre	3	D. Monette
	13	Marshfield	6	D. Furbish#	13	Hingham	pr	D. Ludlow
	21	Worc. (BMB)	11	LBS (J. Liller)	15	Ipswich	1	J. Berry
Eastern Kingbird	8	Groveland	31	LBS (R. Stymeist)	21	Bolton	1 m	R. Stymeist#
Horned Lark	4	Plymouth	2	M. Rines#	22	Concord	3	R. Lockwood#
	15	Mashpee	2 + yg	S. Perkins#	25-30	Lincoln	1	N. Levy
Purple Martin	27	DWWS	15+	D. Ludlow	29	Quabbin (G40)	4	R. Lockwood
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	26	Mt.A.	2 pr + yg	R. Stymeist#	29	W. Brookfield	1	M. Lynch#
Bank Swallow	1	Burlington	205 holes	M. Rines#	Marsh Wren			
	9	Ipswich	17 nests	BBC (J. Berry)	3	Cumb. Farms	3	K. Anderson
	16	Groveland	533 holes	M. Rines	3	Peabody	3	J. Hoye#
	28	Templeton	105 nests	T. Pirro	21	P.I. Sound	4	S. Perkins#
Fish Crow	27	DWWS	3	D. Furbish	22	Wakefield	22	P. + F. Vale
Common Raven	8	Barre	ad + 4 yg	M. Lynch#	22	GMNWR	19	M. Lynch#
Black-capped Chickadee	14	IRWS	76	LBS (D. F. Oliver)	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			
Tufted Titmouse	14	IRWS	43	LBS (D. F. Oliver)	7	Newbury	2	J. Berry
Red-breasted Nuthatch					10	DWWS	2	D. Furbish
					14	Ipswich	2	J. Berry
					14	IRWS	4	LBS (D. F. Oliver)
					Eastern Bluebird			
					thr	Sherborn	20	E. Taylor
					5-16	Newton	1-3	H. Miller
					24	Pepperell	2	E. Stromsted
					30	Medfield	3	E. Nielsen#
					Veery			
					6	Quabbin (Dana)	7	D. Small
					8	Rutland	20	M. Lynch#
					11	Barre	9	D. Monette
					13	Hingham	12	D. Clapp
					14-15	Ipswich	19	J. Berry
					14	IRWS	31	LBS (D. F. Oliver)
					29	W. Brookfield	15	M. Lynch#
					29	Quabbin (G40)	27	R. Lockwood

Hermit Thrush				11	Barre	36	D. Monette
thr	Sherborn	8	E. Taylor	14-15	Ipswich	19	J. Berry
8	Plymouth (MSSF)	10	G. d'Entremont#	14	IRWS	10	LBS (D. F. Oliver)
8	Rutland	10	M. Lynch#	21	Worc. (BMB)	13	LBS (J. Liller)
14-15	Ipswich	4 m	J. Berry	29	Quabbin (G40)	57	R. Lockwood
15	Fall River	4	G. d'Entremont	Blue-winged Warbler			
20	Concord	12	R. Lockwood#	8	Groveland	41	LBS (R. Stymeist)
29	Quabbin (G40)	6	R. Lockwood	11	Bedford	15	R. Lockwood
Wood Thrush				12	Lincoln	9	R. Lockwood#
thr	Sherborn	8	E. Taylor	13, 26	Westboro	13, 6	A. Boover
8	Groveland	15	LBS (R. Stymeist)	13	Lancaster	10	R. Lockwood
14	IRWS	9	LBS (D. F. Oliver)	21	Worc. (BMB)	19	LBS (J. Liller)
15	Ipswich	15	J. Berry	Golden-winged Warbler			
21	Worc. (BMB)	16	LBS (J. Liller)	1-13	Westboro	1	S. Hennin + v.o.
22	Concord	11	R. Lockwood#	1-14	Groveland	1	v.o.
29	W. Brookfield	18	M. Lynch#	Brewster's Warbler			
Gray Catbird				8	Sharon	1	M. Hall
8	Groveland	76	LBS (R. Stymeist)	12	Bedford	2	R. Lockwood#
14	IRWS	49	LBS (D. F. Oliver)	13	Acton	1	G. Bullock
21	Worc. (BMB)	54	LBS (J. Liller)	Lawrence's Warbler			
Brown Thrasher				3	Franklin	1	C. Bailey
8	Plymouth (MSSF)	6	G. d'Entremont#	Nashville Warbler			
11	Bedford	5	R. Lockwood	2	DWWS	1	D. Furbish
13	Marshfield	2	D. Furbish	8	Rutland	2	M. Lynch#
13	Lancaster	5	R. Lockwood	Northern Parula			
16	Groveland	6	M. Rines	15	Ipswich	1 m	J. Berry
21	Worc. (BMB)	8	LBS (J. Liller)	22	Concord	1	R. Lockwood#
23-27	Nashawena I.	5 m	A. Jones#	Yellow Warbler			
White-eyed Vireo				1	Westport	69	M. Lynch#
1	Westport	1	M. Lynch#	8	Groveland	62	LBS (R. Stymeist)
Solitary Vireo				8	Rutland	41	M. Lynch#
1	P.I.	1	W. Petersen#	14	IRWS	62	LBS (D. F. Oliver)
8	Rutland	13	M. Lynch#	21	Worc. (BMB)	24	LBS (J. Liller)
11	Barre	8	D. Monette	22	Wakefield	37	P. + F. Vale
15	Fall River	2	G. d'Entremont	Chestnut-sided Warbler			
15	Quabbin (G46)	1	R. Lockwood#	6	Quabbin (Dana)	5	D. Small
29	Quabbin (G40)	1	R. Lockwood	8	Groveland	24	LBS (R. Stymeist)
Yellow-throated Vireo				8	Rutland	43	M. Lynch#
4	Westboro	1	B. Volkle#	11	Barre	6	D. Monette
6	Quabbin (Dana)	7	D. Small	13, 20	Westboro	3, 7	A. Boover
7	P.I.	1	H. Wiggins#	29	Quabbin (G40)	16	R. Lockwood
8	Boxford	1	J. Berry	29	Brookfield	17	M. Lynch#
14	Rowley	1	M. Rines#	Magnolia Warbler			
15	Fall River	1	G. d'Entremont	1	Watertown	1	R. Stymeist#
29	Quabbin (G40)	4	R. Lockwood	8	Rutland	4	M. Lynch#
Warbling Vireo				9	Gardner	1	T. Pirro
1-15	Oak Bluffs	pr	V. Laux#	Cape May Warbler			
1	Watertown	11	M. Rines#	15	Manchester	1 m	C. Parsons
8	Groveland	5	LBS (R. Stymeist)	Black-throated Blue Warbler			
14	IRWS	11	LBS (D. F. Oliver)	28	Gardner	1	T. Pirro
15	Peabody	6	J. Hoye#	29	Quabbin (G40)	3	R. Lockwood
21	Worc. (BMB)	5	LBS (J. Liller)	Yellow-rumped Warbler			
21	Bolton	9	M. Rines#	8	Rutland	17	M. Lynch#
22	Wakefield	15	P. + F. Vale	26	Plymouth (MSSF)	1	G. d'Entremont
22	GMNWR	8	M. Lynch#	29	Quabbin (G40)	13	R. Lockwood
Philadelphia Vireo				Black-throated Green Warbler			
1	P'town	1	S. + E. Miller	8	Rutland	14	M. Lynch#
1	P.I.	1	W. Petersen#	14-15	Ipswich	15	J. Berry
21-29	Waltham	1	C. Ralph	14	IRWS	19	LBS (D. F. Oliver)
Red-eyed Vireo				29	Quabbin (G40)	11	R. Lockwood
thr	Sherborn	20	E. Taylor	Blackburnian Warbler			
6	Quabbin (Dana)	18	D. Small	1	Mt.A.	1	M. Rines#
8	Rutland	62	M. Lynch#	1	P.I.	10	W. Petersen#
8	Groveland	11	LBS (R. Stymeist)	8	Rutland	7	M. Lynch#

Blackburnian Warbler (continued)				1	Watertown	1	M. Rines#
15	Quabbin (G46)	1	R. Lockwood#	3	Burlington	1	M. Rines
28	Gardner	1	T. Pirro	Mourning Warbler			
29	Quabbin (G40)	1	R. Lockwood	1	P.I.	1	W. Petersen#
Pine Warbler				1	Watertown	1	R. Stymeist#
8	Plymouth (MSSF)	10	G. d'Entremont#	2	Bolton	1	L. Hennin
14-15	Ipswich	10	J. Berry	3	P.I.	1	W. Tetro
14	IRWS	12	LBS (D. F. Oliver)	8	Boston	1	H. Miller
29	Quabbin (G40)	13	R. Lockwood	8	Dorchester	1	J. Adamson
Prairie Warbler				9	Newton	1	H. Miller
8	Plymouth (MSSF)	15	G. d'Entremont#	12	Rockport	1	M. Flor
8	Groveland	42	LBS (R. Stymeist)	15	Hingham	1	N. Swirka
8	Rutland	15	M. Lynch#	15	MNWS	1	L. Healy
16	Lancaster	14	R. Lockwood	Common Yellowthroat			
21	Worc. (BMB)	16	LBS (J. Liller)	8	Rutland	52	M. Lynch#
Bay-breasted Warbler				8	Groveland	63	LBS (R. Stymeist)
7	MNWR	1	J. Smith	14-15	Ipswich	18	J. Berry
Blackpoll Warbler				14	IRWS	62	LBS (D. F. Oliver)
1-10	Rockport	1	M. Flor	21	Worc. (BMB)	47	LBS (J. Liller)
6	Brookline	1	H. Wiggin#	22	Wakefield	21	P. + F. Vale
6	Oak Bluffs	6	V. Laux	29	Brookfield	30	M. Lynch#
9	Tuckernuck	2	R. Veit#	29	Quabbin (G40)	19	R. Lockwood
15	MNWS	1	L. Healy	Wilson's Warbler			
15	Mt.A.	1 m	R. Stymeist#	5	Medford	1 m	M. Rines
Cerulean Warbler				Canada Warbler			
28	Quabbin (G40)	2 m	T. Brownrigg#	3	P.I.	2	W. Tetro
Black-and-white Warbler				5	Medford	1 m	M. Rines
8	Rutland	9	M. Lynch#	6	Quabbin (Dana)	1	D. Small
8	Groveland	5	LBS (R. Stymeist)	6	Oak Bluffs	3	V. Laux#
10	Groton	4	M. Rines	9	Gardner	2	T. Pirro
14-15	Ipswich	6 m	J. Berry	Yellow-breasted Chat			
14	IRWS	11	LBS (D. F. Oliver)	14	Westport	1 m	H. Wiggin#
21	Worc. (BMB)	14	M. Lynch#	Scarlet Tanager			
29	Brookfield	6	M. Lynch#	thr	Sherborn	15	E. Taylor
American Redstart				8	Rutland	7	M. Lynch#
6	Quabbin (Dana)	17	D. Small	8	Groveland	11	LBS (R. Stymeist)
7	P.I.	17 m	J. Berry	11	Barre	11	D. Monette
8	Rutland	15	M. Lynch#	14-15	Ipswich	23 m	J. Berry
14	IRWS	5	LBS (D. F. Oliver)	14	IRWS	13	LBS (D. F. Oliver)
29	Quabbin (G40)	21	R. Lockwood	21	Worc. (BMB)	7	LBS (J. Liller)
29	Brookfield	9	M. Lynch#	22	Concord	11	R. Lockwood#
Worm-eating Warbler				29	Quabbin (G40)	9	R. Lockwood
4	Milton	2	R. Finch	29	Brookfield	6	M. Lynch#
Ovenbird				Rose-breasted Grosbeak			
6	Plymouth	14	M. Rines#	8	Groveland	11	LBS (R. Stymeist)
6	Quabbin (Dana)	14	D. Small	8	Rutland	5	M. Lynch#
8	Rutland	69	M. Lynch#	11	Barre	6	D. Monette
8	Sudbury	8	B. Howell	13	Lancaster	3	R. Lockwood
11	Barre	11	D. Monette	14	IRWS	6	LBS (D. F. Oliver)
13	Hingham	10	D. Clapp	15	GMNWR	2	P. + F. Vale
14-15	Ipswich	49	J. Berry	21	Worc. (BMB)	4	LBS (J. Liller)
14	IRWS	26	LBS (D. F. Oliver)	29	Brookfield	7	M. Lynch#
21	Bolton	14	M. Rines#	29	Quabbin (G40)	4	R. Lockwood
22	Concord	21	R. Lockwood#	Indigo Bunting			
29	Quabbin (G40)	41	R. Lockwood	3	Medford	3	M. Rines
29	Brookfield	9	M. Lynch#	8	Groveland	13	LBS (R. Stymeist)
Northern Waterthrush				11	Bedford	2	R. Lockwood
9	Gardner	1	T. Pirro	13	Lancaster	5	R. Lockwood
12	Westport	1	A. Strauss	21	Harvard	3	M. Rines#
14-15	Ipswich	8	J. Berry	28	Concord	2	R. Lockwood
14	IRWS	1	LBS (D. F. Oliver)	29	Brookfield	5	M. Lynch#
15	Fall River	1	G. d'Entremont	29	MBWMA	9	BBC (E. Tarry)
22	Concord	5	R. Lockwood#	Painted Bunting (verbal details)*			
Kentucky Warbler				4	Manomet	1 f b	fide T. Lloyd-Evans

Eastern Towhee				9	Carlisle	20	S. Wedge
8	Groveland	46	LBS (R. Stymeist)	11-30	Bedford	12	R. Lockwood
8	Rutland	29	M. Lynch#	13-30	Lancaster	42	R. Lockwood
8	Plymouth (MSSF)	25	G. d'Entremont#	21	P.I. Sound	25	S. Perkins#
15	Quabbin	25	R. Lockwood#	24	Pepperell	190	E. Stromsted
21	Worc. (BMB)	37	LBS (J. Liller)	Eastern Meadowlark			
Clay-colored Sparrow				11-30	Bedford	14	R. Lockwood
10-11	Groton		1 m vid M. Rines	12	DWWS	4	D. Furbish
Field Sparrow				16-30	Lancaster	4	R. Lockwood
7	Newbury	7	J. Berry	21	Newbypt	2	P. + F. Vale
8	Groveland	31	LBS (R. Stymeist)	25	Hingham	5	D. Furbish#
12	Bedford	8	R. Lockwood#	26	Concord	2	R. Lockwood
16	Lancaster	18	R. Lockwood	30	Medfield	3	E. Nielsen#
21	Worc. (BMB)	18	LBS (J. Liller)	Common Grackle			
23-27	Nashawena I.	5 m	A. Jones#	11	DWWS	750	D. Furbish
30	Medfield	5	E. Nielsen#	Brown-headed Cowbird			
Vesper Sparrow				8	Groveland	56	LBS (R. Stymeist)
6	Plymouth	1	M. Rines#	14	IRWS	20	LBS (D. F. Oliver)
13-30	Lancaster	6	max R. Lockwood	Orchard Oriole			
14	S. Dartmouth	1	H. Wiggin#	5	Melrose	3	D. + I. Jewell
Savannah Sparrow				7	Woburn	2 m	M. Hall
12	Bedford	69	R. Lockwood#	11	Hingham	3	D. Furbish#
16	Lancaster	21	R. Lockwood	23	Stow	2	D. Morimoto
Grasshopper Sparrow				30	Manomet	4	fide T. Lloyd-Evans
thr	Nashawena I.	100+m	A. Jones#	thr	Reports of indiv. from 6 locations		
1	Falmouth	3	BBC (R. Petersen)	Baltimore Oriole			
6	Plymouth	2	R. Stymeist#	8	Groveland	55	LBS (R. Stymeist)
11-30	Bedford	7	R. Lockwood	14	IRWS	41	LBS (D. F. Oliver)
13-30	Lancaster	49	R. Lockwood	14-15	Ipswich	15	J. Berry
Sharp-tailed Sparrow species				Purple Finch			
21	Newbypt	7	R. Lockwood#	8	Rutland	6	M. Lynch#
Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow				14	IRWS	1	LBS (D. F. Oliver)
21	P.I. Sound	15	E. Nielsen#	15	Fall River	1	G. d'Entremont
Seaside Sparrow				15	Freetown	1	G. d'Entremont
21	P.I. Sound	1	E. Nielsen#	20	Falmouth	1	S. + E. Miller
Lincoln's Sparrow				21	Berlin	1	R. Stymeist#
5	Medford	1	ph M. Rines	23	Northboro	2	B. Volkle
9	Gardner	1	T. Pirro	26	Plymouth (MSSF)	2	G. d'Entremont
Swamp Sparrow				Evening Grosbeak			
14	IRWS	45	LBS (D. F. Oliver)	24	Essex	2	J. MacDougall
22	Wakefield	22	P. + F. Vale	28	Templeton	1	T. Pirro
White-throated Sparrow				29	Quabbin (G40)	1	W. Petersen#
8	Rutland	4	M. Lynch#	30	Westwood	1	S. Sweet
Bobolink							

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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 Reservoir
lt	light (phase)	Res.	Reservoir
m	male	R.P.	Race Point, Provincetown
max	maximum	S.B.	South Beach, Chatham
migr	migrating	S. Dart.	South Dartmouth
n	nesting	S.N.	Sandy Neck, Barnstable
ph	photographed	Stellw.	Stellwagen Bank
pl	plumage	Worc.	Worcester
pr	pair	BBC	Brookline Bird Club
S	summer (1S = first summer)	BMB	Broad Meadow Brook, Worcester
thr	throughout	CCBC	Cape Cod Bird Club
vid	videotaped	DFWS	Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary
v.o.	various observers	DWWS	Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary
W	winter (2W = second winter)	EMHW	Eastern Massachusetts Hawk Watch
w/	with	GMNWR	Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge
yg	young	HRWMA	High Ridge Wildlife Management Area, Gardner-Westminster
#	additional observers	IRWS	Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary
A.A.	Arnold Arboretum, Boston	LBS	Breeding Bird Survey
A.P.	Andrews Point, Rockport	LCES	Lloyd Center for Environmental Studies
A.Pd	Allens Pond, S. Dartmouth	MARC	Massachusetts Avian Records Committee
Arl.	Arlington	MAS	Massachusetts Audubon Society
B.	Beach	MBO	Manomet Observatory
B.I.	Belle Isle, E. Boston	MBWMA	Martin Burns Wildlife Management Area, Newbury
B.R.	Bass Rocks, Gloucester	MDFW	MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
Cambr.	Cambridge	MNWS	Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary
C.B.	Crane Beach, Ipswich	MSSF	Myles Standish State Forest
Corp. B.	Corporation Beach, Dennis	NAC	Nine Acre Corner, Concord
C.P.	Crooked Pond, Boxford	NBC	Needham Bird Club
Cumb. Farms	Cumberland Farms, Middleboro-Halifax	NEHW	New England Hawk Watch
E.P.	Eastern Point, Gloucester	ONWR	Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge
F.E.	First Encounter Beach, Eastham	SRV	Sudbury River Valley
F.H.	Fort Hill, Eastham	SSBC	South Shore Bird Club
F.M.	Fowl Meadow, Milton	TASL	Take A Second Look Harbor Census
F.P.	Fresh Pond, Cambridge	USFWS	US Fish and Wildlife Service
F.Pk	Franklin Park, Boston	WBWS	Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
G40	Gate 40, Quabbin	WMWS	Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary
G45	Gate 45, Quabbin		
H.P.	Halibut Point, Rockport		