

# BIRD SIGHTINGS

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## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2001

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The weather during the last two months of the year could not have been better for birding. Both months were exceptionally mild, sunny, and dry – ideal weather for scouting out Christmas Bird Count (CBC) routes. In Boston, the temperature averaged 48.3° during November, 3° above normal and 4.5° warmer than last November. The average temperature for December was 40.5°, 6.9° above the average and 11.3° warmer than in 2000, making this the second warmest December in Boston in 130 years. The first freeze in the Boston metropolitan area was noted on November 12, five days later than the average, ending a growing season of 223 days, ten days longer than average. Of course, areas north and west of Boston had a considerably earlier freeze. Three temperature records were broken during December in Boston: 71° on the 1st, 66° on the 5th, and on the 6th a high mark of 72° was 21° above normal for that date.

Rainfall was under an inch in the Boston area during November, making it the fourth driest November in 131 years. There was no snow noted in Boston during November, which usually has 1.3 inches on average. A total of 2.83 inches of rain fell in Boston during December, 1.18 inches below average. A storm on December 8-9 brought a rain-snow mix in the southeastern parts of the state, but heavy snow fell with up to nine inches to the northwestern parts of the state. A total of 5 inches fell in Boston during December, which is 2.4 inches below average. There was no snow on the ground on Christmas. *R. Stymeist*

### LOONS THROUGH ALCIDS

More Red-throated Loons lingered later into December than usual, with counts of two hundred or more on four Christmas Bird Counts (CBC), including 793 counted at mid-Cape Cod on December 27. At least two **Pacific Loons** made appearances during the period. One was in the Taunton River at Somerset on November 8, and another resided in the vicinity of Race Point, Provincetown, from November 24 to December 6. This species has become almost routine along the Massachusetts coast, with four or five sight records per year since 1997. Interestingly, although most observations fall between October and February (15 records since 1997), May (5 records since 1997) has proved to be as good a time to look for this loon as any winter month. Seventy-five Northern Fulmars, all but three being light morphs, were noted at Jeffreys Ledge during a hagfish survey out of New Hampshire on December 3. A few Greater Shearwaters again persisted into early December, at Jeffreys Ledge, and from shore at Eastern Point, Gloucester.

Thirty Double-crested Cormorants each, on the Cape Cod and Greater Boston CBCs, would have been unthinkable just twenty years ago when mere singles were highlighted and warranted observer citations. Tardy herons included a Great Egret at Longmeadow, December 15-18, undoubtedly a late date for western Massachusetts, and perhaps even for anywhere away from the immediate coast; a Green Heron on the Quincy CBC on December 15; and single Cattle Egrets at Falmouth, December 8, and at West Tisbury, present throughout the period. A count of 107 Turkey Vultures in the Westport area on the CBC there was remarkable. "Buzzards" are now essentially permanent residents in Bristol County, currently the only region of the state where they may reliably be found throughout the entire winter.

A lone adult **Greater White-fronted Goose** of undescribed race was reported from Rochester November 27 and remained in the area at least through December. For the second year running, a flock of Snow Geese began the winter in the Newburyport-Plum Island marshes, numbering 105 on December 23. A "small race Canada Goose," reported to be a Richardson's (*B. c. hutchinsii*), was seen in Gill on December 27. Observers should be mindful that small Canada Geese here may be represented by several possible forms, some of which have been rumored for full species status, including Lesser (*parvipes*), and Cackling (*minima*), as well as Richardson's. All three of these forms have been reported from Massachusetts in the past, although to date most small Canada's in the Bay State have been identified as *hutchinsii*. While typical individuals can indeed be readily identified, and observers are encouraged to do so, intermediate populations are believed to exist, so obvious care should be employed.

Inherently controversial, a single **Barnacle Goose** was reported from Gloucester for one day only, December 7. This bird was just one of a flurry of sightings in the Northeast this winter. Between November and February single Barnacle Geese were noted at ten locations between New Brunswick and Virginia, suggesting a small invasion. In the past, a few Barnacle Geese in the Northeast have indeed been revealed to be escapes, while others have very likely been genuine vagrants from Greenland or Europe, where breeding populations have been increasing for decades (Greenland pop: 8000 in 1959, 33,800 in 1978, 45,000 in 1999. Population increases at Svalbard, Norway, have been equally as dramatic). A 1988 Barnacle in New Bedford, accompanied by two *flavirostris* Greenland White-fronted Geese, was likely wild. We do know for certain that at least *some* Barnacle Geese arrive here on their own. One record, from Newfoundland, was proved to be of wild origin: an individual shot out of a flock of three in October 1981 had been banded in Spitzbergen (Svalbard), Norway. There is now a fairly compelling geographic and temporal pattern for these geese, with a preponderance of the records occurring in the Northeast during the winter season. My own opinion is that most Barnacle Goose records in the Northeast represent genuine vagrants.

The second warmest December in Boston in 130 years of record keeping created conditions that clearly encouraged many birds to forgo migrating farther south, including waterfowl. Greater than normal numbers of Gadwall, American Wigeon, Black Duck, Northern Pintail, and Green-winged Teal remained throughout the period, exploiting predominantly ice-free marshes. As illustrative of this point as any were the late December counts of Black Ducks on two southeastern Massachusetts CBCs, 5243 at Marshfield, and 6633 at mid-Cape, more than double usual recent CBC totals there. Three drake Eurasian Wigeons were a bit fewer than usual and well below last year's high of eleven. On lakes and ponds, December counts of both Ring-necked and Ruddy ducks were also, not surprisingly, well above average. **The drake Tufted Duck**, a monument to site fidelity, continued at the Wachusett Reservoir for a seventh winter. One hundred and two Harlequin Ducks on the Cape Ann CBC on December 16 was easily a new state high and indicative of the species continued increase. The Pontoosuc Reservoir in Lanesborough, at the western edge of the state, enticed a single Brant on November 3 and four Long-tailed Ducks on November 11 to drop in. The evening flight of Long-tailed Ducks at Nantucket, where roughly one out of every fourteen in North America winters, totaled a record 254,302 on this year's CBC, December 30.

Despite the exceptionally mild conditions, Ospreys apparently departed the state early this year. Only a single bird was reported in early November, versus eight during the period last year, the latest on December 16. The 164 Red-tailed Hawks on the Concord CBC was still impressive, even if most of them were counted twice. A total of at least 118 Red-tails were counted migrating past Mount Watatic from just four days between November 4-21, while at nearby Mount Wachusett, 42 were also noted November 21. There were three reports of Golden Eagles from the Quabbin area, where a few routinely winter, but more unusual was one

observed at Salisbury, November 17. An adult dark morph **Gyr Falcon** photographed at South Boston, December 16-17, highlighted this year's CBC there.

Wild Turkey populations continue to thrive and expand in Massachusetts. An impressive 336 were tallied on the Athol CBC December 15, while farther east flocks of 20-30 were observed in several coastal counties. Northern Bobwhite, on the other hand, continue to decline amid increasing suburban development in their depleted range in southeastern Massachusetts. A paltry total of 28 was reported from three CBCs. Always very rare in winter, a Sora was a good find on the mid-Cape CBC, December 27. A juvenile Common Moorhen was present throughout December at Nantucket, where this species has wintered before.

As was the case with waterfowl, many shorebirds delayed or simply did not move on. For the second year in a row, multiple **Lesser Yellowlegs** were found at Newburyport Harbor throughout December. This season a flock of *five*, first detected in late November, remained throughout December, and were enjoyed by stunned CBC participants December 23. A single Lesser Yellowlegs was also found on the Buzzards Bay CBC, December 15. The long list of other late waders included an American Oystercatcher at Nantucket and two Marbled Godwits at Chatham, both on December 2, two **Least Sandpipers** at South Beach in Chatham on December 16, another Least at Oak Bluffs, Martha's Vineyard, to December 22, a Stilt Sandpiper at Plum Island November 4, a Short-billed Dowitcher at North Monomoy November 10, and five Long-billed Dowitchers at Hyannisport December 27. The mild temperatures, unfrozen flats, and open marshes kept prey items accessible, and encouraged much larger numbers of the more traditional wintering shorebird species to linger. Last year I commented that the 900 Black-bellied Plovers at South Beach November 25 "may be one of the highest November tallies ever recorded." Although coming earlier in the month, this season's count of 2600 Black-bellies at the same location November 4 was indeed telling of the season, as were the 1150 Dunlin in the Newburyport-Plum Island area November 23, and the total of 4051 Dunlin on the Cape Cod CBC December 16.

In Cape Cod Bay, gusty northwest winds on December 15 pushed fourteen rather late Pomarine Jaegers past First Encounter Beach in Eastham, while a Parasitic Jaeger at Chatham on December 2 was exceptionally late for that species. The high count of Little Gulls was fourteen at the traditional Low Beach, Nantucket, location December 30. A Black-headed Gull at Quabbin on December 29 was an exceptional find inland on the CBC there. Other *Larid* maxima from Nantucket in December included 1912 Bonaparte's Gulls (which is well below recent years' highs), 41 Iceland Gulls, and 17 Lesser Black-backed Gulls. Also at Low Beach on Nantucket, an adult **Thayer's Gull**, whatever taxonomic bracket is eventually decide upon for this gull, was very nicely photographed, in which the characteristic primary pattern, among other features, is clearly depicted. It was a very good fall for Forster's Tern, which is for the most part an incursive species in the state. Among other reports during November, sixty were still present at Provincetown on November 3, as compared with zero statewide during last November. Two Black Skimmers were a complete surprise at Winthrop November 28. It was an extremely lackluster period for alcids in Massachusetts waters. Only six Dovekies were reported, four in November, and two in December. Razorbill counts were also below average for recent years, with the 740 noted at Provincetown December 15 being by far the highest count.

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Red-throated Loon			12/2	Chatham	120	B. Nikula
11/4	P.I.	70	R. Heil	12/16	Cape Cod	271
11/10	Nauset B.	350	G. Hirth	12/23	Marshfield	203
11/13	Edgartown	600+	V. Laux	12/26	Plymouth	129
11/18	Boston H.	77	TASL (M. Hall)	12/27	Mid-Cape Cod	793
11/25	Hadley	1	C. Gentes	12/30	Nantucket	241
11/28	Pittsfield	1	E. Neumuth	<b>Pacific Loon</b> (details submitted)*		
11/29	Rockport (A.P.)	620	J. Soucy	11/8	Somerset	1
						R. Titus

<b>Pacific Loon</b> (no details) *									
11/24-25	P'town (R.P.)	1	S. Mirick + v.o.	11/7	Cape Ann	32	BBC (B. Volkle)		
12/6	P'town	1	M. Sylvia	11/8	Somerset	21	R. Titus		
<b>Common Loon</b>				11/18	Boston H.	29	TASL (M. Hall)		
11/4	P.I.	72	R. Heil	11/22	Truro	15	W. Ellison		
11/4	Barnstable (S.N.)	14	M. Lynch#	11/24	Bourne	24	BBC (R. Stymeist)		
11/10	Salisbury	19	P. + F. Vale	11/25	Westport	72	M. Lynch#		
11/10	Sterling	7	J. Michaels#	12/2	Chatham (S.B.)	30	B. Nikula		
11/13	Edgartown	300+	V. Laux	12/8	P'town H.	85	B. Nikula#		
11/18	Boston H.	17	TASL (M. Hall)	12/16	Cape Ann	501	CBC		
11/18	E. Quabbin	12	T. Gagnon	<b>Double-crested Cormorant</b>					
11/24	Truro	29	W. Ellison	11/4	Chatham (S.B.)	1235+	P. Flood		
11/25	Westport	27	M. Lynch#	12/16	Greater Boston	30	CBC		
11/29	Rockport (A.P.)	40	J. Soucy	12/16	Cape Cod	30	CBC		
12/14	Dennis (Corp. B.)	6	D. Silverstein#	<b>American Bittern</b>					
12/23	Bourne	14	P. + F. Vale	11/3	Newbypt.	2	J. Mann		
12/29	Nant. Sound	27	G. d'Entremont#	11/4	N. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula		
<b>Pied-billed Grebe</b>				11/4	P.I.	2	S. Hedman#		
11/3	Stoughton	5	G. d'Entremont	11/11	Salisbury	3	M. Lynch#		
11/4	Lakeville	9	BBC (R. Finch)	11/25	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	2	E. Nielsen		
11/7	Pembroke	5	W. Petersen	12/1	Dorchester	1	R. Donovan		
11/11	W. Newbury	7	R. Heil	12/31	Nantucket	1	G. d'Entremont#		
11/11, 12/25	Cambr. (F.P.)	3, 2	B. Miller	<b>Great Blue Heron</b>					
11/18	Northbridge	6	M. Lynch#	11/4	Barnstable	14	M. Lynch#		
11/25	Wakefield	6	P. + F. Vale	11/10	Worcester	10	fide M. Lynch		
11/25	Westport	13	M. Lynch#	11/18	Boston H.	11	TASL (M. Hall)		
12/1-2	Cape Cod	57	CCBC	12/31	Nantucket	8	G. d'Entremont#		
12/14	Brewster	4	D. Silverstein#	<b>Great Egret</b>					
12/27	Arlington	2	M. Rines	11/4	P.I.	4	R. Heil		
<b>Horned Grebe</b>				11/10	Ipswitch	6	BBC (I. Giriunas)		
11/1	Southwick	1	S. Kellogg	11/16	IRWS	4	C. Leahy		
11/2	Plymouth B.	20	R. Titus	11/21	Newbypt.	1	N. Soulette#		
11/2	N. Scituate	6	R. Titus	12/2	Westport	1	M. Boucher		
11/4	Barnstable (S.N.)	3	M. Lynch#	12/15-18	Longmeadow	1	J. Barnes		
11/18	E. Quabbin	3	T. Gagnon	<b>Snowy Egret</b>					
11/18	Boston H.	357	TASL (M. Hall)	11/12	P.I.	1	H. D'Entremont#		
11/22, 12/25	P.I.	10, 10	P. + F. Vale	11/18	Winthrop	2	P. + F. Vale		
11/24	Truro	17	W. Ellison	<b>Cattle Egret</b>					
12/2	Revere-Winthrop	121	BBC (R. Stymeist)	11/8	Nantucket	1	K. Coombs		
<b>Red-necked Grebe</b>				12/8	Falmouth	1	B. Schwarzman		
11/3	Ludlow	1	H. Allen	thr	W. Tisbury	1	A. Keith# + v.o.		
11/3	Salisbury	5	P. + F. Vale	<b>Green Heron</b>					
11/4	Pittsfield (Onota)	1	T. Gagnon	12/15	Quincy	1	CBC		
11/4	Barnstable (S.N.)	1	M. Lynch#	<b>Black-crowned Night-Heron</b>					
11/16	E. Gloucester	5	J. Berry	12/16	Greater Boston	10	CBC		
11/18	Boston H.	89	TASL (M. Hall)	12/23	Marshfield	3	CBC (G. d'Entremont#)		
11/23	P.I.	22	R. Heil	<b>Black Vulture</b>					
11/24	Truro	12	W. Ellison	11/14	Mattapoisett	1	B. Maker		
11/26	N. Scituate	38	D. Peacock	11/25	Westport	2	E. Neilsen		
12/29	Winthrop	76	P. + F. Vale	<b>Turkey Vulture</b>					
<b>Eared Grebe *</b>				11/3	Sutton	3	M. Lynch#		
11/17	Gloucester	1	N. Soulette#	11/4	Falmouth	6	M. Lynch#		
<b>Northern Fulmar</b>				11/4	Mt. Wataatic	39	T. McCullough#		
12/3	Jeffreys Ledge	75	J. Berry#	11/20	Gloucester	2	J. Soucy#		
12/15	Quincy	1	CBC	11/25	Westport	80	E. Neilsen		
<b>Cory's Shearwater</b>				12/5	Maynard	4	L. Nachtrab		
11/6	Eastham (F.E.)	2	B. Nikula	12/15	Newport/Westport	107	CBC		
<b>Greater Shearwater</b>				12/23	Barnstable	4	P. Flood		
11/17	P'town	1	B. Nikula	<b>Greater White-fronted Goose</b>					
11/24	P'town (R.P.)	2	S. Mirick#	11/27-12/30	Rochester	1	M. Maurer + v.o.		
12/3	Jeffreys Ledge	2	J. Berry#	<b>Snow Goose</b>					
12/9	Gloucester (E.P.)	1	J. Young#	11/9	W. Boxford	1	T. Walker		
<b>Shearwater species</b>				11/11	Mt. Wataatic	330	T. Pirro		
11/20	Rockport	6	J. Berry#	11/18-12/31	Waltham	1	J. Michaels		
<b>Northern Gannet</b>				12/6	Wilmington	1	C. Caron		
11/3, 12/15	Rockport (H.P.)	300, 60	BBC (J. Nove)	12/8-15	Randolph	3	G. d'Entremont		
11/4, 24	Chatham (S.B.)	30, 300	P. Flood	12/15	Hadley	1	S. Sumner		
11/5	Salisbury	200	G. Long	12/15	E. Longmeadow	3	B. Kindseth		
11/6	Eastham (F.E.)	1500	B. Nikula	12/19	Rochester	10	M. Maurer		
11/24	Truro	450	W. Ellison	12/23	Newburyport	105	CBC		
11/25	P'town (R.P.)	800+	P. Flood	<b>Canada Goose (small form)</b>					
12/3	Jeffreys Ledge	250	J. Berry#	12/27	Gill	1	R. Packard		
12/9	Dennis	240	B. Nikula	<b>Brant</b>					
12/12	Nantucket	4200	B. Kennedy	11/3	Lanesboro (Pont.)	1	S. Kellogg		
12/15	Eastham (F.E.)	800+	P. Flood	11/3	Wayland	1	L. Parker		
12/30	Nantucket	2,194	CBC	11/9	Dennis (C.B.)	10	D. Silverstein#		
<b>Great Cormorant</b>				11/18	Boston H.	833	TASL (M. Hall)		
11/2	N. Scituate	54	R. Titus	11/19	Duxbury B.	140	D. Furbish		
				11/22	Truro	24	W. Ellison		

Brant (continued)									
11/25	Kingston	174	J. Sweeney#	12/5	Hyannis	20		C. Buelow	
<b>Barnacle Goose</b>				12/9	GMNWR	210		S. Perkins	
12/2	Gloucester	1	T. Allison	12/15	Braintree	50		G. d'Entremont	
Wood Duck				12/20	Hyannis	20		C. Buelow	
11/3	GMNWR	62	S. Perkins	Canvasback					
11/3	Stoughton	7	G. d'Entremont	11/4	S. Boston	1 m	BBC (R. Stymeist)		
11/8	Quabbin	17	E. Labato	11/13, 12/30	Gill	1, 1	H. Allen		
11/10	Worcester	25	fide M. Lynch	11/22	Marlboro	2	S. Moore#		
11/18	Northbridge	14	M. Lynch#	12/1-2	Cape Cod	8	CCBC		
12/1-2	Cape Cod	6	CCBC	12/2	Southboro	2	M. Lynch#		
12/13, 20	Leominster	8, 6	C. Caron	12/19	W. Newbury	1 m	J. Berry		
12/15	E. Longmeadow	6	B. Kindseth	12/25	Cambr. (F.P.)	64	B. Miller		
12/30	Winchester	11	A. Ankers	12/31	Nantucket	40	G. d'Entremont#		
Gadwall				Redhead					
11/3	Ipswich/Essex	138	BBC (T. Young)	11/2	Cambr. (F.P.)	1	B. Harrison		
11/15	Woburn	22	M. Rines	11/10	Stoughton	1	G. d'Entremont		
11/16	IRWS	125	C. Leahy	11/15-16	Arlington Res.	1	T. Kresser		
11/25	Westport	17	M. Lynch#	11/24	Nantucket	2	G. Jackson		
12/15	Braintree	5	G. d'Entremont#	12/12	Plymouth	1	C. Fiorini		
12/25	Gloucester (E.P.)	8	T. Roberts#	thr	Boston	1	G. Tepke#		
12/27	Mid-Cape Cod	155	CBC	Ring-necked Duck					
thr	DWWS	77 max	D. Furbish	11/2	Cambr. (F.P.)	80+	B. Harrison		
<b>Eurasian Wigeon</b>				11/3	Stoughton	493	G. d'Entremont		
11/1	Norfolk	1	G. Valade	11/3-4	Pittsfield	900	v.o.		
12/2	Acoaxet	1	M. Boucher	11/4	W. Newbury	960	R. Heil		
12/23-30	Newbypt. H.	1 m	K. Haley + v.o.	11/9	Stoughton	460	R. Titus		
American Wigeon				12/1-2	Cape Cod	281	CCBC		
11/4	Marstons Mills	36	M. Lynch#	12/1-22	Framingham	160	E. Taylor		
11/7	Sudbury	36	L. Nachtrab	12/2	Southboro	743	M. Lynch#		
11/10	Worcester	26	fide M. Lynch	12/15	Ludlow	100	B. Platenik		
11/11	Carver	85	D. Larson	12/22	Marlboro	200	E. Taylor		
11/16	IRWS	100	C. Leahy	12/27	Centerville	435	CBC (B. Nikula)		
11/21	Arlington Res.	22	J. Forbes	<b>Tufted Duck</b>					
11/25	Westport	48	M. Lynch#	11/thr	Sterling	1	v.o.		
12/1-2	Cape Cod	102	CCBC	12/29-30	Boylston	1	B. Kamp		
12/1-29	Marlboro	32	E. Taylor	Greater Scaup					
12/16	Easthampton	5	B. Bieda	11/3	W. Newbury	12	P. + F. Vale		
12/29	Nantucket	50	G. d'Entremont#	11/4	Falmouth	639	M. Lynch#		
12/31	Newbypt	14	J. Berry#	11/5	Clinton	10	C. Buelow		
American Black Duck				11/18	Boston H.	504	TASL (M. Hall)		
11/4	Barnstable	257	M. Lynch#	11/23	Sterling	45+	P. + F. Vale		
11/23	P.I.	2350	R. Heil	11/25	Westport	180+	M. Lynch#		
11/18	Boston H.	342	TASL (M. Hall)	12/29	Winthrop	104	P. + F. Vale		
11/25	Westport	323	M. Lynch#	Lesser Scaup					
12/23	Marshfield	5243	CBC	11/4	Falmouth	3	M. Lynch#		
12/27	Mid-Cape Cod	6633	CBC	11/4	Pittsfield	3	T. Gagnon		
Blue-winged Teal				11/5	Clinton	2	C. Buelow		
11/10	Southboro	2	E. Taylor	11/10	Charlemont	1	H. Allen		
Northern Shoveler				11/11	W. Newbury	6	M. Lynch#		
11/2	GMNWR	1	R. Veit	11/21	Granville	1	S. Kellogg		
11/8, 21	Boston	2, 5	A. Joslin	11/25	Westport	70+	M. Lynch#		
11/12-30	Arlington Res.	1-2	R. LaFontaine#	12/22	Gloucester	5	G. Tepke#		
11/16	IRWS	3	C. Leahy	12/29-31	Nantucket	9	G. d'Entremont#		
11/22	Pembroke	2	W. Petersen	King Eider					
12/11	Sharon	8	V. Zollo	11/17-12/31	Gloucester	1	S. Hedman + v.o.		
12/23	Ipswich	5 f	J. Berry#	12/2	Salisbury	1 ad m	J. Berry#		
12/29	Marlboro	1 f	E. Taylor	12/16	Eastham	1 m	CBC (W. Petersen)		
Northern Pintail				12/29	Rockport (H.P.)	1 m	J. Soucy		
11/2	GMNWR	8	S. Perkins	Common Eider					
11/10, 12/25	P.I.	27, 15	P. + F. Vale	11/1	Rockport (A.P.)	600	S. Perkins#		
11/11	Duxbury	6 m	D. Furbish	11/2	N. Scituate	900	R. Titus		
11/16	IRWS	5	C. Leahy	11/4	Chatham (S.B.)	1800+	P. Flood		
11/18	Braintree	4	S. Carey	11/18	Boston H.	8025	TASL (M. Hall)		
11/25	Westport	32	M. Lynch#	11/24	Bourne	500+ BBC	(R. Stymeist)		
12/1	Wakefield	4	P. + F. Vale	11/25	Westport	593	M. Lynch#		
12/1-2	Cape Cod	19	CCBC	11/25	Kingston	620+	J. Sweeney#		
12/16	Lee	2	R. Ferren	12/2	Salisbury	1000	J. Berry#		
12/16	Pittsfield (Onota)	2	C. Blagdon	12/15	Nahant	1000+	D. Saffarewich		
12/22-29	Marlboro	13	E. Taylor	12/29	Winthrop	500+	P. + F. Vale		
12/31	Nantucket	5	G. d'Entremont#	12/29	Nant. Sound	665	G. d'Entremont#		
Green-winged Teal				Harlequin Duck					
11/10	Worcester	17	fide M. Lynch	11/6-17	S. Boston	1 m	R. Donovan		
11/11	E. Orleans	45+	B. Nikula	11/10	Nauset B.	3	G. Hirth		
11/14	Longmeadow	31	J. LaPointe	11/25	Plymouth	1	J. Sweeney#		
11/14	P.I.	100+	J. Berry	11/25	Nantucket	25+	J. Shetterly		
12/1-2	Cape Cod	186	CCBC	11/26	N. Scituate	12	D. Peacock		
12/2	E. Boston	37	BBC (R. Stymeist)	12/6	P.I.	1 f	S. Haydock		
				12/16	Cape Ann	102	CBC		

Harlequin Duck (continued)							
12/thr	E. Orleans	8		fide B. Nikula			
Surf Scoter							
11/1	Rockport (A.P.)	150		S. Perkins#			
11/4	Chatham (S.B.)	250+		P. Flood			
11/10	P'town (R.P.)	13		P. Flood			
11/18	Boston H.	154		TASL (M. Hall)			
11/19	Duxbury B.	400+		D. Furbish			
11/24	Bourne	75		BBC (R. Stymeist)			
12/29	Nant. Sound	658		G. d'Entremont#			
White-winged Scoter							
11/4	Chatham (S.B.)	300+		P. Flood			
11/18	Boston H.	557		TASL (M. Hall)			
11/18, 26	Lanesville	150+		J. Berry#			
11/22	P.I.	75		P. + F. Vale			
11/24	Truro	140		W. Ellison			
11/25	Westport	160+		M. Lynch#			
11/29	Rockport (A.P.)	100		J. Soucy			
12/29	Nant. Sound	200		G. d'Entremont#			
Black Scoter							
11/1	Rockport (A.P.)	750		S. Perkins#			
11/3	Hadley	1 f		E. Labato			
11/4	Chatham (S.B.)	26		P. Flood			
12/2	P.I.	28		D. Chickering			
12/2	Gardner	1 f		T. Pirro			
12/14	Eastham (F.E.)	13		D. Silverstein#			
12/29	Nant. Sound	25		G. d'Entremont#			
Long-tailed Duck							
11/11	Lanesboro (Pont.)	4		R. Packard#			
11/18	Boston H.	59		TASL (M. Hall)			
11/19	Duxbury B.	300+		D. Furbish			
11/24	Chatham (S.B.)	47		P. Flood			
11/29	Rockport (A.P.)	220		J. Soucy			
12/7	Cheshire	1		H. Allen			
12/15	Brewster	28		P. Flood			
12/15	Dennis (Corp. B.)	36		P. Flood			
12/22	Westfield	1		A. + L. Richardson			
12/30	Nantucket	254,302		CBC			
Bufflehead							
11/8	Somerset	60		R. Titus			
11/11	Lanesboro (Pont.)	33		R. Packard#			
11/11	Scituate	47		G. d'Entremont#			
11/16	E. Gloucester	58		J. Berry			
11/18	Boston H.	1941		TASL (M. Hall)			
11/22	Newbypt.	70		P. + F. Vale			
11/23	Orleans	2000		S. Mirick#			
12/15	Nahant	500		D. Saffarewich			
12/16	Cape Cod	2,063		CBC			
Common Goldeneye							
11/4	S. Boston	25		BBC (R. Stymeist)			
11/8	Quabbin	8		E. Labato			
11/11	Richmond	5		R. Packard#			
11/18	Douglas	53		M. Lynch#			
11/18	Boston H.	147		TASL (M. Hall)			
11/22	Newbypt.	23		P. + F. Vale			
12/1-2	Cape Cod	94		CCBC			
12/2	Southboro	98		M. Lynch#			
12/29	Winthrop	30		P. + F. Vale			
Barrow's Goldeneye							
11/21	Falmouth	2 m		W. Scott			
11/26	N. Scituate	1 f		D. Peacock			
12/8	Gloucester	1 m		D. Chickering#			
12/15	Buzzards Bay	6		CBC			
12/23	Ipswich	1 m		J. Berry#			
12/30	Nantucket	6		CBC			
Hooded Merganser							
11/5	Sterling	30		C. Buelow			
11/10	Worcester	114		fide M. Lynch			
11/15	Quabbin (G40)	50		C. Buelow			
11/16	IRWS	82		C. Leahy			
11/18	Arlington Res.	62		P. + F. Vale			
11/19	Pittsfield	119		R. Laubach			
11/21	Waltham	60+		J. Forbes			
11/22	Pembroke	150		W. Petersen			
12/1-2	Cape Cod	549		CCBC			
12/2	Southboro	152		M. Lynch#			
12/14	Brookline	35		S. Burgett			
Red-breasted Merganser							
11/4	Falmouth	56		M. Lynch#			
11/4	S. Boston	500+ BBC		(R. Stymeist)			
11/10	P'town (R.P.)	1800+		P. Flood			
11/16	E. Gloucester	71 f		J. Berry			
11/18	Boston H.	1563		TASL (M. Hall)			
11/24	Truro	290		W. Ellison			
11/24	Chatham (S.B.)	265		P. Flood			
11/25	Westport	202		M. Lynch#			
12/1	Southwick	1		S. Kellogg			
12/23	Bourne	100+		P. + F. Vale			
12/25	W. Newbury	69		P. + F. Vale			
Common Merganser							
11/10	Leicester	85		M. Lynch#			
11/17, 12/22	Southboro	20, 180		E. Taylor			
11/18	Waltham	175		M. Rines			
12/1-2	Cape Cod	95		CCBC			
12/2	Worcester	193		M. Lynch#			
12/2	W. Brookfield	88		M. Lynch#			
12/2	Lakeville	150+		J. Sweeney#			
12/4	Ludlow	300		H. Allen			
12/19	W. Newbury	75		J. Berry			
Ruddy Duck							
11/2	Cambr. (F.P.)	50+		B. Harrison			
11/7	Pembroke	315		W. Petersen			
11/11	W. Newbury	440		R. Heil			
11/18	Waltham	86		M. Rines			
11/19	Ludlow	75		H. Allen			
11/25	Westport	166		M. Lynch#			
12/1-2	Cape Cod	67		CCBC			
12/1-20	Melrose	148 max		D. + I. Jewell			
12/2	Marlboro	507		M. Lynch#			
12/3	Pembroke	325		W. Petersen			
12/23	Newburyport	179		CBC			
12/27	Stoneham	145		D. + I. Jewell			
12/29	Boston	74		B. Mayer			
Osprey							
11/3	Ludlow	1		H. Allen			
Bald Eagle							
11/3	P'town	1 imm		B. Nikula#			
11/6	Barton's Cove	1 ad		S. Smolen-Morton			
11/11	Mt. Watatic	1 imm		T. Pirro			
11/12	Stow	1		R. Lockwood			
11/12	New Salem	3 ad		M. Lynch#			
11/18	Quabbin	4 ad, 2 imm		T. Gagnon#			
11/21	Mt. Wachusett	1		T. Carrolan			
11/21	Mt. Watatic	1 imm		T. Pirro			
11/24	Newbypt.	1 ad		L. Montague			
11/24	Agawam	1		J. LaPointe#			
12/23	DWWS	1 imm		S. Shapiro#			
12/27	Northfield	1 3W		R. Packard#			
Northern Harrier							
11/2	GMNWR	2		S. Perkins			
11/4	Falmouth	2		M. Lynch#			
11/11	Cumb. Farms	3		D. Larson			
11/11	Salisbury	5		M. Lynch#			
11/23	Newbury/P.I.	6-7		J. Berry#			
11/23	Truro	3		W. Ellison			
12/23	W. Bridgewater	2		J. Sweeney#			
12/25	Newbypt. H.	2 imm		P. + F. Vale			
12/thr	DWWS	6 max		D. Furbish			
Sharp-shinned Hawk							
11/4	Barnstable	2		M. Lynch#			
11/4	Falmouth	5		M. Lynch#			
11/4	Mt. Watatic	14		T. McCullough#			
11/4	Boston	2		BBC (R. Stymeist)			
thr	Reports of indiv. from	18 locations					
Cooper's Hawk							
thr	Reports of indiv. from	31 locations					
Northern Goshawk							
11/4	Royalston	1		J. Morris-Siegel			
11/4	Windsor	1 ad		D. Small#			
11/6	Danvers	1 ad		G. Wood			
11/11	Ware	1		R. Lockwood			
11/13	P.I.	1 imm		R. Heil			
11/17	Mt. Watatic	1		EMHW (P. Staub)			
11/18	E. Quabbin	1		T. Gagnon			
11/21	Mt. Wachusett	3		T. Carrolan			

Northern Goshawk (continued)				Ring-necked Pheasant			
11/25	Westminster	1	C. Caron	11/3	Woburn	4	M. Rines
12/16	Amherst	1	C. Read	11/11	Petersham	3	R. Lockwood
12/20	Ashfield	1	S. Sauter	11/24	P'town (R.P.)	2	S. Mirick#
Red-shouldered Hawk				Ruffed Grouse			
11/4	Mt. Watatic	5	T. McCullough#	11/3	Woburn	1	M. Rines
11/6	Westminster	1	C. Caron	11/4	Windsor	2	S. Leonard
11/11	Mt. Watatic	3	T. Pirro	11/7	Ashfield	5	S. Sauter
11/11	Lexington	1	M. Rines	11/9	Quabbin (G40)	9	C. Buelow
11/12	Barre Falls Dam	1	M. Lynch#	11/18	Royalston	6	G. d'Entremont#
11/17	Mt. Watatic	9	EMHW (P. Staub)	12/2	Whately	2	M. Williams
11/21	Mt. Wachusett	5	T. Carrolan	12/5	Northampton	1	R. Packard#
12/2	N. Dartmouth	1	M. Boucher	12/8	Hawley	1	R. Packard
12/4	Northampton	1	R. Packard	12/25	Westboro	1	S. Sutton
12/7	Marshfield	1	D. Clapp	Wild Turkey			
12/12	Whately	1	M. Williams	11/2	Plymouth	23	R. Titus
12/15	Longmeadow	1	J. Hutchison	11/3	Sterling	24	S. Sutton#
12/25	Lakeville	1	K. Rodman	12/1	Royalston	30	D. Chickering
12/25	E. Middleboro	1 ad	K. Anderson	12/15	Athol	336	CBC
12/25	Maynard	1 ad	L. Nachtrab	12/21	Gardner	20	C. Caron
12/30	Concord	5	CBC	12/22	Ipswich	28	J. Berry
12/thr	DWWS	1 ad	D. Furbish + v.o.	12/28	Concord	31	R. Lockwood
Red-tailed Hawk				12/30	Templeton	107	R. Stymeist#
11/4	Mt. Watatic	61	T. McCullough#	12/30	Deerfield	48	H. Allen
11/11	Mt. Watatic	21	T. Pirro	12/31	Windsor	12	T. Collins
11/17	Mt. Watatic	17	EMHW (P. Staub)	Northern Bobwhite			
11/21	Mt. Watatic	19	T. Pirro	12/20	Hyannis	7	C. Buelow
11/21	Mt. Wachusett	42	T. Carrolan	Virginia Rail			
12/16	Northampton	113	CBC	11/17	Boston	1	E. Crowley
12/30	Concord	164	CBC	11/18	Northbridge	1	M. Lynch#
Rough-legged Hawk				12/8	Nantucket	5	S. Lange
11/10	Salisbury	1 lt	P. Roberts#	12/23	Marshfield	9	CBC
11/11	P.I.	1 lt	M. Lynch#	12/27	Mid-Cape Cod	8	CBC
11/17-23	DWWS	1 dk	D. Furbish	Sora			
11/19	Gay Head	1	T. Rivers	12/27	Mid-Cape Cod	1	CBC
11/21	Chilmark	1	A. Fischer	Common Moorhen			
11/21	Mt. Watatic	1 imm lt	T. Pirro	11/26-12/31	Nantucket	1	J. Papale + v.o.
12/5	Whately	1	R. Ranney	American Coot			
12/16	Pittsfield	1	T. Collins	11/1-13	Gill	10-17	H. Allen
12/16	Concord	1	L. Nachtrab	11/12	Turners Falls	12	R. Martel#
12/26	Salisbury	1	T. Wetmore	11/13	Framingham	9	L. Nachtrab
12/30	Gill	1	W. + J. Lafley	11/25	Westport	83	M. Lynch#
Golden Eagle				12/1-2	Cape Cod	7	CCBC
11/12	New Salem	1 ad	M. Lynch#	12/16	Greater Boston	121	CBC
11/17	Salisbury	1	BBC (S. Grinley)	12/29	Nantucket	31	G. d'Entremont#
11/18	E. Quabbin	1 ad	T. Gagnon	Black-bellied Plover			
12/29	Quabbin	1	CBC	11/3	Salisbury	75	P. + F. Vale
American Kestrel				11/4, 12/2	Chatham (S.B.)	2600, 200	B. Nikula
11/9	Quincy	2	R. Titus	11/10	P.I.	40	P. + F. Vale
12/2	E. Boston	5	BBC (R. Stymeist)	11/10	P'town (R.P.)	75	P. Flood
thr	Reports of indiv. from	15	locations	11/10	Ipswich	30	BBC (I. Giriunas)
Merlin				11/11	Newbypt.	20+	M. Lynch#
11/7	Salisbury	2	N. Soulette#	11/18	Boston H.	10	TASL (M. Hall)
11/7	S. Boston	2	R. Donovan	11/18	Plymouth (Saquish)	25	E. Neumuth
11/23	P.I.	2	J. Berry#	11/19	Duxbury B.	36	D. Furbish
11/24	Chatham (S.B.)	2	P. Flood	American Golden-Plover			
12/30	Nantucket	6	CBC	11/4	Salisbury	1 juv	R. Heil
thr	Reports of indiv. from	25	locations	11/4	P.I.	1	O. Spalding
Peregrine Falcon				11/8	Dighton	1	R. Titus
11/3	Pittsfield (Onota)	1	S. Kellogg	Semipalmated Plover			
11/13	Lawrence	1	J. Hogan	11/2	Plymouth	5	R. Titus
11/13-15	P.I.	3	R. Heil	11/4, 18	Chatham (S.B.)	70, 3	B. Nikula
11/17	Newbury	1	P. + F. Vale	11/17	P.I.	1	R. Bielawski#
11/22	Marblehead	1 juv	R. Heil	Killdeer			
11/25	Braintree	2	S. Carey	11/3	Hadley	1	E. Labato
11/27	Haverhill	1 ad	D. Duxbury-Fox#	11/11	Cumb. Farms	4	D. Larson
11/28	Worcester	1	L. Hennin	11/17	Arlington Res.	4	M. Rines
12/2	Newbypt.	1	D. Allen#	12/5	Newbypt.	1	N. Soulette#
12/2	Chatham (S.B.)	2	B. Nikula	12/15	Buzzards Bay	11	CBC
12/12, 14	Boston	2	G. Tepke	American Oystercatcher			
12/16	Amherst	1	D. Ziomek	11/4	Chatham (S.B.)	9	B. Nikula
12/25-29	S. Boston	1 ad	R. Donovan	11/10	N. Monomoy	12	B. Nikula
12/29	Salisbury	1	S. Sauter	12/2	Nantucket	1	E. Andrews
12/30	Nantucket	4	CBC	Greater Yellowlegs			
Gyrfalcon (details submitted) *				11/3	Ipswich/Essex	14	BBC (T. Young)
12/3	Boston (Logan)	1	N. Smith	11/10, 22	P.I.	22, 5	P. + F. Vale
12/16-17	Boston	1 dk ad ph	R. Donovan + v.o.	11/11	Salisbury	15	M. Lynch#

Greater Yellowlegs (continued)				11/17	Salisbury	300	P. + F. Vale
11/11	Newbpt.	45+	M. Lynch#	11/18	Plymouth (Saqush)	500+	E. Neumuth
11/17	Wakefield	3	P. + F. Vale	11/18, 12/2	Chatham (S.B.)	3000, 4000	B. Nikula
11/18	Boston H.	7	TASL (M. Hall)	11/18, 12/29	Winthrop B.	90, 26	P. + F. Vale
11/18, 12/2	Chatham	9, 5	B. Nikula	11/19	Duxbury B.	150	D. Furbish
11/19	Richmond	1	R. Laubach	11/23	Newbpt./P.I.	1150	R. Heil
12/15	Buzzards Bay	15	CBC	11/25	Eastham (F.E.)	700	B. Nikula
12/27	Mid-Cape Cod	16	CBC	12/16	Cape Cod	4,051	CBC
Lesser Yellowlegs				Stilt Sandpiper			
11/4	Barnstable	12	M. Lynch#	11/4	P.I.	1	R. Heil
11/23	Newbpt. H.	5	R. Heil	Short-billed Dowitcher			
12/15	Buzzards Bay	1	CBC	11/10	N. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula
12/23	Newbpt. H.	5	CBC (K. Haley#)	Long-billed Dowitcher			
Hudsonian Godwit				11/4	P.I.	11	R. Heil
11/3	P.I.	2	M. Harvey	11/18	Winthrop	2	P. + F. Vale
Marbled Godwit				12/2	E. Boston	1	BBC (R. Stymeist)
11/25	N. Monomoy	3	B. Nikula	12/11	Nantucket	2	K. Blackshaw
11/25, 12/2	Chatham	3, 2	B. Nikula	12/27	Hyannisport	5	CBC (B. Nikula)
Ruddy Turnstone				Common Snipe			
11/4, 12/2	Chatham (S.B.)	10, 3	B. Nikula	11/4	Lexington	1	P. + F. Vale
11/7	Cape Ann	8	BBC (B. Volkle)	11/15	Chilmark	1	A. Keith
11/9	Harwich	1	D. Silverstein#	11/17	Boston	1	E. Crowley
11/18	Plymouth (Saqush)	4	E. Neumuth	11/18	Northbridge	3	M. Lynch#
11/18	Boston H.	42	TASL (M. Hall)	11/24	Bourne	2	BBC (R. Stymeist)
11/19	Duxbury B.	1	D. Furbish	12/16	Amherst	1	C. Read
11/23	Rockport (A.P.)	2	J. Barber	12/23	Wayland	1	G. Long
12/8	P'town H.	1	B. Nikula	12/30	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson#
12/29	Winthrop	1	P. + F. Vale	American Woodcock			
Red Knot				11/7	Ashfield	1	S. Sauter
11/4	Barnstable	1	M. Lynch#	11/17	Topsfield	1	J. Berry#
11/4	Salisbury	7	R. Heil	11/17	Pittsfield	1	G. Shampang
11/18, 12/2	Chatham (S.B.)	130, 35	B. Nikula	11/20	DWWS	2	D. Furbish
Sanderling				Red Phalarope			
11/18	Plymouth (Saqush)	60	E. Neumuth	11/17	Gloucester	1	N. Soulette#
11/18	Boston H.	467	TASL (M. Hall)	Pomarine Jaeger			
11/18, 12/2	Chatham (S.B.)	1900, 1500	B. Nikula	11/6	Eastham (F.E.)	1	B. Nikula
11/22	P'town (R.P.)	160	W. Ellison	11/29	Rockport (A.P.)	2	J. Soucy
12/16	Greater Boston	525	CBC	12/5	off S. Beach, MV	2	M. Pelikan
12/16	Cape Cod	912	CBC	12/15	P'town	1	CBC
12/25	P.I.	60	P. + F. Vale	12/15	Dennis (Corp. B.)	4	P. Flood
12/27	Mid-Cape Cod	2042	CBC	12/15	Eastham (F.E.)	14	P. Flood
12/31	Nantucket	70	G. d'Entremont#	Parasitic Jaeger			
Semipalmated Sandpiper				11/4, 12/2	Chatham (S.B.)	2, 1	B. Nikula#
11/3	W. Harwich	1	B. Nikula	Jaeger species			
11/4, 18	Chatham (S.B.)	2, 1	B. Nikula	11/4	Chatham (S.B.)	2+	B. Nikula#
11/10	P'town (R.P.)	1	P. Flood	12/3	Jeffreys Ledge	1	J. Berry#
11/13	Newbpt.	11	J. Sweeney#	12/8	N. Truro	1	B. Nikula
11/18	Plymouth (Saqush)	1	E. Neumuth#	12/9	Dennis (Corp. B.)	3	B. Nikula
Western Sandpiper				Laughing Gull			
11/1	W. Tisbury	1	A. Keith	11/4	Chatham (S.B.)	132+	P. Flood
11/4	Chatham (S.B.)	2	B. Nikula	11/10	P'town (R.P.)	28	P. Flood
Least Sandpiper				11/13	Oak Bluffs	6	V. Laux
11/4, 12/2	Chatham (S.B.)	2, 1	B. Nikula	12/1, 23	Wellfleet H.	40, 1	B. Nikula#
11/26-12/22	Oak Bluffs	1	A. Keith#	12/6	P'town	4	M. Sylvia
12/16	Cape Cod	2	CBC	12/9	Eastham	1	B. Nikula
White-rumped Sandpiper				12/9	Orleans	5	B. Nikula
11/4	Barnstable	1	M. Lynch#	12/16	Cape Cod	4	CBC
11/4	P.I.	20	R. Heil	12/30	Nantucket	1	CBC
11/4, 18	Chatham (S.B.)	18, 3	B. Nikula	Little Gull			
11/10	P'town (R.P.)	2	P. Flood	11/10	Chatham	1 ad	B. Nikula
11/17	P.I.	4	P. + F. Vale	11/18	Chatham (S.B.)	1 ad	B. Nikula
11/26	Scituate	2	D. Furbish#	11/25	Orleans	1	W. Ellison
Pectoral Sandpiper				12/27	Barnstable H.	1 imm	CBC (V. Laux)
11/4	P.I.	4	R. Heil	12/30	Nantucket	14	CBC
11/4	Barnstable	36	M. Lynch#	Black-headed Gull			
11/15	Chilmark	1	A. Keith	11/10	Chatham	1 imm	B. Nikula
11/17	Nantucket	2	S. Langer	11/17	Centerville	1	G. Hirth
Purple Sandpiper				11/24-12/23	Wellfleet H.	3	S. Mirick#
11/11	N. Scituate	40	G. d'Entremont#	11/27	Nantucket	2	E. Ray
11/16	E. Gloucester	40	J. Berry	12/16	Harwich	1 ad	CBC (R. Fox)
11/18	Plymouth (Saqush)	2	E. Neumuth	12/27	Hyannisport	1 ad	CBC (B. Nikula)
11/22, 12/25	P.I.	5, 3	P. + F. Vale	12/27	Osterville	1 ad	CBC (R. Jenkins)
11/25	Westport	29	M. Lynch#	12/29	Quabbin	1	CBC (J. Laflay)
11/28	Rockport (A.P.)	60	N. Soulette#	12/thr	Centerville	3 max	G. Hirth
12/29	Salisbury	15	L. Clark#	Bonaparte's Gull			
12/29	Winthrop	6	P. + F. Vale	11/3	Ludlow	1	H. Allen
Dunlin				11/10	Chatham	500+	B. Nikula
11/10	Ipswich	210	BBC (I. Giriunas)	11/11	Newbpt.	200+	M. Lynch#



Bonaparte's Gull (continued)				12/12	Nantucket	33	E. Ray
11/14	Hull	110+	N. Swirka	12/15	Eastham (F.E.)	350+	P. Flood
11/16	IRWS	200	C. Leahy	12/22	Gloucester	6	G. Tepke#
11/18	Boston H.	262	TASL (M. Hall)	Common Tern			
11/29	Rockport (A.P.)	80	J. Soucy	11/3	P'town	60	B. Nikula#
12/2	Salisbury	100	J. Berry#	11/4	Barnstable (S.N.)	2	M. Lynch#
12/4	Woods Hole	70+	S. Sutherland	11/17	Chatham	4	B. Nikula
12/6	Ipswich (C.B.)	71	J. Berry#	11/17, 12/1	Wellfleet H.	15, 1	B. Nikula
12/15	Nahant	350+	D. Saffarewich	Forster's Tern			
12/30	Nantucket	1,912	CBC	11/2	Plymouth	1	R. Titus
<b>Thayer's Gull (details submitted) *</b>				11/3	P'town	60	B. Nikula#
12/31	Nantucket 1 ad ph	F. Gallo, G. d'Entremont		11/4	Newbypt.	5	R. Heil
Iceland Gull				11/17	Wellfleet H.	2	B. Nikula
11/14	P'town (R.P.)	1 1W	P. Flood#	<b>Black Skimmer</b>			
11/23	Chatham	3	S. Mirick#	11/28	Winthrop	2	C. Foley
11/26	Rockport	1 imm	J. Berry	Dovekie			
11/26	Oak Bluffs	1	A. Keith	11/13	P'town (R.P.)	4	R. Titus
12/12	Gloucester (E.P.)	1	G. Leet#	Common Murre			
12/15	P'town	16	CBC	12/6	P'town	3	M. Sylvia
12/20	Gardner	1 1W	T. Pirro	12/23	Truro	3	CBC
12/20	Nantucket	5	B. Kennedy	12/23	P'town (R.P.)	1	J. Young#
12/27-31	Gill	1	R. Packard	Thick-billed Murre			
12/29	Salisbury	1	T. Wetmore	11/28	Gloucester	2	N. Soulette#
12/30	Nantucket	41	CBC	12/2	P.I.	1	P. Savage#
12/30	Agawam	1 1W	J. LaPointe	12/29	Rockport (A.P.)	2	J. Soucy
Lesser Black-backed Gull				Razorbill			
11/4	Boston	1	R. Kelley	11/18	Boston H.	1	TASL (M. Hall)
11/7	P.I.	1 ad	R. Heil	11/24	Truro	18	W. Ellison
11/27	Nantucket	17	E. Ray	11/29	Rockport (A.P.)	400	J. Soucy
11/13	Eastham (F.H.)	1 1W	R. Titus	12/2	P'town	75	B. Gette#
11/13	Newbypt.	1 2W	R. Heil	12/8	Chatham (S.B.)	80+	B. Nikula#
11/23	Truro	1	W. Ellison	12/9	Dennis (Corp. B.)	6	B. Nikula
11/24	P'town	1 ad	S. Mirick#	12/14	Eastham (F.E.)	200	D. Silverstein#
12/2	Chatham (S.B.)	1 ad	B. Nikula	12/15	P'town	740	CBC
12/9	Orleans	1	B. Nikula	12/27	Rockport (H.P.)	30	P. Roberts
12/9	Brewster	2	B. Nikula	<b>Black Guillemot</b>			
12/30	Nantucket	12	CBC	11/1	Rockport (A.P.)	1	S. Perkins#
Glaucous Gull				11/11	N. Scituate	3	G. d'Entremont#
12/2	Gloucester	1	T. Allison	11/16	E. Gloucester	4	J. Berry
12/28	Plymouth	1	T. Maloney	11/17, 12/15	Rockport (H.P.)	5, 3	BBC (J. Nove)
12/29	Salisbury	2	T. Wetmore	11/18	Plymouth (Saquish)	3	E. Neumuth
Black-legged Kittiwake				11/23	P.I.	1	R. Heil
11/4	Chatham (S.B.)	1000	B. Nikula#	11/26	Rockport	4	J. Berry
11/22	Truro	4	W. Ellison	12/7	Brant Rock	38	D. Clapp
11/29	Rockport (A.P.)	20	J. Soucy	12/16	Cape Ann	39	CBC
12/2	P'town	50	B. Gette#	12/30	Nantucket	17	CBC
12/2	Chatham (S.B.)	500	B. Nikula	<b>Atlantic Puffin</b>			
12/3	Jeffreys Ledge	100	J. Berry#	12/23	Truro	1	CBC
12/7	Salisbury	4	S. Haydock	Large acid species			
12/9	Dennis (Corp. B.)	440	B. Nikula	11/6	Eastham (F.E.)	3	B. Nikula

## OWLS THROUGH FINCHES

This period is an exciting time for birders as we gear up for the upcoming CBCs, searching areas that are not normally covered. The weather cooperated with a very mild December, the second warmest of record. Every weekend during the count period was nearly flawless. Several unusual species were found, and the numbers of land birds were up significantly.

As many as eleven Snowy Owls were noted on one day at Logan Airport in Boston, and other multiple sightings were recorded from Plum Island, Chatham, and Martha's Vineyard. Of the 13 locations that reported Snowies, the bird in Great Barrington was noteworthy for being just the eighth Berkshire County record since 1972. Long-eared Owls were again found at the Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary in Marshfield, where a minimum of seven were noted. This location is a magnet for owls; the wonderful grasslands there are ideal for hunting and have played host to most of our regular owl species.

A *Selasphorus* hummingbird was discovered in Granby, and thought to be an immature male Rufous with pale buffy brown on the sides and across the belly. There was also some rust color noted in the wings. The report has been submitted to the Massachusetts Avian Records

Committee for evaluation. It should be noted that banding data collected show that a small percentage of Rufous Hummingbirds do winter in the East. Perhaps we are in the midst of an adaptive shift in range expansion. There was another Rufous Hummingbird noted in Yonkers, New York, and two Calliope Hummingbirds were discovered during this period in Manhattan! This was a new record for New York and the only record north of Cape May, New Jersey where singles were recently identified. Keep your eyes open!

Above average numbers of Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers again were noted, a trend in recent years. There were four Red-headed Woodpeckers noted in the state as compared with none during the same period last year. Red-bellied Woodpeckers continue to be found in increasing numbers. The mild weather proved to be great for flies and flycatchers. Three separate **Ash-throated Flycatchers** were found in Cohasset, Gloucester, and Edgartown; the latter two were both noted on CBCs. Other Ash-throated Flycatchers were noted in New York; and two, possibly three, individuals were seen in New Brunswick. A total of five Western Kingbirds was noted during the period, the same number that was noted last year, and one individual found near the Cherry Hill Reservoir in West Newbury delighted birders for over three weeks. A few flycatchers flew away without being identified. A possible **Tropical** or **Couch's Kingbird** was found in Chilmark on December 2; the bird never called and could not be relocated despite a valiant search. (Remember the first state record Tropical Kingbird that was discovered last November at World's End in Hingham.) Any *Empidonax* flycatcher after October should be carefully looked at; a bird noted in Topsfield on November 17 displayed a very vigorous jerking of the tail and was only in view for a short time and eluded further identification.

**Gray Jays**, more so than other boreal species, tend to be fairly sedentary in their movements, rarely moving south of their breeding areas, so the reports of three or possibly four birds are exceptional. The bird found in Windsor was present for nearly all of December and was seen by many observers. Another bird of the northern forests also made the news with many reports. There were at least five individual **Boreal Chickadees** noted during the period. All of these reports were confined to large spruce and fir groves in central and western Massachusetts. Good numbers of Red-breasted Nuthatches were noted during this period as well, ending a four-year run of lackluster results.

There were five reports of Blue-gray Gnatcatchers, undoubtedly due to the mild weather. The gnatcatcher noted in Provincetown on December 27 is the latest report for this species in the state. It was a great period for thrushes, with exceptional counts of Eastern Bluebirds, Hermit Thrushes, and American Robins. A **Townsend's Solitaire** was carefully observed in Essex, and a **Varied Thrush** was found in Southwick. Perhaps these western vagrants will occur more frequently in our area, associating with the large numbers of robins that have been observed over the last several years. With all this fruit available to eat, only a mini invasion of **Bohemian Waxwings** was noted. Of the thirteen individuals noted, five of them were found on the Vineyard and Nantucket and the others far inland.

Sixteen species of warblers noted during the period are reflective of the mild weather. A Connecticut Warbler carefully described from Long Island in Boston Harbor on November 25 is by far the latest state record for this species. A **Townsend's Warbler**, one of only a handful of state records, visited a feeder in Centerville. Other warblers of note included three Ovenbirds, two Prairies, a Black-throated Green, and a Yellow-throated Warbler. The snowless fields provided food for unusually high numbers of sparrows. Of note was a **Harris's Sparrow** that visited a feeder in Chilmark, where earlier a Lark Sparrow was noted; two Grasshopper Sparrows and four Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrows were recorded, including one that chose to feed on the well-manicured lawns of the Boston Public Garden. Fox Sparrows were everywhere!

Finally, it was a good season for winter finches. Siskins and redpolls were reported from feeders statewide, and the crossbill show at Salisbury State Park was enjoyed by hordes of birders. Pine and Evening grosbeaks were mainly confined to the north central and western parts of the state.

*R. Stymeist*

Eastern Screech-Owl			11/10	Worcester	3	fide M. Lynch
11/21	Melrose	2	D. + I. Jewell	12/1	Belmont	3
12/15	Holbrook	2	G. d'Entremont#	12/1	Medford	3
12/16	Northampton	58	CBC	12/16	Northampton	63
12/22	Melrose	2	D. Jewell#	12/18	Springfield	69
12/31	Southampton	6	R. Stymeist	12/30	Concord	53
thr	Reports of indiv. from 8 locations			Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		
Great Horned Owl			11/10	Worcester	1	fide M. Lynch
11/11	W. Newbury	2	BBC (S. Mirick)	11/26	Nantucket	1
11/18	Williamsburg	2	R. Packard	12/8	Hadley	1
11/23	Ipswich	2	J. Berry	12/15	Chicopee	1
12/1-21	Wayland	2	G. + L. Long	12/16	Eastham	1
thr	Reports of indiv. from 15 locations			12/16	E. Orleans	1
Snowy Owl			12/21	DWWS	1	D. Furbish
11/4	Chatham (S.B.)	1	B. Nikula#	12/22	Westfield	1
11/8	Edgartown	1	G. Daniels#	Hairy Woodpecker		
11/11-12/1	P.I.	1-4	v.o.	11/10	Worcester	3
11/15-12/31	Salisbury	1	J. Soucy# + v.o.	11/12	Quabbin (G40)	10
11/17	Newbury	1	P. Roberts#	11/15	Quabbin (G40)	9
11/17, 12/8	Rockport	1	N. Soulette#	12/2	Southboro	4
11/23	Duxbury B.	2	D. Furbish#	12/31	Southampton	3
11/24, 12/16	Ipswich (C.B.)	2	J. Berry	12/thr	Maynard	3
11/25-12/31	Nahant	1	D. Saffarewich + v.o.	Northern Flicker		
11/27, 12/16	Boston (Logan)	7, 11	N. Smith	11/4	Boston	7
11/29-30	Gr. Barrington	1	J. Johnson	11/25	Westport	5
12/9	Gloucester (E.P.)	1	J. Young#	12/23	Bourne	5
12/16	Greater Boston	12	CBC	12/26	Southwick	3
12/16	Cape Cod	4	CBC	Pileated Woodpecker		
12/thr	Chatham (S.B.)	4 max	fide B. Nikula	11/2	Hardwick	1
12/thr	M.V.	3-5+	v.o.	11/10	Pittsfield	2
Barned Owl			11/10	Royalston	1	S. Moore#
11/18	Cumington	4	J. LaPointe	11/14	Westford	2
thr	Reports of indiv. from 17 locations			11/15	Quabbin (G40)	3
Long-eared Owl			11/17	Topsfield	1	J. Berry#
12/2	Boston (Long I.)	1	R. Donovan#	11/18	Oakham	1
thr	DWWS	7	D. Furbish + v.o.	11/27	Northampton	1
Short-eared Owl			11/28	Lincoln	1	W. Petersen
11/3	P.I.	1	S. Hedman	11/29	Stoneham	2
11/4	Westport	1	M. Boucher	12/19	Westminster	1
11/6, 12/16	Boston (Logan)	1, 1	N. Smith	12/23	Carlisle	1
11/7	DWWS	1	D. Furbish	12/26	Southwick	1
11/15	P.I.	1	R. Heil	Empidonax species		
11/18	Chatham (S.B.)	1	R. Donovan#	11/17	Topsfield	1
Northern Saw-whet Owl			Eastern Phoebe			
11/thr	DWWS	73 b	N. Smith	11/8	Stoneham	1
11/thr	Whitman	13 b	N. Smith	11/12	E. Bridgewater	1
11/thr	Quincy	1 b	N. Smith	11/18	Petersham	1
11/3	Salisbury	1	J. Nelson#	12/16	Wayland	1
11/13	Watertown	1	J. Termini	12/27	Mid-Cape Cod	2
11/18	Leicester	1	M. Lynch#	Ash-throated Flycatcher (details submitted) *		
11/24	Marion	1 dead	M. LaBossiere	11/15-18	Gloucester	1H. + J. Paluzzi + v.o.
12/2	Wellfleet	1	B. Gette#	12/16-22	Gloucester	1 R. Lockwood + v.o.
12/16	Hadley	1	A. Magee	Ash-throated Flycatcher (no details) *		
12/22	Granville	1	K. + M. Conway	11/24	Cohasset	1 N. Swirka, H. Cross
12/thr	Whitman	13 b	N. Smith	12/22-24	Edgartown	1 V. Laux# + v.o.
Selasphorus species (details submitted) *			Western Kingbird			
11/1-11/14	Granby	1	S. Warner	11/1-18	W. Newbury	1
Belted Kingfisher			11/17	Gloucester	1	R. Heil
11/4	Falmouth	5	M. Lynch#	12/2	Chilmark	1
11/10	Worcester	5	fide M. Lynch	12/4	Woods Hole	1
11/24	Bourne	4	BBC (R. Stymeist)	12/5	Nantucket	1
11/25	Marshfield	2	G. d'Entremont	Northern Shrike		
12/8	Braintree	2	G. d'Entremont	11/4	Dorchester	1
12/23	Wayland	2 m	G. Long	11/4-12/31	Windsor	1-4
Red-headed Woodpecker			11/8	Carlisle	1	imm T. Brownrigg
11/11-30	Vineyard Haven	1	R. Culbert	11/9	Quabbin (G40)	1
11/19	Athol	1	R. Coyle	11/10	Lancaster	1
11/27, 12/20	Weymouth	1	S. Smith	11/10	Royalston	1
12/11-31	Melrose	1	imm D. + I. Jewell	11/25	Bolton Flats	1
Red-bellied Woodpecker			11/27, 12/16	Washington	1	E. Neumuth
11/3	Stoughton	3	G. d'Entremont	12/2	Natick	1
						D. Landry

<b>Northern Shrike (continued)</b>					
12/3	Sunderland	1	M. Williams		
12/14	Westboro	1	C. Buelow		
12/15	Orange	1	M. Taylor		
12/15	Athol	1	M. Polana		
12/16	Pittsfield	2	C. Blagdon		
12/23	Wayland	1	G. Long		
12/28	Northampton	1	R. Packard		
<b>Blue-headed Vireo</b>					
12/1	Mashpee	2	M. Sylvia		
12/23	Truro	1	CBC (M. Lynch)		
<b>Gray Jay (no details) *</b>					
11/9	Barre	1	R. Jenkins		
11/12	Quabbin (G40)	2	J. Offermann		
12/2-12/31	Windsor	1 ph	C. Quinlan		
<b>American Crow</b>					
11/4	Mt. Watatic	570	T. McCullough#		
11/16	Worcester	2500+	M. Lynch#		
11/20	Fitchburg	600+	C. Caron		
11/25	Framingham	8000	E. Taylor		
11/26	Ashburnham	700+	C. Caron		
11/27	Northampton	350	M. Williams		
12/15	Chicopee	4000	T. Swochak		
12/18	Allston	300+	S. Carey		
12/19	Melrose	300	J. Paluzzi		
12/thr	Framingham	8000	E. Taylor		
<b>Fish Crow</b>					
11/4	Boston	67	BBC (R. Stymeist)		
11/16	Worcester	2	M. Lynch#		
11/16	Northampton	1	S. Kellogg		
12/ thr	Watertown	50 max	R. Stymeist#		
12/17	Hadley	1	G. LeBaron		
12/22	Westfield	1	K. + M. Conway		
12/25	Gloucester (E.P.)	3	T. Roberts#		
<b>Common Raven</b>					
11/4	Wrentham	1	M. Grizenda		
11/10	Lancaster	1	R. Lockwood		
11/11	Cheshire	2	R. Packard#		
11/12	Rutland	1	M. Lynch#		
11/12	Pelham	1	M. Lynch#		
11/18	Royalston	2	G. d'Entremont#		
11/18	Pepperell	1	T. Pirro		
11/28	Sunderland	2	M. Williams		
12/8	Hawley	2	R. Packard		
12/9	Sterling	1	G. Tepke#		
12/12	Conway	2	M. Williams		
12/15	Athol	28	CBC		
12/22	Quabbin (G40)	2	R. Lockwood		
12/25	Savoy	1	S. Rayer		
12/27	Windsor	4	T. Gagnon		
<b>Horned Lark</b>					
11/2	Northampton	800	G. LeBaron		
11/3, 12/30	Salisbury	20, 16	P. + F. Vale		
11/4	Mt. Watatic	26	T. McCullough#		
11/8	Worthington	20	R. Packard#		
11/15	Groton	12	T. Pirro		
11/18	Duxbury	36	J. Sweeney#		
11/18	P.I.	30	J. Nelson		
12/4	Gloucester	20	D. Sandee		
12/14	Eastham (F.E.)	30	D. Silverstein#		
12/16	Ipswich (C.B.)	63	J. Berry#		
12/27	Deerfield	50	R. Packard		
12/31	Sunderland	90+	R. Stymeist		
<b>Tree Swallow</b>					
11/24	P'town	2	B. Nikula		
<b>Northern Rough-winged Swallow</b>					
11/11	W. Dennis	1	P. Flood		
<b>Barn Swallow</b>					
11/21	Chilmark	1	A. Keith		
<b>Boreal Chickadee</b>					
11/4	Barre	1	F. McMenemy		
11/11	W. Quabbin	1	D. Small		
12/29	Quabbin	2	CBC (C. Page)		
12/9-14	Stow	1	A. Ceran		
thr	Windsor	1	D. St. James + v.o.		
<b>Tufted Titmouse</b>					
11/8	P.I.	1	R. Heil		
11/thr	M.V. (4 loc.)	4	fide A. Keith		
<b>Red-breasted Nuthatch</b>					
11/4	Newbypt. area	20	R. Heil		
11/12	Quabbin (G40)	15	J. Offermann		
11/14	Hyannis	4	C. Buelow		
11/22	Marblehead	5	R. Heil		
11/24	Bourne	7	BBC (R. Stymeist)		
11/24	Truro	8	W. Ellison		
12/2	Southboro	7	M. Lynch#		
12/5	Hyannis	3	C. Buelow		
12/7	Windsor	8	M. Lynch#		
12/16	Ipswich (C.B.)	25	J. Berry#		
12/25	Salisbury	3	P. + F. Vale		
12/30	Nantucket	110	CBC		
<b>Brown Creeper</b>					
11/15	Quabbin (G40)	7	C. Buelow		
12/1, 25	Medford	4, 6	R. LaFontaine		
12/5	Northampton	4	R. Packard#		
12/14	Stow	3	S. Sutton		
12/20	Windsor	3	M. Williams		
<b>Carolina Wren</b>					
11/3	Woburn	4	M. Rines		
11/4	Boston	7	BBC (R. Stymeist)		
11/9	Stoughton	10	R. Titus		
11/18	Lanesville/Rockport	7	J. Berry#		
11/22	Marblehead	32	R. Heil		
11/25	Westport	10	M. Lynch#		
11/27	Northampton	3	M. Williams		
12/1	Belmont	8	R. Stymeist#		
12/2	Southboro	6	M. Lynch#		
12/15	Buzzards Bay	183	CBC		
12/16	Cape Cod	117	CBC		
12/27	Mid-Cape Cod	154	CBC		
<b>House Wren</b>					
11/18	Northbridge	1	M. Lynch#		
<b>Winter Wren</b>					
11/22	Marblehead	9	R. Heil		
thr	Reports of indiv. from	14 locations			
<b>Sedge Wren</b>					
11/24	Nantucket	2	E. Ray#		
12/30	Nantucket	1	CBC		
<b>Marsh Wren</b>					
11/13	Eastham (F.H.)	2	R. Titus		
11/22	Dorchester	2	R. Donovan		
12/8	Nantucket	6	S. Langer		
12/thr	DWWS	2	D. Furbish		
<b>Blue-gray Gnatcatcher</b>					
11/3	W. Newbury	1	P. + F. Vale		
11/17	Rockport	1	R. Heil		
12/16	E. Orleans	1	CBC (J. Sones)		
12/16	Eastham	1	CBC (D. Clapp)		
12/27	P'town	1	M. Mello		
<b>Golden-crowned Kinglet</b>					
11/6	P.I.	15	J. Offermann		
11/6	Salisbury	14	J. Offermann		
11/10	Lancaster	19	R. Lockwood		
11/12	Wayland	12	G. Long		
11/17	ONWR	10	R. Lockwood		
11/18	Northbridge	22	M. Lynch#		
11/24	Bourne	32	BBC (R. Stymeist)		
11/28	Sunderland	15	M. Williams		
12/5	Hyannis	18	C. Buelow		
12/15	Buzzards Bay	257	CBC		
12/16	Northampton	332	CBC		
12/29	Quabbin	242	CBC		
<b>Ruby-crowned Kinglet</b>					
11/3	Lexington	4	M. Rines		
11/26	Boston	2	C. Floyd		
12/15	Hampden	2	D. Morrison		
12/16	Hadley	2	A. Magee		
<b>Eastern Bluebird</b>					
11/1	Concord	10	M. Rines		
11/6	N. Medfield	16	E. Morrier		
11/10	IRWS	20	J. Nelson		
11/15	Wellesley	30	K. Bornstein		
11/17	Sutton	11	M. Lynch#		
12/14	DWWS	11	D. Furbish		
12/27	Stow	20	S. Furman		

<b>Townsend's Solitaire</b> (details submitted) *			12/30	Nantucket	4	CBC
12/4	Essex	1	thr	Reports of indiv. from 21 locations		
<b>Hermit Thrush</b>			<b>Nashville Warbler</b>			
11/4	Stow	2	11/1, 7	Boston	1	G. Tepke
11/4	Barnstable	2	11/16	Hadley	1	H. Allen
11/7	Boston	6	12/16	Northampton	1	CBC
11/11	Cumb. Farms	2	12/16	Amherst	1	S. Hills
11/17	Topsfield	2	<b>Black-throated Blue Warbler</b>			
11/22	P.I.	2	11/4	Boston	1 dead	BBC (R. Stymeist)
11/22	Marblehead	12	11/11	Plainville	1	D. West
11/25	Westport	7	<b>Yellow-rumped Warbler</b>			
12/8	Medford	6	11/3	Salisbury	5	P. + F. Vale
12/15	Buzzards Bay	36	11/3	Barnstable (S.N.)	50	G. Hirth
12/23	Truro	59	11/4	Boston	20	BBC (R. Stymeist)
12/27	Mid-Cape Cod	47	11/4	Falmouth	28	M. Lynch#
<b>American Robin</b>			11/4	Lexington	6	P. + F. Vale
11/3	GMNWR	710	11/10	Worcester	3	fide M. Lynch
11/4	Methuen	1000	11/11	Scituate	14	G. d'Entremont#
11/7	Burlington	1800	11/23	Truro	24	W. Ellison
11/12	Barre Falls Dam	200	11/23	Orleans	75	W. Scott
12/16	Greater Boston	4724	11/24	Essex	8	J. + M. Nelson
12/23	Marshfield	6795	11/24	Bourne	77	BBC (R. Stymeist)
12/27	Mid-Cape Cod	5315	11/25	Marshfield	4	G. d'Entremont
12/30	Concord	3823	11/25	Westport	27	M. Lynch#
<b>Varied Thrush</b>			12/30	Nantucket	1356	CBC
12/22-23	Southwick	1	<b>Townsend's Warbler</b> (details submitted) *			
<b>Gray Catbird</b>			12/28-31	Centerville	1 imm m ph	S. Johnson + v.o.
11/4	Falmouth	6	<b>Black-throated Green Warbler</b>			
11/22	Marblehead	5	11/15	Amherst	1	H. Allen
11/25	Westport	12	<b>Yellow-throated Warbler</b>			
12/15	Buzzards Bay	24	11/28	Nantucket	1	M. Aquir
12/27	Mid-Cape Cod	21	<b>Pine Warbler</b>			
12/30	Nantucket	26	11/21	Woburn	2	M. Rines
thr	Reports of indiv. from 14 locations		11/26	N. Scituate	1	D. Peacock
<b>Brown Thrasher</b>			12/31	Nantucket	1	G. d'Entremont#
11/2	P.I.	1	<b>Prairie Warbler</b>			
11/25	Marshfield	1	11/22	Marblehead	1	R. Heil
11/26	N. Scituate	1	11/26	Rockport	1	J. Berry
<b>European Starling</b>			<b>Palm Warbler</b>			
11/18	Methuen	500,000+	11/2	Cohasset	2	R. Titus
<b>American Pipit</b>			11/3	Salisbury	1	M. Harvey
11/1	Sunderland	6	11/4	Boston	1	BBC (R. Stymeist)
11/1, 12/4	Lincoln	110, 25	11/4	Barnstable	1	M. Lynch#
11/2	GMNWR	12	11/8	Somerset	1	R. Titus
11/3	Halifax	60+	11/12	Scituate	1	D. Furbish
11/4	E. Boston	1	11/13	Wellfleet	2	M. Lynch#
11/4	Nantucket	16	11/17	Orleans	1	M. Taylor
11/10	P'town (R.P.)	1	11/26	Rockport	1	J. Berry
11/17	Boston	7	12/15	Buzzards Bay	20	CBC
11/18	E. Quabbin	7	<b>Blackpoll Warbler</b>			
11/18	Chatham (S.B.)	2	11/3-4	Boston (BNC)	1	M. Kanaracas#
11/26	Northampton	1	<b>Ovenbird</b>			
12/29	Taunton-Middleboro	45	11/14	Boston	1	L. Kaplan
<b>Bohemian Waxwing</b>			11/26	Waltham	1	L. Harvey
11/1	Gay Head	2	12/16	Bourne	1	R. Buckner
11/4	Mt. Watatic	1	12/23	Marshfield	1	CBC
11/4	Royalston	6	<b>Connecticut Warbler</b> (details submitted)			
11/23	Oak Bluffs	1	11/25	Boston (Long I.)	1 imm	R. Donovan
12/22	W. Tisbury	1	<b>Common Yellowthroat</b>			
12/26	Windsor	1	11/3	Northampton	1	R. Packard
12/31	Nantucket	1	12/15	Hamptden	1	D. Morrison
<b>Cedar Waxwing</b>			<b>Wilson's Warbler</b>			
11/3	Stoughton	40	11/1-2	Boston	1	G. Tepke
11/8	Somerset	150	12/15	Buzzards Bay	1	CBC
11/15	Woburn	60	<b>Yellow-breasted Chat</b>			
11/18	Northbridge	60	11/22	Marblehead	2	R. Heil
11/26	Scituate	210	11/23	P.I.	1	R. Heil
11/30	IRWS	40	11/25	Westport	1	M. Lynch#
12/12	Conway	40	11/25	Gloucester	1	D. Brown
12/14	Maynard	50+	11/26	Boston	1	D. Hunneman
12/16	Northampton	1375	12/16	E. Orleans	4	CBC (J. Sones)
12/25	W. Newbury	62	12/20, 22	Rockport	1	J. Soucy#
12/30	Concord	795	12/23	Truro	4	CBC
<b>Orange-crowned Warbler</b>			12/27	Mid-Cape Cod	5	CBC
11/4	Boston	3	12/29	Gloucester	1	D. Brown
11/6-14	Edgartown	2+	12/30	Nantucket	3	CBC
12/15	Buzzards Bay	2	<b>Scarlet Tanager</b>			
12/16	E. Orleans	3	11/16	P.I.	1	S. Haydock

Eastern Towhee				12/23	Marshfield	3	CBC
11/17	Topfield	1 f	J. Berry#	Seaside Sparrow			
11/24	Bourne	5	BBC (R. Stymeist)	11/3	P.I.	1	M. Harvey
11/25	Westport	3	M. Lynch#	11/3	Newbypt.	1	J. Mann
12/1	Falmouth	2	R. Lockwood#	Fox Sparrow			
12/15	Braintree	2	G. d'Entremont#	11/7-9	Southwick	10	S. Kellogg
12/15	Randolph	2	G. d'Entremont#	11/8	Lexington	8	M. Rines
12/17	Malden	1	K. Pease	11/10	Pittsfield	5	R. Stymeist
12/25	Ipswich	1 m	J. Berry	11/11	Lancaster	10	S. Sutton#
12/27	Westboro	1	S. Sutton	11/11	Westminster	5	C. Caron
American Tree Sparrow				11/14	Washington	5	E. Neumuth
11/4	Lexington	18	P. + F. Vale	11/15	Groton	6	T. Pirro
11/12	W. Newbury	20	J. Berry#	11/15	Quabbin (G40)	5	C. Buelow
11/17	P.I.	30	P. + F. Vale	11/15	Woburn	5	M. Rines
11/25	Bolton Flats	25+	N. Paulson	11/20	Lexington	5	M. Rines
11/25	Amherst	50	C. Gentes#	11/21	Woburn	5	M. Rines
12/1	Marshfield	39	R. Lockwood#	11/30	Marshfield	5	D. Clapp#
12/8	Halifax	25+	J. Sweeney#	12/1	Belmont	4	D. Lange#
12/16	Northampton	1213	CBC	12/16	Amherst	3	C. Page
12/23	Bourne	20	P. + F. Vale	12/1-30	Reports of 1-2 indiv. from 12 locations		
12/27	Westboro	80	C. Buelow	Lincoln's Sparrow			
12/30	Concord	944	CBC	11/3	Truro	2	B. Nikula#
Chipping Sparrow				11/10	Lexington	1	M. Rines
11/1	Lincoln	2	M. Rines	12/15	Holliston	1	CBC (J. Hoye)
11/13	Wellfleet	23	M. Lynch#	Swamp Sparrow			
12/15	Millis	18	CBC	11/1	GMNWR	28	R. Lockwood
12/18	Shirley	1	T. Pirro	11/11	Cumb. Farms	24	D. Larson
12/22	Westfield	1	H. Allen	11/25	Marshfield	62	G. d'Entremont
Clay-colored Sparrow				12/16	Cape Cod	61	CBC
11/3	Truro	3	B. Nikula#	12/23	Marshfield	50	CBC
12/2	P'town (R.P.)	1	D. Furbish	White-throated Sparrow			
12/12	N. Dartmouth	1	M. Boucher	11/4	Boston	105	BBC (R. Stymeist)
12/15	Millis	1	CBC	11/18	Northbridge	66	M. Lynch#
Field Sparrow				11/22	Marblehead	64	R. Heil
11/3	Stoughton	2	G. d'Entremont	12/14	Westboro	110	C. Buelow
11/12	Stow	4	R. Lockwood	Harris's Sparrow (no details) *			
11/13	Wellfleet	18	M. Lynch#	11/27-12/2	Chilmark	1	A. Keith# + v.o
11/17	Grafton	2	M. Lynch#	White-crowned Sparrow			
12/17	Shirley	10	T. Pirro	11/2-7	DWWS	1	ad D. Furbish + v.o.
12/30	Nantucket	2	G. d'Entremont#	11/3	Arlington	1	M. Rines
Vesper Sparrow				11/3	Marblehead	1	imm K. Haley
11/4	N. Tisbury	1	A. Keith	11/11	Cumb. Farms	2	D. Larson
11/13	Wellfleet	2	M. Lynch#	11/15	Amherst	1	H. Allen
11/18	Chatham (S.B.)	1	R. Donovan#	11/24	Truro	1	W. Ellison
11/26	Chilmark	1	A. Keith	12/1	Brewster	1	S. Finnegan
12/15	Buzzards Bay	6	CBC	12/22	Westfield	1	H. Allen
12/23	Bridgewater	2	J. Sweeney#	12/31	Nantucket	1	imm G. d'Entremont#
Lark Sparrow				Dark-eyed Junco			
11/4	Chilmark	1	A. Keith	11/4	Boston	77	BBC (R. Stymeist)
Savannah Sparrow				11/5	S. Lancaster	57	S. Sutton#
11/1	GMNWR	8	R. Lockwood	11/17	Upton	80+	M. Lynch#
11/1	Lincoln	16	M. Rines	11/18	Northbridge	92	M. Lynch#
11/4	Lexington	36	P. + F. Vale	12/1	Bourne	44	R. Lockwood#
11/11	Cumb. Farms	8	D. Larson	12/16	Northampton	1255	CBC
12/1	Bourne	6	R. Lockwood#	12/16	Greater Boston	1427	CBC
12/14	Eastham (F.E.)	3	D. Silverstein#	12/30	Uxbridge	1382	CBC
12/16	Hadley	15	S. Sumner	12/30	Concord	1814	CBC
12/22	Westfield	3	H. Allen	Lapland Longspur			
12/30	Deerfield	1	D. Case	11/2-16	Northampton	2	G. LaBaron
Ipswich Sparrow				11/3	Salisbury	3	P. + F. Vale
11/10	N. Monomoy	2	B. Nikula	11/4	P.I.	65	R. Heil
11/14	Salisbury	1	J. Berry#	11/6	Mattapoisett	23	F. Smith
11/18	Plymouth (Saquish)	2	E. Neumuth	11/12	Edgartown	2	V. Laux
11/18	Chatham (S.B.)	5	R. Donovan#	11/18	Duxbury	2	J. Sweeney#
12/2	Revere	1	BBC (R. Stymeist)	11/18	Chatham (S.B.)	10	R. Donovan#
Grasshopper Sparrow				12/16	Sunderland	3	A. Richards
11/3	Barnstable	1	G. Hirth	Snow Bunting			
12/23	Truro	1	CBC (B. Nikula)	11/2	Northampton	200	G. LeBaron
Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow				11/3	P'town	250+	B. Nikula#
11/3	Newbypt.	3	J. Mann	11/4	P.I.	110	R. Heil
11/3	P.I.	1	M. Harvey	11/6	Salisbury	75	J. Offermann
12/2	E. Boston	2	BBC (R. Stymeist)	11/11	Scituate	40	G. d'Entremont
12/16	Cape Cod	8	CBC	11/18	Chatham (S.B.)	150+	R. Donovan#
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow				11/20	DWWS	90	D. Furbish#
11/1	Montague	1	J. Strules	11/22	Duxbury	20	P. Guidetti#
11/3	Newbypt.	1	J. Mann	11/25	Bolton Flats	150+	N. Paulson
11/4	Boston (PG)	1	BBC (R. Stymeist)	12/16	Greater Boston	515	CBC
11/22-12/8	Dorchester	1	R. Donovan	12/23	P'town (R.P.)	70	J. Young#

Snow Bunting (continued)			12/30	Westminster	13	J. Sweeney#	
12/30 P.I.	45	P. + F. Vale	12/30	Windsor	36	P. Brown	
Indigo Bunting			thr	Royalston	50 max	v.o.	
11/1-4 Washington	1	E. Neumuth	Purple Finch	Northfield	4	M. Taylor	
11/8 S. Boston	1	R. Donovan	11/2	Woburn	3	M. Rines	
Dickcissel			11/3	Royalston	17	J. Morris-Siegel	
11/3-4 Essex	1	T. Young + v.o.	11/4	Topsfield	6 f	J. Berry#	
11/26 Wasque	1	G. Daniels#	11/17	DWWS	2 m, 1 f	D. Furbish	
11/30, 12/7 Marshfield	1	D. Clapp#	12/14	Ipswich (C.B.)	9	J. Berry#	
12/16 Boston	1	CBC (H. D'Entremont#)	12/16	Windsor	1 m	T. Gagnon	
12/16 Cape Ann	2	CBC	12/27	E. Middleboro	1 m	K. Anderson	
Red-winged Blackbird			12/29	P.I.	2	R. Heil	
11/3 Ipswich/Essex	650+	BBC (T. Young)	11/4	Royalston	2	J. Meyers	
11/4 Bolton Flats	300+	S. Sutton#	11/11	E. Quabbin	1	S. Surner	
11/25 Marshfield	125	G. d'Entremont#	11/21	Ashburnham	1	C. Caron	
12/31 Nantucket	65	G. d'Entremont#	11/18	S. Dartmouth	2	J. Bogart	
12/thr DWWS	140+	D. Furbish + v.o.	12/12	Ipswich (C.B.)	3	J. Berry#	
Eastern Meadowlark			thr	Salisbury	20 max	v.o.	
11/3 Salisbury	8	P. + F. Vale	White-winged Crossbill	Pittsfield	9	G. Shampang	
11/4 Barnstable	10	M. Lynch#	11/7	N. Weymouth	7	T. O'Neill	
11/11 P.I.	7	M. Lynch#	11/11	Nantucket	12	K. Blackshaw	
11/17 Dorchester	2	R. Donovan	11/14	Swampscott	6	J. MacDougall	
11/24 Essex	20	J. + M. Nelson	11/16	Boston H.	10	TASL (M. Hall)	
11/25 S. Dart. (A.Pd)	6	E. Nielsen	11/18	Harwich	7	B. Nikula	
12/16 Holyoke	1	D. McLain	11/23	Truro	12	W. Ellison	
12/23 Marshfield	36	CBC	11/24	Plainfield	6	M. Lynch#	
12/27 Mid-Cape Cod	47	CBC	12/7	Windsor	6	S. Kellogg	
Rusty Blackbird			thr	Salisbury	50 max	v.o.	
11/4 Chatham	6	B. Nikula	thr	Reports of 1-5 indiv. from 32 locations			
11/16 Sudbury	25	L. Nachtrab	Common Redpoll	11/16	Lenox	55	N. Purdy
11/16 Northampton	25	R. Packard	11/16	P'town (R.P.)	30	J. Carlisle#	
11/17 Boston	13	E. Crowley	11/21	Worc.(BMB)	32	J. Liller	
12/1 Wakefield	10	P. + F. Vale	11/23	11/24, 12/16 Ipswich (C.B.)	110, 60	J. Berry	
12/8 Randolph	50	G. d'Entremont	11/28	Pittsfield	50	G. Shampang	
12/16 Sunderland	13	A. Richards	12/12	Westboro	35	C. Buelow	
12/25 Longmeadow	50	G. Kingston	12/14	Cambridge	150	J. Damian#	
12/29 Essex	40	P. Brown	12/16	Greater Boston	339	CBC	
Common Grackle			12/19	Ayer	45	J. Duprey	
11/3 Stoughton	50	G. d'Entremont	12/21	Wakefield	90+	D. + I. Jewell	
11/3 Ipswich/Essex	21	BBC (T. Young)	12/23	Newburyport	230	CBC	
11/3 Framingham	150	E. Taylor	12/26	Groton	45	T. Pirro	
11/4 Methuen	1,000,000+	J. Hogan#	12/28	Melrose	25	D. + I. Jewell	
11/5 Ashburnham	2500+	C. Caron	12/29	P.I.	200	S. Sauter	
11/16 Westford	60+	S. Selesky	12/30	Westminster	65	J. Sweeney#	
Brown-headed Cowbird			Pine Siskin	11/3	Rockport	14	J. Soucy#
11/4 Newbypt.	100	R. Heil	11/4	Amherst	15	D. Norton	
11/6 N. Medfield	175	E. Morrier	11/5	W. Townsend	12	M. Ryder	
11/10 Dennis	75	B. Nikula	11/19	Middleboro	41	J. Mason	
11/11 Worthington	5	R. Packard#	11/29	Washington	60	E. Neumuth	
12/23 DWWS	2	D. Furbish#	12/1-21	Easton	20	K. Ryan	
Baltimore Oriole			12/15	Athol	222	CBC	
11/6-18 Williamsburg	1	G. LeBaron	12/17, 19	Becket	30	R. Laubach	
11/15 Nantucket	1	L. Van Dyne	12/19	Royalston	100	B. Stevens#	
11/18 Haydenville	1 f	R. Packard	12/28	Westminster	25+	R. Lewis	
11/23 Truro	1	W. Ellison	Evening Grosbeak	11/2, 29	Northfield	12, 40	M. Taylor
11/24 Bourne	2	BBC (R. Stymeist)	11/4	P.I.	3	R. Heil	
11/29 Chilmark	1	V. Laux#	11/6	Florence	5	T. Gagnon	
11/29-12/15 Northampton	1	E. Labato	11/10	Mt. Watatic	3	T. Pirro	
12/2 Stoneham	1	B. Allison	11/11	Westminster	22	C. Caron	
12/30 Nantucket	1	H. D'Entremont#	11/11	Savoy	8	R. Packard#	
Pine Grosbeak			11/14	Washington	50	E. Neumuth	
11/7 Turners Falls	2 f	S. Smolen-Morton	11/15	Essex	4	P. Brown	
11/10 Mt. Watatic	2	T. Pirro	11/18	HRWMA	16	T. Pirro	
11/10, 25 Nantucket	1	J. Van Voorst	11/18	Petersham	9	D. + S. Larson	
11/11 E. Orleans	1	B. Nikula	11/23	Quabbin (G40)	8	R. Donovan#	
11/12 New Salem	2	M. Lynch#	12/5	Ashfield	30	S. Sauter	
11/12 Leicester	1	M. Lynch#	12/8	Royalston	11	J. Morris-Siegel	
11/13 Wellfleet	2	R. Titus	12/15	Athol	176	CBC	
11/18 Gloucester	1	S. Leonard	12/20	Windsor	150	M. Williams	
11/18 Quabbin	3	T. Gagnon#	12/27	Blandford	30	K. + M. Conway	
11/18 HRWMA	1	T. Pirro					
11/24, 12/20 Gardner	4, 13	T. Pirro					
11/25 Northfield	1 m imm, 1 f	M. Taylor					
12/8 Hawley	2	R. Packard					
12/15 Athol	78	CBC					
12/29 Ashfield	6	S. Sauter					

## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

a	adult	L.	Ledge
alt	alternate	M.V.	Martha's Vineyard
b	banded	Mt.A.	Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge
br	breeding	Nant.	Nantucket
dk	dark (phase)	Newbypt	Newburyport
f	female	P.I.	Plum Island
fl	fledged	Pd	Pond
imm	immature	Pont.	Pontoosuc Lake, Lanesboro
ind	individuals	P'town	Provincetown
juv	juvenile	Quab.	Quabbin Reservoir
loc	location	Res.	Reservoir
lt	light (phase)	R.P.	Race Point, Provincetown
m	male	S.B.	South Beach, Chatham
max	maximum	S. Dart.	South Dartmouth
migr	migrating	S.N.	Sandy Neck, Barnstable
n	nesting	Stellw.	Stellwagen Bank
ph	photographed	Worc.	Worcester
pl	plumage	Barre F.D.	Barre Falls Dam, Barre, Rutland, Oakham
pr	pair	ABC	Allen Bird Club
S	summer (1S = first summer)	BBC	Brookline Bird Club
thr	throughout	BMB	Broad Meadow Brook, Worcester
vid	videotaped	CCBC	Cape Cod Bird Club
v.o.	various observers	DFWS	Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary
W	winter (2W = second winter)	DWMA	Delaney Wildlife Management Area
w/	with		Stowe, Bolton, Harvard
yg	young	DWWS	Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary
#	additional observers	EMHW	Eastern Massachusetts Hawk Watch
A.A.	Arnold Arboretum, Boston	GMNWR	Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge
A.P.	Andrews Point, Rockport	HRWMA	High Ridge Wildlife Management Area,
A.Pd	Allens Pond, S. Dartmouth		Gardner-Westminster
Arl.	Arlington	IRWS	Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary
B.	Beach	LBS	Local Bird Survey
B.I.	Belle Isle, E. Boston	LCES	Lloyd Center for Environmental Studies
B.R.	Bass Rocks, Gloucester	MARC	Massachusetts Avian Records Committee
Cambr.	Cambridge	MAS	Massachusetts Audubon Society
C.B.	Crane Beach, Ipswich	MBO	Manomet Observatory
Corp. B.	Corporation Beach, Dennis	MBWMA	Martin Burns Wildlife Management Area,
C.P.	Crooked Pond, Boxford		Newbury
Cumb. Farms	Cumberland Farms, Middleboro-	MDFW	MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
	Halifax	MNWS	Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary
E.P.	Eastern Point, Gloucester	MSSF	Myles Standish State Forest
F.E.	First Encounter Beach, Eastham	NAC	Nine Acre Corner, Concord
F.H.	Fort Hill, Eastham	NBC	Needham Bird Club
F.M.	Fowl Meadow, Milton	NEHW	New England Hawk Watch
F.P.	Fresh Pond, Cambridge	ONWR	Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge
F.Pk	Franklin Park, Boston	SRV	Sudbury River Valley
G40	Gate 40, Quabbin	SSBC	South Shore Bird Club
G45	Gate 45, Quabbin	TASL	Take A Second Look Harbor Census
H.P.	Halibut Point, Rockport	USFWS	US Fish and Wildlife Service
H.	Harbor	WBWS	Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
I.	Island	WMWS	Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary

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