

BIRD SIGHTINGS

November/December 2002

Both November and December were very cold, especially compared with the record warmth we had during the same period last year. The temperature averaged 42.9° in Boston during November, 2.0° below normal and 5.4° colder than last November. The high of 70° on November 10 was 15° degrees above normal and the high of 69° on the 11th tied the record for that date set in 1966. The low was 19° on Thanksgiving Day, 16° degrees below normal for that date. Snowfall in November was 3.6 inches, the first measurable snow in Boston in November since 1997. Most of this snow (3.5 inches) fell on the day before Thanksgiving, a month earlier than normal for such a large amount. Sunshine was only 40% of possible, making November the cloudiest month of the year. A nor'easter on November 16-17 brought gusts of nearly 50 mph. In the western part of the state, the storm dumped 1-5 inches of heavy, wet snow.

December's temperature averaged 32.3° in Boston, 1.6° below normal but 7.6° colder than last December. The high was 61° on the 20th, and the low was 12° on December 9, 17° degrees below normal for that date. Snowfall totaled 11.1 inches, 3.8 inches above normal for Boston. The biggest snowfall measured in Boston was 5.4 inches starting on Christmas Day, but much more fell in central and western Massachusetts. The windiest day was on Christmas, a storm that, coupled with the weight of the heavy snow, caused numerous trees and limbs to break and resulted in many power outages. Heavy fog developed on New Year's Eve, bringing in a soupy New Year.

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LOONS THROUGH ALCIDS

One of the major events of the period was an unprecedented movement of Red-throated Loons witnessed in mid-November from Cape Ann and Cape Cod, when a northeast storm apparently coincided with the peak of migration. Although flights of hundreds per day were recorded both earlier and later in the month, the bulk of the flight occurred in just a two-day window, November 16-17. It began on the afternoon of the 16th, when 3060 were counted passing by Andrew's Point in Rockport. Ninety percent of that day's passage occurred in just two hours between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m., including several single flocks of 200 to 350 individuals each. The Cape Ann count, as impressive as it was, was easily eclipsed the following day on Cape Cod, as the massive flocks continued on south following the contours of the coast and on into Cape Cod Bay. That day a remarkable **8200+** were tallied at Sandy Neck in Barnstable, and some **10,080** were counted using a clicker at Corporation Beach in Dennis. While these two counts likely represent mostly the same birds (the locations are less than ten miles apart), observers at the Dennis site were only present for four and a half hours until noon, and the flight was still ongoing when they departed, although at a reduced rate. The observers thereby speculated that perhaps as many as 14,000+ Red-throated Loons had been involved in the flight there on that day. Back at Cape Ann, another 840 on the 17th brought the weekend total at Andrew's Point to 3900. The flock of twenty-one Red-throated Loons deposited in Pittsfield in the central Berkshires on the 17th, where they are rarely noted migrants, suggests that many birds may have been arriving at the coast and Cape Cod Bay that weekend directly from overland paths, hence the lower counts at Cape Ann versus Cape Cod.

Two more reports of **Pacific Loons** came in this period, including a bird on the Cape Cod CBC December 15. **Eared Grebes** were noted at Salisbury and Plum Island in November (probably the same individual), as was the perennial Gloucester Harbor favorite. A **Western Grebe** was observed at Plum Island November 8-10, while another was discovered at Plymouth

December 2. Good numbers of Greater Shearwaters lingered in the waters around Cape Ann throughout November, following the mass concentrations there earlier in the fall. Three were still present and observed from Andrew's Point during a storm December 12. Rivaling the loon flight was the remarkable migration and lingering concentrations of Northern Gannets along the bay shore of outer Cape Cod from Provincetown to at least Dennis. Peak estimates included **18,000** at First Encounter Beach in Eastham November 7, and **20,000** at Provincetown November 16. They were observed actively foraging all along the cape shore, often in the immediate surf, perhaps on the same abundant schools of menhaden and herring, migrated south, that had attracted tens of thousands of shearwaters to Ipswich Bay back in September. A single adult Gannet described inland at Wayland December 4 was one of fewer than a dozen such records for the state.

A number of interesting geese appeared during the period. Three separate Greater White-fronted Geese were reported, including a juvenile at Rochester in early November, likely a remaining individual from the family of Greenland birds that included four juveniles reported there in October. Another that was racially identified was an adult at Attleboro November 11, also determined to be of the Greenland race *flavirostris*. A small-race Canada Goose, said to be a Richardson's, was observed at Truro December 23. Continuing the trend of late fall and winter appearances in the Northeast, an adult **Barnacle Goose** was present and well-photographed in Ipswich November 7-11.

December reports of Ospreys included one at Lakeville on the 1st and a very late bird at Quabbin Reservoir on the 28th. It was one of the better incursion years for Rough-legged Hawks, with at least thirty-five individuals noted. Peak counts included six in the Plum Island marshes on several dates and seven at the Daniel Webster Sanctuary in Marshfield in early December. It is likely that many more birds passed through these areas and that such maxima represent only a snapshot and are not representative of the true totals utilizing these areas during the course of the season. The very popular, darkish adult **Gyrfalcon** returned to its South Boston haunts December 13, performing well throughout the rest of the month.

There were no vagrant species of shorebirds found during the period, but as usual for November and December, there was a host of late records of the regular migrants, a few of which were remarkable. Although there are a number of winter records (even mid-winter records), two Piping Plovers at South Beach, Chatham were a surprise November 30. Unlike the previous two winters, which saw overwintering birds, the last Lesser Yellowlegs at Newburyport was noted November 25. Did they foresee something in this winter's approach that we did not? A **Solitary Sandpiper** noted in Westport November 24 constituted the second latest state record, just a few days shy of an 1895 record from Cambridge (Mount Auburn Cemetery) on November 28. There are no known December records. A few Western Sandpipers lingered at South Beach in Chatham until at least December 15, when three were found on the CBC there. White-rumped Sandpipers remained almost common through November at Plum Island, where 21 were still present at the Bill Forward Pool November 21. A single White-rumped hung on at Eastham on Cape Cod until at least December 15. The November 18 storm featured, among other seabirds, 135 Red Phalaropes passing by First Encounter Beach in Eastham.

Two unidentified skuas were reported, one associated with the November 17 storm. Normally one would assume Great Skua at this date, but given the recent proven occurrence of the southern hemisphere Brown Skua in the North Atlantic, such assumptions are no longer safe, if they ever were! A series of nor'easters in November produced excellent numbers of Pomarine Jaegers, including a total of 229 at Andrew's Point in Rockport. Cape Cod sightings were lower but still impressive. Although Pomarines are now known to be regular in early

December, the Andrew's Point count is more than double the previous December high, and the Cape Cod count following the Christmas Day storm smashed all records for this late a date.

A major and totally unprecedented incursion of Common Murres occurred at Cape Ann during December. During the spectacular flight of December 12 many were noted in mixed flocks with Razorbills, but also quite a few solid flocks of 5-25 of this species were observed, mostly after 11:00 a.m. Earlier in the morning, during a heavy movement of alcids, most flocks had to be left as "large alcid species" because of rain and resultant poor visibility. If the composition of these morning flocks could be known, there may have been more than a thousand Common Murres that passed the point that day. Normally considered rare in local coastal waters and nearshore banks, prior to this month there has never previously been a "flight" of this species in Massachusetts, and the previous high, from Provincetown last February, was of twenty-one.

R. Heil

Red-throated Loon			12/12	Rockport (A.P.)	33	R. Heil
11/2	S. Quabbin	1	12/28	Quabbin	1	CBC
11/5, 25	P.I.	200, 115		Eared Grebe (no details) *		
11/13	Dennis (Corp. B.)	430	11/3, 10	Gloucester	1	B. Pfeiffer
11/16, 17	P'town (R.P.)	112, 385	11/4	Salisbury	1	D. + T. Brownrigg#
11/16, 17	Rockport (A.P.)	3060, 840	11/8, 25	P.I.	1, 1	G. Leet, R. Heil
11/17	Pittsfield	21		Western Grebe (no details) *		
11/17, 18	Eastham (F.E.)	1790, 1000	11/8, 10	P.I.	1	G. Leet#, S. Moore
11/17	Barnstable (S.N.)	8200+	12/7	Plymouth B.	1	J. Trimble
11/17	Dennis (Corp. B.)	10,080		Northern Fulmar		
11/22, 12/12	Rockport (A.P.)	470, 57	11/6, 17	Rockport (A.P.)	160, 22	R. Heil
11/25	Edgartown	1000+	11/7, 14	Eastham (F.E.)	4, 1	B. Nikula
12/12	Dennis (Corp. B.)	320	11/17	Barnstable (S.N.)	1	J. Trimble#
12/14	Holyoke	1	11/17	P'town (R.P.)	39	J. Trimble#
			12/26	Dennis	9	CBC (P. Flood)
Pacific Loon (no details) *				Cory's Shearwater		
11/2	N. Scituate	1 br	11/2	Eastham (F.E.)	2	B. Nikula
12/15	Eastham (CGB)	1	11/6	Barnstable (S.N.)	1	K. Ryan
Common Loon			11/9	Sandwich	1	J. Kricher
11/9	Westport	12	11/17, 24	Dennis (Corp. B.)	1, 1	B. Nikula#
11/10	Sandwich	19	11/17	Barnstable (S.N.)	1	J. Trimble#
11/16, 17	Rockport (A.P.)	186, 280	11/17	P'town (R.P.)	2	J. Trimble#
11/17	Pittsfield (Onota)	24		Greater Shearwater		
11/17	P'town (R.P.)	55	11/6, 16	P'town (R.P.)	97, 200	Flood, Nikula
11/17	Eastham (F.E.)	85	11/6, 17	Rockport (A.P.)	4030, 435	R. Heil
11/17	Barnstable (S.N.)	174	11/7	Eastham (F.E.)	200+	B. Nikula
11/17	Dennis (Corp. B.)	150	11/7	Dennis (Corp. B.)	11	P. Flood
11/24	Quabbin	14	11/14, 18	Eastham (F.E.)	25, 32	Nikula, Heil
11/25, 12/18	P.I.	170, 20	11/17, 27	P'town (R.P.)	395, 7	Trimble, Flood
11/25	Edgartown	500+	11/17	Barnstable (S.N.)	5	J. Trimble#
11/28, 12/29	Wachusett Res.	17, 3	11/22, 12/12	Rockport (A.P.)	20, 3	R. Heil
Pied-billed Grebe				Sooty Shearwater		
11/2, 12/8	Cambr. (F.P.)	2, 1	11/6, 17	Rockport (A.P.)	3, 1	R. Heil
11/2	Gloucester (E.P.)	2	11/7	Eastham (F.E.)	1	B. Nikula
11/3	Pittsfield (Pont.)	2		Manx Shearwater		
11/3	Cheshire	8	11/6	Rockport (A.P.)	2	R. Heil
11/10	Falmouth	2		Shearwater species		
11/10	Worcester	4	11/6	P'town (R.P.)	38	P. Flood
11/18	Brockton	3	11/7, 12/26	Dennis	55, 2	P. Flood
12/1, 29	Plymouth	4, 1	11/7	Eastham (F.E.)	600+	B. Nikula
12/4	Eastham	2	11/16, 17	P'town (R.P.)	70, 101	Nikula, Trimble
Horned Grebe				Leach's Storm-Petrel		
11/3	Richmond	3	11/6	P'town (R.P.)	2	P. Flood
11/3	Pittsfield (Pont.)	2	11/6, 17	Rockport (A.P.)	1, 1	R. Heil
11/9	S. Quabbin	6	11/7	Dennis (Corp. B.)	3	P. Flood
11/9	Dennis (Corp. B.)	6	11/18	Eastham (F.E.)	1	P. Flood#
11/25, 12/28	P.I.	90, 26		Northern Gannet		
12/1	Plymouth	10	11/2, 7	Eastham (F.E.)	1600, 18,000	B. Nikula
12/8	W. Quabbin	23	11/6, 16	P'town	2200, 20,000	Flood, Nikula
12/10	Rockport (A.P.)	93	11/6, 16	Rockport (A.P.)	5650, 3200	R. Heil
Red-necked Grebe			11/7, 13	Dennis (Corp. B.)	1200, 4000	Flood, Nikula
11/2	Nahant	6	11/14, 18	Eastham (F.E.)	8000, 10,000	Nikula, Heil
11/3	Gloucester	9	11/17	Barnstable (S.N.)	565	J. Trimble#
11/3	Pittsfield	9	12/4	Wayland	1 ad	A. Webber#
11/9	P.I.	12	12/7	Chatham (S.B.)	1000	B. Nikula#
11/16	Rockport (A.P.)	12	12/12	Rockport (A.P.)	440	R. Heil
11/30	N. Scituate	30+	12/12	Dennis (Corp. B.)	450	P. Flood
12/10	Revere/Winthrop	80				

Northern Gannet (continued)				12/21	Southwick	2	R. Packard
12/25	P'town (R.P.)	1650	B. Nikula	Gadwall			
12/25	N. Truro	625	B. Nikula	11/3	Cheshire	7	Hampshire Club
Great Cormorant				11/4	Ipswich	93	R. Heil
11/3	E. Gloucester	80+	J. Berry	11/8	Chilmark	41	A. Keith
11/15	Mblhead-Nahant	275+	R. Heil	11/10	Barnstable	35	G. d'Entremont
12/10	Revere/Winthrop	105	R. Heil	11/11	S. Peabody	44	R. Heil
12/14	Holyoke	1 imm	CBC (B. Bieda)	11/11	Woburn	32	M. Rines
12/28	Quabbin	1	CBC (A. Richards)	11/23	Plymouth	35	ABC (J. Hutchison)
12/28	P'town	295	J. Young#	11/29	Gloucester	69	G. d'Entremont#
Double-crested Cormorant				12/2	Salisbury	32	R. Heil
11/4	Ipswich	40	R. Heil	12/15	Pittsfield	2	CBC (N. Mole)
11/9	Westport	100	J. Hoye#	12/22	Newbypt	67	R. Heil
11/24	Buzzards Bay	50+	R. Heil	12/29	Osterville	30	G. Gove
12/7	Rockport (A.P.)	14	J. Offermann	Eurasian Wigeon			
12/9	Taunton	1	J. Sweeney	11/thr	Edgartown	1 m	v.o.
12/22	Salisbury	1	R. Heil	11/1-12/13	Marstons Mills	1	v.o.
American Bittern				11/4-5	P.I.	1 ad m	O. Spalding#
11/9	P.I.	2	P. + F. Vale	12/5	Nantucket	1 m	M. Aguiar
12/29	P.I.	1	T. Wetmore	12/27	Orleans	1	J. Young#
Great Blue Heron				12/29	Osterville	1 m	G. Gove
11/3	Boston	6	BBC (R. Stymeist)	American Wigeon			
11/4	Sunderland	5	M. Williams	11/3	Cheshire	4	Hampshire Club
11/10	Worcester	10	M. Lynch#	11/3	Northbridge	5	M. Lynch#
11/20	Randolph	9	R. Titus	11/10	Barnstable	57	G. d'Entremont
11/24	Westport	15+	R. Heil	11/11	Marstons Mills	45	M. Keleher
Great Egret				11/19	Arlington Res.	25	P. Savage
11/18	Eastham	1	K. Ryan	12/1	Plymouth	46	M. Faherty#
11/20	Lynn H.	1	O. Spalding#	12/8	Newbypt	14	R. Heil
Turkey Vulture				12/29	Osterville	80	G. Gove
11/15	Granville	2	J. Weeks	12/29	Carver	6	G. d'Entremont
11/24	Westport	12	R. Heil	American Black Duck			
12/17-19	Mashpee	3	M. Keleher	11/25	P.I.	1100	R. Heil
12/21	Southwick	1	J. Hutchison	11/30	Westport	700	E. Nielsen
12/30	Ipswich (C.B.)	2	B. Crowley#	12/1	Plymouth	900+	M. Faherty#
Greater White-fronted Goose				Blue-winged Teal			
11/15	Framingham	1	E. Taylor	11/14	Longmeadow	8	S. Kellogg
Greenland Greater White-fronted Goose				11/18	Chilmark	1	A. Keith
11/3, 10	Rochester	1 juv	v.o.	Northern Shoveler			
11/18	Attleboro	1 ad	G. Valade	11/1-10	Pittsfield (Pont.)	2	v.o.
Snow Goose				11/5	P.I.	9	R. Heil
11/1	Amherst	100	S. Emerson	11/11	Boston	2	O. Spalding#
11/2	P.I.	55+	P. + F. Vale	11/19	Woburn	1	M. Rines
11/6	Somerville	1	D. Oliver	12/1	Plymouth	1	M. Faherty#
11/8	Ipswich	2 ad	J. Berry#	12/22	Arlington	2	M. Rines
11/19	Amherst	13	M. Faherty	Northern Pintail			
11/20	Granville	35	J. Weeks#	11/3	Northbridge	6	M. Lynch#
11/24	P.I.	36	P. Roberts	11/3	GMNWR	10	MAS (J. Liller)
12/14	Holyoke	1 ad	CBC (B. Bieda)	11/5	Greenfield	2	R. Packard
12/15	Pittsfield (Onota)	1	CBC (R. Ferren)	11/5	P.I.	90	R. Heil
Richardson's Canada Goose				11/9	Lanesboro	2	H. Allen
12/23	Truro	1	A. Brissette#	11/10	Worcester	3	M. Lynch#
Brant				11/24	Westport	150	R. Heil
11/3	Boston	110	BBC (R. Stymeist)	12/15	Amherst	2	D. Ziomek
11/6	Harvard	1	T. Pirro	12/29	Turners Falls	1	CBC (A. Richards)
11/10	Quincy	300	E. Taylor	Green-winged Teal			
11/28, 30	Granville	20, 5	J. Weeks	11/3	Boston	14	BBC (R. Stymeist)
12/8	Nahant	125	L. Pivacek	11/3	GMNWR	273	MAS (J. Liller)
12/22	Winthrop	137	P. + F. Vale	11/9	Ipswich	20+	M. Lynch#
Barnacle Goose *				11/11	Randolph	24	R. Titus
11/7-11	Ipswich	1 ph	R. Heil + v.o.	11/14	Longmeadow	40	S. Kellogg
Mute Swan				11/15	New Salem	30	W. Lafley
11/9	Westport	36	J. Hoye#	11/19	DWWS	40	D. Furbish
11/19	Lincoln	29	M. Rines	11/25	P.I.	300	R. Heil
12/14	Agawam	23	J. Hutchison	11/26	Chilmark	36	A. Keith
12/18	S. Hadley	24	W. Lafley	Eurasian Teal			
12/29	Carver	39	G. d'Entremont	11/9-22	P.I.	1	v.o.
12/29	Plymouth	23	G. d'Entremont	Canvasback			
Tundra Swan				11/2, 12/8	Cambr. (F.P.)	90, 38	Tingley, Vale
11/17	Pittsfield (Pont.)	1	E. Neumuth	11/6	Hadley	8	P. Yeskie
11/24	Plymouth (Saquish)	2	E. Neumuth	11/9	S. Quabbin	4	S. Surner
Wood Duck				11/30	Westport	26	E. Nielsen
11/2	Winchester	14	R. LaFontaine#	12/1	Lakeville	7	M. Faherty#
11/3	Northbridge	18	M. Lynch#	12/24	Falmouth	6 m	D. Silverstein#
11/3	Wakefield	11	BBC (D. Williams)	Ring-necked Duck			
11/3	Berkshire Cnty	25	Hoffmann Club	11/2	Cambr. (F.P.)	200	M. Tingley#
11/5	Deerfield	7	M. Williams	11/4	W. Newbury (C.H.)	1050	R. Heil
12/8	Arlington	2	M. Rines	11/9	Framingham	320	E. Taylor

Ring-necked Duck (continued)			11/18	Northampton	1 f	M. Williams
11/9	Pittsfield (Mud Pd)	900	11/19	Huntington	1	M. Williams
11/10	Richmond	700+	11/25	P.I.	550	R. Heil
11/18	Turners Falls	70	12/10	Revere/Winthrop	510+	R. Heil
11/18	Brockton	126	12/25	Gloucester (B.R.)	38	P. + F. Vale
11/23	Middleboro	65+		Black Scoter		
12/18	Plymouth	67	11/2	S. Quabbin	1 f	M. Lynch#
12/29	Carver	58	11/9	Sandwich	72	J. Kricher
			11/9	P.I.	16	P. + F. Vale
Tufted Duck			11/16	Rockport (A.P.)	750	R. Heil
11/28	Sterling	1 m	11/17	Richmond	1	E. Neumuth
12/1	Plymouth	1	11/17	Barnstable (S.N.)	212	J. Trimble#
12/8-29	Wachusett Res.	1	11/17	P'town (R.P.)	120	J. Trimble#
Greater Scaup			12/5	P.I.	5 f	T. Wetmore
11/2	Lakeville	29	12/8	Nahant	6	L. Pivacek
11/3	Berkshire Cnty	9		Long-tailed Duck		
11/10	Falmouth	550	11/1-10	Lincoln	1	M. Rines
11/17	Richmond	12	11/3	Pittsfield (Pont.)	2	Hoffmann Club
11/17	Rockport (A.P.)	175	11/16, 17	Rockport (A.P.)	1780, 3250	R. Heil
11/28	Sterling	26	11/16	Barnstable (S.N.)	360	G. Hirth
11/30	Westport	100	11/17	P'town (R.P.)	277	J. Trimble#
12/1	Winthrop	280	11/24	S. Quabbin	9	G. Tepke
12/1	Plymouth	40	11/24	P.I.	250	P. Roberts
12/17	Southwick	1	12/16	Nantucket	72,000	E. Ray
12/22	Winthrop	400+	12/27	Boston	214	C. Dalton
12/25	W. Boylston	47		Bufflehead		
Lesser Scaup			11/2	Lakeville	113	J. Sweeney#
11/2	Lynnfield	14	11/2	Gloucester (E.P.)	40	J. Nelson
11/3	Nahant	33	11/3	Boston	349	BBC (R. Stymeist)
11/3	Pittsfield (Pont.)	14	11/3	Pittsfield (Pont.)	26	T. Gagnon#
11/4, 12/2	W. Newbury (C.H.)	16, 11	11/3	Newbypt H.	60	T. Wetmore
11/9	Southboro	14	11/9	Westport	90	J. Hoye#
11/30	Westport	80	11/11	Randolph	33	R. Titus
12/1	Plymouth	35	11/15	Nahant	580	R. Heil
12/6	Hadley	4	11/17	Winthrop	38	P. + F. Vale
12/8	Nahant	16	11/18	Huntington	14	M. Williams
12/10	Winthrop	28	12/25	Rockport	35	P. + F. Vale
King Eider				Common Goldeneye		
thr	Gloucester	1 m	11/1	Quabbin (G40)	14	T. Gagnon
11/17	Rockport (A.P.)	2	11/3	Boston	125	BBC (R. Stymeist)
12/1	Revere	1 m	11/26	Richmond	26	T. Collins
12/27	Scituate	1 f	11/28	Wachusett Res.	25	M. Lynch#
Common Eider			12/1	Lakeville	44	M. Faherty#
11/6	P'town (R.P.)	115	12/7	Newbypt	25	P. + F. Vale
11/7	Dennis (Corp. B.)	210	12/8	Nahant	48	L. Pivacek
11/14	Eastham (F.E.)	2500	12/10	Sunderland	25	M. Williams
11/19	Sandwich	233	12/10	Newbypt H.	70	T. Wetmore
11/30	Plymouth	350+	12/25	Gloucester	28	P. + F. Vale
12/5	P.I.	250		Barrow's Goldeneye		
12/12	Dennis (Corp. B.)	235	11/9	Ipswich	1	BBC (I. Giriunas)
12/22	Winthrop	400+	12/8	S. Quabbin	1 m	M. Faherty
12/27	Boston	1011	12/12	Nantucket	2	E. Ray
Harlequin Duck			12/14	E. Falmouth	1 m	(CBC) B. Nikula#
11/3	S. Boston	1 m	12/19-21	Scituate	1 m	C. Dalton + v.o.
11/9	Eastham	1	12/23	P.I.	1 f	J. Berry
11/9	P.I.	1 f	12/29	Cotuit	3 m, 1f	G. Gove
11/21	Marblehead	3		Hooded Merganser		
11/30	N. Scituate	17	11/3	Pittsfield (Pont.)	160	T. Gagnon#
12/8	Rockport	63	11/8	Quabbin (G40)	67	C. Buelow
12/10	Winthrop	1 m	11/10	Worcester	302	M. Lynch#
12/21	Marshfield	1 m	11/10	Cheshire	70	S. Surner
Surf Scoter			11/10	Falmouth	60	G. d'Entremont
11/2	S. Quabbin	1 f	11/18	Brockton	78	M. Faherty
11/2, 12/8	Nahant	38, 11	11/25	P.I.	72	R. Heil
11/3	Windsor	2	11/26	Lincoln	182	M. Rines
11/3	Stockbridge	2	11/29	Ayer	60	E. Stromsted#
11/3	Pittsfield (Pont.)	7	11/30	Plymouth	75	D. Furbish
11/16, 17	Rockport (A.P.)	1195, 3800	12/4	Eastham	89	D. Silverstein#
11/17	Barnstable (S.N.)	318	12/7	Mashpee	96	J. Trimble
11/17	P'town (R.P.)	312	12/8	W. Quabbin	153	T. Gagnon#
12/9	Plymouth	15+	12/29	Wachusett Res.	65	S. Sutton
12/27	Boston	51		Red-breasted Merganser		
White-winged Scoter			11/3	Boston	210	BBC (R. Stymeist)
11/2, 12/8	Nahant	600, 320	11/3	E. Gloucester	80+	J. Berry
11/3	Stockbridge	2	11/7	Dennis (Corp. B.)	178	P. Flood
11/10	Lynnfield	5	11/16	P'town	1500	B. Nikula#
11/16, 17	Rockport (A.P.)	1280, 1050	11/17	Rockport (A.P.)	860	R. Heil
11/17	Barnstable (S.N.)	410	11/17	Dennis (Corp. B.)	725	B. Nikula#
11/17	P'town (R.P.)	275				

Red-breasted Merganser (continued)

11/17	Eastham (F.E.)	425	J. Trimble#
11/17	P'town (R.P.)	195	J. Trimble#
11/25	P.I.	525	R. Heil
11/30	Westport	420	E. Nielsen
12/1	Rockport (A.P.)	30	J. Hoye#
12/8	Quabbin	5	T. Gagnon

Common Merganser

11/9	Wakefield	140+	P. + F. Vale
11/10	Pittsfield (Pont.)	60	S. Surner
11/13	Ludlow	90	H. Allen
11/16	Worcester	282	M. Lynch#
11/19	Lincoln	277	M. Rines
11/28	Sterling	134	M. Lynch#
12/8, 29	Arlington	176, 111	M. Rines
12/14	Athol	1506	CBC
12/18	Plymouth	400+	C. Dalton
12/29	Wachusett Res.	60	S. Sutton

Ruddy Duck

11/2	Marlboro	382	B. Volkle
11/3	Pittsfield (Mud Pd)	20	Hoffmann Club
11/3	Boston	53	BBC (R. Stymeist)
11/4, 12/2	W. Newbury (C.H.)	380, 68	R. Heil
11/11	Randolph	76	R. Titus
11/13	Ludlow	46	H. Allen
11/20	Cambr. (F.P.)	84	B. Miller
11/20	Randolph	70	R. Titus
11/21	Melrose	142	D. + I. Jewell
11/26	Richmond	21	T. Collins
11/28	Brookline	25	E. Taylor
11/30	Westport	160	E. Nielsen
12/4	Eastham	50	D. Silverstein#
12/8	Nahant	22	L. Pivacek

Osprey

11/2	W. Newbury	1	D. Chickering
11/2	Cambr. (F.P.)	1	M. Tingley#
11/3	Wakefield	1	BBC (D. Williams)
11/3	Stockbridge	1	T. Gagnon#
11/15	Northampton	1	A. Magee
11/24	Falmouth	1	R. Heil
11/28	Sturbridge	1	D. Cabral
12/1	Lakeville	1	M. Faherty#
12/28	Quabbin CBC	1	CBC (Wilson + Emerson)

Bald Eagle

11/1-12/17	Granville	33	J. Weeks
11/2	Clinton	1	B. Volkle
11/2	Chatham (M.I.)	1 imm	D. Manchester#
11/2-26	Barre Falls	5	EMHW (B. Kamp)
11/3	Sunderland	1 ad	M. Williams
11/16	Haverhill	1	B. Landry
11/18	Turners Falls	1 ad	M. Taylor
11/24	Westport	1 2W	R. Heil
11/24	Bourne	1 ad	J. Young
11/24	Gardner	1 juv	T. Pirro
11/25	Mansfield	1 ad	K. Ryan
11/29	W. Boylston	1 imm	R. Stymeist
11/30, 12/31	Northampton	2 ad	Gentes, Taylor
12/8	Wachusett Res.	2 imm	S. Moore#
12/8	W. Quabbin	6	M. Lynch#
12/8-26, 27-31	Arlington	1 ad, 2 ad	A. Ankers#
12/10	Lakeville	3 ad, 1 imm	K. Ryan
12/15	Lenox	1	CBC (T. Collins)
12/15	New Braintree	1 ad	C. Buelow
12/18	Plymouth	1 ad	C. Dalton
12/21	S. Quabbin	9	J. Hoye#
12/31	Salisbury	1 ad	T. Wetmore

Northern Harrier

11/1-12/17	Granville	8	J. Weeks
11/1-15	Chatham (M.I.)	7	D. Manchester#
11/3, 12/5	DWWS	5, 9	D. Furbish
11/5	P.I.	11	R. Heil
11/9	Newbury	4	P. Roberts#
11/11	W. Roxbury	2	A. Joslin
11/23	Cumb. Farms	4	J. Sweeney
12/7	Bridgewater	2 f	C. Buelow
12/8	Duxbury B.	3	D. Furbish#
12/9	W. Bridgewater	2	K. Anderson
12/10	Westport	3	V. Zollo

Sharp-shinned Hawk

11/1-14	Chatham (M.I.)	69 total	D. Manchester#
11/1-12/17	Granville	19	J. Weeks
11/2-26	Barre Falls	31	EMHW (B. Kamp)
11/9	Westport	2	J. Hoye#
11/9	Lexington	2	M. Rines#
12/20	Plymouth	2	R. Titus

Cooper's Hawk

11/1-12/17	Granville	13	J. Weeks
11/2	Lexington	2	M. Rines#
11/2	Medford	2 ad	R. LaFontaine#
11/25	Chatham (M.I.)	2	D. Manchester#
11/25	E. Sandwich	2	D. Manchester
11/26	Barre Falls	4	EMHW (B. Kamp)
11/29	Gloucester	3 imm	G. d'Entremont#
11/30	Northampton	2	C. Gentes
11/30	DWWS	2	G. d'Entremont
12/1	Bridgewater	3	J. Sweeney
12/7	W. Bridgewater	2	C. Buelow#

Northern Goshawk

11/1	Barre Falls	2	EMHW (B. Kamp)
11/3	Richmond	1	T. Gagnon#
11/3	Lenox	1	R. Wheeler
11/5, 8	Granville	1, 1	J. Weeks#
11/10	Windsor	1	T. Gagnon
11/26	Barre Falls	5	EMHW (B. Kamp)
11/28	Cumb. Farms	1	K. Anderson#
12/9	Barre Falls	1 ad	EMHW (B. Kamp)
12/30	Brookline	1	H. Wiggin

Red-shouldered Hawk

11/2-12/17	Barre Falls	28	EMHW (B. Kamp)
11/3	DWWS	1	D. Furbish
11/5-30	Granville	17	J. Weeks
12/6	Southwick	1	S. Kellogg
12/7	Pittsfield	1	T. Gagnon
12/10	Lakeville	3	K. Ryan
12/11	Norton	2	K. Ryan
12/13	Stoughton	2	D. Cabral
12/15	S. Hadley	1	W. Lafley
12/18	Easton	1	D. Cabral

Red-tailed Hawk

11/1-12/17	Granville	341	J. Weeks
11/2-26	Barre Falls	157	EMHW (B. Kamp)
11/3	Pittsfield	17 migr	T. Gagnon#
11/20	DWWS	6	D. Furbish
11/24	Gardner	14 ad	T. Pirro
12/28	W. Newbury	6	P. + F. Vale

Rough-legged Hawk

thr	P.I.	1-6	T. Wetmore
11/2	Barre Falls	1 lt	EMHW (B. Kamp)
11/2	Barnstable	1 dk	J. Young#
11/2	Salisbury	1	K. Goldin
11/3, 12/5	DWWS	2, 7	D. Furbish
11/5	Chatham (M.I.)	1	D. Manchester#
11/10	Newbury	3	B. Volkle
11/15	Grafton	1 dk	D. Freeland
11/20	Middleboro	3	K. Ryan
11/23, 12/3	Granville	1, 1	J. Weeks
11/26	Leominster	1	C. Caron
11/30	Northampton	1 ad lt	C. Gentes
11/30	Boston	1 lt	G. d'Entremont
12/1	S. Quabbin	1	L. Berger
12/5	W. Bridgewater	2	K. Anderson
12/23	E. Sandwich	1 lt	D. Manchester

Golden Eagle

11/2	S. Quabbin	1 imm	M. Lynch#
12/21	S. Quabbin	1	J. Hoye#

American Kestrel

thr Reports of indiv. from 17 locations

Merlin

11/2	P.I.	2	P. + F. Vale
11/1, 2, 19	Chatham (M.I.)	2, 2, 1	D. Manchester#
11/10	Rockport (H.P.)	1	C. Caron#

Peregrine Falcon

11/1	Gay Head	2	V. Laux#
11/3	Boston	5	BBC (R. Stymeist)
11/9	P.I.	3	P. Roberts#

Peregrine Falcon (continued)				11/2, 25	P.I.	67, 1	Vale, Heil
11/2, 5, 15	Chatham (M.I.)	1, 1, 1	D. Manchester#	11/3, 24	Edgartown	15, 4	V. Laux#
11/20	Lawrence	2	J. Hogan	11/3	Pittsfield (Pont.)	1	Hoffmann Club
11/23, 12/31	Northampton	2, 1	T. Gagnon	11/7, 19	Waltham	10, 1	M. Rines
11/28, 12/21	Worcester	2, 1	M. Lynch#	11/9	Eastham (F.E.)	6	G. Hirth
12/7	Nahant	2	D. Wilkinson	11/14	Chatham (M.I.)	21	D. Manchester#
12/15	Amherst	3	D. Ziomek	11/17	Winthrop	5	P. + F. Vale
12/22	P.I.	1 imm	R. Heil	11/24	Quabbin	1	Hampshire Club
thr	Reports of indiv. from 14 locations						
Gyr Falcon *					Lesser Yellowlegs		
12/13-31	Boston	1 ph	R. Donovan + v.o.	11/2	P.I.	4	P. + F. Vale
				11/25	Newbypt	1	R. Heil
Ruffed Grouse					Solitary Sandpiper		
11/4	Hardwick	1	C. Buelow	11/24	Westport	1	R. Heil
11/7	Sherborn	2	E. Taylor		Spotted Sandpiper		
11/8	Quabbin (G40)	2	C. Buelow	11/3	Cheshire	1	R. Packard
11/15	Granville	1	J. Weeks		Hudsonian Godwit		
12/8	W. Boylston	1	S. Sutton	11/1, 23	P.I.	2	Wetmore, Hoye
Wild Turkey				11/2	Barnstable	2	J. Young
11/thr	DWWS	2	D. Furbish	11/3	Essex	1	D. Brown
11/2, 12	Westminster	11, 18	C. Caron	11/11	Ipswich	2	R. Heil
11/4	New Salem	6	C. Buelow	11/19	Fairhaven	1	M. Boucher
11/4-22	P.I.	1	v.o.		Ruddy Turnstone		
11/23	Templeton	133	T. Pirro	11/10	Sandwich	13	J. Kricher
11/24	Quabbin	16	T. Gagnon#	11/24-12/15	P.I.	1	T. Wetmore
11/26	Amherst	40	J. Gawienowski	11/30, 12/7	Chatham (S.B.)	4, 2	B. Nikula
12/1	Easton	9	K. Ryan	12/27	N. Scituate	1	C. Dalton
12/4	Westfield	40	S. Kellogg	12/28	Gloucester	15	S. Leonard
12/11	Rowley	8	J. Berry#		Red Knot		
Northern Bobwhite				11/24	Edgartown	1	V. Laux#
12/19	Eastham (F.H.)	9	R. Heil	11/30, 12/7	Chatham (S.B.)	65, 60	B. Nikula
Virginia Rail				12/19	Scituate	2	C. Dalton
12/5	P.I.	1	T. Wetmore		Sanderling		
12/13	W. Harwich	1	CCBC (M. Dettrey)	11/5	P.I.	400	R. Heil
12/22	Newbypt	1	R. Heil	11/7, 12/12	Dennis (Corp. B.)	300, 60	P. Flood
Common Moorhen				11/9	N. Monomoy	800	B. Nikula
11/1-10	Lenox	1	v.o.	11/15	Lynn/Nahant	575	R. Heil
American Coot				11/24	P.I.	130+	P. Roberts
11/2	Gloucester (E.P.)	1	J. Nelson	11/24	Edgartown	400	V. Laux#
11/11	Woburn	11	M. Rines	11/30, 12/7	Chatham (S.B.)	900, 500	B. Nikula
11/20	Cambr. (F.P.)	17	B. Miller	12/1	Winthrop	300+ BBC (R. Stymeist)	R. Heil
12/20	Medford	8	A. Ankers	12/10	Revere	500	R. Heil
12/21	Arlington	6	K. Hartel		Semipalmated Sandpiper		
12/29	Plymouth	7	G. d'Entremont	11/2	Salisbury	2	D. Chickering
Sandhill Crane				11/2	P'town	3	J. Kricher
11/9	Granville	1	J. Weeks	11/5	P.I.	10	R. Heil
Black-bellied Plover					Western Sandpiper		
11/1	Quabbin (G40)	8	T. Gagnon	11/5	P.I.	2	R. Heil
11/2	Salisbury	9	P. + F. Vale	11/30, 12/7	Chatham (S.B.)	3, 2	B. Nikula
11/5, 11/22	P.I.	82, 10	Heil, Wetmore	12/15	Chatham (S.B.)	3	(CBC) P. Flood
11/5	Chatham (M.I.)	30	D. Manchester#		White-rumped Sandpiper		
11/9	N. Monomoy	370	B. Nikula	11/1	Quabbin (G40)	1	T. Gagnon
11/24	Plymouth (Saquish)	6	E. Neumuth#	11/3	Pittsfield (Pont.)	1	T. Gagnon#
11/30, 12/7	Chatham (S.B.)	130, 75	B. Nikula	11/5, 25	P.I.	24, 21	R. Heil
American Golden-Plover				11/9	Ipswich	2	J. Berry#
11/1-22	P.I.	1-2	T. Wetmore	11/13	Lincoln	5	M. Rines
11/9	E. Quabbin	1	A. Magee	11/24	Edgartown	1	V. Laux#
Semipalmated Plover				12/15	Eastham (CGB)	1	(CBC) W. Petersen#
11/5	P.I.	68	R. Heil		Pectoral Sandpiper		
11/5	Sandwich	2	J. Kricher	11/2	P'town	5	J. Kricher
11/9	Hyannis	6	C. Buelow	11/3	Cumb.Farms	20	BBC (E. Giles)
11/9	N. Monomoy	9	B. Nikula	11/4	Newbury	6	R. Heil
11/10	Gloucester	4	C. Caron#	11/5	P.I.	3	R. Heil
11/19	Essex	2	J. Soucy#	11/9	Hyannis	3	C. Buelow
Piping Plover				11/10	Pittsfield (Pont.)	5	S. Surner
11/30	Chatham (S.B.)	2	B. Nikula	11/11	Ipswich	7	R. Heil
Killdeer				11/13	Lincoln	2	M. Rines
11/1	Harvard	3	S. Sutton		Purple Sandpiper		
11/2	Whately	8	M. Lynch#	11/9	Westport	14	J. Hoye#
11/2	Winchester	5	R. LaFontaine#	11/13	Dennis (Corp. B.)	1	B. Nikula
11/9	Northampton	4	S. Surner	11/23	Rockport	100	S. Sutton
11/10	Ipswich	3	C. Caron#	11/24, 12/15	P.I.	3, 3	T. Wetmore
12/8	E. Sandwich	3	D. Manchester	11/24	Plymouth	5	E. Neumuth
12/9	Fairhaven	1	V. Zollo	11/29	Salisbury	15	D. Bates#
12/20	Plymouth	1	R. Titus	11/30	N. Scituate	30+	C. Nims
American Oystercatcher				12/25	Nahant	70	R. Heil
11/3, 17	Edgartown	12, 3	V. Laux#		Dunlin		
Greater Yellowlegs				11/1	Quabbin (G40)	68	T. Gagnon
11/1	Quabbin (G40)	7	T. Gagnon	11/3	Stockbridge	1	H. Allen

Dunlin (continued)				Bonaparte's Gull			
11/9	N. Monomoy	950	B. Nikula	11/3	Waltham	1	M. Rines
11/10	Lincoln	7	M. Rines	11/4	Ipswich	800+	R. Heil
11/24	Plymouth	80+	E. Neumuth#	11/9	N. Monomoy	170	B. Nikula
11/25	P.I.	1350	R. Heil	11/13, 17	Dennis (Corp. B.)	920, 1630	B. Nikula
11/30, 12/7	Chatham (S.B.)	3000, 2500	B. Nikula	11/13, 12/11	Rockport (A.P.)	415, 200	R. Heil
12/10	Revere	130	R. Heil	11/14	Eastham (F.E.)	590	B. Nikula
12/15	Rockport (A.P.)	165	R. Heil	11/15	Lynn/Nahant	1640	R. Heil
12/29	Plymouth	500	G. d'Entremont	11/17	Barnstable (S.N.)	1291	J. Trimble#
Dowitcher species				11/25	Edgartown	200+	V. Laux
11/2	Salisbury	1	P. + F. Vale	11/30	Westport	290	E. Nielsen
11/5	P.I.	5	R. Heil	12/1	Wellfleet H.	200	B. Nikula
Wilson's Snipe				12/30	Nantucket	3500+	F. Gallo
11/3	Northbridge	12	M. Lynch#	Iceland Gull			
11/4	Newbury	7	R. Heil	11/11-23	Gardner	1 1W	T. Pirro
11/9, 26	Southwick	3, 2	S. Kellogg	11/16, 22	Rockport (A.P.)	1 1W	R. Heil
11/10	Whately	7	R. Packard	11/20, 12/13	Turners Falls	1	W. Lafley
11/10	Ipswich	4	F. Bouchard	11/27	P.I.	1 1W	B. Stevens
11/17	Pittsfield	1	G. Shampang	12/8	Salisbury	1 1W	G. Tepke#
12/4	Newbypt	8	D. Larson	12/8	Gloucester	1 1W	T. Pirro
12/8	E. Sandwich	2	D. Manchester	12/9, 15	Northampton	1	T. Gagnon
American Woodcock				12/11, 15	Rockport (A.P.)	4, 6	R. Heil
11/2	Methuen	2	R. Stymeist#	12/12	Taunton	1 1W	J. Sweeney
11/6	Hadley	1	H. Allen	12/13	Turners Falls	2	W. Lafley
11/6	Medford	1	M. Rines	12/14	Agawam	1	S. Kellogg
11/23	W. Springfield	1	T. Roberts	12/16	Gill	1 juv	M. Taylor
12/7	Winchester	1	A. Ankers	12/19	Newbypt	1 ad	T. Wetmore
Red Phalarope				12/28	P'town	1	J. Young#
11/18	Eastham (F.E.)	135	R. Heil	12/30	Nantucket	15	F. Gallo
Phalarope species				Lesser Black-backed Gull			
11/7	Eastham (F.E.)	21	B. Nikula	thr	Boston	1	R. Stymeist#
Skua species (no details) *				11/3	Chatham (S.B.)	1	R. Donovan
11/7	Eastham (F.E.)	1	B. Nikula	11/17	P'town (R.P.)	1 ad	J. Trimble#
11/17	Rockport (A.P.)	1	R. Heil	11/19, 12/1	Plymouth	1, 2	Ludlow, Faherty
Pomarine Jaeger				11/21	Chatham	1 ad	J. Kricher
11/6, 16	P'town (R.P.)	2, 2	Flood, Nikula	11/24, 12/30	Nantucket	41, 12	Kennedy, Gallo
11/6, 13	Rockport (A.P.)	77, 12	R. Heil	12/8-22	Newbypt	1 4W	R. Heil
11/7, 14	Eastham (F.E.)	55, 4	B. Nikula	12/14	Longmeadow	2	J. Faucher
11/16, 17	Rockport (A.P.)	29, 107	R. Heil	12/31	Boston	1	S. Moore
11/17, 27	P'town (R.P.)	11, 1	Trimble, Flood	Glaucous Gull			
11/17	Barnstable (S.N.)	1	J. Trimble#	12/4	Gloucester	1 1W	N. Soulette#
11/18	Eastham (F.E.)	102	R. Heil	12/11	Rockport (A.P.)	1 1W	R. Heil
12/11, 12	Rockport (A.P.)	10, 24	R. Heil	12/19	P'town (R.P.)	1 ad	C. Tessaglia
12/17, 26	Eastham (F.E.)	8, 6	Nikula, Bonomo	Great Black-backed Gull			
12/26	Dennis	21	(CBC) P. Flood#	11/16	P'town	2000+	B. Nikula#
Parasitic Jaeger				Black-legged Kittiwake			
11/18	Eastham (F.E.)	1	W. Petersen#	11/3	Chatham (S.B.)	75	R. Donovan
Jaeger species				11/6, 16	Rockport (A.P.)	1675, 1320	R. Heil
11/7, 14	Eastham (F.E.)	25, 5	B. Nikula	11/7, 12/12	Dennis (Corp. B.)	996, 260	P. Flood
11/16, 17	P'town (R.P.)	4, 6	Nikula, Trimble	11/7, 14	Eastham (F.E.)	3500, 240	B. Nikula
Laughing Gull				11/16, 12/25	P'town (R.P.)	495, 140	B. Nikula#
11/6	Rockport (A.P.)	3 ads	R. Heil	11/17	Barnstable (S.N.)	418	J. Trimble#
11/9	Dennis (Corp. B.)	12	G. Hirth	11/17	Rockport (A.P.)	1600	R. Heil
11/9	Westport	6	J. Hoye#	12/8	E. Orleans	150	B. Nikula#
11/9	Sandwich	87	J. Kricher	12/11, 14	Rockport (A.P.)	700, 1500	R. Heil
11/15	Marblehead	2 ad	R. Heil	12/17	Eastham (F.E.)	130	B. Nikula
11/17	P'town (R.P.)	1 ad	J. Trimble#	12/25	N. Truro	135	B. Nikula
11/24	Nantucket	1	B. Kennedy	Roseate Tern			
11/24	Westport	2	W. Petersen	11/17	Oak Bluffs	1 ad	V. Laux#
11/25	Edgartown	5	V. Laux#	Common Tern			
Little Gull				11/3	Eastham (CGB)	15	B. Nikula
11/3	Chatham (S.B.)	1	R. Donovan	11/3	Chatham (S.B.)	4	R. Donovan
11/5	Vineyard Haven	1	A. Keith	11/6	Rockport (A.P.)	1	R. Heil
11/9	N. Monomoy	1 1W	B. Nikula	11/9	Westport	1	J. Hoye#
11/10	Newbypt	1	D. Chickering	11/9	Sandwich	1	J. Kricher
11/13, 16	Rockport (A.P.)	2, 2	R. Heil	11/14, 18	Eastham (F.E.)	16, 4	B. Nikula
11/14	Eastham (F.E.)	2	B. Nikula	11/23, 12/1	Wellfleet H.	6, 1	B. Nikula#
11/15	Lynn	1 ad.	R. Heil	Forster's Tern			
11/17, 24	Dennis (Corp. B.)	4, 1	B. Nikula#	11/3	Eastham (CGB)	8+	B. Nikula
11/17	Barnstable (S.N.)	3	J. Trimble#	11/3	Chatham (S.B.)	12	R. Donovan
11/24, 12/30	Nantucket	12, 13	Kennedy, Gallo	11/7	Dennis (Corp. B.)	3	P. Flood
Black-headed Gull				11/9	N. Monomoy	3	B. Nikula
11/9	Salisbury	2	M. Resch	11/23	Wellfleet H.	2	B. Nikula#
11/17	Barnstable (S.N.)	1 ad	J. Trimble#	11/24	Westport	1	R. Heil
12/17	Milford	1	G. Gove	11/25	Edgartown	2	V. Laux
12/29	Osterville	1	G. Gove	12/10	Nantucket	1	B. Kennedy
12/30	Nantucket	1 1W	F. Gallo	Dovekie			
				11/14	Eastham (F.E.)	1	B. Nikula

Dovekie (continued)			Black Guillemot				
11/17, 12/25	P'town (R.P.)	8, 17	Trimble, Nikula	11/6	Rockport (A.P.)	7	R. Heil
11/24, 12/14	Rockport (A.P.)	2	Griffith, Leahy	11/13, 12/12	Rockport (A.P.)	11, 17	R. Heil
12/19	Cape Cod Bay	4	C. Tessaglia	12/7	Gloucester (B.R.)	10	G. Tepke#
12/26	Eastham (F.E.)	20	N. Bonomo	12/19	Hull	32	C. Dalton
Common Murre				12/21	Gloucester (B.R.)	25	P. + F. Vale
11/6, 16	Rockport (A.P.)	1, 2	R. Heil	12/25	P'town (R.P.), N. Truro	2, 2	B. Nikula
12/11, 12	Rockport (A.P.)	27, 420	R. Heil	12/27	Marblehead	2	K. Haley
Thick-billed Murre				12/28	P.I.	11	P. + F. Vale
11/6, 16	Rockport (A.P.)	4, 12	R. Heil	12/29	Marshfield	2	G. d'Entremont
11/17, 12/12	Rockport (A.P.)	11, 14	R. Heil	Atlantic Puffin			
11/17	Barnstable (S.N.)	2	J. Trimble#	11/6, 13	Rockport (A.P.)	4, 1	R. Heil
11/23	P'town H.	1	J. Young	11/17	P'town (R.P.)	2	J. Trimble#
12/26	Eastham (F.E.)	2	N. Bonomo	12/11, 12	Rockport (A.P.)	3, 1	R. Heil
Razorbill				12/17	Eastham (F.E.)	1	B. Nikula
11/6, 22	Rockport (A.P.)	243, 511	R. Heil	Large alcid species			
11/7, 12/12	Dennis (Corp. B.)	1, 650	P. Flood	11/14, 12/17	Eastham (F.E.)	135, 130	B. Nikula
11/14, 12/26	Eastham (F.E.)	30	Nikula, Bonomo	11/16, 12/25	P'town (R.P.)	180, 290	B. Nikula#
11/16, 17	P'town (R.P.)	135, 158	Nikula, Trimble	12/8	E. Orleans	500	B. Nikula#
11/25	Edgartown	30+	V. Laux	12/12	Dennis (Corp. B.)	800+	P. Flood
12/12, 15	Rockport (A.P.)	1180, 1410	R. Heil	12/12	Rockport (A.P.)	1800+	R. Heil
12/22	P.I.	210	R. Heil	12/15	P.I.	45	T. Wetmore
12/23, 25	P'town (R.P.)	350, 400	Brissette, Nikula	12/25	Nahant	60	R. Heil
12/25	N. Truro	110	B. Nikula	12/26	Eastham (F.E.)	2250	N. Bonomo
12/25	Nahant	375	R. Heil				

DOVES THROUGH FINCHES

The bird of the month, a **Calliope Hummingbird**, was first identified on the Cape Cod CBC on Sunday, December 15. This bird had been present since early November, and the homeowner had thought it was a Ruby-throat. It came to the attention of local birders on December 9, who assumed it would be a *Selasphorus* hummingbird, the more likely species at this time of year. The homeowner did not want birders disturbing the bird but agreed to let a group visit during the Christmas Bird Count on December 15, at which time it was identified as a Calliope. Other groups were allowed to visit on December 17 and 19 and photographs were taken. The bird, if accepted by the MARC, will be the first record for Massachusetts. It was just last December that two Calliope Hummingbirds were discovered in New York City, establishing a first record for New York state. This November both Ohio and Pennsylvania confirmed their first Calliope Hummingbirds as well.

The Calliope Hummingbird has some pretty stiff competition for the bird of the month. A **Cassin's Kingbird**, already accepted by the MARC, was discovered in Whately on November 1 but only remained until November 2. It was most cooperative, allowing close views and photographs, and many observers were able to really see the paler wing coverts and hear the distinctive calls. A *Tyrannus* flycatcher was discovered feeding on euonymus berries in North Falmouth on December 2, but it could not be relocated the following day despite a careful search by many birders. It was reported as a Thick-billed Kingbird, but was eventually not accepted by the MARC because the report could not definitively eliminate other similar species such as Gray, Giant, or Loggerhead Kingbird. *Bird Observer* does not normally publish reports which have not been accepted by the MARC. However, this record almost certainly represented one of the four above mentioned *Tyrannus* flycatcher species, and while its actual identity remains a mystery, it nevertheless warrants publication.

Another fine flycatcher, a **Say's Phoebe**, was seen catching insects under the eaves of a Berkshire Community College building in Pittsfield, where it remained for the day, allowing a few local birders to see it; this is just the third western Massachusetts record for this species, the previous one on September 18, 2002, in Northampton.

On Saturday, November 23, there was a major fallout of Cave Swallows along the Connecticut coast with over 100 seen at Lighthouse Point. The next day several unidentified swallows were reported on Plum Island and in Dennis. Details reported by the observers were suggestive of Cave Swallow, but these birds evaded definitive views. In light of all the recent

reports of this species from New Jersey and New York, it is likely to be just a matter of time before we can add this bird to the state list. Unfortunately the observers could not be sure of the identification and, like the Red Sox, we will have to wait until next year.

Two additional *Selasphorus* hummingbirds were found during the period, including a second bird visiting a feeder in Newbury. This brings the total number of vagrant hummingbirds this fall to ten individuals, a veritable invasion. A **Varied Thrush** was banded at Manomet in early November, a bit earlier than most records for this species in the state. Rounding out the more unusual species noted during the period was a female **Brewer's Blackbird** found in Ipswich, just the second record for Essex County, the only other record being in South Peabody on September 27, 1980. A first-year male **Yellow-headed Blackbird** spent a few days in West Bridgewater.

Despite the cold and snow several species lingered beyond their normal migration date. The most unusual was a White-eyed Vireo found in West Gloucester on December 5th, just the third December record for this species in Massachusetts. The other records were of a bird on the Buzzards' Bay CBC on 12/15/79 and another in Chilmark on 12/26/94. Other late birds included Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Magnolia, and Black-and-white warblers, and Rose-breasted Grosbeak. In recent years there have been an increasing number of summer residents which linger well beyond their normal migration date. This year these include Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers, Eastern Phoebes, Tree Swallows, and Chipping Sparrows.

On the down side, Red-breasted Nuthatches, Brown Creepers, and especially Purple Finches were recorded in much lower than normal numbers, and there was no indication of any sort of winter finch invasion, with just a scattering of Evening Grosbeaks noted. Many observers remarked on the much lower numbers of the more common birds such as chickadees and nuthatches in their areas, and folks also commented on the scarcity of birds coming to their feeders.

R. Stymeist

Mourning Dove			12/15	Nantucket	1	E. Ray	
12/5	W. Bridgewater	550+		12/21	Southwick	1	S. Kellogg
Eastern Screech-Owl			12/23	Lexington	1	M. Rines	
thr	Reports of indiv. from 10 locations		12/29	Petersham	1	W. Laflay	
Great Horned Owl				Calliope Hummingbird (details submitted) *			
thr	Reports of indiv. from 11 locations			thr	Eastham 1 ph	J. Kricher, A. Fuller + v.o.	
12/10	Hardwick	3		<i>Selasphorus</i> species			
12/16	Bradford	2		11/1-7, 8-25	Newbury	1, 2	R. Stichter
Snowy Owl				12/1	E. Bridgewater	1	R. + F. Ellis
11/26	Salisbury	1		Belted Kingfisher			
12/13	P.I.	1		11/10	Falmouth	2	G. d'Entremont
Barred Owl				11/10	Worcester	4	M. Lynch#
11/16	DWWS	1		12/15	New Braintree	2	C. Buelow
11/20	Granville	1		Red-headed Woodpecker			
11/22	Quabbin (G40)	1		11/5	Chatham (M.I.)	1	D. Manchester#
12/6	Ashfield	1		12/29	Greenfield	1	CBC
12/10	Hardwick	3		Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			
Long-eared Owl				11/6	Medford	1	M. Rines
11/thr	DWWS	2		11/30-12/31	Mt.A.	1-2	R. Stymeist#
12/4	P.I.	1		12/4	Boston (A.A.)	2 m	A. Joslin
12/11	Rowley	1		12/14	Longmeadow	1	J. Faucher
12/21	Salisbury	1		12/15	Williamsburg	1	R. Packard
Short-eared Owl				12/17	Westport	1	M. Boucher
11/2	Rockport (A.P.)	1		12/29	Greenfield	1	CBC (T. Gagnon)
11/19	Dartmouth (A.P.)	1		Hairy Woodpecker			
11/26	Salisbury	1		11/21	Townsend	3	R. Stymeist
12/13	P.I.	1		11/21	Ashby	2	R. Stymeist
12/14	Nantucket	2		11/thr	Maynard	4	L. Nachtrab
12/17	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	1		Northern Flicker			
12/27	Eastham (F.H.)	1		11/28	Mt.A.	5	R. Stymeist
12/29	DWWS	1		11/29	WBWS	7	M. Dettrey#
12/30	Nahant	1		12/4	Dennisport	4	D. Silverstein#
Northern Saw-whet Owl				12/13	P.I.	3	T. Wetmore
11/1-15	Williamstown	17 b		12/15	New Braintree	4	C. Buelow
11/23	Brimfield	1		Pileated Woodpecker			
11/28	Monson	1		11/5	Sunderland	1	M. Williams

Pileated Woodpecker (continued)				12/4	W. Northfield	80	M. Taylor
11/14	Gardner	1	T. Pirro	Tree Swallow			
11/19	Granville	1	J. Weeks	11/5	Chappaquiddick	5000	A. Keith#
11/21	Ashby	2	R. Stymeist	11/25	P.I.	3	T. Wetmore
11/21	Brimfield	1	I. Lynch	12/1	Barnstable	1	J. Trimble
11/25	Quabbin (G37)	2	C. Buelow	12/8	Hatchville	22	P. Kyle#
12/8	Hardwick	1	C. Buelow	12/8, 24	Falmouth	130, 5	Trimble, Silverstein
Eastern Phoebe				Northern Rough-winged Swallow			
11/2	Arlington	1	R. LaFontaine#	11/9	Sandwich	1	J. Kricher
11/2	Holyoke	1	J. LaPointe	Tufted Titmouse			
11/3	GMNWR	1	MAS (J. Liller)	11/14	M.V.	1	O. Spalding#
11/3	Lanesboro	1	R. Packard	Red-breasted Nuthatch			
11/5	Wayland	1	A. McCarthy#	12/8	W. Quabbin	5	M. Lynch#
11/20	Barre Falls	1	B. Kamp#	12/8	Wachusett Res.	2	S. Moore#
11/23	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson	12/29	W. Boylston	3+	S. Sutton
11/26	DWWS	1	D. Furbish#	12/30	Montague	3	C. Buelow
11/26	Williamsburg	1	G. LeBaron	Brown Creeper			
12/9-31	Wayland	1	G. Long#	11/5	Wakefield	2	F. Vale
12/28	Quabbin	1	CBC	11/21	Townsend	4	R. Stymeist
Say's Phoebe (details submitted) *				11/23	Medford	2	R. LaFontaine
11/6	Pittsfield	1	R. Ferren#	12/8	W. Quabbin	2	M. Lynch#
Cassin's Kingbird (accepted by MARC) *				12/15	Petersham	2	C. Buelow
11/1-2	Whately	1	B. Packard+ v.o.	12/28	Sudbury	4	E. Salmela
Thick-billed Kingbird (Not accepted by MARC) *				Carolina Wren			
12/2	Falmouth	1	I. Nisbet	11/3	Northbridge	5	M. Lynch#
Northern Shrike				11/3	Boston	12	BBC (R. Stymeist)
11/1, 26	Barre Falls	1	B. Kamp#	11/9	Westport	12	J. Hoyer#
11/9-12/31	P.I.	1	D. Chickering#	11/9	Lexington	9	M. Rines#
11/9, 12/22	Carlisle	1	D. + T. Brownrigg	11/10	Worcester	7	M. Lynch#
11/15-12/31	Lexington	1 imm	R. LaFontaine#	11/15	Marblehead	22	R. Heil
12/15	Baldwinville	2	T. Pirro	11/21	Unstable	6	R. Stymeist
thr	Reports of indiv. from 20 locations			12/5	Cape Ann	15	R. Heil
White-eyed Vireo				Winter Wren			
12/5	Gloucester	1 1W	R. Heil	11/15	Marblehead	5	R. Heil
Blue-headed Vireo				11/21	Ashby	2	R. Stymeist
11/8	Gay Head	1	A. Keith	11/21	Townsend	2	R. Stymeist
11/19	Plymouth	1	D. Ludlow	12/8	Hardwick	3	C. Buelow
Red-eyed Vireo				12/15	New Braintree	2	C. Buelow
11/1	Gay Head	1	V. Laux#	Marsh Wren			
11/15	Nantucket	1	E. Andrews	11/24	Westport	2	R. Heil
American Crow				11/25	Newbypt	1	R. Heil
11/5	Northampton	500+	M. Williams	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			
12/26	Worcester	3500+	M. Lynch#	11/1	W. Falmouth	1	R. Vander Pyl
12/thr	Framingham	2000+	E. Taylor	Golden-crowned Kinglet			
Fish Crow				11/2	Cambr. (F.P.)	10	M. Tingley#
11/3	Boston	20	BBC (R. Stymeist)	11/3	Northbridge	6	M. Lynch#
11/14	Eastham (F.E.)	1	B. Nikula	11/4-8	Boston	10	G. Tepke
11/20	Randolph	6	R. Titus	11/9, 12/11	Hyannis	12, 18	C. Buelow
11/30	DWWS	4	D. Furbish	11/10	Worcester	7	M. Lynch#
12/15	Pittsfield	1	CBC (T. Collins)	11/11	Woburn	8	M. Rines
12/15	Northampton	4	T. Gagnon	11/23	Paxton	7	M. Lynch#
12/21	Southwick	1	J. Hutchison	11/25	Quabbin (G37)	10	C. Buelow
12/26	Worcester	2	M. Lynch#	12/8	W. Quabbin	29	M. Lynch#
12/thr	Watertown	60	R. Stymeist#	12/30	Montague	7	C. Buelow
Common Raven				Ruby-crowned Kinglet			
11/2	Whately	1	M. Williams	11/2, 14	Lexington	9, 3	M. Rines#
11/2, 12/9	Barre Falls	12, 3	B. Kamp	11/2	Holyoke	3	M. Lynch#
11/3, 12/7	Granville	5, 3	J. Weeks#	11/3, 16	Boston	13, 3	R. Stymeist
11/15, 29	W. Mansfield	1	K. Ryan	11/6	Medford	6	M. Rines
12/8	New Salem	3	M. Lynch#	11/10	Worcester	4	M. Lynch#
12/8	W. Quabbin	12	M. Lynch#	11/15	Marblehead	3	R. Heil
12/21	S. Quabbin	5	J. Hoyer#	11/20-12/31	Reports of indiv. from 13 locations		
12/23	Canton	1	V. Zollo	Eastern Bluebird			
12/23	Oakham	2	C. Buelow	11/3	DWWS	12	D. Furbish
12/29	Gardner	2	T. Pirro	11/3	Cumb.Farms	25+	BBC (E. Giles)
12/29	Wachusett Res.	2	S. Sutton	11/9	Stow	17	S. Sutton
Horned Lark				11/15	Lincoln	24	M. Rines
11/3	Chatham (S.B.)	80	R. Donovan	11/29	Warren	18	R. Stymeist
11/4	Newbury	165	R. Heil	12/4	Gill	12	M. Taylor
11/4	Katama	45	V. Laux	12/8	Hardwick	14	C. Buelow
11/5	Westminster	35	C. Caron	12/8	Newbury	10+	R. Heil
11/8, 22	Lincoln	6, 35	M. Rines	12/14	Holliston	5	J. Hoyer#
11/9, 12/9	Northampton	300, 600	Turner, Gagnon	12/24	Lexington	5	R. LaFontaine
11/11	Ipswich	350+	R. Heil	Hermit Thrush			
11/14	Granville	40	J. Weeks#	11/3	Boston	7	BBC (R. Stymeist)
11/19	Groton	30	T. Pirro	11/6	Medford	8	M. Rines
11/19	Deerfield	75	B. Packard	11/19	Stoneham	5	D. + I. Jewell
11/29, 12/30	P.I.	200, 4	Bates, Wetmore	11/29, 12/29	Woburn	6, 4	M. Rines

Hermit Thrush (continued)									
12/1	Barnstable	10	J. Trimble	11/10	Falmouth	39	G. d'Entremont		
12/4	Salem	2	R. Heil	11/19	Chatham (M.I.)	60	D. Manchester#		
12/5	Gloucester	2	R. Heil	11/30	S. Dart (A.Pd)	35	E. Nielsen		
12/17	Westport	6	M. Boucher	12/2	P.I.	26	D. Schell		
12/21	Southwick	1	S. Kellogg	12/9	Fairhaven	12	V. Zollo		
12/31	Ipswich	2	J. Berry	12/10	Westport	20+	V. Zollo		
American Robin				12/14	Longmeadow	1	J. Hutchison		
11/2	Methuen	10,000+	J. Hogan#	12/21	Southwick	1	J. Hutchison		
11/9	Lexington	625	M. Rines#	Black-throated Green Warbler					
11/10	P'town	800	B. Nikula	11/11	Sandwich	1	M. Keleher		
11/19	Granville	380	J. Weeks	Yellow-throated Warbler					
12/4	Lakeville	554	R. Titus	11/8-30	Vineyard Haven	1E. + M. Sibert + v.o.			
12/22	Newbypt	315	R. Heil	Pine Warbler					
12/28	Quabbin	1086	CBC	11/3	Rockport	1	B. Pfeiffer		
Varied Thrush				11/9	Northampton	1	C. Gentes		
11/8	Manomet	1 b	fide T. Lloyd-Evans	12/22	Harwich	1	M. Dettrey		
Gray Catbird				Palm Warbler					
11/9	Lexington	3	M. Rines#	11/2	Holyoke	10	H. Allen		
11/9	Westport	4	J. Hoye#	11/3	Northbridge	2	M. Lynch#		
11/10	Falmouth	4	G. d'Entremont	11/11	W. Roxbury	4	A. Joslin		
12/5	Gloucester	2	R. Heil	11/14	Lexington	1	M. Rines		
12/15	Amherst	1	K. Meyer	11/29	Falmouth	4	B. Good		
12/21	Southwick	1	S. Kellogg	12/7	Hyannis	1	M. Dettrey		
Brown Thrasher				Blackpoll Warbler					
11/10	Rockport	1	C. Caron#	11/1	Gay Head	1	A. Keith		
American Pipit				Black-and-white Warbler					
11/1	Hyannis	16	C. Buelow	12/1	Lakeville	1	M. Faherty#		
11/1	Lincoln	55	M. Rines	12/15	E. Orleans	1	(CBC) J. Trimble#		
11/2	Whatley	100	M. Williams	12/19-22	Chatham	1	J. Kenneally		
11/3	Deerfield	100+	C. Buelow	Common Yellowthroat					
11/4	Katama	20+	V. Laux	11/3	GMNWR	1	MAS (J. Liller)		
11/5	Northampton	70	M. Williams	11/14	Lexington	1	M. Rines		
11/9	Ipswich	50	BBC (I. Girunus)	11/25	Newbypt	1	R. Heil		
11/11	Nantucket	50	N. Slavitz	12/2	Salisbury	1	R. Heil		
11/11	Groton	50	T. Pirro	12/27	Amherst	1	D. Minnear		
11/26	Tyringham	1	T. Collins	Wilson's Warbler					
12/29	P.I.	3	T. Wetmore	11/9, 23	Boston	2, 1	M. Verdoes		
Cedar Waxwing				11/14	Lexington	1	M. Rines		
11/1	Deerfield	100	R. Packard	Yellow-breasted Chat					
11/1	Whatley	100	R. Packard	11/2, 12/24	Nahant	1, 1	L. Pivacek		
11/3	Richmond	150	H. Allen	11/3	E. Boston	1	BBC (R. Stymeist)		
11/10	Falmouth	75	G. d'Entremont	11/10	Falmouth	1	G. d'Entremont		
11/19	Amherst	44	M. Faherty	11/18	Bradford	1	J. Lawrence		
11/29	Warren	46	R. Stymeist	11/20	Concord (NAC)	1 f HY b	K. Clayton#		
12/22	Truro/Wellfleet	470	(CBC) B. Nikula#	11/20	Squamot	1	P. O'Neill		
12/29	Westminster	90	T. Pirro	11/29	Newbypt	1	D. Chickering		
12/30	Ashburnham	750+	T. Pirro	12/3	Marshfield	1	D. Furbish		
Orange-crowned Warbler				Eastern Towhee					
11/1	Gay Head	1	V. Laux#	11/10	Stoneham	1 f	P. + F. Vale		
11/1	Brewster	1	D. Silverstein	11/21	Mattapoisett	2	F. Smith		
11/3	Boston	2	BBC (R. Stymeist)	12/thr	E. Middleboro	1 m	K. Anderson		
11/9	Westport	1	J. Hoye#	12/10	Westport	2	V. Zollo		
11/11	Hadley	1	P. Yeskie	12/29	Deerfield	1	T. Gagnon		
11/15	Marblehead	1	R. Heil	12/31	Wakefield	1 m	F. Vale		
11/23, 12/24	Medford	1	R. LaFontaine	American Tree Sparrow					
11/24	Falmouth	1	R. Heil	11/19	Amherst	36	M. Faherty		
12/9	Fairhaven	1	V. Zollo	11/20	Middleboro	30+	K. Ryan		
Nashville Warbler				11/25	P.I.	75	R. Heil		
11/1	Amherst	1	D. Minnear	12/1	Lakeville	35	M. Faherty#		
11/4	W. Newbury	1	R. Heil	12/2	Salisbury	30+	R. Heil		
11/6	Medford	1	M. Rines	12/2	Groton	50+	T. Pirro		
11/9	Lexington	2	M. Rines#	12/6	Lincoln	200	M. Rines		
11/10	Whatley	1	B. Packard#	12/7	Bolton Flats	380+	S. Sutton		
11/14	Boston	1	G. Tepke	12/19	Hadley	75	M. Williams		
11/23	Paxton	1	M. Lynch#	12/31	Northampton	120	M. Taylor		
11/24	Westport	1	R. Heil	Chipping Sparrow					
12/6	S. Peabody	1	R. Heil	11/2	Winchester	2	R. LaFontaine#		
Magnolia Warbler				11/17	Athol	1	D. Small		
11/14	Chilmark	1	A. Keith	12/thr	Falmouth	18 max	G. Gove#		
Black-throated Blue Warbler				12/13	E. Middleboro	3	K. Anderson		
11/1	Bourne	1 m	J. Kricher	12/27	Stoughton	5	V. Zollo		
11/9	Boston	1 f	M. Verdoes	Clay-colored Sparrow					
11/14	P.I.	1 m	M. Resch	11/10	Truro	1	B. Nikula		
11/20	Hadley	1	P. Yeskie	11/10-12	W. Roxbury	1	A. Joslin + v.o.		
Yellow-rumped Warbler				12/7-30	Newbypt	1	S. Grinley + v.o.		
11/2	Lexington	37	M. Rines#	Field Sparrow					
11/2	W. Boylston	12	B. Volkle	11/4	P.I.	2	O. Spalding#		
				12/4	Salem	10	R. Heil		

Field Sparrow (continued)				Lapland Longspur			
12/28 Truro	6	J. Young		11/3 Chatham (S.B.)	2		R. Donovan
Vesper Sparrow				11/4 Katama	2+		V. Laux
11/14 P.I.	1	T. Wetmore		11/9 N. Monomoy	9		B. Nikula
11/19 Gay Head	1	A. Keith		11/9, 27 P.I.	4, 1		Roberts, Stevens
12/11 Groton	1	T. Pirro		11/10 Worcester	1		M. Lynch#
Lark Sparrow				11/11 Ipswich	10		R. Heil
11/1 Holyoke	1 ad	B. Bieda		11/15 Northampton	4		A. Magee
Savannah Sparrow				Snow Bunting			
11/8, 12/6 Lincoln	16, 5	M. Rines		11/2, 12/28 P.I.	530, 2		P. + F. Vale
11/9 Lexington	10	M. Rines#		11/2 S. Quabbin	60		M. Lynch#
11/19 Amherst	1	M. Faherty		11/3, 21 Chatham	130, 80		Donovan, Kricher
12/6 Bridgewater	3	C. Buelow		11/4 Barre Falls	13		T. Carrolan
12/7 Salisbury	1	P. + F. Vale		11/8, 12/4 Granville	38, 35		J. Weeks#
12/9 Northampton	7	T. Gagnon		11/9 Northampton	35		S. Surner
12/19 Hadley	2	M. Williams		11/19 Deerfield	103		B. Packard
Ipswich Sparrow				11/19 Williamsburg	103		R. Packard
11/3 Eastham (CGB)	2	B. Nikula		12/14 Orange	75		Athol CBC
11/9 N. Monomoy	2	B. Nikula		12/22 Granville	17		J. Weeks#
11/10 Rockport (A.P.)	2	G. Tepke#		12/31 Salisbury	4		D. Chickering
12/7 P.I.	1	T. Wetmore		Rose-breasted Grosbeak			
12/28 Salisbury	1	F. Vale		11/10, 12/2 Nantucket	1		B. Vigneau
Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow				Indigo Bunting			
11/5 P.I.	1	R. Heil		11/14-15 Gay Head	1		A. Keith
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow				Dickcissel			
12/15 Eastham (F.H.)	1	(CBC) J. Kricher		11/3 E. Boston	1		BBC (R. Stymeist)
Fox Sparrow				11/9 Westport	1		J. Hoye#
11/1 Hadley	4	M. Williams		12/17 S. Dartmouth	1		M. Boucher
11/3 Deerfield	4	C. Buelow		Red-winged Blackbird			
11/5 Northampton	4	M. Williams		11/2 Methuen "thousands"			J. Hogan#
11/14 Lexington	10	M. Rines		11/4 Groton	2250		T. Pirro
11/18 Groton	12	T. Pirro		11/9 Northampton	100		S. Surner
11/18 Southwick	7	S. Kellogg		11/10 Concord	650		M. Rines
11/20 Upton	4	M. Paine		11/11 Ipswich	380		R. Heil
11/21 Townsend	4	R. Stymeist		11/24 Westport	1500		R. Heil
11/21, 12/14 Melrose	3, 2	D. + I. Jewell		11/29 Pepperell	100		E. Stromsted#
11/21 Ashby	3	R. Stymeist		12/6 Bridgewater	1000+		C. Buelow
11/24 Lenox	9	R. Wheeler		Eastern Meadowlark			
11/28 Malden	3	D. + I. Jewell		11/3 Deerfield	1		C. Buelow
12/1 Falmouth	4	B. Good		11/4, 24 Katama	50+, 60		V. Laux
12/8-31 Reports of indiv. from 8 locations				11/9 Chatham (M.I.)	4		D. Manchester#
Lincoln's Sparrow				11/19 Dartmouth (A.P.)	4		N. Bonomo
11/3 Cumb.Farms	1	BBC (E. Giles)		11/24 P.I.	2		P. Roberts
11/7 Lexington	1	M. Rines		11/30, 12/29 DWWS	29, 30		G. d'Entremont
11/9 Northampton	1	S. Surner		12/10 S. Dart. (A.Pd)	15		V. Zollo
11/19 Amherst	1	M. Faherty		12/14 Medway	1		J. Hoye#
11/27 P.I.	1	B. Stevens		12/14 Longmeadow	1		J. Faucher
Swamp Sparrow				12/15 Hatfield	1		M. Locher
11/3 DWWS	6	D. Furbish		12/15 Sunderland	1		A. Richards
11/30 Boston	6	G. d'Entremont		Yellow-headed Blackbird			
12/6 Lincoln	2	M. Rines		12/3-5 W. Bridgewater	1		R. Finch + v.o.
12/13 Hyannis	2	C. Buelow		Rusty Blackbird			
12/21 Southwick	1	S. Kellogg		11/2 Lakeville	26		J. Sweeney#
12/27 Hardwick	1	C. Buelow		11/9 Wakefield	5		P. + F. Vale
White-throated Sparrow				11/10 Chilmark	3		A. Keith
11/3 Boston	160	BBC (R. Stymeist)		11/14 HRWMA	2		T. Pirro
11/15 Marblehead	63	R. Heil		11/15 Wachusett Res.	4		M. Lynch#
White-crowned Sparrow				12/7 Bridgewater	5		C. Buelow
11/3 Boston	3	BBC (R. Stymeist)		12/9 W. Bridgewater	4		K. Anderson
11/3 Stockbridge	2	T. Gagnon#		12/9 Northampton	4		T. Gagnon
11/4 Newbury	3 1W	R. Heil		12/15 N. Adams	3		T. Clark
11/5 Marblehead	2	K. Haley		Brewer's Blackbird (accepted by MARC) *			
11/6 Medford	2	M. Rines		11/9 Ipswich	1 f		R. Hamburger#
11/21 Nantucket	3	B. Vigneau		Common Grackle			
12/21 Southwick	1	R. Packard		11/2 Methuen "millions"			J. Hogan#
12/29 Deerfield	1	T. Gagnon		11/3 Boston	151		BBC (R. Stymeist)
Dark-eyed Junco				11/3 Pepperell	500+		M. Torpey
11/1 Hadley	100	M. Williams		11/4 Westminster	200+		C. Caron
11/3 Sunderland	100+	M. Williams		11/4 Groton	750		T. Pirro
11/13 Boston	100	G. Tepke		11/4 Lancaster	370		S. Sutton
11/22 Petersham	100+	C. Buelow		11/15 Granville	400+		J. Weeks#
11/23 Barre Falls	100+EMHW	(B. Kamp)		12/6 Bridgewater	100+		C. Buelow
11/23 Templeton	200	T. Pirro		Brown-headed Cowbird			
11/24 Pepperell	150	E. Stromsted		11/10 Falmouth	3		G. d'Entremont
11/24 Gardner	100	T. Pirro		12/1 Cumb. Farms	20		J. Sweeney
11/28 Mt.A.	76	R. Stymeist		12/6 Bridgewater	50		C. Buelow
11/16 Westminster	130	C. Caron		12/29 Deerfield	168		T. Gagnon
12/11 Groton	200	T. Pirro					

Baltimore Oriole				11/26	Hardwick	1 f	C. Buelow
11/1, 19	Gay Head	3, 1	V. Laux#, A. Keith	12/15	Hatfield	7	T. Blunt
11/10	Chatham (M.I.)	1	D. Manchester#	12/21	Blandford	5	K. & M. Conway
11/21	Cambr. (F.P.)	1 m	imm B. Stevens		House Finch		
11/24	Nantucket	1	E. Ray	11/10	Falmouth	110	G. d'Entremont
12/8	Falmouth	1	J. Trimble	11/19	Groton	100+	T. Pirro
12/8-31	Bradford	1 m 1W	D. + S. Larson	12/2	Groton	100+	T. Pirro
12/9	Manchester	1 f 1W	R. Heil		Common Redpoll		
12/15	Nantucket	2	E. Ray	12/14	Ludlow	9	B. Platenik
12/17	Westport	10	B. Gill		Evening Grosbeak		
Purple Finch				11/12	Williamsburg	8	G. LeBaron
11/3	Northbridge	4	M. Lynch#	11/30	Granville	21	J. Weeks#
11/15	Southwick	1	S. Kellogg	12/24	Northfield	12	T. Gagnon
11/24	Lenox	2	R. Wheeler				

ABBREVIATIONS FOR BIRD SIGHTINGS

Locations and Organizations

A.A.	Arnold Arboretum	Mt. A.	Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambr.
ABC	Allen Bird Club	NAC	Nine Acre Corner, Concord
A.P.	Andrews Point, Rockport	NEHW	New England Hawk Watch
A.Pd	Allens Pond, S. Dartmouth	Newbypt	Newburyport
B.	Beach	ONWR	Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge
Barre F.D.	Barre Falls Dam,	P.I.	Plum Island
	Barre, Rutland	Pd	Pond
B.I.	Belle Isle, E. Boston	P'town	Provincetown
B.R.	Bass Rocks, Gloucester	Pont.	Pontoosuc Lake, LANESBORO
BBC	Brookline Bird Club	R.P.	Race Point, Provincetown
BBS	Breeding Bird Survey	Res.	Reservoir
BMB	Broad Meadow Brook, Worcester	S. Dart.	South Dartmouth
C.B.	Crane Beach, Ipswich	S.B.	South Beach, Chatham
C.P.	Crooked Pond, Boxford	S.N.	Sandy Neck, Barnstable
Cambr.	Cambridge	SRV	Sudbury River Valley
CCBC	Cape Cod Bird Club	SSBC	South Shore Bird Club
Corp. B.	Corporation Beach, Dennis	TASL	Take A Second Look
Cumb. Farms	Cumberland Farms,		Boston Harbor Census
	Middleboro	WBWS	Wellfleet Bay WS
DFWS	Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary	WMWS	Wachusett Meadow WS
DWMA	Delaney WMA	Worc.	Worcester
	Stow, Bolton, Harvard	WS	Wildlife Sanctuary
DWWS	Daniel Webster WS		
E.P.	Eastern Point, Gloucester	Other Abbreviations	
EMHW	Eastern Mass. Hawk Watch	ad	adult
F.E.	First Encounter Beach, Eastham	alt	alternate
F.H.	Fort Hill, Eastham	b	banded
F.M.	Fowl Meadow	br	breeding
F.P.	Fresh Pond, Cambridge	dk	dark (morph)
F.Pk	Franklin Park, Boston	f	female
G40	Gate 40, Quabbin Res.	fl	fledgling
GMNWR	Great Meadows NWR	imm	immature
H.	Harbor	juv	juvenile
H.P.	Halibut Point, Rockport	lt	light (morph)
HRWMA	High Ridge WMA, Gardner	m	male
I.	Island	max	maximum
IRWS	Ipswich River WS	migr	migrating
L.	Ledge	n	nesting
M.V.	Martha's Vineyard	ph	photographed
MAS	Mass. Audubon Society	pl	plumage
MARC	Mass. Avian Records Committee	pr	pair
MBO	Manomet Center for Conservation Science	S	summer (1S = 1st summer)
		v.o.	various observers
MBWMA	Martin Burns WMA, Newbury	W	winter (2W = second winter)
MNWS	Marblehead Neck WS	yg	young
MSSF	Myles Standish StateForest, Plymouth	#	additional observers

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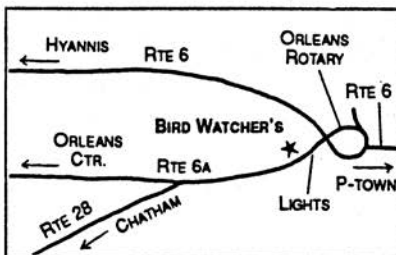
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Birds have long inspired important conservation actions around the world, serving as the stimulus for public campaigns, new legislation, formation of environmental organizations, and individual action. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the federal agency responsible for the management of migratory birds, recognizes birds as “Catalysts for Conservation” in its annual celebrations of International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) taking place around the country throughout the spring (IMBD is internationally recognized on May 10). At hundreds of events such as bird walks, open houses, festivals, lectures and demonstrations, the Service is joining with partners to recognize the ways birds have stimulated people to become involved in conservation and to encourage individuals, corporations, and organizations to be a part of continuing efforts to protect birds.

“Thanks to birds, and the individuals and organizations that worked for their conservation, we have made great progress in conserving wildlife and other natural resources in this country,” said Service Director Steve Williams. “Birds have been the catalysts for many of the most significant conservation actions of the last century, including the formation of the Service and the National Wildlife Refuge System, international conservation treaties and partnerships, and the passage of wildlife protection laws.”

More than 500 IMBD 2003 celebrations will take place at National Wildlife Refuges, fish hatcheries, field offices, and at partnering organizations such as parks, zoos, and schools. The Service’s IMBD website <<http://birds.fws.gov/IMBD>> contains a listing of these events as well as links to additional information on migratory bird conservation, including the North American Bird Conservation Initiative. The IMBD 2003 art and materials portray ten bird species symbolizing conservation laws, programs, and organizations that have benefited birds, the environment and humans alike.

IMBD was created to bring attention to the plight of dozens of birds whose populations have declined at rates exceeding two percent per year (resulting in a net decline of 50 percent or more) over the last 30 years, due to habitat loss, pesticide use, and other factors. IMBD is the hallmark event of Partners in Flight, an international coalition created in 1990 that includes the Service, other federal and state wildlife agencies, conservation groups, academic institutions, corporations, and private citizens dedicated to reversing these declines in migratory bird populations. In addition to celebrations, IMBD involves the development and distribution of unique educational materials, and the promotion of annual themes, such as “Catalysts for Conservation.”