

# BIRD SIGHTINGS

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May/June 2003

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The months of May and June were exceptionally cool, wet, and cloudy. The chilly spring, including April, averaged 2.8° below normal in Boston. For birders the weather was ideal: the crisp cool temperatures kept the foliage at bay while the forsythia, tulips, and other early spring flowers continued to bloom. There was a predominance of adverse winds with a nice mixture of some southerly winds keeping the birds lingering around a lot longer. The month of May averaged out at 55.1° in Boston, 3.4° below normal. The high was 82° on May 20, and the low was 39° just two days earlier. Rainfall during May was about 4.5 inches in Boston, nearly an inch above normal. In June the temperature averaged 65.3°, 2.7° below average for the ninth month in a row, with lower than normal temperatures. Rain in Boston measured 4.69 inches, 1.47 above average. Measurable amounts fell on eighteen days in May, including six of the eight weekend days, and on eleven days in June, five of which occurred on weekends! Southwest winds were recorded on only May 1 and 20, and again on June 5, when the last songbird migrants were coming through.

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## LOONS THROUGH ALCIDS

A **Red-tailed Tropicbird** was reported on May 2 from Muskeget Island, and details and field sketch have been submitted to the Massachusetts Avian Records Committee (MARC). The lucky observers watched it flying over the island for over twenty minutes, including two passes at eye-level less than 50 feet away. Just when it seemed the seabird excitement for the year was over, a **Yellow-nosed Albatross** was reported from First Encounter Beach in Eastham on June 2, with details submitted to the MARC. The observers watched it heading north for two or three minutes, then half an hour later were treated to another one-to-two-minute view as it headed back south. One observer remarked “. . . despite a number of albatross records from Massachusetts, this, remarkably, is the first during or immediately after a storm (and it's taken me only 30 years of chasing seabirds to find one!).”

A **Pacific Loon** in breeding plumage, almost routine in May, was reported from Provincetown on May 17. Red-throated Loons in western Massachusetts are unusual in May. A bird found in Southwick was the first report of this species since 1997 and only the fourteenth record for May from western Massachusetts. A probable breeding pair of Pied-billed Grebes in Southampton was the first in western Massachusetts since 1997, when they also bred in Southampton. There were many days with easterly and northeasterly winds, especially during June, providing a fairly consistent assortment of seabirds from traditional vantage points along the coast. An **American White Pelican** was seen flying over Truro in late June.

Only one Least Bittern was reported throughout the state, a bird in Middleboro. This species has never been numerous in Massachusetts, and they continue to be seen in reduced numbers in areas such as the Parker River and Great Meadows NWR, where they had been regular breeders just a few years ago. The heron colony on Kettle Island off Manchester continued to thrive with 94 pairs of Great Egrets, 203 pair of Snowy Egrets, 12 pairs of Little Blue Herons, 15 pairs of Black crowned Night-Herons, and 52 pairs of Glossy Ibis. Green Herons are solitary nesters not usually found in colonies, but a nest was found on the edge of the island away from the others in a young maple tree. Evidence of predation, most likely from

a Great Horned Owl, was noted in the colony, with the discovery of several severed heads and wings. Apparently the owls take the adults at night as they sleep on the nests. There are a large number of gulls also nesting on the island, and some predation from them is also a possibility. The **White Ibis** first found in April continued to be seen in South Dartmouth until May 4, after which it took up residence in Rhode Island and then in Connecticut.

A Snow Goose was reported for the second year in a row in Sheffield during May. A Northern Pintail discovered in Whately was the first May record for western Massachusetts since 1996. Although not unprecedented, a single female Harlequin Duck, one of just a few summer reports, spent the entire month of June off Chilmark on Martha's Vineyard. Hooded Mergansers, still an uncommon breeder in the state, were noted with families in many areas, especially in Worcester County. The increase of the number of new ponds in wooded swamps created by beavers certainly may have contributed to this increase.

Black Vultures continue to be seen on a regular basis from the town of Sheffield on the Connecticut border, with as many as five noted during May. The hawkwatch station at Pilgrim Heights in North Truro continues to be a great spot to see migrating raptors. There were no sightings of Mississippi Kites this spring compared with the astonishing ten birds seen there last year. A late migrant Rough-legged Hawk was noted there in early May.

Tom French, who heads the state's Natural Heritage and Endangered Species program, reported that there are at least 9 and possibly 10 pairs of Peregrine Falcons nesting in Massachusetts this year, a new record. Tom and his group have banded 8 chicks in the three nests in Boston (3 at the Custom House, 3 at the Christian Science complex, and 2 under the lower deck of the Tobin Bridge). Other nests are on the Goliath crane in the Quincy Shipyard (new this year). Another new nesting site is on a mill building in Lawrence, only five stories high, a low building for peregrines to use. The nest was successful, and Tom banded the adult and 3 chicks on June 7. The third new nest site is on Mount Sugarloaf in Deerfield. Peregrines continue under the Braga Bridge in Fall River, in downtown Springfield, and on the library building at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Finally, last year the nest on Farley Cliffs in Erving, along Route 2, produced four chicks. MassWildlife has been unable to find these birds this year, although someone apparently reported that the nest was active.

There were no reports of American Coot anywhere in the state during the period. This species has always been an uncommon breeder, and the last known nesting was in the 1970s in Nantucket. The un-Common Moorhen continues to be a scarce bird in Massachusetts, with only two individuals reported. Sora numbers also appear to be decreasing each year in Massachusetts. Thus, the steady decline of freshwater marsh nesting birds continues in the state. Three Sandhill Cranes were seen and heard flying over Maynard and another four individuals were found in Provincetown.

A **Wilson's Plover** was found along Crane Beach in Ipswich. There are well over thirty records for this species in the state, with most reports of individuals noted from sandy beaches, especially in late May and early June. Also characteristic (including this sighting) is that this species rarely hangs around more than a day. For the second year in a row, a Western Willet was found on North Monomoy. This subspecies is unusual in the spring. Other shorebirds noted that are normally uncommon in the spring include a Marbled Godwit, a Western Sandpiper, and two reports of Whimbrel. The numbers of other shorebirds this spring continued to be well below normal. For example, only eight Pectoral Sandpipers were noted during May, and the highest number of Short-billed Dowitchers anywhere in the state was a mere twenty. Previous spring counts of dowitchers have been as high as over 1400 individuals.

Two **South Polar Skuas** were seen well offshore on George's Bank in early June. This pattern of occurrence is consistent with what recent studies by Richard Veit have shown. The first definite record of this species was from George's Bank in June 1977 when at least 8-10 individuals were found, and again in June 1978 when 5-6 birds were located. The same storm that may have brought the aforementioned Yellow-nosed Albatross brought a flurry of Red-necked Phalaropes and several Black-legged Kittiwakes along Andrew's Point in Rockport. Unusual in spring, there were three reports of Sandwich Tern during the period. Given the proximity of date and location, it is likely that these three reports are of the same bird. At least four breeding plumaged Common Murres were noted during the period, and two Atlantic Puffins were also seen from Andrew's Point in Rockport.

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Red-throated Loon			Wilson's Storm-Petrel		
5/2 Nahant	1	L. Pivacek	5/4, 6/25 Jeffries L.	1	Wallius, Larson
5/4-6/3 P.I.	1-3	v.o.	5/26, 6/1 Rockport (A.P.)	23, 190	R. Heil
5/8 Southwick	1	S. Kellogg	5/26 P'town	45	B. Nikula
5/10 Jeffries L.	9	J. Wallius	6/14 Chatham (S.B.)	40	B. Nikula#
5/24 P'town	14	B. Nikula#	6/15 Marshfield	37	G. d'Entremont
5/27, 6/1 Rockport (A.P.)	5, 3	R. Heil	6/22 Cape Ann	550	R. Heil
6/8 Plymouth	1	J. Sweeney	6/23 Stellwagen	100+	A. Brissette#
<b>Pacific Loon</b>			6/25 Wellfleet	25	M. Faherty
5/17 P'town	1 br pl	B. Nikula#	Leach's Storm-Petrel		
Common Loon			5/3, 6/1 P'town	1, 1	P. Flood
5/2 N. Truro	14	D. Manchester#	6/1 Barnstable (S.N.)	1	M. Lynch#
5/3, 6/7 Wachusett Res.	6	Lynch, Sutton	6/4 No Man's Land	4	A. Keith#
5/8, 26 Southwick	14, 3	S. Kellogg	6/6-08 Georges Bank	1	A. Boyce#
5/13 Cape Ann	28	R. Heil	<b>Red-billed Tropicbird</b> (details submitted) *		
5/24 Marshfield	20	G. d'Entremont#	5/2 Muskeget I.	1	I. Nisbet, M. Rosenthal
5/24 P'town	19	B. Nikula	Northern Gannet		
6/2 Eastham (F.E.)	13	B. Nikula	5/4, 6/15 Jeffries L.	20, 30	J. Wallius
6/2 M.V.	35	A. Keith	5/17, 24 P'town	350, 600	B. Nikula#
6/21 Falmouth	46	R. Farrell	5/27 P'town	370	B. Nikula
Pied-billed Grebe			6/1 Rockport (A.P.)	100+	M. Garvey
5/1-6/2 Southampton	2	T. Swochak	6/2 M.V.	30	A. Keith
5/21-26 P'town	1	B. Nikula#	6/2 Eastham (F.E.)	250+	B. Nikula
5/3-31 Ipswich	1	J. Berry	6/6-8 Georges Bank	40	A. Boyce#
6/6 Topsfield	1	J. Nelson	6/14 Chatham (S.B.)	6	B. Nikula#
6/18 Spencer	1	J. Liller#	6/23 Stellwagen	5	A. Brissette#
6/29 HRWMA	1	M. Lynch#	<b>American White Pelican</b> (details submitted)*		
Horned Grebe			6/28 Truro	1	J. Young#
5/1 N. Scituate	2	G. d'Entremont#	Great Cormorant		
5/4, 31 P.I.	2, 1	T. Wetmore	5/17 N. Scituate	4	SSBC (D. Peacock)
Red-necked Grebe			6/3 No Man's Land	2	A. Keith#
5/2 Acoaxet	1	M. Lynch#	6/10 Chatham	1	R. Heil
5/8 Southwick	2	S. Kellogg	6/23 Plymouth	1	I S B. Faherty
5/13 Rockport	2 br pl	R. Heil	Double-crested Cormorant		
5/27 Nahant	1	L. Pivacek#	5/2 Turners Falls	150	M. Fairbrother
6/1 Fairhaven	1	J. Sweeney	5/13 Cape Ann	330+	R. Heil
<b>Yellow-nosed Albatross</b> (details submitted) *			5/17 Hampden Cnty	79	Allen Club
6/2 Eastham (F.E.)	1	B. Nikula, C. Goodrich	6/7 Cambr.-Watertown	180	R. Stymeist
Northern Fulmar			6/8 Plymouth	101	J. Sweeney
5/4, 6/15 Jeffries L.	1, 2	J. Wallius	American Bittern		
5/24 P'town	1	B. Nikula#	5/thr 12 W. Mass loc.	15	v.o.
6/6-8 Georges Bank	5	A. Boyce#	5/2 Athol	1	ABNC (J. Johnstone)
Greater Shearwater			5/11 Mt.A.	1	M. Tingley
6/2 Eastham (F.E.)	1	B. Nikula	5/16 Stockbridge	1	M. Lynch#
6/15 Jeffries L.	12	J. Wallius	5/17 Moran WMA	1	M. Lynch#
6/23 Stellwagen	12	A. Brissette#	5/31 DWMA	1	M. Lynch#
6/25 Wellfleet	300	M. Faherty	6/7 HRWMA	1	T. Pirro
6/29 Truro	300	J. Young	Least Bittern		
Sooty Shearwater			6/21 Middleboro	1	J. Hoye#
5/24, 6/1 P'town	7, 6	B. Nikula#	Great Blue Heron		
6/2 Eastham (F.E.)	6	B. Nikula	5/3 Lunenburg	38 nests	M. Lynch#
6/15 Jeffries L.	12	J. Wallius	5/31 DWMA	25 nests	M. Lynch#
6/19, 25 Wellfleet	15, 70	M. Faherty	6/15 Sturbridge	15 nests	M. Lynch#
6/23 Stellwagen	1	A. Brissette#	6/15 S. Hanson	63	SSBC (K. Anderson)
6/29 Truro	20	J. Young#	6/17 DWMA	46 on 25 nests	S. Sutton
Manx Shearwater			6/18 Arlington	17	M. Rines
5/16 Nahant	1	D. Larson	6/28 Ware R. IBA	10 ad+12 yg	M. Lynch#
5/17, 26, 27 P'town	1	B. Nikula#	6/thr Essex County	100+ pr n	J. Berry
5/26 Rockport (A.P.)	1	R. Heil	Great Egret		
6/29 Truro	2	J. Young#	5/2 Westport	5	M. Lynch#
			5/19 Medford	1	M. Rines

Great Egret (continued)				5/31	DWMA	11	M. Lynch#
5/14	Manchester (KI)	94 pr n	S. Perkins#	Gadwall			
6/7	P.I.	9	P. + F. Vale	5/2	Arlington Res.	6	M. Rines
6/11	Mt.A.	1	R. Stymeist	5/2	Turners Falls	4	M. Fairbrother
6/15	S. Hanson	3	SSBC (K. Anderson)	5/4, 6/7	P.I.	16, 9	P. + F. Vale
Snowy Egret				5/13	Turners Falls	3	R. Packard
5/2	Westport	3	M. Lynch#	Eurasian Wigeon			
5/13	Rockport	6	R. Heil	5/3-5	Westford	1 m	D. Mooney
5/14	Manchester (KI)	203 pr n	S. Perkins#	American Wigeon			
5/17	Quincy	2	E. Taylor	5/4	P.I.	1 m	P. + F. Vale
5/22, 6/21	P.I.	12, 16	P. + F. Vale	Blue-winged Teal			
Little Blue Heron				5/1	DWWS	1 pr	G. d'Entremont#
5/7	S. Dart (A. Pd)	1	A. Strauss	5/2	Turners Falls	4	M. Fairbrother
5/14	Manchester (KI)	12 pr n	S. Perkins#	5/2-6/16	P.I.	1-2	v.o.
6/3	Chilmark	1	R. Cowan	5/3	Amherst	2	C. Gentes
6/7	Bolton Flats	1	J. Hoye#	5/3	Squantum	2	P. O'Neill
6/15-28	DWWS	1 ad	v.o.	5/4	DWWS	3	D. Furbish#
Tricolored Heron				5/7, 20	Northampton	2, 1	Gentes, Lafley
5/7	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	1	D. Furbish#	6/11	Bolton Flats	3	J. Hoye#
5/9	E. Orleans	2	C. Goodrich	6/24	Newbury	1 m	J. Berry#
5/10-21	Chappaquiddick	1	A. Keith	Northern Pintail			
5/14	Manchester (KI)	1 ad br pl	S. Perkins#	5/8	Whately	1	R. Packard
Cattle Egret				Green-winged Teal			
5/3	Beverly Farms	4	Sa. Miller#	5/2	Turners Falls	10	M. Fairbrother
5/11	W. Bridgewater	1	D. Cabral#	5/3	Arlington Res.	12	P. + F. Vale
5/11	Chesterfield	1	W. Hall	5/4, 6/6	P.I.	42, 2	Vale, Whetmore
6/5-10	Hingham	1	v.o.	5/8	Whately	6	R. Packard
Green Heron				5/26	Amherst	4	H. Allen
5/14	Manchester (KI)	1 pr n	S. Perkins#	6/24	Newbury	1 m	J. Berry#
5/17	Hampden Cnty	9	Allen Club	6/24	Bolton Flats	1 f	S. Sutton
6/6	Cumb. Farms	3	J. Sweeney#	Ring-necked Duck			
6/15	S. Hanson	5	SSBC (K. Anderson)	5/4	Wompatuck SP	pr	SSBC (d'Entremont)
6/27	Worc. (BMB)	2 ad, 1 imm	J. Liller	5/7	Scituate	pr	S. Maguire
thr	pairs reported from 7 locations			5/8	Wakefield	1 m	P. + F. Vale
Black-crowned Night-Heron				5/10	Randolph	2 m	BBC (d'Entremont)
5/7	P'town	9+	B. Nikula	5/17	Agawam	1	S. Kellogg
5/13	P.I.	3	N. Soulette	Greater Scaup			
5/14	Manchester (KI)	15 pr n	S. Perkins#	5/1-17	Randolph	20 max	G. d'Entremont#
5/19, 6/18	Medford	49, 129	M. Rines	5/2	Acoaxet	4	M. Lynch#
6/2	Boston	20+	G. Tepke	5/2	Nahant	3	L. Pivacek
6/11	Cambridge	35+	F. Bouchard#	5/2	Turners Falls	1	M. Fairbrother
6/29	Bourne	7	D. Manchester	5/17	Pittsfield	1	N. Purdy
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron				Lesser Scaup			
6/13-28	Duxbury	1 ad	v.o.	5/10	Randolph	3	BBC (d'Entremont)
6/30	Salem	1	D. Noble	Common Eider			
White Ibis				5/5	Plymouth	35	E. Neumuth
5/1-4	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	1	from April	5/11	Gloucester (E.P.)	11	BBC (J. Nove)
Glossy Ibis				5/29	Rockport	100	R. Heil
5/13	Rockport	2	R. Heil	6/1	Fairhaven	9	J. Sweeney
5/14	Manchester (KI)	52 pr n	S. Perkins#	6/8	Manomet Pt.	9	J. Sweeney
5/25	E. Boston (B.I.)	2	F. Bouchard	Harlequin Duck			
5/27	Ipswich	37	J. Berry	5/1	N. Scituate	2 m	G. d'Entremont#
Black Vulture				5/29	Rockport	1	R. Heil
5/25, 6/14	Sheffield	5, 2	v.o.	6/thr	Chilmark	1 f	A. Keith
Turkey Vulture				Surf Scoter			
5/thr	N. Truro	160	EMHW (D. Manchester)	5/13	Nahant	80	L. Pivacek
5/2	Worcester	28	M. Lynch#	5/13, 27	Cape Ann	36, 12	R. Heil
5/16	Sheffield	45	M. Lynch#	6/14	Falmouth	2	R. Farrell
5/25	Quabbin Pk	14	M. Lynch#	6/14	Chatham (S.B.)	5	B. Nikula#
5/30	Orange	16	W. Lafley	6/15	P.I.	4	T. + L. Wetmore
6/thr	N. Truro	43	EMHW (D. Manchester)	6/23	Plymouth	1	B. Faherty
6/15	Sturbridge	13	M. Lynch#	6/25	Wellfleet	1 m	M. Faherty
6/28	Ludlow	22	J. Hoye#	White-winged Scoter			
Snow Goose				5/13	Nahant	200	L. Pivacek
5/17	Sheffield	1	J. Johnson	5/27	Turners Falls	1	H. Allen
Brant				5/27	Rockport (A.P.)	122	R. Heil
5/4	Hingham	50	E. Taylor	6/1	Fairhaven	5	J. Sweeney
5/10	Newbypt.	325	S. Sutton	6/2	Eastham (F.E.)	5	B. Nikula
5/16	Lynn	150+	P. + F. Vale	6/14	Chatham (S.B.)	6	B. Nikula#
5/17, 6/9	Plymouth	200	Neumuth, Paluzzi	Black Scoter			
5/17	Quincy	200	E. Taylor	5/2	Turners Falls	2	M. Fairbrother
5/25	E. Boston (B.I.)	50	E. Taylor	5/13	Nahant	60	L. Pivacek
5/26	P'town	56	J. Young	5/18	Truro	8	S. Hedman#
5/27	Nahant	74	L. Pivacek	5/19	P.I.	150	S. Kellogg#
6/1	Orleans	1	M. Lynch#	6/1	Fairhaven	15	J. Sweeney
Wood Duck				6/2, 24	Chilmark	15, 9	A. Keith
5/16	Stockbridge	18	M. Lynch#	6/2	Rockport	10	S. Kellogg#
5/17	Hampden Cnty	87	Allen Club	6/25	Wellfleet	1 f	M. Faherty

Long-tailed Duck				6/thr	N. Truro	4	EMHW (D. Manchester)
5/1	PI.	220	S. McGrath#	6/15	S. Hanson	2	SSBC (K. Anderson#)
5/13	Nahant	60	L. Privacek	Northern Goshawk			
5/17	N. Scituate	2	SSBC (D. Peacock)	5/4	IRWS	1	G. Tepke#
5/29	Rockport	1	R. Heil	5/11	Reading	1	D. Williams#
Bufflehead				5/17	Moran WMA	1 ad	M. Lynch#
5/2	Westport	56	M. Lynch#	5/18	Quabbin Pk	1	P. + F. Vale
5/10	Quabbin	1	H. Allen	5/20	MNWS	1	P. + F. Vale
5/17	Randolph	3	SSBC (D. Peacock)	6/8	WMWS	1	T. Pirro#
Common Goldeneye				6/14	E. Middleboro	1 imm	P. Donahue#
thr	Turners Falls	1	v.o.	6/28	Ware R. IBA	1 ad	M. Lynch#
5/17	Plymouth	1 imm	SSBC (D. Peacock)	Red-shouldered Hawk			
Hooded Merganser				thr	Middleboro	3-4	K. Anderson
5/20	ONWR	1 f, 4 yg	S. Sutton	6/15	S. Hanson	2SSBC	(K. Anderson)
5/31	DWMA	1 ad + 5 yg	M. Lynch#	6/18	N. Andover	1	J. Berry
6/3	Hardwick	2 f + 3 yg	C. Buelow	thr	Reports of indiv. from 9 SE Mass loc.		
6/7	W. Brookfield	2 f + 3 yg	M. Lynch#	thr	Reports of indiv. from 9 W Mass loc.		
6/19	Hardwick	1 f + 5yg	C. Buelow	Broad-winged Hawk			
6/29	HRWMA	3 yg+1 f w/9yg	M. Lynch#	5/thr	N. Truro	107	EMHW (D. Manchester)
Red-breasted Merganser				5/1-4	Granville	53	J. Wojtanowski
5/2	Westport	63	M. Lynch#	5/3	Pepperell	25	M. Torpey
5/2	Turners Falls	3	M. Fairbrother	6/thr	N. Truro	72	EMHW (D. Manchester)
5/13	Cape Ann	120	R. Heil	6/21	Natick	2ad + 3yg	E. Taylor
5/17	N. Scituate	10	SSBC (D. Peacock)	6/28	Ware R. IBA	6	M. Lynch#
6/1	P'town	19	B. Nikula#	Rough-legged Hawk			
6/8	Plymouth	14	J. Sweeney	5/1-3	N. Truro	1 imm	D. Manchester#
Common Merganser				American Kestrel			
5/3, 6/7	Wachusett Res.	6, 1 m	M. Lynch#	5/thr	N. Truro	142	EMHW (D. Manchester)
5/8	Stoneham	5	D. + I. Jewell	5/10	P.I.	68	T. Carrolan
5/8	Northboro	10 f	E. Morrier	6/11	Amherst	2	Hampshire Club
5/11	Quabbin Pk	5	M. Lynch#	6/15	S. Hanson	2	SSBC (K. Anderson#)
5/17	Savoy	pr	M. Lynch#	6/28	Worc. (BMB)	pr	J. Liller#
6/15	Huntington	9	R. Packard	Merlin			
6/29	Quabbin (G15)	1 f	T. Pirro	5/2-20	N. Truro	26	EMHW (D. Manchester)
Ruddy Duck				5/10	P.I.	23	T. Carrolan
5/1, 17	Melrose	4, 1	D. + I. Jewell	5/10	Gloucester (E.P.)	2	M. Swift
5/3	Boston	2 m	G. d'Entremont	Peregrine Falcon			
Osprey				thr	Deerfield	pr n	v.o.
thr	W. Springfield	pr n	J. Zepko	thr	Springfield	pr n	v.o.
5/thr	N. Truro	85	EMHW (D. Manchester)	thr	Amherst	pr n	v.o.
5/2	Westport	79	M. Lynch#	5/10	P.I.	4	T. Carrolan
5/11	Mashpee	8	M. Keleher	5/17	Erving	1 ad + 1 yg	M. Lynch#
6/thr	N. Truro	59	EMHW (D. Manchester)	6/thr	Lawrence	2 ad, 3 yg	J. Hogan
6/8	Medford	3	M. Rines#	6/30	Worcester	1 ad	M. Lynch#
6/thr	M.V.	58 pair	fide V. Laux	Ruffed Grouse			
Bald Eagle				5/4	Petersham	2	M. Lynch#
thr	Turners Falls	pr n	v.o.	5/10	Stoughton	1	G. d'Entremont
5/thr	N. Truro	11 imm	EMHW (D. Manchester)	5/16	Sheffield	2	M. Lynch#
5/1	W. Newbury	1 ad	S. McGrath	6/23	Hardwick	1 w/6 yg	C. Buelow
5/10	PI.	2 imm	T. Carrolan	6/24	Sterling	1 ad w/8 yg	S. Sutton
5/17	Hampden Cnty	4	Allen Club	6/27	Quabbin (G40)	1 w/6 yg	C. Buelow
5/17	Quabbin Pk	2 ad, 1 imm	C. Buelow	6/28	Worc. (BMB)	1	J. Liller#
6/3	L. Assawompsett	3	R. Turner	Wild Turkey			
6/6, 11	N. Truro	1, 2	EMHW (D. Manchester)	5/9	Arlington	12	B. Kernan#
6/7	Brookfield	1 ad on nest	M. Lynch#	5/17	Hampden Cnty	17	Allen Club
6/11	Hyannis	1 juv	D. Silverstein#	5/25	Quabbin Pk	9	M. Lynch#
Northern Harrier				6/6	Wenham	7	J. Nelson
5/3, 10	PI.	2, 3	Larson, Carrolan	6/20	Sheffield	14	G. d'Entremont#
5/10, 17	N. Truro	1, 1	EMHW (M. Lowe#)	6/25	DWWS	1 f, 13 juv	D. Furbish
5/11	Hadley	1	C. Gentes	6/28	Ware R. IBA	9 ad	M. Lynch#
5/17	Windsor	1	R. Packard	Northern Bobwhite			
5/17	Moran WMA	1 f	M. Lynch#	5/11, 6/17	Mashpee	1	M. Keleher
Sharp-shinned Hawk				5/30	Barnstable	1	G. d'Entremont
5/thr	N. Truro	194	EMHW (D. Manchester)	6/3	Middleboro	1	A. Mason
5/thr	Ipswich	pr n	J. Berry	6/10	Eastham	3	R. Heil
5/1-4	Granville	24	J. Wojtanowski	6/24	N. Truro	2	D. Manchester
5/10	PI.	27	T. Carrolan	Clapper Rail			
6/thr	N. Truro	10	EMHW (D. Manchester)	6/thr	PI.	1-2	v.o.
6/6	Topsfield	1	J. Nelson	6/24	Newbury	2	J. Berry#
6/7	W. Brookfield	1 imm	M. Lynch#	King Rail			
6/18	Spencer	1	J. Liller#	5/16	Stockbridge	1	M. Lynch#
6/21	S. Lancaster	1	S. Sutton	5/24	Lynnfield	2	J. Hoye#
Cooper's Hawk				5/31	DWMA	1	M. Lynch#
5/thr	N. Truro	19	EMHW (D. Manchester)	Virginia Rail			
5/thr	Reports of indiv. from 12 locations			5/thr	22 W. Mass loc.	31	v.o.
5/17	Hampden Cnty	4	Allen Club	5/13	Rockport	3	R. Heil
5/31	DWMA	pr	M. Lynch#	5/31	DWMA	16	M. Lynch#
6/thr	Danvers	pr n	M. Taylor	6/7	Washington	4	ABC (M. Conway)

Virginia Rail (continued)				Spotted Sandpiper			
6/15	Brimfield	6	M. Lynch#	5/2	Groveland	8	T. Walker
6/15	S. Hanson	11	SSBC (K. Anderson#)	5/2, 16	Arlington Res.	3, 6	M. Rines
6/17	Barre	10	C. Buelow	5/13	Cape Ann	5	R. Heil
6/21	Winchester	3	M. Rines#	5/17	Hampden Cnty	30	Allen Club
6/23	New Braintree	7	C. Buelow	5/17	Ipswich R.	9	ECOC (J. Berry)
Sora				6/24	Bolton Flats	6	S. Sutton
5/15	Deerfield	3	A. Magee	Upland Sandpiper			
5/16	Stockbridge	6	M. Lynch#	5/8	Cumb. Farms	1	N. Bonomo
5/22	Worc. (BMB)	2	J. Liller	5/9	N. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula
5/22	Bolton Flats	2	G. d'Entremont	5/16	Westover	12	v.o.
5/29	Hardwick	2	C. Buelow	5/20	Nantucket	1	K. Blackshaw#
Common Moorhen				5/31	P.I.	1	T. Wetmore
5/15	Stockbridge	1	R. Ferren	5/31	Plymouth airport	3	SSBC (d'Entremont)
5/31	DWMA	1	M. Lynch#	6/12	Concord (Hanscom)	16 + 1 yg	M. Rines#
Sandhill Crane				Whimbrel			
5/2	Maynard	3	L. Nachtrab	5/2-10	P.I.	1	v.o.
5/31	P'town	4	R. Pease + v.o.	6/21	Chatham (S.B.)	1	M. Faherty
Black-bellied Plover				Marbled Godwit			
5/9, 19	N. Monomoy	350, 650	B. Nikula	5/19	N. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula
5/12	Newbypt	100+	J. Berry#	Ruddy Turnstone			
5/28	Saugus	60	B. Faherty	5/10	Marion	3	C. Buelow
5/31	Chatham (S.B.)	800	B. Nikula	5/17, 6/6	P.I.	2, 7	Grinley, Wetmore
5/31	Plymouth B.	75	SSBC (d'Entremont)	5/29	Scituate	6	D. Furbish#
6/5, 14	Chatham (S.B.)	300, 135	B. Nikula	5/31, 10	N. Monomoy	250, 10	Nikula, Heil
Wilson's Plover (no details) *				5/31	Plymouth B.	25	SSBC (d'Entremont)
6/4	Ipswich (C.B.)	1	E. Johnson	5/31	Fairhaven	24	J. Sweeney
Semipalmated Plover				6/4	Ipswich (C.B.)	1	BBC (S. Hedman#)
5/3-6/7	P.I.	1-10	D. + S. Larson	6/5, 14	Chatham (S.B.)	50, 12	B. Nikula
5/13	Cape Ann	5	R. Heil	Red Knot			
5/17	Longmeadow	1	B. Kindseth	5/29	Scituate	2	D. Furbish#
5/17, 6/14	Chatham (S.B.)	40, 7	B. Nikula#	5/31	Orleans	2SSBC (d'Entremont)	
5/20	Arlington Res.	1	M. Rines	5/31	N. Monomoy	80	B. Nikula
5/29	Scituate	16	D. Furbish#	6/11	P.I.	2	T. Wetmore#
Piping Plover				6/14	Chatham (S.B.)	75	B. Nikula
5/4	Truro	5	J. Young	6/17	Ipswich	2	J. Berry#
5/10	P.I.	5	T. Wetmore	Sanderling			
5/26, 6/30	Ipswich (C.B.)	25 pr, 30 pr	E. Johnson	5/2	Acoaxet	2	M. Lynch#
6/29	Plymouth B.	15 ad, 2 yg	J. Hoye#	5/9	N. Monomoy	1300	B. Nikula
American Oystercatcher				5/18	Nahant	250+	P. + F. Vale
5/7	S. Dart (A. Pd)	2	A. Strauss	5/31	Plymouth B.	35SSBC (d'Entremont)	
5/10	Marion	8	C. Buelow	6/1	Barnstable (S.N.)	24	M. Lynch#
5/11	Mashpee	1	M. Keleher	6/5, 14	Chatham (S.B.)	1150, 16	B. Nikula
5/19, 6/17	N. Monomoy	15, 30	B. Nikula	Semipalmated Sandpiper			
6/4	Salisbury	1	B. Labrie	5/29	Scituate	12	D. Furbish#
6/14	Chatham (S.B.)	7	B. Nikula	5/31	N. Monomoy	160	B. Nikula
Greater Yellowlegs				6/3	P.I.	150	R. Heil
5/4-27	13 W. Mass loc.	20	v.o.	6/5	Chatham (S.B.)	280	B. Nikula
5/4, 6/7	P.I.	26, 8	P. + F. Vale	6/10, 17	N. Monomoy	150, 47	R. Heil
5/10	Newbypt	80	J. Hoye#	6/24	Edgartown	1	A. Keith#
5/27	Deerfield	4	H. Allen	Least Sandpiper			
6/12	DWWS	4	D. Furbish	5/4, 6/7	P.I.	129, 22	P. + F. Vale
6/27	Plympton	1	A. Brissette	5/7	S. Dart (A. Pd)	75	D. Furbish
Lesser Yellowlegs				5/9	N. Monomoy	80	B. Nikula
5/2, 9	Arlington Res.	1, 4	M. Rines	5/11	W. Harwich	200	B. Nikula
5/4, 6/29	P.I.	33	Vale, Wetmore	5/17	Cumb. Farms	13	J. Sweeney
5/7	Deerfield	1	R. Packard	5/22	Arlington Res.	39	M. Rines
5/17	Longmeadow	14	B. Kindseth	5/25	Chesterfield	9	R. Packard
Solitary Sandpiper				White-rumped Sandpiper			
5/3	Northfield	5	BBC (M. Taylor)	5/9	N. Monomoy	10	B. Nikula
5/5	Egremont	25	D. St James	5/10-11	Deerfield	1	R. Ranney
5/12	Deerfield	19	R. Packard	5/17-6/11	P.I.	8 max	v.o.
5/15	Washington	5	E. Neumuth	5/31	Chatham (S.B.)	12	B. Nikula
5/17	Ipswich R.	12	ECOC (J. Berry)	6/5, 14	Chatham (S.B.)	15, 5	B. Nikula
5/17	Hampden Cnty	19	Allen Club	6/10, 17	N. Monomoy	25, 8	B. Nikula#
5/18	W. Newbury	5	J. Hoye#	6/29	Plymouth B.	1	J. Hoye#
Willet				Pectoral Sandpiper			
5/2	W. Dennis	25+	P. Flood	5/3	P.I.	7	T. Wetmore
5/7	S. Dart (A. Pd)	7	D. Furbish	6/4	Ipswich (C.B.)	1	E. Johnson
5/10, 6/21	P.I.	31, 32	P. + F. Vale	Purple Sandpiper			
5/19, 6/17	N. Monomoy	80, 60	B. Nikula	5/5	Gloucester (B.R.)	40	B. + S. Ross
5/28	Saugus	6	B. Faherty	5/5	Salisbury	12	M. Taylor
6/1	Eastham (F.E.)	8	M. Lynch#	5/13	Rockport	23	R. Heil
6/7	Chappaquiddick	12	A. Keith	5/18	Nahant	40	P. + F. Vale
6/24	Newbury	55	R. Heil	6/1	Fairhaven	1	J. Sweeney
Western Willet				Dunlin			
6/10	N. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula#	5/5	Plymouth	450	E. Neumuth
				5/9, 31	N. Monomoy	1700, 250	B. Nikula

Dunlin (continued)				6/1	Barnstable (S.N.)	7 IS	M. Lynch#
5/11	P.I.	20+	J. Mullen	6/2	Eastham (F.E.)	1 imm.	B. Nikula
5/20	Newbypt.	200	S. Sutton	Caspian Tern			
6/5	Chatham (S.B.)	30	B. Nikula	5/12, 20	P.I.	1, 1	Berry, Sutton
6/17	N. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula	5/22	Wareham	1	L. Robinson
Short-billed Dowitcher				5/24	Lakeville	1	M. LaBossiere
5/25	E. Boston (B.I.)	20	E. Taylor	Royal Tern			
6/3	P.I.	19	R. Heil	6/26	Chappaquiddick	1	L. McDowell
6/17	N. Monomoy	5	B. Nikula	Sandwich Tern			
6/30	Ipswich (C.B.)	1	E. Johnson	6/7	Edgartown	1 IS	A. Keith
Wilson's Snipe				6/11	Nantucket	1	E. Ray
5/11	Worcester	1	M. Lynch#	6/11	Muskeget	1	R. Veit
5/16	Stockbridge	1	M. Lynch#	Roseate Tern			
6/18	Cumb. Farms	1	P. Donahue#	5/11	Marion	200	C. Buelow
American Woodcock				5/31, 6/29	Plymouth B.	4, 2	d'Entremont, Hoye
5/10	P.I.	4	S. Sutton	6/1	Rockport (A.P.)	4 ad	R. Heil
5/11	Worcester	13	M. Lynch#	6/23	Stellwagen	8	A. Brissette#
5/16	Stockbridge	8	M. Lynch#	Common Tern			
5/17	Hamden Cnty	19	Allen Club	5/2	Acoaxet	12	M. Lynch#
5/31	Newbury	3	P. + F. Vale	5/2	W. Dennis	320	P. Flood
6/2	Medford	3	M. Rines	5/4	Revere	46, 48 ad + 24 juv	L. Pivacek
Wilson's Phalarope				5/8, 27	Ipswich (C.B.)	50, 150	Johnson, Berry
5/7-6/30	P.I.	1-3	v.o.	5/11	Marion	1,000	C. Buelow
5/17	Rowley	pr	L. Ferraresso#	5/31	Plymouth B.	1200SSBC (d'Entremont)	C. Buelow
6/24	Newbury	2-3	R. Heil#	6/4	P.I.	100	MAS (N. Soulette)
Red-necked Phalarope				6/10	P'town	200	R. Heil
5/28	5 m E of Stellw.	55	W. Petersen#	Arctic Tern			
6/1	P.I.	4 m, 3 f	D. Noble#	5/10	Marion	1	C. Buelow
6/1	Rockport (A.P.)	42	R. Heil	5/31, 6/28	Plymouth B.	8, 5	d'Entremont, Pivacek
Phalarope species				6/14	Chatham (S.B.)	3 IS	B. Nikula#
6/1	P'town	7	P. Flood#	6/17	Oak Bluffs	1 IS	A. Keith
South Polar Skua (no details) *				Forster's Tern			
6/6-8	Georges Bank	2	A. Boyce#	5/11, 24	P.I.	2, 2	J. Hoye#
Parasitic Jaeger				6/10	P'town	1 IS	R. Heil
5/18	Truro	1 ad	S. Hedman#	6/29	Plymouth B.	1 W	J. Hoye#
5/26, 6/1	Rockport (A.P.)	1 ad, 1 ad	R. Heil	Least Tern			
6/25	Wellfleet	1	M. Faherty	5/2	W. Dennis	7	P. Flood
Jaeger species				5/7	S. Dart (A. Pd)	16	D. Furbish
6/14	Chatham (S.B.)	1	B. Nikula#	5/29	Scituate	100	D. Furbish#
Laughing Gull				6/1	Fairhaven	3	J. Sweeney
thr	Plymouth	75 max	v.o.	6/12, 20	Ipswich (C.B.)	410, 242	TTOR (Ingelfinger)
5/4	Jeffries L.	1	J. Wallius	6/29	Plymouth B.	75	J. Hoye#
5/27	Rockport (A.P.)	5	R. Heil	Black Tern			
6/1	Barnstable (S.N.)	33	M. Lynch#	5/7-10	GMNWR	1 br	C. Kwong
6/16	Magnolia	1 IS	T. Pirro	5/8	Westfield	1	B. Bieda
6/17	N. Monomoy	350	B. Nikula	5/12	Egremont	1	K. Reed
Little Gull				5/31	Wachusett Res.	2 ad	M. Lynch#
5/3	Lynn B.	3 ad, 1 W	P. + F. Vale	6/1	Barnstable (S.N.)	1	M. Lynch#
6/3	P.I.	1 IS	R. Heil	6/5	Turners Falls	1	M. Fairbrother
Black-headed Gull				6/10	Rockport (A.P.)	1 ad br pl	R. Heil
6/23	Stellwagen	1 2S	A. Brissette#	6/21	Chatham (S.B.)	1	M. Faherty
Bonaparte's Gull				Black Skimmer			
5/3	Wachusett Res.	2	M. Lynch#	5/8	Orleans	8	C. Thompson
5/13	Nahant	1800+	L. Pivacek#	5/31	N. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula#
5/17	P'town	30+	B. Nikula#	6/10	Chatham	3	R. Heil
5/19	N. Monomoy	60+	B. Nikula	Common Murre			
5/24, 6/28	Truro	250, 50	J. Young	5/5	Jeffries L.	1	M. Taylor
6/4	Ipswich (C.B.)	50	E. Johnson	5/26, 27	Rockport (A.P.)	1 br pl, 2 br pl	R. Heil
6/29	Plymouth B.	12	J. Hoye#	6/21	Rockport (A.P.)	1 br pl	R. Heil
Iceland Gull				Razorbill			
5/18	Lynn	1 IS	J. Quigley	5/1	Chilmark	4	A. Keith
5/25, 6/10	P'town	2 IS, 1 12S	B. Nikula	5/4	Jeffries L.	14	J. Wallius
Lesser Black-backed Gull				5/24, 26	P'town	5, 3	B. Nikula
5/4	Jeffries L.	1 2W	J. Wallius	5/26	Rockport (A.P.)	2 br pl	R. Heil
5/11, 17	P'town	1 ad, 1 2S	B. Nikula	Black Guillemot			
Nelson's Gull				5/13	Gloucester	1 br pl	R. Heil
6/7, 22	Plymouth	1	Furbish, Brissette	5/27, 6/22	Rockport (A.P.)	1, 3	R. Heil
Black-legged Kittiwake				Atlantic Puffin			
5/17, 25	P'town	6 imm, 2 imm	B. Nikula#	6/1, 21	Rockport (A.P.)	1, 1	R. Heil
6/1	Rockport (A.P.)	15	M. Garvey				



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## CUCKOOS THROUGH GROSBEAKS

The weather more or less cooperated this spring for a fairly good migration, at least in this observer's mind. The much cooler spring enhanced the song of the migrants (just remember those Nashvilles belting out all over this year), and the foliage was slow in coming, making for greater visibility. There was a seesaw effect of southerly winds followed by northerly winds all through the period. This enabled birders to enjoy the migrants — such as Hooded Warbler at Mount Auburn Cemetery and a Summer Tanager in Nahant (to name a few) — for a longer period as they hung around feeding. Birders reported fallouts on May 4, 9, 13, 27, 28, and 31. Rob Finch and Mike Maurer experienced an impressive fallout of Palm Warblers on May 4, with over 80 Palms at Triphammer Pond in Hingham, and they commented that “the Yellow-rumps littered the trees all around the edge of the pond.” The biggest wave occurred on May 13, when observers in the Public Garden in Boston recorded 65 species, including a Summer Tanager, an impressive number for a small overly manicured urban park filled with people! Observers at Mount Auburn recorded 83 species on that same day with late Ruby crowned Kinglets and Palm Warblers mixed in with multiples of Lincoln's and White-crowned sparrows.

An injured Yellow-billed Cuckoo was picked up in Arlington on the rather early date of May 4 and may have been associated with the coastal storm on May 1-2. Most of the few late April and early May reports of this species have been linked to coastal storms. The Chuck-will's-widow returned to the Marconi area of Wellfleet for the seventh year in a row, and there were other reports of this species from Bourne and from Crane Beach in Ipswich. For the first time in many years Common Nighthawks were reported in much greater numbers and from more places this spring.

The cold and icy winter had a severe effect on the state population of Barn Owls, so it was encouraging to note a pair from Chilmark, the only birds reported. Red-bellied Woodpeckers apparently were not affected by the winter. The annual Hamden County survey tallied 99, the highest number in the 41 years of the count. Carolina Wren numbers appear to be down after the severe winter, although they do not appear to have taken as hard a hit as they did in the winter of 1994-1995. On the Hampden County census there were 10 wrens counted, down from 26 last year but above the twenty-year average of eight. Eastern Bluebirds were also affected by the cold and snowy winter with considerably fewer birds reported. Red-breasted Nuthatches and Purple Finches were reported in particularly poor numbers this spring. Both these species are irruptive and are scarce at times, but this spring was particularly poor. No Purple Finches were recorded on the Hampden County survey (as has been true in six of the last seven years), and only 5 Red-breasted Nuthatches compared with 7 in 2002 and 12 for the twenty-year average.

Birds that were reported in exceptional numbers this spring included Hermit and Wood thrush, Veery, several warblers including Nashville, Northern Parula, Magnolia, Palm, and American Redstart, and Lincoln's and White-crowned sparrows. Species that were noted in fewer numbers were House Wren, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Blue-winged, Tennessee, Cape May, and Bay-breasted warblers, and Louisiana Waterthrush.

The ongoing migration surveys, such as the Allen Bird Club census of Hampden County and the Essex County Ornithological Club survey of the Ipswich River, show us trends and fluctuations of bird populations. On May 17, twenty-eight members of the Allen Bird Club in fifteen teams conducted the forty-first annual census of birds in central Hampden County. The census is modeled after the Christmas Counts, with all individuals of every species tallied. The results were 143 species and over 11,000 individuals with some exceptional numbers: Warbling Vireo 112, Wood Thrush 162, Scarlet Tanager 63, Rose-breasted Grosbeak 88, Baltimore Oriole 224, and good numbers of warblers including 56 Blue-winged, 57 Parula, 224 Yellow, 63 Magnolia, 142 Black-and-white, 85 Ovenbirds, and 159 Yellowthroats. On the same day the



Essex County Ornithological Club held its ninety-seventh annual canoe trip on the Ipswich River. Ten people in four canoes put in at Danvers and canoed from 0515-1300, taking out in Topsfield at Bradley Palmer State Park. Other towns included in the survey were Middleton, Boxford, Wenham, and Hamilton. The trip covered a dozen or so miles of river and good numbers of river edge birds were seen, such as Warbling Vireo, Yellow Warbler, and Baltimore Oriole. The most astonishing misses were Veery, towhee, Scarlet Tanager, and Black-throated Green Warbler.

The South Shore Bird Club conducted their twenty-fifth Breeding Bird Survey on June 15, returning for the first time in over thirty years to the South Hanson Swamp, an area that had once been the club's favorite birding destination. The Burrage Pond Wildlife Management Area was acquired by the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife in the summer of 2002 and totals about 1700 acres. A total of 17 of the 83 species found that day were confirmed breeding, some at the nest, some as fledglings, and some determined by display behavior. Highlights included 63 Great Blue Herons, 11 Virginia Rails, 10 Yellow-billed Cuckoos, 24 Warbling Vireos, 4 Purple Martins, 40 Yellow Warblers, 21 Swamp Sparrows, and 8 Orchard Orioles. One interesting development was the confirmation of four Common Ravens that successfully fledged from the top of a microwave tower in the Foxboro State Forest.

Among the rare sightings, a **Say's Phoebe**, a first record for spring in Massachusetts, was discovered in Bedford. The bird was photographed and seen by a number of observers on a short two-day visit. A Lawrence's Warbler, a hybrid species, was banded in Auburn in early May, a first banding record for the state. There were three reports of Yellow-throated Warblers and just a single sighting of Kentucky Warbler was noted. Eight Summer Tanagers and five Blue Grosbeaks were reported, about average for spring. A **Painted Bunting** was seen in Plainville and a scattering of Evening Grosbeaks was reported from western Massachusetts, and a single "lost" individual from Chappaquiddick. R. Stymeist

Black-billed Cuckoo			5/14	Hardwick	2	C. Buelow	
5/11	Quabbin Pk	1	M. Lynch#	5/17	Windsor	2	M. Lynch#
5/14-6/30	Reports of indiv. from 36 locations			6/17	Barre	2	C. Buelow
5/28, 6/8	Medford	2, 2	M. Rines	6/26	Middleboro	pr	K. Anderson#
5/31	N. Truro	4	D. Manchester#	Short-eared Owl			
6/5	DWWS	2	D. Furbish	6/10	Chappaquiddick	1	V. Laux
6/10	Truro	2	R. Heil	Northern Saw-whet Owl			
6/14	Wenham	3	BBS (P. + F. Vale)	5/15-19	Granville	1	S. Kellogg
6/15	S. Hanson	2	SSBC (K. Anderson)	5/17	Savoy	1	M. Lynch#
6/17	Lexington	pr	C. Floyd#	5/17	Middleborough	1	SSBC (D. Peacock)
Yellow-billed Cuckoo			5/17	Windsor	2	M. Lynch#	
5/4	Cambridge	1 injured	A. Hubbard	6/26-30	Middleboro	ad + 3-5 yg	A. Brissette#
5/10	Braintree	1	BBC (d'Entremont)	Common Nighthawk			
5/16-6/30	Reports of indiv. from 15 locations			5/13	Arlington	2	R. Stymeist
5/31	Tyringham	2	Allen Club	5/16	Bolton Flats	2	S. Sutton
6/1	Wompatuck SP	3	C. Nims	5/27	Lancaster	10	S. Sutton
6/10-22	Medford	pr n	R. LaFontaine#	5/29	Sudbury	20	E. Taylor
6/14	Wenham	7	BBS (P. + F. Vale)	5/29	Hingham	17	C. Dalton
6/14	Cumb. Farms	2	P. Donahue	5/30	MBWMA	50	S. Hedman
6/15	S. Hanson	10	SSBC (K. Anderson)	5/30	Maynard	14	L. Nachtrab
Barn Owl			6/2	Newbypt	8	T. + L. Wetmore	
6/24	Chilmark	2	A. Keith#	Chuck-will's-widow			
Eastern Screech-Owl			5/16	Wellfleet	1	L. de la Flor#	
5/3	E. Bridgewater	pr n	E. Giles#	5/21	Ipswich (C.B.)	1	F. Ingelfinger
5/3	W. Bridgewater	2	S. Hedman	5/31-6/11	Wellfleet	1	v.o.
5/17	Hampden Cnty	6	Allen Club	6/12	Bourne	2	J. Ingersoll
6/29	Winchester	2	R. LaFontaine	Whip-poor-will			
Great Horned Owl			5/3-6/24	Reports of indiv. from 13 locations			
5/16	Lexington	2	M. Rines	5/4	Newbury	5	T. Wetmore
5/17	Hampden Cnty	5	Allen Club	5/16	Bolton Flats	4	S. Sutton
5/18	Worcester	2	M. Lynch#	5/30	Ipswich (C.B.)	3	J. Berry#
6/2	Edgartown	2 yg	A. Keith	6/6	Montague	10	Allen Club
6/13	Waltham	pr + 2 yg	J. Dean	6/24	MSSF	30	G. d'Entremont
Barred Owl			Chimney Swift				
5/10	Ipswich	3 yg b in 1 box	J. Holt#	5/12	W. Bridgewater	120	R. Titus
5/10	N. Andover	4 yg b in 3 boxes	J. Holt#	5/13	GMNWR	75	S. Sutton

Chimney Swift (continued)				5/14	Longmeadow	1	Allen Club
5/22	Newbypt	50+	P. + F. Vale	5/17	Hampden Cnty	7	Allen Club
5/23	Taunton	80	J. Sweeney	5/20	Bolton Flats	8	S. Sutton
5/27	Ipswich	75	J. Berry	6/2	Newbypt	10	T. + L. Wetmore
6/15	S. Hanson	23	SSBC (K. Anderson)	6/7	W. Brookfield	5	M. Lynch#
Ruby-throated Hummingbird				6/7	P.I.	35+	P. + F. Vale
5/2	Acoaxet	4	M. Lynch#	6/12	DWWS	5	D. Furbish
5/10	P.I.	4	T. Carrolan	6/14	Cumb. Farms	8	P. Donahue#
5/13	Marion	7	M. Maurer	6/23	New Braintree	5	C. Buelow
5/17	Hampden Cnty	6	Allen Club	Least Flycatcher			
5/17	Medford	4	P. + F. Vale	5/1	Lenox	2	R. Laubach
5/27	Chesterfield	4	R. Packard	5/2, 10	Medford	1, 4	M. Rines
5/28	Hadley	5	C. Gentes	5/11	Quabbin Pk	4	M. Lynch#
5/30	Chesterfield	6	R. Packard	5/14	Mt.A.	4	R. Stymeist#
6/3	Middleboro	4+	K. Anderson	5/16	Sheffield	10	M. Lynch#
6-3-30	Reports of indiv. from many locations			5/17	Lanesboro	5	M. Lynch#
Red-headed Woodpecker				6/16	Quabbin (G37)	6	C. Buelow
5/15-6/13	W. Tisbury	1	v.o.	6/28	Ware R. IBA	19	M. Lynch#
6/7	Nantucket	1 ad	G. Frost	Say's Phoebe (details submitted)*			
Red-bellied Woodpecker				5/17-18	Bedford	1 ph	D. Ranney + v.o.
5/17	Hampden Cnty	99	Allen Club	Great Crested Flycatcher			
5/31	Wayland	6	A. McCarthy#	5/11	Quabbin Pk	5	M. Lynch#
6/15	S. Hanson	4	SSBC (K. Anderson#)	5/17	Hampden Cnty	51	Allen Club
6/29	Mashpee	2 ad, 2 fl	M. Keleher	5/19	Medford	8	M. Rines
6/thr	Essex County	5 pr n	J. Berry	5/19	Manchester	10	J. Berry#
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				6/7	Ipswich	10	S. Maguire
5/10	Otis	7	T. Swochak	6/7	Wachusett Res.	10	S. Sutton
5/11	Worc. (BMB)	2	J. Liller#	6/10	P'town/Truro	8	R. Heil
5/17	Lanesboro	6	M. Lynch#	6/15	S. Hanson 14	SSBC (K. Anderson#)	
5/25	S. Quabbin	6	J. Hoye#	6/15	Wompatuck SP	10	P. + F. Vale
6/8	WMWS	3	T. Pirro#	6/21	Worc. (BMB)	7	BBS (J. Liller)
6/21	Mt. Greylock	4	BBC (d'Entremont)	Eastern Kingbird			
6/22	October Mt. SP	4	BBC (d'Entremont)	5/17	Hampden Cnty	31	Allen Club
6/28	Ware R. IBA	2	M. Lynch#	6/3	P.I.	52	R. Heil
6/30	Quabbin (G15)	2	I. Lynch#	6/15	S. Hanson 28	SSBC (K. Anderson#)	
Hairy Woodpecker				White-eyed Vireo			
6/7	Wachusett Res.	5	S. Sutton	5/2	Acoaxet	1	M. Lynch#
6/28	Ware R. IBA	6	M. Lynch#	5/3	Mt.A.	1	B. Chiasson#
6/29	Wompatuck SP	5	G. d'Entremont	5/19	P.I.	1	P. + F. Vale
Pileated Woodpecker				5/22, 25	Medford	1, 2	M. Rines
5/14	Hardwick	2	C. Buelow	6/8	Westport	3	G. d'Entremont
5/17	Hampden Cnty	11	Allen Club	Blue-headed Vireo			
5/17	Quabbin Pk	3	C. Buelow	5/2	Mt.A.	4	M. Daley
5/23	Quabbin (G37)	3	C. Buelow	5/2	P.I.	4	M. Tingley#
6/25	Monroe SF	3	E. Neumuth	5/4	Petersham	9	M. Lynch#
6/28	Ware R. IBA	2	M. Lynch#	5/12	Medford	7	M. Rines
thr	Reports of indiv. from 25 locations			5/13	Cape Ann	11	R. Heil
Olive-sided Flycatcher				5/13	P'town	6	B. Nikula
05/10	Westfield	1	J. Weeks	5/17	Quabbin Pk	9	C. Buelow
5/13-6/8	Reports of indiv. from 23 locations			6/28	Ware R. IBA	25	M. Lynch#
Eastern Wood-Pewee				Yellow-throated Vireo			
5/11	Pepperell	1	M. Resch	5/11	Quabbin Pk	13	M. Lynch#
5/13	Cape Ann	2	R. Heil	5/13	Winchester	2	M. Rines
5/17	Hampden Cnty	16	Allen Club	5/17	Hampden Cnty	11	Allen Club
6/3	P.I.	11	S. Grinley	6/15	Wompatuck SP	3	P. + F. Vale
6/7	W. Brookfield	12	M. Lynch#	6/15	Brimfield	3	M. Lynch#
6/7	Wachusett Res.	14	S. Sutton	6/18	N. Andover	5	J. Berry
6/15	S. Hanson	10	SSBC (K. Anderson#)	6/28	Ware R. IBA	4	M. Lynch#
6/18	N. Andover	11 m	J. Berry	6/30	W. Boxford	2 m	J. Berry
6/21	Worc. (BMB)	16	BBS (J. Liller)	Warbling Vireo			
6/28	Ware R. IBA	28	M. Lynch#	5/2	Groveland	8	T. Walker
6/29	Wompatuck SP	11	G. d'Entremont	5/17	Hampden Cnty	112	Allen Club
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher				5/18	Woburn	23	M. Rines#
5/21-6/10	Reports of indiv. from 9 locations			6/7	Cambr.-Watertown	41	R. Stymeist
Acadian Flycatcher				6/15	S. Hanson	24	SSBC (K. Anderson)
5/20-6/30	Quabbin	1-3	v.o.	Philadelphia Vireo			
5/22-6/30	Granville	3	S. Kellogg	5/4	Newbypt	1	BBC (S. Grinley)
5/30	Wayland	1	A. McCarthy#	5/13	Middleboro	1	K. Anderson
6/7	Wompatuck SP	1	J. Nelson	5/23	Mt.A.	1	C. Cook
Alder Flycatcher				5/24	Medford	1	P. + F. Vale
5/11	Bolton Flats	1	O. Spalding#	5/26	P'town	1	B. Nikula
5/14	Amherst	1	C. Gentes	Red-eyed Vireo			
5/21-6/30	Reports of 1-2 indiv. from 18 locations			5/7	Ware	1	D. Norton
5/31	Tyringham	9	Allen Club	5/11	Pepperell	1	M. Resch
6/28	Ware R. IBA	3	M. Lynch#	5/11	P.I.	1	T. Wetmore
6/29	HRWMA	5	M. Lynch#	5/17	Hampden Cnty	92	Allen Club
Willow Flycatcher				5/25	Quabbin Pk	57	M. Lynch#
5/12	Hingham	1	C. Dalton	6/7	Wachusett Res.	44	S. Sutton

Red-eyed Vireo (continued)				thr	Reports of 1-2 indiv. from 12 locations		
6/21	Mt. Greylock	59	BBC (d'Entremont)	Red-breasted Nuthatch			
6/28	Ware R. IBA	161	M. Lynch#	5/2	Andover	3	J. Berry
Fish Crow				5/13	Montague	3	C. Buelow
5/14	Mt.A.	4	R. Stymeist#	5/17	Hawley Bog	5	M. Lynch#
5/16-6/2	Westfield	4	v.o.	5/17	Mt. Greylock	4	M. Lynch#
5/21	Kingston	30	K. Anderson	6/7	Gardner	3	T. Pirro
5/31	Plymouth airport	3	SSBC (d'Entremont)	6/21	Ipswich	5	J. Berry#
6/23	Norwell	6+	S. Maguire	6/21	W. Royalston	6	M. Lynch#
6/25	DWWS	5	D. Furbish	6/28	Ware R. IBA	9	M. Lynch#
6/29	Bourne	9	D. Manchester	thr	Reports of 1-2 indiv. from 19 locations		
Common Raven				Brown Creeper			
5/7	Canton	1	V. Zollo	5/3	Lunenburg	3	M. Lynch#
5/16-31	Foxboro	pr + 4	yg n G. Valade	5/4	Petersham	9	M. Lynch#
5/17	Franklin	1	K. Anderson	5/9	Berlin	3	S. Sutton
5/17	Mt. Greylock	pr n	M. Lynch#	5/17	Hampden Cnty	5	Allen Club
5/25	Quabbin Pk	3	M. Lynch#	5/23	Quabbin (G37)	3	C. Buelow
5/25	Rockport (H.P.)	1	K. Hartel	5/thr	Ipswich	pr n	J. Berry
6/2	Petersham	1 n w/young	C. Buelow	6/15	Brimfield	3	M. Lynch#
6/9	Braintree	1 n	D. Furbish	6/15	Sturbridge	5	M. Lynch#
6/20	Gt Barrington	3	G. d'Entremont	6/21	Mt. Greylock	4	BBC (d'Entremont)
6/28	Ware R. IBA	2	M. Lynch#	6/28	Ware R. IBA	9	M. Lynch#
Horned Lark				Carolina Wren			
5/2	Acoaxet	2	M. Lynch#	5/thr	15 W. Mass loc.	24	v.o.
5/10	Orange	2	W. Lafley	5/2	Acoaxet	13	M. Lynch#
5/11	Mashpee	1	M. Keleher	5/10	Uxbridge	3	M. Lynch#
5/11	Northampton	1	C. Gentes	5/13	Cape Ann	17	R. Heil
5/16	Westfield	2	S. Kellogg	5/17	Hampden Cnty	10	Allen Club
Purple Martin				5/30	Westport	17	G. d'Entremont
5/3	Maynard	16	L. Nachtrab	6/8	Taunton	6	G. d'Entremont
5/12	W. Bridgewater	1 f	R. Titus	House Wren			
5/14	Lakeville	6	J. Sweeney#	5/3	Medford	6	P. + F. Vale
5/30	N. Truro	5	D. Manchester#	5/11	Gloucester (E.P.)	7	BBC (J. Nove)
5/31	Rochester	9	J. Sweeney	5/13	Cape Ann	6	R. Heil
6/3	P.I.	22	R. Heil	6/16	Hardwick	5	C. Buelow
6/5	Horseshoe Shoals	1 m	S. Perkins#	6/29	HRWMA	8	M. Lynch#
6/5	DWWS	64	D. Furbish	Winter Wren			
6/15	S. Hanson	4	SSBC (K. Anderson#)	5/4	Petersham	5	M. Lynch#
Tree Swallow				6/2	Erving	2	C. Buelow
5/3	Weston	70	BBC (B. Howell)	6/7	Wompatuck SP	3	J. Nelson
5/8	Northboro	50	E. Morrier	6/21	Mt. Greylock	4	BBC (d'Entremont)
5/15	Wakefield	75	P. + F. Vale	6/25	Monroe SF	6	E. Neumuth
5/16	Stockbridge	500	M. Lynch#	6/28	Ware R. IBA	10	M. Lynch#
6/15	S. Hanson	50	SSBC (K. Anderson)	Marsh Wren			
Northern Rough-winged Swallow				5/24	Lynnfield	20	J. Hoye#
5/2	N. Truro	17	D. Manchester#	6/7	W. Brookfield	10	M. Lynch#
5/9	Hyannis	40	C. Buelow	6/21	P.I.	12	P. + F. Vale
5/9	Wakefield	20+	P. + F. Vale	6/24	Newbury	10+	R. Heil#
5/13	Turners Falls	10	R. Packard	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			
5/17	Hampden Cnty	26	Allen Club	5/1	Woburn	7	M. Rines
Bank Swallow				5/4	IRWS	10	G. Tepke#
5/6, 22	Arlington Res.	2, 50	M. Rines	5/4	Wompatuck SP	7	SSBC (d'Entremont)
5/13	GMNWR	400	S. Sutton	5/9	Hingham	6+	C. Dalton
5/16	Bolton Flats	75	S. Sutton	5/10	Northbridge	11	M. Lynch#
5/22	Turners Falls	35	G. d'Entremont	5/11	Quabbin Pk	24	M. Lynch#
5/25	Washington	35	E. Neumuth	5/17	Hampden Cnty	33	Allen Club
5/27	Ipswich (C.B.)	55 nests	J. Berry	5/17	Ipswich R.	9	ECOC (J. Berry)
6/8	Ashland	75	E. Taylor	5/20	Boxford	12	R. Stymeist#
6/15	Brimfield	60 nests	M. Lynch#	6/7	Wachusett Res.	6	S. Sutton
6/16	Hardwick	75	C. Buelow	6/15	Sturbridge	6	M. Lynch#
6/22	Lee	75	BBC (d'Entremont)	Golden-crowned Kinglet			
Barn Swallow				5/2	Mt.A.	1	M. Daley
5/2	Westport	62	M. Lynch#	5/17	Mt. Greylock	4	M. Lynch#
5/2	N. Truro	75	D. Manchester#	5/17	Windsor	2	R. Packard
5/13	Cape Ann	85+	R. Heil	6/19	Oakham	2	J. Young
5/13	GMNWR	100	S. Sutton	6/22	October Mt.	4	BBC (d'Entremont)
5/15	Wakefield	75+	P. + F. Vale	6/25	Monroe SF	3	E. Neumuth
Cliff Swallow				6/28	Ware R. IBA	7	M. Lynch#
5/2	Cheshire	200	D. St James	Ruby-crowned Kinglet			
5/11	W. Newbury	50	J. Berry	5/3	Mt.A.	30+	P. + F. Vale
5/19	Groveland	10	R. Stymeist#	5/11	P.I.	5+	T. Wetmore
5/24	Haverhill	20	J. Hoye#	5/12	MNWS	6	K. Haley
5/25	Beverly	pr n	B. McHugh	5/13	Rockport	14	R. Heil
5/26	Amherst	6	C. Gentes	5/14	Medford	6	M. Rines
6/5	Ipswich (C.B.)	4	O. Spalding#	5/14	Mt.A.	5	R. Stymeist#
6/7	Pittsfield	3	T. Collins	5/17	Lenox	1	C. Blagdon
6/7	Newbury	8	P. + F. Vale	Eastern Bluebird			
6/11	Lunenburg	37 pr	T. Pirro	5/14	Lakeville	3	J. Sweeney#

Eastern Bluebird (continued)			6/5	Woburn	15	M. Rines#
5/17	Quabbin Pk	3	C. Buelow	6/15	S. Hanson	4 SSBC (K. Anderson)
5/17	Hampden Cnty	11	Allen Club	6/21	P.I.	8 P. + F. Vale
6/5	Woburn	3	M. Rines#	American Pipit		
6/20	Sheffield	3	G. d'Entremont	5/2	Westport	1 M. Lynch#
6/21	W. Royalston	3	M. Lynch#	5/27	Ipswich (C.B.)	1 J. Berry
Veery				Cedar Waxwing		
5/3	ONWR	1	S. Sutton	5/31	DWMA	31 M. Lynch#
5/8, 14	Medford	2, 7	M. Rines	6/2	Medford	300 M. Rines
5/11	Quabbin Pk	11	M. Lynch#	6/4	Mt.A.	34 R. Stymeist
5/16	Stockbridge	16	M. Lynch#	6/14	Wenham	33 BBS (P. + F. Vale)
5/17	Hampden Cnty	52	Allen Club	6/28	Ware R. IBA	37 M. Lynch#
5/17	Mt. Greylock	19	M. Lynch#	Blue-winged Warbler		
6/14	Wenham	15	BBS (P. + F. Vale)	5/10	Stoughton	5 V. Zollo
6/15	Brimfield	44	M. Lynch#	5/17	Hampden Cnty	58 Allen Club
6/15	S. Hanson	18	SSBC (K. Anderson#)	5/21	MBWNA	5 P. + F. Vale
6/25	Ipswich	15	J. Berry	5/22	Wompatuck SP	5 P. + F. Vale
6/28	Ware R. IBA	45	M. Lynch#	5/22	Milton (F.M.)	5 P. O'Neill
6/29	Wompatuck SP	28	G. d'Entremont	5/30	Westport	5 G. d'Entremont
Gray-cheeked Thrush				6/15	Brimfield	6 M. Lynch#
5/28	Mt.A.	1	C. Floyd#	Golden-winged Warbler		
Gray-cheeked/Bicknell's Thrush				5/4	Williamsburg	1 G. LeBaron
5/13	Worcester	1	M. Lynch#	5/5-27	W. Newbury	1 v.o.
5/17	E. Longmeadow	1	G. Kingston	5/9	Easthampton	1 S. Smolen-Morton
5/20	MNWS	1	P. + F. Vale	5/13	Mt.A.	1 P. Perry
5/22	S. Quabbin	1	R. Packard#	5/13-15	P.I.	1 v.o.
5/25	Rockport (A.P.)	1	K. Hartel	Brewster's Warbler		
5/27	Mt.A.	1	L. Ferraresso	5/14	Lenox	1 E. Nuemuth
5/28	P.I.	1	J. Hully	5/17	W. Newbury	1 C. Nims#
5/28	MNWS	1	K. Haley	5/28	MNWS	1 K. Haley
5/30	Nahant	1	L. Pivacek	Lawrence's Warbler		
Swainson's Thrush				5/3	Auburn	1 b M. Blazis
5/2, 27	Boston	1, 4	G. Tepke#	Tennessee Warbler		
5/12	MNWS	4	J. Paluzzi	5/3-6/3	Reports of indiv. from 11 locations	
5/12	Agawam	6	T. Swochak	5/12-24	Medford	4 max 5/14 M. Rines
5/14, 27	Mt.A.	14, 6	R. Stymeist#	5/17	Holyoke	2 D. McLain
5/15	Cambr. (F.P.)	4	S. Simpson	5/28	P'town	4 J. Kricher
5/17	Hampden Cnty	16	Allen Club	Orange-crowned Warbler		
5/19, 6/7	Medford	2, 1	M. Rines	5/2	Medford	1 A. Ankers
5/28	MNWS	15+	K. Haley	5/2	Mt.A.	1 M. Daley
6/25	Monroe SF	7	E. Neumuth	5/12	Stoughton	1 R. Titus
Hermit Thrush				5/13	Worcester	1 M. Lynch#
5/17	Mt. Greylock	16	M. Lynch#	5/13	Mt.A.	1 R. Martel
5/17	Savoy	33	M. Lynch#	Nashville Warbler		
6/7	Wachusett Res.	11	S. Sutton	5/2	Gardner	3 T. Pirro
6/15	Wompatuck SP	7	C. Nims	5/2	Montague	5 C. Buelow
6/24	MSSF	5	G. d'Entremont	5/4, 14	Mt.A.	6, 28 R. Stymeist#
6/25	Monroe SF	7	E. Neumuth	5/10	Medford	61 M. Rines#
6/27	Manchester	9 m	J. Berry	5/13	Winchester	35 M. Rines
6/28	Ware R. IBA	51	M. Lynch#	5/18	Marblehead	20+ K. Haley
Wood Thrush				6/21	Worc. (BMB)	1 BBS (J. Lillier)
5/10	Northbridge	10	M. Lynch#	6/21-28	Middleboro	1 A. Brissette
5/13	Cape Ann	12	R. Heil	6/28	Ware R. IBA	1 M. Lynch#
5/16	Sheffield	15	M. Lynch#	6/29	Wompatuck SP	1 G. d'Entremont
5/17	Hampden Cnty	165	Allen Club	Northern Parula		
5/18	Worcester	16	M. Lynch#	5/2-30	Medford	33 max 5/10 M. Rines
5/19	Medford	20	M. Rines	5/4-6/3	Mt.A.	22 max 5/14 v.o.
5/28	Ipswich	15 m	J. Berry	5/11	Quabbin Pk	22 M. Lynch#
5/30	Westport	10	G. d'Entremont	5/13	Winchester	28 M. Rines
6/7	W. Brookfield	11	M. Lynch#	5/17	Lanesboro	21 M. Lynch#
6/10	Hardwick	10	C. Buelow	5/17	Hampden Cnty	57 Allen Club
Gray Catbird				5/19	P.I.	24 P. + F. Vale
5/13	Cape Ann	82	R. Heil	5/20	MNWS	22 P. + F. Vale
5/18	Worcester	39	M. Lynch#	6/21	Worc. (BMB)	1 BBS (J. Lillier)
5/20	P.I.	42	S. Sutton	Yellow Warbler		
5/30	Westport	46	G. d'Entremont	5/2	Westport	14 M. Lynch#
6/7	Cambr.-Watertown	55	R. Stymeist	5/6, 31	Woburn	21, 38 M. Rines
6/15	S. Hanson	63	SSBC (K. Anderson)	5/16	Stockbridge	50 M. Lynch#
6/21	Worc. (BMB)	30	BBS (J. Lillier)	5/20, 6/24	Bolton Flats	20, 46 S. Sutton
6/24	Bolton Flats	40	S. Sutton	5/25	Burlington	41 M. Rines
6/28	Ware R. IBA	42	M. Lynch#	6/3	P.I.	103 R. Heil
6/29	Wompatuck SP	36	G. d'Entremont	6/15	S. Hanson	40 SSBC (K. Anderson#)
Brown Thrasher				Chestnut-sided Warbler		
5/4	P.I.	5	P. + F. Vale	5/3-6/3	Reports of 1-8 from many E. Mass loc.	
5/10	Uxbridge	4	M. Lynch#	5/3	Northfield	3 BBC (M. Taylor)
5/14	Hardwick	4	C. Buelow	5/17	Hampden Cnty	49 Allen Club
5/17	Hampden Cnty	23	Allen Club	5/17	Mt. Greylock	41 M. Lynch#
5/31	MSSF	6	SSBC (d'Entremont)	5/25	Quabbin Pk	21 M. Lynch#

Chestnut-sided Warbler (continued)				5/4, 6/29	Wompatuck SP	18, 13	G. d'Entremont
6/15	Huntington	15	Allen Club	5/11	Quabbin Pk	35	M. Lynch#
6/28	Ware R. IBA	70	M. Lynch#	5/17	Hampden Cnty	45	Allen Club
6/thr	Medford	pr n	R. LaFontaine#	6/7	Wachusett Res.	28	S. Sutton
Magnolia Warbler				6/28	Ware R. IBA	74	M. Lynch#
5/3	Northfield	2	BBC (M. Taylor)	Prairie Warbler			
5/6-6/2	Medford	36 max 5/14	M. Rines	5/2	Montague	4	C. Buelow
5/12-6/2	MNWS	50 max 5/19	K. Haley	5/7, 6/6	Woburn	5, 10	M. Rines
5/13, 26	P'town	15, 12	B. Nikula	5/17	Quabbin Pk	15	C. Buelow
5/17	Lanesboro	16	M. Lynch#	5/17	Hampden Cnty	17	Allen Club
5/17	Hampden Cnty	63	Allen Club	5/18, 6/29	Falmouth	10, 11	M. Keleher
5/19, 6/3	P.I.	28, 14	Vale, Heil	5/31	MSSF	8	SSBC (d'Entremont)
6/22	October Mt.	3	BBC (d'Entremont)	6/21	Worc. (BMB)	8	BBS (J. Liller)
6/28	Ware R. IBA	12	M. Lynch#	Palm Warbler			
Cape May Warbler				5/2	Boston	10	G. Tepke#
5/4	Williamsburg	1	G. LeBaron	5/4-26	Hingham	80 max 5/4	v.o.
5/10, 15	Mt.A.	1	Miller, Floyd	5/4	Arlington Res.	11	M. Rines
5/10	Quincy	1 m	BBC (d'Entremont)	5/10, 15	Medford	3, 1	M. Rines#
5/14	Worcester	1	M. Lynch#	5/13	Winchester	2	M. Rines
5/17	Holyoke	1	D. McLain	5/14	Mt.A.	2	R. Stymeist#
5/20	P.I.	1	S. McGrath	Bay-breasted Warbler			
5/22	Newbypt	1	M. Noland	5/7	Washington	1	E. Neumuth
5/28	P'town	1	J. Kricher	5/8-25	Medford	6 max 5/14	M. Rines
Black-throated Blue Warbler				5/11	Mt Tom	2	T. Gagnon
5/2-31	MNWS	6 max 5/19	K. Haley	5/11	Agawam	2	Allen Club
5/2-28	Medford	14 max 5/14	M. Rines	5/11-25	10 W. Mass loc.	17	v.o.
5/3-16	Mt.A.	9 max 5/14	v.o.	5/12, 20	Worcester	1, 4	M. Lynch#
5/9	Sandisfield	13	T. Swochak	5/19	P'town	2	S. Hedman#
5/17	Hampden Cnty	16	Allen Club	5/22	Mt.A.	6	B. Miller
5/17, 6/21	Mt. Greylock	22, 6	Lynch, d'Entremont	5/26	Nahant	2	P. + F. Vale
6/25	Monroe SF	9	E. Neumuth	6/3	P.I.	2 m	R. Heil
6/28	Ware R. IBA	8	M. Lynch#	Blackpoll Warbler			
Yellow-rumped Warbler				5/11-6/3	Mt.A.	8 max 5/14	v.o.
5/1-24	Medford	225 max 5/10	M. Rines	5/12-6/2	MNWS	10 max 5/19	K. Haley
5/1-27	Mt.A.	100 max 5/9	v.o.	5/13-6/3	Boston	15 max 5/27	G. Tepke
5/1-25	P'town	100 max 5/10	B. Nikula	5/14-6/3	Medford	17 max 5/14	M. Rines
5/1	E. Quabbin	120	D. Small	5/17	Hampden Cnty	7	Allen Club
5/3	Weston	150+	BBC (B. Howell)	5/20, 26	P'town	40, 20	B. Nikula
5/3	Gill	220	S. Smolen-Morton	6/3	P.I.	31	R. Heil
5/4	Hingham	125+	R. Finch#	6/14	Mt. Greylock	5	Allen Club
5/6	Amherst	110	H. Allen	6/14	Wenham	2	BBS (P. + F. Vale)
5/7	Arlington Res.	135	M. Rines#	Cerulean Warbler			
5/17	Hampden Cnty	237	Allen Club	5/3-6/30	Quabbin Pk	2 m	v.o.
6/21	Mt. Greylock	14	BBC (d'Entremont)	5/10-6/30	Mt Holyoke	1	E. Rutman
6/25	Monroe SF	5	E. Neumuth	5/14	P'town	1	B. Nikula
6/28	Ware R. IBA	16	M. Lynch#	5/22	Montgomery	2	J. Weeks
Black-throated Green Warbler				5/26	Quabbin (G40)	1	R. Holden#
5/2	Athol	14	ABNC (J. Johnstone)	Black-and-white Warbler			
5/8	Williamsburg	35	G. LeBaron	5/1-27	Mt.A.	15 max 5/14	v.o.
5/9	Sandisfield	25	T. Swochak	5/1-25	Medford	54 max 5/14	M. Rines
5/10	Medford	26	M. Rines#	5/9	Sandisfield	20	T. Swochak
5/10	Otis	31	T. Swochak	5/13	Winchester	36	M. Rines
5/11	Agawam	25	Allen Club	5/13	P'town	10+	B. Nikula
5/13	P'town	16+	B. Nikula	5/13	Cape Ann	20	R. Heil
5/13	Winchester	33	M. Rines	5/17	Hampden Cnty	142	Allen Club
5/17	Hampden Cnty	42	Allen Club	6/28	Ware R. IBA	26	M. Lynch#
5/17	Lanesboro	31	M. Lynch#	American Redstart			
6/16	Petersham	18	C. Buelow	5/2	Montague	1 m	C. Buelow
6/25	Monroe SF	23	E. Neumuth	5/4-25	Quabbin Pk	42 max 5/11	v.o.
6/28	Ware R. IBA	73	M. Lynch#	5/8-6/2	Medford	41 max 5/29	M. Rines
6/29	Quabbin (G15)	16	T. Pirro	5/17	Hampden Cnty	123	Allen Club
Blackburnian Warbler				5/17, 6/21	Mt. Greylock	24, 17	Lynch, d'Entremont
5/1	Lenox	1	R. Laubach	5/17	Lanesboro	21	M. Lynch#
5/4-27	Mt.A.	9 max 5/27	v.o.	5/28	P'town	10	J. Kricher
5/7-28	Medford	14 max 5/14	M. Rines	5/30	MNWS	25+	P. + F. Vale
5/11, 25	Quabbin Pk	12, 6	M. Lynch#	6/3	P.I.	35	R. Heil
5/17, 6/21	Mt. Greylock	17, 10	Lynch, d'Entremont	6/7	W. Brookfield	19	M. Lynch#
5/17	Hampden Cnty	27	Allen Club	6/10	Hardwick	13	C. Buelow
5/23	Newbypt	7	P. + F. Vale	6/13	Sheffield	15	S. Sutton
5/28	P'town	4	J. Kricher	Worm-eating Warbler			
6/25	Monroe SF	19	E. Neumuth	5/10	Mt Tom	12	E. Rutman
6/28	Ware R. IBA	9	M. Lynch#	5/10	Uxbridge	2 m	M. Lynch#
Yellow-throated Warbler				5/11-5/25	Reports of indiv. from	8 locations	
5/10	Chilmark	1	A. Keith	5/14-31	Mt Holyoke	2	v.o.
5/13	Oak Bluffs	1	E. + M. Sibert	5/17	Holyoke	4	D. McLain
Pine Warbler				5/25	Quincy	6	V. Zollo
5/2	Andover	14 m	J. Berry	6/2, 15	Dover	pr, 3	J. O'Connell
5/3, 13	P'town	15, 15	B. Nikula	6/15	Wompatuck SP	3	C. Nims

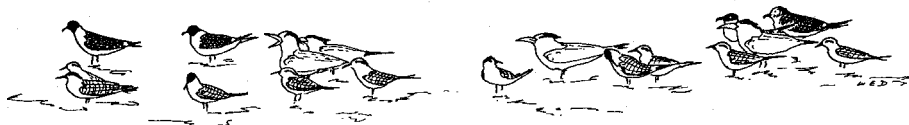
Ovenbird				5/10	Edgartown	1	A. Keith#
5/9	Sandisfield	42	T. Swochak	5/13	Boston	1 f	D. Hunneman#
5/10, 6/15	Wompatuck SP	64, 53	C. Nims	5/15	Nantucket	1 f	S. Langer
5/10	Stoughton	43	V. Zollo	5/17-19	Nahant	1 f	L. Pivacek + v.o.
5/10	Otis	56	T. Swochak	5/19	P'town	1	C. Goodrich
5/17	Hampden Cnty	85	Allen Club	5/28-29	W. Tisbury	1	J. Amos
5/17	Mt. Greylock	45	M. Lynch#	5/29	Yarmouthport	1 m	J. Duryea
6/28	Ware R. IBA	124	M. Lynch#	Scarlet Tanager			
Northern Waterthrush				5/7	Canton	1	V. Zollo
5/5, 29	Medford	2, 5	M. Rines	5/8	Arlington	2	M. Rines
5/9, 27	Boston	2, 4	G. Tepke	5/17	Hampden Cnty	63	Allen Club
5/13	Winchester	9	M. Rines	5/25	Quabbin Pk	13	M. Lynch#
5/13	Cape Ann	9	R. Heil	5/28	Ipswich	10	J. Berry
5/14	Longmeadow	10	Allen Club	6/7	Wachusett Res.	12	S. Sutton
5/17	Hampden Cnty	15	Allen Club	6/21	Worc. (BMB)	11	BBS (J. Liller)
5/19, 28	MNWS	5, 5	K. Haley	6/28	Ware R. IBA	47	M. Lynch#
5/20	Nahant	5	P. + F. Vale	Eastern Towhee			
5/28	Ipswich	4 m	J. Berry	5/10	Stoughton	39	V. Zollo
6/15	S. Hanson	4	SSBC (K. Anderson)	5/13	Montague	22	C. Buelow
Louisiana Waterthrush				6/21	Worc. (BMB)	29	BBS (J. Liller)
5/4	Petersham	2	M. Lynch#	6/28	Ware R. IBA	35	M. Lynch#
5/10, 6/1	Wompatuck SP	2, 1	C. Nims	6/29	Wompatuck SP	54	G. d'Entremont
5/10, 17	Nahant	1	L. Pivacek	Clay-colored Sparrow			
5/17	Hampden Cnty	7	Allen Club	5/1-4	Newbypt	1	S. Grinley + v.o.
6/7	Groton	pr	J. + L. Duprey#	5/9	Athol	1	Athol Club
thr	Berlin	1-2	S. Sutton	Field Sparrow			
thr	Reports of indiv from 7 probable breeding loc.			5/2	Montague	8	C. Buelow
Kentucky Warbler				6/5	Woburn	11	M. Rines#
6/7	Ipswich	1	S. Maguire	6/15	S. Hanson	12	SSBC (K. Anderson#)
Mourning Warbler				6/21	Worc. (BMB)	9	BBS (J. Liller)
5/17-6/6	Reports of indiv. from 13 locations.			6/29	Falmouth	7	M. Keleher
5/20	Mt.A.	2	BBC (I. Giriunas)	Vesper Sparrow			
5/30-6/7	Medford	4 total	M. Rines	5/10, 28	Orange	5, 1	W. Lafley
5/30-6/3	MNWS	2 total	v.o.	5/15	Northampton	2	C. Gentes
5/31	Auburn	2 b	M. Blazis	5/16-6/2	Westfield	2	S. Kellogg
6/7, 21	Mt. Greylock	2, 3	Gagnon, d'Entremont	5/17	Plainfield	3	M. Lynch#
6/8	Washington	4	Allen Club	5/26	S. Wellfleet	1	J. Young
6/22	October Mt.	1	BBC (d'Entremont)	5/29	Sunderland	2	H. Allen
6/23	Peru	1	T. Swochak	5/31	Plymouth airport	1	SSBC (d'Entremont)
Common Yellowthroat				6/1-12	Concord	1 m	G. Hopkins
5/2, 6/21	Worc. (BMB)	2, 20	J. Liller	Savannah Sparrow			
5/4, 19	P.I.	2, 36	P. + F. Vale	5/2	W. Roxbury	60	A. Joslin
5/17	Ipswich R.	36 m	ECOC (J. Berry)	5/4	Lexington	55	M. Rines
5/22	Milton (F.M.)	33	P. O'Neill	6/4, 12	Bedford (Hanscom)	206 total	M. Rines#
6/7	W. Brookfield	39	M. Lynch#	6/21	Worcester	47	M. Lynch#
6/15	S. Hanson	38	SSBC (K. Anderson)	Grasshopper Sparrow			
6/15	Brimfield	38	M. Lynch#	5/11-31	Southwick	1	S. Kellogg
6/24	Bolton Flats	40	S. Sutton	5/16-31	Westfield	1	S. Kellogg
6/28	Ware R. IBA	60	M. Lynch#	5/18, 6/21	Worcester	2, 5 m	M. Lynch#
Hooded Warbler				5/20, 6/29	Falmouth	3 m, 4	C. Buelow
5/4	Brockton	1 m	M. Faherty	5/22	Sunderland	1	G. d'Entremont
5/4-7, 22	Mt.A.	1 m	Keyes, Miller	5/28	Orange	2	W. Lafley
5/10	Harwich	1	E. Banks	6/3	Leverett	1	E. Neumuth
5/11-12	Tisbury	1	M. Pelikan#	6/4, 12	Bedford (Hanscom)	3 total	M. Rines#
5/11-13	P'town	1	P. Flood#	6/6	Turners Falls	3	Allen Club
5/25	Quabbin Pk	1 m	M. Lynch#	Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow			
Wilson's Warbler				6/thr	P.I.	8 max	v.o.
5/6	Amherst	1	H. Allen	6/17, 21	Newbury	252 total	R. Heil
5/7	Worc. (BMB)	1	J. Liller	Seaside Sparrow			
5/10-28	Medford	4 max 5/11	M. Rines#	5/10-6/30	P.I.	5 max	v.o.
5/14	Salisbury	3	S. Walch	5/29	N. Truro	1	D. Manchester#
5/16-30	MNWS	8 max 5/23	P. + F. Vale	6/8	Plymouth	1	J. Sweeney
5/17	Hampden Cnty	8	Allen Club	6/17, 21	Newbury	37 total	R. Heil
5/19-6/3	P.I.	10 max 5/19	v.o.	Lincoln's Sparrow			
5/20	Nahant	3	P. + F. Vale	5/1	Westfield	1	J. Weeks
5/27	Northampton	2	C. Gentes	5/1-17	11 W. Mass loc.	13	v.o.
Canada Warbler				5/13	Cape Ann	9	R. Heil
5/9	Granville	1	S. Kellogg	5/13	Saugus	2	D. + I. Jewell
5/12-6/2	Mt.A.	5 max 5/30	P. Vale	5/14	Mt.A.	6	R. Stymeist#
5/12-6/3	MNWS	15 max 5/28	K. Haley	5/15	Boston (BNC)	3	BBC (L. Ferraresso)
5/12-6/2	Medford	6 max 5/25	M. Rines	5/22	P.I.	4	C. Cook
5/17	Hampden Cnty	18	Allen Club	5/28	Manomet	2	P. O'Neill
5/19-6/3	P.I.	7 max 6/3	v.o.	White-throated Sparrow			
5/28	P'town	6	J. Kricher	5/7, 6/6	Boston	50, 1	Cook, Tepke
6/28	Ware R. IBA	5	M. Lynch#	5/13	Cape Ann	98	R. Heil
6/29	Quabbin (G15)	2	T. Pirro	5/17	Savoy	11	M. Lynch#
Summer Tanager				5/17	Moran WMA	10	M. Lynch#
5/1	Oak Bluffs	1	E. + M. Sibert	5/20	Nahant	5	P. + F. Vale

White-throated Sparrow (continued)	6/23	Ipswich	42+	J. Berry#
6/21 W. Royalston	3	M. Lynch#	Eastern Meadowlark	
6/28 Ware R. IBA	4	M. Lynch#	5/17 Hampden Cnty	4
6/28 Mt. Greylock	10	C. Buelow	6/4 Bedford (Hanscom)	51 total
White-crowned Sparrow			6/15 S. Hanson	6 SSBC (K. Anderson#)
5/4 Newbypt	1	S. Grinley	6/21 Worcester	3
5/5-12 Boston	6 max 5/9	G. Tepke	6/23 Ipswich	3
5/10 Quabbin	5	Hampshire Club	Rusty Blackbird	
5/11 Natick	11	E. Taylor	5/3 Westboro	1
5/11 P.I.	4	P. + F. Vale	5/3 Norfolk	1
5/13 Cape Ann	26	R. Heil	5/7 New Marlboro	1
5/14 Mt.A.	9	R. Stymeist#	5/8 Northampton	1
5/14 Westfield	3	J. Weeks	Orchard Oriole	
5/17 P'town	8+	v.o.	5/3 Milton	1
Dark-eyed Junco			5/4 Merrimac	6
5/9 Maynard	1	L. Nachtrab	5/4-31 Hadley	1-4
5/17 Mt. Greylock	35	M. Lynch#	5/4, 31 Medford	1, 3
5/22 Hadley	3	G. d'Entremont	5/7, 6/5 Woburn	4, 4 m
6/22 October Mt.	5	BBC (d'Entremont)	5/9 Hingham	8
Rose-breasted Grosbeak			5/10 Milton	4 BBC (d'Entremont)
5/7 Hamilton/Topsfield	12 m	J. Berry	5/11 Newbury	5
5/11 Quabbin Pk	13	M. Lynch#	5/18 Woburn	7
5/17 Hampden Cnty	91	Allen Club	6/15 S. Hanson	8 SSBC (K. Anderson)
5/17 Ipswich R.	26	ECOC (J. Berry)	Baltimore Oriole	
6/7 W. Brookfield	12	M. Lynch#	5/4, 14 Mt.A.	12, 21
6/28 Ware R. IBA	22	M. Lynch#	5/11 Quabbin Pk	42
Blue Grosbeak			5/17 Ipswich R.	40
5/2 Hubbardston	1 f	M. Lawton	5/17 Hampden Cnty	228
5/17 Orleans	1 imm	S. Carey#	5/25 Quabbin Pk	23
5/18 Palmer	1	J. Marcinek	6/15 Brimfield	17
6/5-6 Woburn	1 imm m	M. Rines#	6/15 S. Hanson	34 SSBC (K. Anderson)
6/25-29 S. Quabbin	1	R. Kipp + v.o.	Purple Finch	
Indigo Bunting			5/4, 6/29 Wompatuck SP	4, 2
5/9 Mt.A.	1 m	M. Daley	5/4 Petersham	6
5/10 Blandford	1	Allen Club	5/4, 6/7 P.I.	3, 6
5/11, 24 Medford	1, 4	M. Rines	5/11 Ipswich	3
5/11, 22 Quabbin Pk	4, 10	M. Lynch#	5/15 P'town	3
5/17 Hampden Cnty	13	Allen Club	5/30 Gardner	4
6/15 S. Hanson	6SSBC (K. Anderson)		6/15 Sturbridge	3
6/21 Mt. Greylock	6 BBC (d'Entremont)		6/21 Mt. Greylock	8 BBC (d'Entremont)
6/23 Ipswich	4	J. Berry#	Evening Grosbeak	
Painted Bunting			5/4 Dalton	10
5/13 Plainville	1 m	M. Smith	5/4 Washington	3
Bobolink			5/9 Chappaquiddick	1
5/4 Wayland	8 m	S. Ells	5/14 Worcester	2
5/4, 6/12 DWWS	4, 80	D. Furbish	5/17 Hawley	4
5/10, 6/17 P.I.	8, 35	P. + F. Vale	6/14 Orange	2
5/17, 6/6 Cumb. Farms	17, 12	J. Sweeney	6/22 New Salem	5
6/4, 12 Bedford (Hanscom)	43 total	M. Rines#	6/29 Chesterfield	2
6/13 Sheffield	22	S. Sutton	6/30 Princeton	2
6/17 Newbury	88	R. Heil		

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# ABBREVIATIONS FOR BIRD SIGHTINGS

A.A. Arnold Arboretum  
 ABC Allen Bird Club  
 A.P. Andrews Point, Rockport  
 A.Pd Allens Pond, S. Dartmouth  
 B. Beach  
 Barre F.D. Barre Falls Dam,  
     Barre, Rutland  
     Belle Isle, E. Boston  
 B.I. Belle Isle, E. Boston  
 B.R. Bass Rocks, Gloucester  
 BBC Brookline Bird Club  
 BBS Breeding Bird Survey  
 BMB Broad Meadow Brook, Worcester  
 C.B. Crane Beach, Ipswich  
 C.P. Crooked Pond, Foxford  
     Cambridge  
 Cambr. Cape Cod Bird Club  
 CCBC Corporation Beach, Dennis  
 Corp. B. Cumberland Farms,  
     Middleboro  
 DFWS Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary  
 DWMA Delaney WMA  
     Stow, Bolton, Harvard  
     Daniel Webster WS  
 DWWS Eastern Point, Gloucester  
 E.P. Eastern Mass. Hawk Watch  
 EMHW First Encounter Beach, Eastham  
 F.E. Fort Hill, Eastham  
 F.H. Fowl Meadow  
 F.M. Fresh Pond, Cambridge  
 F.P. Franklin Park, Boston  
 F.Pk Gate 40, Quabbin Res.  
 G40 Great Meadows NWR  
 G40 Harbor  
 H. Halibut Point, Rockport  
 H.P. High Ridge WMA, Gardner  
 HRWMA Island  
 I. Ipswich River WS  
 IRWS Ledge  
 L. Martha's Vineyard  
 M.V. Mass. Audubon Society  
 MAS Mass. Avian Records Committee  
 MARC Manomet Center for  
 MBO Conservation Science  
     Martin Burns WMA, Newbury  
     Marblehead Neck WS  
 MBWMA Myles Standish State Forest, Plymouth

Mt. A. Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambr.  
 NAC Nine Acre Corner, Concord  
 NEHW New England Hawk Watch  
 Newbypt Newburyport  
 ONWR Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge  
 P.I. Plum Island  
 Pd Pond  
 P'town Provincetown  
 Pont. Pontoosuc Lake, Lanesboro  
 R.P. Race Point, Provincetown  
 Res. Reservoir  
 S. Dart. South Dartmouth  
 S.B. South Beach, Chatham  
 S.N. Sandy Neck, Barnstable  
 SRV Sudbury River Valley  
 SSBC South Shore Bird Club  
 TASL Take A Second Look  
     Boston Harbor Census  
     Wellfleet Bay WS  
 WBWS Wachuset Meadow WS  
 Woc. Worcester  
 WS Wildlife Sanctuary

## Other Abbreviations

ad adult  
 alt alternate  
 b banded  
 br breeding  
 dk dark (morph)  
 f female  
 fl fledgling  
 imm immature  
 juv juvenile  
 lt light (morph)  
 m male  
 max maximum  
 migr migrating  
 n nesting  
 ph photographed  
 pl plumage  
 pr pair  
 S summer (1S = 1st summer)  
 v.o. various observers  
 W winter (2W = second winter)  
 yg young  
 # additional observers

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## Thirty Years Ago (From *Bird Observer* Vol. 1, No. 5, 1973)

### LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL

(*Larus fuscus graellsii*)\*

A sub-adult was first found at Nauset (Eastham) on August 17, 1973, by the undersigned, who later showed it to Carl Goodrich, Bradford Blodget, and Blair Nikula. Wallace Bailey, Jeff Harris, and Vernon Laux were able to see the bird on the evening of the 17th.

This Lesser Black-backed Gull appeared to be entering into its third winter plumage. It had a slightly broken tail band (actually smudges on the ends of some of the rectrices), while the middle wing coverts and some of the under-wing linings were brownish, in sharp contrast to the slaty gray color of the back and parts of the mantle. The head had considerable freckling, especially on the crown. An eye ring was not visible. The bill appeared slightly shorter than that of surrounding Herring Gulls, being orange-yellow with a pale orange spot, immediately behind which was a black smudge. The dull pinkish legs were lighter than those of adjacent Black-backs, shading to pale straw-yellow on the backs near the joints.

Overall, the size was that of the Herring Gulls, being much less than that of the Great Black-backs. The mantle color was much darker than the Herrings but not nearly as deep as the Great Black-backs.

This bird was studied for over an hour from a distance of 300 feet through a 20-power telescope. The weather was cloudy and cool with a 15 m.p.h. northeast breeze. It rained all day on the 15th.

I believe this is only the second published record for Massachusetts, despite the recent increase in sightings throughout the Northeast. The other Massachusetts record was for September 14, 1971, when an adult (also of the race *L. f. graellsii*) was seen at Monomoy Point by Robert Clem and Wallace Bailey.

Wayne R. Petersen  
Abington, Mass.

\**Larus fuscus graellsii* is the British and western European race of Lesser Black-backed Gull, recognized in adult plumage by a pale gray mantle and wings relative to the Scandinavian race *L. f. fuscus*, which is often as dark as the Great Black-backed Gull. --ED.

### **MassWildlife News/August 2003**

**Laughing Gulls, skimmers, and terns.** MassWildlife has compiled preliminary figures for nesting laughing gulls, skimmers and terns with data gathered through the cooperation of nearly seventy biologists and beach managers from state and federal agencies, private conservation groups and local municipalities.

Two major events occurred in the tern world this year. The first was the April 27 Bouchard Barge No. 120 oil spill in Buzzards Bay that resulted in an aggressive tern management response: terns were hazed at badly oiled Ram Island through most of May while clean-up was occurring. The second event was a welcome surprise; the discovery of a new colony site, on a small island off Monomoy Island, Chatham which hosted large numbers of Common Terns, as well as several other nesting coastal waterbird species, including the endangered Roseate Tern. Common Tern numbers climbed to 16,087 pairs, a modern high, up 17 percent from 2002. Roseate Terns also increased 17 percent, totaling 1715 pairs this year. This brought numbers back to 2001 levels, after a 14 percent drop in 2002.

Least tern numbers continued a downward slide to 2562 pairs (an 8 percent drop), compared to a recent high of 3420 in 2001. Arctic Terns remain rare in Massachusetts with five pairs nesting at three sites this year, the same number of pairs which nested last year.

After a year's absence, Black Skimmers once again nested in the state. Seven pairs were found. Laughing Gulls again were found at just one nesting site: South Monomoy Island hosting 1200 pairs, an 8 percent increase over 2002.

For more information, contact Carolyn Mostello at 508-792-7270 x312.

### **Wind Farm Update/Mass Audubon**

One of the biggest environmental issues in Massachusetts right now is the proposed wind farm in Nantucket Sound. At present, we do not have sufficient information to determine how terns, sea ducks, and other migratory birds use the Sound, and whether the wind farm would pose a risk to these birds.

Although Mass Audubon has not taken a position on this issue as of yet, the organization is actively involved in all stages of the environmental review process. With funding from the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, Mass Audubon staff have conducted surveys in Nantucket Sound, documenting how terns use the area during the nesting season and the pre-migratory staging period. Funding has recently been received for conducting surveys of wintering sea ducks, as well. Because this is such an involved topic, everyone is encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Society's position statements on the Cape Wind Project and wind power, which you can find on Mass Audubon's website under "News and Action," <[http://www.massaudubon.org/News\\_&\\_Action/news.html#wind](http://www.massaudubon.org/News_&_Action/news.html#wind)>.



# EMPTY NEST?

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## Bulletin of the Essex County Ornithological Club, 1924

### A Black Vulture at Ipswich

Charles W. Townsend

On November 2, 1924 I was so fortunate as to see a Black Vulture close to my house at Ipswich, Mass. As I had seen a bird of this species in August at Grand Manan, my first thought was that my eyes were playing me a trick-although the shape, color and manner of flight at once recalled that bird-and I tried my best to criticise my findings and make it out some other variety, When I first caught sight of this vulture, I was standing in the north side of my "forest" and the bird was swinging around close to the southeast corner of my house. It disappeared behind the forest, but I ran quickly to the western border, and in good light I examined it carefully with eight power binoculars, when it reappeared and flew within fifty yards of me. Its immense stretch of wing, its black color with the exception of the grayish white appearance of the primaries, as seen from below, its short tail, its hooked bill and especially its small naked black head made its identification certain. It was pursued by a crow which appeared diminutive in comparison; and soon disappeared towards the southwest. As I had been told that vultures were apt to investigate any motionless prostrate body, I extended myself on the grass, but owing doubtless to the pestering crow the experiment failed and the bird did not return.

There have been more records for the Black than the Turkey Vulture in Essex County. The previous records for the Black Vulture are as follows: November, 1850, Swampscott; September, 1863, Gloucester; April, 1913, Nahant; May, 1916, Gloucester, and August, 1917, Wenham. The specimen was taken in each of these cases.

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## About the Cover Artist

Richard Salvucci, of Brighton, MA, remarks that he has "only wanted to paint or draw animals, particularly birds." His greatest satisfaction comes in attempting to capture the personality of any animal he paints or draws, and this approach has earned him a number of awards in juried wildlife art shows. Richard's work has appeared in publications as diverse as the Manomet Observatory newsletter and The New York Times, and he has shown his art at numerous museums and galleries. 