

BIRD SIGHTINGS

November/December 2003

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November was a very pleasant month — warm, sunny, and dry. In Boston the temperature averaged 45.9°, 1° above normal. Away from the coast the average was closer to 53°. A high of 76° was recorded in Boston on the first day of the month, and the low was 27° on November 9. A dramatic temperature surge on November 28 saw the mercury hit 63° late in the day, and it remained warm all night. Rainfall totaled 2.63 inches in Boston, 1.35 inches less than average, and no snow was recorded. Seth Kellogg noticed that something clearly happened with the migration in early November. A strong front with rain went through on October 27; this was followed by a northeast storm that came up the coast on October 29. Three clear days of warm west and southwest winds followed. Then came another day of clouds followed on November 3 by an even warmer day with noticeable southwest winds. A reverse migration was noted; two more mild days with clouds and drizzle kept the birds grounded.

The weather in December was a mixed bag, with both warm and very cold days, record snowfall, and lots of rain. The month averaged 36.3° in Boston, 1.3° above normal. The first nine days were unseasonably cold, averaging almost 10° below normal, and then the last ten days of the month averaged 12° above normal. The high temperature for Boston during the month was 58° on December 24, and 29; the low was 16° on December 3. Precipitation in the form of rain totaled 5.06 inches, 1.33 inches above normal for December in Boston. The big story this month was the record snowfall: 21.5 inches in Boston, 14.2 inches above normal. The storm on December 5 through 7 brought nearly 17 inches to Boston, a new December record and also a record amount for so early in the season. This storm moved in quickly and caused serious problems on the roads as plows had a difficult time in keeping up with the storm.*R. Stymeist*

WATERFOWL THROUGH ALCIDS

Two reports of **Greater White-fronted Geese** came in during the period, both of the Greenland race (*Anser albifrons flavirostris*). Snow Geese made a somewhat late and not-so-modest movement on November 8, when 700 were counted in Newburyport and 1000 were counted in Essex. Small numbers of Snow Geese continued to be reported at scattered locations throughout the period, with the latest being a group of twelve at Plum Island the day after Christmas.

Some of the largest dabbling duck totals during the period came from South Monomoy. A report from that location in late November included a count of 90 Northern Shovelers, which may be the highest single day count for the state ever. Six Eurasian Wigeon were reported during the period from locations on the North Shore and Cape Cod, where this species has consistently been found. In Massachusetts, Ring-necked Duck numbers peak in early November and it is not uncommon to see over 1000 birds in a day. Still, the 1540 Ring-necked Ducks found in Southborough on November 9 are noteworthy and represent one of the highest counts for the species in Massachusetts.

Impressive numbers of Common Eiders were encountered on Cape Cod, the Islands, and the North Shore. Though no counts reached the astronomical report of 100,000 from South

Monomoy in October, counts of 8020 from Rockport, 10,000 from South Monomoy, and 20,000 from Gay Head are worth noting. Cape Ann has historically been one of the best areas to find King Eiders in Massachusetts. During this period up to three individuals were found there. Additionally, two pairs were reported from Gay Head on Martha's Vineyard and a single female was seen in Eastham. As October turned into November, the Harlequin Ducks started to show up in small numbers along the coast of Massachusetts. These were mostly observed at predictable locations such as Cape Ann, Scituate, the Sandwich end of the Cape Cod Canal, and Nauset Beach in Orleans. Though probably just moving through the area, the four individuals found at Sandy Neck in Barnstable on November 10 were interesting for their unusual choice of habitat. Up to seventy were counted at Andrew's Point in Rockport during the period, a respectable number which represents the Massachusetts increase of this species.

Barrow's Goldeneyes are very rare in Massachusetts before the end of November. Therefore, the report of a female from Randolph on November 1 is noteworthy. No more reports were received until the second half of December, when at least 4 Barrow's Goldeneyes were reported from scattered locations on the North Shore and Cape Cod.

Three **Pacific Loons** were observed during the period, none of the reports of which included documentation. The first was an adult from Rockport on November 4. Although this species has been reported more frequently in recent years, it is still rare in Massachusetts and care should be taken in its identification. While counts of Red-throated Loons well into the hundreds are not uncommon in Massachusetts, Common Loons generally occur in smaller numbers. On November 4, Common Loons outnumbered Red-throated Loons in Rockport, when 654 were meticulously counted moving past Andrew's Point. This total represents the highest single day count for Common Loons in Massachusetts. The Eared Grebe was reported throughout the period in Gloucester.

A few minor storms during the period produced a modest number of Northern Fulmars along the coast of Massachusetts. Fifty-three Northern Fulmars were counted at Andrew's Point on November 21. On December 7, forty-three Northern Fulmars were found at First Encounter Beach in Eastham. More noteworthy was the **storm-petrel species** observed there on the same date. Although Leach's Storm-Petrel is more likely at such a late date (there are no confirmed sightings of Wilson's Storm-Petrel after October), storm-petrels can be very difficult to identify under harsh conditions, especially when one starts considering other more interesting possibilities (e.g. Band-rumped Storm-Petrel). A **Brown Pelican** was observed by several independent observers in Eastham and Wellfleet in the days leading up to the Christmas holiday. Unfortunately, it did not stick around in any one place for more than a few hours and was not seen after December 25. Despite the fact that its normal range extends into New Jersey, there are fewer than twenty records for Brown Pelican in Massachusetts.

A few of the less hardy species of herons lingered into November and December this year. Great Egrets were found along the North Shore into early November, but persisted along the south coast until at least November 27, when seven were found in the Westport/Fairhaven area. Snowy and Cattle Egrets, meanwhile, were not encountered after the first half of November.

Black Vultures continue to maintain their foothold in Massachusetts. November brought reports of 7 individuals from scattered localities, while none were seen in December. Turkey Vultures are now found routinely in Massachusetts in December. A count of forty in the Bourne area on December 1 was on a par with some of the recent winter high counts from southeastern Massachusetts, while the seventy-three observed in Westport on the first of December was certainly above average. The three in Ipswich on the late date of December 27 were noteworthy for the northerly location.

Rough-legged Hawks made a good showing during the period. At least twenty-five different individuals were observed throughout the state, though mostly as singles. Typically the best location in the state to observe this *buteo*, Plum Island, hosted as many as four Rough-legged Hawks at one time. After a good October, Golden Eagles continued to be reported in November and December. The Granville hawkwatch had four individuals fly by during November, and as many as twelve, mostly singles, were encountered at scattered locations. A dark-morph **Gyr Falcon** was an exciting find at Pochet Island in Orleans on November 15, especially considering the observers found at least two Cave Swallows later that same day! Peregrine Falcon was the most numerous falcon reported during November and December. As many as forty individuals were found, a good sign for a raptor that was in serious trouble not so long ago.

Two **Sandhill Cranes** were a big surprise when they showed up at a feeding station in Barnstable and stayed throughout the period! Although there are nearly forty records of American Golden-Plover in November in Massachusetts, it is still a noteworthy sighting. This year four were found during the month, including one on November 15. There are no December records of American Golden-Plover in Massachusetts. An **American Avocet** is a very unusual sighting anytime or anywhere in Massachusetts. However, an American Avocet in November in Sunderland (western Massachusetts) is exceptional. There are only two previous inland records for Massachusetts, one from Natick in October 1880 and one from Longmeadow in August 1974. Additionally, there are only three previous November records and one December record anywhere in Massachusetts.

Lesser Yellowlegs lingered in Newburyport Harbor until at least November 29, when twelve were counted there. Two Lesser Yellowlegs were able to survive through the end of December in Harwich. There are only about ten Lesser Yellowlegs records from December over the last decade, although this species has successfully overwintered in Massachusetts at least twice (Newburyport Harbor 2002 and West Harwich 1999). A Willet of the western subspecies (*Catoptrophorus semipalmatus inornatus*) lingered on Martha's Vineyard into the beginning of December. There are only about nine previous December records of Willets in Massachusetts. Western Willets far outnumber eastern Willets during the fall in Massachusetts, and it is likely that all of the winter Willet records refer to *inornatus*.

A very late Hudsonian Godwit was still present on Plum Island on November 23, missing by two days the record late date for Massachusetts set by a lingerer found at the same site in 1999. Marbled Godwits are found somewhat more routinely during the winter in Massachusetts. Still, the Marbled Godwit that was present until at least December 20 in East Falmouth is one of only a dozen or so winter records for the state. A Stilt Sandpiper found on November 1 at Turners Falls provided only the eighth November record for Massachusetts and was particularly noteworthy for that inland locality.

A Red Phalarope was observed in Pittsfield in early November. Although there have been sporadic reports from inland locations, mainly in the fall, it is still rare to find Red Phalaropes, the most pelagic of the phalaropes, away from the coast. In Massachusetts it is a regular sight on pelagic trips, during coastal storms in the spring, and again in the fall and early winter. Still, the 1435 Red Phalaropes counted at First Encounter Beach on December 7 provided an excellent count, and this was among the highest state daily totals.

The same storm on December 7 brought excellent numbers of jaegers within sight of land in Eastham. The count of 228 Pomarine Jaegers is the fourth highest single day total ever in Massachusetts. That same day a Skua (*Catharacta* sp.) was observed as it winged its way up the beach. The skuas in the genus *Catharacta* are notoriously difficult to identify. Historically,

Massachusetts birders have had to work hard to distinguish the subtle characters separating South Polar and Great Skuas. Two recent records of birds identified as Brown Skua in England bring a whole new dimension to this identification challenge. Researchers used DNA samples from feathers taken off these two sick birds when they were brought in for care to make their determination. This story certainly does provide perspective on just how difficult bird identification can sometimes be, although it is not feasible to carry a molecular lab into the field, not yet anyway. On December 14, a light morph Parasitic Jaeger was observed at Andrew's Point in Rockport. Unlike Pomarine Jaegers, Parasitic Jaegers are rare in Massachusetts after October. In fact, this is the latest record of the species and only the fifth December record for Massachusetts.

Adding to the jaeger excitement at First Encounter Beach on December 7 were the large numbers of Dovekies counted there. Observers tallied 1270 Dovekies flying up the beach and sometimes over the parking lot! The following day four Atlantic Puffins were counted at the same location. A few were also seen from Andrew's Point, traditionally the "Puffin Spot" during November. Common Murres have been reported more frequently and in greater numbers in recent years. This is reflected in the count of fifteen from Andrew's Point on November 21. Prior to the mid-1990s there was only one count of over five birds (and that was six) seen in a single day in Massachusetts. In the last five years, there have been seven counts of over ten birds, and even one count of 420 at Andrew's Point in December 2002. J. Trimble

Greenland Greater White-fronted Goose

11/1-4 W. Newbury 1 A. O'Hare#
11/5 Rochester 1 G. Gove

Snow Goose

11/2 Barre Falls 95 B. Kamp
11/8 Essex 1000 D. Brown
11/8 P.I. 700 migr S. Sutton
11/16 Granville 140 J. Weeks
11/17 Richmond 65 D. St. James
11/17 Gay Head 17 A. Keith
11/25 Gr. Barrington 25 C. Barrett
12/14 Jamaica Plain 1 CBC (d'Entremont)
12/26 P.I. 12 P. + J. Roberts

Brant

11/12-14 Amherst 1 imm M. Fairbrother
11/23 Wollaston 1000+ TASL (A. Joslin#)
11/27 Fairhaven 360 M. Lynch#
12/9 Nahant 183 L. Pivacek

Mute Swan

12/12 Turners Falls 23 H. Allen
11/9 Carver 49 G. d'Entremont
11/27 Westport 100 M. Lynch#
12/12 Falmouth 30 CCBC (Silverstein)
12/thr Framingham 28 E. Taylor

Wood Duck

11/1 Plymouth 9 J. Trimble
11/2 Truro 10 D. Furbish#
11/8 Falmouth 6 G. Hirsh#
12/9 Medford 3 E. McDonald
12/14 Northampton 1 D. Schell

Gadwall

11/2 S. Monomoy 175 B. Nikula#
11/8 Chilmark 30 A. Keith
11/9 Pittsfield (Pont.) 2 R. Packard
11/9 Barnstable 31 G. d'Entremont
11/11, 12/27 Ipswich 74, 10 Heil, Berry
11/15 Woburn 14 M. Rines#
11/26 Longmeadow 1 N. Eaton
11/27 S. Monomoy 70 B. Nikula
12/14 Gloucester (E.P.) 27 R. Heil

Eurasian Wigeon

11/1-8 P.I. 1 m T. Wetmore
11/11-22 Ipswich 1 f R. Heil#
11/18 Salisbury 1 D. Larson#
11/thr Marston Mills 1 m v.o.
12/27 Osterville 1 E. Foster
12/thr Newbypt 1 m v.o.

American Wigeon

11/2, 27 S. Monomoy 70, 40 B. Nikula#
11/5 Turners Falls 12 M. Taylor
11/5 GMNWR 48 S. Koch
11/9 Carver 66 G. d'Entremont
11/11 Lexington 90 S. Brown
11/18 Marston Mills 137 P. + F. Vale
11/27 Ipswich 53 P. + F. Vale
11/thr Pittsfield (Pont.) 2-6 v.o.
12/16 Orleans 5 O. Spalding#
12/28 Newbypt 4 CBC (R. Heil)

American Black Duck

11/2 S. Monomoy 450 B. Nikula#
11/23 E. Quabbin 253 T. Gagnon#
11/27 Westport 432 M. Lynch#
11/30 P.I. 560 E. Nielsen

Blue-winged Teal

11/2 P.I. 3 P. + F. Vale

Northern Shoveler

11/1 Arlington Res. 5 K. Hartel#
11/1-6 Turners Falls 1 M. Taylor
11/2 Wakefield 4 BBC (D. Williams)
11/2, 27 S. Monomoy 65, 90 B. Nikula#
11/9 Marshfield 4 G. d'Entremont
11/10 Boston 2 m B. Mayer
11/16 Longmeadow 2 N. Eaton
11/26 GMNWR 3 S. Koch

Northern Pintail

11/2, 27 S. Monomoy 250, 65 B. Nikula#
11/5, 27 GMNWR 83, 28 S. Koch
11/8, 30 P.I. 140, 14 E. Nielsen
11/9 Westport 136 E. Nielsen
11/23 E. Quabbin 18 T. Gagnon#
12/14 Northampton 1 T. Gagnon
12/20 E. Longmeadow 1 J. Weeks
12/22 Groton 1 f T. Pirro
12/25-27 Winchester 1 m A. Ankers
12/26 P.I. 2 m, 1 f T. Wetmore

Green-winged Teal

11/1 Randolph 170 G. d'Entremont
11/2, 27 S. Monomoy 300, 30 B. Nikula#
11/5, 12/2 GMNWR 886, 69 S. Koch
11/8, 30 P.I. 750, 78 E. Nielsen
11/16 Nauset 30 M. Lynch#
11/23 E. Quabbin 131 T. Gagnon#
12/21 Winchester 3 A. Ankers#
12/27 Newbypt 1 R. Heil

Canvasback				11/18	Salisbury	300	D. Larson#
11/2, 27	S. Monomoy	11, 7	B. Nikula#	11/27	Westport	700	E. Nielsen
11/9	Southboro	2 f	M. Lynch#	12/9	Nahant	310	L. Pivacek
11/thr	Cambr. (F.P.)	20 max	v.o.	Black Scoter			
12/12	Falmouth	12	CCBC (Silverstein)	11/2	Pittsfield (Onota)	40	C. Blagdon#
12/25	Southwick	1	S. Kellogg	11/4	Rockport (A.P.)	9055	R. Heil
12/29	Cambr. (F.P.)	2	S. Simpson	11/5	Amherst	5	H. Allen
Redhead				11/15	Westport	160	E. Nielsen
11/1-7	Cambr. (F.P.)	2	v.o.	11/18	Salisbury	100	D. Larson#
Ring-necked Duck				11/25	Manomet	80	D. Furbish
11/2	Pittsfield (Mud Pd)	400	C. Blagdon#	11/30	E. Orleans	900+	B. Nikula#
11/2	S. Monomoy	190	B. Nikula#	12/9	Nahant	208	L. Pivacek
11/2	W. Newbury	511	BBC (S. Moore)	Long-tailed Duck			
11/9	Southboro	1540	M. Lynch#	11/4	Rockport (A.P.)	2460	R. Heil
11/22	Ayer	70	E. Stromsted	11/6	Southwick	1	S. Kellogg
11/24	Egremont	105	K. Ryan	11/12	Nantucket	26,000	E. Ray
11/29	Framingham	130	E. Taylor	11/16	Fairhaven	115	BBC (Stymeist)
11/thr	Melrose	78 max	D. + I. Jewell	11/16	Pittsfield (Onota)	1	T. Collins
12/1	Avon	94	M. Faherty	11/18	Salisbury	500	D. Larson#
12/25	Winchester	5	A. Ankers	11/27	S. Monomoy	400+	B. Nikula
Greater Scaup				12/6	Rockport (A.P.)	370	R. Heil
11/1	Randolph	42	G. d'Entremont	Bufflehead			
11/4	Rockport (A.P.)	39	R. Heil	11/2	Pittsfield (Onota)	35	C. Blagdon#
11/5	Turners Falls	10	M. Taylor	11/18	Marblehead	280	R. Heil
11/13	Richmond	3	T. Collins	11/23	Winthrop	296	TASL (P. + F. Vale)
11/16	Falmouth	700+	R. Heil#	11/27	Fairhaven	382	M. Lynch#
11/27	Mattapoisett	341	M. Lynch#	11/27	Cape Ann	120	R. Heil
11/27	Westport	300	E. Nielsen	11/27	Westport	270	E. Nielsen
11/30	Quincy	1000	E. Taylor	12/12	Falmouth	237+CCBC	(Silverstein)
12/14	Salisbury	15	BBC (S. Grinley)	12/29	Sunderland	1	H. Allen
12/25	Southwick	3	S. Kellogg	Common Goldeneye			
Lesser Scaup				11/2	Boston	40	BBC (Stymeist)
11/2	S. Monomoy	210	B. Nikula#	11/9	Southboro	29	M. Lynch#
11/4, 12/31	Southwick	24, 6	S. Kellogg	11/16	Fairhaven	130	BBC (Stymeist)
11/23	DWWS	8	G. d'Entremont	11/23	E. Quabbin	16	T. Gagnon#
11/24	Cambr. (F.P.)	7	O. Spalding	11/24	Egremont	14	K. Ryan
11/27	Westport	140	E. Nielsen	11/27	Westport	90	E. Nielsen
11/29	Marston Mills	10	J. Liller#	11/27	Richmond	21	R. Packard
11/30	Cheshire	5	T. Gagnon	12/16	Cotuit	75+	M. Keleher
12/2	GMNWR	17	S. Koch	12/28	Newbypt	74	P. + F. Vale
12/30	Lynn	185	R. Heil	Barrow's Goldeneye			
King Eider				11/1	Randolph	1 f	G. d'Entremont
thr	Cape Ann	1-3	v.o.	12/14-25	Cotuit	1	v.o.
11/11	Gay Head	2 m, 2f	A. Keith#	12/15	Gloucester	1 m	J. Berry
12/14	Eastham	1 f	CBC (Petersen)	12/24	P.I.	1 m ad	T. Wetmore
Common Eider				12/27	Ipswich	1 m	J. Berry
11/4	Rockport (A.P.)	8020	R. Heil	Hooded Merganser			
11/22	Eastham (F.E.)	2500	G. d'Entremont	11/11	Ipswich	98	R. Heil#
11/25	Manomet	700+	D. Furbish	11/15	Arlington Res.	65	J. Sutherland#
11/27	Westport	1400	E. Nielsen	11/16	Pittsfield (Pont.)	300	T. Collins
11/27	S. Monomoy	10,000	B. Nikula	11/17	Newton	76	R. Merrill
11/27	Fairhaven	1023	M. Lynch#	11/23	E. Quabbin	58	T. Gagnon#
11/30	Gay Head	20,000	A. Keith	11/30	Ludlow	40	C. Gentes
12/9	Nahant	1517	L. Pivacek	12/12	Falmouth	41	CCBC (Silverstein)
12/12	Falmouth	1000+CCBC	(Silverstein)	12/19	Brookfield	25	C. Buelow
Harlequin Duck				12/29	Worcester	35	J. Hogan
11/2	Boston	1 m	BBC (Stymeist)	12/31	P.I.	40	T. Wetmore
11/thr	Rockport (A.P.)	70	v.o.	Common Merganser			
11/7	N. Scituate	14	R. Titus	11/16	Pittsfield (Pont.)	200	T. Collins
11/10	Barnstable (S.N.)	4	G. Hirth#	11/27	Goshen	47	R. Packard
11/11	Sandwich	4 m	J. Kricher	11/29	Wakefield	133	P. + F. Vale
11/17	P'town	4	P. + F. Vale	12/2	Westboro	75	C. Buelow
11/30	E. Orleans	3	P. Flood#	12/9	Granville	111	J. Weeks
12/1	Nahant	2	J. Berry#	12/10	Medford	205	M. Rines
12/9	Orleans	4	M. Tuttle	12/14	Cambr. (F.P.)	220	E. Wyde
Surf Scoter				12/25	Southwick	65	S. Kellogg
11/2	Cheshire	2	T. Gagnon#	12/31	Stoneham	135	D. + I. Jewell
11/4	Rockport (A.P.)	8140	R. Heil	Red-breasted Merganser			
11/5	Turners Falls	1	M. Taylor	11/2	Boston	110	BBC (Stymeist)
11/15	Bourne	850	BBC (Stymeist)	11/4	Rockport (A.P.)	225	R. Heil
11/25	Manomet	220	D. Furbish	11/4	Southwick	4	S. Kellogg
11/27	Fairhaven	515	M. Lynch#	11/4	Duxbury Bay	141	D. Clapp
12/9	Nantucket Sound	658	S. Perkins#	11/8	P.I.	650	E. Nielsen
12/9	Nahant	475	L. Pivacek	11/16	Falmouth	280+	R. Heil#
White-winged Scoter				11/17	P'town	485+	P. + F. Vale
11/2	Cheshire	1	C. Blagdon#	11/27	Fairhaven	1371	M. Lynch#
11/4	Rockport (A.P.)	1310	R. Heil	11/27	Westport	2700	E. Nielsen
11/17	Wellfleet	500+	P. + F. Vale	11/27	S. Monomoy	600+	B. Nikula

Ruddy Duck				11/9	Gloucester (B.R.)	18	P + F. Vale
11/1	Arlington Res.	30	K. Hartel#	11/16	Sandwich	6	G. d'Entremont#
11/2	W. Newbury	496	BBC (S. Moore)	11/30	Winthrop	25	BBC (Stymeist)
11/2, 27	S. Monomoy	90, 213	B. Nikula#	12/10	Dennis (Corp.B.)	25	G. Gove
11/2	Pittsfield (Mud Pd)	10	C. Blagdon#	12/22	Marblehead	36	R. Heil
11/22	Eastham	39	G. d'Entremont	12/28	P.I.	25	CBC (R. Heil)
11/27	Westport	32	E. Nielsen	Eared Grebe *			
11/29	W. Newbury	213	G. d'Entremont#	thr	Gloucester (E.P.)	1	v.o.
11/30	Ludlow	1	C. Gentes	Northern Fulmar			
11/thr	Melrose	88 max	D. + I. Jewell	11/21	Rockport (A.P.)	53	R. Heil
12/thr	Gay Head	100+	A. Fischer#	11/22	P'town	14	P. Flood#
Ring-necked Pheasant				12/5	Jeffries L.	4	C. Tessaglia-Hymes
11/2	Boston	4	BBC (Stymeist)	12/7	Eastham (F.E.)	43	B. Nikula#
11/15	Westboro	2 f	T. Spahr	Greater Shearwater			
Ruffed Grouse				11/4	Rockport (A.P.)	10	R. Heil
11/5	Maynard	1 (red)	L. Nachtrab	Tubenose species			
11/11	Quincy	1	J. Young	11/21	Rockport (A.P.)	20+	R. Heil
11/16	Hardwick	2	C. Buelow	Storm-Petrel species			
11/30	Ware R. IBA	1	M. Lynch#	12/7	Eastham (F.E.)	1	B. Nikula
12/30	Quabbin (G40)	1	C. Buelow	Northern Gannet			
Wild Turkey				11/4, 21	Rockport (A.P.)	3330, 630	R. Heil
11/3	Lincoln	24	D. Peebles	11/7	P.I.	1000+	T. Wetmore
11/6	Amherst	32	H. Allen	11/7	Chatham	300	D. Manchester
11/7	Hingham	14	R. Titus	11/15	Orleans	500+	B. Nikula
11/17	Ipswich	20	J. Berry	11/16	Barnstable (S.N.)	120	M. Lynch#
11/30	Brimfield	47	I. Lynch	11/19	Stellwagen	2000+	O. Spalding#
12/29	Truro	7	D. Manchester#	11/21, 12/8	Eastham (F.E.)	2100, 2500	B. Nikula
Northern Bobwhite				11/22	P'town	6000	B. Nikula#
11/15	Wellfleet	2 m, 5 f	P + F. Vale	12/6	Dennis (Corp. B.)	110	B. Nikula#
11/16	Nauset	1	M. Lynch#	12/6, 15	Rockport (A.P.)	180, 140	R. Heil
Red-throated Loon				12/6	P'town	390	B. Nikula#
11/1	Plymouth	7	J. Trimble	Brown Pelican (no details) *			
11/4, 12/6	Rockport (A.P.)	422, 32	R. Heil	12/23-25	Eastham-Wellfleet	1 imm	fide G. Page
11/8, 30	P.I.	182, 33	E. Nielsen	Double-crested Cormorant			
11/16	Cheshire	1	R. Packard	11/2	Monomoy	6000+	P. Flood#
11/17	off Edgartown	250+	A. Keith	11/2	Braintree	400	G. d'Entremont
11/17	Wellfleet	65+	P + F. Vale	11/2	Boston	491	BBC (Stymeist)
11/21	Eastham (F.E.)	60	B. Nikula	11/2	Newbypt.	6100+	BBC (S. Moore)
11/27	Westport	284	E. Nielsen	11/17	P'town	250+	P + F. Vale
11/30	Chatham	80	B. Nikula#	Great Cormorant			
Pacific Loon *				11/5	Turners Falls	1	M. Taylor
11/4	Rockport (A.P.)	1 ad	R. Heil	11/7	Salisbury	30	T. Wetmore
11/10-25	Sandwich	1	G. Hirth + v.o.	11/18	Nahant	55	R. Heil
11/22-30	Wellfleet	1	G. d'Entremont + v.o.	11/23	P'town H.	125+	B. Nikula#
Common Loon				11/27	Cape Ann	252	R. Heil
11/4, 12/15	Rockport (A.P.)	654, 16	R. Heil	11/27	Westport	24	E. Nielsen
11/8, 30	P.I.	15, 18	E. Nielsen	American Bittern			
11/11	Wachusett Res.	6	S. Sutton	11/8	Westport	1	J. Hoye#
11/16	Sandwich	45	G. d'Entremont#	11/12	Newbypt	1	MAS (N. Soulette)
11/17	P'town	74	P + F. Vale	11/22	Salisbury	1	S. Haydock#
11/23	E. Quabbin	30	T. Gagnon#	11/22	Ipswich	1	S. Hedman
11/26, 12/19	Ipswich	24, 27	J. Berry	11/22	WBWS	1	G. d'Entremont
11/27	Westport	105	E. Nielsen	11/25	Eastham (F.H.)	3	C. Dalton
12/9	Nantucket Sound	77	S. Perkins#	12/28	P.I.	1	S. Moore#
12/10	Cambr. (F.P.)	1	E. Wylde	Great Blue Heron			
12/30	Turners Falls	1	W. Lafley	11/2	Boston	9	BBC (Stymeist)
Pied-billed Grebe				11/5	Ipswich	7	R. Heil
11/1	Randolph	5	G. d'Entremont	11/16	Fairhaven	7	BBC (Stymeist)
11/2	S. Monomoy	11	B. Nikula#	11/23	Orleans	8	R. Heil#
11/5, 12/2	Cambr. (F.P.)	6, 2	Miller, Guppy	11/27	Westport	7	M. Lynch#
11/8	W. Newbury	4	P + F. Vale	Great Egret			
11/27	Longmeadow	1	N. Eaton	11/1, 7	P.I.	6, 1	T. Wetmore
11/29	Holyoke	1	C. Gentes	11/5	Ipswich	1	R. Heil
12/1	Avon	2	M. Faherty	11/7	Westport	28	G. Gove#
12/2	GMNWR	2	S. Koch	11/15	S. Dartmouth	3	J. Sweeney#
Horned Grebe				11/27	Westport	5	M. Lynch#
11/1, 16	New Salem	5, 4	W. Lafley	11/27	Fairhaven	2	M. Lynch#
11/1	Plymouth	17	J. Trimble	Snowy Egret			
11/11	Wachusett Res.	9	S. Sutton	11/1	P.I.	1	T. Wetmore
11/16	Falmouth	83	R. Farrell	11/2	S. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula#
11/18	Salisbury	20	D. Larson#	Cattle Egret			
11/23	E. Quabbin	18	T. Gagnon#	11/1-4	Truro	1	v.o.
11/27	Fairhaven	206	M. Lynch#	11/6-7	New Salem	1	fide D. Small
11/27	Westport	121	E. Nielsen	11/8	W. Newbury	1	G. Gove#
12/27	P.I.	15	R. Heil	Black-crowned Night-Heron			
Red-necked Grebe				11/5, 11	Ipswich	3, 1	R. Heil
11/1	Plymouth	8	J. Trimble	11/15	S. Dart. (A. Pd)	1 juv	J. Sweeney#
11/2	Pittsfield (Onota)	1	C. Blagdon#	11/30	Winthrop	4	BBC (Stymeist)

Black-crowned Night-Heron (continued)

12/20 E. Falmouth 1 CBC (D. Comeau)
 12/21 Hyannis 1 ad CBC (E. Nielsen)

Black Vulture

11/15 Bourne 1 S. Perkins
 11/16 Hyannis 1 M. Lynch#
 11/21, 27 Granville 2, 1 Hawkcount (Weeks)
 11/27 Westport 1 M. Lynch#
 11/29 Hingham 1 C. Dalton

Turkey Vulture

11/2 Truro 8 D. Furbish#
 11/2 Sutton 3 M. Lynch#
 11/7 Barre Falls 13 Hawkcount (Kamp)
 12/1 Westport 73 together G. Gove#
 12/1 Bourne 40 J. Kricher
 12/3 Newton 1 E. Taylor
 12/14 Nahant 1 D. Wilkinson
 12/27 Ipswich 3 J. Berry
 12/27 Forestdale 3 D. Manchester

Osprey

11/2, 7 Barre Falls 2, 2 Hawkcount (Kamp)
 11/2 S. Monomoy 1 B. Nikula#
 11/7 W. Newbury 2 J. Hills#
 11/9 Lakeville 1 J. Sweeney
 11/9 Southboro 1 M. Lynch#
 11/12 Lynnfield 1 J. Mullen#
 12/1 Framingham 1 E. Morrier
 12/17 Wayland 1 H. Norwood
 12/29 Truro 1 D. Manchester#

Bald Eagle

11/1-12/13 Granville 52 Hawkcount (Weeks)
 11/9 Lakeville 2 ad J. Sweeney
 11/9 Quabbin (G35) 3 C. Buelow
 11/22-12/31 Medford 1-2 ad v.o.
 11/23 E. Quabbin 12 T. Gagnon#
 11/thr Barre Falls 4 Hawkcount (Kamp)
 12/12, 13 Granville 8, 6 Hawkcount (Weeks)
 12/31 Newbypt 4 S. McGrath

Northern Harrier

11/2 S. Monomoy 5 B. Nikula#
 11/5 Ipswich 2 R. Heil
 11/15 S. Dart. (A. Pd) 3 J. Sweeney#
 11/16 Truro 4 J. Young
 11/16 Nauset 3 M. Lynch#
 11/23 E. Quabbin 3 T. Gagnon#
 11/25 Eastham (F.H.) 3 C. Dalton
 11/27 Mattapoisset 2 M. Lynch#
 11/thr Barre Falls 10 Hawkcount (Kamp)
 12/19 Cumb. Farms 4 J. Sweeney
 thr DWWS 3-5 D. Furbish
 thr P.I. 6-8 v.o.

Sharp-shinned Hawk

11/1 Granville 40 Hawkcount (Weeks)
 11/1-22 Chatham 80 total D. Manchester
 11/7 Barre Falls 26 Hawkcount (Kamp)
 11/9 Westport 6 E. Nielsen
 11/11 Ipswich 4 R. Heil#
 11/16 Fairhaven 6 BBC (Stymeist)
 11/18 Mt.A. 8 R. Stymeist
 11/22 Gay Head 8 V. Laux
 11/23 Orleans 4 R. Heil#
 11/thr Granville 88 Hawkcount (Weeks)
 11/thr Barre Falls 90 Hawkcount (Kamp)
 12/20 Holliston 2 J. Hoye#
 12/27 Marlboro 2 T. Spahr

Cooper's Hawk

11/1-22 Chatham 25 D. Manchester
 11/2 Boston 2 BBC (Stymeist)
 11/4, 23 DWWS 2, 2 D. Furbish
 11/7 Barre Falls 8 Hawkcount (Kamp)
 11/11 Ipswich 2 ad R. Heil#
 11/23 Stoughton 2 G. d'Entremont
 11/27 Cape Ann 4 R. Heil
 11/thr Granville 10 Hawkcount (Weeks)
 11/thr Barre Falls 31 Hawkcount (Kamp)
 12/12 Barre Falls 2 Hawkcount (Kamp)
 12/24 DWWS 2 D. Furbish

Northern Goshawk

11/3-25 Granville 4 Hawkcount (Weeks)
 11/8, 10 Chatham 1, 2 D. Manchester
 11/13 Southwick 1 S. Kellogg
 11/16-12/13 Barre Falls 6 Hawkcount (Kamp)
 11/18 W. Gloucester 1 imm J. MacDougall
 11/23 Orleans 1 imm R. Heil#
 11/25 Northampton 1 T. Gagnon
 11/25 Eastham (F.H.) 1 imm C. Dalton
 11/28 Ashfield 1 S. Sauter
 12/14 Amherst 1 D. McKenna
 12/28 HRWMA 1 ad T. Pirro
 12/29 Truro 1 D. Manchester#

Red-shouldered Hawk

11/1 Randolph 1 G. d'Entremont
 11/7, 8 Barre Falls 19, 19 Hawkcount (Kamp)
 11/15 Gardner 2 T. Pirro
 11/15 Chatham 1 D. Manchester
 11/16 Mt. Watatic 2 T. Pirro
 11/18 DWWS 1 D. Furbish
 11/27 Mattapoisset 1 M. Lynch#
 11/28 W. Barnstable 1 ad R. Stymeist#
 11/thr Granville 30 Hawkcount (Weeks)
 11/thr Barre Falls 81 Hawkcount (Kamp)
 12/12 Taunton 1 J. Sweeney
 12/20 Springfield 1 J. Wojtanowski

Red-tailed Hawk

11/7, 8 Barre Falls 117, 116 Hawkcount (Kamp)
 11/8 Granville 139 Hawkcount (Weeks)
 11/15 Gardner 22 T. Pirro
 11/16 Mt. Watatic 26 T. Pirro
 11/1-12/13 Barre Falls 446 Hawkcount (Kamp)
 11/1-12/13 Granville 544 Hawkcount (Weeks)

Rough-legged Hawk

11/3 Deerfield 1 H. Allen
 11/7-12/13 Granville 6 Hawkcount (Kamp)
 11/15 Northampton 1 A. Magee
 11/23 Barnstable 1 dk ABC (Furbish)
 11/27 S. Monomoy 1 B. Nikula
 11/thr Barre Falls 3 Hawkcount (Kamp)
 12/4 Taunton 1 lt J. Sweeney
 12/12 W. Bridgewater 1 lt E. Giles
 12/14 Underland 1 S. Smolen-Morton
 12/14 Hatfield 1 D. Stemple
 12/19 Essex 1 lt J. Berry
 12/20 Quincy 1 CBC (d'Entremont)
 12/31 Gardner 1 lt T. Pirro
 thr DWWS 1-2 D. Furbish
 thr P.I. 3-4 v.o.

Golden Eagle

11/1 Quabbin (G35) 1 ad M. Lynch#
 11/7-27 Granville 4 Hawkcount (Weeks)
 11/9 Chilmark 1 sub ad A. Keith
 11/9 Barre Falls 1 Hawkcount (Kamp)
 11/15 Richmond 1 D. St James
 11/15 Gardner 2 ad T. Pirro
 11/21 Lenox 1 R. Laubach
 11/22 Northfield 1 M. Taylor
 11/27 Salisbury 1 juv S. Moore#
 11/30 Gloucester (E.P.) 1 subad J. Soucy#
 11/30 Lakeville 1 ad Mi. Sylvia
 12/27 Quabbin 1 v.o.

American Kestrel

thr Reports of indiv. from 15 locations

Merlin

11/2 Boston 2 BBC (Stymeist)
 11/7, 12 Barre Falls 3, 1 Hawkcount (Kamp)
 11/10 Stoneham 2 J. Offermann
 11/16 Chatham 3 D. Manchester
 thr Reports of indiv. from 18 locations

Gyrfalcon*

11/15 E. Orleans 1 dk P. Trimble#

Peregrine Falcon

11/2 S. Monomoy 2 B. Nikula#
 11/2 Boston 3 BBC (Stymeist)
 11/4 P.I. 2 J. Offermann
 11/7 Barre Falls 2 Hawkcount (Kamp)
 11/7 Chatham 2 D. Manchester

Peregrine Falcon (continued)				11/27, 12/20	E. Falmouth1 ph	Gove, CBC (Nikula)
11/9	Gloucester	3	P. + F. Vale	Ruddy Turnstone		
11/16, 12/6	Boston (Logan)	2, 2	N. Smith#	11/8	Gloucester	10 J. Berry#
12/16	Orleans	1	O. Spalding#	11/9	Westport	3 E. Nielsen
12/26	P.I.	2	P. + J. Roberts	11/16	Wareham	13 R. Farrell
thr	Reports of indiv. from 21	locations		11/26	Sandwich	10 J. Center
Virginia Rail				12/12	Mattapoisset	18 D. Furbish#
11/12	W. Harwich	1+	D. Silverstein	12/27	Gloucester (B.R.)	2 P. + F. Vale
11/23	Orleans	1	R. Heil	Red Knot		
American Coot				11/11	Ipswich	1 R. Heil#
11/1	Randolph	4	G. d'Entremont	11/16	Chatham (S.B.)	450 B. Nikula#
11/2, 27	S. Monomoy	15, 11	B. Nikula#	Sanderling		
11/12-16	Richmond	2	W. Lafley	11/2	N. Monomoy	1100 B. Nikula
11/22	Cambr. (F.P.)	4	J. Crystal#	11/4	Duxbury Bay	118 D. Clapp
11/26, 12/29	GMNWR	41, 20	S. Koch	11/5	W. Quabbin	5 D. Cooper
11/27	Westport	17	E. Nielsen	11/9	Northampton	1 B. Bieda
11/28	Woburn	8	P. Ippolitto#	11/11	Ipswich	80 R. Heil#
11/29	W. Brookfield	2	C. Buelow	11/15	Westport	65 E. Nielsen
12/25	Brookline	3	C. Glassenberg	11/18	Nahant	400+ R. Heil
12/30	Arlington	4	S. Baker	11/19	P.I.	90 R. Heil
12/30	Lynn	2	R. Heil	12/27	Truro	400 B. Nikula
Sandhill Crane				Semipalmated Sandpiper		
12/8-31	Barnstable	2	S. Perkins#	11/1	Salisbury	1 T. Wetmore
Black-bellied Plover				11/2	Chilmark	2 A. Keith
11/1	Quabbin (G35)	10	M. Lynch#	11/2	Eastham	4 J. Sweeney
11/2, 12/16	Eastham	100, 1	Sweeney, Spaulding	11/2	N. Monomoy	3 B. Nikula
11/7	Middleboro	25	J. Sweeney	Western Sandpiper		
11/11, 12/28	Ipswich	140	R. Heil, CBC (Berry)	11/16	Chatham (S.B.)	2 B. Nikula#
11/11	P.I.	21	J. Berry	White-rumped Sandpiper		
11/16	Chatham (S.B.)	900	B. Nikula#	11/2	N. Monomoy	3 B. Nikula
11/23	Winthrop	12	TASL (P. + F. Vale)	11/19	P.I.	12 R. Heil
12/12	Mattapoisset	4	D. Furbish#	11/27	Westport	1 E. Nielsen
American Golden-Plover				Pectoral Sandpiper		
11/1	Quabbin (G35)	2	M. Lynch#	11/2	N. Monomoy	3 B. Nikula
11/7	Middleboro	1	J. Sweeney	11/2	S. Monomoy	12+ B. Nikula#
11/15	Eastham	1	F. Vale	11/5	GMNWR	1 S. Koch
Semipalmated Plover				11/6	Greenfield	4 R. Packard
11/1	P.I.	1	T. Wetmore	11/7	Sunderland	1 H. Allen
11/2	Chilmark	2	A. Keith	11/12	Greenfield	3 R. Packard
11/2	N. Monomoy	20	B. Nikula	Purple Sandpiper		
11/7	Marshfield	2	R. Titus	11/7	N. Scituate	8 R. Titus
11/23	Chatham	1	B. Nikula	11/16	Sandwich	35 G. d'Entremont#
Killdeer				11/16	Fairhaven	45 BBC (Stymest)
11/2	Lynnfield	13	BBC (D. Williams)	11/27	Rockport	400 R. Heil
11/16	Hadley	15	H. Allen	12/1	Nahant	50 J. Berry#
American Oystercatcher				12/12	Mattapoisset	40 D. Furbish#
11/2	N. Monomoy	11	B. Nikula	12/31	Gloucester	100 J. Berry
11/27	Edgartown	2	P. Uhlendorf	Dunlin		
12/27	Fairhaven	2	CBC (M. Rines)	11/1	Quabbin (G35)	21 M. Lynch#
American Avocet				11/2	N. Monomoy	950 B. Nikula
11/7	Sunderland	1	D. Minnear#	11/5	W. Quabbin	11 D. Cooper
Greater Yellowlegs				11/6	Greenfield	1 R. Packard
11/2	N. Monomoy	130	B. Nikula	11/7	Marshfield	180 R. Titus
11/2	Newbypt.	49	BBC (S. Moore)	11/9	Northampton	2 B. Bieda
11/5	Ipswich	33	R. Heil	11/11	Ipswich	620 R. Heil#
11/6	Greenfield	4	R. Packard	11/15	Eastham	750+ P. + F. Vale
11/7	Duxbury	186	D. Clapp	11/16	Chatham (S.B.)	2500 B. Nikula#
11/18	Salem	5	R. Heil	11/19	P.I., Newbypt	400, 480 R. Heil
11/18	Marblehead	5	R. Heil	11/19	Newbypt	480 R. Heil
12/14	E. Boston	1	R. Scott	11/23	Winthrop	125 J. Young
Lesser Yellowlegs				11/27	Westport	524 E. Nielsen
11/1	Arlington Res.	2	K. Hartel#	12/27	Truro	270 B. Nikula
11/2	N. Monomoy	5	B. Nikula	Stilt Sandpiper		
11/8	P.I.	2	T. Wetmore	11/1	Turners Falls	1 M. Taylor
11/15	Wellfleet	2	P. + F. Vale	Long-billed Dowitcher		
11/19	Newbypt H.	4	R. Heil	11/2	N. Monomoy	1 B. Nikula
11/29	Newbury	12	G. d'Entremont#	11/8, 30	P.I.	6, 1 Vale, Larson
12/14-31	W. Harwich	2 ph	CBC (Nikula)	11/19	Newbypt	2 R. Heil
Western Willet				Wilson's Snipe		
11/2	N. Monomoy	7	B. Nikula	11/1	Barre Falls	2 B. Kamp
11/16	Chatham (S.B.)	1	B. Nikula#	11/5	Ipswich	4 R. Heil
11/1-12/2	Edgartown	1	A. Keith	11/17	Hadley	1 H. Allen
Whimbrel				12/24	Halifax	3 F. Bouchard
11/2	N. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula	12/28	Lynnfield	2 D. + I. Jewell
Hudsonian Godwit				American Woodcock		
11/8, 23	P.I.	6, 1	Nielsen, Center	11/17	Gay Head	3 A. Fischer
Marbled Godwit				11/1-12/4	Reports of indiv. from 8	locations
11/2	N. Monomoy	4	B. Nikula			

Red Phalarope									
11/9	Pittsfield (Onota)	1		R. Packard	11/2	S. Monomoy	6		B. Nikula#
11/19	Stellwagen	6		O. Spalding#	11/9	Plymouth	1 ad		G. d'Entremont
12/7, 8	Eastham (F.E.)	1435, 24		B. Nikula#	11/13	Nantucket	22		E. Ray
Phalarope species					11/26	Gay Head	5		V. Laux#
12/5	Jeffries L.	4		C. Tessaglia-Hymes	11/27-12/31	Brewster	1-2		v.o.
Skua species					12/2	Newbypt H.	1 ad		R. Heil
12/7	Eastham (F.E.)	1		B. Nikula#	Glaucous Gull				
12/14	Rockport (A.P.)	1 dk		R. Heil	12/20	Fairhaven	1 2W		M. LaBossiere
Pomarine Jaeger					12/31	Gloucester	1 (1W)		J. Berry
11/4, 21	Rockport (A.P.)	1, 3		R. Heil	Black-legged Kittiwake				
11/21	Eastham (F.E.)	2		B. Nikula	11/4, 12/6	Rockport (A.P.)	85, 164		R. Heil
11/22	P'town	1		B. Nikula#	11/21, 12/7	Eastham (F.E.)	400, 2060		B. Nikula
12/6, 15	Rockport (A.P.)	14, 2		R. Heil	11/22, 12/6	P'town	76, 125		B. Nikula#
12/7, 8	Eastham (F.E.)	228, 70		B. Nikula#	12/6	Dennis (Corp. B.)	290		B. Nikula#
Parasitic Jaeger					12/9	Nantucket Sound	245		S. Perkins#
12/14	Rockport (A.P.)	1 lt		R. Heil	Common Tern				
Jaeger species					11/2, 27	Chatham	35, 1		B. Nikula#
11/2	N. Monomoy	2		B. Nikula	11/4	Rockport (A.P.)	1		R. Heil
11/21	Eastham (F.E.)	3		B. Nikula	11/16	Sandwich	16		M. Lynch#
11/21, 12/14	Rockport (A.P.)	2, 3		R. Heil	11/16	Barnstable (S.N.)	4		M. Lynch#
11/22	P'town	2		P. Flood#	Forster's Tern				
12/6	Dennis (Corp. B.)	4		B. Nikula#	11/27	Chatham	1		B. Nikula
Laughing Gull					Dovekie				
11/1	Barnstable H.	150		B. Nikula	11/27	Eastham	1		M. Taylor#
11/2, 23	P'town	125, 15		Trimble, Nikula	11/28, 12/29	Wellfleet	1, 6		Walker, Hedman
11/3	Lynn	12		J. Quigley	12/5	Jeffries L.	100 C.		Tessaglia-Hymes
11/4	Rockport (A.P.)	23 ad		R. Heil	12/6	P'town	43		B. Nikula#
11/11	Chatham	25		D. Manchester	12/6	Dennis (Corp. B.)	40		B. Nikula#
11/15	Westport	33		E. Nielsen	12/6, 15	Rockport (A.P.)	8, 6		R. Heil
11/26	Gay Head	25		V. Laux	12/7, 8	Eastham (F.E.)	1270, 70		B. Nikula#
Little Gull					12/9	Orleans	11		M. Tuttle
11/3	Lynn	1 ad		J. Quigley	Common Murre				
11/15	Chatham	1 ad.		J. Trimble#	11/21, 12/6	Rockport (A.P.)	15, 2		R. Heil
12/6	Dennis (Corp. B.)	1 ad.		B. Nikula#	Thick-billed Murre				
12/29	Wellfleet H.	1 ad		CBC (Nikula)	11/21, 12/6	Rockport (A.P.)	13, 8		R. Heil
Black-headed Gull					11/23	Wellfleet	3		ABC (Furbish)
11/2	Boston H.	1		R. Donovan	11/26	P'town	1		M. Taylor#
11/11	Ipswich	1 ad		R. Heil	12/10	Yarmouthport	1		M. Tuttle
11/26-12/10	Gay Head	1		V. Laux#	12/10	P.I.	1		R. Heil
11/27	S. Boston	1		R. Donovan	12/28	Gloucester (E.P.)	1		C. Nims
11/27, 12/28	Gloucester	1, 1		Heil, Nims	Razorbill				
12/24	Cotuit	1		G. Gove#	11/4, 21	Rockport (A.P.)	8, 46		R. Heil
12/29	Wellfleet H.	1 1W		CBC (Nikula)	11/21, 12/7	Eastham (F.E.)	37, 75		B. Nikula
12/30	Lynn	1 1W		J. Quigley	11/22	P'town	74		B. Nikula#
Bonaparte's Gull					12/6, 14	Rockport (A.P.)	675, 214		R. Heil
11/4, 12/15	Rockport (A.P.)	375, 155		R. Heil	12/9	Nantucket Sound	173		S. Perkins#
11/5	Turners Falls	1		M. Taylor	12/27	Newbypt	130		R. Heil
11/9	P.I.	400		T. Wetmore	12/28	Stellwagen	20		J. Wallius
11/11	Ipswich	1150		R. Heil#	12/30	Wellfleet	24		M. Faherty
11/15	Chatham	250		B. Nikula#	Black Guillemot				
11/18	Nahant	225		R. Heil	11/4, 12/14	Rockport (A.P.)	4, 10		R. Heil
11/21	Eastham (F.E.)	170		B. Nikula	11/16	Barnstable (S.N.)	2		M. Lynch#
11/27	N. Monomoy	120+		B. Nikula	11/18	Nahant	10		R. Heil
12/29	Wellfleet H.	55		CBC (Nikula)	11/23	Marshfield	6		G. d'Entremont
12/30	Lynn	55		R. Heil	11/23	Wellfleet	1		M. Daley#
Iceland Gull					11/27	Cape Ann	35		R. Heil
11/13	Nantucket	1		E. Ray	11/27	Gloucester (B.R.)	17		P. + F. Vale
11/15	Gardner	1 1W		T. Pirro	12/16	Orleans	1		O. Spalding#
11/19, 12/28	P.I.	1, 3		R. Heil	12/16	Cotuit	1		M. Keleher
11/19, 12/22	Lynn	1 1W, 1 1W		J. Quigley	Atlantic Puffin				
11/21	Oak Bluffs	1		M. Pelikan#	11/4, 21	Rockport (A.P.)	1, 2		R. Heil
11/26	P'town	1 1W		M. Talyor#	12/8	Eastham (F.E.)	4		W. Petersen#
11/27, 12/15	Cape Ann	4, 3		R. Heil	Large alcid species				
11/30	Pittsfield (Pont.)	1		T. Gagnon	11/22, 12/27	P'town	184, 85		B. Nikula#
12/7	Eastham (F.E.)	1 ad		B. Nikula#	12/5	Jeffries L.	100 C.		Tessaglia-Hymes
12/30	Sandwich	3		J. Kricher	12/6, 15	Rockport (A.P.)	750, 760		R. Heil
Lesser Black-backed Gull					12/7	Eastham (F.E.)	370		B. Nikula#
11/2	P'town	2		J. Trimble	12/27	Newbypt	90+		R. Heil
					12/28	Stellwagen	40+		J. Wallius

OWLS THROUGH FINCHES

The period of November to December is generally the best time for owls, or at least birders tend to report more during this period. With Christmas Bird Counts and the scouting that often is associated with the CBC, owls do get noticed. As mentioned in the last issue (*Bird Observer* 32 (1): 58-9), the annual flight of Northern Saw-whet Owls gets under way about

mid-October, and by November it's in full swing. The numbers of these little secretive owls that are banded boggles the mind. In Uxbridge, Strickland Wheelock banded a total of 117 during November, while Norm Smith of the Trailside Museum netted 100 at the Daniel Webster Sanctuary in Marshfield and another sixty-nine in Milton during the same month. Snowy Owls were noted from Logan Airport and from Plum Island, but were less than cooperative in their routines and thus hard to find. Barred Owls were noted from at least fourteen locations as compared with only five locations during the same period last year.

A roost of Chimney Swifts in Hanover, which had as many as 5000 individuals in late September, continued until at least November 1, with as many as forty swifts still coming in to roost. The roost was last checked on November 7 and no birds were found. There are only four other November records of Chimney Swift, the latest being November 11, 1977.

Three of the *Selasphorus* hummingbirds reported from October were still being observed. The immature male **Rufous**, first found on October 14, was last seen on November 3 in East Sandwich. A female Rufous banded in Chicopee was last seen on December 23, staying just short of three months. This bird was still coming to a feeder after the major snowstorms in December. It was counted on the Springfield Area Christmas Bird Count on December 20, surely a first for that count! The *Selasphorus* hummingbird first found in Lanesboro on October 11 was last seen on December 2. Photos confirm this bird as a hatch-year female *Selasphorus*. This is indicated by the fairly clean white gorget with an apparent lack of any red gorget feathers, together with the squared-off black tip to R1 with a green band between it and the rufous base.

As is often the case, November can be full of surprises, and this year the month provided plenty of great birds, including the first state record of **Cave Swallow** (pending MARC approval). In November of 2002 a fallout of Cave Swallows was recorded up the east coast all the way to Connecticut, where over 100 were seen at Lighthouse Point. There were some reports of likely candidates here in Massachusetts, but these swallows evaded conclusive identification. This year on November 15, after two days of northwest gales, the conditions were ideal for vagrants. Jeremiah and Peter Trimble and Blair Nikula decided Pochet Island was the place to look, and Cave Swallow was on the top of their list of possibilities. Over the previous two weeks small numbers had been reported from Connecticut, Rhode Island, and even New Brunswick, and the first state record for Massachusetts was overdue. Their hunch was right, and they were rewarded with sightings (and video) of at least two Cave Swallows. Thanks to cell phones, a few other lucky birders were able to see this new state bird that afternoon, but unfortunately the birds could not be relocated the following day despite a massive search. Another Cave Swallow was found in Chatham on November 27, a great day of Thanksgiving for a lucky birder. In New Hampshire four Cave Swallows were found on November 26 feeding along the wrack line south of Concord Point in Rye. This was a first state record as well; however, not surprising given the recent sightings in the northeastern United States. They all appeared to be of the southwestern or Mexican subspecies.

A **Hammond's Flycatcher** was noted from Tuckernuck Island on November 1. This bird was carefully described and has been accepted by the MARC. This was just the second record for the state; the first confirmed record of this species was from Wellesley in December 1988. Perhaps just as interesting was a well documented report of a **Least Flycatcher** first noted in Marblehead on November 18 and seen at the same location on **December 22**. The previous late date for this species in the state was November 27, 1977, on Tuckernuck. A **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** delighted hundreds of birders during its three-week stay at Marconi Beach in Wellfleet. Ironically, the last November report of this species was from Wellfleet on November 8, 1996. It seems almost routine that in late fall and early winter you can count on an **Ash-**

throated Flycatcher appearing somewhere in the state. This year there were two sightings during the period; one was photographed on numerous times at point-blank range in Stoneham, and another was seen at Gay Head.

Continuing on with the period notables, two **MacGillivray's Warblers** were noted, one in Bradford (Haverhill) and another in Westport. There are eleven previous records for this western *Oporornis* in Massachusetts. A **Western Meadowlark** was heard singing on November 26 at Gay Head, a lucky event since its plumage is virtually identical to that of the Eastern Meadowlark. This was the first fall report of this species, but since migrants rarely sing in the fall, it makes one wonder if there may be more going through undetected. Other species of special note included a Red-headed Woodpecker in Medfield, a Yellow-throated Warbler in Nahant, and a Prothonotary Warbler photographed on the late date of November 30; the previous late date was November 14, 1962. A Bullock's Oriole was photographed at a feeder in Walpole and a Blue Grosbeak was noted from Truro on November 2.

The winter finch reports indicate a better-than-average flight year. There were two reports of **Bohemian Waxwings**, a species associated with mountain ash berries in the boreal forest. Because the mountain ash berry crop is poor in some areas, we might expect a small flight of Bohemians into the winter. The white birch seed crop has been reported poor in many northern areas, and as a result an influx of Common Redpolls started to appear in our area by mid-November, with sizeable flocks noted throughout December. Flocks of Common Redpolls always bring the chance of seeing **Hoary Redpolls**, and individuals of this species were described at Plum Island and Belchertown. Pine Grosbeaks, like the Bohemian Waxwings, favor mountain ash berries, and there were two individual birds noted during the period. Purple Finches continued in good numbers, a truly a welcome change from the dismal showing of recent years. A few Red Crossbills were noted from western Massachusetts, with the first December sightings since 1999. Evening Grosbeaks were still scarce, with most appearing at higher elevations in Berkshire, Franklin, and Worcester counties.

Several species were noted later in the season; most notable was a carefully described Swainson's Thrush in Lexington on November 22. Swainson's Thrush is very rare after about mid-November anywhere in the United States, and most winter reports are misidentified Hermit Thrushes. The Lexington bird had almost no tail. If a bird lost its tail during migration it would undoubtedly hamper it on its journey south. A Summer Tanager in Stow and a Scarlet Tanager in Provincetown were both photographed at feeders, each a first December record for the species. There were four reports of White-eyed Vireo and December reports of Black-throated Blue Warbler, two Ovenbirds, and a Northern Waterthrush.

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Barn Owl				Short-eared Owl			
11/16	Chilmark	1	A. Keith	11/8	Dorchester	1	R. Donovan
Eastern Screech-Owl				11/8	Westport	1	J. Hoye#
11/22	Gloucester	2 red	S. Moore#	11/10, 12/13	DWWS	1, 1	Furbish, Carey
11/22	Rockport	2	D. Chickering	11/13, 12/26	P.I.	1, 2	Chickering, Wetmore
12/4, 5	Melrose	1 red, 1 gray	D. + I. Jewell	11/16	Chatham (S.B.)	2	P. Flood#
Great Horned Owl				11/18, 12/21	Salisbury	1, 3	Larson, Hills
12/14	Scituate	2	S. Maguire	12/6	Boston (Logan)	3	N. Smith#
12/14	Hingham	2	C. Nims	12/16-31	Chilmark	1	R. Johnson#
Snowy Owl				12/31	Gloucester	1	J. Berry
11/16, 12/6	Boston (Logan)	1, 2	N. Smith#	Northern Saw-whet Owl			
11/23, 12/27	P.I.	1, 1	Nove, Wetmore	11/8	Uxbridge	19 b	S. Wheelock
12/1	Newbypt	1	S. King	11/15	E. Orleans	1 dead	B. Nikula#
Barred Owl				11/16	DWWS	31 b	N. Smith#
11/25	Saugus	2	D. + I. Jewell	11/18	Danvers	1 dead	D. Lacey
12/14	Berlin	2	S. Sutton	11/30	Hadley	2	A. Magee
thr	Reports of indiv. from 12 locations			11/thr	DWWS	100 b	N. Smith#
Long-eared Owl				11/thr	Uxbridge	117 b	S. Wheelock
11/13	Whately	1	A. Magee	11/thr	Milton	69 b	N. Smith#
11/16	Salisbury	1	R. Merrill#	12/3	Hadley	1	A. Magee
11/thr	DWWS	3	N. Smith#	12/28	Newbury	2	CBC (R. Heil)
12/13-20	Lexington	1	J. Forbes#				

Chimney Swift	11/1, 7	Hanover	40, 0	W. Petersen	11/12 Burlington	1	M. Rines
Rufous Hummingbird					11/15 E. Orleans	1	B. Nikula#
11/1-3	E. Sandwich	1 imm m		R. Ayotte	11/2 Boston	1	BBC (Stymeist)
11/1-12/23	Chicopee	1 f b		D. Glaszcz#	11/2 Windsor	1	B. Wood
Selasphorus species					11/17 Chilmark	1	A. Keith
11/1-12/2	Lanesboro	1		P. Dion	American Crow		
Red-headed Woodpecker	12/20-31	Medfield	1 imm	D. Allen + v.o.	11/15 Framingham	800+	E. Taylor
Red-bellied Woodpecker	11/12	Taunton	4	J. Sweeney	11/21 Chicopee	4000	S. Kellogg
11/23	E. Quabbin	3		T. Gagnon#	11/22 Leicester	885	M. Lynch#
11/23	Orleans	3		R. Heil	12/28 Brookline	2000	A. Joslin#
11/28	E. Sandwich	6		R. Stymeist#	12/thr Framingham	1000	E. Taylor
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	11/2	Boston	2	BBC (Stymeist)	11/2 Boston	172	BBC (Stymeist)
11/7	Westport	2		G. Gove#	11/2 Pittsfield	3	T. Gagnon#
11/16	Barnstable	1 juv		St. Miller#	11/22 WBWS	2	G. d'Entremont
11/16	Falmouth	1		R. Heil#	12/20 Holyoke	2	T. Gagnon
11/18	Mt.A.	3		R. Stymeist	12/20 Chicopee	3	T. Swochak
11/18	Orleans	2		R. Heil	12/28 Brookline	80	A. Joslin#
12/14	Amherst	1		C. Read	Common Raven		
12/20	Quincy	1		CBC (J. Young)	11/4 Maynard	2	L. Nachtrab
12/29	Winchester	1		A. Ankers	11/6 Beverly Farms	1	J. MacDougall
Hairy Woodpecker	11/5	Ipswich	3	R. Heil	11/8 Topsfield	2	J. MacDougall
11/22	Leicester	4		M. Lynch#	11/9 Granville	8	J. Weeks
11/30	Ware R. IBA	3		M. Lynch#	11/27 Westboro	2	M. Faherty
12/9	Harwich	4		E. Banks	11/30 Ware R. IBA	2	M. Lynch#
12/13	Bolton Flats	4		S. Sutton	12/12 Barre Falls	2	B. Kamp
Northern Flicker	11/2	Sutton	19	M. Lynch#	12/16 Royalston	2	T. Roberts
11/11	Ipswich	16		R. Heil#	12/23 Quabbin (G43)	7	C. Buelow
11/16	Falmouth	26		R. Heil	Horned Lark		
11/23	Orleans	26		R. Heil#	11/8, 12/27 P.I.	75, 25	Vale, Gurka
Pileated Woodpecker	11/2	Maynard	1 m	L. Nachtrab	11/9 Newbury	40	J. Berry
11/2	Lincoln	1		E. McDonald	11/11 Salisbury	50	J. Berry
11/2	Barre Falls	1		B. Kamp	11/15 Gardner	63	T. Pirro
11/16	Mt. Watatic	1		T. Pirro	11/17 Wellfleet	75+	P. + F. Vale
11/19	Groton	1		E. McNierney	12/10 Amherst	200	H. Allen
11/23	E. Quabbin	3		T. Gagnon#	12/16 Eastham (F.E.)	50	O. Spalding#
12/12	Concord	1		L. Nachtrab	Tree Swallow		
Least Flycatcher (details submitted)	11/18-12/22	Marblehead	1	R. Heil	11/1, 29 Chatham	71, 2	Manchester, Nikula
Hammond's Flycatcher (details submitted) *	11/1	Tuckernuck	1	R. Veit	11/2 Truro	3	J. Trimble
Eastern Phoebe	11/1	Hardwick	1	C. Buelow	11/11 Ipswich	1	R. Heil#
11/2	Boston	2		BBC (Stymeist)	11/15 E. Orleans	1	J. Trimble#
11/2	Burlington	1		M. Rines	11/27 Chatham	1	R. Merrill
11/7	Stoneham	1		D. + I. Jewell	Swallow species		
11/15	Bourne	1		BBC (Stymeist)	11/29 P.I.	1	S. Leonard
11/22	Leicester	1		M. Lynch#	Red-breasted Nuthatch		
11/27-30	Chilmark	1		A. Keith	11/11 Wachusett Res.	41	S. Sutton
12/27	Canton	1		S. McGrath	11/15 Wellfleet	15	P. + F. Vale
12/thr	M.V.(4 areas)	4		v.o.	11/16 P.I.	12	D. Chickering
Ash-throated Flycatcher (details submitted)*	11/7-16	Stoneham	1 ph	D. + I. Jewell + v.o.	11/23 E. Quabbin	21	T. Gagnon#
Ash-throated Flycatcher (no details) *	11/18	Gay Head	1	V. Laux	11/30 Ware R. IBA	61	M. Lynch#
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (details submitted) *	11/12-12/4	Wellfleet	1 ph	B. Elrick + v.o.	12/9 Quabbin (G29)	21	C. Buelow
Northern Shrike	12/14	Hadley	2	D. Peake-Jones	Brown Creeper		
12/26	P.I.	2		P. + J. Roberts	11/1 Quabbin (G35)	9	M. Lynch#
thr	Reports of indiv. from 27 locations				11/11 Wachusett Res.	10	S. Sutton
White-eyed Vireo	11/2	Bourne	1	J. Kricher	11/30 Ware R. IBA	19	M. Lynch#
11/3	Deerfield	1		H. Allen	Carolina Wren		
11/10	Chilmark	1		A. Keith	11/1 Lexington	9	M. Rines#
11/16	Woods Hole	1 juv		R. Heil#	11/2 Pittsfield	2	C. Blagdon#
Blue-headed Vireo	11/1	Windsor	1	B. Wood	11/7 Westfield	2	S. Kellogg
11/1	Arlington Res.	2		K. Hartel#	11/16 Falmouth	25	R. Heil#
11/2	Sunderland	1		C. Gentes	11/16 Fairhaven	46	BBC (Stymeist)
11/3	MNWS	2		D. Noble	11/18 Marblehead	15	R. Heil
11/11	Wachusett Res.	1		S. Sutton	11/23 Orleans	31	R. Heil
					11/27 Cape Ann	18	R. Heil
					11/28 W. Barnstable	24	R. Stymeist#
					House Wren		
					11/11 Ipswich	1	R. Heil#
					11/15 Bourne	1	BBC (Stymeist)
					11/16 Nahant	1	G. Tepke
					11/18 DWWS	1	D. Furbish
					11/26 Chilmark	1	A. Keith
					11/27 Gloucester	1	R. Heil

Winter Wren				11/23	Orleans	4	R. Heil#
11/5	Winchester	2	M. Rines	11/27	Westport	4	M. Lynch#
11/16	Fairhaven	2	BBC (Stymeist)	12/8	Hingham	2	S. Maguire
11/18	Nahant	3	R. Heil	12/12	Nahant	1	L. Pivacek
11/18	Marblehead	6	R. Heil	12/14	Dalton	1	B. Wood
11/27	Cape Ann	2	R. Heil	12/14	Northampton	1	T. Gagnon
12/20	Agawam	2	S. Kellogg	12/14	Gloucester (E.P.)	1	R. Heil
Marsh Wren				12/23	Stoneham	1	D. + I. Jewell
11/7	DWWS	1	R. Titus	12/27	E. Quabbin	1	S. Sumner
11/11, 30	E. Sandwich	1	J. Kricher	Brown Thrasher			
11/16	Falmouth	3	R. Heil#	11/15	S. Dart. (A. Pd)	1	E. Nielsen
11/19	W. Newbury	1	S. McGrath	11/16	Falmouth	1	R. Heil#
11/19	P.I.	2	R. Heil	11/17	Truro	1	P. + F. Vale
11/23	Orleans	1	R. Heil#	11/18	Cambridge	1	R. Bradbury
11/30	E. Boston (B.L.)	1	BBC (Stymeist)	11/23	Orleans	2	R. Heil#
12/28	Ipswich	1	CBC (K. Rosenberg)	European Starling			
Golden-crowned Kinglet				11/11	Ipswich	3000	R. Heil#
11/1	Windsor	30	B. Wood	11/15	Methuen	25,000	J. Hogan
11/1	Quabbin (G35)	28	M. Lynch#	American Pipit			
11/2	Sutton	17	M. Lynch#	11/2	Sutton	63	M. Lynch#
11/11	Wachusett Res.	20	S. Sutton	11/3	Deerfield	12	H. Allen
11/16	Falmouth	21	R. Heil#	11/7, 12/19	Cumb. Farms	100, 34	J. Sweeney
11/16	Fairhaven	20	BBC (Stymeist)	11/7	W. Bridgewater	51	J. Sweeney
11/17	Wellfleet	17	P. + F. Vale	11/7	Barre Falls	10	B. Kamp
11/22	Leicester	37	M. Lynch#	11/8	P.I.	12	P. + F. Vale
11/28	E. Sandwich	16	R. Stymeist#	11/11	Ipswich	20	R. Heil#
11/30	Ware R. IBA	60	M. Lynch#	11/15	Westport	40	E. Nielsen
12/14	Berlin	20	S. Sutton	12/9-11	Medford	1	E. McDonald
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				Bohemian Waxwing			
11/1	Lexington	12	M. Rines#	12/27	Windsor	1	D. St James
11/1	Arlington Res.	12	K. Hartel#	12/28	HRWMA	2	T. Pirro
11/2	Boston	8	BBC (Stymeist)	Cedar Waxwing			
11/16	Fairhaven	9	BBC (Stymeist)	11/5	Ipswich	80	R. Heil
12/2	DWWS	2	G. Gove#	11/9	Southboro	44	M. Lynch#
12/8	Medford	1	R. LaFontaine	11/15	Orleans	120	B. Nikula#
12/11	Nahant	1	L. Pivacek	11/16	Falmouth	90	R. Heil#
12/27	Ware	1	B. Bieda	11/17	Pepperell	130	E. Stromsted
12/27	Milton	1	J. Young	11/28	W. Barnstable	55	R. Stymeist#
12/27	Newbury	1	R. Heil	12/22	Hardwick	80	C. Buelow
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				12/28	HRWMA	40	T. Pirro
11/1	Mt.A.	1	J. Trimble	Orange-crowned Warbler			
11/11	Ipswich	1	R. Heil#	11/2	Newton	2	L. Ferrarrosso
Eastern Bluebird				11/12	Lexington	2	C. Cloyd
11/2	Sunderland	29	C. Gentes	11/23	Orleans	2	R. Heil#
11/2	Sutton	24	M. Lynch#	11/30	Dorchester	1	R. Donovan
11/8	Granville	24	J. Weeks	12/5	Nahant	2	F. Vale#
11/11	Ipswich	16	R. Heil	thr	Reports of indiv. from 14 locations		
11/12	Taunton	10	J. Sweeney	Nashville Warbler			
11/17	Wellfleet	35+	P. + F. Vale	11/2	Sunderland	1	C. Gentes
12/13	Lincoln	10	W. Harrington	11/7	Oak Bluffs	1	M. Pelikan
12/22	Groton	10	T. Pirro	11/9	Arlington Res.	1	A. Gurka#
12/28	HRWMA	10	T. Pirro	11/16	Chilmark	1	A. Keith
Swainson's Thrush				Northern Parula			
11/22	Lexington	1	M. Rines	11/15	E. Orleans	1	B. Nikula#
Hermit Thrush				11/16	W. Tisbury	1	A. Keith
11/2	Boston	16	BBC (Stymeist)	Cape May Warbler			
11/15	Bourne	16	BBC (Stymeist)	11/18	Marblehead	1 m	R. Heil
11/16	Fairhaven	22	BBC (Stymeist)	Black-throated Blue Warbler			
11/16	Lexington	4	M. Rines	11/25-12/18	W. Tisbury	1	E. Luce + v.o.
11/16	Falmouth	11	R. Heil	Yellow-rumped Warbler			
11/16	Melrose	5	D. + I. Jewell	11/1	Arlington Res.	24	K. Hartel#
11/18	Orleans	12	R. Heil	11/1	W. Newbury	23	S. Grinley
11/28	W. Barnstable	13	R. Stymeist#	11/11	Chatham	180	D. Manchester
12/9	Nahant	2	L. Pivacek	11/15	Bourne	190	BBC (Stymeist)
12/14	Northampton	2	T. Gagnon	11/16	Falmouth	82	R. Heil#
12/20	Agawam	2	S. Kellogg	11/16	Cambr. (F.P.)	30	C. Riehl
12/22	Marblehead	3	R. Heil	11/17	Gay Head	300	V. Laux
American Robin				12/14	Northampton	1	T. Gagnon
11/1	Chatham	325	D. Manchester	12/20	Holyoke	1	T. Gagnon
11/5	Ipswich	560	R. Heil	12/22	Marblehead	3	R. Heil
11/5	Methuen	10,000	J. Hogan	12/28	Newbury	10	CBC (R. Heil)
11/16	Chilmark	750	A. Keith	Black-throated Green Warbler			
11/16	Falmouth	230	R. Heil#	11/25	Boston (Fens)	1	M. Kaufman
11/18	Mt.A.	250+	R. Stymeist	Yellow-throated Warbler			
11/28	W. Barnstable	300	R. Stymeist#	11/30-12/5	Nahant	1 m	L. Pivacek + v.o.
Gray Catbird				Pine Warbler			
11/16	Fairhaven	21	BBC (Stymeist)	11/7	Salisbury	3	T. Wetmore
11/16	Falmouth	20	R. Heil#	11/16	Wellfleet	2	P. + F. Vale

Pine Warbler (continued)				11/16	DWWS	1		D. Furbish
11/27 Gloucester	1		R. Heil	12/28	M.V.	1		CBC (M. Pelikan)
12/13 Lakeville	1		J. Sweeney		Field Sparrow			
Prairie Warbler				11/2	Truro	13		J. Trimble
11/7 Salisbury	1		D. Chickering	11/2	Burlington	3		M. Rines
11/7 P.I.	1		H. Galbraith#	11/9	P.I.	2		P. + F. Vale
11/23 Orleans	2		R. Heil#	11/9	Westport	5		E. Nielsen
Palm Warbler				11/16	Truro	3		P. + F. Vale
11/1 Windsor	15		B. Wood	11/26	Bourne	3		J. Kricher
11/2 Sutton	9		M. Lynch#	12/22	Salem	5		R. Heil
11/15 Wellfleet	20 W		P. + F. Vale		Vesper Sparrow			
11/23 Orleans	5 W		R. Heil#	11/8	Chilmark	1		A. Keith
11/25 Hyannis	2		C. Buelow		Savannah Sparrow			
11/27 Manchester	1 W		R. Heil	11/2	Sutton	8		M. Lynch#
Blackpoll Warbler				11/8	Woburn	3		M. Rines#
11/2 S. Monomoy	2		B. Nikula#	11/23	New Braintree	5		C. Buelow
11/5 Ipswich	2		R. Heil		Ipswich Sparrow			
11/23 W. Barnstable	1		P. Trimble	11/15	Westport	3		E. Nielsen
Black-and-white Warbler				11/15	Fairhaven	2		J. Sweeney#
11/15 Boston	1 ad		R. Mayer	12/8	P.I.	2		T. Wetmore
American Redstart				12/12	Mattapoisett	1		D. Furbish#
11/8 Jamaica Plain	1		J. Young		Grasshopper Sparrow			
11/11 E. Sandwich	1		J. Kricher	11/2	Newton	1		P. Perry#
11/29 Mt.A.	1 ph		J. Harrison	12/14-20	Stoneham	1 ph		D. + I. Jewell#
Prothonotary Warbler					Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow			
11/30 Gloucester	1 ph	fide	B. Speare	11/1	Edgartown	2		A. Keith
Ovenbird				11/25	Eastham (F.H.)	3		C. Dalton
11/1 Chilmark	1		A. Keith		Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow			
11/2-12/7 Boston	1		R. Stymeist#	11/1	Edgartown	6+		A. Keith
11/7 Stoneham	1		D. + I. Jewell	11/25	Eastham (F.H.)	8		C. Dalton
12/7 Millis	1		P. Rennert		Sharp-tailed Sparrow species			
Northern Waterthrush				11/25	Eastham (F.H.)	10		C. Dalton
11/1 Arlington Res.	1		K. Hartel#		Seaside Sparrow			
12/14 E. Falmouth	1		CBC (J. Trimble)	11/1	Edgartown	1		A. Keith
MacGillivray's Warbler (details submitted) *					Fox Sparrow			
11/1-6 Bradford	1	D. Larson, S. Carlson + v.o.		11/7	Southwick	16		S. Kellogg
11/27 Westport	1		E. Nielsen	11/9	Berlin	8		S. Sutton
Common Yellowthroat				11/11	Wachusett Res.	12		S. Sutton
11/16 Fairhaven	2		BBC (Stymeist)	11/11	Ipswich	9		R. Heil#
Wilson's Warbler				11/12, 30	Lexington	11, 1		M. Rines#
11/7 Gay Head	1		A. Keith	11/23	E. Quabbin	7		T. Gagnon#
Yellow-breasted Chat				12/3-13	Watertown	max 5		R. Stymeist#
11/16 Falmouth	4		R. Heil#	12/4	Melrose	3		D. + I. Jewell
11/18 Gay Head	2		A. Keith	12/7	Canton	3		M. Ross
11/23 Orleans	5		R. Heil#	12/19	Essex	3		J. Berry
thr Reports of indiv. from 12 locations				12/20	Ludlow	2		B. Platenik
Summer Tanager					Lincoln's Sparrow			
12/6-31 Stow	1 f ph		D. Stewart	11/2	Windsor	2		B. Wood
Scarlet Tanager				11/6	Truro	2		G. Gove
11/7 P.I.	1 m		G. Wood	11/9	Carver	1		G. d'Entremont
12/11-24 P'town	1 m ph		P. Post	11/15	Westboro	1		T. Spahr
Eastern Towhee				11/18	Hadley	1		P. Yeskie
11/12 Taunton	3		J. Sweeney	11/26	Bourne	1		J. Kricher
11/12 Lexington	2		C. Floyd	12/14	Pepperell	1		CBC (E. Stromsted)
11/15 S. Dart. (A. Pd)	3		E. Nielsen		Swamp Sparrow			
11/16 Fairhaven	9		BBC (Stymeist)	11/2	Truro	18		J. Trimble
11/28 E. Sandwich	2		R. Stymeist#	11/5	Ipswich	10		R. Heil
12/13 Lincoln	2		W. Harrington	11/16	Falmouth	18		R. Heil#
12/20 Holyoke	1		B. Bieda	11/17	Gay Head	25		V. Laux
12/21 Medford	1 m		M. Rines	11/23	Orleans	18		R. Heil#
12/26 Dighton	1 m		R. Titus		White-crowned Sparrow			
12/27 Southwick	1		J. Weeks	11/1	Wakefield	6 imm		P. + F. Vale
American Tree Sparrow				11/2	Burlington	9		M. Rines
11/11 Ipswich	92		R. Heil#	11/13	Pittsfield	4		T. Collins
11/15 Westboro	50+		T. Spahr	11/17	Gay Head	35		V. Laux
11/18 Bolton	50		F. Howes	12/13	Bolton Flats	1 imm		S. Sutton
11/30 P.I.	65		E. Nielsen	12/14	Hadley	1		D. Peake-Jones
12/9 Groton	50		T. Pirro	12/28	Ipswich	1		CBC (J. Berry)
12/13 Bolton Flats	95+		S. Sutton		Oregon Junco			
Chipping Sparrow				12/12	Nahant	1		L. Pivacek
11/26 Bourne	5		J. Kricher		Lapland Longspur			
12/28 Brimfield	2		I. Lynch	11/2	P'town	4		J. Trimble
12/thr Falmouth	2-8		G. Gove#	11/3	Deerfield	2		H. Allen
Clay-colored Sparrow				11/5	Ipswich	16		R. Heil
11/2 Burlington	1		M. Rines	11/7, 12/9	P.I.	15, 35		T. Wetmore
11/2 Truro	4		J. Trimble	11/16	Northampton	2		T. Gagnon
11/8 S. Boston	1		R. Donovan	11/17	Gay Head	8		V. Laux
11/10-11 Gay Head	1		V. Laux#	11/22	Eastham (F.E.)	3		G. d'Entremont

Lapland Longspur (continued)				Bullock's Oriole *			
11/26 Salisbury	6	MAS (B.Gette)		12/27-31 Walpole	1 ph		W. Barnes
12/18 Sheffield	4	D. St. James		Baltimore Oriole			
Snow Bunting				11/5 Ipswich	1		R. Heil
11/8, 12/27 P.I.	260, 50	Nielsen, Gurka		11/8 Belmont	1		R. Stymeist#
11/9 Westport	163	E. Nielsen		11/12 Stoneham	1		D. + I. Jewell
11/11 Ipswich	111	R. Heil#		11/16 Truro	1		J. Young
11/15 Orleans	100	BBC (Stymeist)		11/23 Gay Head	1		R. Ferren#
11/15 Northampton	700	A. Magee		12/1-21 Holliston	1 lyr		P. Rennert
11/16, 12/4 Granville	72, 65	J. Weeks		12/13 Lincoln	1		W. Harrington
11/18 Chatham	95	D. Manchester		12/14-31 Hadley	1		S. Emerson
11/18 Nahant	150	R. Heil		Pine Grosbeak			
11/23 DWWS	75	G. d'Entremont#		11/15 Hinsdale	1		L. Roberson
11/27 S. Monomoy	150	B. Nikula		12/28 HRWMA	1		T. Pirro
11/30 Barnstable (S.N.)	80	J. Kricher		Purple Finch			
12/20 Quabbin Pk	75	C. Buelow		11/1, 12/20 Lexington	3, 3		M. Rines#
Rose-breasted Grosbeak				11/1 Quabbin (G35)	10		M. Lynch#
11/24-12/31 N. Truro	1 ph	C. Skowron		11/12 Stoneham	5		D. + I. Jewell
12/25 Millis	1 f ad	P. Rennert		11/16 Fairhaven	3		BBC (Stymeist)
Blue Grosbeak				11/16 Falmouth	4		R. Heil#
11/2 Truro	1	J. Trimble		11/17 Pepperell	10		E. Stromsted
Indigo Bunting				11/18 Marblehead	9		R. Heil
11/1-22 Gay Head	1	A. Keith#		12/7 S. Lancaster	3		S. Sutton
Dickcissel				12/7 Duxbury	3		T + J. Nickerson
11/2 Sunderland	1	C. Gentes		12/8 Hardwick	7		C. Buelow
11/3-9 Essex	1	v.o.		12/21 Ipswich (C.B.)	65		CBC (J. Berry)
11/7 DWWS	1 f	D. Furbish		12/27 Granville	14		M. + K. Conway
11/16-23 Camb. (F.P.)	1 f	C. Riehl#		12/28 Newbury	8		CBC (R. Heif)
11/18-24 Gay Head	1	V. Laux#		Red Crossbill			
12/14 Athol	1	D. Small		12/12 Becket	1		R. Laubach
12/thr Chilmark	1	A. Keith		12/13 Washington	8		M. + K. Conway
Red-winged Blackbird				12/28 Granville	2		S. Kellogg
11/1 Methuen	20,000+	J. Berry, J. Hogan		Common Redpoll			
11/5 Westford	1000+	S. Sutton		11/16 Salisbury	1		R. Merrill#
11/5 Methuen	thousands	J. Hogan		11/17 Gay Head	2		V. Laux
12/19 Cumb. Farms	120	J. Sweeney		11/18 Salisbury	4		D. + I. Jewell
12/24 DWWS	70	D. Furbish		11/18 Northfield	6		M. Taylor
Eastern Meadowlark				11/22 P.I.	60		T. Wetmore
11/2 S. Monomoy	4	B. Nikula#		11/22 Wellfleet	11		G. d'Entremont
11/4, 12/24 DWWS	24, 6	D. Furbish		11/30 Ware R. IBA	10		M. Lynch#
11/6 Chatham	3	D. Manchester		12/8 Eastham (F.E.)	25		v.o.
11/8 P.I.	1	SSBC (Emmons)		12/9 Ipswich (C.B.)	70		J. Berry
11/16 Orleans	6	G. d'Entremont#		12/13 Pepperell	25		M. Resch
11/16 Barnstable (S.N.)	13	M. Lynch#		12/13 Barre Falls	25		B. Kamp
11/25 Eastham (F.H.)	10	C. Dalton		12/13-14 Wakefield	17		P. + F. Vale
12/8 Whately	1	R. Packard		12/14 Acton	20+		A. Magee
12/16 Rochester	7	G. Gove#		12/16 Shrewsbury	12		C. Boyle
Western Meadowlark (no details) *				12/16 MNWS	12		D. Noble
11/26 Gay Head	1 singing	V. Laux		12/22 Salisbury	10		P. + F. Arrigo
Rusty Blackbird				12/23 Pepperell	40+		T. Pirro
11/2 Barre Falls	20	B. Kamp		12/27 Boston	40		J. Young
11/2 Sutton	50	M. Lynch#		12/27 Newbypt	40		T. Wetmore
11/6 Northampton	7	W. Lafley		12/27 P'town	20		B. Nikula
11/9 Southboro	40	M. Lynch#		12/27 Hyde Park	40		J. Young
11/22 Pittsfield	24	H. Allen		12/28 HRWMA	17		T. Pirro
11/27 Dalton	3	R. Packard		12/28 Arlington	14		A. Piccolo
12/9 Groton	5	T. Pirro		Hoary Redpoll (details) *			
12/14 Sunderland	1	S. Smolen-Morton		11/22 P.I.	1		Heil, Lockwood, Trimble
12/17 Williamsburg	1	R. Packard		12/27 Belchertown	1		G. LeBaron
12/19 Cumb. Farms	16	J. Sweeney		Pine Siskin			
12/28 Wakefield	1	D. + I. Jewell		11/1 Gloucester	12		D. Brown
Common Grackle				11/1 Quabbin (G35)	8		M. Lynch#
11/1 Methuen	150,000+	J. Berry, J. Hogan		11/2 Boston	9		BBC (Stymeist)
11/8 Methuen	millions	J. Hogan		11/5 Berlin	6		F. + M. Howes
11/9 Sterling	5000	B. Volkle		11/5 Essex	7		P. Brown
11/11 Ipswich	8200	R. Heil		11/5 Woburn	6		J. Brown
11/11 W. Boylston	200	S. Sutton		11/8 Belmont	6		R. Stymeist#
11/17 Pepperell	200	E. Stromsted		11/17 Gay Head	80		V. Laux#
11/23 Gay Head	200 migr.	R. Ferren#		11/18 Rockport	12		J. Soucy#
12/11 Lancaster	300	S. Sutton		11/23 Orleans	6		R. Heil#
12/14 Dedham	1	E. Cutler		11/27 Medford	9		R. LaFontaine
12/20 Worcester	1	M. Lynch#		11/30 Ware R. IBA	34		M. Lynch#
12/26 Bradford	1	D. Larson		12/12 Northboro	6		B. Volkle
Brown-headed Cowbird				12/13 Barre Falls	6		B. Kamp
11/2 Sutton	48	M. Lynch#		12/26 Princeton	12		S. Moore#
11/16 Fairhaven	200	BBC (Stymeist)		12/29 Truro	10		D. Manchester#
12/7 Norton	1 m, 1 f	K. Sejkora		Evening Grosbeak			
12/17 DWWS	2	D. Furbish		11/15 Hinsdale	5		L. Roberson

Evening Grosbeak (continued)				11/30	Ware R. IBA	2	M. Lynch#
11/15	Gardner	5 m, 2 f	T. Pirro	12/5-7	Newbypt	1	S. McGrath
11/16	Sheffield	5	J. Alexander	12/16	Royalston	15	T. Roberts
11/23	Carlisle	8	T. + D. Brownrigg				
11/23	E. Quabbin	2	T. Gagnon#				

ABBREVIATIONS FOR BIRD SIGHTINGS

Taxonomic order is based on AOU checklist, Seventh edition, 44th Supplement, as published in *The Auk* 117: 847-858 (2000); 119:897-906 (2002); 120:923-932 (2003).

Locations		ONWR	Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge
ABC	Allen Bird Club	PI.	Plum Island
A.P.	Andrews Point, Rockport	Pd	Pond
A.Pd	Allens Pond, S. Dartmouth	P'town	Provincetown
B.	Beach	Pont.	Pontoosuc Lake, Lanesboro
Barre FD	Barre Falls Dam,	R.P.	Race Point, Provincetown
	Barre, Rutland	Res.	Reservoir
B.I.	Belle Isle, E. Boston	S. Dart.	South Dartmouth
B.R.	Bass Rocks, Gloucester	S.B.	South Beach, Chatham
BBC	Brookline Bird Club	S.N.	Sandy Neck, Barnstable
BMB	Broad Meadow Brook, Worcester	SRV	Sudbury River Valley
C.B.	Crane Beach, Ipswich	SSBC	South Shore Bird Club
CGB	Coast Guard Beach, Eastham	TASL	Take A Second Look
C.P.	Crooked Pond, Boxford		Boston Harbor Census
Cambr.	Cambridge	WBWS	Wellfleet Bay WS
CCBC	Cape Cod Bird Club	WMWS	Wachusett Meadow WS
Cumb. Farms	Cumberland Farms,	Wompatuck SP	Hingham, Cohasset,
	Middleboro		Scituate, and Norwell
DFWS	Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary	Worc.	Worcester
DWMA	Delaney WMA		
	Stow, Bolton, Harvard	Other Abbreviations	
DWWS	Daniel Webster WS	ad	adult
E.P.	Eastern Point, Gloucester	alt	alternate
EMHW	Eastern Mass. Hawk Watch	b	banded
F.E.	First Encounter Beach, Eastham	br	breeding
F.P.	Fresh Pond, Cambridge	dk	dark (morph)
Fpk	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
MBWMA	Martin Burns WMA, Newbury	pr	pair
MNWS	Marblehead Neck WS	S	summer (1S = 1st summer)
MSSF	Myles Standish State	v.o.	various observers
	Forest, Plymouth	W	winter (2W = second winter)
Mt.A.	Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambr.	yg	young
NAC	Nine Acre Corner, Concord	#	additional observers
Newbypt	Newburyport		

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WHAT FUTURE FOR THE OSPREY?

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Birders and conservationists have been greatly concerned in recent years over the fate of the Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*). The populations of this elegant, crook-winged raptor have declined drastically since the late 1940's. Over the years there has been a high rate of reproductive failure which has been linked to contamination by the insecticide DDT and more recently to compounds known as PCB's (polychlorinated biphenyls), found in such familiar objects as styrofoam coffee cups and plastic bags. Other factors may have contributed to the decline also, a leading contender being depletion of the fish populations on which the Osprey is solely dependent for food.

Both PCB's and DDT are persistent chemicals — they do not break down easily. Insecticides in the same group as DDT remain undecomposed in the environment from two to 20 years. DDT has a great affinity for the fatty tissue in animals. Ospreys, as all species at the top of food chains, are particularly susceptible to a build-up of DDT in their system. The poison is transferred from prey to predator all the way up the line until it finally reaches the Osprey, having "snow-balled" into greater and greater concentrations. DDT has been found to cause reproductive failure in birds, such as the formation of thin-shelled eggs which are too fragile to survive. It is thought that DDT disrupts the balance of enzymes and the hormone estrogen which controls the transfer of calcium from bone to eggshells.

Although DDT is no longer in widespread use, because of a ban by the Environmental Protection Agency, the persistent nature of the substance means that insecticides will continue to be potentially damaging for many years to come. In order to offset this threat, many schemes have been devised for increasing the Osprey's breeding success. Providing poles and structures for nesting sites, to lure the birds into relatively unpolluted areas where the birds enjoy a higher success rate, has been tried in Maryland with good success. (A project of this sort was attempted on a small scale in the late 1960's in the clean environment of Quabbin Reservoir in central Massachusetts, but unfortunately the "osprey-poles" on the Dana meadows lured no occupants.)

Other plans have included removing the first clutch of eggs from a pair living in a relatively clean environment, such as the Chesapeake Bay area, and placing them in an incubator. The eggs would then be brought to the nest of a barren pair of Ospreys to rear, either as pipping eggs or as fledglings. Meanwhile, the original producer of the clutch would lay another set of eggs and care for them, thus doubling the potential reproductive success. If this plan were successful, it could prove valuable in replenishing the ravaged New England Osprey colonies.

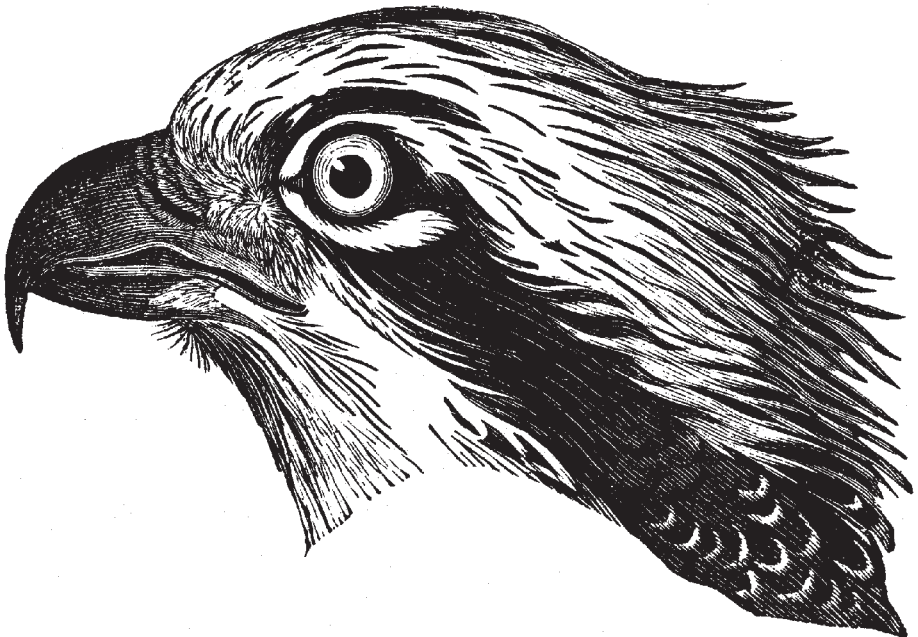
Massachusetts Ospreys declined by about 80 percent during the 60's, paralleling the decline in all the northeastern coastal states, from Maine to New Jersey. Our state has only one significant colony of Ospreys left, on the Westport River near Narragansett Bay. This colony once numbered as many as 120 pairs. By the 1950's it had declined to 60 pairs, and by 1973 to 14 pairs, about a 90 percent decrease. In spite of this low population level (a record low which was also reached in 1963 and 1964), breeding success in 1973 was surprisingly high. The 14 pairs fledged a total of 27 young for an average of 1.9 young per nest. In 1972, the 15 pairs produced only 11 fledglings, an average of only 0.7 young per nest. The 1973 level is well above the 1.2 fledglings per nest which biologists at the U.S. Migratory Bird Population Station have determined is the minimum output required to keep the population stable.¹

Actually, there are Ospreys in our state with an even better track record. On Martha's Vineyard two pairs have produced six, seven and six young in the last three years, respectively, for an average of three or more young per nest.²

This kind of performance is one of the most encouraging signs anywhere in the country that the Osprey may "make it." One year's success does not make a trend, but it gives new hope for this year's breeding season.

Footnotes

1. see: Zimmerman, David R. "Man and Osprey: Strategies for Survival" National Parks and Conservation Magazine. Vol. 47, #1, January, 1973.
2. Massachusetts data courtesy of Massachusetts Audubon Society.



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