

BIRD SIGHTINGS

January/February 2004

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New Year's Day 2004 was a wonderful day, sunny with temperatures averaging about 10° above normal, a perfect day to begin a new year of birding. Alas, the warmth did not last long. On January 6 a cold siege began bringing record-low daily highs of just 9° on the 9th and 14° on the 10th. The month averaged 20.7° in Boston, 8.6° below normal and the coldest January since 1893! The coldest day in Boston was minus 7° on January 16, toppling the previous record of minus 5° from 1920. Many communities experienced double-digit, sub-zero readings, and the AAA auto club responded to over 1000 calls per hour for assistance with dead batteries! The severe cold inhibited snow, and total snowfall in Boston was only 4.9 inches, 7.6 inches below average. Snow actually fell on 16 days during the month, but most was very light. Rainfall was 1.01 inches, 2.91 inches below normal, making this January the seventh driest in 134 years.

February was much better, a dry and sunny month with above-normal temperatures. In Boston the average was 32.8°, 1.3° above normal and 5.6° warmer than last February. The temperature reached a balmy 55° on the last two days of the month, 9° above normal. Precipitation was below average for both rain and snow. Only 1.45 inches of rain fell in Boston, nearly two inches under the average, and snowfall totaled just 2.4 inches, 8.8 inches under normal and a far cry from the record-breaking 41.6 inches last February. *R. Stymeist*

WATERFOWL THROUGH ALCIDS

A report of a **Greater White-fronted Goose** came in from Rochester, where it was also seen in early November but has gone undetected since that time. Snow Geese lingered into January at several coastal locations, while a record of a single bird inland at Southwick on January 21 was more noteworthy. One Snow Goose was also reported in mid-February from Medford. **Tundra Swans** formerly wintered in coastal Massachusetts, especially on Cape Cod and the Islands, with regularity. Recently, however, the vast majority of sightings have been of migrating birds, in both spring and fall, which have not lingered for more than a few days. A bird observed in early January on Nantucket feigned interest in wintering but then disappeared after only a few days.

Although small numbers of Wood Ducks are reported throughout the winter from favorable localities in Massachusetts, counts are generally in the single digits. This winter Brockton proved to be a favorable spot for Wood Ducks, with counts of seventeen from early January and twenty-four on February 16. These represent some of the highest winter counts for the state. Eurasian Wigeons were reported from three locations during the period, including one from Swansea on February 15th. A Northern Shoveler in February in North Falmouth was somewhat noteworthy for the late date. Westport has typically been the best winter site in Massachusetts for Northern Pintails. This year, 210 were counted there on February 8, representing the second-highest winter count in at least the last ten years. A Green-winged Teal of the Eurasian subspecies (*Anas crecca crecca*) was reported from Falmouth in February. Although not currently recognized as a full species by the American Ornithologists' Union, the

British Ornithologists' Union has considered it separate from our Green-winged Teal (*Anas crecca carolinensis*) since 2000.

As many as ten Redheads, currently an uncommon winter bird in Massachusetts, were reported from Nantucket in early January. King Eiders were rather well reported this winter. Rockport, as so often is the case, had the lion's share, with as many as six being reported throughout January. The Sandwich end of the Cape Cod Canal was also particularly good for King Eiders. Three females, "Queens," were observed there on January 17.

The Islands south of Cape Cod have long been known to host sizeable groups of wintering Common Eiders. This year we are lucky to have received systematic counts of birds from that region. The most impressive of these counts came from January 22, when 30,000 Common Eiders were counted off Muskeget Island and over 20,000 were counted around South Monomoy. Harlequin Duck numbers reached an all-time high this winter in Massachusetts. As many as 147 were counted at Cape Ann during the period. At least thirty different Barrow's Goldeneyes were recorded in Massachusetts during the period, including ten on the Nantucket CBC. Thirty-one may be a more accurate total given the two male Barrow's x Common Goldeneye hybrids identified by an astute observer in Cape Ann at the end of February.

Two **Pacific Loons** were found and photographed at Race Point in Provincetown in late February. Although this species is reported with increasing regularity in Massachusetts, Pacific Loons have only very rarely been photographed in the state. Another was reported on New Year's Day in Gloucester. Small numbers of Great Blue Herons typically overwinter successfully in southeastern Massachusetts, and this year was no exception. Not willing to risk giving up a prime nesting locality were a pair of Great Blue Herons already staking out theirs on February 29.

Incredibly, there were two independent reports of Osprey from January in western Massachusetts. There is only one previous January record of Osprey and only one from February both from eastern Massachusetts. If you know where to go, Black Vulture is not a difficult bird to see in Massachusetts. Fourteen were reported from "their spot" in Sheffield and a single was reported from "their other" spot in Westport. It was encouraging to receive reports of so many Bald Eagles from their typical hangouts. Newburyport hosted the most (fourteen individuals), though Lakeville (eight individuals) and Quabbin (seven individuals) were not far behind. Some of the ponds in Arlington have also become reliable localities for wintering Bald Eagles (three individuals). Both Red-shouldered and Rough-legged hawks, though denizens of rather different habits, were well reported throughout the period and throughout the state.

The pair of **Sandhill Cranes**, first reported in December, remained in Barnstable throughout January and the beginning of February before becoming restless and wandering around the mid-Cape area for the rest of the reporting period. Both Greater and Lesser yellowlegs lingered into January on Cape Cod. Although Greater Yellowlegs is frequently encountered during the winter in southeastern Massachusetts, Lesser Yellowlegs is extremely rare at this time of year and has only twice overwintered. Even more impressive was the Willet of the western subspecies (*Catoptrophorus semipalmatus inornatus*) present on Martha's Vineyard until at least January 19. This represents the first January record for Massachusetts. The latest previous record was from December 31, 1967, on the Nantucket CBC.

As usual, Nantucket hosted the greatest number and diversity of gulls this winter. Another notable gull spot this winter was the Gloucester fish pier, which hosted a maximum of five Glaucous Gulls during January and February. Glaucous Gulls are uncommon in Massachusetts and are generally encountered singly, especially since the commercial fish piers, their favorite

haunts, have become less active. In fact, this record represents the highest single day count in over twenty years.

J. Trimble

Greater White-fronted Goose				1/4	Newbypt	12	P. Brown
1/6	Rochester	1	G. Gove#	1/11	Sandwich	40	T. Prince#
Snow Goose				1/18	Marlboro	2	T. Spahr
1/1-2/21	Chilmark	4-8	A. Keith#	1/18, 2/12	Barnstable	5	Keleher, Prince
1/1	P.I.	9+	R. Heil#	1/27, 2/29	Cambridge	3	M. Rines
1/11	Westport	2	BBC (R. Stymeist)		Eurasian Teal		
1/11	Barnstable	1 blue	D. Furbish#	2/14	Falmouth	1 m	D. Furbish#
1/19	Katama	11	A. Keith#		Canvasback		
1/21	Southwick	1	T. Swochak	1/10	Nantucket	53	MAS (Larson)
2/15	Medford	1	D. Oliver	1/11, 2/28	Westport	64, 68	Stymeist, Lynch
Brant				1/24-31	Falmouth	7	G. Gove#
1/10	Nahant	220	P. + F. Vale#	1/29	Hadley	5	P. Yeskie
1/18	Boston H.	191	TASL (M. Hall)	2/27	Mashpee	23	M. Keleher
1/19	Mashpee	120	G. Gove#	2/29	Lakeville	2	K. Rodman
2/15	Swansea	133	M. Lynch#		Redhead		
2/29	N. Truro	162	D. Manchester#	1/3	Nantucket	10	CBC (J. Trimble)
Mute Swan					Ring-necked Duck		
thr	Turners Falls	6-22	v.o.	1/1	Melrose	5	D. + I. Jewell
1/3	Framingham	18	E. Taylor	1/4	Nantucket	60	G. d'Entremont#
1/4	Nantucket	20	G. d'Entremont#	1/18	Sandwich	6	J. Trimble#
2/1	Westport	125	G. d'Entremont	1/24	Marston Mills	7	P. + F. Vale#
2/15	Swansea	197	M. Lynch#	2/3	Falmouth	14	M. Keleher
Tundra Swan				2/10	Agawam	1	H. Allen
1/1-4	Nantucket	1 ad	fide G. d'E	2/16	Brockton	4	M. Faherty
Wood Duck				2/29	Sheffield	2	M. Lynch#
1/1, 2/16	Brockton	17, 24	M. Faherty		Greater Scaup		
1/10	Nantucket	3	MAS (Larson)	1/1	Nantucket	405	G. d'Entremont#
1/25-2/5	Turners Falls	1-2	v.o.	1/17	P'town	60	SSBC (W. Petersen)
2/2	Plymouth	2	I. Lynch	1/18	Boston H.	943	TASL (M. Hall)
2/7	Medford	2	A. Ankers#	1/30	Swansea	384	R. Farrell
2/20	Southwick	1	S. Kellogg	2/thr	Nahant	115 max	L. Pivacek
Gadwall				2/8	Westport	130	E. Nielsen#
1/1	Ipswich	14	R. Heil#	2/15	Woods Hole	40	CCBC (D. Furbish)
1/2	Nantucket	11	G. d'Entremont#	2/27	Gloucester	70	R. Heil
1/2	P.I.	20+	T. Wetmore		Lesser Scaup		
1/18	Barnstable	20	CCBC (M. Keleher)	1/1	Nantucket	17	G. d'Entremont#
1/24	Dennis	21	B. Nikula	1/1	Lynn	185	R. Heil#
2/8	Plymouth	10	BBC (d'Entremont)	2/8-22	Turners Falls	2	T. Gagnon
2/9	Newbypt	6	S. Grinley#	2/28	Westport	60+	M. Lynch#
2/18	Salisbury	12	MAS (Weaver)	2/thr	Nahant	136 max	L. Pivacek
2/21	Gloucester (E.P.)	8	L. Bowman		King Eider		
Eurasian Wigeon				1/thr	Rockport	6 max	v.o.
1/1-4	P.I.	1 m	v.o.	1/2	Gloucester	1 ad	M. Faherty#
1/18	Barnstable	1	CCBC (M. Keleher)	1/4	Dennis	1 ad	G. Gove#
2/15	Swansea	1 m	M. Lynch#	1/11	Nantucket	1 m imm	MAS (Larson)
American Wigeon				1/11-23	Sandwich	3-4	v.o.
1/1	Barnstable	60	J. Hoye#		Common Eider		
1/1	P.I.	1 m	T. Wetmore	1/1	Nantucket	15000	G. d'Entremont#
1/10	Nantucket	18	MAS (Larson)	1/11, 2/15	Sandwich	3000, 1500	T. Prince#
1/14	Amherst	1	W. Lafley	1/18	Boston H.	5523	TASL (M. Hall)
2/3	Falmouth	9	M. Keleher	1/19	Fairhaven	1100+	J. Sweeney#
2/15	Swansea	142	M. Lynch#	1/21	Nahant	1550	L. Pivacek
American Black Duck				1/22	Muskeget	30,000	S. Perkins#
1/18	Boston H.	700	TASL (M. Hall)	1/22	S. Monomoy	20,000+	S. Perkins#
2/1	Sandwich	370+	D. Manchester#	2/thr	Barnstable H.	10,000	G. Gove#
2/1	Salisbury	750+	M. Lynch#	2/11	Gay Head	15,000	A. Keith
2/16	Westport	1700	E. Nielsen	2/20	Chatham (S.B.)	1500	P. Flood
Northern Shoveler				2/27	Cape Ann	1170	R. Heil
1/1-12	Nantucket	1-2	v.o.		Harlequin Duck		
2/6-7	N. Falmouth	1 m	I. Nisbet	thr	Cape Ann	146 max	v.o.
Northern Pintail				1/10	Nantucket	30	MAS (Larson)
thr	Amherst	1-2	v.o.	1/17	Orleans	4	SSBC (Petersen)
1/1	Westport	76	E. Nielsen	1/17	Sandwich	3	B. Nikula
1/1	Northampton	1	T. Gagnon	1/18	Boston H.	1	TASL (M. Hall)
1/2	P.I.	60+	T. Wetmore	2/1	Westport	10	G. d'Entremont
1/11	W. Tisbury	3	A. Keith	2/8	N. Scituate	12	BBC (d'Entremont)
1/11	Uxbridge	2	M. Lynch#	2/14	P'town H.	1 f	B. Nikula
1/25	Marlborough	4	E. Taylor		Surf Scoter		
2/8	Westport	210	E. Nielsen#	1/1	Nantucket Sound	800	G. d'Entremont#
2/12	Barnstable	3	T. Prince	1/17	Sandwich	1800	B. Nikula
Green-winged Teal				1/18	Manomet	200	A. Brissette#
1/1	Winchester	12	M. Rines	1/18	Boston H.	33	TASL (M. Hall)
1/2	P.I.	4	T. Wetmore	2/3	Westport	123	J. Offermann#

Surf Scoter (continued)				2/24	Lee	20	R. Laubach
2/22	Fairhaven	400	G. d'Entremont	2/28	Groton	23	E. Stromsted
2/27	Cape Ann	115	R. Heil		Red-breasted Merganser		
White-winged Scoter				1/3	Belmont	3	M. Rines
1/18	Boston H.	618	TASL (M. Hall)	1/17	Sandwich	150+	M. Lynch#
1/18	Sandwich	650	A. Brissette#	1/18	Boston H.	368	TASL (M. Hall)
1/18	Manomet	125	A. Brissette#	2/20	Chatham (S.B.)	120	P. Flood
2/22	Fairhaven	225	G. d'Entremont	2/27	Cape Ann	375	R. Heil
2/27	Cape Ann	400	R. Heil	2/28	Westport	120	M. Lynch#
Black Scoter					Ruddy Duck		
1/1	Nantucket Sound	160	G. d'Entremont#	1/1	Westport	3	E. Nielsen
1/17	Sandwich	800	B. Nikula	1/1	Lynn	7	R. Heil#
1/18	Manomet	33	A. Brissette#	1/1-18	Nahant	42 max	L. Pivacek
1/18	Boston H.	7	TASL (M. Hall)	1/2	Newbypt	1 m	J. Berry
2/3	Westport	25	J. Offermann#	1/4	Boston	5	BBC (R. Stymeist)
2/14	Rockport	60+	M. Lynch#		Ruffed Grouse		
2/22	Fairhaven	35	G. d'Entremont	1/10	Royalston	2	M. Lynch#
Long-tailed Duck				1/11	New Braintree	2	C. Buelow
1/3	Nantucket	83304	CBC (E. Ray#)	1/23	Quabbin (G40)	4	C. Buelow
1/17	Barnstable (S.N.)	50+	M. Lynch#	2/22	Hardwick	3	C. Buelow
2/7	Ipswich	25	P. + F. Vale#	2/29	W. Newbury	1	D. Larson
2/15	Woods Hole	180+CCBC	(D. Furbish)	2/29	Manchester	1	S. Hedman
2/28	Newbypt	50+	D. Chickering		Wild Turkey		
Bufflehead				1/3	Amherst	27	H. Allen
1/1	Nantucket	540	G. d'Entremont#	1/4	Gr. Barrington	64	C. Barrett
1/18	Boston H.	1072	TASL (M. Hall)	1/10	Needham	30	J. Samelson
2/1	Newbypt	409	M. Lynch#	1/22	Woburn	16	M. Rines
2/15	Swansea	346	M. Lynch#	2/12	Newton	18	G. Long
2/26	Agawam	4	S. Kellogg	2/14	Orange	30	S. Surner
2/27	Cape Ann	170	R. Heil	2/14	Groveland	14	D. Chickering
2/28	Westport	663	M. Lynch#	2/17	Royalston	25	M. Faherty
Common Goldeneye				2/23	Wrentham	30	D. Furbish
1/1	Nantucket	575	G. d'Entremont#	2/25	Sheffield	200	D. St. James
1/18	Boston H.	689	TASL (M. Hall)	2/28	W. Newbury	20	D. Chickering
1/27	Chicopee	60	H. Allen		Northern Bobwhite		
2/1	Newbypt	335	M. Lynch#	1/20	Cummaquid	11	T. Prince
2/8	S. Dartmouth	140	E. Nielsen#		Red-throated Loon		
2/15	Swansea	414	M. Lynch#	1/1	Nantucket	5	G. d'Entremont#
2/16	Westport	320	E. Nielsen	1/1	Newbypt/Salish	7	BBC (L. delaFlor)
2/22	Turners Falls	18	H. Allen	1/4	Wellfleet	16	P. + F. Vale
2/26	Agawam	25	S. Kellogg	1/17	Sandwich	10	M. Lynch#
2/27	Cape Ann	210	R. Heil	2/29	P'town (R.P.)	42	E. Nielsen
Barrow's Goldeneye					Pacific Loon *		
thr	Falmouth	4 max	G. Gove	1/1	Gloucester	1	T. Martin
thr	Gloucester	1-2	v.o.	2/29	P'town (R.P.)	2 ph	B. Nikula
1/1-7	Harwich	1	E. Banks		Common Loon		
1/1-21	P.I.	1-2	v.o.	1/1	Nantucket Sound	20	G. d'Entremont#
1/3	Nantucket	10	CBC (v.o.)	1/1	Newbypt/Salish	34	BBC (L. delaFlor)
1/11	Cotuit	1 m	T. Prince#	1/4	Wellfleet	15	P. + F. Vale
1/22-2/11	Chilmark	1 f	M. Pelikan#	1/17	Bourne	30	SSBC (W. Petersen)
1/31	Swansea	2	R. Farrell	2/7	Ipswich	24+	P. + F. Vale#
2/16	Ipswich	2	BBC (J. Berry)	2/27	Cape Ann	77	R. Heil
2/25	Merrimack R.	4	MAS (Weaver)	2/28	Westport	18	M. Lynch#
2/28	Fairhaven	1 m	MAS (Larson)		Pied-billed Grebe		
Common x Barrow's Goldeneye				1/2	Nantucket	7	G. d'Entremont#
2/27	Gloucester	2 m ad	R. Heil		Horned Grebe		
Hooded Merganser				1/4	Quabbin (G37)	18	C. Buelow
1/1	Ipswich	15	R. Heil#	1/4	Dennis	16	G. Gove#
1/1	Lynn	15+	R. Heil#	1/17	Barnstable (S.N.)	30+	M. Lynch#
1/2	Brewster	18	D. Silverstein#	1/18	Boston H.	15	TASL (M. Hall)
1/2	Nantucket	34	G. d'Entremont#	1/21	Gloucester (B.R.)	13	F. Vale#
1/4	Ayer	7	J. Duprey#	2/1	Westport	33	G. d'Entremont
1/11	Barnstable	16	D. Furbish#	2/1	P.I.	13	M. Lynch#
1/17	Wareham	25	G. Gove#	2/15	Swansea	36	M. Lynch#
2/10	Agawam	4	H. Allen	2/16	Hull	21	S. Maguire#
2/15	Swansea	62	M. Lynch#	2/27	Cape Ann	92	R. Heil
2/28	Mashpee	18	M. Keleher	2/29	Hadley	1	C. Gentes
2/29	Wakefield	20	D. + I. Jewell		Red-necked Grebe		
Common Merganser				1/1	Newbypt/Salish	16	BBC (L. delaFlor)
1/1	Southwick	76	H. Allen	1/4	Winthrop	24	J. Young
1/1	Stoneham	155	D. + I. Jewell	1/4	Dennis	12	G. Gove#
1/3	Arlington	293	M. Rines	1/18	Boston H.	1	TASL (M. Hall)
1/4	Quabbin (G37)	60	C. Buelow	2/7	P'town	27	B. Nikula
1/9	Lakeville	54	A. Brissette#	2/27	Cape Ann	43	R. Heil
1/11	Barnstable	75	D. Furbish#	2/29	Scituate	22	S. Maguire#
1/18	Turners Falls	20	H. Allen	2/29	P'town (R.P.)	4	E. Nielsen
2/1, 27	Amesbury	30, 25	J. Berry#		Eared Grebe (no details) *		
2/1	Newbypt	43	M. Lynch#	thr	Gloucester	1	v.o.

Eared Grebe (no details) * (continued)			1/19	Arlington	2	K. Hartel
1/2	Swansea	1	R. Bowen	2/7	Rowley	2 P. + F. Vale#
Northern Gannet			2/7	Ipswich	2	J. Offermann#
1/1	Nantucket	150	G. d'Entremont#	2/14	Northampton	3 T. Gagnon
1/4	Wellfleet	8	P. + F. Vale	2/28	N. Andover	2 W. Drummond#
1/5	Rockport (A.P.)	15	R. Heil	thr	Reports of indiv. from	38 locations
1/7	Orleans	60+	E. Banks	Northern Goshawk		
2/7, 14	N. Truro	8, 31	B. Nikula	1/1	Gloucester (E.P.)	1 juv B. + S. Ross
2/14	M.V.	6	J. Liller#	1/7	E. Middleboro	1 K. Anderson
2/29	P'town (R.P.)	1	E. Nielsen	1/9	Pepperell	2 E. Stromstead
Great Cormorant			1/19	S. Dartmouth	1	T. Raymond
1/2	Nantucket	23	G. d'Entremont#	2/7	Fairhaven	1 F. Smith
1/7	Woburn	1	M. Rines	2/16	Royalston	2 ad J. Trimble
1/11	Westport	36	BBC (R. Stymeist)	Red-shouldered Hawk		
1/17, 2/29	P'town	22, 25	B. Nikula#	1/3	Concord (NAC)	1 T. Carrolan
1/18	Manomet	47	A. Brissette#	1/4	N. Easton	2 A. Brissette
1/29	Chatham	45	B. Nikula	1/26	W. Newbury	1 ad D. + I. Jewell
2/8	Amesbury	70	D. Furbish#	1/26	Rowley	1 ad D. + I. Jewell
2/26	N. Scituate	27	S. Maguire#	2/16	Acton	1 ad S. Perkins#
2/27	Cape Ann	148	R. Heil	2/16	Royalston	1 ad J. Trimble
Great Blue Heron			2/21	Northampton	1	S. Satin
1/1	Westport	3	E. Nielsen	2/25	Stow	1 ad T. Carrolan
1/2	Nantucket	7	G. d'Entremont#	2/28	Westport	6 M. Lynch#
1/2	Amherst	1	H. Allen	2/28	E. Middleboro	2 K. Anderson
1/11	Sandwich	4	T. Prince#	thr	Reports of indiv. from	7 SE Mass loc.
1/27	Cambridge	3	M. Rines	Red-tailed Hawk		
2/29	Boxboro	pr on nest	S. Hardy	1/4	Boston	8 BBC (R. Stymeist)
Black-crowned Night-Heron			1/11	Westport	9	BBC (R. Stymeist)
1/1	Nantucket	1	G. d'Entremont	2/25	Concord (NAC)	9 T. Carrolan
1/3	W. Bridgewater	1	A. Brissette	2/28	Westport	8 M. Lynch#
2/thr	Falmouth	1-2	G. Gove#	Rough-legged Hawk		
Black Vulture			thr	Cumb. Farms	3 total	v.o.
2/25	Sheffield	14	D. St. James	thr	DWWS	6 max D. Furbish
2/29	Westport	1	J. Young	thr	P.I.	11 max v.o.
Turkey Vulture			thr	Northampton	1	v.o.
1/2	Ipswich	2	J. Berry	thr	Reports of indiv. from	14 locations
1/11	Westport	36	BBC (R. Stymeist)	Golden Eagle		
1/17	Bourne	2	J. Trimble#	1/11, 17	S. Quabbin	1 Peacock, Hoye
2/13	Westfield	13	N. Eaton	1/25, 2/29	W. Quabbin	1 ad M. Lynch#
2/13	Westboro	7	L. Sutton	1/29	Hadley	1 P. Yeskie
2/14	Bourne	4	D. Chickering	2/1	Westport	1 imm G. d'Entremont
2/23	Winchester	3	M. Rines	2/29	Mt.A.	1 C. Cook
2/27	Gloucester	4	R. Heil	American Kestrel		
2/28	Lincoln	10	J. Hoye#	1/4	Winthrop	2 m J. Young
2/29	Sheffield	31	M. Lynch#	thr	Reports of indiv. from	14 locations
Osprey			Merlin			
1/17	Shutesbury	1	J. Jorgenson	thr	Medford	3 max P. Roberts#
1/27	Chicopee	1	D. Bliss	1/1	Salisbury	2 BBC (L. delaFlor)
Bald Eagle			1/4	Nantucket	3	G. d'Entremont#
thr	Lakeville	4 ad, 4 imm total	v.o.	thr	Reports of indiv. from	18 locations
thr	Newbypt	2 ad, 12 imm total	v.o.	Peregrine Falcon		
thr	Quabbin	7 plus	v.o.	1/thr	Lawrence	2 J. Hogan
1/1-2/13, 1/6	Arlington	2 ad, 1 imm	M. Rines	1/1	Springfield	2 T. Gagnon
1/1-2/11	1-2 from Boston, Belmont, Cambridge, Waltham, Newton, Concord, Lynnfield, Wakefield, Stoneham, Melrose, Lynn, and Peabody, which may have been the Arlington birds.			2/thr	Boston (Logan)	2 N. Smith
1/10, 1/18	Berkley	1 ad, 1 imm	fide R. Turner	2/10	Chicopee	2 H. Allen
1/13	Chilmark	2	A. Fischer	2/22	Deerfield	2 S. Emerson
1/18, 19	Lawrence	3 imm, 2 ad	J. Hogan	thr	Reports of indiv. from	19 locations
2/2, 2/14	Scituate	1 imm, 1 ad	S. Maguire	Virginia Rail		
thr	Reports of indiv. from	11 locations		1/3	Nantucket	12 CBC (J. Trimble)
Northern Harrier			Common Moorhen			
thr	P.I.	11 max	v.o.	1/2-4	Nantucket	1 imm G. d'Entremont#
thr	Cumb. Farms	4 max	v.o.	American Coot		
thr	DWWS	6 max	v.o.	1/1	Lynn	2 R. Heil#
1/2	Nantucket	4	G. d'Entremont#	1/1	Brocton	1 M. Faherty
1/17	Eastham (F.E.)	2	S. + C. Thompson	1/1	Nantucket	13 G. d'Entremont#
1/24	Sandwich	2	P. + F. Vale#	1/1	Woburn	2 M. Rines#
1/31, 2/23	Scituate	2, 2	S. Maguire#	1/3	Arlington	2 M. Rines
2/28	Westport	4	M. Lynch#	1/4	Boston	11 BBC (R. Stymeist)
thr	Reports of indiv. from	14 locations		1/18	Plymouth H.	2 A. Brissette#
Sharp-shinned Hawk			Sandhill Crane			
1/1	Westport	2	E. Nielsen	1/1-2/8	Barnstable	2 v.o.
thr	Reports of indiv. from	25 locations		2/14	Yarmouthport	2 E. Banks
Cooper's Hawk			2/20	Yarmouth	2	P. Schwab
1/4	Boston	3	BBC (R. Stymeist)			

Black-bellied Plover				1/19-2/29	Gloucester	6		v.o.
1/17, 2/25	Sandwich	3, 2	Lynch, Prince	1/31	Swansea	2		R. Bowen
2/16	M.V.	1	J. Liller#	2/7, 29	N. Truro	9, 3		B. Nikula
Killdeer				2/14-22	Northampton			v.o.
1/1	Chilmark	2	A. Keith	2/29	P'town (R.P.)	20		B. Nikula
2/24	Concord	1	S. Mardis	Lesser Black-backed Gull				
Greater Yellowlegs				thr	Boston	1		v.o.
1/9	Falmouth	1	CCBC (G. Hirth)	1/1-2/3	Plymouth	1 ad		v.o.
Lesser Yellowlegs				1/3	Nantucket	31	CBC (P. Trimble)	
1/1	W. Harwich	2 ph	B. Nikula	1/3	Brewster	1		S. Finnegan
"Western" Willet				1/6	Hull	1 1W, 1 2W		C. Dalton
1/1-19	Edgartown	1	A. Keith + v.o	1/16	S. Dartmouth	2		T. Raymond
Ruddy Turnstone				2/1	Swansea	1		R. Bowen
1/11	Nantucket	11	E. Andrews	2/6	Oak Bluffs	2		M. Pelikan
1/17	Sandwich	4	M. Lynch#	2/14-22	Northampton	1-2		v.o.
1/18	Barnstable	7	CCBC (M. Keleher)	2/22	Gloucester	1		S. Moore#
1/19	Gloucester	1	S. Leonard#	Glaucous Gull				
1/19	Fairhaven	4	J. Sweeney#	thr	Gloucester	5 max		v.o.
Sanderling				1/6	Hull	4		C. Dalton
1/1	P.I.	12	BBC (L. delaFlor)	1/18	Nantucket	1		E. Ray
1/1	Truro	200	J. Young	1/20	Plymouth	1 1W		J. Trimble
1/1	Westport	76	E. Nielsen	2/8	Scituate	1 1W		BBC (d'Entremont)
1/18	Barnstable	33	CCBC (M. Keleher)	2/14	Wellfleet	1 ad		B. Nikula
1/18	Boston H.	8	TASL (M. Hall)	2/14-22	Northampton	1-2		T. Gagnon
2/7	Yarmouth	80	G. Gove#	2/27	Newbypt	1 ad		M. Taylor#
2/29	P'town (R.P.)	185	B. Nikula	2/29	Agawam	1		N. Eaton
Purple Sandpiper				Black-legged Kittiwake				
thr	Rockport	66 max	v.o.	1/1	Salisbury	15+		P. + F. Vale#
thr	Gloucester	100 max	v.o.	1/1, 2/7	P'town	40, 45		B. Nikula
thr	Salisbury	36 max	v.o.	1/1, 2/7	Truro	35, 25		B. Nikula
1/1	Nahant	30	R. Heil#	1/3	Nantucket	110		CBC (P. Trimble)
1/18	Boston H.	111	TASL (M. Hall)	1/5	Rockport (A.P.)	340		R. Heil
2/1	Westport	30	G. d'Entremont	2/19	Eastham (F.E.)	120		B. Nikula
2/8	N. Scituate	150	BBC (d'Entremont)	Dovekie				
2/27	Magnolia	30	R. Heil	1/2, 6	Wellfleet	5, 3		Silverstein, Cozza
Dunlin				1/10	P'town	1		C. Nims
1/1	Truro	300	G. Gove#	2/16, 26	Rockport	1		Chickering, Murray
1/17	Eastham (F.H.)	100	SSBC (W. Petersen)	Common Murre				
2/16	Westport	343	E. Nielsen	1/5, 22	Rockport (A.P.)	6, 8		Heil, Berry
2/20	Chatham (S.B.)	65	P. Flood	1/21-2/11	Gay Head	1		A. Keith
2/23	Duxbury	300+	L. Cleveland#	2/14, 29	P'town	1, 6		B. Nikula, Nielsen
Wilson's Snipe				Thick-billed Murre				
1/11	Sandwich	1	T. Prince#	1/6, 2/14	Rockport	2, 1		Nelson, Fox
2/1	Lynnfield	2	D. + I. Jewell	2/8-22	Gloucester	1		v.o.
2/8	Newbypt	1	D. Chickering	2/28	Sciticut	1		MAS (Larson)
2/15	Oak Bluffs	1	P. Uhlerdorf#	2/29	P'town (R.P.)	8		E. Nielsen
American Woodcock				Razorbill				
1/4	Nantucket	1	G. d'Entremont	1/1	Nantucket Sound	25		G. d'Entremont#
1/26	N. Tisbury	1	A. Keith	1/1	Nahant	25		R. Heil#
2/13	W. Springfield	1	J. Gottsche	1/1, 2/14	Truro	35, 60		B. Nikula
2/13	Northampton	1	J. Gottsche	1/2	Salisbury	730		D. + S. Larson
2/28	Falmouth	3	M. Keleher	1/2	P.I.	55+		T. + L. Wetmore
Little Gull				1/5	Rockport (A.P.)	727		R. Heil
1/1	Nantucket	2 ad	G. d'Entremont#	1/7	Harwich	100+		E. Banks
Black-headed Gull				1/17	Eastham	800	SSBC (W. Petersen)	
1/1	Gloucester (E.P.)	1 ad	R. Heil#	2/7, 29	P'town	310, 62		Nikula, Nielsen
1/3	Nantucket	5	CBC (P. Trimble)	2/20	Rockport	40+		M. Harvey#
1/5	Barnstable	1 ad	G. Gove#	Black Guillemot				
1/11-2/14	Milford	1 ad	M. Lynch + v.o.	1/3, 21	Gloucester (B.R.)	19, 18		F. Vale#
1/22	Oak Bluffs	1	V. Laux#	1/13	Gay Head	1		A. Keith
Bonaparte's Gull				1/19	Nahant	2		BBC (D. Wilkinson)
1/1	Nantucket	3500	G. d'Entremont#	2/16	Marshfield	1		G. d'Entremont
1/1	Westport	60	E. Nielsen	2/27	Cape Ann	101		R. Heil
1/5	Rockport (A.P.)	56	R. Heil	2/29	P'town (R.P.)	7		B. Nikula
Iceland Gull				Large alcid species				
thr	Newbypt	7 max	v.o.	1/5	Rockport (A.P.)	110		R. Heil
thr	Sandwich	2-3	v.o.	1/17, 2/1	Truro	2800, 290		B. Nikula#
1/3	Nantucket	83	CBC (P. Trimble)	2/7, 14	P'town	200, 40		B. Nikula
1/6	Hull	7 1W	C. Dalton	2/7, 14	N. Truro	200, 150		B. Nikula
1/17	Bourne	3	J. Trimble#					

OWLS THROUGH FINCHES

A pair of Barn Owls was found feeding young on February 10 in West Tisbury. This was the first sign of this species' road to recovery from the devastating winter of 2002-2003. The combination of severe cold and heavy snow cover that made it difficult to find small rodents decimated the island's population, and between February and March of 2003, twenty-three Barn Owls were found dead on the Vineyard. Barn Owls have a long breeding season, and it is possible for them to raise a second brood, so this early observation of young is hopeful for the restoration of the island's population.

Short-eared Owls performed their crepuscular flights to the delight of many birders during this period, especially on Plum Island where as many as seven were tallied, and from the Salisbury State Reservation where as many as five individuals were noted. This owl is easier to observe hunting than are most owls, and at open locations such as Plum Island and Salisbury, birders can enjoy their moth-like flight or watch as they perch on a nearby sign or post. A Short-eared Owl in Windsor was just the fourth winter record since 1993 in western Massachusetts. It was an off year for Snowy Owls. There were only sporadic reports throughout the period of one or two birds at Plum Island and single birds at Logan Airport in Boston. On February 29 a Snowy Owl was found dead at Logan, apparently caught in the backblast of a jet. It was discovered to have been banded sixteen years before by raptor expert Norm Smith!

A Red-headed Woodpecker in Medfield was the only one reported during the period. At least nine sapsuckers were noted from a widespread area, continuing the trend in recent years of wintering individuals. There were more reports this year of Northern Shrikes than last year and the most in western Massachusetts in three years. The number of American Crows was down considerably on the most recent Christmas Bird Counts, and an observer following an important roost in Brighton tallied only half the number of crows counted in 2003. Interestingly, however, the number of Fish Crows continues to rise. Over 300 individuals were noted in the Brighton/Newton area, compared with about sixty birds in 2003. Common Ravens continue to increase in our area; note the high counts in Templeton, Athol, and Quabbin, and from nontraditional localities such as Boxford. On the subject of common birds in unusual locations, a Tufted Titmouse on Martha's Vineyard is a rare sighting; the first was reported only four years ago. On Nantucket, White-breasted Nuthatches are rare; in fact there are no breeding records from the island.

The lack of snow this winter certainly contributed to above-normal numbers of the semi-hardy lingerers such as Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Hermit Thrush, Gray Catbird, and Eastern Towhee, and the number of Carolina Wrens was significantly higher than last winter. Eastern Bluebird and American Robin were also noted in better-than-average numbers during the period.

It was a good season for the rare bird. A very obliging **Varied Thrush** was located near the tower at Quabbin Park on January 30, and it remained there throughout the month of February. Another Varied Thrush visited the feeder of Nantucket birder, Edith Andrews. It must have known it was the only place to find mealworms on the island! A **Summer Tanager** was present at a feeder in Stow until January 26, ironically the day before the bird's host family left on vacation. This is the just the second winter record for Massachusetts, the only other occurrence in November 1964. A **Western Tanager** was present at a feeder in Orleans from January 11 through February 18. This stray tanager, unlike the Summer, is more likely to be found in Massachusetts during the winter. There are under fifteen sight records during the spring and summer months. Finally, to wrap up the colorful rarities this winter, a male **Painted Bunting** visited a number of feeders in a Shrewsbury neighborhood from January 11 through early February.

Some additional unusual winter visitors included a **Bullock's Oriole** in Walpole and a classic "**Oregon**" **Junco** (*Junco hyemalis thurberi*) in Nahant. This bird had a very distinct, sharply demarcated-all-around, convex-bibbed, dark slate gray hood with no loreal contrast, an extensive white belly with pale pinkish orange sides and flanks, and a reddish brown back. The bird was present in the area for about three weeks. A Grasshopper Sparrow, first found on the Greater Boston CBC, was still present in Stoneham throughout January.

Winter finches were much more in evidence this year compared with the same time period last year. Purple Finches continued to be well-noted from a wide area of the state. Red Crossbills were reported from only two locations, and Evening Grosbeaks were restricted to the higher hill towns. The big show was the flight of the redpolls. It was not uncommon to find flocks of over 100 individual birds from many widespread areas. Not surprisingly, several **Hoary Redpolls** were reported. In years when there is a major flight of Common Redpolls, a number of Hoary reports are received, but differentiating between the two species is not easy. Some photographs have been submitted to MARC (although even photographic evidence is not always definitive), as well as some written reports. The reports of these MARC-listed species await final approval of the Committee. Finally, the indications of a major flight of **Bohemian Waxwings** this winter materialized in the closing days of January. Large flocks were noted mostly from northern Worcester County and the Truro area on Cape Cod. R. Stymeist

Barn Owl				2/14-29	Lexington	1	M. Rines
1/20	Chilmark	1	A. Keith	2/18	Ashfield	1	S. Sauter
2/10	W. Tisbury	pr w/yg	R. Woodruff	2/28	Middleboro	1	A. Brisette
Eastern Screech-Owl				2/28	W. Yarmouth	2	P. Gray
1/1	Belmont	2	R. Stymeist#	Belted Kingfisher			
1/4	Boston	6	BBC (R. Stymeist)	1/11	Westport	2	BBC (R. Stymeist)
1/6-28	Melrose	3	D. + I. Jewell	Red-headed Woodpecker			
1/11	Westport	2	BBC (R. Stymeist)	thr	Medfield	1	imm v.o.
Great Horned Owl				Red-bellied Woodpecker			
thr	Mt.A.	2	R. Stymeist#	1/4	Framingham	4	J. Hoye#
1/1	Northboro	2	S. Moore#	1/11	Westport	9	BBC (R. Stymeist)
1/4	Framingham	2	J. Hoye#	2/14	Wayland	4	G. Long
1/25	Shrewsbury	2	J. Berrier	2/29	Sheffield	4	M. Lynch#
1/31	Belmont	2	S. Brown	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			
Snowy Owl				1/1-17	Mt.A.	2	R. Stymeist#
thr	P.I.	1-2	v.o.	1/1	Truro	1	J. Young
1/11, 2/8	Salisbury	1	Mirick, Trimble	1/4	Nantucket	1	G. d'Entremont
2/2, 22	Boston (Logan)	1, 1	N. Smith	1/4	Boston	1	BBC (R. Stymeist)
Barred Owl				1/10	Newton	1	A. + D. Bandes
thr	Medford	1-2	M. Rines#	1/17	Shutesbury	1	K. Weir
2/16	Hamilton	2	BBC (J. Berry)	1/19	Barnstable	1	f S. Jaffe
2/26	Blandford	2	M. + K. Conway	2/1	Brewster	1	imm M. Maurer
Long-eared Owl				Hairy Woodpecker			
1/1	Boston (Long I.)	1	R. Donovan#	thr	Maynard	4-6	L. Nachtrab
1/9	Nantucket	1	D. Larson	thr	Medford	4-6	M. Rines#
1/27	Newbury	2	J. Berry#	1/9	Harwich	3	E. Banks
2/8-15	Salisbury	1-2	J. Trimble#	1/11	Hardwick	3	C. Buelow
2/13	Marblehead	1	K. Haley	1/11	New Braintree	4	C. Buelow
2/14	P.I.	1	M. Lynch#	1/23	Quabbin (G43)	6	C. Buelow
Short-eared Owl				Northern Flicker			
thr	P.I.	3-7	v.o.	1/1	New Braintree	4	C. Buelow
thr	Salisbury	3-5	v.o.	1/1	Rowley	10	P. + F. Vale
thr	Cumb. Farms	1	v.o.	1/4	Nantucket	7	G. d'Entremont#
1/1	Windsor	1	D. Charbonneau	2/1	Hadley	3	T. Gagnon
1/10	Nantucket	1	MAS (Larson)	2/17	Medford	6	E. McDonald
1/10, 2/27	Boston (Logan)	1, 8	N. Smith	Pileated Woodpecker			
1/12, 2/23	Duxbury	2, 5	N. Smith	1/23	Quabbin (G43)	3	C. Buelow
1/20	W. Dennis	1	E. Banks	2/21	Westford	2	S. Selesky
2/8-12	Katama	1	J. Cressy#	Eastern Phoebe			
2/17	Peabody	1	D. Larson	1/1-14	W. Tisbury	1	S. Hickman
2/20	Chatham (S.B.)	1	P. Flood	1/16	Canton	1	S. Landry
2/29	Westport	1	J. Young	Northern Shrike			
Northern Saw-whet Owl				thr	Hadley	1	C. Gentes
1/1	Hadley	1	A. Magee	thr	P.I.	1	ad v.o.
1/3	Nantucket	15	CBC (J. Trimble)	2/15	Bolton Flats	2	S. Sutton
1/4	Framingham	1	J. Hoye#	thr	Reports of indiv. from	26	locations
1/17	Eastham	1	SSBC (W. Petersen)	American Crow			
2/1	N. Concord	1	dead R. Westerberg#	2/15	Brighton	2700	A. Joslin

American Crow (continued)				1/21	W. Springfield	12	S. Kellogg
2/22	Newton	2000	A. Joslin#	2/14	Quabbin (G40)	5	C. Buelow
Fish Crow				2/15	Scituate	5	S. Maguire#
1/9	Bourne	2	MAS (Larson)	2/29	Sheffield	5	M. Lynch#
1/14	W. Springfield	1	S. Kellogg		Ruby-crowned Kinglet		
1/17	Weymouth	3	D. Furbish	1/1	Athol	1	D. Small
1/26	Seekonk	3	R. Farrell	1/1	Chilmark	1	A. Keith
2/8	Lawrence	4	S. Mirick#	1/1	Westport	3	E. Nielsen
2/11	Boston	2	P. Perry	1/1	Marblehead	1	R. Heil#
2/14-22	Northampton	1-2	v.o.	1/2	Lexington	1	B. Kernan#
2/15	Brighton	300+	A. Joslin	1/2	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson
2/22	Newton	300+	A. Joslin#	1/4	Medford	1	M. Rines#
2/29	Great Barrington	1	M. Lynch#	1/4	Boston	1	BBC (R. Stymeist)
Common Raven				1/18	Springfield	1	B. Wright
1/4	Quabbin (G37)	4	C. Buelow	2/2	W. Bridgewater	1	D. Cabral
1/24	Windsor	4	M. Lynch#	2/16	Quincy	1	J. Young
1/25	Boxford	1	T. Martin	2/29	Belmont	1	M. Rines
1/31	Quabbin Pk	14	S. Moore#		Eastern Bluebird		
1/31	New Braintree	2	M. Lynch#	1/1	Gr Barrington	14	R. Laubach
2/7	Templeton	24	T. Pirro	1/4	Wellfleet	23	P. + F. Vale
2/11	Royalston	2	G. Gove#	1/11	Medfield	8	M. Lynch#
2/14	Athol	10	P. + F. Vale#	1/19	Nantucket	9	N. Slavitz
2/22	Leominster	2	K. Anderson#	1/20	Brewster	12	D. Silverstein#
Horned Lark				2/11	Southwick	8	S. Kellogg
1/3	Hadley	200	H. Allen	2/14	M.V.	12	J. Liller#
1/4	Brewster	25	S. Finnegan	2/23	Maynard	8	L. Nachtrab
1/10	Salisbury	25	B. Krisler	2/29	Sheffield	10	M. Lynch#
1/11	Sutton	120+	M. Lynch#		Hermit Thrush		
1/11	Duxbury	16	J. Sweeney	1/1-2/7	Medford	4-5	R. LaFontaine
1/12	Northampton	500	B. Bieda	1/1	Marblehead	4	R. Heil#
1/25	PI.	60	J. Hoye#	1/2	Nantucket	2	G. d'Entremont
1/28	Cumb. Farms	75	A. Brissette#	1/11	Westport	21	BBC (R. Stymeist)
1/31	Hadley	300	S. Kellogg	1/17	Barnstable (S.N.)	4	M. Lynch#
2/5	Essex	40+	J. Nelson#	1/18	Sandwich	6	J. Trimble#
2/22	Gloucester	25	M. Lynch#	2/2	Marblehead	2	K. Haley
2/29	Concord	18	S. Perkins#	2/8	Marshfield	2	BBC (d'Entremont)
Tufted Titmouse				2/22	Hardwick	2	C. Buelow
2/1	N. Tisbury	1	A. Keith#	thr	Reports of indiv. from 29 locations		
Red-breasted Nuthatch					American Robin		
1/1	Boxford	3	T. Martin	1/4	Framingham	180	J. Hoye#
1/4	Milton	9	A. Joslin	1/4	Nantucket	200	G. d'Entremont#
1/11	Wachusett Res.	10	S. Sutton#	1/17	Salisbury	175+	P. + F. Vale
1/11	Barnstable	6	D. Furbish#	1/17	Barnstable (S.N.)	131	M. Lynch#
1/21	W. Springfield	16	S. Kellogg	1/18	Sandwich	400	J. Trimble#
1/23	Quabbin (G43)	16	C. Buelow	1/20	Ipswich	150	J. Berry
2/16	Southwick	16	S. Kellogg	1/22	Orleans	250	G. Gove#
2/18	Royalston	6	M. Faherty	1/31	Hardwick	149	M. Lynch#
2/24	Middleboro	5	A. Brisette	2/14	Shelburne	100	T. Gagnon
2/28	Mashpee	4	M. Keleher	2/20	Southwick	150	S. Kellogg
White-breasted Nuthatch				2/21	Wakefield	150+	P. + F. Vale
1/22	Nantucket	1	E. Ray	2/24	Groton	200	T. Pirro
Brown Creeper				2/25	Lee	100	T. Collins
1/4	Milton	3	A. Joslin	2/29	S. Quabbin	150	R. Laubach
1/10-11	Wachusett Res.	3	S. Sutton#		Varied Thrush		
1/18	Hardwick	4	C. Buelow	1/25-2/29	Quabbin Pk	1 m ad	M. Lynch + v.o.
1/25	Mashpee	2	M. Keleher	1/30-2/19	Nantucket	1 m ad	E. Andrews + v.o.
1/29	Wayland	3	G. Long		Gray Catbird		
2/8	Winchester	3	A. Ankers#	1/1	Marblehead	4	R. Heil#
2/14	Quabbin (G40)	3	C. Buelow	1/4	Nantucket	9	G. d'Entremont#
Carolina Wren				1/11	Sutton	2	M. Lynch#
1/4	Nantucket	11	G. d'Entremont#	1/11	Westport	6	BBC (R. Stymeist)
1/4	Medford	6	M. Rines#	1/16	W. Springfield	1	S. Kellogg
1/4	Boston	6	BBC (R. Stymeist)	1/17	Barnstable (S.N.)	3	M. Lynch#
1/11	Westport	31	BBC (R. Stymeist)	1/18	Sandwich	2	J. Trimble#
2/14	Northampton	2	T. Gagnon	1/26-2/29	Dartmouth	2	A. Morgan
2/24	Middleboro	4	A. Brisette	2/7	Squantum	3	G. d'Entremont
Winter Wren					Brown Thrasher		
1/1	Marblehead	4	R. Heil#	1/15, 2/18	Cambridge	1	H. Hofheinz
1/4	Medford	2	M. Rines#	1/17	S. Dartmouth	1	T. Raymond
1/18	Sandwich	2	J. Trimble#	2/6	Chilmark	1	T. Baird
Marsh Wren				2/16	Medford	1	M. Rines
1/3	Nantucket	3	G. d'Entremont#	2/thr	Marlboro	1	T. Spahr
2/1	S. Dartmouth	1	G. d'Entremont		American Pipit		
Golden-crowned Kinglet				1/19	Chappaquiddick	1	A. Keith#
1/4	Medford	5	M. Rines#		Bohemian Waxwing		
1/4	Milton	10	A. Joslin	1/24, 29	Gloucester	3, 13	Ferraresso, Vale
1/5	W. Harwich	6	D. Silverstein#	1/25	Truro	62+ ph	B. Nikula
1/10-11	Wachusett Res.	12	S. Sutton#	1/31	Hardwick	41	M. Lynch#

Bohemian Waxwing (continued)			1/11	Westport	8	BBC (R. Stymeist)	
2/thr	Royalston	94 max	v.o.	1/18	Scusset B.	2	K. Anderson#
2/8	Easton	12	N. Bonomo	1/19	Rockport (H.P.)	1	S. Moore#
2/11	New Salem	30	B. Lafley	1/26-2/28	Southwick	1	S. Kellogg
2/12	Turners Falls	40	H. Allen	2/7	Concord	1	M. Small
2/17	Hadley	10	H. McQueen	2/15	Bolton Flats	2	S. Sutton
2/22	HRWMA	80	T. Pirro#	2/29	Sheffield	1	M. Lynch#
2/27	Windsor	50	G. Soucie		Savannah Sparrow		
2/29	N. Truro	48	D. Manchester	1/11	Cumb. Farms	4	J. Sweeney
thr	Reports of indiv. from 15 locations			1/17	WBWS	1	S. Hedman#
Cedar Waxwing				1/17	Bourne	2	SSBC (W. Petersen)
1/4	Nantucket	24	G. d'Entremont#	1/18	P.I.	1	T. Wetmore
1/6	Amherst	300	D. Ziomek	1/23	Nahant	1	J. Nelson#
1/9	Bourne	50	MAS (Larson)	2/15	M.V.	4	J. Liller#
1/10	Hardwick	50	C. Buelow	2/20	Chatham (S.B.)	6	P. Flood
1/22	Easthampton	100	B. Bieda		Ipswich Sparrow		
1/30	Groton	250	T. Pirro	1/21	Eastham (F.E.)	1	M. Tuttle#
2/7	Worcester	250+	M. Lynch#		Grasshopper Sparrow		
2/10	Winchendon	113	R. Stymeist#	1/thr	Stoneham	1	D. + I. Jewell
2/16	Southwick	80	S. Kellogg		Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow		
Black-throated Blue Warbler				2/22	Gloucester	2	M. Lynch#
1/2-11	Belchertown	1 m	M. Beresky		Fox Sparrow		
1/7-14	Chatham	1 m ph	D. Stacey	thr	E. Middleboro	7 max	K. Anderson
Yellow-rumped Warbler				1/1	W. Springfield	1	S. Kellogg
1/1	Marblehead	12	R. Heil#	1/4	Medford	2	M. Rines#
1/4	Wellfleet	54	P. + F. Vale	1/10-27	WBWS	1	v.o.
1/4	Nantucket	30	G. d'Entremont#	1/18	Sandwich	3	J. Trimble#
1/27	Newbury	15-20	J. Berry#	1/28	Boston	1	J. Offermann
2/8	S. Dartmouth	12	E. Nielsen#	2/1	Squantum	1	P. O'Neill
2/14	M.V.	25	J. Liller#	2/8	Natick	1	G. Long
2/17	Falmouth	22	G. Gove#	2/8	Mendon	2	O. Herbert
2/25	Sheffield	4	D. St. James	2/11	Amherst	1	H. McQueen
Pine Warbler				2/22	Newbypt	1	T. + L. Wetmore
1/9	Harwich	1	E. Banks	2/29	S. Dartmouth	3	J. Young
1/11	Barnstable	2	D. Furbish#		Swamp Sparrow		
1/11	Salisbury	1	J. Hully	1/1	Marblehead	2	R. Heil#
Common Yellowthroat				1/2	Nantucket	4	G. d'Entremont#
1/3	Truro	1	J. Young	1/17	WBWS	1	S. Hedman#
Yellow-breasted Chat				1/24	Sandwich	2	P. + F. Vale#
1/1	Chilmark	1	A. Keith	1/30	Plymouth	1	D. Furbish
1/4-7	MNWS	1	K. Haley	2/1	Bolton	1	T. Pirro
1/8	Barnstable	1	E. Banks	2/7	Ipswich (C.B.)	1	P. + F. Vale#
1/9	Harwich	1	B. Nikula	2/29	Watertown	1	C. Cook
Summer Tanager					White-throated Sparrow		
1/1-26	Stow	1 ph	D. Stewart + v.o.	1/4	Boston	96	BBC (R. Stymeist)
Western Tanager *				1/25	Squantum	75	G. d'Entremont
1/11-2/18	Brewster	1 ph	R. Everett + v.o.	2/27	Mt.A.	52	R. Stymeist#
Eastern Towhee				2/28	Westport	66	M. Lynch#
1/4	Medford	1	M. Rines#		White-crowned Sparrow		
1/10	Needham	1 f	J. Samelson	1/1-1/10	Chilmark	1	A. Keith
1/11	Weston	1 m	Sa. Miller#	1/11	Westport	6	BBC (R. Stymeist)
1/11	Westport	7	BBC (R. Stymeist)	1/12	Salisbury	1	D. + I. Jewell
1/16	Bourne	2	K. Anderson#	1/25	Amherst	1	S. Surner
1/22	Ipswich (C.B.)	1	J. Nelson#	2/1	Harwich	1	E. Banks
1/25	Marlboro	1 m	C. Nims	2/20	Deerfield	1	R. Packard
American Tree Sparrow					Dark-eyed Junco		
1/1	New Braintree	26	C. Buelow	1/3	Wakefield	60	P. + F. Vale
1/4	Framingham	38	J. Hoye#	1/10	Petersham	66	M. Lynch#
1/4	Boston	86	BBC (R. Stymeist)	1/11	Sutton	58	M. Lynch#
1/11	Cumb. Farms	50+	J. Sweeney	1/12	Stoughton	45+	V. Zollo
1/11	P.I.	56	P. + F. Vale	1/31	Hardwick	45	M. Lynch#
1/17	Bourne	40	SSBC (W. Petersen)	2/27	Mt.A.	44	R. Stymeist
1/26	Ipswich	30	J. Berry	2/29	Sheffield	54	M. Lynch#
2/2	Hardwick	26	C. Buelow		"Oregon" Junco		
2/29	Sheffield	31	M. Lynch#	1/20, 2/11	Nahant	1 m	R. Heil, L. Pivacek
Chipping Sparrow					Lapland Longspur		
thr	Williamsburg	1	R. Packard	1/11	P.I.	25	T. Wetmore
thr	Falmouth	14 max	G. Gove#	1/11	Sutton	2	M. Lynch#
1/10	Katama	10	A. Keith	1/12	Hadley	1	H. Allen
1/11	Barnstable	6	D. Furbish#	1/12	Northampton	20+	M. Taylor
1/12	Stoughton	4	V. Zollo	1/13	Newbypt	15	P. McFarland
2/3	Mashpee	1	M. Keleher	1/21	Eastham (F.E.)	3	M. Tuttle#
2/28	Westport	2	M. Lynch#	1/21	Newbury	44	O. Spalding#
Field Sparrow				1/31	Salisbury	9	S. Leonard
thr	Chilmark	2	A. Keith	2/3	Hadley	1	H. Allen
1/thr	Falmouth	4 max	G. Gove#	2/4-22	Northampton	1-3	v.o.
1/1	Salem	3	R. Heil#	2/8	Newbury	35	T. + L. Wetmore
1/3	Truro	12	J. Young	2/12	P.I.	10	D. Larson

Snow Bunting			1/3	Maynard	24	L. Nachtrab
1/1 P.I.	40	BBC (L. delaFlor)	1/24	IRWS	4	S. Sutton#
1/2 P'town	40	J. Young	2/3	DWWS	8	J. Offermann#
1/4 Boston	1	J. Young	2/7	Natick	9	G. Long
1/10 Salisbury	13	B. Krisler	2/22	Fairhaven	5	G. d'Entremont
1/10 Wachusett Res.	4	S. Sutton#	2/23	Medford	6	M. Rines
1/11 Sutton	10	M. Lynch#		Bullock's Oriole *		
1/11 New Braintree	25	C. Buelow	1/1-7	Walpole	1 ph	Walter Barnes
1/11 Chatham	90	J. Kricher		Baltimore Oriole		
1/13 Northampton	100	L. Therrien	1/1-21	Hadley	1	S. Emerson
1/19 Fairhaven	30	T. Raymond	1/3	Salem	1 imm	L. de la Flor#
1/22 Plymouth	300	S. Perkins#	1/3	Brewster	1	S. Finnegan
2/1 Bolton	25	T. Pirro		Purple Finch		
2/1 Longmeadow	6	J. Wojtanowski	thr	Hardwick	4-6	C. Buelow
2/1 Hadley	120	T. Gagnon	1/thr	S. Lancaster	5	S. Sutton#
2/7 Ipswich (C.B.)	20+	P. + F. Vale#	1/4	WMWS	6	J. Dekker
2/10 Templeton	25+	R. Stymeist#	1/5, 2/21	Maynard	2, 14	L. Nachtrab
2/14 Quabbin Pk	3	M. Emmons	1/17	Barnstable (S.N.)	4	M. Lynch#
2/15 Gay Head	4	A. Fischer	1/20	Pepperell	4	E. Stromstead
2/15 Ashfield	20	S. Sauter	1/25	Cumington	15	T. Gagnon
2/22 Baldwinville	27	T. Pirro#	2/2	Rowley	4	P. + F. Vale
2/28 P.I.	20+	D. Chickering	2/6	E. Sandwich	7	D. Manchester
2/29 P'town (R.P.)	3	E. Nielsen	2/14	Wayland	3 f	G. Long
Rose-breasted Grosbeak			2/16	Royalston	4	J. Trimble
thr N. Truro	1 ph	Cathy Skowron	2/16	Ashfield	20	S. Sauter
Painted Bunting *			2/29	Sheffield	3	M. Lynch#
1/11-2/5 Shrewsbury	1 m ph	E. Surette + v.o.		Red Crossbill		
Dickcissel			2/15-18	Royalton	1	J. Doppler
1/1-11 Chilmark	1	A. Fischer#	2/22	E. Quabbin	4	T. Gagnon
Red-winged Blackbird				Common Redpoll		
1/4 Boston	90	BBC (R. Stymeist)	thr	Pepperell	150 max	E. Stromsted
1/6, 2/6 DWWS	100, 160	D. Furbish	1/3, 2/22	Wakefield	20, 29	P. + F. Vale
1/10 Bolton Flats	25+	M. Lynch#	1/4	Nantucket	35	G. d'Entremont#
1/11 Cumb. Farms	100+	J. Sweeney	1/5	Worcester	30+	M. Lynch#
1/19 Arlington	31	K. Hartel	1/6	Hinsdale	57	L. Roberson
1/21 W. Harwich	80+	B. Nikula	1/11	S. Quabbin	100	C. Gentes
1/26 Falmouth	80	G. Gove#	1/11	Williamsburg	175	T. Gagnon
2/9 Salisbury	25	S. Grinley#	1/15	Northboro	50+	J. Hogan
2/11 Sheffield	5	J. Alexander	1/23	Falmouth	17	G. Gove#
2/12 Cummaquid	30+	R. Danca	1/24	Wayland	170	G. Long
2/21 Scituate	50+	S. Maguire	1/28	Ashfield	60	S. Sauter
2/29 Boston	327	A. Joslin	2/7	Granby	120	M. Faherty
Eastern Meadowlark			2/9	W. Newbury	200	S. Grinley#
1/19 E. Boston	3	BBC (D. Wilkinson)	2/9	Ipswich	28	J. + N. Berry
1/21 Cumb. Farms	15-18	W. Petersen#	2/18	Royalton	160	M. Faherty
1/23 DWWS	6	D. Furbish	2/20	Northfield	100	M. Taylor
2/1 P.I.	1	T. Wetmore	2/21	Blandford	100	M. + K. Conway
2/8 S. Dartmouth	1	E. Nielsen#	2/29	Gloucester	26	F. Vale
Rusty Blackbird				Hoary Redpoll (details) *		
1/4, 24 Wayland	11, 1	G. Long	1/5	Worcester	1	M. Lynch#
1/4 Boston	3	BBC (R. Stymeist)	1/8	Concord	1	P. Cozza
1/11 Westport	4	BBC (R. Stymeist)	1/24	Brewster	1	J. Offermann#
1/17 Barnstable (S.N.)	1	M. Lynch#	2/29	Brewster	2	D. + F. Clapp
1/18 Westboro	1	S. Sutton		Pine Siskin		
1/31 Stow	30	J. Dekker	1/2, 22	Wayland	20, 11	J. Hoye
2/11 Reading	20	I. Giriunas	1/3	Salisbury	28	S. Walch
2/15 W. Newbury	1 m	P. + F. Vale	1/4	Williamsburg	25	R. Packard
2/22 Baldwinville	2	T. Pirro#	1/13, 2/5	Maynard	12, 7	L. Nachtrab
Common Grackle			1/4	Pepperell	30+	J. Duprey#
1/3 Maynard	2	L. Nachtrab	1/6	Upton	20+	R. Brill
1/12 Framingham	30+	E. Morrier	1/10	Royalston	18	M. Lynch#
1/12 Upton	300+	P. Debruyen	1/10	Northfield	40	M. Taylor
2/1 Rockport	5	J. Paluzzi	1/10	Sunderland	15	H. Allen
2/1 Bolton	75	T. Pirro	1/13	Stow	17	D. Larson
2/3 Chilmark	50	A. Keith	1/27	Southwick	15	S. Kellogg
2/4 Northboro	1	B. Volkle	1/27	Scituate	30	S. Maguire#
2/10 Lenox	1	R. Wheeler	2/12	Lincoln	15	M. Durand
2/22 Medford	94	A. Gurka		Evening Grosbeak		
2/24 Sandwich	100	G. Gove#	thr	Royalston	25 max	v.o.
2/29 Boston	14	A. Joslin	1/11, 2/29	Peru	105, 51	T. Gagnon
Brown-headed Cowbird			1/19	Sheffield	1	S. Purdy
1/2 Falmouth	4	G. Gove#	2/9	Ashfield	11	S. Sauter

Errata

The following reports were erroneously listed as having been sighted in August. The correct dates are as follows:

Cory's Shearwater			
7/16	Great S. Channel	16	B. Pateson#
Greater Shearwater			
7/16	Great S. Channel	4051	B. Pateson#
Sooty Shearwater			
7/16	Cape Ann to Hydrog	770	B. Pateson#
Manx Shearwater			
7/16	Lydonia Canyon	7	B. Pateson#
Wilson's Storm-Petrel			
7/15-16	Cape Ann to Hydrog	9240	B. Pateson#

White-faced Storm-Petrel (no details) *			
7/15	10 m E of Hydrog	1	B. Pateson#
Leach's Storm-Petrel			
7/15-16	Cape Ann to Hydrog	131	B. Pateson#
Red-billed Tropicbird (no details) *			
7/15	Gilbert Canyon	1	B. Pateson#
South Polar Skua (no details) *			
7/15	Lydonia Canyon	1	B. Pateson#
7/16	Great S. Channel	1	B. Pateson#
Parasitic Jaeger			
7/16	Great S. Channel	1	B. Pateson#
Bridled Tern (no details) *			
7/15	10 m E of Hydrog	1	B. Pateson#

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

ABC	Allen Bird Club
A.P.	Andrews Point, Rockport
A.Pd	Allens Pond, S. Dartmouth
B.	Beach
Barre FD	Barre Falls Dam, Barre, Rutland
B.I.	Belle Isle, E. Boston
B.R.	Bass Rocks, Gloucester
BBC	Brookline Bird Club
BMB	Broad Meadow Brook, Worcester
C.B.	Crane Beach, Ipswich
CGB	Coast Guard Beach, Eastham
C.P.	Crooked Pond, Boxford
Cambr.	Cambridge
CCBC	Cape Cod Bird Club
Cumb. Farms	Cumberland Farms, Middleboro
DFWS	Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary
DWMA	Delaney WMA
DWWS	Stow, Bolton, Harvard Daniel Webster WS
E.P.	Eastern Point, Gloucester
EMHW	Eastern Mass. Hawk Watch
F.E.	First Encounter Beach, Eastham
F.P.	Fresh Pond, Cambridge
F.Pk	Franklin Park, Boston
G40	Gate 40, Quabbin Res.
GMNWR	Great Meadows NWR
H.	Harbor
H.P.	Halibut Point, Rockport
HRWMA	High Ridge WMA, Gardner
I.	Island
IRWS	Ipswich River WS
L.	Ledge
M.V.	Martha's Vineyard
MAS	Mass. Audubon Society
MBWMA	Martin Burns WMA, Newbury
MNWS	Marblehead Neck WS
MSSF	Myles Standish State Forest, Plymouth
Mt.A.	Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambr.
NAC	Nine Acre Corner, Concord
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
WBWS	Boston Harbor Census
WMWS	Wellfleet Bay WS
Wompatuck SP	Wachusett Meadow WS
	Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate, and Norwell
Worc.	Worcester

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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