

# BIRD SIGHTINGS

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November/December, 2004

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November was on the cool side with the average temperature in Boston 44.4°, just 0.5° below normal. It was an extremely cold day on November 10 that made for an early start to winter. A new record low temperature was set with a reading of 25°, breaking the previous record of 26° set in 1992. Only five of the first seventeen days of the month were above normal. The last half of the month was a bit warmer than normal, and on Thanksgiving Day the mercury rose to a warm 65°, 9° above the norm for that date. Rainfall totaled 2.91 inches in Boston, 1.07 inches below average for November. Of the four weekends, two Saturdays and two Sundays had rain, with the most rain for the month on Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. Snowfall measured 3.9 inches in Boston, 2.5 inches over normal. A heavy early snow fell throughout eastern Massachusetts on November 12-13, with amounts ranging from three to eight inches. It was the second heaviest snowfall this early in the season since 1892.

December was a bit warmer than usual, with near normal rain but above average snow. The temperature averaged out at 35° in Boston, just 0.2° above normal. The first thirteen days averaged 3.5° above average, but many cold days followed in the second half of the month. Precipitation in Boston totaled 3.66 inches, just under normal, with measurable rain falling on eleven days. Snowfall measured 7.2 inches in Boston, with somewhat higher amounts in eastern Massachusetts and the most on Cape Cod. The weather for most of the Christmas Bird Counts was favorable except for those counts on December 26, a day with strong northeast winds, heavy fog, and rain changing to heavy wet snow. *R. Stymeist*

## WATERFOWL THROUGH ALCIDS

A **Greater White-fronted Goose** was found on the Northampton CBC in the Hadley/Amherst area. This species is getting to be more and more routine in the state. For example, there are over 110 records in Massachusetts in the last fifteen years compared to fewer than fifty in the preceding 150 years! A species that is showing the opposite trend, **Tundra Swan**, was found in Egremont in early November, where a single bird stayed until the end of December. As many as six Eurasian Wigeon, all males, were reported from around eastern Massachusetts. Although great care needs to be taken in identifying the fairer sex of this species, it's amazing how few females are reported in Massachusetts in relation to males.

Only a total of 138 Canvasback were reported throughout all of Massachusetts during the two month reporting period! A typical Massachusetts count in the 1970s may have numbered in the thousands. As many will recognize from personal experience, this species and many of the prairie breeding ducks have undergone severe population declines over the last few decades. The Chesapeake Bay wintering population of Canvasbacks numbered nearly 250,000 in the 1950s, roughly half of the North American breeding population. Currently fewer than 50,000 Canvasbacks are found in Chesapeake Bay during the winter.

Nantucket Sound and surrounding waters produced their usual incredible concentrations of waterfowl. Over 50,000 scoters were estimated there at the end of November. The totals from all other sites in Massachusetts totaled less than 20,000. The largest count of Long-tailed Ducks came from Tuckernuck Island, where 200,000 were estimated crossing between Nantucket

Sound and the Atlantic Ocean. This compares to a total of less than 2500 reported from all other locations in eastern Massachusetts during the period.

Barrow's Goldeneyes were well reported during the period, especially at traditionally good areas such as Buzzards Bay and Nantucket. The third week of November was *the* time to see **Pacific Loons** in the state during the reporting period. Four reports of single individuals were received from November 21-27 at four different localities in southeastern Massachusetts.

The period saw a rather diverse reporting of tubenoses including Northern Fulmar, three species of shearwaters, and Leach's Storm-Petrel. However, all of these were reported as single individuals except for Northern Fulmar.

Andrew's Point produced a count of 588 Red-throated Loons on December 7, one of the highest December counts for Massachusetts. There was a rash of sightings of **American White Pelicans** in early December, starting with a flock of five circling the Provincetown Monument on December 5. There were a few interesting herons lingering into December. An American Bittern was found at Plum Island on December 12. Little Blue Herons, most often immatures, occasionally remain in Massachusetts into early winter. This year, an immature was observed from December 1-19, just long enough to be counted on the Cape Cod CBC. More interesting was the Green Heron that lingered through the same date in Amherst. There are only eight previous December records and two January records in Massachusetts.

Ospreys were widely reported through the month of November from throughout the state. Two were reported in December, including a very late migrant at the Barre Falls Hawkwatch on December 5 and a lingerer at West Tisbury from December 16-18. The most interesting raptor sightings of the period were probably the two dark morph Red-tailed Hawks reported from the Great Marsh in Barnstable. One of these was seen well several times and was identified as a dark adult *calurus* **Red-tailed Hawk** with beautiful, almost entirely blackish brown plumage and a full adult red tail. There are few records and no well-documented records of any subspecies of western Red-tailed Hawks in Massachusetts.

This year's lingering shorebirds included a Semipalmated Plover at Eastham on December 19, two American Oystercatchers on Christmas Eve in Fairhaven, a Spotted Sandpiper on November 12 in Boston, and a Marbled Godwit and Semipalmated Sandpiper at South Beach on December 19. Two exceptionally late shorebird records this year from western Massachusetts were a Greater Yellowlegs at West Springfield on December 18 and a Wilson's Snipe on the Cobble Mountain CBC in Westfield the day after Christmas.

Several storms in November produced decent numbers of jaegers at coastal locales. Some of the higher counts included twenty-one Pomarine Jaegers on November 12 and another thirty-seven on November 28 at Andrew's Point in Rockport, and eighteen at First Encounter Beach in Eastham on November 13. Little and Black-headed Gulls were well reported during the second half of November, with as many as ten Little Gulls and fourteen Black-headed Gulls. An amazing 106 Lesser Black-backed Gulls were reported on Nantucket at the end of November. This is probably the highest count ever recorded in Massachusetts. On November 28, 288 Common Murres were counted at Andrew's Point. This species continues its incredible increase in Massachusetts over the last few years with this, the second highest count ever in Massachusetts.

*J. Trimble*



**Greater White-fronted Goose**

12/19 Hadley/Amherst 1 Northampton CBC

**Snow Goose**

thr Newbypt/P.I. 3-7 T. Wetmore

11/8, 14 Granville 60, 290 J. Weeks

11/16 P'town 1 A. Curtis

12/18-19 Boston 1 imm A. Joslin#

12/19 Amherst 2 Northampton CBC

12/26 Ipswich 1 ad Newbypt CBC

12/26 Marshfield CBC 7 v.o.

12/29 Hadley 1 P. Yeskie

**Small Canada Goose**

11/8-30 Waltham 1 J. Forbes + v.o.

**Brant**

11/6 Plymouth H. 75 BBC (GdE)

11/7 Cheshire 1 T. Gagnon

11/8 Nahant 80+ L. Ferraresso

11/21 Boston H. 673 TASL (M. Hall)

12/6 Nantucket 304 E. Ray

**Tundra Swan**

11/9-12/28 Egremont 1 K. Reed + v.o.

**Wood Duck**

11/6 Brookfields 2 M. Lynch#

11/6 Chilmark 2 A. Keith

12/2 Waltham 2 J. Forbes

12/19 Northampton 2 Northampton CBC

12/27 Hadley 2 P. Yeskie

**Gadwall**

11/1, 23 Marstons Mills 27, 35 M. Keleher

11/11 P.I. 47 R. Heil

11/18, 12/12 Seekonk 137, 118 R. Farrell

11/20 S. Monomoy 50 B. Nikula#

11/24 Plymouth 26 J. Trimble

11/29 Woburn 16 M. Rines

12/9 Ipswich 100+ J. Berry

12/23 Newbypt/P.I. 28 S. Perkins#

12/30 Gloucester (E.P.) 16 R. Heil

**Eurasian Wigeon**

11/2 Ipswich 2 males R. Heil

11/27 Tuckernuck 1 R. Veit

11/27 Somerset 1 m R. Farrell#

12/9-12 Ipswich 1 m J. Berry

12/31 Osterville 1 m M. Keleher#

**American Wigeon**

11/thr Marstons Mills 122 max M. Keleher

11/2, 12/9 Ipswich 275, 50 Heil, Berry

11/6, 22 Pittsfield (Pont.) 6, 4 S. Kellogg

11/9 Lanesboro 4 H. Allen

11/13 Arlington Res. 20 K. Hartel

11/20 S. Monomoy 105 B. Nikula#

11/27 Somerset 87 R. Farrell#

12/18 Springfield 1 A. + L. Richardson

12/26 Mid Cape CBC 79 v.o.

**Blue-winged Teal**

11/1, 23 Marstons Mills 4 M. Keleher

**Northern Shoveler**

11/8 Arlington Res. 4 J. Sharp

11/20 S. Monomoy 1 B. Nikula#

11/26, 12/24 P.I. 3, 1 Lynch, Wetmore

12/4 Newbypt 11 S. Mirick#

12/5 Pittsfield (Onota) 1 E. Neumuth

12/9 Nantucket 1 T. Loring

12/26 Southwick 1 C. Blagdon

**Northern Pintail**

thr P.I. 152 max 11/16 v.o.

11/1 Deerfield 4 H. Allen

11/4, 24 GMNWR 38, 88 USFWS

11/7 Cheshire 6 M. Lynch#

11/20 Westport 18 E. Nielsen

11/20 S. Monomoy 8 B. Nikula#

12/12 Bolton Flats 6 T. Murray

12/18 Springfield 1 A. + L. Richardson

12/19 Easthampton 1 B. Bieda

12/21 Marlboro 2 m T. Spahr

12/26 Marshfield 2 m Marshfield CBC

**Green-winged Teal**

11/2 Ipswich 30 R. Heil

11/4, 12/3 GMNWR 291, 16 USFWS

11/6, 22 Pittsfield (Pont.) 30, 2 Kellogg, Packard

11/11, 12/11 P.I. 230, 12 Heil, Wetmore

11/13 Arlington Res. 65 K. Hartel

11/14-30 Chilmark 25 A. Keith

11/20 S. Monomoy 225 B. Nikula#

11/21 Egremont 37 E. Neumuth

11/24 Plymouth 30 J. Trimble

12/23 Scituate 5 m D. Furbish

**Canvasback**

11/1, 23 Cambr. (F.P.) 1, 46 Rines, Spalding

12/2 Marlboro 6 m L. Nachtrab

12/6 Nantucket 62 E. Ray

12/8 Falmouth 1 M. Keleher

12/11 Hudson 7 T. Spahr

12/18 Randolph 13 Quincy CBC

**Redhead**

12/9-31 Chilmark 1 m A. Keith#

12/19 Nantucket 2 E. Ray

**Ring-necked Duck**

11/2 W. Newbury 657 R. Heil

11/2 Brockton 91 M. Faherty

11/2 Lakeville 180 K. Anderson

11/6 Melrose 51 D. + I. Jewell

11/7 N. Quabbin 125 H. Allen

11/11 Amesbury 450 R. Heil

11/20 S. Monomoy 45 B. Nikula#

11/28 Duxbury 300 R. Bowes

12/19 Marion 7 m M. Maurer

12/24 Medford 6 J. Sutherland

**Greater Scaup**

11/2 Lakeville 58 K. Anderson

11/13, 25 Clinton 25, 33 M. Lynch#

11/14 Acoaxet 98 M. Lynch#

11/16 Harwich 40 D. Silverstein#

11/20 Westport 41 E. Nielsen

11/21 Boston H. 917 TASL (M. Hall)

11/27 Falmouth 756 M. Lynch#

11/27 Holyoke 1 C. Gentes

12/7 Rockport (A.P.) 71 R. Heil

12/8 Turners Falls 1 H. Allen

12/25 Winthrop 42 P. + F. Vale

**Lesser Scaup**

11/4 Holyoke 1 C. Gentes

11/11 Marlboro 2 L. Nachtrab

11/13 Sterling 3 M. Lynch#

11/14 Acoaxet 17 M. Lynch#

11/20 Westport 108 E. Nielsen

11/20 Bourne 10 BBC (Stymeist)

11/20 S. Monomoy 125 B. Nikula#

11/24 Scituate 12 D. Furbish

11/27 Falmouth 12+ M. Lynch#

12/14 Nahant 61 L. Pivacek

**King Eider**

11/12 Rockport (A.P.) 1 m R. Heil

11/21 Boston H. 1 TASL (M. Hall)

12/29 Rockport (H.P.) 1 m 1W G. Williams#

**Common Eider**

11/12 Rockport (A.P.) 1690 R. Heil

11/20 Westport 9200 E. Nielsen

11/20 Bourne 510 BBC (Stymeist)

11/21 Fairhaven 620 BBC (Stymeist)

11/21 Boston H. 8014 TASL (M. Hall)

11/27 Plymouth 500+ ABC (Furbish)

11/29 Eastham (F.E.) 6000+ B. Nikula

**Harlequin Duck**

thr Rockport 50-60 v.o.

11/2-30 S. Boston 1 m R. Donovan#

11/7 Scituate 19 R. Donovan#

11/14 Acoaxet 2 M. Lynch#

11/28, 12/19 Nantucket 11, 19 E. Ray

12/30 Newbypt H. 1 f R. Heil

**Surf Scoter**

11/7 Hinsdale 1 T. Gagnon

11/12, 12/7 Rockport (A.P.) 131, 82 R. Heil

11/13 Eastham (F.E.) 2800 B. Nikula#

11/13 Dennis 950 P. Flood

11/20 Westport 3200 E. Nielsen

11/21 Boston H. 337 TASL (M. Hall)

Surf Scoter (continued)									
11/21	Fairhaven	220	BBC (Stymeist)	11/14	Northampton	164		C. Gentes	
12/31	Nant. Sound	1600	G. d'Entremont#	11/17, 12/12	Pittsfield	52, 150		Neumuth, Kellogg	
White-winged Scoter				11/19	Lincoln	148		M. Rines	
11/12, 12/7	Rockport (A.P.)	71, 205	R. Heil	12/7	Southwick	800		S. Kellogg	
11/13	Dennis	215	P. Flood	12/9	Gardner	132		T. Pirro	
11/13	Wachusett Res.	1 m	M. Lynch#	12/14	Westboro	650		E. Morrier	
11/20	Westport	700	E. Nielsen	12/16, 24	Medford	120, 25		M. Rines	
11/21	Boston H.	2465	TASL (M. Hall)	Red-breasted Merganser					
11/27	Manomet	55+	ABC (Furbish)	11/9	Hadley	1		H. Allen	
11/30	Granville	3	J. Weeks	11/12	Wareham	170		G. Gove#	
12/31	Nant. Sound	300	G. d'Entremont#	11/13	Dennis	457		P. Flood	
Black Scoter				11/16	Falmouth	144		G. Gove#	
11/2	Ware	20	W. Laflay	11/20	Westport	280		E. Nielsen	
11/11	P.I.	28	R. Heil	11/21	P'town	800		B. Nikula#	
11/12, 12/7	Rockport (A.P.)	64, 423	R. Heil	11/21	Boston H.	1693		TASL (M. Hall)	
11/13	Dennis	60	P. Flood	11/27	Waltham	3		P. + F. Vale	
11/20	Westport	5700	E. Nielsen	11/27	Mashpee	850+		M. Lynch#	
12/31	Nant. Sound	50	G. d'Entremont#	12/7	Rockport (A.P.)	185		R. Heil	
Scoter Species				Ruddy Duck					
11/13	Dennis	720	P. Flood	thr	Melrose	67 max		D. + I. Jewell	
11/18	Nant. Sound	50,000+	G. Sadoti#	11/thr	Gay Head	120-150		A. Fischer#	
Long-tailed Duck				11/8	W. Newbury	180		P. Brown	
11/6	Pittsfield (Pont.)	1	S. Kellogg	11/11, 12/6	Marlboro	100, 140		Nachtrab, Parker	
11/7	Pittsfield (Onota)	1	T. Gagnon	11/12	Boston	45+		B. Mayer	
11/7	Holyoke	1	C. Suprenant	11/13, 12/9	Ludlow	18, 20		Kellogg, Allen	
11/13	Cheshire	2	C. Dutille	11/14	Jamaica Plain	35		BBC (R. Mayer)	
11/13	Wachusett Res.	2	M. Lynch#	11/20	S. Monomoy	15		B. Nikula#	
11/13	Dennis	486	P. Flood	12/11	Hudson	150+		T. Spahr	
11/20	S. Monomoy	400	B. Nikula#	12/18	Cambr. (F.P.)	28		A. Fan	
11/21	Boston H.	260	TASL (M. Hall)	Ruffed Grouse					
11/27	Mashpee	490+	M. Lynch#	11/21	E. Quabbin	4		T. Gagnon	
11/28, 12/7	Rockport (A.P.)	530, 610	R. Heil	Wild Turkey					
11/28	Tuckernuck	200,000	R. Veit	11/10, 12/25	Becket	42		E. Neumuth	
12/5	Quabbin Pk	3	M. Lynch	11/13	Sterling	21		M. Lynch#	
Bufflehead				11/23	Lincoln	14		J. Forbes	
11/7	Gloucester (E.P.)	72	J. Nelson	11/24	W. Newbury	37		D. Larson	
11/9	Pittsfield	5	H. Allen	12/7	Winchester	16		P. Devaney	
11/10	Lakeville	22	K. Anderson	12/18	Lancaster	16		S. + L. Sutton	
11/20	Bourne	215	BBC (Stymeist)	12/18	Washington	19		E. Neumuth	
11/20	Westport	170	E. Nielsen	12/thr	Sherborn	15		E. Taylor	
11/21	Boston H.	1733	TASL (M. Hall)	Red-throated Loon					
11/25	Sterling	12	M. Lynch#	11/7	P.I.	269		D. Larson	
11/26	Newbypt	130+	M. Lynch#	11/12, 12/7	Rockport (A.P.)	117, 588		R. Heil	
12/5	Scituate	151	D. Furbish	11/13	Dennis	70		P. Flood	
12/12	Cotuit	200	D. Furbish	11/13	Eastham (F.E.)	55		B. Nikula#	
12/17	Richmond	2	D. St. James	11/20	Westport	33		E. Nielsen	
Common Goldeneye				11/21	Boston H.	122		TASL (M. Hall)	
11/20	Westport	30	E. Nielsen	11/21	P'town	50		B. Nikula#	
11/20	Bourne	55	BBC (Stymeist)	11/27	Barnstable (S.N.)	69		M. Lynch#	
11/21	Fairhaven	110	BBC (Stymeist)	<b>Pacific Loon *</b>					
11/21	Boston H.	401	TASL (M. Hall)	11/21	P'town	1 ad ph		B. Nikula#	
12/7	Rockport (A.P.)	152	R. Heil	11/24	Plymouth	1		J. Trimble	
12/16	Stockbridge	25	Hoffmann Club	11/27	Mashpee	1 ad		M. Lynch#	
12/17	Richmond	25	D. St. James	11/27	Barnstable (S.N.)	1		M. Lynch#	
12/19	P.I.	50	T. Wetmore	Common Loon					
12/19	Nantucket	220	E. Ray	11/6	Plymouth	27		BBC (GdE)	
12/30	S. Hadley	36	H. Allen	11/11	P.I.	34		R. Heil	
Barrow's Goldeneye				11/12, 28	Rockport (A.P.)	32, 41		R. Heil	
11/20	Bourne	1 m	BBC (Stymeist)	11/13	Dennis	48		P. Flood	
12/4, 19	Nantucket	1, 4	E. Ray	11/17	Pittsfield	3		E. Neumuth	
12/5-8	Turners Falls	1	H. Allen	11/20	Westport	42		E. Nielsen	
12/8-31	Cotuit	1-2	M. Keleher	11/20	Falmouth	79		R. Farrell	
12/18	Buzz. Bay	CBC	v.o.	11/21	Boston H.	46		TASL (M. Hall)	
12/29	Newbypt	1 m	MAS (B. Gette)	11/21	E. Quabbin	27		T. Gagnon	
Hooded Merganser				11/21	P'town	45		B. Nikula#	
11/8	Arlington Res.	71	K. Hartel	12/31	Nant. Sound	29		G. d'Entremont#	
11/17, 12/17	Pittsfield	179, 100	Neumuth, Kellogg	Pied-billed Grebe					
11/20	Leicester	68	M. Lynch#	11/2	Brockton	2		M. Faherty	
11/20-21	Worcester	179	F. McMenemy#	11/7	Cheshire	4		M. Lynch#	
11/20-21	Northbridge	54	B. Walker#	11/8	Cambr. (F.P.)	2		J. Crystal#	
11/21	E. Quabbin	48	T. Gagnon	11/9	Richmond	3		H. Allen	
11/27	Falmouth	91	M. Lynch#	11/10	GMNWR	2		USFWS	
12/9	Ipswich	70	J. Berry	11/11	Amesbury	4		R. Heil	
12/12	Westboro	58	M. Lynch	11/20	S. Monomoy	3		B. Nikula#	
12/19	Marion	54	M. Maurer	11/23	Falmouth	3		M. Keleher	
Common Merganser				11/29	Woburn	2		M. Rines	
11/6	Brookfields	34	M. Lynch#	Horned Grebe					
				11/14	Westport	31		M. Lynch#	

Horned Grebe (continued)				Cattle Egret			
11/17	New Salem	11	W. Lafley	11/6	Oak Bluffs	1	D. Swanson
11/20	Bourne	13	BBC (Stymeist)	Green Heron			
11/21	Boston H.	436	TASL (M. Hall)	11/1-12/19	Amherst	1	v.o.
11/21	E. Quabbin	19	T. Gagnon	Black Vulture			
11/21	Fairhaven	28	BBC (Stymeist)	thr	Granville	1-3	J. Weeks
11/24	Plymouth	25	J. Trimble	Turkey Vulture			
11/27	P.I.	17	D. Chickering	11/thr	Chatham (M.I.)	10	D. Manchester#
12/4	Falmouth	54	G. d'Entremont#	11/thr	Barre Falls	6	Hawkcount (Kamp)
Red-necked Grebe				11/1	Granville	4	Hawkwatch
11/5, 20	New Salem	2, 1	W. Lafley	11/4	Barre Falls	3	Hawkcount (Kamp)
11/18, 12/11	Dennis	15, 14	M. Tuttle#	11/7	P.I.	3 ad	P. Roberts#
11/21	Boston H.	45	TASL (M. Hall)	11/14	Westport	24	M. Lynch#
11/24	Plymouth	9	J. Trimble	12/4	Wellfleet	2	B. Nikula#
11/27	P.I.	30	D. Chickering#	12/4	P'town	1	B. Nikula
11/28	Rockport (A.P.)	12	R. Heil	12/8	Essex	4	P. Brown
Eared Grebe				12/13	P.I.	3	P. Brown
11/14-12/30	Gloucester (E.P.)	1	v.o.	12/18	Buzzards Bay CBC	34	v.o.
Northern Fulmar				Osprey			
11/14	Dennis	1 juv	M. Dettrey#	11/5	Brewster	1	R. Ayotte
11/19	14 m S of Nomans I	1	A. Keith#	11/11	Lakeville	1	J. Sweeney
11/28	Rockport (A.P.)	5 lt	R. Heil	11/14	Barre Falls	3	Hawkcount (Kamp)
12/27	Eastham (F.E.)	1+	B. Nikula#	11/20	Norton	1	K. Sejkora
Greater Shearwater				11/20	Barnstable	1	CCBC (Furbish)
11/14	Eastham (F.E.)	1+	B. Nikula#	11/21	W. Tisbury	1	W. Griswald
Sooty Shearwater				11/26-27	Wrentham	1	R. Emerson
11/13	Dennis	1	P. Flood	11/30	Norton	2	K. Ryan
Manx Shearwater				12/5	Barre Falls	1	Hawkcount (Grant)
11/21	P'town	1	P. Flood#	12/16-18	W. Tisbury	1	T. Scott#
Shearwater species				Bald Eagle			
11/26, 29	Eastham (F.E.)	1, 1	B. Nikula	11/thr	Granville	26	Hawkcount (Weeks)
Leach's Storm-Petrel				11/8	Barre Falls	2	Hawkcount (Kamp)
12/27	Eastham (F.E.)	1+	B. Nikula#	12/4-24	Granville	10	Hawkcount (Weeks)
Northern Gannet				12/5	Quabbin Pk	5	M. Lynch
11/11	Chatham (S.B.)	4500+	B. Nikula	12/12	Granville	7	J. Weeks
11/12, 28	Rockport (A.P.)	980, 3050	R. Heil	12/14	Southboro	2 ad	E. Morrier
11/13, 14	Eastham (F.E.)	2800, 4500	B. Nikula#	12/29	Newbypt H.	3	P. Cozza#
11/13	Dennis	2800	P. Flood	Northern Harrier			
11/26, 12/24	Nantucket	1500, 1500	E. Ray	11/3-27	Barre Falls	9	Hawkcount (Kamp)
11/29, 12/27	Eastham (F.E.)	2700, 530	B. Nikula	11/7, 20	Barnstable	3, 2	D. Furbish
<b>American White Pelican *</b>				11/7, 12/4	P.I.	6, 7	Roberts, Wetmore
12/5	P'town	5 ph	S. Landry#	11/10	Sandwich	2	MAS (Silverstein)
12/9	Woburn	1 (details)	M. Rines#	11/16	Dorchester	2	R. Donovan
12/9	Belmont	1	B. Ramsey	11/20	S. Monomoy	5+	B. Nikula#
12/12	Eastham	1	C. Goodrich	11/24	Plymouth	2	J. Trimble
Double-crested Cormorant				11/thr	Granville	14	Hawkcount (Weeks)
11/4	Chatham (M.I.)	1500	D. Manchester	12/16	DWWS	3	D. Furbish
11/7	P.I.	200	T. Wetmore	Sharp-shinned Hawk			
11/21	Boston H.	69	TASL (M. Hall)	11/thr	Chatham (M.I.)	100	D. Manchester#
11/30	Northampton	1	H. Allen	11/thr	Granville	19	Hawkcount (Weeks)
12/4	Wellfleet H.	5	B. Nikula#	11/1-16	Barre Falls	19	Hawkcount (Kamp)
12/12	P'town H.	6	B. Nikula#	11/9	Gay Head	14	S. Anderson
Great Cormorant				11/11	P.I.	4	R. Heil
11/17	Ludlow	2	H. Allen	11/14	Westport	2	M. Lynch#
11/20	Westport	31	E. Nielsen	Cooper's Hawk			
11/21	Boston H.	18	TASL (M. Hall)	11/thr	Barre Falls	9	Hawkcount (Kamp)
11/24	N. Scituate	42	D. Furbish	11/1-15	Granville	5	Hawkcount (Weeks)
12/12	P'town	420	J. Young	11/thr	Chatham (M.I.)	18	D. Manchester#
American Bittern				12/28	Concord	2	S. Clark
11/thr	Edgartown	1	A. Keith#	Northern Goshawk			
12/12	P.I.	1	S. Leonard	11/3, 7	Northboro	1 imm	B. Volkle
Great Blue Heron				11/4	Gay Head	1	V. Laux#
11/7	P.I.	6	T. Wetmore	11/4	Pittsfield	1	G. Shampang
11/14	Westport	5	M. Lynch#	11/4	Barre Falls	1	Hawkcount (Kamp)
11/20	Bourne	5	BBC (Stymeist)	11/6	E. Orleans	1	J. Trimble#
11/21	Boston H.	15	TASL (M. Hall)	11/7	Shutesbury	1	K. Weir
12/11	Hudson	4	T. Spahr	11/21	Ipswich	1	BBC (I. Girinuas)
12/12	Cotuit	5	D. Furbish	11/21	E. Quabbin	1	T. Gagnon
Great Egret				11/thr	Chatham (M.I.)	7	D. Manchester#
11/9	Ipswich	1	J. Berry	12/2, 3	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson
11/11	P.I.	1	R. Heil	12/12	Granville	1	J. Weeks
11/14	Westport	2	M. Lynch#	12/18	Lenox	1	C. Berkshire CBC
11/26	Gloucester	1	F. Bouchard#	12/18	Orange	1	Athol CBC
12/14	Nantucket	1	N. Van Voorst	12/18	Granby	1	Springfield CBC
Little Blue Heron				12/24	P.I.	1	T. Wetmore
11/3	Wellfleet	1 imm	fide M. Lowe	12/31	Wayland	1 imm	H. Norwood#
12/1-19	Eastham	1 imm	v.o.	Red-shouldered Hawk			
				11/3-10	Barre Falls	16	Hawkcount (Kamp)

Red-shouldered Hawk (continued)				12/18	Cambr. (F.P.)	4	A. Fan
11/6	Eastham	1 imm	J. Trimble#		Black-bellied Plover		
11/8-15	Granville	10	Hawkcount (Weeks)	11/1, 14	Eastham (F.E.)	40, 4	Gove, Franklin
11/14	Stoughton	1	G. d'Entremont	11/2	Essex Bay	210	R. Heil
11/14	Acoaxet	1	M. Lynch#	11/2	Cumb. Farms	3	K. Anderson
12/2	Salisbury	1 ad	O. Spalding	11/6, 25	P.I.	54, 15	T. Wetmore
12/2-3	Groveland	1	L. Cooper	11/6, 24	Plymouth	14, 5	GdE, Trimble
12/12	Cotuit	1 ad	D. Furbish	11/11, 27	Chatham (S.B.)	1700, 900	B. Nikula
12/24	DWWS	1 ad	D. Furbish	11/20	Westport	9	E. Nielsen
Red-tailed Hawk				11/27	Duxbury B.	6	ABC (Furbish)
11/thr	Barre Falls	197	Hawkcount (Kamp)		American Golden-Plover		
11/thr	Granville	402	Hawkcount (Weeks)	11/7	P.I.	1	P. Cozza#
<b>Red-tailed Hawk</b>				11/8	Newybpt	1	P. Brown
11/26	Barnstable	1 western	J. Trimble#	11/16	Orleans	1	D. Silverstein#
11/27	Barnstable	1 dark	M. Lynch#		Semipalmated Plover		
Rough-legged Hawk				11/6, 24	Plymouth H.	6, 3	GdE, Trimble
11/3, 9	Granville	1, 1	Hawkcount (Weeks)	11/7	P.I.	1	T. Wetmore
11/15	Boston (Logan)	2 dk	N. Smith	11/11, 27	Chatham (S.B.)	24, 4	B. Nikula
11/18	Scituate	1 lt	D. Furbish	12/2	Eastham (CGB)	1	S. Riley
11/21	Boston (Logan)	2 dk	N. Smith	12/19	Eastham (F.E.)	1	Cape Cod CBC
11/24, 12/29	P.I.	1 dk	Gette, Wetmore		Killdeer		
11/26	Barnstable	2 dk	J. Trimble#	11/1	Waltham	16	J. Forbes
12/14, 15	Granville	1, 1	Hawkcount (Weeks)	11/7	Wrentham	7	R. Emerson
12/21	DWWS	1	D. Furbish	11/13	Arlington Res.	4	K. Hartel
12/26	Cumb. Farms	1 dk	K. Anderson	11/13	Northampton	1	C. Gentes
<b>Golden Eagle</b>				12/12	Westboro WMA	1	M. Lynch
11/14	Granville	2	Hawkcount (Weeks)		American Oystercatcher		
12/5	Pelham	1 ad	M. Lynch	11/11, 29	Chatham	21, 2	Nikula, Manchester
American Kestrel				11/27	N. Monomoy	2	B. Nikula
11/4	Gay Head	1	V. Laux#	11/27, 12/24	Fairhaven	2, 2	C. Longworth
11/8-24	Melrose	1 m	D. + I. Jewell	12/7	Edgartown	1	M. Pelikan
11/21	Boston H.	4	TASL (M. Hall)		Greater Yellowlegs		
12/12	Medford	1	A. Ankers#	11/3	Salisbury	1	MAS (D. Weaver)
12/15	Salisbury	1 f	MAS (B. Gette)	11/6, 26	P.I.	15, 1	T. Wetmore
12/16	Amherst	1	H. McQueen	11/7	Barnstable	3	D. Furbish
12/19	Waltham	1	J. Forbes#	11/9	Chatham (M.I.)	31	D. Manchester
12/19	P.I.	1 m	T. Wetmore	11/14	Eastham (F.E.)	8	C. Franklin#
Merlin				11/16	W. Harwich	2	D. Silverstein#
11/thr	Chatham (M.I.)	13	D. Manchester#	11/20	Westport	4	E. Nielsen
11/3	Gay Head	3	L. Reese	11/21	Fairhaven	3	BBC (Stymeist)
11/4	Salisbury	2	S. Grinley	12/18	W. Springfield	1	Springfield CBC
11/6	Orleans	1	J. Trimble#		Lesser Yellowlegs		
11/10	Waltham	1	J. Forbes	11/17	P.I.	1	MAS (B. Gette)
11/14	Falmouth	1	J. Liller#		Willet		
11/19	Mt. A.	1	J. Forbes#	11/27	Chatham (S.B.)	1	B. Nikula
12/8	Bourne	1	M. Keleher		Spotted Sandpiper		
12/9	Richmond	1	T. Collins	11/12	Boston	1	B. Mayer
12/13	S. Quabbin	1	H. Allen		Hudsonian Godwit		
12/22	Rockport	1	P. Brown#	11/4, 29	Chatham (M.I.)	5, 3	D. Manchester
12/30	S. Dartmouth	1	A. + D. Morgan	11/6	P.I.	2	T. Wetmore
12/31	Boston	1	K. + R. Barnes		Marbled Godwit		
12/31	Nantucket	2	G. d'Entremont#	11/11, 12/19	Chatham (S.B.)	5, 1	Nikula, Trimble
Peregrine Falcon					Ruddy Turnstone		
11/thr	Chatham (M.I.)	31	D. Manchester#	11/13	Dennis	1	P. Flood
11/1	Amherst	2	R. Packard	11/14	Acoaxet	1	M. Lynch#
11/21	Boston H.	4	TASL (M. Hall)	11/17	Cape Ann	1	B. Volkle
11/21	Fairhaven	2 ad	BBC (Stymeist)	11/20	Barnstable	1	CCBC (Furbish)
12/22	Hadley	2	C. Gentes	12/16	Osterville	6	A. Curtis
12/23	Newybpt/P.I.	2	S. Perkins#	12/18	New Bedford	CBC19	fide M. Boucher
Virginia Rail					Red Knot		
11/2	Ipswich	2	R. Heil	11/7	Duxbury	30	R. Bowes
11/27	Falmouth	2	M. Lynch#	11/7	P.I.	60	T. Wetmore
Common Moorhen				11/8	Plymouth	125	E. Neumuth
11/1-4	Chilmark	1	A. Keith	11/11, 27	Chatham (S.B.)	550, 160	B. Nikula
12/14	Nantucket	1	N. Slavitz	12/11	Dennis (Corp.B.)	12	M. Tuttle
American Coot				12/19	Chatham (S.B.)	2	Cape Cod CBC
11/2	Ipswich	6	R. Heil		Sanderling		
11/7	Cheshire	2	T. Gagnon	11/1	Eastham (F.E.)	150	G. Gove#
11/8	W. Newbury	16	P. Brown	11/7, 26	P.I.	40, 10	Hoye, Wetmore
11/9	Southwick	2	S. Kellogg	11/11	Chatham (S.B.)	650	B. Nikula
11/10, 12/3	GMNWR	87, 91	USFWS	11/14	Westport	47	M. Lynch#
11/11	Amesbury	92	R. Heil	11/30	Scituate	18	S. Maguire#
11/11, 12/2	Marlboro	8, 8	L. Nachtrab	12/12	P'town	65	J. Young
11/13, 29	Woburn	3, 6	M. Rines	12/26	Mid Cape	CBC 421	v.o.
11/14	Acoaxet	76	M. Lynch#		Semipalmated Sandpiper		
11/20	Westport	46	E. Nielsen	11/11, 12/19	Chatham (S.B.)	1	B. Nikula
11/20	Wakefield	15	P. + F. Vale		Western Sandpiper		
12/11	Hudson	4	T. Spahr	11/20	Chatham (S.B.)	13	B. Nikula



Razorbill (continued)							
11/24	Dennis	350	G. Gove#	11/18	Dennis	1	M. Tuttle#
11/27	Manomet	60+	ABC (Furbish)	11/18	PI.	1	G. Leet#
11/27	Mashpee	25	M. Lynch#	11/21	Boston H.	5	TASL (M. Hall)
11/27	Tuckernuck	100	R. Veit	11/27	Manomet	3	ABC (Furbish)
11/27	Barnstable (S.N.)	26	M. Lynch#	11/28, 12/10	Rockport (A.P.)	11, 12	R. Heil
11/29, 12/2	Eastham (F.E.)	2200, 20	B. Nikula	12/29	Cape Ann	25	R. Heil
12/3	off Edgartown	75+	A. Keith	Atlantic Puffin			
12/5, 31	PI.	25, 70	T. Wetmore	11/28, 12/10	Rockport (A.P.)	5, 1	R. Heil
12/7, 10	Rockport (A.P.)	1410, 490	R. Heil	11/29, 12/27	Eastham (F.E.)	24, 3	B. Nikula
12/12	N. Truro	50+	B. Nikula	Large alcid species			
12/31	Nantucket Sound	27	G. d'Entremont#	11/13	Eastham (F.E.)	4	B. Nikula#
Black Guillemot				11/13	Dennis	8	P. Flood
11/7	Scituate	9	R. Donovan#	11/21, 12/12	P'town	600, 900	B. Nikula#
11/12	Rockport (A.P.)	8	R. Heil	11/29, 12/2	Eastham (F.E.)	3000, 440	B. Nikula
				12/12	N. Truro	130	B. Nikula

## DOVES THROUGH FINCHES

A very cooperative **White-winged Dove** was found on Nantucket on November 23, where it remained through the end of the year.

The continued efforts to learn more of the magnitude of the fall migration of Northern Saw-whet Owls in New England are beginning to shed some answers. Now in its second year, a banding station in Northbridge run by Strickland Wheelock has netted 383 Saw-whets, including recaptures in the two years. A total of 196 birds were banded this year from October 8 until November 27, not including eleven same-night recaptures. This season they discovered that 83% of the owls were caught on winds from the west to north-northeast. They did not spend the night beyond midnight, so the number of owls moving in after that is still unknown. One thing that surprised the team was not catching any of their banded owls from last season. The only recapture of an owl they banded last season was caught on Plum Island this fall. The discussion of site fidelity with Saw-whets is interesting in that most Saw-whet banders find that they rarely recapture their owls from previous seasons, an indication that they are more nomadic in migration than previously supposed.

The first Snowy Owl of the season was noted from Logan Airport on November 6, and four were noted at the airport on December 19 during the Greater Boston CBC. This was a much better year for Snowies, with individuals reported from at least sixteen locations; last year they were noted on just a few occasions from the Newburyport-Plum Island area and Logan Airport. A **Rufous Hummingbird** was banded in Ashfield in December. This is the first fall since 1999 that multiple *Selasphorus* hummingbirds have not been reported.

It was a good period for Red-headed Woodpeckers: at least nine individuals were reported from a wide area from the Berkshires to Nantucket. Last year there was only a single report for the same period. Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were noted from many areas, a trend now for several years of extending their winter range in southern New England. An **Ash-throated Flycatcher** took up residence for nearly a month at Halibut Point in Rockport. This species in recent years has become a frequent vagrant to our area each fall; there were two reports for the same period last year. Western Kingbirds were noted from four locations, including the first December report ever for western Mass; last year during the same time there were no reports. Northern Shrikes had a good late fall flight for the sixth year in a row.

For the second year in a row **Cave Swallows** were found on Cape Cod. It was just last November when the first sighting of Cave Swallow was noted in Massachusetts. On November 26 at least one Cave Swallow was found at Loop Beach in Cotuit; on the next day the same observers located and photographed two Cave Swallows flying around over the marshy area of Mill Pond in Chatham. During the past few years this species has been almost routine from New Jersey to Connecticut during the late fall and should be looked for more carefully along our coast during this period.



November is a great month for the unexpected. This fall there were two reports of **Townsend's Solitaire**, one in Eastham and another in Gloucester; there were two reports of **Varied Thrush**, one in Newburyport and one in Concord; also reported were a **Black-throated Gray Warbler** in Nahant, a **Townsend's Warbler** in Rockport, and a **Hermit Warbler** in Holyoke. December saw reports of a **Western Tanager** photographed in Westwood and a **Chestnut-collared Longspur** photographed on Plum Island. All these western Nearctic vagrants are rare and infrequent late fall and early winter visitors to the East Coast, the rarest of which were the Hermit Warbler (third state record) and the Chestnut-collared Longspur (fifth state record). Both are pending MARC approval.

Despite the number of vagrants, the numbers of our more common birds appeared to be way down. Several observers commented on this scarcity, especially those that are considered hardy lingerers such as Hermit Thrush, Gray Catbird, and Eastern Towhee. Other birds in short supply included Red-breasted Nuthatches and winter finches. These species are considered irruptive in their appearance and this is not their year. In the first ten days of November there were many reports of flocks of migrating Pine Siskins and after that just a few scattered reports of just a few birds from a wide area. Common Redpolls were also noted in very small flocks, with the highest group noted with only eight individuals.

The Neponset Marsh in Dorchester proved to be a pleasant stopping spot for a **Sedge Wren**. This bird spent nearly a month along with two Marsh Wrens in the *Phragmites* within a few hundred feet of the Southeast Expressway. A **Summer Tanager** visited a feeder in Eastham for 10 days in November. Other late departures included a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, a Blue-headed Vireo, Tennessee, Chestnut-sided and Hooded warblers, a Blue Grosbeak in Northampton, and an Indigo Bunting in Arlington.

Surprises on Christmas Bird Counts included **three** Nashville Warblers on the Buzzards Bay CBC, a Black-throated Green Warbler on the Cape Cod CBC, and a Blackpoll Warbler on the Greater Boston CBC.

R. Stymeist

<b>White-winged Dove</b> (details submitted) *	12/31	Essex	1	J. Berry#
11/23-12/31 Nantucket 1 ph F. Karttunen + v.o.		Long-eared Owl		
Eastern Screech-Owl	11/10	Edgartown	1	A. Keith
thr Reports of indiv. from 13 locations	11/19	DWWS	5	N. Smith
11/14 Westport 2 M. Lynch#	12/28-29	P.I.	1	T. Murray
12/31 Maynard 2 L. Nachtrab	12/30	Holland	2	I. Lynch
Great Horned Owl		Short-eared Owl		
thr Mt.A 2 R. Stymeist	11/7	Barnstable	1	D. Furbish
11/14 Norfolk 2 R. Emerson	11/7	Scituate	1	R. Donovan#
12/9 Millis 2 J. Hoye#	11/10	Cumb. Farms	2	K. Anderson
12/18 Lancaster 2 S. + L. Sutton	11/15, 12/2	DWWS	1, 1	D. Furbish
12/22 Maynard 2 L. Nachtrab	11/21, 12/19	Logan	1, 1	N. Smith
12/24 Newbury pr L. Leka	11/25, 12/29	Salisbury	3	Gurka, Gette
12/24 Marshfield pr D. Furbish	11/25, 12/29	P.I.	1, 1	D. Chickering
Snowy Owl	11/30	WBWS	1	A. Thomas
11/6, 21 Boston (Logan) 1, 4 N. Smith	12/4	Duxbury B.	1	R. Bowes
11/11-12/31 P.I. 2 v.o.	12/29	Nantucket	1	W. Hutcheson
11/12-12/4 Duxbury 1-3 v.o.		Northern Saw-whet Owl		
11/14 Salisbury 1 G. Purcell	11/thr	DWWS	113 b	N. Smith
11/20, 27 Chatham (S.B.) 1 B. Nikula#	11/thr	Blue Hills	28 b	N. Smith
11/21 Winthrop 1 T.A.S.L. (P. + F. Vale)	11/1	P.I.	4 b	M.A.S. (B. Johnson)
11/27 Rockport 1 J. Doppler	11/1-27	Northbridge	109 b	S. Wheelock
12/1 Chilmark 1 P. Whiting#	12/1	Hadley	1	A. Magee
12/1 Barnstable (S.N.) 1 fide M. Lowe		<b>Rufous Hummingbird</b> (details submitted) *		
12/5 Wellfleet 1 fide M. Lowe	12/1-15	Ashfield	1 imm m b	E. Stewart + v.o.
12/9-26 Nantucket 1 v.o.		Belted Kingfisher		
12/9 S. Boston 1 R. Donovan	11/20	Bourne	3	BBC (Stymeist)
12/10 MNWS 1 R. + L. Bowman	11/27	Falmouth	2	M. Lynch#
12/16 Newbypt 2 D. Larson	12/31	Hyannis	2	G. d'Entremont#
12/20-30 Gay Head 1 A. Fischer		Red-headed Woodpecker		
12/26 Edgartown 1 J. Cressy#	11/8	Gay Head	1	A. Keith
Barred Owl	11/8-9	Chilmark	1	A. Keith
12/21 Lexington 1 J. Sutherland	11/10	Chappaquiddick	1	A. Keith

Red-headed Woodpecker (continued)				11/6	Egremont	80	J. Johnson
11/11, 19	N. Falmouth	1 ad	Baptiste, Howe	11/21	Fairhaven	44	BBC (Stymeist)
11/22-12/31	Leverett	1	H. Allen	11/22	Northampton	300	A. Magee
11/27	Danvers	1 ad	D. + I. Jewell	12/4	Ipswich (C.B.)	28	J. Berry#
12/5	Nantucket	1 imm	E. Ray	12/22	Chatham	15	S. Perkins#
12/8	W. Tisbury	1	S. Silva	Tree Swallow			
12/9-31	Tyringham	1	R. Laubach	11/1, 7	Chatham 200, 12		Manchester, Nikula
Red-bellied Woodpecker				11/1, 28	PI.	1, 1	Haydock, Sutton
11/6	Marshfield	3	BBC (GdE)	11/9-16	Chilmark	25	A. Keith
11/6	Brookfields	3	M. Lynch#	11/14, 12/11	N. Truro	3, 1	Nikula, Young
11/29	Pepperell	2	E. Stromsted	11/20	Nantucket	1	S. Langer
12/18	Lancaster	6	S. + L. Sutton	11/28	Tuckernuck	25	R. Veit
12/29	Harwich	2	A. Curtis	11/28	Orleans	1	G. Gove#
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				<b>Cave Swallow</b> (details submitted) *			
thr	Mt.A.	1-3	R. Stymeist + v.o	11/26	Cotuit	1	J. Trimble#
11/2	Essex	2	R. Heil	11/27	Chatham	2 ph	J. Trimble#
11/6	PI.	1	A. Gurka#	Barn Swallow			
12/4	Falmouth	1	J. Young	11/7-08	Chilmark	3	A. Keith
12/18	Worcester CBC	2	J. Liller compiler	11/18	Gay Head	1	V. Laux#
12/19	Northampton CBC	1	J. Ortiz compiler	Red-breasted Nuthatch			
12/19	Amherst	1	Northampton CBC	11/4	Salisbury	3	S. Grinley
12/20-31	Nantucket	1	K. Pochman	11/11	PI.	3	S. Sutton
12/22	W. Tisbury	2	S. Silva	11/19	Lexington	3	M. Rines
Hairy Woodpecker				12/18	Washington	3	E. Neumuth
11/thr	Maynard	3	L. Nachtrab	12/28	Concord	4	S. Clark
11/20	Leicester	4	M. Lynch#	12/29	Harwich	3	A. Curtis
12/18	Washington	6	E. Neumuth	Brown Creeper			
12/28	Concord	4	S. Clark	11/20	Leicester	4	M. Lynch#
12/28	Harwich	4	E. Banks	12/12	Medford	2	A. Ankers
Northern Flicker				12/18	Mattapoisett	2	F. Smith
11/2	Chatham (M.I.)	28	D. Manchester	12/18	Lancaster	3	S. + L. Sutton
11/27	Falmouth	2	M. Lynch#	12/31	Mt.A.	2	R. Stymeist
12/26	Mid Cape CBC	39	fide P. Trimble	Carolina Wren			
Pileated Woodpecker				11/6	Marshfield	11	BBC (GdE)
11/29	Pepperell	2	E. Stromsted	11/14	Stoughton	13	G. d'Entremont
12/24	Wayland	2	G. Long	11/14	Acoaxet	20	M. Lynch#
Eastern Phoebe				11/16	Marblehead	13	R. Heil
11/11	Nahant	1	L. Pivacek	11/20	Bourne	27	BBC (Stymeist)
11/19	Southwick	1	S. Kellogg	11/21	Fairhaven	49	BBC (Stymeist)
11/24	Plymouth	1	J. Trimble	11/24	Plymouth	32	J. Trimble
11/26-29	Chilmark	1	A. Keith	12/18	Longmeadow	10	Springfield CBC
12/15	Chilmark	1	A. Keith	Winter Wren			
12/19	N. Falmouth	1	B. Good	11/16	Marblehead	7	R. Heil
<b>Ash-throated Flycatcher</b> (details submitted) *				11/21	Fairhaven	6	BBC (Stymeist)
11/26-12/19	Rockport (H.P.)	1 ph	T. Burke + v.o.	11/24	Plymouth	3	J. Trimble
Western Kingbird				<b>Sedge Wren</b>			
11/2	Gay Head	1	V. Laux#	11/23-12/19	Dorchester	1	R. Donovan#
11/28	Nantucket	1	E. Andrews	Marsh Wren			
12/17	Northampton	1	L. Therrian	11/2	Ipswich	1	R. Heil
12/21-22	Rockport	1	S. Hunt#	11/20	E. Sandwich	1	CCBC (Furbish)
Northern Shrike				11/22, 30	Harwich	1	B. Nikula
Thr	Reports of indiv. from 21 locations			11/24	Dorchester	1	R. Donovan#
11/1-12/5	Granville	1-2	J. Weeks	12/11	Salisbury	1	E. Neilsen#
12/3, 25	Wayland	1, 1	Long, Hoye	12/12	GMNWR	1	T. Pirro
12/19	Amherst	3 total	Northampton	12/31	Nantucket	2	G. d'Entremont
Blue-headed Vireo				Golden-crowned Kinglet			
11/22	Becket	1	R. Laubach	11/2	Essex	7	R. Heil
11/22-23	Mt.A.	1	A. Perkins#	11/7	Moran WMA	11	M. Lynch#
12/7	Wayland	1	H. Norwood	11/7	Cheshire	7	M. Lynch#
Red-eyed Vireo				11/16	Marblehead	7	R. Heil
11/4	Chilmark	1	A. Keith	11/20	Bourne	13	BBC (Stymeist)
Fish Crow				11/20	Leicester	9	M. Lynch#
11/11	Dorchester	35	J. Young	11/21	Fairhaven	18	BBC (Stymeist)
11/18	Seekonk	6	R. Farrell	11/21	Woburn	6	M. Rines
12/16, 19	Wellfleet	12, 24	R. Clem	11/27	Falmouth	8	M. Lynch#
12/18	W. Springfield	2	Springfield CBC	12/12	Cotuit	6	D. Furbish
12/19, 25	Waltham	31, 40	J. Forbes#	12/18	Lancaster	6	S. + L. Sutton
12/30	Framingham	1	E. Taylor	Ruby-crowned Kinglet			
Common Raven				11/19, 12/23	Lexington	1	M. Rines
11/8	Essex	1	P. Brown	11/21	E. Quabbin	1	T. Gagnon
11/11	Becket	55	R. Laubach	11/21	PI.	1	P. Meleski#
12/5	Pelham	6	M. Lynch	11/24	Plymouth	3	J. Trimble
12/11, 18	Sudbury	1	McAdow, Mauer	11/25	Gloucester (E.P.)	1	P. + F. Vale
12/12	Concord	1	D. Walton	12/13	Amherst	1	C. Allen
12/24	Granville	21	J. Wojtanowski	12/18	Westboro	1	T. Spahr
Horned Lark				12/19	Salem	1	J. Young
thr	PI.	52 max	v.o.	12/29	Melrose	1	D. + I. Jewell
thr	Salisbury	22-28	v.o.	12/29	Groton	1	T. Pirro

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			11/17	Cambr. (F.P.)	1	R. LaFontaine#
11/25	Arlington	1		11/21	Brookline	1
Eastern Bluebird				11/27	Falmouth	1
11/6	Woburn	7	M. Rines#	Nashville Warbler		
11/17	Middleboro	15+	K. Anderson	11/10	Sandwich	1
11/20	Barre Falls	8	B. Kamp#	12/18	Buzz. Bay CBC	3
11/20	Northampton	18	R. Packard			
11/23	Concord	12+	S. Ferbert	11/10	Medford	1
12/9	Westboro	7	T. Spahr			
12/13	Amherst	15	C. Allen	11/13	Nahant	1 m
12/19	Falmouth	7	B. Good	11/23	Boston	1 m
<b>Townsend's Solitaire</b> (details submitted) *				11/26	Mattapoisett	1 f
11/27	Eastham	1	J. Hoye#	Yellow-rumped Warbler		
12/19	Gloucester	1	CBC: S. Hedman#	11/14	Acoaxet	2
Hermit Thrush				11/20	Westport	14
11/14	Acoaxet	3	M. Lynch#	11/20	Barnstable	6
11/16	Marblehead	6	R. Heil	11/24	Plymouth	5
11/19	Nahant	2	F. Vale#	11/27	Falmouth	11
11/20	E. Sandwich	3	CCBC (Furbish)	12/4, 24	P.I.	9, 3
11/21	Fairhaven	4	BBC (Stymeist)	12/28	Harwich	2
11/24	Plymouth	4	J. Trimble	12/30	Deerfield	1
12/28	P.I.	3	T. Murray	<b>Black-throated Gray Warbler</b> (no details) *		
American Robin				11/14-19	Nahant	1
11/13	Clinton	200+	M. Lynch#			D. Wilkinson + v.o.
12/6	Groton	250+	T. Pirro	Black-throated Green Warbler		
12/11	Hadley	300	L. Therrian	11/10	Medford	1
12/12	Bolton Flats	350	T. Murray	11/19	Nahant	1
12/28	Amherst	300	L. Therrian	12/19	Orleans	1 ph
12/30	P.I.	200+	R. Heil			CC CBC (J. Trimble)
<b>Varied Thrush</b>				<b>Townsend's Warbler</b> (details submitted) *		
12/21-31	Newbypt	1	R. Laite + v.o.	12/19	Rockport	1
12/29-31	Concord	1 f	M. Rubel + v.o.			CBC: M. Goetschkes#
Gray Catbird				<b>Hermit Warbler</b> (details submitted) *		
11/1	Longmeadow	1	R. Titus	11/29-30	Holyoke	1
11/14	Westport	6	M. Lynch#			A. + L. Richardson + v.o.
11/19	Osterville	2	M. Keleher	Pine Warbler		
11/21	Fairhaven	6	BBC (Stymeist)	11/8	Northampton	1
11/24	Plymouth	2	J. Trimble	11/15	Woburn	1
11/27	Falmouth	2	M. Lynch#	11/15	Mt.A	1
11/29	Woburn	1	M. Rines	12/4	Melrose	1
12/9	Rockport (H.P.)	1	J. Barber	12/11	Mashpee	1
12/18	Westboro	1	T. Spahr	12/12	Medford	1
12/29	P.I.	1	T. Murray	12/29	N. Andover	1
				12/29	Harwich	1
Brown Thrasher				Prairie Warbler		
11/7	Chilmark	1	J. Young#	11/6	Cambridge	1
11/8	Nahant	1	L. Pivacek#	11/7	Wellfleet	1
11/16	Marblehead	1	R. Heil			J. Shetterly
11/21	Fairhaven	1	BBC (Stymeist)	Palm Warbler		
12/9	Rockport (H.P.)	1	J. Barber	11/4, 7	Medford	3, 2
12/19	Amherst	1	Northampton CBC	11/7	Gloucester (E.P.)	1
				11/7	P.I.	1
American Pipit				11/19	Newbypt	1
11/4	Granville	1	J. Weeks	11/21	Fairhaven	3
11/4	Ware	6	W. Lafley	11/28	Nantucket	4
11/4	P.I.	15	T. Spahr			BBC (Stymeist)
11/7	Moran WMA	1	M. Lynch#	Blackpoll Warbler		
11/9	Granville	2	J. Weeks	11/4	Chilmark	1
11/11	Halifax (C.F.)	70	J. Young	11/17	Mt.A	1
11/22	Northampton	1	A. Magee	12/19	Arlington	1
11/27	P.I.	1	S. Moore#			Gr Boston CBC (L. Taylor)
12/18	Worcester CBC	1	J. Liller compiler	Black-and-white Warbler		
12/18	Marion	1	Buzzards Bay CBC	11/24	Plymouth	1 f ad
				11/28	Boston	1 f
Cedar Waxwing				12/19	W. Tisbury	1
11/20	Barnstable	40	CCBC (Furbish)			E. Hierta
12/3	Townsend	350+	T. Pirro	American Redstart		
12/6	Groton	100+	T. Pirro	11/6	Marshfield	1
12/12	Bolton Flats	60	T. Murray	11/21	Scituate	1
12/18	Lancaster	58	S. + L. Sutton			J. Young
12/23	Ipswich	25	J. Berry	Ovenbird		
12/30	Gloucester (E.P.)	35	R. Heil	11/28	Tisbury	1
12/31	P.I.	25	T. Wetmore	12/11-16	Boston	1
Tennessee Warbler						P. Uhlendorf
11/2	Gay Head	1	V. Laux#			B. Sherwood
11/17	Edgartown	1	S. Anderson#	Northern Waterthrush		
Orange-crowned Warbler				11/20	Bourne	1
11/7	P.I.	1	J. Hoye#			BBC (Stymeist)
11/8	Nahant	1	L. Ferraresso	Common Yellowthroat		
11/10	Springfield	1	E. Rutman	11/16	Marblehead	1 ad m
11/17	Gay Head	1	V. Laux#	11/20	Bourne	1
				12/11	Eastham (F.H.)	1
				12/18	Buzzards Bay CBC	1
				12/18	Athol	1
						J. Trimble compiler
						Athol CBC
				Hooded Warbler		
				11/30-12/5	Cambr. (F.P.)	1 m
				Wilson's Warbler		
				11/7	Jamaica Plain	1
				11/15	Mt.A	1
				11/26	Hingham	1 m
						J. Joslin
						J. Forbes
						J. Liller

Wilson's Warbler (continued)				Fox Sparrow			
11/29	Edgartown	1	R. Culbert	11/7	Moran WMA	3	M. Lynch#
12/2-03	Boston	1	J. Offermann	11/13	Waltham	3	D. Finch#
Yellow-breasted Chat				11/13	Northampton	4	J. Young
11/14	Falmouth	1	J. Liller#	11/15	Shutesbury	11	K. Weir
11/14	Westport	1	M. Lynch#	11/21	Lexington	3	G. d'Entremont
11/24	Plymouth	1	J. Trimble	11/26	Falmouth	3	J. Hoye#
11/27	Orleans	1	J. hoye#	11/26-27	Groveland	2	D. Chickering
12/28	Nantucket	1	B. Vigneau	12/5	Norton	2	K. Sejkora
Summer Tanager				12/7	Gay Head	2	A. Fischer
11/7-17	Eastham	1 ph	M. Zbel#	12/12	Carlisle	2	S. Emmons
<b>Western Tanager</b> (no details) *				12/14	Amherst	1	H. McQueen
12/31	Westwood	1 f ph	R. Saunders#	12/26	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson
Eastern Towhee				Lincoln's Sparrow			
11/14	Acoaxet	5	M. Lynch#	11/1	Northampton	1	D. McLain
11/14	Barnstable	2	D. Furbish	11/16	S. Boston	1	R. Donovan
11/20	Westport	5	E. Nielsen	Swamp Sparrow			
11/21	Fairhaven	5	BBC (Stymeist)	11/7	Jamaica Plain	3	A. Joslin
12/3	Northfield	1 m	M. Basset	11/16	Marblehead	4	R. Heil-M
12/13	Lexington	1	R. LaFontaine#	11/21	Fairhaven	4	BBC (Stymeist)
12/25-31	Concord	1 f	S. Perkins#	11/24	Plymouth	7	J. Trimble
12/31	P.I.	1 f	T. Wetmore	11/29	Woburn	2	M. Rines
American Tree Sparrow				12/31	Wayland	2	G. Long
11/13	Wachusett Res.	21	M. Lynch#	White-crowned Sparrow			
11/27	Cumb. Farms	17	G. d'Entremont	11/4	Salisbury	1	S. Grinley
12/4	Ipswich (C.B.)	40	J. Berry#	11/12	Northampton	3	C. Gentes
12/4	P.I.	35	T. Wetmore	11/13	P.I.	1	T. Wetmore
12/12	Bolton Flats	75	T. Murray	12/5	Nantucket	1	B. Vineau
12/18	Westboro	50+	T. Spahr	<b>Oregon Junco</b>			
12/20	Washington	18	E. Neumuth	12/1	Nantucket	1	M. Aquier
Chipping Sparrow				Lapland Longspur			
11/7	Lincoln	1	M. Rines	thr	P.I.	4-6	v.o.
11/9	Gay Head	60+	S. Anderson	11/10	Salisbury	1	D. + I. Jewell
11/13	Salisbury	1	D. Chickering	11/10	Gay Head	1	A. Keith
11/13	Mashpee	1	M. Keleher	11/22	Northampton	1	A. Magee
11/30	Medford	1	A. Ankers	12/18	Athol	1	Athol CBC
Clay-colored Sparrow				<b>Chestnut-collared Longspur</b> (details submitted) *			
11/6	Truro	2	J. Hoye#	12/15	P.I.	1 ph	B. Gette + D. Weaver
11/7	Gay Head	1	V. Laux#	Snow Bunting			
11/12-13	Cambr. (F.P.)	1	B. Stevens	11/1-12/15	Granville	65 max	J. Weeks
12/18	N. Falmouth	1	Buzzards Bay CBC	11/1-12/16	P.I.	285 max	S. Haydock
12/19	Hadley	1	Northampton CBC	11/2, 12/23	Hadley	35, 2	C. Gentes
12/26	Deerfield	1	Greenfield CBC	11/3	Salisbury	250	MAS (D. Weaver)
Field Sparrow				11/9	Chilmark	65+	A. Keith
11/2	Gay Head	10+	V. Laux#	11/11	Chatham (S.B.)	250+	B. Nikula
11/20	Westport	8	E. Nielsen	11/16	Nahant	50	R. Heil
11/24	Plymouth	3	J. Trimble	11/19	Eastham (F.E.)	200	M. Tuttle
11/27	Rockport (H.P.)	1	P. Brown	11/21	Boston (Logan)	1500	N. Smith
12/12	Medford	1	A. Ankers#	11/21	P'town	80+	B. Nikula#
12/18	Lancaster SF	2	S. + L. Sutton	11/22	Northampton	200	A. Magee
12/28	Mashpee	1	M. Keleher	12/4	Ipswich (C.B.)	110	J. Berry#
Vesper Sparrow				12/26	Nantucket	55	E. Ray
11/1	Granville	1	J. Weeks	12/31	Hyannis	75	S. Mirick#
12/18	Athol	1	Athol CBC	Rose-breasted Grosbeak			
12/19	Northampton	1	Northampton CBC	11/1	Marlboro	1 f	T. Spahr
Lark Sparrow				Blue Grosbeak			
12/2-3	Edgartown	1	L. Reese#	11/4-7	Northampton	1	B. Bieda#
Savannah Sparrow				Indigo Bunting			
11/21	Fairhaven	12	BBC (Stymeist)	11/16	Arlington	1	R. LaFontaine
11/27	Cumb. Farms	20+	ABC (Furbish)	Dickcissel			
12/18	P.I.	1	G. + L. Long	11/4	Ipswich	1	J. Berry
12/28	Mashpee	1	M. Keleher	12/29	Plymouth CBC	1	T. Lloyd-Evans
Ipswich Sparrow				Red-winged Blackbird			
12/4	Ipswich (C.B.)	2	J. Berry#	11/2	Gay Head	250+	V. Laux#
12/29	P.I.	3	T. Murray	11/2	Rowley	300	R. Heil
Grasshopper Sparrow				11/20	Leicester	30	M. Lynch#
11/1	Northampton	1	D. McLain	11/27	Cumb. Farms	125	G. d'Entremont
11/4	Gay Head	1	V. Laux#	12/18	Westboro	9	T. Spahr
11/13	P.I.	1	BBC (S. Grinley)	12/21	DWWS	120	D. Furbish
11/13-17	Belmont	1	K. Hartel + v.o.	12/24	Wakefield	15	P. + F. Vale
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow				12/31	Nantucket	30	G. d'Entremont#
11/14	Eastham (F.H.)	1	J. Trimble#	Eastern Meadowlark			
11/20	Acoaxet	1 ad	E. Nielsen	11/4	DWWS	3	D. Furbish
Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow				11/16	Chatham (M.I.)	6	D. Manchester
11/14	Eastham (F.H.)	4	J. Trimble#	11/20	Barnstable	4	CCBC (Furbish)
Seaside Sparrow				12/2	DWWS	4	D. Furbish
11/14	Eastham (F.H.)	1	B. Nikula#	12/18	Millis CBC	1	E. Landre compiler
12/25	Newbypt	3	R. Heil	12/24	DWWS	2	D. Furbish

<b>Rusty Blackbird</b>				<b>Pine Grosbeak</b>			
11/4	Edgartown	2	A. Keith	11/2	Cummington	8	B. Spencer
11/7	Moran WMA	4	M. Lynch#	11/7	Moran WMA	2	M. Lynch#
11/14	Stoughton	2	G. d'Entremont	<b>Purple Finch</b>			
11/24	Brighton	1	O. Spalding	11/7	Jamaica Plain	3	A. Joslin
12/9	Westboro	2	T. Spahr	11/7	Moran WMA	8	M. Lynch#
12/13	Southwick	1	S. Kellogg	11/10	Falmouth	4 m	G. Gove#
12/17	DWWS	2	D. Furbish	11/10	DWWS	4	D. Furbish
12/19	Wayland	3	G. Long	11/10	Nahant	4	L. Pivacek
12/24	Lexington	2	J. Forbes#	11/11	Williamsburg	6	R. Packard
12/29	Waltham	1	J. Forbes#	11/13	Pepperell	7	M. Resch
<b>Common Grackle</b>				12/5	Peru	6	T. Gagnon
11/2	Gay Head	1000+	V. Laux#	12/6	Windsor	6	B. Banner
11/7	Southwick	5000	S. Kellogg	12/22	Lenox	6	R. Laubach
11/13	Clinton	180+	M. Lynch#	<b>Common Redpoll</b>			
11/14	S. Lancaster	350+	S. Sutton	11/6	Eastham	4	J. Trimble#
12/5	Leicester	4	M. Lynch	11/15	Mt.A.	3	R. Stymeist
12/24	Wakefield	4	P. + F. Vale	11/16	Dorchester	2	R. Donovan
<b>Brown-headed Cowbird</b>				11/19	Newbyp	2	MAS (D. Larson)
11/1	Waltham	50	E. Taylor	12/14	DWWS	2	D. Furbish
11/2	Rowley	1000	R. Heil	12/14	Nahant	8	L. Pivacek
11/5	Natick	100	E. Taylor	12/15	Amherst	6	H. McQueen
11/10	DWWS	3	D. Furbish	12/29	P.I.	6	T. Wetmore
11/11	P.I.	350	R. Heil	12/30	Lexington	8	M. Rines
11/27	Cumb. Farms	3	G. d'Entremont	12/31	Everett	7	M. Rines#
<b>Baltimore Oriole</b>				<b>Pine Siskin</b>			
11/1	Chatham (M.I.)	1	D. Manchester	11/1-12	Reports of 1-8 indiv. from 17 locations		
11/2	Gay Head	6	V. Laux#	11/1-9	Reports of 11-50 indiv. from 9 locations		
11/6	Eastham	1	J. Trimble#	11/4	P.I.	100+	T. Spahr
11/7	N. Truro	1	B. Nikula	11/16	Salisbury	6	J. Offermann#
11/13	Cambr. (F.P.)	1	B. Stevens	11/18, 12/20	Amesbury	2, 1	D. Sevigny
11/15	Amesbury	1 f	D. Sevigny	11/21	New Salem	2	B. Lailey
11/27	S. Dartmouth	1	D. +A. Morgan	11/22	Amherst	2	H. McQueen
12/8-20	Cambridge	1	N. Wheatley	11/23	Mt.A.	3	R. Stymeist
12/13	Lexington	1	M. Rines#	11/27	Rockport (H.P.)	2	P. Brown
12/18	Falmouth	1	Buzzards Bay CBC	12/8-31	E. Middleboro	6-13	K. Anderson



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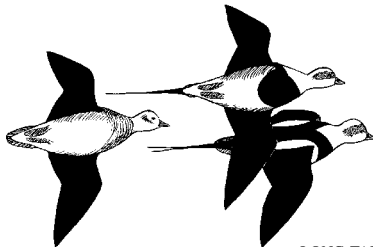
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ABC	Allen Bird Club	ONWR	Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge
A.P.	Andrews Point, Rockport	P.I.	Plum Island
A.Pd	Allens Pond, S. Dartmouth	Pd	Pond
B.	Beach	P'town	Provincetown
Barre FD	Barre Falls Dam,	Pont.	Pontoosuc Lake, Laneshoro
	Barre, Rutland	R.P.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

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