

Wilson's Phalarope
Nine Acre Corner
Concord, MA
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FIELD RECORDS

MAY 1990

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May 1990 averaged cooler and wetter than normal. In 120 years of record keeping, this May was the fourth wettest and twelfth coldest on record. The temperature averaged 55 degrees, 3.5 degrees below normal, due mostly to a very cool latter half of the month. Rain totaled 6.53 inches, slightly more than 3 inches above average. Southerly or southwesterly winds were not frequent with no prolonged southerly flow to encourage migration. However, the cool damp days served to bring birds lower and closer to the observer, and activity was fairly constant.

R.A.F.

LOONS THROUGH WATERFOWL

A fair flight of Common Loons was seen on Cape Cod May 11, and a rather late Red-necked Grebe was present at North Scituate. A few shearwaters moved to Stellwagen Bank, and the 10 fulmars off Chatham constituted a routine but difficult-to-explain May phenomenon. Herons were unremarkable. American Bitterns, however, may have been better reported than usual, and the two pairs of Great Blue Herons nesting in West Peabody represent the first breeding record for Essex County. Otherwise heron reports were low, especially Cattle Egret. The two reports of Tricolored Heron were likely of the same individual. Good numbers of Brants were noted in staging areas prior to their departure northward. Puddle ducks were sparsely recorded, and lingering species of waterfowl included King Eider, Harlequin Duck, and Ruddy Duck.

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DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	MAY 1990
Red-throated Loon				
5, 6	N. Scituate, S. Dartmouth	1, 14	D. Brown#, T. Raymond	
19, 23	P.I.	7, 3	W. Petersen#, W. Drew#	
Common Loon				
6, 7	P.I., Stoughton	3, 2	BBC (P. Stevens), R. Titus	
8, 9	Mt. A.	3, 5	R. Stymeist#, S. Perkins#	
11, 18	N. Truro, Quincy	40+, 6	B. Nikula, E. Taylor	
3-31	Reports of single birds from 5 locations.			
Pied-billed Grebe				
18-19, 26	P.I., Sudbury	1, 1	D. Bechar#, R. Forster	
Horned Grebe				
2; 14, 27	Marblehead Neck; S. Dart.	4; 1, 1	R. Forster; M. Boucher, R. Masturzo	
Red-necked Grebe				
8	N. Scituate	1	T. Aversa	
Northern Fulmar				
6, 18	Stellwagen, 15-20 miles E of Chatham	2, 10	M. Payne, W. Harrington	
Greater Shearwater				
6	Stellwagen Bank	1	M. Payne	
Manx Shearwater				
6, 26	Stellwagen Bank, P'town	1, 2	M. Payne, D. Clapp	
Northern Gannet				
5, 28	N. Scituate, Stellwagen Bank	2+, 1 imm	D. Brown, J. Berry	
Great Cormorant				
5, 26	N. Scituate	1, 1	G. d'Entremont	
13; 19	Wayland, Lakeville; Nahant	3, 3; 4	R. Forster, W. Petersen; A. Bennett#	
Double-crested Cormorant				
thr	P.I.	236 max 5/6	M. Lynch# + v. o.	
25-27	M. V.	142	BBC (D. Davis)	
American Bittern				
2, 6	P.I.	1, 1	T. Aversa, M. Lynch#	
5, 26; 6, 27	Salem; Wayland	1, 1; 1, 2	I. Lynch; S. Perkins, R. Forster	
13, 20; 15	Bolton Flats; Sudbury	1, 2; 1	M. Lynch#; R. Forster	

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Least Bittern 18, 19	Wayland, P.I.	1, 1	R. Walton, J. Berry	
Great Blue Heron 16-31 7, 16	W. Peabody W. Newbury, N. Middleboro	2 pair nesting 12, 3	H. Wiggin# + v. o. P. + F. Vale, K. Holmes	
Great Egret thr 2, 7 11, 13	P.I., Ipswich (Crane B.) S. Dartmouth, Salem Ipswich, Essex	6 max 5/27, 1-3 3, 2 4, 4	BBC (S. Bolton) + v.o., D. Rimmer LCES (J. Hill), I. Lynch J. Berry	
Snowy Egret thr 13, 22 23, 25-27	P.I. Essex, S. Dart. (Allens Pd) Ipswich, M. V.	15 max 5/9 & 5/26 18, 4 6, 12	v. o. J. Berry, LCES (J. Hill) J. Brown, BBC (D. Davis)	
Little Blue Heron 19	Essex	6	I. Giriunas#	
Tricolored Heron 5, 19	Manchester, P.I.	1, 1	BBC (G. Hotz), W. Drew#	
Cattle Egret 15-31 19, 20 23, 30	Ipswich Yarmouthport, Barre Kingston, Hamilton	1 1, 1 1, 2	v. o. C. Smith, M. Lynch# D. Clapp, T. Aversa	
Green-backed Heron thr 2-17, 13	P.I. Mt. A., Gloucester	4 max 5/9 1 or 2 daily, 2	D. Chickering + v. o. v. o., BBC (J. Nove)	
Black-crowned Night-Heron 5, 19 26	Boston (F. Pk), P.I. P.I. Sound	4, 4 5	T. Aversa, J. Berry J. Berry#	
Glossy Ibis 6, 9 11, 12 13, 15 16, 17	Westford, P.I. E. Boston (B.I.), Westport Ipswich-Essex Newbury, Essex	1, 7 2, 1 11, 17 3, 14	M. Lynch#, D. Chickering P. + F. Vale, K. Machado J. Berry, E. Taylor D. Rimmer	
Mute Swan 5, 22 25-27	N. Scituate, S. Dart. M. V.	24, 17 20	G. d'Entremont#, LCES (J. Hill) BBC (D. Davis)	
Brant thr 6, 19 15, 21 19	P.I. Newbypt Harbor Nahant Duxbury	200 max 5/12 200, 157 200, 475 1200	BBC (K. Griffis) + v. o. S. Perkins, H. Wiggin# E. Taylor, R. Forster W. Petersen#	
Canada Goose 13	Lynnfield	61 ad + 94 goslings	R. Stymeist#	
Wood Duck thr 15, 16 9-26	W. Newton GMNWR, Randolph Reports of a total of 37 ducklings from 4 locations.	4 max 12, 3+	T. Kuklinski D. Chickering, G. d'Entremont	
Green-winged Teal 2 6	S. Dart. (Allens Pd), S. Dart. (DLSP) Lincoln, P.I.	12, 9 4, 30	LCES (J. Hill), K. Machado BBC (J. Nove), BBC (P. Stevens)	
American Black Duck thr, 12	Wakefield, P.I.	20, 50	P. + F. Vale, BBC (P. Stevens)	
Northern Pintail thr	P.I.	2-4 max 5/9	T. Aversa + v. o.	
Blue-winged Teal thr, 2 19, 20	P.I., Malden Middleboro, S. Dart. (DLSP)	6 max 5/9, 1 2, 3	W. Drew#, P. + F. Vale W. Petersen#, K. Machado	
Northern Shoveler 1-16	P.I.	3 max 5/6	M. Lynch#	
Gadwall thr, 3 11, 20	P.I., Gloucester S. Dart. (Allens Pd), S. Dart. (DLSP)	58 max 5/23, 6 5, 3	W. Drew#, BBC (J. Nove) LCES (J. Hill), K. Machado	
Common Eider 8 26, 28	Marion N. Scituate, Gloucester	nest with eggs 25, 45+	B. Blodget G. d'Entremont#, J. Berry	
King Eider 26	Nahant	1 m	C. Floyd#	
Harlequin Duck 13, 19	N. Scituate, Lynn	1 m, 1 m	G. d'Entremont, G. Gove#	

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	MAY 1990
Oldsquaw 6, 23	Newburyport	1000, 500	G. d'Entremont, W. Petersen#	
Black Scoter 19, 26; 26	Nahant; N. Scituate	4, 3; 1	R. Stymeist; G. d'Entremont#	
Surf Scoter 10, 13 23, 26	Nahant, Gloucester P.I., N. Scituate	200, 2 1, 2	R. Forster, BBC (J. Nove) H. Williams, G. d'Entremont#	
White-winged Scoter 5, 10 11 26, 27	P.I., Lynn/Nahant Winthrop N. Scituate, P.I.	250+, 700 200+ 5, 4	W. Petersen#, R. Forster P. + F. Vale G. d'Entremont#, BBC (S. Bolton)	
Common Goldeneye 8	Dartmouth	1 m	B. Blodget	
Bufflehead 2, 7 8, 12 13	S. Dart. (DLSP), P.I. Mattapoisett, Wollaston Lakeville, W. Newbury	11, 5 12, 14 3, 6	K. Machado, P. + F. Vale B. Blodget, G. d'Entremont W. Petersen, D. Chickering	
Common Merganser 7, 16 27	Stoneham, Nahant Wachusett Reservoir	2, 1 1 m	T. Aversa, H. Coolidge# K. Machado	
Red-breasted Merganser 2, 22 6, 13 16, 18 21, 26	S. Dartmouth P.I., Gloucester Fairhaven, Monomoy Nahant, P. I. Sound	62, 28 17, 10 4, 400+ 15, 5	LCES (J. Hill) BBC (P. Stevens), BBC (J. Nove) B. Blodget, B. Nikula R. Forster, J. Berry#	
Ruddy Duck 1-18	Arlington Reservoir	1 m	v. o.	

RAPTORS THROUGH CRANES

Turkey Vultures were very well reported and widespread, and Ospreys are doing very well in the Westport area. The now seemingly annual **Mississippi Kite** was seen in Plymouth and North Truro. A good Sharp-shinned Hawk flight occurred on May 2 with figures from both Newburyport and Plum Island, representing the same birds, agreeing very closely and indicating the flight line travelled that day. Cooper's Hawks were also well reported. A dark Rough-legged Hawk in Middleboro on May 8 was late. Merlins were also moving on May 2, and the count of 11 at Plum Island is one of the highest single-day totals in recent memory. Peregrine Falcons were also fairly well reported.

A King Rail was reported from South Dartmouth without details, and both Soras and Virginia Rails were better reported than usual. The count of 5 or 6 Common Moorhens was higher than usual, and the lone coot, now a very rare spring migrant, was seen in Wakefield. The **Sandhill Crane** in Provincetown from April remained the entire month. Remarkably, five other Sandhill Cranes were seen, including two separate individuals in Concord and an individual at Plum Island, which is probably the same bird that has shown up in the Plum Island-Newbury area around Memorial Day for the past several years.

R.A.F.

Turkey Vulture

6	P'town, Bourne	9, 3	B. Nikula, W. Petersen
10, 12	Wakefield, W. Newbury	3, 4	P. + F. Vale, H. Wiggin
22, 26	S. Dart. (Allens Pd), Newbury	4, 4	LCES (J. Hill), J. Brown
Additional reports of a total of 51 birds.			
Osprey 2, 19 25-27, 27 28	P.I., Truro M. V., Barnstable (S.N.) Westport	5, 9 14, 5 or 6 54 active nests	EMHW, B. Nikula# BBC (D. Davis), H. Ferguson R. Stymeist
Mississippi Kite 3, 12	Plymouth (Cedarville), N. Truro	1, 1 sub ad	S. Hecker, T. Carrolan + B. Nikula#
Bald Eagle 3, 5 9, 11; 9-31 19 8-10, 20	Newbypt, N. Scituate N. Truro; outer Cape Cod Lakeville, P.I. Mattapoisett, Rochester	1, 1 ad 1, 1; 2+ imm 1, 1 sub ad 1 imm, 1 imm	EMHW, D. Brown EMHW; v. o. W. Petersen#, J. Berry B. Blodget, K. Machado
Northern Harrier thr 2, 3 15 6-31	N. Truro, P'town P.I. S. Monomoy Reports of 1 or 2 (total 16) from 14 locations.	6 (4 f + 2 m), 3 7, 4 3 nests	B. Nikula, v. o. EMHW, W. Drew# D. Houghton#

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Sharp-shinned Hawk				
2	Newbypt, P.I.	150, 145	EMHW	
3	Newbypt, W. Newbury	3, 13	EMHW	
3, 12, 19	N. Truro	61, 46, 5	EMHW	
Cooper's Hawk				
thr	Boxford	pr at nest	T. Aversa	
2, 12	P.I., N. Truro	3, 2 imm	EMHW, B. Nikula#	
2-26	Reports of single birds from 12 locations.			
Northern Goshawk				
thr	Boxford, W. Boxford	pr nesting, pr nesting	J. MacDougall#	
3, 9	W. Newbury, N. Truro	1, 1 imm	EMHW, T. Carrolan	
19, 20	Lakeville, Petersham	1 ad, 1 ad	S. Perkins#, M. Lynch#	
29	Holliston	pr at nest	T. Aversa	
Red-shouldered Hawk				
thr	E. Middleboro	2 pair	K. Anderson	
thr	N. Dartmouth, Wellesley	2, 1 or 2	K. Machado, R. Forster	
thr	Boxford	pr + 3 yg	v. o.	
12	Quabbin (G22), N. Truro	2, 1	M. Lynch#, EMHW	
12, 26	Newbury, Milton	1, 2	H. Wiggan#, BBC (G. d'Entremont)	
25, 26	Royalston, Templeton	2, 1	B. Blodget	
Broad-winged Hawk				
12, 28	N. Truro	21, 21	B. Nikula#	
Red-tailed Hawk				
thr	Boston (F.Pk)	2 nests, 4 yg	T. Aversa	
Rough-legged Hawk				
8	Middleboro	1 dark	T. Aversa	
American Kestrel				
thr	Ipswich	2 nests	J. Berry	
2, 3	P.I.	54, 0	EMHW	
3, 9, 11	N. Truro	1, 5, 1	EMHW	
Merlin				
2	P.I., Ipswich (Crane B.)	11, 4	EMHW, D. Rimmer	
12, 19	N. Truro	1, 1	B. Nikula#	
16, 19, 26	P.I.	1, 1, 1	v. o.	
26	Scituate	1	D. Brown#	
Peregrine Falcon				
thr	Boston (Custom House)	pr nesting	v. o.	
8, 9	S. Monomoy, N. Truro	1, 2	P. Trull, T. Carrolan	
11, 19	N. Truro	1, 1	B. Nikula	
12, 16, 19	P.I.	1, 1, 1	v. o.	
20, 26	S. Dartmouth, Squantum	1, 1	K. Machado, D. Brown	
Ring-necked Pheasant				
thr	Boston (F.Pk)	4	T. Aversa	
6, 12	Lincoln, W. Newbury	4, 3	BBC (J. Nove), BBC (K. Griffis)	
Ruffed Grouse				
4, 26	Plymouth, Milton	2, 2	G. d'Entremont	
Reports of single birds from 4 locations.				
Wild Turkey				
19	Boxford (C.P.)	2	C. Floyd#	
20, 25	Middleboro, S. Middleboro	1, 1 f	K. Holmes, K. Anderson	
Northern Bobwhite				
thr	Belmont (Rock Meadow)	1-3	J. Heywood#	
25-27, 27	M. V., Medfield	12, 6 (4 ad + 2 yg)	BBC (D. Davis), J. Heywood	
6-26	Reports of 1 or 2 (total 7) from 6 locations.			
King Rail				
20	S. Dartmouth	1	M. Boucher	
Virginia Rail				
thr	Wayland	12 max 5/26	S. Perkins#	
thr	Lynnfield/Wakefield	10 max 5/15	BBC (W. Van Cor) + v. o.	
20	GMNWR	4	M. Boucher	
Reports of 1 or 2 (total 17) from 11 locations.				
Sora				
thr	Wayland	10 max 5/26	S. Perkins	
15	Lynnfield, Sudbury	2, 2	BBC (W. Van Cor), R. Forster	
Reports of single birds from 12 locations.				

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Common Moorhen				
12, 19	P.I.	1, 1	H. Wiggin#, W. Drew#	
13, 18	Bolton Flats, Wayland	1, 1	M. Lynch#, R. Forster	
15, 25; 20	Wakefield; GMNWR	1; 1	P. + F. Vale; M. Boucher	
American Coot				
15	Wakefield	1	P. + F. Vale	
Sandhill Crane				
thr, 3	P'town, Westboro	1, 1	v. o., B. King	
3, 10	Concord, Concord (Nine Acre Corner)	1, 1	T. Raymond#, S. Verrill + v. o.	
12, 27	Lynnfield, P.I.	1, 1	I. Giriunas, BBC (S. Bolton)	

SHOREBIRDS THROUGH TERNS

The shorebird migration was spotty. Some species were very well reported, and others were not. In the first category were Greater Yellowlegs, Least Sandpiper, and Sanderling. Apparently a good flight of Semipalmated Plovers occurred at midmonth. An almost daily survey of Solitary Sandpipers at a sewage treatment plant in Hudson recorded a remarkable 67 birds on May 14. A Ruff in Newburyport was the only one of the spring season. Two individual **Black-necked Stilts** were rare spring visitors. Both Pomarine and Parasitic jaegers were observed, and a rare spring **Franklin's Gull** was seen in Newburyport. Both Little and Common gulls were concentrated in the Boston area. Two Royal Terns in Scituate were quite unusual since they normally do not appear until mid-June. Modest numbers of Black Terns were seen including a small flight on May 19. R.A.F.

Black-bellied Plover				
thr	Newburyport	3-200+ max 5/31	K. Machado + v. o.	
11, 12, 12	Revere, Eastham, Winthrop	10, 50+, 115	P. + F. Vale, W. Petersen, I. Giriunas	
17, 18	Fairhaven, N. Monomoy	40, 600	B. Blodget, B. Nikula	
25-27, 26	M. V., P.I. Sound	206, 200+	BBC (D. Davis), J. Berry	
Semipalmated Plover				
10-31	Ipswich (Crane B.)	4-65	D. Rimmer	
14, 15	S. Dartmouth, Ipswich (Great Neck)	157, 250	K. Machado, J. Brown	
23, 25	Newbypt, N. Monomoy	20, 30	T. Aversa, B. Nikula	
25-27	M. V.	10	BBC (D. Davis)	
Piping Plover				
thr	Ipswich (Crane B.)	20 ad + 12 chicks	D. Rimmer	
thr	P.I.	4-10 ad	D. Rimmer	
11, 22	S. Dart. (Allens Pd), M. V.	2, 6	LCES (J. Hill), D. Rimmer	
26, 28	Scituate, Westport	2, 6	G. d'Entremont#, R. Stymeist#	
Killdeer				
thr	P.I.	15 max	W. Drew# + v. o.	
American Oystercatcher				
thr, 12	N. Monomoy, Eastham	25+, 7	B. Nikula, W. Petersen	
17; 25-27	Mattapoisett, Fairhaven; M. V.	1, 2; 4	B. Blodget; BBC (D. Davis)	
Black-necked Stilt				
16-31	Nantucket	1	Dr. Hayden	
27	Chatham	1	R. Barlow	
Greater Yellowlegs				
2; 12, 23	Newburyport	450; 800, 5	R. Forster; S. Perkins	
13, 19	Acton, Topsfield	12, 10	R. Forster, P. + F. Vale	
21	E. Boston (B.I.)	24	T. Aversa	
Lesser Yellowlegs				
2, 12	Newburyport	6, 30	R. Forster, BBC (K. Griffis)	
13, 20	Acton, Halifax	1, 18	R. Forster, K. Holmes	
Solitary Sandpiper				
3-24	Hudson	67 max 5/14	E. Salmela	
12, 20	Marshfield, Bolton Flats	11, 3	D. Clapp, M. Lynch#	
5-22	Reports of 1 or 2 (total 10) from 9 locations.			
Willet				
thr	P.I., S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	20+ max 5/26, 9 max	J. Berry#, LCES (J. Hill)	
16, 31	Fairhaven, N. Monomoy	1, 30	B. Blodget, B. Nikula	
Spotted Sandpiper				
2, 10-23	Mt. A., Ipswich (Crane B.)	1, 3-5	S. Sweet, D. Rimmer	
11-26	Boston (F.Pk)	8 max 5/19	T. Aversa	
20	Braintree, Bolton Flats	4, 4	D. Morimoto, M. Lynch#	
26, 27	P.I. Sound, Wachusett Res.	4, 4	J. Berry#, K. Machado	
Upland Sandpiper				
thr, 6-31	Newbypt, Middleboro	3 max 5/30, 3 max 5/19	T. Aversa + v. o., W. Petersen#	
5, 26	Eastham, Randolph	1, 1	K. Jones#, G. d'Entremont	

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Ruddy Turnstone				
9, 30; 12	P.I.; Winthrop	1, 2; 10	T. Aversa; I. Giriunas	
16, 23; 25-27	Fairhaven; M. V.	8, 12; 104	B. Blodget; BBC (D. Davis)	
27	Plymouth, Wachuset Res.	60, 1	R. Stymeist, K. Machado	
31	N. Monomoy	250	B. Nikula	
Red Knot				
19, 31	Duxbury, N. Monomoy	2, 80	W. Petersen, B. Nikula	
Sanderling				
1-13, 11	Ipswich (Crane B.), Revere	2-16, 33	D. Rimmer, P. + F. Vale	
26; 28, 31	Nahant; N. Monomoy	190; 500, 1100	R. Stymeist#; H. Ferguson, B. Nikula	
Semipalmated Sandpiper				
12, 28	Newbypt, P.I.	5-10, 25	G. Gove#, G. d'Entremont#	
25-27, 31	M. V., N. Monomoy	12, 500	BBC (D. Davis), B. Nikula	
Least Sandpiper				
2, 12, 14	Newburyport	80, 2500, 3000	R. Forster, S. Perkins, R. Forster	
11-12, 16	Ipswich (Great Neck), P.I.	300+, 136	J. Brown, W. Drew#	
13, 20	Cambridge (F.P.), Bolton	20+, 2	H. Pratt, M. Lynch#	
18, 25	N. Monomoy	400	B. Nikula	
White-rumped Sandpiper				
12, 23	P.I.	1, 1	H. Wiggin, W. Petersen	
14	Newbypt, Ipswich	1, 2	R. Forster, J. Brown	
25	N. Monomoy	25	B. Nikula	
Pectoral Sandpiper				
6	Middleboro, Newbypt	2, 3	W. Petersen, M. Lynch#	
27	P.I.	2	BBC (S. Bolton)	
Purple Sandpiper				
5, 26	N. Scituate	30, 15	G. d'Entremont	
12, 16	Marion (Bird I.), Fairhaven	1, 3	P. Trull, B. Blodget	
21, 30	Marblehead Neck	40, 1	R. Forster, T. Aversa	
Dunlin				
2	Newbypt, S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	120, 51	R. Forster, LCES (J. Hill)	
4, 18	N. Monomoy	600	B. Nikula	
22, 25-27	S. Dart. (Allens Pd), M. V.	28, 4	LCES (J. Hill), BBC (D. Davis)	
23, 24	Fairhaven, Ipswich (Great Neck)	35, 35	B. Blodget, J. Brown	
Ruff				
3-12	Newburyport	1 m	L. Jodrey, G. Soucy + v. o.	
Short-billed Dowitcher				
9, 16	P.I.	6, 15	D. Chickering, W. Drew#	
16, 22	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	13, 22	LCES (J. Hill)	
18, 25; 20	N. Monomoy; Bolton Flats	25; 31	B. Nikula; M. Lynch#	
Common Snipe				
12	Ipswich	1	J. Berry	
American Woodcock				
4, 10	Plymouth (M. Standish)	6, 5	G. d'Entremont#	
13, 14	Hamilton, P.I.	3, 2	J. Berry, R. Forster	
Wilson's Phalarope				
2-31	P.I.	4 max	v. o.	
15	Concord (Nine Acre Corner)	1 m ph	S. Perkins#	
18, 19	N. Monomoy, Newbypt	1, 1	B. Nikula, R. Heil	
Pomarine Jaeger				
26	Stellwagen Bank	1	D. Clapp	
Parasitic Jaeger				
6, 26	Stellwagen Bank	1, 1	M. Payne, D. Clapp	
27	N. Monomoy	1 ad	B. Nikula	
Laughing Gull				
5, 10	Newbypt, Revere	1, 1	R. Stymeist, J. Quigley	
13	E. Boston	1	J. Quigley	
Franklin's Gull				
20	Newburyport	1 ad	R. Maker#	
Little Gull				
14	Newburyport	1 ad	R. Forster	
14; 15, 26; 23	Revere (Point of Pines)	1 (1S); 1 ad; 3 (1S)	J. Quigley	
20-31, 21	Squantum, Lynn	1 ad, 2 (1S)	D. Brown, R. Forster	
Common Black-headed Gull				
7, 14	Revere (Point of Pines)	2 (1S), 1 (1S)	J. Quigley	
13, 21	E. Boston (Suffolk Downs)	1 (1S)	J. Quigley	
19	Lynn	3	C. Floyd#	
23, 27	Newbypt, N. Monomoy	1 (1S), 1 ad	T. Aversa, B. Nikula	

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Bonaparte's Gull				
2, 14; 23	Newburyport	80, 250; 250	R. Forster; S. Perkins#	
10, 21	Nahant, Lynn	80, 362	R. Forster	
14	Revere (Point of Pines)	350	J. Quigley	
27, 31	N. Monomoy	20, 35	B. Nikula#	
Ring-billed Gull				
15	Revere (Point of Pines)	300	J. Quigley	
Herring Gull				
26	Lynn (Breeds Pd)	400	J. Quigley	
Iceland Gull				
7	Newburyport	1	S. Perkins#	
"white-winged" gull species				
27	N. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula	
Great Black-backed Gull				
26	Lynn (Breeds Pd)	60	J. Quigley	
Royal Tern				
18	Scituate	2	D. Clapp	
Roseate Tern				
8, 25-27	Marion, M. V.	23 pr, 3	B. Blodget, BBC (D. Davis)	
Common Tern				
6, 8	Ipswich, Marion	25+, 50 pr	D. Rimmer, B. Blodget	
19, 26	P.I., P.I. Sound	12, 50+	J. Berry	
25-27, 31	M. V., Newbypt	45, 200+	BBC (D. Davis), D. Rimmer	
Arctic Tern				
25-27; 27	M. V.; Plymouth, N. Monomoy	1; 4, 1	BBC (D. Davis); R. Stymeist#, B. Nikula	
Least Tern				
14-31	Ipswich (Crane B.)	10-20	D. Rimmer	
11, 22	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	10	LCES (J. Hill)	
25-27, 26	M. V., Revere (Point of Pines)	61, 2	BBC (D. Davis), J. Quigley	
26, 29	Scituate (Third Cliff), P.I.	75, 200+	G. d'Entremont#, D. Rimmer	
Black Tern				
6, 12	Westminster, Marion (Bird I.)	1, 2	A. Hill, P. Trull	
19	Wayland (Broad Meadow)	3-6	J. Center + v. o.	
19, 26; 27	Newburyport; N. Monomoy	1, 1; 1	v. o.; B. Nikula	

CUCKOOS THROUGH GNATCATCHERS

Both cuckoo species were scarce. A very late Snowy Owl was in Revere on May 27. At least 4 nesting pairs of Northern Saw-whet Owls were discovered. Was this a result of fairly good numbers from winter or is this a normal distribution? A **Chuck-will's-widow** delighted numerous observers at Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary on May 12 when it spent the day perched on a snag. See the photo elsewhere in this issue. Another was heard in Walpole. Whip-poor-wills still maintain fair numbers in those few areas where they continue to breed, especially in the Myles Standish State Forest in Plymouth. A total of 7 Red-headed Woodpeckers was well above what is expected for this scarce migrant. Perhaps one of the surprises of the season was the appearance of a Pileated Woodpecker in the unlikely locale of Marblehead Neck. Flycatcher numbers were modest with most being found late in the month. A spectacular **Fork-tailed Flycatcher** in a Concord cemetery was extremely unusual since most records are in the fall along the coast. See photo in this issue. A good flight of swallows occurred on May 2 and May 19. A Golden-crowned Kinglet nest in Ipswich represents one of the few Essex County breeding records. R.A.F.

Black-billed Cuckoo				
4-26	Reports of single birds at 4 locations.			
Yellow-billed Cuckoo				
7-31	Reports of single birds at 7 locations.			
Barn Owl				
25-27	M. V.	1	BBC (D. Davis)	
Eastern Screech-Owl				
thr, 25-27	Mt. A., M. V.	pr, 1	v. o., BBC (D. Davis)	
Great Horned Owl				
thr	Boxford, Essex, P.I.	nesting pairs	J. Berry + v. o.	
thr	Boston (F.Pk)	nesting pr + 2 yg	T. Aversa	
6, 13	Lincoln, Ipswich	2, 2	BBC (J. Nove), J. Berry	
26, 31	P.I. Sound (Grape I.), Plymouth	2, 1	J. Berry#, G. d'Entremont#	
Snowy Owl				
27	Revere	1 being mobbed by crows	J. Quigley	
Barred Owl				
thr	Boxford	pr + 3 yg	v. o.	
13, 19	Ipswich, Bridgewater	1, 3	J. Berry, W. Petersen	

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Northern Saw-whet Owl				
thr	S. Wellfleet, Brewster	2 nests, 2 dead yg	K. Jones#	
thr	Topsfield	1 nest	J. Holt	
6, 31	Hamilton, Plymouth	1 (from April), 2	J. Berry#, G. d'Entremont#	
Common Nighthawk				
14, 18	Mt. A., Cambridge	4 or 5, 1	R. Stymeist#, W. Petersen#	
20, 23	Bolton Flats, Wayland	1, 2	M. Lynch#, W. Petersen#	
27	Brockton, Princeton	1, 31	R. Titus, S. Perkins#	
Chuck-will's-widow				
12, 28	MNWS, Walpole	1 ph, 1 heard	L. Sager + v. o., D. Munafo	
Whip-poor-will				
4, 26, 31	Plymouth (M. Standish)	4, 6, 41	G. d'Entremont + R. Campbell	
6, 12	Petersham, P.I.	3, 1	A. Hill, S. Perkins#	
19, 25-27	Middleboro, M. V.	6, 4	W. Petersen#, BBC (D. Davis)	
26, 28	Newbury, Otis AFB	8, 5	R. Stymeist#, K. Machado	
Chimney Swift				
2, 2-31	Sherborn, Mt. A.	2, 6-10 daily	E. Taylor, v. o.	
6, 19	Wayland	10, 45+	R. Forster	
7, 9	Ipswich, P.I.	25+, 5	J. Berry, D. Chickering	
11	Medfield, Wayland	20, 20	E. Taylor	
14, 19	Ipswich, IRWS	8, 8	J. Brown	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird				
7, 12	Brookline, Mt. A.	1, 2	R. Stymeist, D. Lange#	
12	W. Newbury	2	D. Chickering	
16	Nahant, P.I.	2, 3	H. Wiggin#, T. Aversa	
19	P'town, N. Truro	2, 2	B. Nikula#	
28-31	E. Middleboro	1-3 at feeder	K. Anderson	
12-27	Reports of single birds from 11 locations.			
Red-headed Woodpecker				
3-5, 8-10	Boston (F.Pk), Westwood	1 ad, 1	T. Aversa, R. Vernon	
9	Cambridge (F.P.), Ipswich	1, 1	J. Barton, M. Hintliand	
21, 28	Eastham, S. Dartmouth	1, 1 ad	W. Bailey, R. Stymeist#	
26-31	Randolph	1 ad	S. Denison	
Red-bellied Woodpecker				
4, 23	Sudbury, Duxbury	1 m (from April), 1 m	R. Forster, D. Clapp	
25-27	M. V.	9	BBC (D. Davis)	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				
25	Royalston	1 f	B. Blodget	
Downy Woodpecker				
6, 12	Lincoln, W. Newbury	5, 15	BBC (J. Nove), BBC (K. Griffis)	
Northern Flicker				
thr, 6	Boston (F.Pk), Lincoln	8 max 5/3, 16	T. Aversa, BBC (J. Nove)	
Pileated Woodpecker				
thr	Boxford, Westford	nesting pairs	v. o., S. Selesky	
5, 6	Manchester, Lincoln	2, 1	BBC (G. Hotz), BBC (J. Nove)	
8; 15, 24	Topsfield; Weston	1; 1, 2	J. Brown; D. Morimoto	
26	Milton, MNWS	1, 1	D. Brown, C. Floyd#	
Olive-sided Flycatcher				
17, 20	N. Dartmouth, Petersham	1, 1	M. Boucher, M. Lynch#	
18, 20, 25	Mt. A.	1, 1, 1	v. o.	
24, 28	P'town	1, 1	S. Highley, B. Nikula	
25	Royalston, Boxford	1, 1	B. Blodget, R. Stymeist#	
Eastern Wood-Pewee				
12, 14	Cambridge (F.P.), Newbypt	1, 1	R. Stymeist, R. Forster	
16, 18-31	P.I., Mt. A.	1, 4 max 5/31	D. Chickering, v. o.	
25, 25-27	Royalston, M. V.	7, 9	B. Blodget, BBC (D. Davis)	
31	Dover	6	P. Iarrobino	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher				
16, 20	MNWS, Princeton	1, 1	D. Chickering, M. Boucher	
18-31	Mt. A.	1 or 2 (almost daily)	v. o.	
20, 23	Petersham, Worcester	1, 1	M. Lynch#	
25, 28	Manomet, DWWS	2 b, 1	MBO, D. Ludlow	
Alder Flycatcher				
20; 25	Bolton Flats; Templeton, Philipston	1; 1, 1	M. Lynch#; B. Blodget	
26	SRV, Lynnfield	2, 1	R. Forster, R. Stymeist	
26, 27	Templeton, Rutland	3, 1	B. Blodget	
Willow Flycatcher				
19, 20	Wayland, Bolton Flats	4, 7	R. Forster, M. Lynch#	
26, 28	Lynnfield, W. Newbury	3, 2	R. Stymeist#, P. + F. Vale	
29	Bolton Flats	6	T. Aversa	

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Least Flycatcher				
2-25	Mt. A.	6 max 5/24	v. o.	
6, 7	ONWR, Petersham	2, 15+	M. Lynch#, A. Hill	
12, 15	Petersham, Quabbin (G40)	5, 17	M. Lynch#, T. Aversa	
16, 19	Nahant, Boston (F.Pk)	3, 3	H. Coolidge#, T. Aversa	
20	Bolton Flats, Petersham	6, 9	M. Lynch#	
25	Philipston	6	B. Blodget	
Eastern Phoebe				
8	Sharon	7	R. Titus	
Great Crested Flycatcher				
2-31	Mt. A.	4 max 5/19	v. o.	
7, 9	Stoneham, P.I.	1, 1	T. Aversa, D. Chickering	
10-31	Boston (F.Pk)	5 max 5/31	T. Aversa	
22, 25-27	Sharon, M. V.	5, 8	R. Titus, BBC (D. Davis)	
Eastern Kingbird				
thr	Mt. A.	6 max 5/15	v. o.	
2, 12; 25-27	Concord; M. V.	3, 5; 7	v. o., K. Anderson; BBC (D. Davis)	
Fork-tailed Flycatcher				
2-3	Concord	1	T. Handley + v. o.	
Horned Lark				
19-27	P.I.	1 or 2	A. + B. Delorey#	
Purple Martin				
thr	P.I.	60 max 5/12	BBC (K. Griffis) + v. o.	
12, 13	IRWS, Hanson	2, 6	I. Lynch, W. Petersen	
Tree Swallow				
12, 19	P.I., Sudbury (Broad Meadow)	50, 2000+	BBC (K. Griffis), R. Forster	
N. Rough-winged Swallow				
1, 6	Sharon, Stoughton	2, 2	R. Titus	
2	P.I., E. Middleboro	1, 4	R. Forster, K. Holmes	
6, 7	Boston, Ipswich	6, 4	E. Nielsen, J. Berry	
12, 20	Lynn, Holden	14, 5	I. Giriunas, M. Lynch#	
Bank Swallow				
12, 19	Ipswich, P.I.	2, 5	J. Berry	
19, 22	Sudbury, Stoughton	75+, 25	R. Forster, R. Titus	
Cliff Swallow				
2, 6	P.I., Wayland	3, 3	R. Forster, S. Perkins#	
12; 13	P.I.; Wayland, GMNWR	6; 1, 2	BBC (K. Griffis); R. Forster	
19	Wayland-Sudbury	12+	R. Forster	
19	N. Truro, Newbury	2, 12+	B. Nikula, J. Berry	
27	Rutland	15 nesting pr	B. Blodget	
Barn Swallow				
2, 6	P.I., Wayland	100+ mig, 250	R. Forster, S. Perkins#	
American Crow				
thr	Boston (F.Pk)	45 max/ 5 nests	T. Aversa	
Fish Crow				
thr; 20, 25	Mt. A.; P'town	4 nesting pr; 1, 2+	R. Stymeist#; B. Nikula	
Black-capped Chickadee				
6, 12	Lincoln, W. Newbury	17, 8	BBC (J. Nove), BBC (K. Griffis)	
Red-breasted Nuthatch				
1-11	Mt. A.	5 max 5/4	v. o.	
2, 5	P.I., Manchester	7, 2	T. Aversa, BBC (G. Hotz)	
5, 20	Malden, Petersham	4, 6	P. + F. Vale, M. Lynch#	
25, 25-27	P.I., M. V.	1, 1	D. Bechar, BBC (D. Davis)	
Brown Creeper				
6, 19	Lincoln, P.I.	14, 1	BBC (J. Nove), A. + B. Delorey	
8, 22; 25-27	Sharon; M. V.	3, 4; 1	R. Titus; BBC (D. Davis)	
Carolina Wren				
thr	Sherborn, Stoughton	2 pr nesting, 2	E. Taylor, R. Titus	
5, 11	Bridgewater, Milford	3, 2	R. Titus, G. Gove#	
25-27, 28	M. V., Westport	9, 10	BBC (D. Davis), R. Stymeist#	
House Wren				
2, 6	Worcester, Boston (F.Pk)	1, 1	M. Lynch#, T. Aversa	
7	Bridgewater/Freetown, Lincoln	3, 1	K. Holmes, W. Petersen	
12, 16	W. Newbury, Worcester	2, 5	H. Wiggin, M. Lynch#	
Winter Wren				
6	Boston (F.Pk), Norwood	1, 1	E. Nielsen, R. Forster	
13, 14	Ipswich, Topsfield	1, 1	J. Brown	
15-31	Weston	1	D. Morimoto	
19, 20	Boxford, Petersham	4 m, 1	R. Stymeist#, M. Lynch#	

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Marsh Wren				
5, 12	P.I.	3, 12	M. Lynch#, BBC (K. Griffis)	
12, 15	IRWS, Lynnfield	3, 3	I. Lynch, BBC (W. Van Cor)	
26	Wayland	35	S. Perkins#	
Golden-crowned Kinglet				
9, 19	P.I., Lakeville	1, 5 on territory	T. Aversa, W. Petersen#	
20	Ipswich	1 or 2 at nest	J. Berry	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				
1-14	Mt. A.	18 max 5/3, 8 on 5/10	v. o.	
6, 19	Lincoln, P.I.	6, 2	BBC (J. Nove), A. + B. Delorey	
23, 25	Worcester, Templeton	1, 1	M. Lynch#, B. Blodget	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				
1-9	Mt. A.	4 max 5/3	v. o.	
2	Wayland, S. Dart. (DLSP)	2 pr, 3	R. Forster, K. Machado	
6, 11	Boxford, Uxbridge	3, 4	W. Petersen#, M. Lynch#	
12, 19	IRWS, Middleboro	6, 4	I. Lynch, W. Petersen#	
20	Quabbin (G22), (G40)	3, 4	M. Lynch#	

THRUSHES THROUGH FINCHES

The passerine migration was reported as being the best in many years from a number of widespread locations. Although there was no prolonged strong southerly flow and southwesterly winds occurred on only three days during May, the cool damp and foggy weather kept birds in our area, and the birding activity was fairly consistent through the month. Several veteran observers at Mount Auburn Cemetery considered the migration to be "just like the old days." When it seemed that migrants were lingering, some birders were even imagining possible nesting at Mount Auburn.

Thrush reports were fairly high this year, considerably higher than May 1989. A good count of 9 Gray-cheeked Thrushes was tallied. Swainson's Thrush numbers exploded with highs occurring May 23 and 24. American Pipits were found on Plum Island early in the month, and another was found at Bolton Flats on May 20. Cedar Waxwings continued to be reported in large numbers early in the month. All six vireo species were recorded, and the total of 6 Philadelphia Vireos reported was high.

A total of thirty-four species of warblers was noted, the same number tallied in May 1989. No Yellow-breasted Chats were reported this year, and only 5 Golden-winged Warblers were noted, down from the total of 10 seen last May. Both hybrid "winged" warblers were observed. Warbler numbers were good most of the month. On May 22-24, twenty-three species were noted at Mount Auburn with several oaks having as many as 18 species in a single tree. Unusual warbler reports included 4 Orange-crowned Warblers at Mount Auburn, 2 Yellow-throated, 4 Prothonotary, 5 Kentucky, and 6 Hooded warblers.

Cerulean Warblers returned to the Gate 40 area of Quabbin Reservation where nesting was confirmed again this year. At Crooked Pond in Boxford, an extremely pale-colored male Cerulean was seen in the same area where a pair of Ceruleans was noted in 1989. Nesting was not confirmed at this location.

Two Summer Tanagers were noted, one more than last May, but a long way from the 12 individuals in May 1988. Three Blue Grosbeaks were seen this year, one of which was beautifully photographed at a feeder in Ipswich. See photo elsewhere in this issue.

Clay-colored Sparrows were reported from East Middleboro, and another male took up residence in Medfield from midmonth through the end of May. Lincoln's Sparrows were much more in evidence this year compared with last May when only one individual was reported.

Pine Siskins lingered at many locations, and nesting was suspected at several spots. Three Red Crossbills were found at Truro, and Evening Grosbeak reports were widespread and continued into late May. R.H.S.

Eastern Bluebird				
6, 11	Lincoln, N. Truro	3, 4	BBC (J. Nove), B. Nikula	
19, 25-27	Boston, M. V.	1, 6	T. Aversa, BBC (D. Davis)	
26, 31	E. Middleboro, Plymouth	2 pr, 2	K. Anderson, G. d'Entremont	
Veery				
1; 2	E. Middleboro; MNWS, Boxford	1; 1, 1	K. Anderson; R. Forster, fide R. Stymeist	
6	P.I., Nantucket	1, 1	M. Lynch#, F. Reed	
8-25	Mt. A.	4 max 5/18	P. Iarrobino + v. o.	
22, 24	Sharon, Weston	3, 4	R. Titus, D. Morimoto	
Gray-cheeked Thrush				
14	Bridgewater, Worcester	1, 1	K. Holmes, M. Lynch#	
14, 17-20	Mt. A.	1, 3 max 5/18	K. Machado, v. o.	
20, 24	Bridgewater, Boston (F.Pk)	2, 1	K. Holmes, T. Aversa	
Swainson's Thrush				
9, 10	MNWS, Waltham	1, 1	T. Aversa, L. Taylor	
11-27	Mt. A., Boston (F.Pk)	22 max 5/23, 15 max 5/24	v. o., T. Aversa	

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Hermit Thrush				
2, 4	MNWS, Plymouth (M. Standish)	9, 5	R. Forster, G. d'Entremont#	
18	Weston, Sherborn	2, 2	E. Taylor	
19, 22; 26	Sharon; Boxford	3, 2; 3	R. Titus; R. Stymeist#	
Wood Thrush				
4, 6	Boston (F.Pk), Lincoln	1, 2	T. Aversa, BBC (J. Nove)	
6	Nantucket, Ipswich	1, 1	E. Andrews#, J. Berry	
7, 14, 23	Worcester (BMB)	4, 6, 4	M. Lynch#	
9-26, 14	Mt. A., Bridgewater	3 max 5/19, 3	v. o., K. Holmes	
25-27, 30	M. V., MNWS	8, 2	BBC (D. Davis), T. Aversa	
American Robin				
6, 13	Lincoln, Gloucester	22, 22	BBC (J. Nove)	
Gray Catbird				
thr	Mt. A., Worcester (BMB)	25+ max 5/19, 26	max 5/16 v. o., M. Lynch#	
3, 6	E. Middleboro, Ipswich	1, 2	K. Anderson, J. Berry	
9, 13	Fall River, Gloucester	24, 23	R. Titus, BBC (J. Nove)	
16, 20, 22	P.I., Bolton Flats, Sharon	12, 20+, 15	D. Chickering, M. Lynch#, R. Titus	
Brown Thrasher				
4, 6	Plymouth (M. Standish), Ipswich	5, 3	G. d'Entremont#, J. Berry	
19, 26	P.I., Salem	6, 6	A. + B. Delorey, I. Lynch	
American Pipit				
5, 6; 20	P.I.; Bolton Flats	5, 1; 1	M. Lynch#	
Cedar Waxwing				
3, 16	Mt. A., Lynnfield	156, 15	R. Stymeist, H. Coolidge#	
18, 19	Fall River, Sharon	24, 24	K. Machado, R. Titus	
White-eyed Vireo				
9, 9-26	DWWS, MNWS	1, 1-3	D. Ludlow, T. Aversa + v. o.	
10, 16, 17	Worcester, Concord, Fairhaven	1, 1, 1	M. Lynch#, R. Shaw, B. Blodget	
22; 28	P.I.; Westport, S. Dart.	1; 6, 4	D. Bechar, R. Stymeist#	
Solitary Vireo				
1-23, 4-25	Mt. A., Boston (F.Pk)	6 max 5/9, 3 max 5/19	v. o., T. Aversa	
12	Petersham (2 locations)	10	M. Lynch#	
20, 22	Milton (Blue Hills), Sharon	1, 1	G. d'Entremont, R. Titus	
Yellow-throated Vireo				
5, 6	Mt. A., S. Dartmouth	1, 1	v. o., T. Raymond	
8-31, 8	Wayland, Uxbridge	1, 1	R. Forster#, T. Aversa	
9	P.I., Worcester	1, 1	D. Chickering, M. Lynch#	
13, 20	GMNWR, Milton (Blue Hills)	1, 1	R. Forster, G. d'Entremont	
22, 29	Wellesley, Bolton Flats	1, 4	R. Forster, T. Aversa	
Warbling Vireo				
1, 2-22	Wayland, Mt. A.	1, 1 or 2	R. Forster, v. o.	
2; 6	P'town; P.I., ONWR	1; 1, 1	B. Nikula; M. Lynch#	
12	Cambridge (2 locations)	20	R. Stymeist	
19, 20	Wakefield, Bolton Flats	3, 8	P. + F. Vale, M. Lynch#	
Philadelphia Vireo				
16, 17	P.I.	1, 2	T. Aversa, D. Chickering	
19, 24-25	MNWS, Mt. A.	1, 1	C. Floyd#, A. Dasinger + v. o.	
26, 27	Newbypt, W. Boylston	1, 1	G. Gove#, K. Machado	
Red-eyed Vireo				
7-31	Mt. A.	12 max 5/22	v. o.	
9, 16	Fall River, Worcester (BMB)	2, 7	R. Titus, M. Lynch#	
20	Petersham	14	M. Lynch#	
Blue-winged Warbler				
2, 4	MNWS, Natick	1, 4	R. Forster, J. Miller	
6, 9-17	Ipswich, Mt. A.	1, 1-3	J. Berry, v. o.	
12	E. Middleboro, W. Newbury	8, 9	K. Anderson#, BBC (K. Griffis)	
19, 22	Weston, Sharon	6, 7	BBC (B. Howell), R. Titus	
Golden-winged Warbler				
19, 23-31	Topsfield, Groveland	1, 1 or 2	H. Wiggin#, T. Aversa + v. o.	
26	Royalston, Newbypt	1, 1 f	B. Blodget, C. Floyd#	
"Brewster's Warbler"				
23-31	Groveland	1	T. Aversa + v. o.	
"Lawrence's Warbler"				
19	Byfield	1	R. Stymeist#	
Tennessee Warbler				
1, 7	Nantucket, Bridgewater	1, 2	E. Andrews, K. Holmes	
9-26, 16	Mt. A., Worcester (BMB)	22 max 5/22, 12	v. o., M. Lynch#	
17-25, 20	Boston (F.Pk), Braintree	11 max 5/18, 6	T. Aversa, D. Morimoto	
24, 27	Weston, P.I.	3, 3	D. Morimoto, BBC (S. Bolton)	

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Orange-crowned Warbler				
3-4, 12-13	Mt. A.	1, 1	R. Stymeist#	
19-20, 22-23	Mt. A.	1, 1	R. Abrams#, A. Bennett#	
Nashville Warbler				
2-26, 4-17	Mt. A., Boston (F.Pk)	9 max 5/8, 3 max 5/10	v. o., T. Aversa	
23	Brookline, Worcester	1, 1	H. Wiggin, M. Lynch#	
Northern Parula				
1-30, 2	Mt. A., MNWS	20 max 5/23, 8	v. o., R. Forster	
3-24, 6-27	Boston (F.Pk), P.I.	9 max 5/24, 8 max 5/19	T. Aversa, v. o.	
13, 23	Gloucester, Brookline	8, 2	BBC (J. Nove), H. Wiggin	
Yellow Warbler				
2-30, 2	Mt. A., E. Middleboro	10+ max 5/19, 1	v. o., K. Holmes	
4, 6	GMNWR, Lincoln	4, 2	M. Lynch#, BBC (J. Nove)	
6-31, 12	P.I., Cambridge	29 max 5/19, 15	A. + B. Delorey#, R. Stymeist	
16, 20	Worcester (BMB), Bolton Flats	26, 28	M. Lynch#	
Chestnut-sided Warbler				
2-31	Mt. A.	15 max 5/19	v. o.	
7, 10-25	N. Middleboro, Boston (F.Pk)	1, 8 max 5/24	K. Holmes, T. Aversa	
12, 20	W. Newbury, Bolton Flats	15, 6	BBC (K. Griffis), M. Lynch#	
Magnolia Warbler				
5-26, 8-31	Boston (F.Pk), Mt. A.	25 max 5/24, 26	max 5/24 T. Aversa, v. o.	
10; 20, 26	MNWS	8; 5+, 5+	R. Forster; P. + F. Vale	
16, 23; 20	Worcester (BMB); Braintree	10, 2; 5	M. Lynch#; D. Morimoto	
22, 27	Sharon, P.I.	4, 5	R. Titus, D. Chickering	
Cape May Warbler				
8, 9	W. Newton, MNWS	1, 2	T. Kuklinski, T. Aversa	
9-10, 16-24	Mt. A.	2-4, 1 or 2	v. o.	
10, 14	Boston (F.Pk), Newbypt	2, 1	T. Aversa, D. Chickering	
16, 20	Worcester (BMB), Petersham	1, 1	M. Lynch#	
24	P.I.	1	D. Chickering	
Black-throated Blue Warbler				
5-30, 10-26	Mt. A., Boston (F.Pk)	15 max 5/11, 3 max 5/24	v. o., T. Aversa	
12	MNWS, P.I.	4, 2	J. Brown, D. Chickering	
12, 20	Petersham	4, 7	M. Lynch#	
Yellow-rumped Warbler				
1-27	Mt. A.	80 max 5/2	v. o.	
2, 12	P'town	150, 25	B. Nikula	
3, 26	Wayland	100, 1	R. Forster	
6, 14, 28	P.I.	29, 15, 1	M. Lynch#, D. Chickering, P. + F. Vale	
7, 9, 16	Worcester (BMB)	15+, 10+, 4	M. Lynch#	
Black-throated Green Warbler				
2-30, 5-25	Mt. A., Boston (F.Pk)	20 max 5/23, 8 max 5/18	v. o., T. Aversa	
6	Lincoln, Boxford	5, 5	BBC (J. Nove), W. Petersen#	
7	Petersham	10+	A. Hill	
7, 9, 14	Worcester (BMB)	2, 4, 2	M. Lynch#	
Blackburnian Warbler				
3-29	Mt. A.	21 max 5/23	v. o.	
6, 9	Boxford, Stoughton	2, 2	W. Petersen#, R. Titus	
9, 16, 23	Worcester (BMB)	1, 5, 2	M. Lynch#	
19	Newbypt, P.I.	4, 4	J. Berry, A. + B. Delorey	
20, 22	Petersham, Sharon	3, 4	M. Lynch#, R. Titus	
24, 27	Boston (F.Pk), P.I.	5, 3	T. Aversa, BBC (S. Bolton)	
28	Weston	3	D. Morimoto	
Yellow-throated Warbler				
1, 4	Wayland (Hearsd Pd), Mt. A	1 m, 1 m	R. Forster#, D. F. Oliver# + v. o.	
Pine Warbler				
6	Hamilton, Lincoln	2, 7	J. Berry, BBC (J. Nove)	
9, 12	Fall River, Petersham	5, 3	R. Titus, M. Lynch#	
20, 22	Gardner, Sharon	2, 5	M. Lynch#, R. Titus	
Prairie Warbler				
8	Middleboro-Bridgewater, Sharon	8, 2	K. Holmes, R. Titus	
9	Stoughton, Fall River	2, 12	R. Titus	
9-25, 11	Mt. A., Ipswich	4 max 5/19, 1	v. o., J. Berry	
16, 22	Worcester, Sharon	3, 12	M. Lynch#, R. Titus	
26, 31	Milton (Blue Hills), Dover (Noanet)	6, 2	BBC (G. d'Entremont), P. Iarrobino	
Palm Warbler				
1-8, 15-16, 22-24	Mt. A.	4 max 5/3, 1, 1	v. o.	
13, 16	P.I.	1, 1	D. Chickering	

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Bay-breasted Warbler				
9, 11-31	MNWS, Mt. A.	3, 13 max 5/19	T. Aversa, v. o.	
16, 23; 16, 25	Worcester (BMB); Wenham	11, 3; 2, 2	M. Lynch#; J. Brown	
16, 17-25	P.I., Boston (F.Pk)	2, 3 max 5/25	D. Chickering, T. Aversa	
20, 24	Braintree, Weston	5, 2	D. Morimoto	
Blackpoll Warbler				
9-31, 18-31	Mt. A., Boston (F.Pk)	12 max 5/22, 5	max 5/25 v. o., T. Aversa	
20, 26	Braintree, P'town	5, 15	D. Morimoto, B. Nikula	
Cerulean Warbler				
12	Quabbin (G40)	pair	M. Lynch#	
19-31	Boxford	2 m	R. Heil + v. o.	
Black-and-white Warbler				
thr, 1-26	Boston (F.Pk), Mt. A.	15 max 5/5, 15	max 5/19 T. Aversa, v. o.	
7, 16, 23	Worcester (BMB)	3, 4, 4	M. Lynch#	
8, 9	Sharon, MNWS	8, 28	R. Titus, T. Aversa	
12, 16	W. Newbury, P.I.	6, 8	BBC (K. Griffis), D. Chickering	
American Redstart				
9, 9-31	MNWS, Mt. A.	4, 35 max 5/19	T. Aversa, M. Lynch#	
9, 16, 23	Worcester (BMB)	2, 9, 8	M. Lynch#	
11-31, 12	Boston (F.Pk), Waltham	24 max 5/24, 4	T. Aversa, L. Taylor	
20	Bolton, Petersham	8, 14	M. Lynch#	
24, 26	Weston, MNWS	5, 10+	D. Morimoto, P. + F. Vale	
27, 31	P.I., Dover (Noanet)	10+, 14	J. Berry, P. Iarrobino	
Prothonotary Warbler				
1-9, 8	MNWS, Weston	1 f, 1 m	v. o., fide R. Stymeist	
8-9	Cambridge (F.P.)	1 m	J. Barton + v. o.	
19	Essex	1	A. Bennett#	
Worm-eating Warbler				
4, 6, 8, 18, 23	Mt. A.	1 each day	v. o.	
8, 15-28	Bridgewater, Weston	1, 1	K. Holmes, D. Morimoto	
20, 26	Milton (Blue Hills)	1, 2+	G. d'Entremont#	
Ovenbird				
2, 11; 4-26	E. Middleboro; Mt. A.	1, 3; 6 max 5/23	K. Anderson, v. o.	
6; 7-31	Ipswich, Boxford; Worcester (BMB)	1, 2; 5 max 5/9	J. Berry; M. Lynch#	
8, 22; 9	Sharon; Fall River	14, 26; 13	R. Titus	
10, 11-26	Nahant, Boston (F.Pk)	4, 5 max 5/24	R. Forster, T. Aversa	
15, 20	Quabbin (G40), Petersham	12, 21	T. Aversa, M. Lynch#	
20, 24	Milton (Blue Hills), Weston	6, 8	G. d'Entremont, D. Morimoto	
31	Dover (Noanet)	8	P. Iarrobino	
Northern Waterthrush				
1-8, 15, 23	Mt. A.	4 max, 1, 1	v. o.	
1	Boston (F.Pk), Holliston	1, 5	T. Aversa	
2, 12	MNWS, Cambridge (Charles R.)	3, 5	R. Forster, R. Stymeist	
Louisiana Waterthrush				
thr	Boxford (C.P.)	3 singing m	v. o.	
20	Petersham, Princeton	3, 1	M. Lynch#, M. Boucher	
20-26, 22	Milton (Blue Hills), Westport	1+, 1	G. d'Entremont, R. Stymeist#	
23	Boxford (C.P.)	nest w/ 5 yg	W. Petersen#	
Kentucky Warbler				
8; 10, 16	Uxbridge; Mt. A.	1; 1, 1	T. Aversa; v. o.	
12	Boston (F.Pk), MNWS	1, 1	T. Aversa, R. Heil#	
Mourning Warbler				
20-31, 25	Mt. A., P.I.	1 or 2, 1	v. o., D. Bechar	
26	Salem, Lynn	1, 1	I. Lynch, J. Quigley	
26-28	P'town	1 or 2	B. Nikula#	
Common Yellowthroat				
2, 4	MNWS, GMNWR	1, 1	R. Forster, M. Lynch#	
7-31, 8-27	Worcester (BMB), Mt. A.	29 max 5/16, 9	max 5/23 M. Lynch#, v. o.	
10; 20, 26	MNWS	8; 10+, 10+	R. Forster; P. + F. Vale	
19, 20	P.I., Bolton	14, 28	A. + B. Delorey, M. Lynch#	
22, 31	Sharon, Dover (Noanet)	20, 8	R. Titus, P. Iarrobino	
Hooded Warbler				
1-3, 15-16, 23	Mt. A.	2, 1 f, 1 f	v. o.	
19, 22	P.I., Sharon	1 f, 1 m	H. Wiggin#, R. Titus	
Wilson's Warbler				
8-28, 10-25	Mt. A., Boston (F.Pk)	11 max 5/23, 5	max 5/24 v. o., T. Aversa	
20, 26	MNWS	5+, 1	P. + F. Vale	
Canada Warbler				
10-27, 17-26	Mt. A., Boston (F.Pk)	20 max 5/19, 13	max 5/24 v. o., T. Aversa	
20, 22	Braintree, Sharon	4, 4	D. Morimoto, R. Titus	

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Summer Tanager 17, 19	Mt. A., Concord (Nine Acre Corner)	1, 1	A. Scott#, R. Forster#	
Scarlet Tanager 6, 7	P.I., Brookline	1, 1	M. Lynch#, R. Stymeist	
8	Middleboro, Nantucket	1, 1	K. Holmes, E. Andrews	
8-29, 9-31	Mt. A., Worcester (BMB)	7 max 5/19, 13 max 5/16	v. o., M. Lynch#	
12, 15-31	Waltham, Sherborn	2 m, 10 max	L. Taylor, E. Taylor	
20, 26	Milton (Blue Hills)	8, 7	G. d'Entremont#	
22, 24	Sharon, Weston	6, 8	R. Titus, D. Morimoto	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak 5, 6, 7	Nantucket	6, 13, 9	E. Andrews	
8, 9-26	Ipswich, Mt. A.	1, 12 max 5/12	J. Berry, v. o.	
9-31	Worcester (BMB)	12 max 5/16	M. Lynch#	
11, 12	Canton (F.M.)	1, 6	E. Taylor	
16, 19	Marlboro, P.I.	2, 13	R. Graefe, A. + B. Delorey	
Blue Grosbeak 8-10	Marshfield	1	fide D. Clapp	
19-25, 24	Ipswich, P'town	1 ph, 1	S. Burton, S. Highley	
Indigo Bunting 6, 10	Nantucket, Boston (F.Pk)	1, 1	E. Andrews, T. Aversa	
11-19, 15	Mt. A., Wellesley	4 max 5/18, 1	v. o., R. Forster	
30	Newbury	3	D. Chickering	
Rufous-sided Towhee 8, 16	Sharon, Worcester (BMB)	26, 11	R. Titus, M. Lynch#	
25-27, 26	M. V., Milton (Blue Hills)	76, 14	BBC (D. Davis), BBC (G. d'Entremont)	
27	Newburyport area	20	BBC (S. Bolton)	
Chipping Sparrow thr	Mt. A.	12-15 pair	v. o.	
Clay-colored Sparrow 12, 18-31	E. Middleboro, Medfield	1, 1	K. Anderson, H. Robbins# + v. o.	
Field Sparrow 12, 16	E. Middleboro, Worcester (BMB)	nest w/ 3 eggs, 6	K. Anderson#, M. Lynch#	
22, 30	Sharon, Newbury	3, 4	R. Titus, D. Chickering	
Vesper Sparrow 22	P'town	2	T. Aversa	
Savannah Sparrow 1, 4	Wakefield, Boston (F.Pk)	15, 4	P. + F. Vale, T. Aversa	
6, 13	P.I., Arlington	2, 1	M. Lynch#, L. Taylor	
Grasshopper Sparrow 25-27	M. V.	2	BBC (D. Davis)	
Sharp-tailed Sparrow 16-31, 16	P.I., W. Falmouth	20+ max 5/26, 1	v. o., B. Blodget	
16, 22; 26	S. Dart. (Allens Pd); N. Scituate	10, 8; 1	LCES (J. Hill); G. d'Entremont#	
Seaside Sparrow 16, 26	S. Dart. (Allens Pd), P.I.	3, 3 or 4	LCES (J. Hill), R. McHale#	
Song Sparrow 6, 25-27	P.I., M. V.	27, 65	M. Lynch#, BBC (D. Davis)	
Lincoln's Sparrow 7-8, 10	Petersham, Belmont	1, 1	W. Fregeau, L. Taylor	
11, 19; 12-25	Boston (F.Pk); Mt. A.	1, 1; 6 or 7	T. Aversa; v. o.	
19, 22, 23	IRWS, Sharon, P.I.	2, 1, 1	J. Brown, R. Titus, A. Williams	
Swamp Sparrow 2, 19	MNWS, Mt. A.	10, 1	R. Forster, v. o.	
19, 20	IRWS, Bolton Flats	4, 12	J. Brown, M. Lynch#	
White-throated Sparrow 2, 10	MNWS	75, 35	R. Forster	
3, 23	Mt. A.	100+, 4	R. Stymeist#	
10, 28	Nahant, P.I.	35, 1	R. Forster, P. + F. Vale	
White-crowned Sparrow 4, 12, 20, 23	Mt. A.	1, 1, 1, 1	v. o.	
5-8, 5	Nantucket, Rowley	1, 1	E. Andrews#, M. Argue#	
7, 10	Petersham, Nahant	1, 3	A. Hill, R. Forster	
11-22, 15	P.I., IRWS	5 max 5/22, 1	v. o., K. Machado	
16	Worcester (BMB), Boston (F.Pk)	2, 1	M. Lynch#, T. Aversa	
19, 22	Wakefield, E. Middleboro	1, 1	P. + F. Vale, K. Anderson	
Dark-eyed Junco 2, 20	Mt. A., Petersham	4, 1	R. Stymeist, M. Lynch#	
Bobolink 13	Bolton Flats, Acton	3, 100+	M. Lynch#, R. Forster	
19-31, 19	Sherborn, Mt. A.	12, 1	E. Taylor, M. Lynch#	

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Red-winged Blackbird				
6, 15	P.I., Lynnfield	120+, 26	M. Lynch#, BBC (W. Van Cor)	
20	Bolton Flats	50+	M. Lynch#	
Eastern Meadowlark				
thr	Holliston, Sharon	2, 3	T. Aversa, R. Titus	
16	Beverly (airport)	2	J. Brown	
Rusty Blackbird				
2	GMNWR, Wayland	5, 1	C. Floyd#, W. Petersen#	
Brown-headed Cowbird				
8	Sharon (Ward Farm)	70	R. Titus	
Orchard Oriole				
2, 12, 16	Mt. A.	1 ad m, 1 imm m, 1 f v. o.		
8, 9	N. Dartmouth, Woburn	1 imm m, 1 imm m	M. Boucher, J. Berry	
11, 13	Milford, Acton	1 ad m, 1 imm m	M. Lynch#, R. Forster	
15	Wayland, Sudbury	3, 1	R. Forster	
15, 15-31	Newbury, Wellesley	2, 1 imm m	D. Chickering, R. Forster	
19, 26	Middleboro, Peabody	1 imm m, 1 ad m	+ 1 f W. Petersen#, R. Stymeist#	
27	P.I.	1	D. Chickering	
Northern Oriole				
2	Concord, Wayland	1, 1	R. Stymeist#, W. Petersen#	
2, 4-31	N. Middleboro, Mt. A.	1, 10 max 5/19	K. Holmes, v. o.	
4-31, 5	Boston (F.Pk), Newbypt	16 max 5/18, 2	T. Aversa, M. Lynch#	
8, 16	Sharon, Worcester (BMB)	6 m, 13	R. Titus, M. Lynch#	
Purple Finch				
1, 2	Nantucket	1 m + 4 f, 5 m + 5 f	E. Andrews	
2, 8	Acton, Sharon	4, 3	R. Forster, R. Titus	
11, 23	Mt. A., P.I.	4, 5	P. Shapiro#, A. Williams	
House Finch				
28	Annisquam	9 nests	B. Rielly#	
Red Crossbill				
11	N. Truro	3	B. Nikula	
Pine Siskin				
2, 6; 2	Nantucket; MNWS	1, 3; 1	E. Andrews; R. Forster	
2; 3, 4	Quincy; Mt. A.	1; 3, 2	G. d'Entremont; R. Stymeist#	
6	Boxford, Ipswich	2+, 1	W. Petersen#, J. Berry	
11, 12, 19	N. Truro	2, 1, 7	B. Nikula#	
18, 19	Boxford, Wenham	1, 1	J. Brown	
Evening Grosbeak				
2, 6	P'town, Mt. A.	1, 1	B. Nikula, G. d'Entremont*	
6, 9-10	Lincoln, MNWS	23, 1	BBC (J. Nove), T. Aversa#	
9-10, 13	Hopkinton, Ipswich	1, 10	G. Gove#, J. Berry	
19, 20	P.I., Westford	8-10, 2	J. Berry, J. Jones	
22, 23	Sharon, Boxford	2, 1	R. Titus, W. Petersen#	

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