



FIELD RECORDS

NOVEMBER 1990

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November 1990 was very mild, sunny, and dry. The temperature averaged 48.5 degrees, 3.3 degrees above normal. This ranks as the seventh warmest November in 120 years of records. The high was 77 degrees on November 4. There were five days in the seventies, including the 74 degrees on November 28 that was a new high for so late in the season. The lowest temperature was 28 degrees on November 13. Precipitation totaled 1.39 inches, 2.82 inches less than normal. Snowfall was just a trace. R.H.S.

LOONS THROUGH WATERFOWL

An excellent one-hour count of Red-throated Loons was made in Dennis, and Common Loons were numerous. Pied-billed Grebes again were well reported, and the handful of Red-necked Grebe sightings included an inland report from Quabbin. Singles of Manx Shearwater and Leach's Storm-Petrel were observed during a storm on November 18. Excellent numbers of Northern Gannet occurred, especially late in the month at Chatham. Very few lingering herons were observed. Waterfowl reports were very ordinary; for the most part numbers were unimpressive, and no exceptional species were found. Reports of two Barrow's Goldeneyes and three King Eiders were overshadowed by several reports of Harlequin Ducks, with as many as nine in one group at Rockport. Hooded Mergansers were widely noted and were numerous. R.A.F.

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	NOVEMBER 1990
Red-throated Loon				
thr, 4	P.I., Wachusett Res.	93 max 11/1, 1	W. Drummond + v. o., M. Lynch#	
18, 19	Rockport, Dennis (Corp. B.)	35+, 1130 in 1 hour	M. Lynch#, B. Nikula	
24	Truro	15	J. Young	
Common Loon				
1, 17	P.I.	81, 7	W. Drew#, A. + B. Delorey	
3, 4	Quabbin (G37), Wachusett Res.	12, 27	M. Lynch#	
4, 5	Lakeville, Westport	2, 4	W. Petersen, M. Boucher	
18, 27	Rockport, Ipswich	108, 6	M. Lynch#, D. Rimmer	
22	Quabbin (G37)	18	S. Perkins#	
Pied-billed Grebe				
1, 3	P.I.	5, 3	W. Drew#, A. + B. Delorey	
3, 4	GMNWR, Sterling	6, 1	BBC (R. Vernon), B. Blodget	
4, 22; 8	Lakeville; Canton	7, 14; 4	W. Petersen, M. Boucher; K. Ryan	
12, 25	Plymouth, Medford	3, 2	G. d'Entremont#, BBC (J. Kennedy)	
28	Chatham (Lovers Lake)	6	T. Aversa	
Reports of singles from 8 locations.				
Horned Grebe				
thr	P.I.	12 max 11/1	W. Drew# + v. o.	
4	Wachusett Res., Lakeville	6, 15	M. Lynch#, W. Petersen	
14, 17	Winthrop, Quincy	30, 30	T. Aversa, E. Taylor	
18	Manchester-Magnolia, Boston H.	14, 64	J. Berry, TASL (M. Hall)	
22	Quabbin (G37)	25	S. Perkins#	
Red-necked Grebe				
3, 11	Quabbin (G37), Manomet	1, 1	M. Lynch#, G. d'Entremont#	
18, 23	Rockport	1, 10	M. Lynch#, D. Chickering	
Manx Shearwater				
18	Dennis (Corp. B.)	1	B. Nikula	
Leach's Storm-Petrel				
18	Barnstable (S.N.)	1	T. Prince	
Northern Gannet				
6-30	Rockport (A.P.)	1060+ max 11/6	I. Giriunas + v. o.	
11	Manomet, N. Scituate	10, 25	G. d'Entremont#	
11, 26	Eastham (F.E.), Chatham (Morris I.)	2500+, 10,000+	B. Nikula	

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Great Cormorant				
4, 11	Lakeville, Manomet	3, 5	W. Petersen, G. d'Entremont#	
18	Rockport, Magnolia	24, 74	M. Lynch#, J. Berry	
18	Boston Harbor, Falmouth	37, 10	TASL (M. Hall), P. Trimble	
Double-crested Cormorant				
4	Lakeville, Wachusett Res.	13, 12	W. Petersen, M. Lynch#	
10, 16, 22	Worcester (Indian Lake)	4, 2, 1	M. Lynch#	
18	Boston Harbor	120	TASL (M. Hall)	
American Bittern				
4, 11	P.I., Eastham	3, 1	P. + F. Vale, M. Lynch#	
11, 18	Rowley, Truro	1, 1	J. Berry, K. Jones	
Great Blue Heron				
4, 7	P.I., S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	22, 10	P. + F. Vale, LCES (R. Maker)	
18, 28	Boston Harbor, Eastham (F.H.)	20, 16	TASL (M. Hall), T. Aversa	
Great Egret				
3	P.I.	1	A. + B. Delorey	
Snowy Egret				
4, 17	Ipswich, Quincy	1, 1	BBC (J. Berry), E. Taylor	
Black-crowned Night-Heron				
3, 14	P.I., Boston (Muddy River)	1, 2	E. Taylor, T. Aversa	
Mute Swan				
10, 10-30	Ipswich, Arlington	4, 1	J. Berry, L. Taylor#	
11	Plymouth, N. Scituate	58, 31	G. d'Entremont#	
Snow Goose				
1, 15; 17	P.I.	6, 15; 11	W. Drummond; A. + B. Delorey	
1	E. Boston (airport)	6	N. Smith	
21, 22	Ipswich, S. Monomoy	1, 1	I. Giriunas, B. Nikula	
Brant				
10, 15	Worcester, P.I.	1, 21	M. Lynch#, W. Drew#	
17, 18	Quincy, Boston Harbor	1400, 1387	E. Taylor, TASL (M. Hall)	
Canada Goose				
thr	P.I., Cambridge (F.P.)	390 max, 93 max	v. o., D. Flood	
4, 10	Wachusett Res., Lakeville	490, 400+	M. Lynch#, BBC (D. Davis)	
10, 24	Worcester	300+, 608	M. Lynch#	
16	Clinton, Holden	520, 117	M. Lynch#	
29	Wakefield	200+	P. + F. Vale	
29	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	449	LCES (R. Maker)	
Wood Duck				
3, 12	GMNWR, S. Dart.	3, 2	BBC (R. Vernon), M. Boucher	
Green-winged Teal				
thr	P.I., Arlington	245 max 11/1, 38	max 11/25 v. o., L. Taylor + v. o.	
22	S. Monomoy	40 (low)	B. Nikula#	
American Black Duck				
thr	P.I.	600+ max 11/25	v. o.	
18, 22	Boston Harbor, S. Monomoy	1502, 200	TASL (M. Hall), B. Nikula	
Mallard				
10, 18	Worcester, Boston Harbor	220+, 103	M. Lynch#, TASL (M. Hall)	
Northern Pintail				
thr	P.I.	15 max 11/15	v. o.	
11, 22	Easton, S. Monomoy	1, 6+ (very low)	K. Ryan, B. Nikula#	
Blue-winged Teal				
17	P.I.	2	A. + B. Delorey	
Northern Shoveler				
thr, 22	P.I., S. Monomoy	4 max, 75	v. o., B. Nikula#	
Gadwall				
thr, 4-24	P.I., Worcester	10 max, 1	v. o., B. Blodgett#	
4, 11	Ipswich, Plymouth	30+, 31	BBC (J. Berry), G. d'Entremont#	
12, 22	S. Dart., S. Monomoy	1, 12+ (low)	M. Boucher, B. Nikula	
Eurasian Wigeon				
thr	Chatham (Lovers Lake)	1 m	v. o.	
American Wigeon				
thr	Cambridge (F.P.), Arlington	22 max 11/11, 15	max 11/13 D. Flood#, L. Taylor#	
thr	Worcester, P.I.	24 max 11/16, 13	max 11/1 M. Lynch#, v. o.	
10, 11	Ipswich, Sudbury	25+ (low), 150	J. Berry, R. Forster	
11	Plymouth, Manomet	19, 25	G. d'Entremont#	
Canvasback				
thr	Cambridge (F.P.)	163 max 11/18	D. Flood + v. o.	
3, 4	Arlington, Lakeville	1, 45	L. Taylor, W. Petersen	
16	Fall River-Westport	240	B. Sorrie	
17, 18	P.I. (salt pannes), Falmouth	1, 20	A. + B. Delorey# + v. o., P. Trimble	

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Redhead 18	Falmouth	2	P. Trimble	
Ring-necked Duck thr 10, 13 16	Marlboro (Fort Meadow Reservation) W. Newbury, Southboro Fall River-Westport	220 max 130, 17 250+	11/20 R. Graefe D. Chickering, B. Blodget B. Sorrie	
Greater Scaup 1, 4 16, 18	P.I., Sterling Sterling, Boston Harbor	40, 43 54, 176	W. Drew#, B. Blodget M. Lynch#, TASL (M. Hall)	
Lesser Scaup 4-14	W. Newbury	4 max 11/11	S. Charette + v. o.	
scaup species 4, 18	Lakeville, Falmouth	900, 950	W. Petersen, P. Trimble	
Common Eider 6, 18 17, 18 18	Rockport Brewster, Magnolia Boston Harbor	760, 2252 300+, 20 2419	I. Giriunas, M. Lynch# J. Berry TASL (M. Hall)	
King Eider 18 25	Rockport, Westport Quincy	1, 1 imm m 1	M. Lynch#, S. Bolton G. d'Entremont	
Harlequin Duck 3-4, 11 18, 18-25 25	Nahant, N. Scituate Westport, Rockport E. Orleans	2, 1 1 m, 9 max 1	L. Pivacek, G. d'Entremont# S. Bolton, I. Giriunas + v. o. A. + E. Williams	
Oldsquaw 6, 18 18, 24	Rockport Hull, Ipswich	330, 80 35, 33	I. Giriunas, M. Lynch# TASL (M. Hall), BBC (I. Giriunas)	
Black Scoter 1, 4 6, 18	P.I., Wachusett Res. Rockport	317, 2 60, 47	W. Drew#, M. Lynch# I. Giriunas, M. Lynch#	
Surf Scoter 6, 18 11	Rockport Manomet	1060, 193 30	I. Giriunas, M. Lynch# G. d'Entremont#	
White-winged Scoter thr 6, 18 18, 25	P.I. Rockport Boston Harbor, Quincy	300 max 11/2 165, 97 389, 100	T. Young# + v. o. I. Giriunas, M. Lynch## TASL (M. Hall), E. Taylor	
Common Goldeneye 3, 4 4 6, 17 18	Quabbin (G37), Wachusett Res. Lakeville, Sterling Waltham, Quincy Boston Harbor	5, 34 18, 7 8, 200 317	M. Lynch# W. Petersen, B. Blodget R. Forster, E. Taylor TASL (M. Hall)	
Barrow's Goldeneye 3-4, 24	Nahant, Swampscott	1, 1 m	L. Pivacek, L. Sager	
Bufflehead 1, 14 4, 6 7, 21 11 18	P.I. Lakeville, Waltham S. Dart. (Allens Pd) Eastham, Wellfleet Boston Harbor	30, 75+ 175, 12 51, 54 60+, 80+ 2424	W. Drew#, J. Berry W. Petersen, R. Forster LCES (R. Maker) M. Lynch# TASL (M. Hall)	
Hooded Merganser thr thr, 3 3, 4 8, 14 18 21, 22	Arlington, Marlboro Stoneham, Quabbin (G37) Bridgewater, Lakeville Lynnfield, Boston Hingham, Falmouth Ipswich, S. Monomoy	30 max, 22 max 30 max, 39 22, 4 32, 6 16, 80 28, 40	L. Taylor + v. o., R. Graefe T. Aversa, M. Lynch# B. Sorrie#, W. Petersen P. + F. Vale, T. Aversa TASL (M. Hall), P. Trimble I. Giriunas, B. Nikula	
Common Merganser thr 3 4 10, 12 24, 29	Stoneham, Marlboro Quabbin (G37), Arlington Lakeville, Wachusett Res. Worcester, W. Newbury Southboro, Wakefield	8 max, 6 max 9, 2 6, 58 41, 6 100, 150+	T. Aversa, R. Graefe M. Lynch#, L. Taylor W. Petersen, M. Lynch# M. Lynch#, J. Berry# E. Taylor, P. + F. Vale	
Red-breasted Merganser 1, 14 6, 11 18 18 22	P.I. Rockport, P'town Boston Harbor, Falmouth Manchester-Magnolia S. Monomoy	129, 20+ 120, 160+ 2654, 66 126 2000+	W. Drew#, J. Berry I. Giriunas, M. Lynch# TASL (M. Hall), P. Trimble J. Berry B. Nikula	

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Ruddy Duck				
thr	Arlington	32 max 11/6	C. Floyd + v. o.	
6, 13	W. Newbury	160 max 11/12	J. Berry + v. o.	
16, 22	Waltham (Cambridge Res.)	38, 24	R. Forster	
22, 24	Southboro, Fall River	17, 285	B. Blodget, B. Sorrie	
	S. Monomoy, Braintree	70 (low), 300	B. Nikula, D. Small	

RAPTORS THROUGH SHOREBIRDS

Raptors also provided few surprises. The usual lingering Turkey Vultures and Ospreys were noted, and Bald Eagles were observed at Quabbin and scattered locations. Cooper's Hawks were widespread, indicating that their recent increase is continuing. A flurry of Rough-legged Hawks might indicate a good winter flight. The **Golden Eagle** at Quabbin was expected, but one at Provincetown was a surprise. A dark **Gyr Falcon** was seen repeatedly at Morris Island in Chatham for about a week. A Clapper Rail at Eastham was notable, and the only location where American Coots were common was Plymouth.

Shorebirds were also routine. Among the less typical lingering species were Semipalmated Plover, Lesser Yellowlegs, Short-billed Dowitcher, and Spotted, Semipalmated, and Least sandpipers. Species reported in fairly good numbers for the season included American Oystercatcher and White-rumped and Pectoral sandpipers. The dowitchers reported in Ipswich were undoubtedly Long-billed. R.A.F.

Turkey Vulture				
3, 6	Barre, Randolph	1, 1	M. Lynch#, G. d'Entremont	
13, 18	Canton, Easton	1, 1	W. Petersen, K. Ryan	
25, 27	Westport, Randolph	2, 1	G. Gove, R. Forster	
Osprey				
21, 22	Marlboro, Carver	1, 1	R. Graefe, K. Anderson	
22, 26	Lakeville, Chatham	1, 1	M. Boucher, R. Hall	
29	Wakefield	1	P. + F. Vale	
Bald Eagle				
3, 4	Quabbin (G37), Wachusett Res.	8, 1 imm	M. Lynch#	
4, 11	WBWS, DWWS	1 imm, 1 imm	K. Jones, G. d'Entremont#	
14, 22	Lakeville	1, 2	K. Holmes, M. Boucher	
18	Beverly	1 imm	J. Berry#	
Northern Harrier				
thr	P.I.	8 max 11/1	W. Drew# + v. o.	
3, 4	Bridgewater, Ipswich	3, 3	K. Ryan#, BBC (J. Berry)	
5, 7	Westport, S. Dart.	2, 2	M. Boucher, LCES (R. Maker)	
11	DWWS, Essex	3, 2	G. d'Entremont#, T. Young	
15, 16	Forestdale, Wachusett Res.	3, 1	P. Trimble, M. Lynch#	
Sharp-shinned Hawk				
Reports of 14 individuals from 11 locations.				
Cooper's Hawk				
3, 9	P.I.	1, 1	M. Argue#, W. Drew#	
11, 15	Acushnet, E. Middleboro	1, 1	M. Boucher, K. Anderson	
16	Lincoln	1	S. Perkins	
18	Wakefield, Concord	1, 2	BBC (D. Williams), G. d'Entremont	
19, 28	Dedham, Halifax	1, 1 imm	W. Petersen, T. Aversa	
Northern Goshawk				
4, 15	P'town, Forestdale	1 imm, 1	J. Portnoy, P. Trimble	
18, 25	Falmouth, E. Orleans	1, 1	P. Trimble, A. Williams	
25, 26	E. Middleboro, Truro	1, 1 imm	K. Holmes, K. Jones	
Red-shouldered Hawk				
2-17, 20	E. Middleboro, N. Middleboro	1, 1	K. Anderson, K. Holmes	
19	N. Dartmouth	1	M. Boucher	
Red-tailed Hawk				
3, 4	Bridgewater, Wachusett Res.	6, 4	K. Ryan#, M. Lynch#	
10	Essex County	5	J. Berry	
Rough-legged Hawk				
thr	P.I.-Salisbury	4 max 11/4	v. o.	
9, 18	New Braintree, Saugus	1, 1	M. Lynch#, TASL (M. Hall)	
19, 29	Marlboro, Middleboro	1, 1	R. Graefe, K. Anderson	
Golden Eagle				
3, 4	Quabbin (G37), P'town	1 ad, 1 imm	M. Lynch#, J. Portnoy	
American Kestrel				
13	Southboro	4	B. Blodget	
Merlin				
11, 14	P.I., Braintree	1, 1	BBC (S. Charette), G. d'Entremont	
16, 18	Eastham, Concord	1 ad, 1	K. Jones, G. d'Entremont#	

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Peregrine Falcon				
1, 3	Orleans, Bridgewater	1, 1	K. Jones, K. Ryan#	
4	S. Beach I., N. Monomoy	1, 1 imm	B. Nikula#	
11, 22	P.I., S. Monomoy	1, 1 ad	v. o., B. Nikula	
Gyrfalcon				
18-25	Chatham (Morris I.)	1	W. W. Harrington#	
Ruffed Grouse				
17	Holbrook	1	G. d'Entremont	
Wild Turkey				
12, 24	Conway, Quabbin (G37)	1, 6	K. Holmes, G. d'Entremont#	
Northern Bobwhite				
25	Easton	10	K. Ryan	
Clapper Rail				
28	Eastham (F.H.)	1	T. Aversa#	
Virginia Rail				
2, 30	Stoneham	2, 1	T. Aversa	
American Coot				
3, 17, 25	Arlington Res.	24, 3, 15	L. Taylor + v. o.	
3, 4	GMNWR, Ipswich	25, 10	BBC (R. Vernon), BBC (J. Berry)	
8, 11	Braintree, Plymouth	35, 231	K. Ryan, G. d'Entremont#	
20, 22	W. Newbury, S. Monomoy	34, 15	T. Young, B. Nikula	
Black-bellied Plover				
3, 4; 4	S. Monomoy; Ipswich	300+; 200+	H. Ferguson; BBC (J. Berry)	
4, 8	Halifax, Quincy	2, 33	W. Petersen, K. Ryan	
28	Eastham	7	T. Aversa	
29	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	2	LCES (R. Maker)	
Lesser Golden-Plover				
3	Bridgewater	3	K. Ryan#	
4	Halifax, Ipswich	3, 2	W. Petersen, BBC (J. Berry)	
Semipalmated Plover				
18	Marblehead Neck	1	C. Hepburn	
Killdeer				
thr	Marlboro, Arlington	7 max, 8 max	R. Graefe, L. Taylor + v. o.	
3	Topsfield, Concord	23, 13	P. + F. Vale, R. Forster	
4	Sterling, Halifax	11, 40	B. Blodget, W. Petersen	
6, 11	Sudbury, Easton	10, 17	R. Forster, K. Ryan	
American Oystercatcher				
3-4	S. Monomoy	40	H. Ferguson	
Greater Yellowlegs				
thr	P.I.	33 max 11/1	v. o.	
3, 6	Quabbin (G37), Marlboro	1, 1	M. Lynch#, R. Graefe	
7	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	13	LCES (R. Maker)	
11	Wellfleet, Eastham	21, 34	M. Lynch#, K. Jones	
18	Boston Harbor	12	TASL (M. Hall)	
Lesser Yellowlegs				
4	Ipswich	2	BBC (J. Berry)	
Hudsonian Godwit				
1-14	Newbypt-P.I.	6 max 11/4	v. o.	
7, 16	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1	LCES (R. Maker)	
Ruddy Turnstone				
8, 18	Quincy, Boston Harbor	3, 4	K. Ryan, TASL (M. Hall)	
Red Knot				
17	Orleans	1	K. Jones	
Spotted Sandpiper				
4	Wachusett Res.	1	M. Lynch#	
Sanderling				
1, 9; 12	P.I.	28, 10; 8	W. Drew#; J. Berry	
8, 25	Quincy	19, 2	K. Ryan, G. d'Entremont	
11, 18	P'town, Boston Harbor	10, 206	M. Lynch#, TASL (M. Hall)	
25	Salisbury	15	M. Lynch#	
Semipalmated Sandpiper				
5, 22	Westport, S. Monomoy	1, 1 (details)	M. Boucher, B. Nikula#	
Western Sandpiper				
11, 17	Eastham, P.I.	1, 2	K. Jones, D. Chickering	
Least Sandpiper				
17	S. Dartmouth	1 (no details)	T. Raymond	
White-rumped Sandpiper				
1, 4	P.I.	4, 11	W. Drew#, BBC (P. Stevens)	
3-4, 22	S. Monomoy	30, 1	H. Ferguson, B. Nikula	
12, 14	P.I.	2, 2	J. Berry	

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White-rumped Sandpiper (continued)				
17	Orleans, P.I.	3, 1	K. Jones, A. + B. Delorey	
18	Newbury	1	M. Lynch#	
29	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1	LCES (R. Maker)	
Pectoral Sandpiper				
4	Ipswich, Orleans	40+, 2	BBC (J. Berry), K. Jones	
4, 11	P.I.	1, 1	BBC (P. Stevens), BBC (S. Charette)	
Purple Sandpiper				
11	P.I., N. Scituate	5, 25	BBC (S. Charette), G. d'Entremont	
18, 25	Nahant, Rockport	1, 10	TASL (M. Hall), J. Berry	
Dunlin				
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	87 max	LCES (R. Maker)	
thr	P.I.	305 max	v. o.	
4, 24	Ipswich	250+, 50	BBC (J. Berry), BBC (I. Giriunas)	
8, 11	Quincy, Eastham	3, 20+	K. Ryan, M. Lynch#	
18; 25	Boston H.; Squantum, Quincy	95; 41, 9	TASL (M. Hall); G. d'Entremont	
Short-billed Dowitcher				
4	Chatham	1	B. Nikula	
Long-billed Dowitcher				
1, 15; 11-12	P.I.; Orleans	1, 10; 3	W. Drew#; K. Jones	
dowitcher species				
4	Ipswich	8-10	BBC (J. Berry)	
Common Snipe				
4, 11	P.I., Scituate	1, 1	BBC (P. Stevens), G. d'Entremont#	

LARIDS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

Twenty unidentified jaegers were seen in Eastham during a storm. There was a single report of Little Gull, and Common Black-headed Gulls were ensconced at their Winthrop stronghold with scattered reports elsewhere. Both Bonaparte's and Ring-billed gulls were typically widespread and common. Two reports of Lesser Black-backed Gull were typical for November. Kittiwakes were apparently common only in the November 11 storm at Eastham. A few Common and Forster's terns lingered, but the immature Black Skimmer at South Dartmouth was a surprise. Compared with recent years, Dovekies staged a fairly good flight. Few other alcids were noted. The Atlantic Puffins at Stellwagen Bank may represent a typical report for the location.

The Yellow-billed Cuckoo at Salisbury was unusual since reports from October were lacking. The two Barn Owls in Essex County were far out of range and excellent finds. A modest flight of Snowy Owls was in progress, and Short-eared Owls were widespread, but not numerous. There were only single reports of Long-eared and Northern Saw-whet owls. Two early November reports of Yellow-bellied Sapsucker were interesting, but not surprising. R.A.F.

jaeger species				
11	Eastham (F.E.)	20+	B. Nikula	
Laughing Gull				
4, 11	Westport, Wellfleet	60, 45	G. Gove#, M. Lynch#	
17-18, 26	Winthrop, Vineyard Sound	30, 12	J. Young + v. o., V. Laux	
Little Gull				
11	P.I.	2	D. Chickering	
Common Black-headed Gull				
2, 14	Lynn (Breeds Pd), Winthrop	1 ad, 2	J. Quigley, T. Aversa	
18; 30	Winthrop, Boston; P'town	13, 2; 1 (2nd year)	TASL (M. Hall); K. Jones	
Bonaparte's Gull				
thr	Lynn (Flax Pd)	300 max	J. Quigley	
1, 14	P.I., Newbypt	7, 10+	W. Drew#, J. Berry	
4, 11	Ipswich, N. Scituate	150+, 15	BBC (J. Berry), G. d'Entremont#	
18	Falmouth, Rockport	80, 12	P. Trimble, M. Lynch#	
18	Manchester, Boston H.	9, 859+	J. Berry, TASL (M. Hall)	
19, 25	Lakeville, Annisquam	1, 59	K. Holmes, I. Giriunas	
25	Quincy	250	G. d'Entremont	
Ring-billed Gull				
3, 4	Arlington, Ipswich	92, 200+	L. Taylor, BBC (J. Berry)	
10	Lakeville, Framingham	400+, 100+	BBC (D. Davis), R. Forster	
16, 18	Worcester, Falmouth	70+, 60	M. Lynch#, P. Trimble	
18, 25	Ipswich-Essex	70+, 150+	J. Berry	
24, 26	W. Newbury, Lynn (Flax Pd)	300, 562	BBC (I. Giriunas), J. Quigley	
Herring Gull				
4	Wachusett Res.	200+	M. Lynch#	

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Lesser Black-backed Gull 4, 23-25	Chatham, Rockport (A.P.)	1 ad, 1 (3W)	B. Nikula, v. o.	
Black-legged Kittiwake 6, 11 16, 23	Rockport (A.P.), Eastham (F.E.) P.I., Rockport	11, 800+ 7, 6	I. Giriunas, B. Nikula T. Young, D. Chickering	
Common Tern 11, 12 14, 18	Wellfleet, Barnstable Scusset, Wellfleet	27, 1 3, 2	M. Lynch#, P. Trimble C. Ewer, K. Jones	
Forster's Tern 1, 3 4	P.I., Salisbury Newbypt, Westport	2, 1 3, 7	W. Drew#, D. Chickering BBC (P. Stevens), G. Gove#	
Black Skimmer 12	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1 imm	M. Boucher, K. Machado	
Dovekie 6, 11 18 18 19 20, 25	Rockport (A.P.), Eastham Wellfleet, Dennis Rockport (A.P.), (Halibut Point) Dennis, P'town Rockport (A.P.), P'town	2, 3 35+, 1 5, 12 8, 13 11, 9	I. Giriunas, B. Nikula K. Jones, B. Nikula M. Lynch# B. Nikula, K. Jones P. Hunt, D. Ludlow#	
Razorbill 18, 23, 24	Rockport	1, 6, 11	M. Lynch#, D. Chickering, S. Perkins#	
Black Guillemot 18, 24	Rockport (A.P.)	1, 5	M. Lynch#, S. Perkins#	
Atlantic Puffin 23	Stellwagen Bank	2	D. Wiley	
Mourning Dove 6, 15	Sudbury, Forestdale	300, 140	R. Forster, P. Trimble	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo 2	Salisbury	1	R. Masturzo	
Barn Owl 4, 27	Salisbury, Ipswich (C.B.)	1, 1	R. Williams, D. Rimmer	
Eastern Screech-Owl thr, 17, 18	Quincy, Easton, Ipswich (C.B.)	2, 1, 2	v. o., D. Ryan, D. Rimmer	
Great Horned Owl 3, 17 20, 24 26, 30	E. Middleboro, P.I. E. Middleboro, N. Middleboro Essex, Ipswich (C.B.)	1, 2 1, 2 4, 2	K. Anderson, A. + B. Delorey K. Anderson, K. Holmes T. Young, D. Rimmer	
Snowy Owl 11-15; 14, 26 18, 25 27, 30	P.I.; M. V. Boston, Newbypt Ipswich (C.B.), Duxbury	1 or 2; 1, 1 1, 1 1, 1	v. o.; V. Laux TASL (M. Hall) + v. o., M. Lynch# D. Rimmer, S. Hecker	
Barred Owl 2, 18 30	Easton, Cambridge (F.P.) Concord	1, 1 1	K. Ryan, G. d'Entremont# B. Malcolm	
Long-eared Owl 13	MNWS	1	R. Wolanin	
Short-eared Owl 1 1, 4 5 16 22, 28	Truro, Brewster E. Boston (airport), Salisbury Westport S. Dart. (Allens Pd) S. Monomoy, Middleboro	1 dead, 1 1, 4 1 1 1, 1	K. Jones, R. Everett N. Smith, R. Williams M. Boucher LCES (J. Hill) B. Nikula, T. Aversa	
Northern Saw-whet Owl 2-3, 14	Salisbury, Woburn	1, 1	v. o., G. Gove	
Belted Kingfisher 3, 4 18, 21 22, 28	GMNWR, Wachusett Res. Manchester, Ipswich Lakeville, Chatham	2, 4 1, 2 3, 2	BBC (R. Vernon), M. Lynch# J. Berry, I. Giriunas M. Boucher, T. Aversa	
Red-bellied Woodpecker 4, 19-30	Hopkinton, Berlin	1 m, 1	L. Ambers, B. Blodget + v. o.	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1, 3	Sherborn, P.I.	1, 1	E. Taylor, H. Wiggin#	
Hairy Woodpecker	Reports of singles from 8 locations.			
Northern Flicker 4, 26	Wachusett Res., N. Dart.	2, 6	M. Lynch#, M. Boucher	
Pileated Woodpecker 3, 22	Quabbin (G37), Framingham	2, 1	M. Lynch#, G. Gove	

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH FINCHES

One of the annual features of November is the appearance of reverse migrants as a result of unseasonably warm southwest winds. This year the effects of reverse migration were diminished, possibly due to the generally mild season. The only reports that obviously reflect this phenomenon occurred on the first weekend of the month when temperatures approached 80 degrees, and the species noted were Barn Swallow, Red-eyed Vireo, a male **Painted Bunting**, Northern Oriole, and possibly a Grasshopper Sparrow. Otherwise reports indicate that migration was routine and on the light side. Western Kingbirds were found in four locations during the month, with a surprising 4 in one day on Martha's Vineyard. Reports from at least ten areas indicate a fair flight of Northern Shrikes with half of them noted in a five-day period in midmonth. Again Red-breasted Nuthatches were exceptionally well reported in the central portion of the state, as were Golden-crowned Kinglets. Only six species of warblers were noted, none of which were unseasonable.

A tanager species with wing bars, noted on the first day of the month in Woburn, was carefully described but not reported definitively as to species. Highlight of the sparrow group was a **Lark Bunting**, which continued from October, and a Clay-colored Sparrow on Cape Cod. There was only a modest flight of Fox Sparrows, but Snow Buntings were numerous and conspicuous. An excellent count of meadowlarks was made in Marshfield, and blackbird numbers, particularly Common Grackle, were impressive. With the exception of the Quabbin area, winter finch reports were spotty, and no large flocks were noted. R.A.F.

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	NOVEMBER 1990
Eastern Phoebe				
10, 11	Wachusett Res., Belmont	1, 1	M. Lynch#, L. Taylor	
11, 18	Marshfield, Holden	1, 1	G. d'Entremont#, B. Blodget	
Western Kingbird				
1-4, 11	P.I., M. V.	1, 4	v. o., V. Laux	
19, 21	Beverly, Brewster	1, 1	T. French, M. Tuttle + v. o.	
Horned Lark				
thr	Ipswich (C.B.)	1-8	D. Rimmer	
4	Sterling, Wachusett Res.	30, 3	B. Blodget, M. Lynch#	
9, 11	P.I., Newbury	125, 200+	W. Drew#, BBC (S. Charette)	
18, 21	Cambridge, N. Middleboro	3, 30	G. d'Entremont#, K. Holmes	
25	P.I.	34	M. Lynch#	
Tree Swallow				
11	P'town	10+	M. Lynch#	
Barn Swallow				
4	P.I.	4	P. + F. Vale	
American Crow				
1, 10	Lakeville	200, 200	K. Anderson, BBC (D. Davis)	
7, 29	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	202, 118	LCES (R. Maker)	
24, 30	Framingham	1000	E. Taylor	
Fish Crow				
4	Carver, Mansfield	5, 2	B. Sorrie	
15; 24, 30	Sudbury; Framingham	10+; 30	R. Forster; E. Taylor	
Common Raven				
3, 22	Quabbin (G37), Petersham	2, 6	M. Lynch#, S. Perkins#	
Black-capped Chickadee				
3, 4	Quabbin (G37), Wachusett Res.	98, 79	M. Lynch#	
Red-breasted Nuthatch				
3, 4	Quabbin (G37), Wachusett Res.	68, 27	M. Lynch#	
3, 12 on	Stoneham, Brookline	3, 1-3	T. Aversa, H. Wiggin#	
14, 15	P.I., Reading	2, 2	J. Berry, I. Giriunas	
22, 28	Petersham, S. Middleboro	80+, 2	S. Perkins#, K. Holmes	
White-breasted Nuthatch				
3, 4	Quabbin (G37), Wachusett Res.	14, 19	M. Lynch#	
Brown Creeper				
3, 4	Quabbin (G37), Wachusett Res.	4, 4	M. Lynch#	
15, 12	N. Dartmouth, Conway	4, 6	M. Boucher, K. Holmes	
Carolina Wren				
thr	E. Orleans, E. Middleboro	1, 2	E. + A. Williams, K. Anderson	
2, 4	Easton, Westport	2, 10	K. Ryan, J. Gordon#	
11, 28	Marshfield, Eastham (F.H.)	4, 4	G. d'Entremont#, T. Aversa	
Winter Wren				
thr, 3	Stoneham, Quabbin (G37)	4 max 11/2, 1	T. Aversa, M. Lynch#	
4, 21	Westport, Ipswich	1, 1	G. Gove#, I. Giriunas	
Golden-crowned Kinglet				
3, 4	Quabbin (G37), Wachusett Res.	22, 24	M. Lynch#	
4, 5	P.I., Westport	3, 5	BBC (P. Stevens), M. Boucher	
17, 28	Holbrook, S. Middleboro	3, 6	G. d'Entremont#, K. Holmes	

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	NOVEMBER 1990
Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2, 15; 4	Stoneham; Holden	2, 1; 1	T. Aversa; B. Blodget	
Eastern Bluebird 2, 3 11, 26	E. Middleboro, Dennis Quabbin (G40), S. Middleboro	1, 6+ 2, 3	K. Anderson, V. Laux G. Gove#, K. Holmes	
Hermit Thrush 1, 11; 2 11, 17	P.I.; Stoneham Waltham, Randolph	1, 1; 3 6, 3+	G. d'Entremont, J. Young; T. Aversa L. Taylor, G. d'Entremont	
American Robin 4, 26	Wachusett Res., S. Middleboro	69, 50+	M. Lynch#, K. Holmes	
Gray Catbird 10, 15	Arlington, N. Dartmouth	1, 1	L. Taylor, M. Boucher	
Brown Thrasher 4	S. Dartmouth	1	G. Gove#	
American Pipit 4, 5 11, 25	Wachusett Res., Westport Newburyport, E. Middleboro	2, 2 16, 15	M. Lynch#, M. Boucher BBC (S. Charette), K. Holmes	
Cedar Waxwing 15, 17	N. Middleboro, Millis	20, 69	K. Holmes, P. Iarrobino	
Northern Shrike thr, 2 5, 11 12, 13 14, 15 22, 25	P.I., P'town Truro, Ipswich Sudbury, Salisbury E. Boston, N. Dart. Framingham, S. Middleboro	1 or 2, 1 1, 1 1, 1 1, 1 1, 1	v. o., K. Jones K. Jones, T. Young C., J. + S. Hepburn, T. Aversa# T. Aversa, M. Boucher# G. Gove, K. Holmes	
European Starling 3, 12	P.I., Waltham	8000+, 2000+	M. Argue#, J. Hepburn#	
Red-eyed Vireo 4	S. Dartmouth	1	G. Gove	
Orange-crowned Warbler 17, 22	P.I., Lakeville	1, 1	A. + B. Delorey, M. Boucher#	
Yellow-rumped Warbler 11, 14 21 27	Truro, P.I. S. Dart. (Allens Pd) Westboro	58, 10 30 2	M. Lynch#, J. Berry LCEŠ (R. Maker) B. Blodget	
Pine Warbler 30	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson	
Palm Warbler 4 11, 13	P.I., Sterling Scituate, S. Boston	2, 1 1, 2	BBC (P. Stevens), B. Blodget G. d'Entremont#, K. Ryan	
Common Yellowthroat 17	Randolph	1	G. d'Entremont	
Yellow-breasted Chat 28	Wakefield	1	P. + F. Vale	
tanager species 1	Woburn (Horn Pd)	1 (wing bars)	F. + P. Vale	
Painted Bunting 5	Brewster	1 m	fide M. O'Connor	
Dickcissel 30	Nantucket	1	F. Reed	
Rufous-sided Towhee 12, 15	S. Dart. (DLSP), Forestdale	2, 2	M. Boucher, P. Trimble	
American Tree Sparrow 2, 4 17 18	SRV, Ipswich Holbrook, P.I. Salisbury, Holden	14, 15 7, 7 18, 15	R. Forster, BBC (J. Berry) G. d'Entremont, A. + B. Delorey M. Lynch#, B. Blodget	
Chipping Sparrow 3, 16	Stoneham	2, 1	T. Aversa	
Clay-colored Sparrow 26	Forestdale	2	P. Trimble	
Field Sparrow	Very few reports of 1-4 individuals from a wide area.			
Vesper Sparrow 1; 15, 26	P.I.; Forestdale	1; 1	v. o.; P. Trimble	
Lark Bunting 1	P.I. (from Oct.)	1	v. o.	
Savannah Sparrow 15, 26; 28	Forestdale; Halifax	25, 12; 3	P. Trimble; T. Aversa	
"Ipswich" Savannah Sparrow 4, 5	Nauset, Westport	2, 5	K. Jones, M. Boucher	

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	NOVEMBER 1990
Grasshopper Sparrow 5	Westport (Gooseberry Neck)	1	M. Boucher	
Sharp-tailed Sparrow 4, 11 14, 16	P.I., Scituate E. Boston, S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	2, 4 1, 2	BBC (P. Stevens), G. d'Entremont# T. Aversa, LCES (J. Hill)	
Seaside Sparrow 4, 11	P.I., Scituate	2, 1	BBC (P. Stevens), G. d'Entremont#	
Fox Sparrow 4, 11-18 11, 18; 12-18 16, 17-18 27, 30	Wachusett Res., Lexington Belmont; Newton Stoneham, Cambridge Holliston, Nantucket	4, 1 4, 4; 1 2, 1 2, 1	M. Lynch#, C. + N. Floyd L. Taylor; J. + S. Hepburn T. Aversa, G. d'Entremont# T. Aversa, E. Andrews	
Song Sparrow 2; 15, 26	SRV; Forestdale	39; 20, 40	R. Forster; P. Trimble	
Swamp Sparrow 2, 27	SRV, Holliston	10, 4	R. Forster, T. Aversa	
White-crowned Sparrow 15, 26; 25	Forestdale; Millis	1; 1	P. Trimble; P. Iarrobino	
Dark-eyed Junco 4 18, 22 24, 27	P.I., Wachusett Res. Holden, Lakeville Worcester, Holliston	19, 33 23, 25 16, 145	BBC (P. Stevens), M. Lynch# B. Blodget, M. Boucher M. Lynch#, T. Aversa	
Lapland Longspur 1; 11, 25 11, 24	Boston (Logan); P.I. Newbury	19; 1, 6 3, 10	N. Smith; J. Young, M. Lynch# BBC (S. Charette), BBC (I. Giriunas)	
Snow Bunting thr thr thr 3, 4 7, 16 19, 27, 28 20, 23	Boston (Logan) P.I. Ipswich (C.B.) Belmont, Wachusett Res. S. Dart. (Allens Pd), Holden Marlboro E. Orleans, Truro	1000+ max 11/1 300 max 11/3 150+ max 11/4 1, 80 20, 60+ 12, 5, 5 8, 25	N. Smith A. + B. Delorey D. Rimmer L. Taylor, M. Lynch# LCES (J. Hill), M. Lynch# R. Graefe B. Blodget, J. Young	
Red-winged Blackbird 4, 9 15, 28	Methuen, Millis Forestdale, Halifax	650+, 100 40, 40	J. Hogan#, P. Iarrobino P. Trimble, T. Aversa	
Eastern Meadowlark 16, 21	S. Dart. (Allens Pd), DWWS	7, 67	LCES (J. Hill), D. Ludlow	
Rusty Blackbird 14 18	Medfield Wakefield, Nantucket	25 1, 1	T. Aversa D. Williams#, B. Perkins	
Common Grackle 1, 4 9, 16	W. Roxbury, Methuen Millis, Worcester	950+, "millions" 1500+, 35+	R. Stymeist, J. Hogan# P. Iarrobino, M. Lynch#	
Brown-headed Cowbird 5	S. Dartmouth	300+	M. Boucher	
Northern Oriole 3	Belmont, Salisbury	3, 1	L. Taylor, D. Chickering	
Purple Finch 2, 15; 4	Sudbury; Wachusett Res.	2, 2; 6	R. Forster; M. Lynch#	
Red Crossbill 22	Petersham	20	S. Perkins#	
Pine Siskin 3, 4 3, 8 10, 13 14, 17	Quabbin (G37), Wachusett Res. E. Middleboro, Essex N. Dart., N. Middleboro Millis, Randolph	2, 1 3, 2 1, 1 2, 2	M. Lynch# K. Anderson, T. Young M. Boucher, K. Holmes P. Iarrobino, G. d'Entremont	
American Goldfinch 21, 27	Medfield, Holliston	60, 25	T. Aversa	
Evening Grosbeak 12, 17 18, 21 22, 23	E. Middleboro, Brewster Holden, E. Harwich Petersham, Rockport	1, 1 3, 1 25, 2	K. Anderson, J. Berry# B. Blodget, B. Nikula S. Perkins#, D. Chickering	

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ad	adult	G37 or 40	Gate 37 or 40, Quabbin
alt	alternate	H.	Harbor
b	banded	I.	Island
br	breeding	M.V.	Martha's Vineyard
dk	dark (phase)	Mt.A.	Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge
f	female	N.A.C.	Nine Acre Corner, Concord
fl	fledged	Nant.	Nantucket
imm	immature	Newbypt	Newburyport
ind	individuals	P.I.	Plum Island
juv	juvenile	Pd	Pond
loc	location	P'town	Provincetown
lt	light (phase)	Quab.	Quabbin
m	male	Res.	Reservoir
max	maximum	R.P.	Race Point, Provincetown
mi	mile	S. Dart.	South Dartmouth
migr	migrating	S.F.	State Forest
n	nesting	S.N.	Sandy Neck, Barnstable
ph	photographed	S.P.	State Park
pl	plumage	Stellw.	Stellwagen (Bank)
pr	pair	BBC	Brookline Bird Club
S	summer (1S = first summer)	BMB	Broad Meadow Brook, Worcester
thr	throughout	BOEM	Bird Observer of Eastern Massachusetts
v.o.	various observers	CBC	Christmas Bird Count
W	winter (2W = second winter)	CCBC	Cape Cod Bird Club
w/	with	DFWS	Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary
yg	young	DLSP	Demarest Lloyd State Park
#	additional observers	DWWS	Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary
A.A.	Arnold Arboretum	EMHW	Eastern Massachusetts Hawk Watch
A.P.	Andrews Point, Rockport	FCBC	Felix Cutler Bird Club
B.	Beach	GMNWR	Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge
B.I.	Belle Isle, E. Boston	IRWS	Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary
B.R.	Bass Rocks, Gloucester	LCES	Lloyd Center for Environmental Studies
Buzz.	Buzzards Bay	MAS	Massachusetts Audubon Society
C.	cape as in Cape Cod	MBO	Manomet Bird Observatory
Cambr.	Cambridge	MDFW	MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
C.B.	Crane Beach, Ipswich	MNWS	Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary
Corp. B.	Corporation Beach, Dennis	NEHW	New England Hawk Watch
C.P.	Crooked Pond, Boxford	ONWR	Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge
E.P.	Eastern Point, Gloucester	PRNWR	Parker River National Wildlife Refuge
F.E.	First Encounter Beach, Eastham	SRV	Sudbury River Valley
F.H.	Fort Hill, Eastham	SSBC	South Shore Bird Club
F.M.	Fowl Meadow	TASL	Take A Second Look Harbor Census
F.P.	Fresh Pond, Cambridge	USFWS	US Fish and Wildlife Service
F.Pk	Franklin Park, Boston	WBWS	Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
F.S.F.	Federation State Forest	WMWS	Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary

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