



FIELD RECORDS

APRIL 1991

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April 1991 was sunny and very mild. The temperature in Boston averaged 51.3 degrees, 2.6 degrees above normal, and the seventh warmest April in 121 years. The high was 86 degrees on April 7, with readings of 85 degrees on the next two days, all record-breaking highs. The low was 35 degrees on April 1. Rainfall totaled 4.84 inches, 1.11 inches more than normal, most of which came in one storm with 3.32 inches on April 21. No snow fell making this the first April since 1981 without a trace of snow. The storm on April 21 brought the month's highest wind gust, 55 mph out of the northeast. Considerable damage resulted to roofs, trees, and utility lines. The storm also resulted in a fallout of Blue Grosbeaks and Indigo Buntings on the Cape and Islands.

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LOONS THROUGH WATERFOWL

A **Black-capped Petrel** (*Pterodroma hasitata*) was identified based on photographs taken on Stellwagen Bank April 22. This constitutes the first confirmed report of this species from Massachusetts waters. On March 23, 1977, a report of this species was described near the southeastern slope of Georges Bank. Very similar weather conditions were present for both sightings, strong gales moving northeast three days prior to the sighting. On April 22, 1991, at Stellwagen Bank the wind was gentle south-southwest; the same conditions applied to the March 23, 1977 report.

The **Western Grebe** continued off Hull through April 3 where large numbers of Red-necked Grebes were present. An **Anhinga** was well observed and meticulously described as it soared above Lincoln on April 18. This is the fourth report of this species in Massachusetts. Herons were reported in low numbers, although Little Blue Heron reports were up from last year when only one was noted. A Cattle Egret was found on the lawn of the Marshfield Town Hall, and a Tricolored Heron was observed at Plum Island.

Freshwater ducks were reported in lower numbers, especially Northern Shoveler, which continues to decline as a spring migrant. A "Eurasian" **Green-winged Teal** was present in the salt pannes at Plum Island. In Chilmark, as many as 21 Harlequin Ducks and 5 King Eiders were tallied, and a drake Barrow's Goldeneye made an unusual stop at Nagog Pond in Acton early in the month.

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DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	APRIL 1991
Red-throated Loon				
3, 5	Hull, N. Scituate; P'town	2, 3; 5	G. d'Entremont#	
14, 27	P.I., N. Monomoy	1, 12	D. Chickering, S. Perkins#	
Common Loon				
thr, 1	Ipswich, Nantucket	10 max 4/2, 7	D. Rimmer, J. Papale	
6, 9	Wachusett Res., Mashpee	3, 6	M. Lynch#, P. Trimble	
13, 26	Stellwagen Bank, P.I.	25, 4	K. Jones, W. Drew#	
Pied-billed Grebe				
2, 6	N. Middleboro, Plymouth	2, 2	K. Holmes, G. d'Entremont#	
12, 14	Wakefield, P.I.	2, pr	P. + F. Vale, J. Berry	
18, 23	IRWS, Milford	2, 2	J. Hoye, T. Aversa	
Reports of 6 individuals from five locations.				
Horned Grebe				
3, 6	Hull, Wachusett Res.	15, 2	G. d'Entremont#, M. Lynch#	
8, 13	Quincy, Newburyport	3, 5	G. d'Entremont#, BBC (P. Stevens)	
Red-necked Grebe				
3, 13	Hull, West Newbury	108, 1	G. d'Entremont#, D. Chickering	
23, 25	Chilmark, P.I.	4, 1	V. Laux, G. d'Entremont#	
Western Grebe				
1-3 (from 3/13)	Hull	1	v. o.	

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Black-capped Petrel				
22	Stellwagen Bank (SW corner)	1 ph	S. Highley	
Sooty Shearwater				
22, 23	Stellwagen Bank	6-8, 2	S. Highley	
Manx Shearwater				
17	Stellwagen Bank	1	L. Barraf + K. Jones	
Northern Gannet				
thr, 5	Stellwagen, P'town	300+ max, 100	K. Jones, G. d'Entremont	
21, 27	Rockport (A.P.), N. Monomoy	100+, 60	T. Maloney#, S. Perkins#	
Great Cormorant				
thr, 3	N. Scituate, Hull	67, 27	G. d'Entremont#	
20, 22	Lakeville, Nantucket	8, 81	W. Petersen, J. Papale	
Double-crested Cormorant				
21, 23	Essex, Dorchester	50+, 175	T. Young, G. d'Entremont	
27	N. Monomoy, P.I.	350, 55	S. Perkins, M. Lynch#	
Anhinga (excellent details)				
18	Lincoln	1 soaring	I. Nisbet	
American Bittern				
3, 7-30	Nantucket, Bolton Flats	1, 2 max	E. Andrews#, v. o.	
Great Blue Heron				
6, 12	Westboro, P.I.	12, 11	E. Taylor, W. Drew#	
12, 28	Saugus, Westboro	8, 24 nests	J. Berry, M. Lynch#	
Reports of 15 individuals from ten locations.				
Great Egret				
6, 13	Westport, Newbypt	6, 7	R. Stymeist#, BBC (P. Stevens)	
25, 28	Essex, S. Dartmouth	5, 4	G. d'Entremont#, J. Hill	
Snowy Egret				
20, 23	Manchester, Ipswich	13, 25	M. Lynch#, K. Ryan	
24, 29	Squantum, Marshfield	13, 22	G. d'Entremont#, R. Abrams	
Little Blue Heron				
8-30, 24-30	Manchester, Essex	1, 6	H. Weissberg#, D. F. Oliver	
24-30	Squantum	1	G. d'Entremont# + v. o.	
Tricolored Heron				
27	P.I.	1	J. Gordon# + v. o.	
Cattle Egret				
8-30, 13	Ipswich, W. Gloucester	7 max, 6	J. Berry, R. Medico	
23, 27	Salem, Marshfield	5, 1	L. Sager, D. Ludlow#	
Green-backed Heron				
General arrival after 4/20. Reports of 16 individuals at 10 locations.				
Black-crowned Night-Heron				
6, 12	Falmouth, Boston	2, 7	I. Giriunas, T. Aversa	
13, 24	Newbypt, Worcester	10, 1 ad	I. Lynch, M. Lynch#	
Glossy Ibis				
10, 15	Wayland, DWWS	1, 13	S. Perkins, G. d'Entremont	
23, 27	Ipswich, P.I.	58, 40	K. Ryan, R. Abrams#	
Mute Swan				
9, 16	Mashpee, N. Scituate	76, 39	P. Trimble, T. Aversa	
Snow Goose				
1, 7	Salisbury, Belmont	20, 1	G. d'Entremont#, R. Stymeist	
14, 16	Newburyport, Brookline	3, 30	v. o., P. Roberts	
Brant				
thr, 13	Squantum, Newbypt	1000 max, 250	G. d'Entremont, S. Perkins	
Canada Goose				
thr	Ipswich, Wakefield	700 max, 250-300	J. Berry, P. + F. Vale	
Wood Duck				
10, 13	Milton (F.M.), GMNWR	21, 72	T. Aversa, M. Lynch#	
23, 28	IRWS, Bolton Flats	9, 29	J. MacDougall, M. Lynch#	
Green-winged Teal				
6, 7	Middleboro, Wayland	200, 75	G. d'Entremont#, S. Perkins	
13, 15	IRWS, Scituate	100, 169	G. d'Entremont#, D. Ludlow#	
"Eurasian" Green-winged Teal				
8-14	P.I.	1 m	R. Hooker	
Northern Pintail				
6; 7	Middleboro, PRNWR; Bolton Flats	4, 2; 2	G. d'Entremont#, I. Lynch; M. Lynch#	
Blue-winged Teal				
6, 13	Middleboro, DWWS	12, 8	G. d'Entremont#, D. Clapp	
20, 27	Wayland, P.I.	10, 8	S. Perkins, M. Lynch#	
Northern Shoveler				
1-15, 22, 27	DWWS, GMNWR, P.I.	1, 2, 1	v. o., S. Perkins#, D. F. Oliver	

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Gadwall thr 7, 28	DWWS, P.I. S. Dartmouth, Ipswich	14 max, 20 max 20, 29	v. o. M. Boucher, D. F. Oliver	
American Wigeon	Reports of 16 individuals from six locations.			
Redhead 29-30	M. V. (Oak Bluffs)	2	V. Laux	
Ring-necked Duck 6-23, 6 13	Holden, Quabbin (G37) West Newbury, IRWS	28, 8 33, 31	B. Blodget, M. Lynch# BBC (P. Stevens), G.d'Entremont	
Greater Scaup 3, 6 6, 20	Nantucket, Falmouth Newburyport, Lakeville	62, 700 150, 12	J. MacDougall, I. Giriunas BBC (G. Gove), W. Petersen	
Lesser Scaup 6 6, 19	Plymouth, Clinton Lakeville, P.I.	3, 6 10, 2	G. d'Entremont#, E. Taylor BBC (D. Davis), W. Drew#	
Common Eider 6, 27	Rockport, N. Monomoy	1000+, 400	J. MacDougall, S. Perkins#	
King Eider 21-29	M. V. (Chilmark)	5 max (2 imm m, 3 f)	V. Laux + v. o.	
Harlequin Duck thr 9, 23	N. Scituate Duxbury, M. V. (Chilmark)	9 max 1 m, 21	G. d'Entremont# + v. o. R. Abrams, V. Laux	
Oldsquaw 6, 7	Newbypt Harbor, Nant.	600, 5000+	BBC (G. Gove), J. Papale	
Black Scoter 21, 26	Rockport (A.P.), P.I.	40, 30	S. Perkins#, W. Drew#	
Surf Scoter 26, 27	P.I., N. Monomoy	4, 120	W. Drew#, S. Perkins#	
White-winged Scoter 13, 26	Cape Cod Bay, P.I.	500+, 200	K. Jones, W. Drew#	
Common Goldeneye 3, 6 12, 13	P.I., Quabbin (G37) Wakefield, Newbypt	235, 10 1 f, 200	W. Drew#, M. Lynch# P. + F. Vale, S. Perkins#	
Barrow's Goldeneye 1, 3 6	Newburyport, Acton Plymouth	1 m, 1 m 1 imm m	D. Brown#, R. Hale D. Brown#	
Bufflehead 5, 13	Nantucket, Lynnfield	245, 55	J. Papale, I. Giriunas	
Hooded Merganser 6, 7-28 8, 13 13, 17	Quabbin (G37), Bolton Flats Mt. A., DWWS GMNWR, Stoneham	12, 1 m 1 f, 2 f 12, 2 f	M. Lynch# A. Dasinger, D. Clapp M. Lynch#, T. Aversa	
Common Merganser thr, 6 6, 9	GMNWR, Quabbin (G37) Wachusett Res., W. Newbury	40 max 4/8, 21 20, 30	v. o., M. Lynch# M. Lynch#, T. Aversa	
Red-breasted Merganser 13, 27 27, 28	Nantucket, N. Monomoy P.I., Ipswich	175, 2500 110, 63	J. Papale, S. Perkins# M. Lynch#, D. F. Oliver	
Ruddy Duck 6, 8 13-25, 23	Falmouth, Milton W. Newbury, Arlington	1, 2 5, 1 m	I. Giriunas, D. Brown# v. o., T. Aversa	

RAPTORS THROUGH GALLIFORMES

No reports were received from the Eastern Massachusetts Hawk Watch. This year's hawk migration was generally poor. On April 5, Gil and Jo Fernandez counted 118 Ospreys with "more still to come" along the branches of the Westport River in southeastern Massachusetts. A Mississippi Kite was reported from two locations on Cape Cod on April 26 and most likely represented the same individual. The Boston Peregrine Falcons were incubating by April 8, establishing the fifth year of nesting in the city. G. d'E. and R. H. S.

Turkey Vulture thr, 6 27, 28	Blue Hills, Quabbin (G37) N. Truro, Brookline	5 max, 14 6, 4	v. o., BBC (M. Lynch) B. Nikula, BBC (R. Stymeist)
	Reports of 1-3 individuals (20 total) from eleven locations.		
Osprey 5 9, 20	Westport-S. Dart. Mashpee, Lakeville	118 12, 5	G. + J. Fernandez P. Trimble, W. Petersen

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	APRIL 1991
Mississippi Kite 26	Chatham, Eastham	1	W. Bailey, W. Swift#	
Bald Eagle 6	Quabbin (G37)	2 imm	BBC (M. Lynch)	
Northern Harrier 26, 30	P.I., Middleboro	4, 4	W. Drew#, T. Aversa	
Reports of 1-3 individuals (20 total) from eleven locations.				
Sharp-shinned Hawk 6, 24	Westport, P'town (R. P.)	4, 9	R. Stymeist#, K. Jones	
26, 28	Truro (Pilgrim Heights), Harvard	6, 3	K. Jones, M. Lynch#	
Cooper's Hawk	Reports of 10 individuals from ten locations.			
Northern Goshawk thr 6	Boxford (C. P.), Holliston Quabbin (G37), E. Middleboro	1 or 2, 1 or 2 1, pr	v. o. BBC (M. Lynch), K. Anderson	
Red-shouldered Hawk 1, 25	S. Dart., Easton	5, 5	M. Boucher, K. Ryan	
Reports of 1-4 individuals (14 total) from eight locations.				
Broad-winged Hawk 20, 23	Westminster, Milton	8, 4	BBC (R. Stymeist), R. Abrams	
27, 28	N. Truro, Harvard	7+, 4	B. Nikula, M. Lynch#	
Rough-legged Hawk 1-18	Middleboro	4 max 4/6	v. o.	
American Kestrel 13, 20	Middleboro, Westminster	32, 6	R. Abrams, BBC (R. Stymeist)	
27, 28	P.I., Harvard	16, 5	M. Lynch#	
Merlin 27	N. Truro, P.I.	3, 4	B. Nikula, R. Abrams	
Reports of 5 individuals from five locations.				
Peregrine Falcon thr 4; 13, 26	Boston, New Bedford Truro; P.I.	2, 1 1; 1	v. o., B. Blodget K. Jones; BBC (P. Stevens), W. Drew#	
Ruffed Grouse 18	Middleton	7	J. MacDougall	
Wild Turkey thr, 6 16, 22	Boxford (C.P.), Quab. (G37) Middleboro, Ipswich	1 m, 2 1 m, 1	v. o., BBC (M. Lynch) T. Aversa, J. MacDougall	
Northern Bobwhite 6, 9	DWWS, Mashpee	3, 2	G. d'Entremont#, P. Trimble	

RAILS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

A Common Moorhen, which is becoming a rare species in these reports, was reported from Marshfield. Lesser Golden-Plovers, not usual in the spring, were noted at two locations. A Ruff was reported from several locations in the Newburyport area and, from the description of the male, may have all been the same bird. A Reeve was seen at the airport in Newburyport. Another bird not usual in the spring, Long-billed Dowitcher, was reported from two locations and one was noted to be in breeding plumage. Jaegers were noted off Cape Cod and an adult Laughing Gull was seen at Nine Acre Corner in Concord. The Lesser Black-backed Gull continued into April in Hingham. Single Caspian Terns were reported in four locations. Roseate Terns appeared at Little Bird Island in Buzzards Bay, their largest breeding colony in northeastern United States.

Several nests of Great Horned Owls were noted, and a Snowy Owl continued through April 6 at Plum Island. Whip-poor-wills were heard near month's end, and early Chimney Swifts were noted at Plum Island and in Milton. Red-bellied Woodpeckers continued from December in Medford and in Westport, and there were reports of this species from eight other locations.

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Virginia Rail 5, 13, 25	Nantucket	1, 1, 2	J. Papale
13, 28	GMNWR, Bolton	4, 5	M. Lynch#
27, 28	W. Newbury, IRWS	4, 4	W. Petersen#, J. Berry#
4-27	Reports of individuals from 7 locations.		
Sora 28	Bolton	1	M. Lynch#
Common Moorhen 10	DWWS	1	G. d'Entremont#
American Coot 6	Plymouth	200	G. d'Entremont#

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Sandhill Crane				
14, 26	N. Truro, Spencer	1, 1 ad	K. Jones#, B. Blodget	
Black-bellied Plover				
9, 23	Duxbury, Wellfleet	35, 38	R. Abrams#, K. Jones	
27, 28	Newburyport, N. Monomoy	22, 380	M. Lynch#, B. Nikula	
Lesser Golden-Plover				
4-12, 18	M.V., Wellfleet	1, 1	V. Laux#, M. McCarthy	
Piping Plover				
thr	Ipswich (C.B.)	17 max 4/23	D. Rimmer	
3-30	P.I.	6 max	W. Drew#	
1, 6; 4	Westport; S. Dartmouth	2, 6; 3	M. Boucher, R. Stymeist#; J. Hill	
Killdeer				
1	W. Newbury	50	G. d'Entremont#	
American Oystercatcher				
13	Nantucket	4	J. Papale	
20, 23	Wellfleet, Mattapoissett	2, 5	K. Jones, B. Blodget	
25, 27	Lynn, N. Monomoy	2, 28	J. Quigley, S. Perkins#	
Greater Yellowlegs				
thr	Squantum	50 max 4/24	G. d'Entremont#	
6-28	Newburyport	250 max	v. o.	
20, 23	Wellfleet (2 sites)	29, 29	K. Jones	
Lesser Yellowlegs				
7, 25	Topsfield, Rowley	2, 6	R. Stymeist#, G. d'Entremont#	
28	Newburyport	25	S. Perkins	
28	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	5	J. Hill	
Solitary Sandpiper				
6, 10	Topsfield, W. Bridgewater	1, 1	H. Wiggin#, G. d'Entremont	
28, 30	M.V., Halifax	2, 2	V. Laux#, T. Aversa	
Willet				
5, 25	M.V.	1, 6	V. Laux#	
27, 28	Squantum, Essex	1, 1	D. Brown, S. Perkins#	
Spotted Sandpiper				
27, 29	Watertown, Westboro	1, 2	R. Bowker, B. Blodget	
30	Halifax, Essex	1, 1	T. Aversa, T. Young	
Upland Sandpiper				
6, 7	Middleboro, E. Middleboro	6, 1	B. Malcolm, K. Anderson	
27, 27-30	Ipswich, Lincoln	4, 2	J. Berry, S. Perkins	
6-28	Reports of individuals from 5 locations.			
Ruddy Turnstone				
13, 28	Nantucket, Eastham	60-80, 1	J. Papale, K. Jones	
Red Knot				
27	N. Monomoy	1	S. Perkins#	
Sanderling				
1, 13	Westport, Nantucket	188, 145	M. Boucher, J. Papale	
27, 28	N. Monomoy	400, 800	S. Perkins#, B. Nikula	
Least Sandpiper				
27	Quincy, M.V.	1, 1	D. Brown, V. Laux	
28, 29	P.I., S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	5, 1	J. Hoye#, M. Boucher	
Pectoral Sandpiper				
6-14	W. Newbury	8 max	v. o.	
9-14	P.I.	12 max	v. o.	
8, 10	S. Dartmouth, W. Bridgewater	18, 18	M. Boucher, G. d'Entremont	
27	Ipswich	4	P. + F. Vale	
Purple Sandpiper				
3, 13	N. Scituate, Nantucket	230, 62	G. d'Entremont#, J. Papale	
Dunlin				
9, 20	Duxbury, Wayland	358, 1	R. Abrams, S. Perkins	
23, 28	Wellfleet, N. Monomoy	90, 600	K. Jones, B. Nikula	
Ruff				
9, 17	P.I., Rowley	1 m, 1 m	J. Murray, D. Alexander	
21, 27	Ipswich, Newburyport	1, 1 f	S. Perkins#, R. Stymeist#	
27	W. Newbury	1 m	v. o.	
Short-billed Dowitcher				
7, 27	S. Dartmouth, Newburyport	1, 8	M. Boucher, M. Lynch#	
Long-billed Dowitcher				
13, 28	Newburyport	1, 1 br pl	C. Leahy, S. Perkins	
Common Snipe				
thr	W. Newbury	90 max 4/10	v. o.	
1-20	Halifax	65 max 4/16	v. o.	

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Common Snipe (continued)				
10	W. Bridgewater	150	G. d'Entremont#	
7, 27	Lexington, Spencer	1 display, 1 display	BBC (S. Sanders), M. Lynch#	
American Woodcock				
thr	Plymouth	6 max 4/25	G. d'Entremont#	
3-30, 7	Salem, DWWS	4, 7	I. Lynch, D. Clapp	
Pomarine Jaeger				
22, 23	Truro, Eastham	1, 1 dk ad	fide K. Jones	
Parasitic Jaeger				
21, 22	Harwichport, Wareham	1 ad, 1 ad	R. Comeau, C. Ewer	
27	Provincetown	1 dk	K. Jones	
Laughing Gull				
9	Provincetown, Wellfleet	1 ad, 1 ad	K. Jones	
21, 23	Concord (N.A.C.), Fairhaven	1 ad br pl, 1	R. Forster + v. o., M. Boucher	
Little Gull				
14, 24	Newburyport	3 ad, 2	W. Petersen#, R. Forster#	
Common Black-headed Gull				
25	Newburyport	1	G. d'Entremont#	
Bonaparte's Gull				
thr	Newburyport	70 max 4/27	M. Lynch# + v. o.	
17, 26	Nahant	125	J. Quigley	
Ring-billed Gull				
4, 23	Lynn, Squantum	250, 250	J. Quigley, G. d'Entremont#	
Iceland Gull				
thr	Provincetown	4 max 4/9	K. Jones	
1-14	Newburyport	3 max 4/1	G. d'Entremont# + v. o.	
3, 20	Hull, Scituate	1, 1	G. d'Entremont#, R. Abrams	
Lesser Black-backed Gull				
1-4, 18	Hingham, Provincetown	1 (2S), 1 ad	N. Phinney + v. o., K. Jones	
Glaucous Gull				
6	Hull	1	W. Petersen#	
Black-legged Kittiwake				
5, 13	Provincetown	3, 3	G. d'Entremont#, K. Jones	
24	P.I.	1 ad	R. Forster#	
Caspian Tern				
24-25, 28	Newburyport, Quabbin (G40)	1 ad, 1	T. Aversa + v. o., J. Murray	
28	Eastham, Provincetown	1, 1	K. Jones, B. Nikula#	
Roseate Tern				
27	Marion	2	S. Hecker	
Common Tern				
24, 27	Provincetown, Stellwagen	1, 30	K. Jones	
27, 29	Marion, S. Dartmouth	30, 4	S. Hecker, M. Boucher	
Least Tern				
14	Ipswich	1	J. Nove	
Common Murre				
4, 9	Provincetown	1 br pl, 1 basic pl	K. Jones	
Thick-billed Murre				
4	Provincetown	1	K. Jones	
Razorbill				
thr, 23	Provincetown, M. V.	25 max, 2	K. Jones, V. Laux	
Black Guillemot				
3, 5	N. Scituate, Provincetown	7, 1	D. Brown#	
Eastern Screech-Owl				
thr	Salem	pr	I. Lynch	
12, 13-30	Brewster, Mt. A.	1, 1	P. Trimble, M. Rines + v. o.	
Great Horned Owl				
thr	Mt. A., Westboro (SUASCO Dam)	1, 1 ad + 2 yg	R. Stymeist#, M. Lynch#	
thr	Boston (F. Pk)	pr + 1 yg	T. Aversa	
thr	Lexington	pr + 2 yg	v. o.	
20	Bridgewater, Raynham	nest + 2 yg, nest + 2 yg	W. Petersen	
13	Brewster	4	P. Trimble	
Snowy Owl				
1-6	P.I.	1	T. Cameron# + v. o.	
Barred Owl				
7	Boxford	1	R. Stymeist#	
Long-eared Owl				
9, 24	Ipswich, S. Wellfleet	2, 1 dead	T. Aversa, K. Jones	
Short-eared Owl				
3, 4	Essex, S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1, 1	T. Aversa, J. Hill	
9, 16	Duxbury, Middleboro	1, 1	R. Abrams, T. Aversa	

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Short-eared Owl (continued)				
20, 23	P.I., Squantum	1, 1	P. + F. Vale, G. d'Entremont#	
Northern Saw-whet Owl				
13, 19-30	Mt. A., Plymouth	1, 2 max 4/25	M. Rines, G. d'Entremont#	
Whip-poor-will				
25, 27	Plymouth, S. Dartmouth	7, 3	G. d'Entremont#, M. Boucher	
28	W. Tisbury, Nantucket	6, 22	V. Laux, J. Papale	
Chimney Swift				
13, 16	P.I., Milton	1, 1	BBC (P. Stevens), R. Abrams	
25-30	Reports of 1 or 2 from 11 locations.			
Belted Kingfisher				
thr	Mt. A., Hingham	pr nesting, 2	R. Stymeist#, G. d'Entremont#	
5-30	Reports of 1 or 2 from 9 locations.			
Red-headed Woodpecker				
thr	Hingham	1 ad	v. o.	
Red-bellied Woodpecker				
thr (from Dec)	Medford, Westport	1 m, 1 f	R. Stymeist#	
thr	Sherborn, Byfield	2, 1	E. Taylor, T. French + v. o.	
Reports of individuals from 6 locations.				
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				
7, 8	Mt. A., Quincy	2, 1	M. Rines + v. o., G. d'Entremont#	
20-28	Reports of individuals from 6 locations.			
Northern Flicker				
7-13	P.I.	50 max	A. Dasinger + v. o.	
10, 13	Boston (F. Pk), Mt. A.	32, 75	T. Aversa, A. Dasinger	
Pileated Woodpecker				
thr	Boxford, Milton	1 or 2, 1	v. o., G. d'Entremont#	
6	Quabbin (G37)	5	M. Lynch#	
5-30	Reports of individuals from 6 locations.			

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH FINCHES

At least three pairs of Fish Crows had begun nesting by the end of the month at Mount Auburn Cemetery. Fish Crows, unusual north of Boston, were also noted from Middleton and Ipswich.

Golden-crowned Kinglets staged an impressive flight earlier than usual in the month, while Ruby-crowned Kinglets, often common in mid-April, were present in below normal numbers. The celebrated Varied Thrush, present at a Wrentham feeder since New Year's Day, was last noted on April 4.

Thirteen species of warblers were reported during April, down from the eighteen species noted in April 1990. The Louisiana Waterthrushes returned to Crooked Pond in Boxford nearly two weeks earlier than usual. A Black-and-white Warbler was found at Mount Auburn on April 7, seventeen days before the next one was found there. A Prothonotary Warbler was found dead in Marblehead on April 24.

The big northeast storm on April 21 produced a fallout of birds especially on the Cape and offshore islands. Eleven male Blue Grosbeaks were found, 7 from Nantucket alone. Indigo Buntings totaled 24 individuals with 15 noted from the Vineyard. A few Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were also found, and a Dickcissel appeared on Morris Island right after the storm.

Fox Sparrows made a quick stop through eastern Massachusetts, and the last American Tree Sparrows were noted from Dorchester. A European Goldfinch made a brief appearance at a feeder in Lexington on April 5. Red Crossbills were noted from central Massachusetts, and Evening Grosbeaks were seen at five locations.

R. H. S.

Least Flycatcher				
28	Bolton Flats	1	M. Lynch#	
Eastern Phoebe				
6	Boxford, Quabbin (G37)	12, 31	BBC (G. Gove), BBC (M. Lynch#)	
6, 7	Middleboro, Mt. A.	5, 8	G. d'Entremont#, A. Dasinger	
7, 10	ONWR, P.I.	5, 19	M. Lynch#, R. Abrams	
Eastern Kingbird				
27, 28	Milton, Acton	1, 1	D. Brown, R. Forster	
28, 30	Bolton Flats, S. Dartmouth	1, 1	M. Lynch#, T. Aversa	
Purple Martin				
13, 27	Nantucket, Rowley	2, 4	E. Ray#, R. Stymeist#	
27, 28; 30	P.I.; Nantucket	10, 27; 1	M. Lynch#, D. Chickering; E. Andrews	
Tree Swallow				
13	IRWS, GMNWR	300+, 200+	G. d'Entremont, M. Lynch#	
N. Rough-winged Swallow				
6, 12	Mt. A., Wakefield	1, 3	A. Dasinger, P. + F. Vale	
16, 18	Hingham, Wayland	1, 1	G. d'Entremont#, S. Perkins#	

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N. Rough-winged Swallow (continued)				
25, 28	Milton (Turners Pd)	16, 20	R. Abrams#	
Bank Swallow				
15, 27; 25	Wayland; Nantucket	4, 10; 1	S. Perkins#; J. Papale	
28, 30	IRWS, S. Dartmouth	1 or 2, 1	J. Berry#, T. Aversa	
Barn Swallow				
1, 8	GMNWR, Mt. A.	2, 1	J. Center, R. Stymeist	
15, 20, 27	Wayland	2, 8, 30	S. Perkins	
Barn Swallow (continued)				
27, 28	P.I., IRWS	120, 50+	R. Abrams, J. Berry#	
Fish Crow				
thr, 3	Mt. A., Brookline	3 pr nesting, 1	R. Stymeist#, H. Wiggin	
6	Middleton, Scituate	1, 2	S. Perkins, W. Petersen	
Common Raven				
6	Quabbin (G37)	1	BBC (M. Lynch#)	
20, 28	Mt. Watatic, Wachusett Mt.	2, 10	BBC (R. Stymeist), G. Gove#	
Red-breasted Nuthatch				
6	Quabbin (G37), Boxford	20, 2 nest building	BBC (M. Lynch#), BBC (G. Gove)	
6, 10	Holden, Nantucket	2 nest building, 10+	B. Blodget, J. Papale	
24, 28	Milton, Brookline	30, pr at nest	R. Abrams, BBC (R. Stymeist)	
Brown Creeper				
6, 13	Quabbin (G37), Mt. A.	7, 5	BBC (M. Lynch#), v. o.	
28, 29	Brookline, Mt. A.	pr at nest, 1	F. Bouchard, R. Stymeist#	
Carolina Wren				
thr	Boston, Newton	1 or 2, 2	T. Aversa#, T. Kuklinski	
thr	E. Middleboro, Sherborn	2, 2	K. Anderson, E. Taylor	
2	Acton, Lincoln	1, 1	R. Forster	
6, 13	Falmouth, Naushon	7, 4	I. Giriunas, J. MacDougall	
13, 20	Nantucket, Scituate	1, 3	E. Ray, R. Abrams	
24, 28	Framingham, Brookline	1, 8	J. Gordon, BBC (R. Stymeist)	
House Wren				
25; 27	Milton; P.I., Medford	1; 3, 4	R. Abrams; T. Young, R. Stymeist#	
28	Reports of individuals from 5 locations.			
Winter Wren				
thr, 6	Boxford, Cohasset	4+, 1	v. o., W. Petersen#	
7, 13; 10	Mt. A.; Nantucket, Marshfield	2, 1; 1, 1	A. Dasinger#; J. Papale, G. d'Entremont	
14-30	Reports of 1 or 2 individuals from 8 locations.			
Marsh Wren				
5, 25; 27	Nantucket; P.I.	1, 5 or 6; 1	J. Papale; H. Wiggin#	
Golden-crowned Kinglet				
thr, 6	Mt. A., Boxford	100+ max 4/13, 40	v. o., BBC (G. Gove)	
10	Boston (F.P.), P.I.	26, 40	T. Aversa, R. Abrams	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				
5, 6	Lincoln, Quabbin (G37)	1, 1	W. Petersen, BBC (M. Lynch#)	
7-30, 8	Mt. A., Nantucket	25 max 4/13, 2	v. o., J. Papale	
10-30, 28	P.I., IRWS	35 max 4/27, 8	v. o., J. Berry#	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				
6-30, 7-30	Boxford, Mt. A.	2-10, 1-4	v. o.	
18-30, 21	IRWS, Wayland	1-7, 1	v. o., R. Forster	
23-30	Reports of 1 or 2 individuals from 9 locations.			
Eastern Bluebird				
thr	Westminister, E. Middleboro	7 or 8, pr nesting	v. o., K. Anderson	
thr	Natick, Sherborn	2, 4	E. Taylor	
6	Quabbin (G37), DWWS	3, 1	BBC (M. Lynch#), v. o.	
9, 12; 13	Essex, Beverly; Newbury	2, 2; 1	J. MacDougall#; I. Lynch	
Hermit Thrush				
6, 7-30	Quabbin (G37), Mt. A.	1, 19 max 4/13	BBC (M. Lynch#), v. o.	
9-30	Boxford	7 max 4/13	v. o.	
24	MNWS, Squantum	20, 7	T. Aversa, G. d'Entremont	
27, 28	Boston (Thompson I.), Brookline	15, 11	H. Merriman, R. Stymeist#	
Wood Thrush				
12, 20	Weston, IRWS	1, 1	D. Morimoto, F. Goodwin	
27	Wayland, Yarmouthport	1, 1	S. Perkins, K. Hamilton	
28	Gloucester	1	S. Perkins	
American Robin				
7, 9	Newbury, Essex	110, 200+	D. Chickering, T. Young	
Varied Thrush				
1-4 (from Jan.)	Wrentham	1	A. Bottomly	
Gray Catbird				
thr, 10	Squantum, Nantucket	1, 1	G. d'Entremont, J. Papale	

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Gray Catbird (continued)				
16, 23	Hingham, Milton	1, 1	G. d'Entremont, R. Abrams	
24	P.I., MNWS; Dartmouth	1, 2; 1	T. Aversa; M. Boucher	
25, 27	Brookline, Waltham	1, 1	B. Rielly, L. Taylor	
Northern Mockingbird				
27	P.I.	11	M. Lynch#	
Brown Thrasher				
8, 10	S. Dartmouth, Nantucket	1, 2	M. Boucher, C. Andrews	
16-30, 25-30	P.I., Waltham	4 max, 2 or 3	v. o., L. Taylor	
27, 30	Salem, S. Dartmouth	4, 5	I. Lynch, T. Aversa	
American Pipit				
4, 7-14	Newbury, Topsfield	4, 2	J. Hoye, R. Stymeist + v. o.	
7	P.I., Bolton Flats	1, 2	A. Dasinger, M. Lynch#	
Cedar Waxwing				
10, 14	Marshfield, Ipswich	10, 15	G. d'Entremont, J. Berry	
19, 20	Lynn, Dedham	12, 8	C. Jackson, G. d'Entremont	
Northern Shrike				
7, 9	DWWS, Mashpee	1, 1	D. F. Oliver, P. Trimble	
White-eyed Vireo				
24, 29	Rockport, S. Dartmouth	1, 1	J. Baird, M. Boucher	
Solitary Vireo				
20, 24	Mt. Watatic, P.I.	2, 1	BBC (R. Stymeist), T. Aversa	
25-30	Waltham, Boxford	1-3, 1-6	L. Taylor, v. o.	
27-30	Mt. A., Medford	2-8, 4-6	A. Dasinger#, R. Stymeist#	
27, 28	P'town, Brookline	3, 9	B. Nikula#, BBC (R. Stymeist)	
Warbling Vireo				
26, 27	Middleboro, Mt. A.	1, 1	K. Holmes, R. Stymeist#	
Orange-crowned Warbler				
1-8	Duxbury	1	D. Clapp + v. o.	
Northern Parula				
26-27, 26	Squantum, Boston (F.Pk)	1, 1	G. d'Entremont, T. Aversa	
27, 28	P.I., Milton	1, 1	D. F. Oliver, T. Cameron	
Yellow Warbler				
26	Middleboro	1	K. Holmes	
Yellow-rumped Warbler				
2, 26; 8	Middleboro; Nantucket	4, 15+; 45+	K. Holmes; J. Papale	
11-30, 25	Mt. A., Milton	55 max 4/26, 103	v. o., R. Abrams	
28	Brookline, IRWS	71, 150+	BBC (R. Stymeist), J. Berry	
Black-throated Green Warbler				
27, 28	Boxford, Brookline	2, 4	W. Petersen#, BBC (R. Stymeist)	
Pine Warbler				
1, 2	Harwich, Yarmouthport	1, 5	K. Hamilton	
2	Wellesley, N. Middleboro	1, 3	R. Forster, K. Holmes	
6	Cohasset, Newburyport	8, 10	R. Abrams#, BBC (G. Gove)	
14, 27	Mashpee, P'town	18, 15	P. Trimble, B. Nikula	
Palm Warbler				
6-30, 6	Mt. A., Newburyport	10 max 4/14, 6	v. o., BBC (G. Gove)	
8; 9	Nantucket; Boxford, Ipswich	1; 5, 7	J. Papale; T. Aversa	
14	P'town, W. Newbury	14, 5	P. Trimble, W. Petersen#	
17, 18	Stonham, IRWS	13, 20	T. Aversa, J. Hoye	
19, 25	Braintree, Milton	25, 11	G. d'Entremont, R. Abrams	
26-30	General arrival.			
Black-and-white Warbler				
7, 24-30; 25	Mt. A.; IRWS	1, 1 or 2; 2	v. o.; J. MacDougall	
26	Middleboro, Halifax; Boston	1, 1; 1	K. Holmes; T. Aversa	
27	Salem, P.I.	1, 3	I. Lynch, M. Lynch#	
28	Reports of 1-4 individuals from	5 locations.		
Prothonotary Warbler				
24	Marblehead	1 m (dead)	J. Skinner	
Ovenbird				
29	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson	
Northern Waterthrush				
23, 25	Holliston, Manomet	2, 1 b	T. Aversa, MBO staff	
28, 28-30	P.I., Brookline	1, 1	P. + F. Vale, R. Stymeist	
29	E. Middleboro	2	K. Anderson	
Louisiana Waterthrush				
6, 6-30	Quabbin (G37), Boxford	1, 4 max	BBC (M. Lynch#), v. o.	
19	Milton, Sterling	1, 3-5	G. d'Entremont, H. Merriman	
24, 28	Beverly, Rutland	1, 1	J. MacDougall, B. Blodget	

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Common Yellowthroat 26	N. Middleboro	2	K. Holmes	
Scarlet Tanager 27	Milton	1	D. Brown	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak 22, 23-30	Nantucket (2 locales)	1,2 m + 1 f	fide E. Andrews	
23, 24, 25	Yarmouthport, P.I., Harvard	1, 1, 1	K. Hamilton, T. Sullivan, M. Lynch#	
Blue Grosbeak 22-23	W. Tisbury, Chilmark	2, 1 (dead)	W. Manter, M. Straight	
23	Nantucket	7 m	fide E. Andrews + J. Papale	
28	S. Dartmouth	1	M. Boucher	
Indigo Bunting 21-30; 22	M. V.; Eastham, Wellfleet	15 m max; 1, 1	fide V. Laux; K. Jones	
23	Nantucket	3 m	fide E. Andrews	
23-28	Yarmouthport	2-4	K. Hamilton	
Dickcissel 23	Chatham (Morris I.)	1	W. Bailey	
Rufous-sided Towhee 9, 27; 13	P.I.; Mt. A.	1, 4; 1	T. Aversa; v. o.	
25	Nantucket, Plymouth	7+, 5	J. Papale, G. d'Entremont	
American Tree Sparrow 20, 23	Westminster, Dorchester	2, 1	BBC (R. Stymeist), D. Brown	
Chipping Sparrow 7, 28; 7-30	Harvard; Mt. A.	2, 20+; 22 max	4/26 M. Lynch#; v. o.	
23, 28	Yarmouthport, Ipswich	8, 8	K. Hamilton, D. F. Oliver	
Field Sparrow 10, 26	Canton, Sharon	5, 3	T. Aversa, J. MacDougall	
Vesper Sparrow 6	Middleboro, Rowley	1, 1	BBC (D. Davis), M. Arguc#	
6, 15	W. Newbury, Wellfleet	1, 2	H. Wiggan#, K. Jones	
23	Squantum	1	G. d'Entremont	
Savannah Sparrow 15, 16	Concord, Middleboro	15, 54	S. Perkins, T. Aversa	
18, 27	W. Bridgewater, P.I.	25, 9	G. d'Entremont, M. Lynch#	
Sharp-tailed Sparrow 29	S. Dartmouth	1	M. Boucher	
Seaside Sparrow 28	S. Dartmouth	1	LCES (J. Hill)	
Fox Sparrow 1, 1-4	Milton, Ipswich	2, 2-1	R. Abrams, J. Berry	
9, 9-13	P.I., Mt. A.	1, 1-3	T. Aversa, v. o.	
Song Sparrow 6, 7	Quabbin (G37), Bolton Flats	19, 32	M. Lynch#	
13, 14	GMNWR, P.I.	18, 27	M. Lynch#	
Swamp Sparrow 13, 14	GMNWR, IRWS	21, 20+	M. Lynch#, J. MacDougall	
White-throated Sparrow thr	Mt. A.	55 max	4/29 v. o.	
27	P.I.	22	M. Lynch#	
27	Boston (Thompson I.)	60+	H. Merriman	
Dark-eyed Junco 1-13, 1-14	Mt. A., Ipswich	30 max	4/13, 10 max 4/12 v. o., J. Berry	
26, 27	Malden, Squantum	2, 1	P. + F. Vale, G. d'Entremont	
Lapland Longspur 18	W. Bridgewater	1	G. d'Entremont	
Snow Bunting 12, 23; 24	P'town; Ipswich	1 m, 1 f; 1	K. Jones; D. Rimmer	
Eastern Meadowlark 1, 18	W. Newbury, Middleboro	5, 5	G. d'Entremont	
Rusty Blackbird 1-24	Wayland, IRWS	55 max	4/20, 32 max 4/7 v. o.	
8-10, 12	Mt. A., Wakefield	2, 14	R. Stymeist, P. + F. Vale	
23, 27-28	Holliston, Medford	35, 1	T. Aversa, R. Stymeist#	
Brown-headed Cowbird 15	Concord	70	S. Perkins	
Orchard Oriole 28	Westwood, Acton	1, 1	E. Nielsen, R. Forster	
Northern Oriole 25, 26	Yarmouthport, Middleboro	1, 1	K. Hamilton, K. Holmes	

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Northern Oriole (continued)				
27	Rowley	1	D. Alexander	
Purple Finch				
6	Quabbin (G37), Boxford	2, 1	BBC (M. Lynch#), BBC (G. Gove)	
6, 8-12	Topsfield, E. Middleboro	1, 2	H. Wiggin#, K. Anderson	
14, 20	W. Newbury, Westminster	5, 13	W. Petersen#, BBC (R. Stymeist)	
28	Belmont, N. Dartmouth	11, 6	L. Taylor, M. Boucher	
Red Crossbill				
6, 25	W. Boylston	37, 20+	R. Bradbury	
7, 28; 27	ONWR; Petersham	6, 9; 19	M. Lynch#; E. Nielsen	
European Goldfinch				
5	Lexington	1 at feeder	W. Riley	
Evening Grosbeak				
17, 18	Boxford, Middleton	3, 3	J. MacDougall	
20, 27	Middleboro, M. V. (Oak Bluffs)	3, 1	W. Petersen, V. Laux	
27	P'town	1	B. Nikula	

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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