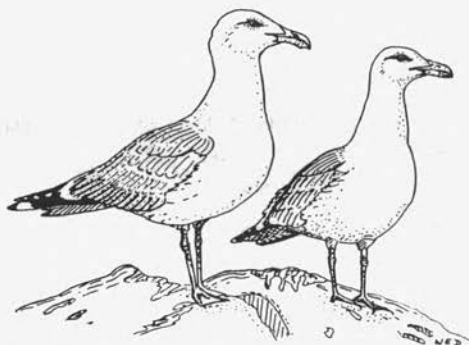


# BIRD SIGHTINGS

## APRIL 1992

### SUMMARY



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April 1992 was a very poor migration month, with only three days of southwest winds: the 9th, 14th, and 21st. It was cold and dry, with more sunshine than usual. Foliage was delayed due to the cold weather and the long periods of easterly winds, especially the last half of the month, when fog was frequent and east or northeast winds were noted nearly every day from April 16-28. The temperature averaged 46.4 degrees, 2.3 degrees below normal, making this the second cold month in a row. The high mark was 76 degrees on April 23, the low was 31 degrees on April 13 and 14. Rainfall totaled 2.34 inches, 1.39 inches less than average. A total of 1.0 inch of snow fell, bringing the total for the season to 22.0 inches, 18.2 inches less than normal.

R. H. S.

#### LOONS THROUGH RAPTORS

Over 2,200 Red-throated Loons were officially counted in Nantucket on the 29th, twice any previous state high count. The observers noted that the total number present may have been closer to 4,000 birds on April 19, when they first reported rafts all along the south shore of Nantucket. The Arctic/Pacific Loon, first noted January 3 at Race Point in Provincetown, was last seen on April 24. Five Pied-billed Grebes were tallied on Plum Island on April 14, and in Boston, at Forest Hills Cemetery, a pair of Pied-billed Grebes were calling near a small reed island on the pond within 15 feet of shore. Off Hull as many as 277 Red-necked Grebes were counted early in the month, with many in breeding plumage. Following a strong easterly wind on April 11, over 2,000 Northern Gannets were noted off Provincetown.

Great Blue Herons, rare breeders in Plymouth County, established a new colony in Lakeville, where 4 nests were observed. A Tricolored Heron was found at Fort Hill in Eastham where it remained for eight days. In Essex County 107 Glossy Ibis were tallied in the Ipswich area on April 26.

Three adult Tundra Swans were observed flying over Norfolk on April 1, and Snow Geese were also moving early in the month. A Tufted Duck was found on White Island Pond in Plymouth on April 19, where it remained through April 26. It was a much better spring for Northern Shoveler reports, with 14 individuals noted compared with just 4 last April.

Ospreys were fairly well established in the Westport area early in the month: 125 individuals were tallied there on April 5. Hurricane Bob and the 1991 Halloween storm did a lot of damage to the nesting platforms on the east branch of the Westport River. Many of the birds were perched on the ground next to the damaged nests. On the west branch all the nests were occupied except one that was tipped due to the storm. Good numbers of accipiters were reported from a wide area, and Northern Goshawks were found nesting in a few areas. The total of 568 Broad-winged Hawks at Wachusett Mountain April 23 was almost twice the previously reported high for Broadwings in eastern Massachusetts in the spring. The previous high was 299 birds at Wachusett on April 23, 1988. Many Merlins were seen on Plum Island. On the 26th, a Merlin flew under a car in hot pursuit of a Mourning Dove. The birders in the car could "feel" the birds flopping around, and then the dove escaped, chased by the Merlin. The flight of 244 American Kestrels at Plum Island on April 23 was the third highest American Kestrel count ever reported in Massachusetts. The Peregrine Falcons were again nesting on the Custom House in Boston, establishing the sixth year of nesting in the city. R. H. S.

#### Red-throated Loon

|        |                   |                |                                   |
|--------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| thr, 8 | P'town, Orleans   | 15 max 4/12, 9 | G. d'Entremont + v. o., T. Aversa |
| 12, 14 | Westport, Eastham | 25, 148        | R. Abrams, K. Jones               |
| 26, 29 | P.I., Nantucket   | 9, 2200        | M. Lynch, B. Perkins              |

#### Common Loon

|        |                       |                 |                                 |
|--------|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| thr, 4 | P'town, P.I.          | 80 max 4/18, 12 | K. Jones + v. o., BBC (G. Gove) |
| 12, 19 | Cape Cod Bay, Danvers | 154, 5          | M. Goolley, J. Brown            |
| 25, 26 | Clinton, Lakeville    | 6, 2            | M. Lynch, W. Petersen           |

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|---|-----------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Arctic/Pacific Loon</b> (from January) |                             |                |                                    |            |
| 1-24                                      | Provincetown (R.P.)         | 1 or 2         | v. o.                              |            |
| <b>Pied-billed Grebe</b>                  |                             |                |                                    |            |
| 4, 11                                     | Bolton, Hanson              | 1, 1           | H. Merriman, W. Petersen           |            |
| 14, 15                                    | P.I., Wayland               | 5, 1           | W. Drew, S. Arena                  |            |
| 15, 16                                    | Plympton, Lincoln           | 1, 1           | K. Anderson, C. Leahy              |            |
| 18, 25                                    | Milton, Clinton             | 1, 2           | G. d'Entremont, M. Lynch           |            |
| 25, 25-30                                 | Holden, Boston              | 1, pr calling  | M. Lynch, R. Stymeist + v. o.      |            |
| <b>Horned Grebe</b>                       |                             |                |                                    |            |
| 4   | P.I., Hull                  | 4, 42          | BBC (G. Gove), R. Abrams           |            |
| 5, 19                                     | S. Dartmouth, Marblehead    | 5, 2           | M. Boucher, J. Brown               |            |
| 25; 26                                    | Boylston; Winthrop, Revere  | 2; 2, 3        | R. Bradbury; R. Stymeist           |            |
| <b>Red-necked Grebe</b>                   |                             |                |                                    |            |
| 4   | Hull, Gloucester            | 277, 26        | R. Abrams, S. Arena                |            |
| 4, 8                                      | P.I., P'town (R.P.)         | 2, 6           | BBC (G. Gove), K. Jones            |            |
| 14, 19                                    | Winthrop, Cambridge (F.P.)  | 36, 1          | T. Aversa, S. Perkins              |            |
| 20, 25                                    | Whitinsville, Plymouth      | 1, 5           | R. Bradbury, G. d'Entremont        |            |
| <b>Northern Gannet</b>                    |                             |                |                                    |            |
| thr, 8                                    | P.I., 3-21 miles off Hull   | 12 max, 150    | v. o., R. Abrams                   |            |
| 12  | Provincetown, Cape Cod Bay  | 2,000+, 16     | T. Raymond, M. Gooley              |            |
| 25  | Plymouth                    | 2+             | G. d'Entremont                     |            |
| <b>Great Cormorant</b>                    |                             |                |                                    |            |
| 3, 4                                      | Lakeville, Gloucester       | 12, 9          | R. Abrams, S. Arena                |            |
| 5, 12                                     | Newburyport, Outer Cape Cod | 2 imm, 19      | J. Berry, BBC (R. Stymeist)        |            |
| 12, 25                                    | Provincetown, Plymouth      | 25, 11         | G. d'Entremont                     |            |
| <b>Double-crested Cormorant</b>           |                             |                |                                    |            |
| 4, 18                                     | Newburyport                 | 1, 155         | BBC (G. Gove), BBC (S. Moore)      |            |
| 26  | Newburyport                 | 2500           | BBC (S. Charette)                  |            |
| 7, 14, 25                                 | Clinton                     | 1, 3, 241      | R. Bradbury, H. Merriman, M. Lynch |            |
| 12, 21                                    | Outer Cape Cod, Mashpee     | 25, 20         | BBC (R. Stymeist), P. Trimble      |            |
| 25, 26                                    | S. Boston, Mystic Lakes     | 375, 60        | M. Hay, L. Taylor                  |            |
| <b>American Bittern</b>                   |                             |                |                                    |            |
| 2-23, 14                                  | Nantucket, Bolton           | 1, 1           | E. Andrews, R. Bradbury            |            |
| 18-20                                     | P.I./Newburyport            | 4 max 4/18     | BBC (S. Moore) + v. o.             |            |
| 28  | E. Middleboro               | 1              | K. Anderson                        |            |
| <b>Great Blue Heron</b>                   |                             |                |                                    |            |
| thr                                       | P.I., Mt. A.                | 4 or 5, 1 or 2 | v. o.                              |            |
| 1, 19                                     | Norfolk, Worcester          | 34 nests, 6    | B. Cassie, M. Lynch                |            |
| 26, 30                                    | Lakeville, Westboro         | 4 nests, 18    | W. Petersen, E. Taylor             |            |
| <b>Great Egret</b>                        |                             |                |                                    |            |
| 2, 5                                      | GMNWR, Westport             | 1, 8           | S. Perkins, R. Stymeist            |            |
| 18, 20                                    | Newburyport/P.I., Rowley    | 21, 2          | BBC (S. Moore), J. Brown           |            |
| 20  | Ipswich/Essex               | 7              | S. Perkins                         |            |
| <b>Snowy Egret</b>                        |                             |                |                                    |            |
| 4, 19                                     | Hull, Quincy                | 5, 10          | R. Abrams, E. Taylor               |            |
| 20  | P.I., Rowley                | 9, 12          | W. Drew, J. Brown                  |            |
| 20, 21                                    | Ipswich/Essex, Mashpee      | 20, 3          | S. Perkins, P. Trimble             |            |
| <b>Little Blue Heron</b>                  |                             |                |                                    |            |
| 8, 25; 20                                 | Squantum; Essex             | 1, 1; 3        | K. Ryan, G. d'Entremont; S. Sweet  |            |
| 25, 26                                    | Dorchester, Westport        | 1, 1           | G. d'Entremont, M. Boucher         |            |
| <b>Tricolored Heron</b>                   |                             |                |                                    |            |
| 5-12                                      | Eastham (F.H.)              | 1              | S. Perkins + v. o.                 |            |
| <b>Cattle Egret</b>                       |                             |                |                                    |            |
| 22, 26                                    | Ipswich                     | 2, 7           | T. Young, M. Lynch                 |            |
| 23  | Wenham                      | 2              | C. Leahy                           |            |
| <b>Green-backed Heron</b>                 |                             |                |                                    |            |
| 11, 28                                    | S. Dartmouth, Boston        | 1, 1           | T. Raymond, K. Hudson              |            |
| 30  | Lakeville                   | 1              | K. Holmes                          |            |
| <b>Black-crowned Night-Heron</b>          |                             |                |                                    |            |
| 20, 21                                    | E. Boston, Mashpee          | 37, 2          | L. Rogers, P. Trimble              |            |
| 18, 26                                    | P.I.                        | 1, 5           | M. Argue, M. Lynch                 |            |
| 22, 30                                    | Ipswich, S. Dartmouth       | 2, 1           | T. Young, M. Boucher               |            |
| <b>Glossy Ibis</b>                        |                             |                |                                    |            |
| 8-30, 12                                  | Squantum, Middleboro        | 26 max, 4      | D. Brown + v. o., T. Cameron       |            |
| 14-30, 16                                 | E. Boston, Revere           | 20 max, 8-10   | L. Rogers + v. o., J. Berry        |            |
| 22-23, 24                                 | Southboro, Concord (N.A.C.) | 2, 1           | D. Greenberg, S. Perkins           |            |
| 16-30                                     | Essex/Ipswich               | 107 max 4/26   | M. Lynch + v. o.                   |            |
| <b>Mute Swan</b>                          |                             |                |                                    |            |
| 5   | Westport, New Bedford       | 72, 22         | R. Stymeist                        |            |
| <b>Tundra Swan</b>                        |                             |                |                                    |            |
| 1   | Norfolk                     | 3              | B. Cassie                          |            |

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| Snow Goose          |                               |                  |                                     |            |
| 1, 4                | Sudbury, Middleboro           | 230, 85          | S. Perkins, A. Hirschkop            |            |
| 4, 5                | Newburyport/P.I., Salisbury   | 202, 360         | BBC (G. Gove), P. Roberts           |            |
| 20, 21              | Ipswich, N. Monomoy           | 1, 1             | J. Hoye, B. Nikula                  |            |
| Brant               |                               |                  |                                     |            |
| 11, 18              | Squantum, P.I./Newburyport    | 500, 115         | G. d'Entremont, BBC (S. Moore)      |            |
| 18, 19              | Duxbury, Plymouth             | 350, 100         | W. Petersen, K. Anderson            |            |
| 19, 26              | Quincy, E. Boston (B.I.)      | 300, 160         | E. Taylor, R. Stymeist              |            |
| Canada Goose        |                               |                  |                                     |            |
| thr                 | P.I.                          | 220 max 4/6      | W. Drew                             |            |
| Wood Duck           |                               |                  |                                     |            |
| thr                 | E. Middleboro, GMNWR          | 10 max, 35 max   | K. Anderson, S. Perkins             |            |
| 8, 9-10             | W. Bridgewater, Mt. A.        | 22, 1-4          | G. d'Entremont, v. o.               |            |
| 11, 12              | Petersham, Bolton             | 5, 50            | BBC (M. Lynch), M. Lynch            |            |
| 12                  | Sudbury, N. Dartmouth         | 14, 2 pr         | S. Perkins, M. Boucher              |            |
| 12, 18              | Wayland, Millis               | 12, 5            | BBC (S. Arena), P. Iarrobino        |            |
| Green-winged Teal   |                               |                  |                                     |            |
| thr                 | W. Bridgewater, Wayland       | 75 max, 40 max   | W. Petersen, S. Perkins             |            |
| thr, 1              | P.I., W. Roxbury              | 72 max 4/14, 35  | W. Drew, T. Aversa                  |            |
| 1-24, 12            | Arlington Res., Bolton        | 24 max 4/18, 60+ | M. Rines, M. Lynch                  |            |
| 12, 27              | Sudbury, W. Harwich           | 180, 40+         | S. Perkins, B. Nikula               |            |
| 21, 26              | Middleboro, E. Boston         | 200, 28          | T. Aversa, R. Stymeist              |            |
| American Black Duck |                               |                  |                                     |            |
| thr, 5              | P.I., Westport                | 260 max 4/6, 375 | W. Drew, R. Stymeist                |            |
| Northern Pintail    |                               |                  |                                     |            |
| 8, 12               | W. Bridgewater, Bolton        | 7, 2             | G. d'Entremont, M. Lynch            |            |
| 14                  | P.I., GMNWR                   | 20, 1            | W. Drew, S. Perkins                 |            |
| Blue-winged Teal    |                               |                  |                                     |            |
| 5-26, 8             | P.I./Newbyp't, W. Bridgewater | 10 max, 6        | v. o., G. d'Entremont               |            |
| 7-14, 18            | GMNWR, Middleboro             | 1 or 2, 10       | S. Perkins, W. Petersen             |            |
| 18, 18-20           | Ipswich, Arlington Res.       | 6, pr            | J. Brown, M. Rines                  |            |
| 19, 19-28           | Essex, S. Dartmouth           | 2, 4-6           | M. Rines, K. Holmes + v. o.         |            |
| 20, 22              | Bolton, Truro                 | 2, pr            | R. Bradbury, T. Aversa              |            |
| Northern Shoveler   |                               |                  |                                     |            |
| 1, 3-20             | Norfolk, Arlington Res.       | pr, 1 f          | B. Cassie, M. Rines + v. o.         |            |
| 12                  | S. Dartmouth, Westport        | 1 m, pr          | M. Boucher, T. Cameron              |            |
| 14, 20              | E. Boston, P.I.               | 1 m, 2           | T. Aversa, W. Petersen              |            |
| 20-26, 26           | Bolton, ONWR                  | 3 max 4/26, 2    | M. Lynch + v. o., M. Lynch          |            |
| Gadwall             |                               |                  |                                     |            |
| thr, 7-21           | P.I., Boston                  | 46 max 4/6, 2    | W. Drew, K. Hudson                  |            |
| 9, 11               | Norfolk, Wayland              | pr, 3            | B. Cassie, S. Perkins               |            |
| 12                  | S. Dartmouth                  | 13               | M. Boucher                          |            |
| Eurasian Wigeon     |                               |                  |                                     |            |
| 20, 21-26           | Newburyport, Hyannis          | 1 m, 1 m         | E. Nielsen, R. Pease                |            |
| American Wigeon     |                               |                  |                                     |            |
| 1-20, 1-24          | P.I., Arlington Res.          | 44 max, 44 max   | W. Drew, v. o.                      |            |
| 8, 10               | W. Bridgewater, Wakefield     | 2, 7             | G. d'Entremont, P. + F. Vale        |            |
| 12                  | Eastham, Sudbury              | 2, 2             | G. d'Entremont, S. Perkins          |            |
| 18, 19              | Middleboro, Wareham           | 3, 4             | W. Petersen, K. Anderson            |            |
| Canvasback          |                               |                  |                                     |            |
| 3, 4                | Lakeville, Randolph           | 45, 7            | R. Abrams, G. d'Entremont           |            |
| Tufted Duck         |                               |                  |                                     |            |
| 19-26               | Plymouth                      | 1                | S. + L. Arena + v. o.               |            |
| Ring-necked Duck    |                               |                  |                                     |            |
| 1-27                | Marlboro (Ft. Meadow)         | 28 max 4/7       | R. Graefe                           |            |
| 1-24, 2-14          | Arlington Res., GMNWR         | 12 max, 36 max   | M. Rines, S. Perkins                |            |
| 1-26, 3             | W. Newbury, Lakeville         | 50 max, 10       | v. o., R. Abrams                    |            |
| 11, 25              | S. Hanson, Petersham          | 80, 61           | W. Petersen, M. Lynch               |            |
| 12, 18              | Clinton, Ipswich (IRWS)       | 95, 10           | R. Bradbury, J. Brown               |            |
| 23, 25              | Milton, Plymouth              | 2, 2 m           | R. Abrams, G. d'Entremont           |            |
| Greater Scaup       |                               |                  |                                     |            |
| 1, 3                | Clinton, Lakeville            | 4, 245           | R. Bradbury, R. Abrams              |            |
| 4, 5                | Randolph, Newburyport         | 23, 50+          | G. d'Entremont, J. Berry            |            |
| 12, 25              | Orleans, GMNWR                | 25, 5            | BBC (R. Stymeist), BBC (S. Hepburn) |            |
| Lesser Scaup        |                               |                  |                                     |            |
| 3, 4                | Lakeville, W. Newbury         | 3 m, 3           | R. Abrams, M. Argue                 |            |
| 10-20, 17           | GMNWR, Lynn                   | 6 max, 6         | S. Perkins, I. Lynch                |            |
| 19, 25              | Plymouth, Clinton             | 20, 2            | S. Arena, M. Lynch                  |            |
| Common Eider        |                               |                  |                                     |            |
| 4                   | Gloucester, P.I.              | 45, 90           | S. Arena, BBC (G. Gove)             |            |
| 12                  | Outer Cape, Cape Cod Bay      | 220, 300         | BBC (R. Stymeist), M. Gooley        |            |
| 26                  | Squantum                      | 15               | G. d'Entremont                      |            |

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| Oldsquaw<br>thr, 12   | Newburyport, Cape Cod Bay   | 500 max 4/4, 140 v. o.,                                      | M. Gooley  |            |
| Black Scoter<br>3, 8<br>12, 25                              | Hull, Orleans<br>Provincetown, Plymouth   | 14, 65<br>20, 10   | M. Rines, T. Aversa<br>BBC (R. Stymeist), G. d'Entremont   |            |
| Surf Scoter<br>12, 25<br>26                                 | Provincetown, Plymouth<br>Revere  | 20, 50<br>300+   | BBC (R. Stymeist), G. d'Entremont<br>R. Stymeist   |            |
| White-winged Scoter<br>4, 26<br>12                          | P.I.<br>P'town, Cape Cod Bay  | 9, 11<br>5, 850+   | M. Lynch<br>BBC (R. Stymeist), M. Gooley   |            |
| Common Goldeneye<br>4, 26<br>4, 11<br>18-19                 | Newburyport<br>Gloucester, Petersham<br>Squantum  | 250+, 4<br>30, 19<br>1 imm                                   | M. Lynch, BBC (S. Charette)<br>S. Arena, BBC (M. Lynch)<br>G. d'Entremont  |            |
| Bufflehead<br>thr, 10<br>12, 15                             | P.I., Wakefield<br>Clinton, Plympton  | 18 max 4/6, 48<br>8, 5                                       | W. Drew, P. + F. Vale<br>R. Bradbury, K. Anderson  |            |
| Hooded Merganser<br>4<br>7, 9-25<br>14, 19<br>21, 23        | Randolph, Middleboro<br>Boston, Mt. A.<br>Arlington Res., Petersham<br>Middleboro, Bolton             | 1, 1<br>4, 8 max<br>2 f, 7<br>3 f, 1 f                       | G. d'Entremont<br>K. Hudson, S. Perkins + v. o.<br>T. Aversa, M. Lynch<br>T. Aversa, H. Merriman                   |            |
| Common Merganser<br>thr<br>4, 10<br>18, 19<br>20, 25        | W. Newbury, GMNWR<br>Randolph, Sherborn<br>Norton, New Braintree<br>Bolton, Rutland                   | 40 max, 62 max<br>35, 20<br>16, 14<br>8, 25                  | J. Berry + v. o., S. Perkins + v. o.<br>G. d'Entremont, E. Taylor<br>J. Kricher, M. Lynch<br>M. Hall, M. Lynch     |            |
| Red-breasted Merganser<br>3, 5<br>12<br>14                  | Hull, Westport River<br>Cape Code Bay, P'town<br>P.I.   | 85, 330<br>1500+, 750<br>169                                 | M. Rines, R. Stymeist<br>M. Gooley, BBC (R. Stymeist)<br>W. Drew   |            |
| Ruddy Duck<br>8-18, 12<br>14-28, 14                         | Milton, Wellesley<br>Arlington Res., Milton   | 1, 1<br>3 max, 2   | P. Fitzgerald + v. o., C. Quinlan<br>T. Aversa + v. o., G. d'Entremont   |            |
| Turkey Vulture<br>thr, 3<br>5<br>11, 14<br>14, 15           | Randolph, Nantucket<br>S. Dartmouth, Lynnfield<br>Barre, Boston<br>Plymouth, Halifax                  | 26 max 4/10, 1<br>6, 7<br>23, 4<br>6, 3                      | N. Smith, E. Andrews<br>M. Boucher, P. + F. Vale<br>M. Lynch, K. Hudson<br>P. Trimble, K. Anderson                 |            |
| Osprey<br>thr<br>3, 5<br>5, 19<br>21, 23                    | Nantucket, P.I.<br>Lakeville, Westport<br>Barnstable, Wareham<br>Mashpee, Millis                      | 1 or 2, 1<br>2, 126<br>3, 2<br>6, 2                          | E. Andrews, v. o.<br>R. Abrams, R. Stymeist<br>H. Ferguson, K. Anderson<br>P. Trimble, P. Iarrobino                |            |
| Reports of 8 individuals from 7 locations.                  |   |  |  |            |
| Bald Eagle<br>4, 26<br>6, 19                                | Newburyport, E. Boston (B.I.)<br>P.I., West Newbury   | 1 imm, 1 imm<br>1, 1   | S. Arena, R. Stymeist<br>EMHW  |            |
| Northern Harrier<br>2<br>4, 7<br>11<br>12, 14<br>18, 25, 29 | Auburn<br>Halifax, W. Roxbury<br>Sudbury<br>Provincetown, P.I.<br>DWWS, Wayland, Canton               | 1 m<br>4, 2<br>1 m<br>3, 7<br>1 m + 1 f, 1, 1 m              | M. Murphy<br>K. Anderson, T. Aversa<br>V. Laux<br>BBC (R. Stymeist), W. Drew<br>W. Petersen, S. Perkins, T. Aversa |            |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk<br>22, 26<br>23                          | Provincetown, Boxford<br>Wachusett Mt., Worcester, P.I.   | 8, 3<br>11, 11, 12   | T. Aversa, R. Stymeist<br>EMHW   |            |
| Reports of individuals from 15 locations.                   |   |  |  |            |
| Cooper's Hawk<br>5, 23                                      | Boxford, Wachusett Mt.  | 3, 2   | J. Berry, EMHW   |            |
| Reports of individuals from 12 locations.                   |   |  |  |            |
| Northern Goshawk<br>thr<br>thr, 6<br>18, 25                 | Holliston, Boxford<br>Middleboro, Foxboro<br>P'town, GMNWR  | pr on nest, 1<br>pr on nest, 1<br>1 imm, 1                   | T. Aversa, v. o.<br>K. Anderson, B. Cassie<br>B. Nikula, BBC (S. Hepburn)  |            |
| Red-shouldered Hawk<br>thr<br>thr<br>4, 5<br>12<br>24, 26   | Sherborn<br>Boxford, E. Middleboro<br>Bolton, Easton<br>S. Dartmouth, Harvard<br>Petersham, Lakeville | 3 including pr on nest<br>1, 2 or 3<br>1, 1<br>pr, 1<br>1, 2 | E. Taylor<br>v. o., K. Anderson<br>R. Bradbury, K. Ryan<br>M. Boucher, M. Lynch<br>M. Lynch, W. Petersen           |            |

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| <b>Broad-winged Hawk</b> |                              |                    |                             |            |
| 15; 19, 24               | Milton; Petersham            | 1; 1               | N. Smith; M. Lynch          |            |
| 23                       | Lincoln, Wachusett Mt.       | 1, 568             | W. Petersen, EMHW           |            |
| 26, 27; 28, 29           | Boxford; Worcester           | 1; 1               | J. Brown; M. Lynch          |            |
| 28, 30                   | Lakeville, Wakefield         | 2, 1               | K. Holmes, P. + F. Vale     |            |
| <b>Red-tailed Hawk</b>   |                              |                    |                             |            |
| thr                      | Sherborn, Framingham; Mt. A. | 5, 2; 1 or 2       | E. Taylor; v. o.            |            |
| 6, 12                    | E. Middleboro, Wayland       | pr, 6              | K. Anderson, BBC (S. Arena) |            |
| 12; 25                   | Bolton, Harvard; Boston      | 2, 5; 3            | M. Lynch; BBC (R. Stymeist) |            |
| <b>American Kestrel</b>  |                              |                    |                             |            |
| thr                      | Millis, Boston               | 8 max 4/26, 1 or 2 | P. Iarrobino, K. Hudson     |            |
| 8, 10, 23                | P.I.                         | 17, 21, 244        | EMHW                        |            |
| 12                       | Wakefield, Harvard           | 3, 5               | P. + F. Vale, M. Lynch      |            |
| 12, 16                   | Gloucester, E. Middleboro    | 7, 10              | J. Hoye, K. Anderson        |            |
| 19, 22                   | New Braintree, Falmouth      | 9, 4               | M. Lynch, P. Trimble        |            |
| 23, 26                   | P.I., Hatchville             | 43 in 1 hour, 6    | J. Hoye, P. Trimble         |            |
| <b>Merlin</b>            |                              |                    |                             |            |
| thr, 7                   | Boston, Wayland              | 1, 1               | K. Hudson, S. Perkins       |            |
| 4, 23, 29                | P.I.                         | 4, 11, 3           | H. Wiggins, EMHW, W. Drew   |            |
| 9, 15, 28                | Mt. Auburn                   | 1                  | v. o.                       |            |
| 14, 25                   | S. Boston, Lincoln           | 1 f, 1             | K. Ryan, S. Perkins         |            |
| 25                       | Middleboro                   | 1                  | D. Briggs                   |            |
| <b>Peregrine Falcon</b>  |                              |                    |                             |            |
| thr; 8, 21               | Boston; N. Monomoy           | 2; 1               | v. o.; B. Nikula            |            |
| 13, 22                   | P'town (R.P.), Chatham       | 1, 1               | K. Jones                    |            |
| 25, 30                   | GMNWR, S. Monomoy            | 1, 1 or 2          | BBC (S. Hepburn), B. Nikula |            |

#### GALLIFORMES THROUGH CORVIDS

A Wild Turkey was seen flying over Route 128 in Waltham, a surprise for two lucky observers. Turkeys seem to be doing well in Essex County with good numbers noted from Boxford.

A Common Moorhen was found in Middleboro, the only record for the month. A Sandhill Crane was noted from Rowley, and another bird was found in Middleboro.

Five Lesser Golden-Plovers were present in Newburyport from April 4-19, and others were found in West Bridgewater and Squantum. Over 30 American Oystercatchers were tallied on North Monomoy, and 3 birds were found at Logan Airport in Boston Harbor, the most northerly spot for breeding in Massachusetts.

Upland Sandpiper reports continue to decrease, but the encouraging news is that they seem to be doing well at Logan Airport. A Long-billed Dowitcher was well described and heard calling in Newburyport on April 18. Good numbers of Common Snipe were present, with concentrations in Concord, Bolton, and Newbury. A pelagic trip in Cape Cod Bay on the 14th yielded four Red Phalaropes.

One or two Little Gulls and 1 or 2 Common Black-headed Gulls were found in Newburyport Harbor, and 300 Bonaparte's Gulls were still present in Lynn as late as April 26. Lesser Black-backed Gulls were noted in North Truro and Middleboro. Caspian Terns were noted late in the month in three coastal locations.

Provincetown played host to good numbers of alcids until midmonth. Over 500 Razorbills were there on the 12th, along with 6 each of Common and Thick-billed murrelets.

Mount Auburn Cemetery birders unable to find passerines enjoyed two Eastern Screech-Owls and two Great Horned Owls. At Logan Airport, six Snowy Owls were present on April 1, and one was still there at month's end. Short-eared Owls were noted from six locations, and Long-eared Owls were found in Lexington and in Dorchester.

An early Whip-poor-will was found at Fort Hill in Eastham, and another was found at Nantucket on the 29th. Interestingly, no Whip-poor-wills were found at Myles Standish State Forest despite attempts to find them.

The first passerine movement was noted after the 26th when the first Chimney Swifts, Ruby-throated Hummingbirds, and Eastern Kingbirds were reported. As many as 50 Fish Crows were counted early in the month in Middleboro, and five pair were seen nest-building at Mount Auburn. Common Ravens were noted from Boxford and Centerville.

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|---|---------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--|
| <b>Ruffed Grouse</b>                      |                     |               |                             |  |
| 4, 15                                     | Milton, Boxford     | 2, 4          | G. d'Entremont, T. Aversa   |  |
| 29  | Canton (F.M.)       | 6             | T. Aversa                   |  |
| Reports of single birds from 5 locations. |                     |               |                             |  |
| <b>Wild Turkey</b>                        |                     |               |                             |  |
| 4, 11                                     | Sterling, Petersham | 4, 3          | H. Merriman, BBC (M. Lynch) |  |
| 12, 13-18                                 | Boxford, Carlisle   | 10, 2 or 3    | J. Berry, K. Harte          |  |
| 23, 26                                    | Waltham, Sherborn   | 1, 1          | J. Kricher#, E. Taylor      |  |
| <b>Virginia Rail</b>                      |                     |               |                             |  |
| thr                                       | Wayland, W. Roxbury | 1 or 2, 3 max | J. Hoye + v. o., T. Aversa  |  |

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|------------|
| Virginia Rail (continued) |                           |             |                                  |            |
| 4, 16                     | Ipswich, Bolton Flats     | 1, 1        | J. Berry, J. Hoye                |            |
| 19, 23                    | Salem, Milford            | 1, 1        | J. Brown, T. Aversa              |            |
| Common Moorhen            |                           |             |                                  |            |
| 26                        | Middleboro                | 1           | R. Abrams                        |            |
| American Coot             |                           |             |                                  |            |
| 7-14, 11-26               | GMNWR, Milford            | 1, 1        | S. Perkins, R. Bradbury          |            |
| 17, 18                    | Lynn, S. Hanson           | 1, 1        | I. Lynch, W. Petersen            |            |
| 25                        | Plymouth                  | 20          | G. d'Entremont                   |            |
| Sandhill Crane            |                           |             |                                  |            |
| 17-18, 30                 | Rowley, Middleboro        | 1, 1        | D. Chickering + v. o., W. Evill  |            |
| Black-bellied Plover      |                           |             |                                  |            |
| 12                        | Chatham, Westport         | 6, 10       | BBC (R. Stymeist), R. Abrams     |            |
| 20                        | Newburyport               | 2           | S. Perkins                       |            |
| Lesser Golden-Plover      |                           |             |                                  |            |
| 4-19, 8                   | Newburyport               | 5 max 4/19  | v. o.                            |            |
| 8                         | W. Bridgewater            | 3           | G. d'Entremont                   |            |
| 18                        | Squantum                  | 1           | D. Brown                         |            |
| Piping Plover             |                           |             |                                  |            |
| 4-20, 5                   | P.I., S. Dartmouth        | 1 or 2, 5   | v. o., M. Boucher                |            |
| 5                         | Barnstable, Westport      | 5, 1        | H. Ferguson, M. Rines            |            |
| 14, 21                    | Dartmouth, N. Monomoy     | 4, 6        | W. Kerr, B. Nikula               |            |
| Killdeer                  |                           |             |                                  |            |
| 4                         | Newburyport/P.I., Halifax | 20, 20      | BBC (G. Gove), K. Anderson       |            |
| 12, 21                    | Bolton, Falmouth          | 26, 2 nests | M. Lynch, P. Trimble             |            |
| American Oystercatcher    |                           |             |                                  |            |
| 10, 12                    | N. Monomoy, Chatham       | 30+, 2      | B. Nikula, BBC (R. Stymeist)     |            |
| 15, 26                    | Boston (Logan), Eastham   | 3, 6        | N. Smith, K. Jones               |            |
| Greater Yellowlegs        |                           |             |                                  |            |
| 1, 4                      | S. Dartmouth, Hull        | 2, 1        | M. Boucher, R. Abrams            |            |
| 4, 26                     | Newburyport/P.I.          | 3, 200+     | BBC (G. Gove), BBC (S. Charette) |            |
| 5, 18                     | Quincy, Eastham (F.H.)    | 1, 20       | R. Abrams, G. Gove               |            |
| 21, 24                    | Middleboro, Lancaster     | 24, 5       | T. Aversa, R. Bradbury           |            |
| 26, 28                    | Squantum, Halifax         | 56, 30      | G. d'Entremont, K. Anderson      |            |
| Lesser Yellowlegs         |                           |             |                                  |            |
| 12                        | S. Dartmouth              | 2           | M. Boucher                       |            |
| 21                        | Squantum                  | 1           | R. Abrams                        |            |
| 21, 26                    | Newburyport               | 1, 3        | M. Rines, BBC (S. Charette)      |            |
| Willet                    |                           |             |                                  |            |
| 24, 26                    | Eastham, Newburyport      | 1, 1        | K. Jones, M. Lynch               |            |
| 30                        | Chatham, S. Dartmouth     | 6, 2        | B. Nikula, K. Holmes             |            |
| Spotted Sandpiper         |                           |             |                                  |            |
| 23, 26                    | Wayland, Newburyport      | 1, 1        | G. Gove, M. Lynch                |            |
| 28                        | E. Middleboro             | 1           | K. Anderson                      |            |
| Upland Sandpiper          |                           |             |                                  |            |
| 13, 15                    | Nantucket, Boston (Logan) | 1, 2        | K. Beattie, N. Smith             |            |
| 21, 24                    | Halifax, Falmouth         | 2, 7        | K. Anderson, P. Trimble          |            |
| Sanderling                |                           |             |                                  |            |
| 26                        | Lynn                      | 140         | R. Stymeist                      |            |
| Least Sandpiper           |                           |             |                                  |            |
| 4, 27                     | Newbury, S. Dartmouth     | 2, 1        | H. Wiggin, M. Boucher            |            |
| Pectoral Sandpiper        |                           |             |                                  |            |
| 4-26                      | Newburyport               | 18 max 4/18 | v. o.                            |            |
| 4, 12                     | Bolton, Halifax           | 1, 12       | R. Bradbury, K. Anderson         |            |
| 11, 18                    | Middleboro                | 5, 14       | W. Petersen                      |            |
| Purple Sandpiper          |                           |             |                                  |            |
| 20, 26                    | P.I.                      | 2, 8        | J. Brown, BBC (S. Charette)      |            |
| Dunlin                    |                           |             |                                  |            |
| 4-26                      | Newburyport               | 80 max 4/26 | v. o.                            |            |
| 12                        | Westport                  | 125         | R. Abrams                        |            |
| 19, 22                    | GMNWR, S. Dartmouth       | 3, 12       | D. Hart, K. Holmes               |            |
| Short-billed Dowitcher    |                           |             |                                  |            |
| 18, 26                    | Newburyport               | 1, 3        | BBC (S. Moore), M. Lynch         |            |
| Long-billed Dowitcher     |                           |             |                                  |            |
| 18                        | Newburyport               | 1 br pl     | H. Wiggin                        |            |
| Common Snipe              |                           |             |                                  |            |
| 4, 5                      | Bolton, S. Dartmouth      | 50+, 9      | R. Bradbury, M. Boucher          |            |
| 12, 19                    | Truro, New Braintree      | 15, 15      | G. d'Entremont, M. Lynch         |            |
| 20, 21                    | Newbury, Middleboro       | 70, 76      | S. Arena, T. Aversa              |            |
| 21-25, 26                 | Concord, Topsfield        | 60, 9       | S. Perkins, R. Stymeist          |            |



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| American Woodcock         |  |                       |                              |
| 9, 12                     | IRWS, Princeton                          | 2, 2                  | J. Brown, R. Bradbury        |
| 21, 28                    | Plymouth (Myles Standish SF)             | 12, 9                 | G. d'Entremont               |
| Red Phalarope             |  |                       |                              |
| 12                        | Cape Cod Bay                             | 4 W pl                | M. Gooley                    |
| Laughing Gull             |  |                       |                              |
| 7, 8                      | S. Wellfleet, Orleans                    | 6, 12                 | K. Jones, T. Aversa          |
| 12, 19                    | S. Dartmouth, Nantucket                  | 1, 2                  | M. Boucher, E. Andrews       |
| Little Gull               |  |                       |                              |
| 20-26                     | Newburyport                              | 1 or 2                | S. Perkins + v. o.           |
| Common Black-headed Gull  |  |                       |                              |
| 4, 21                     | Newburyport                              | 2, 1                  | BBC (G. Gove), M. Rines      |
| Bonaparte's Gull          |  |                       |                              |
| thr, 8                    | Newburyport, off Scituate                | 75 max 4/26, 3        | v. o., R. Abrams             |
| 18, 26                    | Squantum, Lynn                           | 1 imm, 300+           | G. d'Entremont, R. Stymeist  |
| Iceland Gull              |  |                       |                              |
| thr                       | P'town/Truro, Newburyport                | 11 max 4/13, 1 or 2   | K. Jones, v. o.              |
| 2, 10                     | Norfolk, Boston Harbor                   | 1 1W, 1 3W            | B. Cassie, R. Abrams         |
| 11, 23                    | Middleboro, Quincy                       | 1 imm, 1 1W           | W. Petersen, G. d'Entremont  |
| 29                        | New Bedford                              | 1                     | D. Zimmerman                 |
| Lesser Black-backed Gull  |  |                       |                              |
| 11, 18                    | Middleboro, N. Truro                     | 1 ad, 1 1S            | W. Petersen, K. Jones        |
| Glaucous Gull             |  |                       |                              |
| 8, 10                     | Boston Harbor, off Nahant                | 1 ad, 1 ad            | R. Abrams                    |
| 12, 15                    | Provincetown, Newburyport                | 1, 1                  | BBC (R. Stymeist), M. Argue  |
| 26                        | Nantucket                                | 1                     | E. Andrews                   |
| Black-legged Kittiwake    |  |                       |                              |
| 12                        | Cape Cod Bay                             | 6                     | M. Gooley                    |
| Caspian Tern              |  |                       |                              |
| 23                        | Plymouth, Provincetown                   | 1, 1                  | R. Holmes, K. Jones          |
| 24, 25                    | Squantum                                 | 4, 1                  | M. Rines, E. Cutler          |
| Common Murre              |  |                       |                              |
| 12                        | P'town (R.P.), Cape Cod Bay              | 6, 2                  | BBC (R. Stymeist), M. Gooley |
| Thick-billed Murre        |  |                       |                              |
| 7, 12                     | P'town (R.P.)                            | 6, 1                  | R. Abrams, G. d'Entremont    |
| 8, 12                     | Boston Harbor, Cape Cod Bay              | 1, 1                  | R. Abrams, M. Gooley         |
| Razorbill                 |  |                       |                              |
| 12                        | Provincetown, Cape Cod Bay               | 500, 55               | T. Raymond, M. Gooley        |
| Black Guillemot           |  |                       |                              |
| 4, 8                      | Gloucester, off Scituate                 | 16, 6                 | W. Petersen, R. Abrams       |
| 9                         | Provincetown (R.P.)                      | 1                     | K. Jones                     |
| Eastern Screech-Owl       |  |                       |                              |
| thr, 8                    | Mt. A., Easton                           | 1 or 2, 1             | v. o., K. Ryan               |
| Great Horned Owl          |  |                       |                              |
| thr                       | Eastham, Mt. A.                          | pr + 1 yg, 2          | T. Aversa, v. o.             |
| thr                       | Salisbury, Falmouth                      | n + 2 yg, 1 ad + 1 yg | T. Goodridge, P. Trimble     |
| 5, 18                     | Randolph, Brookline                      | 2, 2                  | G. d'Entremont, R. Stymeist  |
| Snowy Owl                 |  |                       |                              |
| 1, 24                     | Nantucket (2 locations)                  | 1, 1                  | E. Andrews                   |
| 1, 30; 8                  | Boston (Logan); P'town                   | 6, 2; 1               | N. Smith; K. Jones           |
| 10, 21                    | Quincy, P.I.                             | 1, 1                  | J. Donahue, M. Rines         |
| Barred Owl                |  |                       |                              |
| thr, 19                   | Boxford, Petersham                       | 1 or 2, 1             | v. o., M. Lynch              |
| 22, 26                    | Easton, Lakeville                        | 1, 1                  | K. Ryan, W. Petersen         |
| Long-eared Owl            |  |                       |                              |
| 7, 15                     | Dorchester, Lexington                    | 1 injured, 1          | fide T. French, N. Floyd     |
| Short-eared Owl           |  |                       |                              |
| 5, 15                     | W. Roxbury, P.I.                         | 1, 1                  | E. Salmela, T. Aversa        |
| 18                        | Boston (Logan), Middleboro               | 1, 1                  | N. Smith, W. Petersen        |
| 19, 20                    | Essex, E. Boston (B.I.)                  | 1, 1                  | J. Soucy, L. Rogers          |
| 29                        | P.I.                                     | 1                     | W. Drew                      |
| Northern Saw-whet Owl     |  |                       |                              |
| 1, 28                     | W. Roxbury, Plymouth                     | 1, 1                  | T. Aversa, G. d'Entremont    |
| Whip-poor-will            |  |                       |                              |
| 19, 29                    | Eastham (F.H.), Nantucket                | 1 f, 1                | K. Jones, R. Morcom          |
| Chimney Swift             |  |                       |                              |
| 26, 27                    | Milford, Easton                          | 26, 12                | R. Bradbury, K. Ryan         |
| 21-30                     | Reports of individuals from 8 locations. |                       |                              |
| Ruby-throated Hummingbird |  |                       |                              |
| 26                        | Mt. A.                                   | 1                     | v. o.                        |

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| Belted Kingfisher             |   |                  |                                |            |
| thr, 4                        | Mt. A., Sherborn                                | 2, 4             | v. o., E. Taylor               |            |
| 24, 28                        | New Braintree, E. Middleboro                    | pr at n, 2 pr    | M. Lynch, K. Anderson          |            |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker        |   |                  |                                |            |
| thr, 1-16                     | Medford, Boston (F.Pk)                          | 1 f, pr          | M. Rines, T. Aversa            |            |
| 10-30, 25                     | S. Dartmouth, Boston                            | 1, pr            | K. Holmes, BBC (R. Stymeist)   |            |
| 16-30                         | Braintree                                       | 1 m              | G. d'Entremont + v. o.         |            |
| 26-28, 29                     | Nantucket, Worcester                            | 1 m, 1 m         | E. Andrews, M. Lynch           |            |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker      |   |                  |                                |            |
| 8, 10                         | Lincoln, Boston (F.Pk)                          | 1 m, 1 m         | S. Holbrook, T. Aversa         |            |
| 12                            | Provincetown, Saugus                            | 2, 1 m           | B. Nikula, P. + F. Vale        |            |
| 14-21                         | Reports of 1 or 2 individuals from 7 locations. |                  |                                |            |
| Hairy Woodpecker              |   |                  |                                |            |
| thr                           | Mt. A., Boxford                                 | 1, 3             | v. o., J. Brown                |            |
| 2, 12                         | Worcester (BMB), Wayland                        | 2, 4             | M. Lynch, BBC (S. Arena)       |            |
| Pileated Woodpecker           |   |                  |                                |            |
| thr, 4                        | Boxford, Milton                                 | 1 or 2, 2        | v. o., G. d'Entremont          |            |
| 12, 19                        | Bolton Flats, Petersham                         | pr, 1            | M. Lynch                       |            |
| 22, 27                        | Lincoln (DFWS), Topsfield                       | 1, 1             | W. Petersen, K. Disney         |            |
| Eastern Phoebe                |   |                  |                                |            |
| thr                           | Mt. A.  | 16 max 4/8       | J. Heywood + v. o.             |            |
| 6, 12                         | Waltham   | 6, 11            | L. Taylor                      |            |
| 11, 12                        | Petersham, Wayland                              | 6, 9             | BBC (M. Lynch), BBC (S. Arena) |            |
| 14, 18                        | Bolton Flats, Brookline                         | 10, 27           | H. Merriman, R. Stymeist       |            |
| 18                            | Arlington, P.I./Newburyport                     | 8, 22            | M. Rines, BBC (S. Moore)       |            |
| 19                            | Boxford, New Braintree                          | 6, 19            | G. d'Entremont, M. Lynch       |            |
| thr                           | Reports of 57 individuals from 24 locations.    |                  |                                |            |
| Eastern Kingbird              |   |                  |                                |            |
| 25, 28                        | Nantucket, S. Dartmouth                         | 1, 1             | J. Stroup, K. Holmes           |            |
| 29                            | Provincetown                                    | 1                | K. Jones                       |            |
| Horned Lark                   |   |                  |                                |            |
| 12                            | Provincetown, Wellfleet                         | 6, 3             | BBC (R. Stymeist)              |            |
| 21, 26                        | Falmouth, P.I.                                  | 8, 2             | P. Trimble, M. Lynch           |            |
| Purple Martin                 |   |                  |                                |            |
| 9, 18                         | Provincetown, P.I.                              | 1 m, 10          | K. Jones, BBC (S. Moore)       |            |
| 18, 19                        | Halifax, Salem                                  | 3, 2             | W. Petersen, J. Brown          |            |
| Tree Swallow                  |   |                  |                                |            |
| 1, 17                         | Wayland   | 36, 175          | S. Arena                       |            |
| 2, 14                         | GMNWR   | 80, 500+         | S. Perkins                     |            |
| 3, 4                          | Arlington Res., Boston                          | 15, 1            | M. Rines, K. Hudson            |            |
| 5                             | N. Middleboro, Nantucket                        | 3, 10            | K. Holmes, J. Husted           |            |
| 10, 17                        | Wakefield, Concord                              | 3, 500           | P. + F. Vale, S. Perkins       |            |
| 19, 25                        | New Braintree, Clinton                          | 40+, 350+        | M. Lynch                       |            |
| Northern Rough-winged Swallow |   |                  |                                |            |
| 8, 17                         | Milton, Concord                                 | 4, 2             | P. Fitzgerald, S. Perkins      |            |
| 24                            | Hardwick, Milton                                | 2, 25            | M. Lynch, R. Abrams            |            |
| 24                            | S. Dartmouth, Arlington                         | 2, 4             | K. Holmes, M. Rines            |            |
| 28, 29                        | Boston, Ipswich                                 | 2, 4             | K. Hudson, J. Berry            |            |
| Bank Swallow                  |   |                  |                                |            |
| 10                            | off Hull  | 2                | R. Abrams                      |            |
| 12                            | Middleboro, Sudbury                             | 1, 2             | R. Abrams, S. Perkins          |            |
| 14, 18                        | GMNWR, Clinton                                  | 1, 1             | S. Perkins, R. Bradbury        |            |
| 23                            | Millis  | 11 nests         | P. Iarrobino                   |            |
| 24                            | New Braintree                                   | 3                | M. Lynch                       |            |
| Cliff Swallow                 |   |                  |                                |            |
| 4                             | GMNWR   | 1                | J. Center                      |            |
| Barn Swallow                  |   |                  |                                |            |
| 4, 7                          | GMNWR, Falmouth                                 | 2, 1             | J. Center, W. Mills            |            |
| 10                            | Provincetown, Fairhaven                         | 3, 2             | M. Rines, M. Boucher           |            |
| 11, 14                        | S. Hanson, Wayland                              | 1, 2             | W. Petersen, S. Arena          |            |
| 14, 16                        | Bolton Flats, Rowley                            | 1, 1             | H. Merriman, J. Brown          |            |
| 16-30                         | General arrival.                                |                  |                                |            |
| Fish Crow                     |   |                  |                                |            |
| thr                           | Middleboro, Mt. A.                              | 50 max 4/4, 5 pr | G. d'Entremont + v. o., v. o.  |            |
| thr, 19                       | Millis, Essex                                   | 7 max 4/27, 1    | P. Iarrobino, M. Rines         |            |
| 10, 23                        | S. Dartmouth, Norton                            | 2, 1             | K. Holmes, J. Kricher          |            |
| 25                            | GMNWR   | 1                | BBC (S. Hepburn)               |            |
| Common Raven                  |   |                  |                                |            |
| 5, 19                         | Boxford, Petersham                              | 1, 1             | J. Brown, M. Lynch             |            |
| 23                            | Centerville                                     | 1                | R. Pease                       |            |
| 24                            | Wachusett Mt.                                   | 1                | G. Gove                        |            |



## PARIDS THROUGH FINCHES

Up to six Winter Wrens were reported from Boxford, and four in Provincetown were most certainly migrants. A large mixed flock of kinglets was at Provincetown on April 26. A healthy number of gnatcatchers were at Boxford, while Eastern Bluebirds were widely reported from all sections except Cape Cod. Hermit Thrushes were well reported, but only one Wood Thrush was noted. Six hundred robins were in New Braintree on April 19, while Brown Thrashers arrived around April 25. Four American Pipits were reported, and moderate flocks of Cedar Waxwings were seen. A Loggerhead Shrike was photographed at Bolton Flats on April 6.

Migration seemed delayed in eastern Massachusetts. The only vireo species reported was the Solitary Vireo. Twelve species of warblers were reported, compared with thirteen and eighteen in 1991 and 1990, respectively. One warbler was the Yellow-breasted Chat, a wintering bird that left by midmonth. Early reports included a Blue-winged Warbler at GMNWR on April 20 and a Worm-eating Warbler at West Roxbury on April 29. Other warblers arrived in lower than normal numbers.

Two Summer Tanager reports were received, one from Yarmouthport and the other at Nantucket. Rufous-sided Towhees arrived during the last week. A single American Tree Sparrow found on April 26 was late. Field Sparrow numbers increased impressively throughout the month at Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary, with 16 reported by month's end. The West Roxbury Lark Sparrow was last reported on April 4. A count of 150 Savannah Sparrows was recorded in Middleboro. A Grasshopper Sparrow in Newton on April 30 was about two weeks early. One Dark-eyed "Oregon" Junco was seen in Wenham on April 21.

A male Yellow-headed Blackbird was present in Marion most of the month. Encouraging reports included a high of 34 Purple Finches present on April 3 in Boxford. Eight Red Crossbills briefly appeared in the Newburyport area.

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|-------------------------|--|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| Tufted Titmouse         |  |                 |                                    |
| 12, 28                  | Boxford, Worcester (BMB)                                     | 25+, 19         | J. Berry, M. Lynch#                |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch   |  |                 |                                    |
| thr, 5                  | Mt. A., Ipswich  | 4 max, 1        | v.o., J. Berry                     |
| 12, 21                  | Brookline, Boxford   | 1 f, 1          | H. Wiggin, J. Brown#               |
| 23, 26                  | P'town, Lakeville  | 1, 1            | P. Trimble, W. Petersen            |
| White-breasted Nuthatch |  |                 |                                    |
| 12                      | Boxford State Forest   | 20              | J. Berry                           |
| Brown Creeper           |  |                 |                                    |
| thr                     | Boxford, Milton  | 7 max, 4 max    | v. o., G. d'Entremont              |
|                         | Reports of 10 individuals from 6 locations.                  |                 |                                    |
| Carolina Wren           |  |                 |                                    |
|                         | Reports of 18 individuals from 11 locations.                 |                 |                                    |
| House Wren              |  |                 |                                    |
| 16-18, 26               | Salem, Holliston   | 1, 1            | I. Lynch#, J. Hoye                 |
| 27, 29                  | Mt. A., Worcester (BMB)                                      | 1, 2            | v. o., M. Lynch#                   |
| Winter Wren             |  |                 |                                    |
| thr, 8                  | Boxford, Mt. A.  | 6 max, 2        | v. o.                              |
| 19, 23                  | Worcester, Sharon  | 1, 2 m          | M. Lynch#, B. Cassie               |
| 24, 26                  | Wachusett Mt., P'town  | 4, 4            | J. Gordon#, B. Nikula#             |
| Marsh Wren              |  |                 |                                    |
| 29                      | Milton (Fowl Meadow)   | 1               | T. Aversa                          |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet  |  |                 |                                    |
| 11; 12, 26              | Petersham; P'town  | 28; 20, 75+     | BBC (M. Lynch#); B. Nikula#        |
| 19, 26                  | Waltham, P.I.  | 31, 10          | L. Taylor, M. Lynch#               |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet    |  |                 |                                    |
| 13-30, 24               | Mt. A., Milton   | 50 max 4/24, 15 | v. o., R. Abrams                   |
| 26, 28                  | Provincetown, Boxford  | 75+, 53         | B. Nikula#, T. Aversa              |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher   |  |                 |                                    |
| 23                      | Holliston, P'town  | 2, 2            | T. Aversa, P. Trimble              |
| 25, 28                  | Mt. A., Boxford  | 2, 9            | P. Trimble, T. Aversa              |
| 26, 29                  | Waltham  | 3, 3            | L. Taylor                          |
| Eastern Bluebird        |  |                 |                                    |
| thr, 14-30              | Millis, Worcester (BMB)                                      | 5 max, 7 max    | P. Iarrobino, M. Lynch#            |
| 12, 20                  | ONWR, Sherborn   | 3, 6            | M. Lynch#, E. Taylor               |
|                         | Reports of one pair and single birds from several locations. |                 |                                    |
| Hermit Thrush           |  |                 |                                    |
| 9-30, 19                | Mt. A., Petersham  | 10 max 4/12, 7  | v. o., M. Lynch#                   |
| 25                      | Boston, Plymouth   | 4, 5            | BBC (R. Stymeist), G. d'Entremont# |
|                         | Reports of 22 individuals from 14 locations.                 |                 |                                    |
| Wood Thrush             |  |                 |                                    |
| 24                      | Wayland  | 1               | S. Arena                           |

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|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|------------|
| American Robin<br>4, 12; 19<br>11, 12, 12                         | E. Middleboro; New Braintree<br>Petersham, Bolton, Harvard                             | 150, 150; 600+<br>30, 50, 60          | K. Anderson; M. Lynch#<br>M. Lynch#                     |            |
| Gray Catbird<br>12, 18<br>23, 26                                  | P.I., Brookline<br>Milton, Milford   | 1, 1<br>1, 1                          | T. Young, R. Stymeist#<br>R. Abrams, R. Bradbury        |            |
| Brown Thrasher<br>28; 28, 29<br>23-30                             | Plymouth (MSSF); BMB<br>Reports of one or two individuals (10 total) from 8 locations. | 3; 10, 3                              | G. d'Entremont; M. Lynch#                               |            |
| American Pipit<br>4, 20<br>21, 26                                 | P.I., Ipswich<br>Newbury, P.I.   | 1, 1<br>1, 1                          | BBC (G. Gove), S. Perkins#<br>K. Disney#, M. Lynch#     |            |
| Cedar Waxwing<br>6, 17-23<br>19, 23                               | Middleboro, Hopkinton<br>New Braintree, Milton   | 100, 45 max<br>40+, 200               | FCBC (M. Murphy), G. Gove<br>M. Lynch#, R. Abrams       |            |
| shrike species<br>7   | Boston (Fens)  | 1                                     | K. Hudson   |            |
| Loggerhead Shrike<br>6  | Bolton Flats   | 1 ph                                  | C. Quinlan  |            |
| Solitary Vireo<br>21-30, 24<br>28                                 | Mt. A., Milton<br>Clinton, Worcester (BMB)   | 3, 4<br>1, 2                          | v. o., R. Abrams<br>H. Merriman, M. Lynch#              |            |
| Blue-winged Warbler<br>20   | GMNWR  | 1                                     | A. Bennett  |            |
| Northern Parula<br>23   | Milton   | 1                                     | R. Abrams   |            |
| Yellow Warbler<br>26, 27<br>29                                    | Milford, Easton<br>Milton (Fowl Meadow)  | 2, 3<br>2 m                           | R. Bradbury, K. Ryan<br>T. Aversa                       |            |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler<br>thr, 12<br>25                            | Wayland, P'town<br>Holden, GMNWR   | 45 max 4/24, 50<br>17, 33             | S. Arena, B. Nikula#<br>M. Lynch#, BBC (S. Hepburn)     |            |
| Black-throated Green Warbler<br>26, 28<br>28, 29                  | Boston (F.Pk), Clinton<br>Worcester (BMB), Dover                                       | 1, 1<br>1, 3                          | J. Young, H. Merriman<br>M. Lynch#, P. Hallowell        |            |
| Pine Warbler<br>19, 21<br>23, 24                                  | Plymouth, Mashpee<br>P'town, Otis Air Force Base                                       | 15, 8<br>16, 20                       | S. Arena, P. Trimble<br>P. Trimble, P. Trimble          |            |
| Palm Warbler<br>10-30, 10-30<br>12, 28<br>23, 26, 29              | Boston (F.Pk), Mt. A.<br>Sudbury, Boxford<br>Waltham                                   | 12 max, 10 max<br>10, 17<br>7, 14, 15 | T. Aversa, v.o.<br>S. Perkins#, T. Aversa<br>L. Taylor  |            |
| Black-and-white Warbler<br>23<br>23, 30                           | Mt. A., Milton, P'town<br>Cambridge, E. Middleboro                                     | 3, 2, 2<br>2, 2                       | v. o., R. Abrams, P. Trimble<br>M. Boucher, K. Anderson |            |
| Worm-eating Warbler<br>29   | West Roxbury   | 1                                     | T. Aversa   |            |
| Northern Waterthrush<br>21, 23<br>26, 28                          | Dover, Holliston<br>Northbridge, E. Middleboro   | 1, 5<br>1, 2 m                        | P. Hallowell, T. Aversa<br>R. Bradbury, K. Anderson     |            |
| Louisiana Waterthrush<br>15-30, 18<br>20, 29                      | Boxford, Braintree<br>Bolton Flats, Worcester (BMB)                                    | 3 max, 1<br>1, 1                      | v. o., G. d'Entremont#<br>M. Hall, M. Lynch#            |            |
| Yellow-breasted Chat<br>1-16                                      | East Gloucester  | 1 m                                   | J. Mann   |            |
| Summer Tanager<br>26-28, 25                                       | Yarmouthport, Nantucket  | 1, 1                                  | J. Weld + v. o., fide E. Andrews                        |            |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak<br>28, 29                                  | Worcester (BMB)  | 1, 1                                  | M. Lynch#   |            |
| Indigo Bunting<br>26-30   | Woods Hole   | 1                                     | P. Trimble  |            |
| Rufous-sided Towhee<br>2, 8<br>28, 29                             | S. Dartmouth, Squantum<br>Plymouth (MSSF), Worcester (BMB)                             | 1, 1 f<br>12, 9                       | K. Holmes, K. Ryan<br>G. d'Entremont#, M. Lynch#        |            |
| Reports of one to three individuals (17 total) from 13 locations. |  |                                       |   |            |
| American Tree Sparrow<br>7, 19<br>20, 26                          | West Roxbury, Hardwick<br>Bolton Flats, Dorchester                                     | 18, 30+<br>10, 1                      | T. Aversa, M. Lynch#<br>M. Hall, G. d'Entremont         |            |
| Chipping Sparrow<br>16-30, 19<br>27, 30                           | Mt. A., Nantucket<br>Rochester, Otis Air Force Base                                    | 10 max, 15-20<br>10, 20               | v. o., E. Andrews#<br>M. Boucher, P. Trimble            |            |

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| Field Sparrow<br>thr, 4<br>12, 24           | Worcester (BMB), Millis<br>Wellfleet, Wayland            | 16 max 4/29, 2<br>6, 5     | M. Lynch#, P. Iarrobino<br>BBC (R. Stymeist), S. Arena                   |            |
| Vesper Sparrow<br>4, 12<br>14-20, 24        | Rowley, Wellfleet<br>Wayland, New Braintree              | 1, 3<br>1, 1               | H. Wiggin#, BBC (R. Stymeist)<br>S. Arena, M. Lynch#                     |            |
| Lark Sparrow<br>1-4                         | West Roxbury (Gethsemane Cemetery)                       | 1                          | v. o.  |            |
| Savannah Sparrow<br>thr, 18<br>24, 26       | West Roxbury, Middleboro<br>Wayland, Bolton Flats        | 54 max 4/29, 150<br>75, 40 | T. Aversa, W. Petersen<br>S. Arena, K. Griffis                           |            |
| "Ipswich" Savannah Sparrow<br>8             | Orleans (Nauset)   | 1                          | T. Aversa  |            |
| Grasshopper Sparrow<br>30                   | Newton   | 1                          | J. Hepburn#  |            |
| Fox Sparrow<br>1-19                         | Reports of 1-4 individuals (30 total) from 18 locations. |                            |  |            |
| Song Sparrow<br>8                           | Squantum   | 50-60                      | K. Ryan  |            |
| Swamp Sparrow<br>6, 12<br>28, 29            | Millis, Wayland<br>Worcester (BMB), GMNWR                | 2, 5<br>4, 6               | P. Iarrobino, BBC (S. Arena)<br>M. Lynch#, BBC (S. Hepburn)              |            |
| White-throated Sparrow<br>thr               | Mt. A.   | 20 max 4/29                | v. o.  |            |
| Dark-eyed Junco<br>8, 9<br>11, 19           | Squantum, Brookline<br>Petersham                         | 75, 25<br>48, 50+          | K. Ryan, H. Wiggin<br>BBC (M. Lynch), M. Lynch#                          |            |
| Dark-eyed "Oregon" Junco<br>21              | Wenham   | 1                          | N. Nash  |            |
| Lapland Longspur<br>19                      | Bolton   | 1 f                        | M. Rines   |            |
| Bobolink<br>30                              | Bolton   | 3                          | R. Bradbury  |            |
| Red-winged Blackbird<br>12, 19              | Bolton Flats, New Braintree                              | 400+, 150+                 | M. Lynch#, M. Lynch#   |            |
| Eastern Meadowlark<br>4, 5<br>11, 18        | Nantucket, S. Dart. (Allens Pd)<br>Bolton, Essex         | 1, 2<br>1, 10              | E. Andrews#, M. Boucher#<br>R. Bradbury, T. Young                        |            |
| Rusty Blackbird<br>4, 10<br>13-28<br>13, 19 | Wayland, Wakefield<br>Westwood<br>Millis, Boxford (C.P.) | 25, 10<br>10-15<br>3, 3    | S. Perkins#, P. + F. Vale<br>E. Nielsen#<br>P. Iarrobino, G.d'Entremont# |            |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird<br>1-24             | Marion   | 1 ad m                     | J. Farnham + v. o.   |            |
| Common Grackle<br>thr, 19                   | Framingham, New Braintree                                | 300 (roost), 200+          | E. Taylor, M. Lynch#   |            |
| Brown-headed Cowbird<br>11, 19              | Petersham, New Braintree                                 | 25+, 40+                   | BBC (M. Lynch), M. Lynch#  |            |
| Purple Finch<br>thr, 11<br>12, 19           | Boxford, Petersham<br>Bolton Flats, Wayland              | 34 max 4/3, 8<br>12, 12    | v. o., BBC (M. Lynch)<br>M. Lynch#, S. Perkins#                          |            |
| Red Crossbill<br>18                         | Plum Island  | 8                          | BBC (S. Moore)   |            |
| Pine Siskin<br>thr, 11                      | Boxford, Petersham                                       | 9 max, 15+                 | v. o., BBC (M. Lynch)  |            |
| Evening Grosbeak<br>11, 19                  | Petersham, Boxford (C.P.)                                | 11, 2                      | BBC (M. Lynch), G. d'Entremont   |            |

## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

|          |                                |          |  |
|----------|--------------------------------|----------|--|
| ad       | adult                          | I.       | Island                                 |
| alt      | alternate                      | L.       | Ledge                                  |
| b        | banded                         | M.V.     | Martha's Vineyard                      |
| br       | breeding                       | Mt.A.    | Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge       |
| dk       | dark (phase)                   | N.A.C.   | Nine Acre Corner, Concord              |
| f        | female                         | Nant.    | Nantucket                              |
| fl       | fledged                        | Newbypt  | Newburyport                            |
| imm      | immature                       | P.I.     | Plum Island                            |
| ind      | individuals                    | Pd       | Pond                                   |
| juv      | juvenile                       | P'town   | Provincetown                           |
| loc      | location                       | Quab.    | Quabbin                                |
| lt       | light (phase)                  | Res.     | Reservoir                              |
| m        | male                           | R.P.     | Race Point, Provincetown               |
| max      | maximum                        | S. Dart. | South Dartmouth                        |
| mi       | mile                           | S.F.     | State Forest                           |
| migr     | migrating                      | S.N.     | Sandy Neck, Barnstable                 |
| n        | nesting                        | S.P.     | State Park                             |
| ph       | photographed                   | Stellw.  | Stellwagen Bank                        |
| pl       | plumage                        | Worc.    | Worcester                              |
| 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                   | MARC     | Massachusetts Avian Records Committee  |
| C.       | Canyon                         | MAS      | Massachusetts Audubon Society          |
| Cambr.   | Cambridge                      | MBO      | Manomet Bird Observatory               |
| C.B.     | Crane Beach, Ipswich           | MDFW     | MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife  |
| Corp. B. | Corporation Beach, Dennis      | MNWS     | Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary     |
| C.P.     | Crooked Pond, Boxford          | MSSF     | Myles Standish State Forest            |
| E.P.     | Eastern Point, Gloucester      | NBC      | Needham Bird Club                      |
| F.E.     | First Encounter Beach, Eastham | NEHW     | New England Hawk Watch                 |
| F.H.     | Fort Hill, Eastham             | ONWR     | Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge         |
| F.M.     | Fowl Meadow                    | PRNWR    | Parker River National Wildlife Refuge  |
| F.P.     | Fresh Pond, Cambridge          | SRV      | Sudbury River Valley                   |
| F.Pk     | Franklin Park, Boston          | SSBC     | South Shore Bird Club                  |
| F.S.F.   | Federation State Forest        | TASL     | Take A Second Look Harbor Census       |
| G40      | Gate 40, Quabbin               | USFWS    | US Fish and Wildlife Service           |
| G45      | Gate 45, Quabbin               | WBWS     | Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary       |
| H.       | Harbor                         | WMWS     | Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary    |