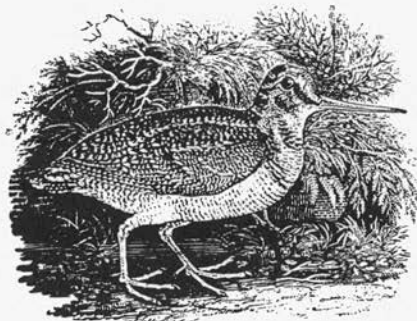


# BIRD SIGHTINGS

## JUNE 1995

### SUMMARY



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In June the temperature averaged 68°, less than 1° below normal, with the high in Boston of 95° on June 19 and the low of 53° on both the 10th and 29th. Rainfall was just 1.55 inches, half the average rainfall for the month, making June the fifth dry month in a row. An intense heavy rain struck the Newton area on June 25 with a local report of 1.12 inches and motorists along Route 128 were blinded by the downpour. R. H. S.

#### LOONS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

Many birders consider this month the doldrums. Spring migration has almost concluded, and the beginning of the southward migration of shorebirds is still a month away. However, over the years the list of rarities and *bona fide* vagrants recorded during the month is impressive. This year proved to be no exception. Two **Brown Pelicans**, or perhaps the same individual, graced the coast both north and south of Boston. The species has been recorded several times recently in late spring or early summer reflecting its range expansion in the Middle Atlantic states during the same time span. A **Bridled Tern** was seen in Buzzards Bay at Bird Island. This species is normally recorded in late summer during or after strong southerly storms. This wayward individual was most likely attracted by the large colony of terns present at Bird Island.

Tubenoses appeared to be fairly well represented offshore based on the few reports received. After a strong movement in May, two Northern Fulmars lingered well into the month. Wilson's Storm-Petrels were well reported, and a small group of Leach's Storm-Petrels was seen. Heron reports were concentrated in known breeding locations. Potential nesting Least Bitterns were reported from a new location in West Bridgewater. The lack of reports of American Bittern provides further evidence of their decline as a breeder. For the most part waterfowl reports were restricted to the usual breeders and summering nonbreeding sea ducks. Most notable in this assemblage were two late Northern Shovelers at Plum Island and a lingering Ruddy Duck in Pembroke.

In a typical year there might be a few first year hawks, mainly Broadwings, moving early in the month, and this year proved no exception. The obvious highlight was a flurry of sightings of **Mississippi Kite**, all from outer Cape Cod. This species is remarkably regular at that location at that season. A **Black Vulture** in Manchester was less predictable and in keeping with its tendency to occur at any location at any time. A King Rail continued in Middleboro from the previous month. Virginia Rails were widely reported in fair numbers, and reports of Soras picked up after a sluggish May.

The **Black-necked Stilt** present in the Newburyport area in May apparently remained, but was difficult to locate. Whimbrels at midmonth were slightly unusual as was a Ruff late in the month. Three Little Gulls in Revere were late. These birds might spend the summer in the area. The **Sandwich Tern** in Plymouth was a surprise since most reports are in midsummer or after hurricanes. Of the several Royal and Caspian terns reported, the most unusual was a Royal at Marblehead. The few reports of Arctic Tern indicate that it may be just barely maintaining its tenuous breeding status in the state. Two alcids during a storm on June 8 were unfortunately too distant to identify with certainty.

A **Band-tailed Pigeon** visited a feeder in Brookline, May 31-June 4, and photographs verify this identification. While the origin was uncertain, a wide scattering of reports in New England and the Canadian Maritimes make the appearance of this bird intriguing. The Massachusetts Avian Records Committee will review this report, which would represent the first occurrence of this species in the state.

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Date	Location	Number	Observers	Date	Location	Number	Observers
<b>Red-throated Loon</b>				<b>Glossy Ibis</b>			
17	Nauset B.	1	J. Hoye#	10	IRWS	3	BBS (S. Arena)
<b>Common Loon</b>				10	Manchester	20+	M. Lynch#
1-15	Marion (Bird I.)	18+	I. Nisbet	16	N. Monomoy	4	J. Sones#
10	W. Falmouth	22	S. Perkins#	23	P.I.	20	W. Drew#
16	Plainville	1	S. Arena	24	Rowley	7	J. Berry
<b>Pied-billed Grebe</b>				<b>Whooper Swan</b>			
10	Wakefield	1	P. + F. Vale	2	P.I.	2	W. Drew#
16	P.I.	1	J. Center	<b>Wood Duck</b>			
28	Salem	1 imm	I. Lynch	1	Cumb. Farms	11	S. Arena
<b>Northern Fulmar</b>				1	Acushnet	9	M. LaBossiere
25	Fippennies Bank	2	S. Highley	3	Wayland	10 ad + 17 yg	S. Arena
<b>Greater Shearwater</b>				10	IRWS	4 ad + 27 yg	BBS (S. Arena)
25	Fippennies Bank	25	S. Highley	24	GMNWR	130	M. Lynch#
<b>Sooty Shearwater</b>				24	Wakefield	13	P. + F. Vale
8	Eastham (F.E.)	4	B. Nikula	<b>Green-winged Teal</b>			
18	Stellwagen Bank	3	M. Lynch#	2, 27	P.I.	6, 3	W. Drew#
25	Fippennies Bank	20	S. Highley	6	Cumb. Farms	2 pr	T. Aversa
<b>Manx Shearwater</b>				<b>American Black Duck</b>			
25	Fippennies Bank	1	S. Highley	thr	P.I.	76 max 6/9	W. Drew#
<b>Wilson's Storm-Petrel</b>				<b>Mallard</b>			
13-30	Gloucester	100 max	J. Soucy	thr	P.I.	240 max	W. Drew#
18	Stellwagen Bank	45+	M. Lynch#	24	GMNWR	160	E. Taylor
24	Nant. Sound	500+	R. Lockwood	<b>Northern Shoveler</b>			
25	Fippennies Bank	250+	S. Highley	2	P.I.	2	W. Drew#
<b>Leach's Storm-Petrel</b>				<b>Gadwall</b>			
25	Fippennies Bank	8	S. Highley	thr	P.I.	33 max 6/9	W. Drew#
<b>Northern Gannet</b>				<b>Lesser Scaup</b>			
8	Eastham (F.E.)	145	B. Nikula	16	Lakeville	pr	S. Arena
10	Rockport (H.P.)	1	M. Lynch#	<b>Common Eider</b>			
18	Stellwagen Bank	15+	M. Lynch#	10	Manchester	17	M. Lynch#
25	Boston H.	1 imm	J. Berry	17	Nauset B.	50	J. Hoye#
<b>Brown Pelican</b>				18	P'town H.	50+	M. Lynch#
12	W. Gloucester	1	D. Lacey	<b>Surf Scoter</b>			
21	Cohasset	1 imm	C. Campbell	17	Nauset B.	2	J. Hoye#
<b>Least Bittern</b>				<b>Common Merganser</b>			
thr	P.I.	1	v.o.	4	Quabbin	1	R. Lockwood
thr	Salem	1-2	I. Lynch	<b>Red-breasted Merganser</b>			
thr	Wayland	3 max	S. Arena	10	W. Falmouth	5	S. Perkins#
1-9	W. Bridgewater	3 max	S. Arena	<b>Ruddy Duck</b>			
<b>Great Blue Heron</b>				1-24	Pembroke	1 m	W. Petersen
thr	Westford	3 pr + 16 yg	S. Selesky	28-29	S. Monomoy	3	S. Ware#
thr	Littleton	40	C. Paine	<b>Black Vulture</b>			
25	GMNWR	22	J. Center	21	Manchester	1	C. Corley#
<b>Great Egret</b>				<b>Turkey Vulture</b>			
thr	P.I.	13 max 6/2	W. Drew#	3	Wayland	8	S. Arena#
10	Manchester	30+	M. Lynch#	16	Mt. Wachusett	5	C. Paine
<b>Snowy Egret</b>				22	Boxford	pr n	L. Spillman
thr	P.I.	40 max 6/27	W. Drew#	24	Wakefield	3	P. + F. Vale
10	Manchester	40-50	M. Lynch#	<b>Osprey</b>			
<b>Little Blue Heron</b>				9	Medford	1	L. Beattie
3	Essex	1 ad	M. Argue#	24	Hyannis, Nant.	4, 5	C. Paine
10	Manchester	11+	M. Lynch#	24	Rowley	2-3	S. Perkins#
<b>Tricolored Heron</b>				27	Groton	1	T. Aversa
2	P.I.	1	W. Drew#	<b>Mississippi Kite</b>			
20	Duxbury	1	S. Hecker	17	Truro	1	fide J. Sones#
24	Rowley	1	S. Perkins#	18	S. Wellfleet	1	J. Sones#
<b>Green Heron</b>				19	Nauset B.	2	K. Ryan
thr	Wayland	3 max	S. Arena	<b>Bald Eagle</b>			
thr	Salem	3	I. Lynch	thr	Wellfleet-P'town	5 max	fide J. Sones
9	W. Bridgewater	3	S. Arena	thr	Plymouth	2	J. Arena#
24	GMNWR	5	M. Lynch#	14	Hingham	1	K. Godfrey
<b>Black-crowned Night-Heron</b>				<b>Northern Harrier</b>			
thr	Wayland	11 max	S. Arena	3	P.I.	1	P. + F. Vale
14	Medford	126	M. Rines	4	Lynnfield	pr	S. Perkins#
24	Nantucket	8	R. Lockwood	6	Cumb. Farms	pr	T. Aversa
25	GMNWR	15	J. Center	8	Beverly	1 imm	J. Brown#
<b>Yellow-crowned Night-Heron</b>				22	Chatham (S.B.)	2	S. Hecker
5, 13	Wareham	2 ad	M. LaBossiere	24	Nantucket	2	R. Lockwood

<b>Sharp-shinned Hawk</b>				2, 27	P.I.	45, 50	W. Drew#
8	Acton	1	R. Forster	18	Plymouth	6 ad + 2 yg	R. Lockwood
17	Groveland	1	J. Brown#	<b>Killdeer</b>			
18, 24	Wakefield	1, 1	P. + F. Vale	thr	P.I.	10 max	W. Drew#
<b>Cooper's Hawk</b>				24	GMNWR	25	M. Lynch#
thr	Lincoln	pr n	W. Petersen#	<b>American Oystercatcher</b>			
4	Ipswich	1 ad	J. Berry	thr	N. Monomoy	20 max	B. Nikula
6	Northbridge	1	R. Forster#	7	Fairhaven	1	M. LaBossiere
6	Plainville	1	G. Valade	7	Boston H.	2 ad + 3 yg	J. Nove
10	Topsfield	1 n	J. Berry	21	Marion	3	M. LaBossiere
11	Norfolk	1	P. Iarrobino	24	Nantucket	15 ad + 2 yg	R. Lockwood
23	Quabbin (G40)	1	T. Aversa	<b>Black-necked Stilt</b>			
27	Groton	1	T. Aversa	19, 27	P.I.	1	S. Grinley, R. Lockwood
<b>Northern Goshawk</b>				<b>Greater Yellowlegs</b>			
7	Lincoln	2 ad + 1 imm	S. Perkins#	6	Cumb. Farms	1	T. Aversa
<b>Red-shouldered Hawk</b>				10	GMNWR	4	E. Taylor
thr	E. Boxford	1	J. Brown#	27	P.I.	15	W. Drew#
thr	Sherborn, Natick	3, 1	E. Taylor	<b>Lesser Yellowlegs</b>			
3	Harvard	1	M. Lynch#	24	Rowley	6	S. Perkins#
10	Littleton	2	M. Pelikan	27	P.I.	28	W. Drew#
10	IRWS	1 ad	BBS (S. Arena)	<b>Willet</b>			
16	Holliston	2	J. Howe	thr	N. Monomoy	80 max	B. Nikula
24	Freetown	1 ad + 2 yg	T. Aversa	thr	P.I.	8 max 6/9	W. Drew#
<b>Broad-winged Hawk</b>				24	Rowley	15	S. Perkins#
6	Provincetown	15 imm	J. Johnson	24	Nantucket	5	R. Lockwood
10	IRWS	pr n	BBS (S. Arena)	<b>Spotted Sandpiper</b>			
17	Wellfleet	2 imm	S. Perkins#	3	P.I.	2	J. Hoye#
<b>American Kestrel</b>				24	GMNWR	4	M. Lynch#
6	Concord	4	R. Lockwood	<b>Upland Sandpiper</b>			
11	Norfolk	2 pr + 8 eggs	P. Iarrobino	3	P.I.	1	J. Hoye#
18	Somerville	pr	D. F. Oliver	6	Cumb. Farms	9	T. Aversa
<b>Ruffed Grouse</b>				19	Bedford	3	R. Lockwood
3	Weston	1	D. F. Oliver	<b>Whimbrel</b>			
10	Quabbin (G45)	1	I. Lynch	16-21	N. Monomoy	3 max	v.o.
16	Concord	1 f + 20 yg	R. Lockwood	<b>Ruddy Turnstone</b>			
17	Bolton	1	J. Center	thr	N. Monomoy	30 max	B. Nikula
25	Harvard	1	J. Center	<b>Red Knot</b>			
<b>Wild Turkey</b>				thr	N. Monomoy	45 max	B. Nikula
thr	Sherborn	13 ad + 16 yg	E. Taylor	<b>Semipalmated Sandpiper</b>			
2-15	E. Boxford	1	J. Brown#	thr	N. Monomoy	100 max	B. Nikula
10	IRWS	1	BBS (S. Arena)	2, 8	P.I.	35, 8	W. Drew#
<b>Northern Bobwhite</b>				18	Plymouth B.	8	R. Lockwood
9	Holliston	1	J. Howe	<b>Least Sandpiper</b>			
17	W. Roxbury	4	T. Aversa	2, 9	P.I.	10, 6	W. Drew#
18	Falmouth	2	J. Hoye#	<b>White-rumped Sandpiper</b>			
<b>King Rail</b>				thr	N. Monomoy	30 max	B. Nikula
1-20	Cumb. Farms	1	S. Arena + v.o.	9	P.I.	3	W. Drew#
<b>Virginia Rail</b>				12	Marion (Bird I.)	1	I. Nisbet
thr	Wayland	34 max 6/3	S. Arena	<b>Dunlin</b>			
thr	Salem	5 max 6/6	I. Lynch	thr	N. Monomoy	4 max	B. Nikula
1-18	W. Bridgewater	18 max 6/9	S. Arena	8	Plymouth	2	J. Hoye#
10	IRWS	6	BBS (S. Arena)	24	Rowley	4	S. Perkins#
16	GMNWR	2 ad + 4 yg	M. Pelikan	<b>Ruff (details submitted)</b>			
<b>Sora</b>				27	P.I.	1 red	R. Lockwood
1-9	Wayland	3	S. Arena	<b>Short-billed Dowitcher</b>			
1-9	W. Bridgewater	5	S. Arena	thr	N. Monomoy	20 max	B. Nikula
8	Lexington	1	M. Rines	25	P.I.	1	P. + F. Vale
11-27	P.I.	1	v.o.	<b>Common Snipe</b>			
28	S. Monomoy	1	S. Ware#	4	Lexington	1	M. Pelikan
<b>Common Moorhen</b>				<b>American Woodcock</b>			
3, 25	P.I.	1	P. + F. Vale	18, 24	Lexington	1	M. Pelikan
17	Salem	1	I. Lynch	23	Quabbin (G40)	1	T. Aversa
29	S. Monomoy	1	S. Ware#	24	Salem	2	I. Lynch
<b>Black-bellied Plover</b>				29	P.I.	1 ad + 2 yg	J. Brown#
thr	N. Monomoy	150	B. Nikula	<b>Wilson's Phalarope</b>			
2, 27	P.I.	26, 11	W. Drew#	12	P.I.	5	BBC (D. Oliver)
<b>Semipalmated Plover</b>				<b>Parasitic Jaeger</b>			
2	P.I.	35	W. Drew#	3	Marion (Bird I.)	1	I. Nisbet
6	N. Monomoy	6	B. Nikula	17	Nauset B.	1 lt	J. Hoye#
<b>Piping Plover</b>				<b>Jaeger species</b>			
thr	Chatham (S.B.)	30 pr	S. Hecker	8	Eastham (F.E.)	1	B. Nikula

Laughing Gull				18	Medford	1	M. Rines#
18	Orleans	100's	M. Lynch#	18	Wellesley	1	R. Forster
Little Gull				17	Worc. (BMB)	3	fide MAS
18	Revere	3	S. Zende#	28	Mt. A.	4	R. Stymeist
Caspian Tern				4	Ipswich	3	J. Berry
7	Long I. (Boston)	1	J. Nove	24	Freetown	2 juv	T. Aversa
10	Marion (Bird I.)	1	I. Nisbet	30	Concord	1 ad + 2 yg	T. Aversa
18	Plymouth	1	J. Center#	Barred Owl			
Royal Tern				10	IRWS	1	BBS (S. Arena)
5	Marblehead	1	C. Paine	27	Harvard	1 juv	T. Aversa
10	M.V.	2	fide V. Laux	30	Concord	1	T. Aversa
Sandwich Tern				Common Nighthawk			
6	Plymouth B.	1	C. Paine	thr	Salem	2	I. Lynch
Roseate Tern				9	Brookline	1	H. Wiggan#
3	Plymouth B.	8	BBC (G. d'Entremont)	30	Boston	1	M. Pelikan
10	W. Falmouth	150	S. Perkins#	Chuck-will's-widow			
17	Chatham (S.B.)	20	S. Perkins#	25	Nantucket	1	P. Dunwiddie
Common Tern				Whip-poor-will			
3	Plymouth 2000	BBC (G. d'Entremont)		thr	Plymouth	22 max	G. d'Entremont
17	Chatham (S.B.)	400	S. Perkins#	10	Tyngsboro	3	J. Center
20	Somerville	1	D. F. Oliver	17	Dover	2	E. Taylor
24	Rowley	20	S. Perkins#	17	Wareham	6-8	M. LaBossiere
Arctic Tern				Chimney Swift			
8	Plymouth B.	4	J. Hoye#	thr	Sherborn	15	E. Taylor
17	Chatham (S.B.)	1 imm	S. Perkins#	Ruby-throated Hummingbird			
Least Tern				thr	E. Boxford	1-3	K. Disney#
4, 17	Lovell's I. (Boston)	48, 1	J. Nove	2	Marion	1	M. LaBossiere
8	Plymouth B.	40	J. Hoye#	3	Hamilton	1	J. Berry
24	Nantucket	25+	R. Lockwood	10	Rockport (H.P.)	1	M. Lynch#
Black Tern				10	Topsfield	1	J. Berry
1-15	Marion (Bird I.)	5	I. Nisbet	15-30	Boxboro	2 f	C. Paine
Bridled Tern				15	Wakefield	1 m	P. + F. Vale
8	Marion (Bird I.)	1	I. Nisbet	16	ONWR	1	M. Pelikan
Black Skimmer				17	Easton	3	K. Ryan
17	Nauset B.	pr	J. Hoye#	24	Freetown	2	T. Aversa
Alcid species				Red-headed Woodpecker			
8	Eastham (F.E.)	2	B. Nikula	thr	Sherborn	2 ad	E. Taylor
Band-tailed Pigeon				Red-bellied Woodpecker			
1-4	Brookline	1 ph	H. Vose	thr	Woburn	pr n	M. Rines
Monk Parakeet				thr	Medford	2 pr n	M. Rines
17	Blackstone	2 n	M. Lynch#	thr	Sherborn	2 pr + 4 yg	E. Taylor
Black-billed Cuckoo				3	Lakeville	pr n	K. Anderson
10	IRWS	7	BBS (S. Arena)	30	Concord	1 ad + 1 yg	T. Aversa
17	Lincoln	2	R. Lockwood	Hairy Woodpecker			
16	Hingham	2	K. Godfrey	10	IRWS	4	BBS (S. Arena)
19	Wellesley	pr	R. Forster	15, 20	Groveland	2	R. Lockwood
30	Wayland	pr	S. Arena#	17	Worc. (BMB)	5	fide MAS
thr	Reports of individuals from 9 locations			Pileated Woodpecker			
Yellow-billed Cuckoo				5, 21	Concord	1, 2	R. Lockwood
thr	Lexington	1-2	M. Pelikan	6	E. Boxford	1	J. Brown#
4	Sudbury	1	J. Hoye#	10	IRWS	1	BBS (S. Arena)
4	ONWR	3	M. Pelikan	11	Haverhill	1	J. Berry#
6	Cumb. Farms	1	T. Aversa				
6	Freetown	5	T. Aversa				

#### FLYCATCHERS THROUGH GROSBEAKS

Excellent counts of breeding birds were tallied by coordinated censuses at Broad Meadow Brook in Worcester, Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary in Topsfield, and under power lines in Millis, Norfolk, and South Groveland. A report of a pair of Acadian Flycatchers in Boxford at Crooked Pond where nesting was probable was interesting. The Golden-winged Warbler was back at Uptack Road in Groveland, but no one reported a female, and there were, sadly, no other reports of this species in jeopardy.

At Manomet, a "Bicknell's" Gray-cheeked Thrush was banded on June 6. The bird was clearly recognizable as smaller and browner. Other late but typical early June migrants included Acadian Flycatchers and as many as 14 Mourning Warblers. A Hooded Warbler sang constantly in Concord the first five days of June, but did not appear to find a mate and moved on. A **Yellow-throated Warbler** at Morris Island, Chatham, was a surprise and the only unusual songbird reported in June, although a report of five Red Crossbills in Wellesley was strange.

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Eastern Wood-Pewee				White-breasted Nuthatch			
3	Medford	10	M. Rines	10	IRWS	25	BBS (S. Arena)
10	IRWS	12	BBS (S. Arena)	Brown Creeper			
17	Worc. (BMB)	15	fide MAS	6	Freetown	4	T. Aversa
20	Medfield	8	T. Aversa	23	Quabbin (G40)	6	T. Aversa
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher				Carolina Wren			
1	Boston (F.Pk)	1	T. Aversa	11	Groveland	1	R. Stymeist#
5	Worc. (BMB)	2	J. Coyne	17	Worc. (BMB)	1	fide MAS
9	MNWS	2	T. Aversa	21	Chelmsford	1	J. Center
Acadian Flycatcher				18	Concord	1	M. Pelikan
11	Boxford (C.P.)	pr n	D.F. Oliver	House Wren			
14	M.V.	1	V. Laux	17	Worc. (BMB)	14	fide MAS
16	Brewster	1	B. Nikula	24	Salem	13	I. Lynch#
24	Fall River	1	G. d'Entremont	Winter Wren			
Alder Flycatcher				10	Carlisle	2 m	M. Pelikan
10	Quabbin (G45)	2	I. Lynch	20	Medfield	1 m	T. Aversa
10	IRWS	2	BBS (S. Arena)	23	Quabbin (G40)	1 m	T. Aversa
16	ONWR	2	M. Pelikan	30	Concord	2 m	T. Aversa
16	HRWMA	3	T. Aversa	Marsh Wren			
11	S. Groveland	2	BBS (R. Stymeist)	thr	Wayland	85	S. Arena#
Willow Flycatcher				10	IRWS	20	BBS (S. Arena)
thr	Wayland	17 max	S. Arena	10	P.I.	15+	M. Lynch#
1	Cumb. Farms	4	S. Arena	24	GMNWR	34	M. Lynch#
10	Wakefield	10	P. + F. Vale	28	Salem	18	I. Lynch
10	IRWS	12	BBS (S. Arena)	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			
11	S. Groveland	2	BBS (R. Stymeist)	10	IRWS	6	BBS (S. Arena)
17	Salem	5	I. Lynch	16	ONWR	3	M. Pelikan
"Traill's" Flycatcher				20	N. Uxbridge	pr	R. Forster#
1	Manomet	16 b	MBO staff	28	Salem	3	I. Lynch
Least Flycatcher				Eastern Bluebird			
thr	ONWR	3-4 m	M. Pelikan	thr	E. Boxford	2 ad + 3 yg	J. Brown#
10	Quabbin (G45)	4	I. Lynch	thr	Sherborn	40	E. Taylor
15	Newton	1	N. Komar	3	Lakeville	2 pr + 9 yg	K. Anderson
16	HRWMA	2	T. Aversa	17	Worc. (BMB)	8	fide MAS
18	S. Dartmouth	1	J. Hoye#	Veery			
23	Quabbin (G40)	28	T. Aversa	3	Hamilton	7	J. Berry
Eastern Phoebe				10	IRWS	12	BBS (S. Arena)
17	Worc. (BMB)	8	fide MAS	17	Worc. (BMB)	4	fide MAS
Great Crested Flycatcher				23	Quabbin (G40)	29	T. Aversa
2	Hamilton	8	J. Berry	24	ONWR	12+	M. Pelikan
3	Medford	7	M. Rines	24	Freetown	36	T. Aversa
10	IRWS	18	BBS (S. Arena)	Gray-cheeked Thrush			
11	S. Groveland	5	BBS (R. Stymeist)	1	Boston (F.Pk)	1	T. Aversa
24	Salem	5	I. Lynch	"Bicknell's" Gray-cheeked Thrush			
Eastern Kingbird				6	Manomet	1 b	MBO staff
11	S. Groveland	12	BBS (R. Stymeist)	Hermit Thrush			
27	P.I.	15	R. Lockwood	thr	Dover, Sherborn	6, 6	E. Taylor
Purple Martin				7	Lincoln	5	S. Perkins#
8	Provincetown	1	B. Nikula	25	Medfield	6	E. Nielsen#
10	P.I.	60+	M. Lynch#	Wood Thrush			
N. Rough-winged Swallow				3	Medford	9	M. Rines
21	Boston	3	T. Aversa	10	IRWS	10	BBS (S. Arena)
Bank Swallow				11	S. Groveland	18	BBS (R. Stymeist)
16	Bridgewater	34 nests	S. Arena	17	Worc. (BMB)	4	fide MAS
28	Lawrence	60	E. Stromsted	30	Concord	21	T. Aversa
Cliff Swallow				Gray Catbird			
8	Provincetown	1	B. Nikula	10	IRWS	43	BBS (S. Arena)
15	Ipswich	3-4	J. Berry	11	S. Groveland	70	BBS (R. Stymeist)
21	Rowley	6	J. Brown#	17	Worc. (BMB)	34	fide MAS
Fish Crow				Brown Thrasher			
3	Weston	2	D. F. Oliver	thr	Lexington	3	M. Pelikan
Common Raven				3	Medford	3	M. Rines
10	Quabbin (G45)	2	I. Lynch	11	S. Groveland	6	BBS (R. Stymeist)
Red-breasted Nuthatch				11	Norfolk	4	P. Iarrobino
3	Newburyport	1	H. Wiggin#	24	Salem	4	I. Lynch
3	Weston	1	D. F. Oliver	27	P.I.	6	R. Lockwood
10	Ipswich	4	J. Berry#	Solitary Vireo			
23	Quabbin (G40)	6	T. Aversa	10	Rockport (H.P.)	1	M. Lynch#
27	Groton	8	T. Aversa	13	Fall River	1	T. Aversa
27	Lincoln	1	W. Petersen	30	Groton	3	T. Aversa
30	Brookline	1 m	B. Reilly#				

Yellow-throated Vireo									
3	Wayland	1		J. Hoye#	11	Norfolk	6		P. Iarrobino
6	Uxbridge	3		R. Forster#	17	Worc. (BMB)	9		M. Lynch#
10	IRWS	1	BBS (S. Arena)		Palm Warbler				
10	ONWR	4		M. Pelikan	2	MNWS	1		T. Aversa
17	Worc. (BMB)	pr n		fide MAS	Blackpoll Warbler				
17	Bolton	2		J. Center	7	Manomet	1 b		MBO staff
20	Medfield	2		T. Aversa	9	MNWS	1		T. Aversa
27	Groton	2		T. Aversa	10	IRWS	8	BBS (S. Arena)	
Warbling Vireo					11	S. Groveland	3	BBS (R. Stymeister)	
4	Lexington	5		M. Pelikan	17	Worc. (BMB)	3		fide MAS
10	IRWS	5	BBS (S. Arena)		24	Freetown	16		T. Aversa
10	Wakefield	5		P. + F. Vale	American Redstart				
17	W. Roxbury	10		T. Aversa	2	MNWS	18		T. Aversa
28	Boston (F.Pk)	5		T. Aversa	10	IRWS	12	BBS (S. Arena)	
Red-eyed Vireo					13	Fall River	15		T. Aversa
3	Medford	14		M. Rines	23	Quabbin (G40)	30		T. Aversa
10	IRWS	20	BBS (S. Arena)		27	P.I.	8		R. Lockwood
11	S. Groveland	9	BBS (R. Stymeister)		Worm-eating Warbler				
17	Worc. (BMB)	11		fide MAS	6	Freetown	5		T. Aversa
23	Quabbin (G40)	33		T. Aversa	25	Medfield	1		E. Nielsen#
Blue-winged Warbler					Ovenbird				
10	ONWR	3		M. Pelikan	thr	Sherborn	8		E. Taylor
11	S. Groveland	24	BBS (R. Stymeister)		10	IRWS	18	BBS (S. Arena)	
17	Worc. (BMB)	7		fide MAS	11	S. Groveland	7	BBS (R. Stymeister)	
20	Medfield	3		T. Aversa	13	Fall River	31		T. Aversa
Golden-winged Warbler					15	Somerville	1		D. F. Oliver
11	S. Groveland	1	BBS (R. Stymeister)		24	Freetown	52		T. Aversa
Northern Parula					26	Leicester	6+		M. Lynch#
2	MNWS	1 m		T. Aversa	Northern Waterthrush				
Yellow Warbler					thr	N. Uxbridge	1		R. Forster
10	IRWS	59	BBS (S. Arena)		1	Medford	1		M. Rines
10	P.I.	35		M. Lynch#	11	Norfolk	1		P. Iarrobino
11	S. Groveland	33	BBS (R. Stymeister)		12	E. Boxford	1		K. Disney
17	Worc. (BMB)	19		fide MAS	20	Medfield	2 m		T. Aversa
24	GMNWR	32		M. Lynch#	24	Freetown	10 ad		T. Aversa
Chestnut-sided Warbler					30	Concord	3		T. Aversa
3	Hamilton	2		J. Berry	Louisiana Waterthrush				
10	IRWS	1	BBS (S. Arena)		3	Boxford	1		R. Lockwood
11	S. Groveland	16	BBS (R. Stymeister)		16	Westminster	1		T. Aversa
17	W. Roxbury	1 m		T. Aversa	23	Quabbin (G40)	1		T. Aversa
23	Quabbin (G40)	22		T. Aversa	24	Freetown	pr + yg		T. Aversa
Magnolia Warbler					Mourning Warbler				
10	Rockport (H.P.)	1		M. Lynch#	1	Boston (F.Pk)	1		T. Aversa
16	HRWMA	2 m		T. Aversa	1	Brookline	1		H. Wiggins#
23	Quabbin (G40)	2 m		T. Aversa	1	Mt.A.	2		M. Rines
Black-throated Blue Warbler					1, 5	Medford	1, 1		M. Rines
16	HRWMA	6		T. Aversa	2, 9	MNWS	4, 2		T. Aversa
23	Quabbin (G40)	1 m		T. Aversa	3	Grafton	1 b		M. Blazis
Yellow-rumped Warbler					17	Worc. (BMB)	1		fide MAS
13	Fall River	1 m		T. Aversa	Common Yellowthroat				
24	Freetown	1 m		T. Aversa	10	IRWS	60	BBS (S. Arena)	
27	Groton	7		T. Aversa	11	S. Groveland	49	BBS (R. Stymeister)	
Black-throated Green Warbler					17	Worc. (BMB)	26		fide MAS
3	Hamilton	3 m		J. Berry	Hooded Warbler				
10	IRWS	9	BBS (S. Arena)		1-5	Concord	1 m		R. Lockwood
20	Medfield	3 m		T. Aversa	Wilson's Warbler				
30	Concord	3 m		T. Aversa	2	MNWS	1 m		T. Aversa
Blackburnian Warbler					Canada Warbler				
16	HRWMA	1 m		T. Aversa	3	Hamilton	3		J. Berry
23	Quabbin (G40)	9 m		T. Aversa	6	Freetown	5		T. Aversa
30	Concord	1 m		T. Aversa	8	Boston (F.Pk)	1 m		T. Aversa
Yellow-throated Warbler (details submitted)					16	HRWMA	pr		T. Aversa
10	Chatham	1		E. Crowley#	Yellow-breasted Chat				
Pine Warbler					17	W. Roxbury	1		T. Aversa
3	Hamilton	3		J. Berry	Summer Tanager				
11	Norfolk	4		P. Iarrobino	2	Medford	1		M. Rines
Prairie Warbler					Scarlet Tanager				
5	Burlington	8		M. Rines	3	Medford	6		M. Rines
10	Millis-Medway	10		P. Iarrobino	10	IRWS	14	BBS (S. Arena)	
11	S. Groveland	25	BBS (R. Stymeister)		11	S. Groveland	12	BBS (R. Stymeister)	

Scarlet Tanager (continued)				thr	Wayland	23 max	S. Arena
17 Worc. (BMB)	12	M. Lynch#		10	IRWS	32	BBS (S. Arena)
20 Medfield	10	T. Aversa		10	Wakefield	12	P. + F. Vale
Rose-breasted Grosbeak				24	GMNWR	19	M. Lynch#
10 Millis-Medway	6	P. Iarrobino		White-throated Sparrow			
10 IRWS	9	BBS (S. Arena)		23	Quabbin (G40)	6	T. Aversa
10 ONWR	5	M. Pelikan		Bobolink			
11 S. Groveland	10	BBS (R. Stymeist)		17	Lincoln	30+	R. Lockwood
17 Worc. (BMB)	3	fide MAS		24	Rowley	20 pr	J. Berry
Indigo Bunting				29	Pepperell	120	E. Stromsted
5 Burlington	5	M. Rines		Eastern Meadowlark			
11 S. Groveland	3	BBS (R. Stymeist)		29	Pepperell	7	E. Stromsted
17 Worc. (BMB)	1	fide MAS		Common Grackle			
20 Medfield	7	T. Aversa		17	Worc. (BMB)	68	fide MAS
Rufous-sided Towhee				Brown-headed Cowbird			
11 S. Groveland	57	BBS (R. Stymeist)		10	IRWS	42	BBS (S. Arena)
17 Worc. (BMB)	41	fide MAS		11	S. Groveland	61	BBS (R. Stymeist)
Field Sparrow				17	Worc. (BMB)	21	fide MAS
10 Millis-Medway	12	P. Iarrobino		Orchard Oriole			
11 S. Groveland	41	BBS (R. Stymeist)		thr	Boston (F.Pk)	pr n	T. Aversa
11 Norfolk	15	P. Iarrobino		thr	Wellesley	4 pr	R. Forster
17 Worc. (BMB)	24	fide MAS		5	Burlington	pr n	M. Rines
Vesper Sparrow				9	W. Newbury	1 m	T. Aversa
23 Lancaster	8	R. Bradbury		10	Ipswich	pr	J. Berry
30 Attleboro	5	G. Valade		10	Millis-Medway	2	P. Iarrobino
Savannah Sparrow				12	P.I.	3	BBC (D. F. Oliver)
6 Cumb. Farms	30	T. Aversa		19	Eastham	2	C. Goodrich
23 Lancaster	44	R. Bradbury		20	Uxbridge	1 m	R. Forster
30 Attleboro	20+	G. Valade		22	Dartmouth	2	M. LaBossiere
Grasshopper Sparrow				Northern Oriole			
4 Falmouth	3	BBC (R. Petersen)		10	IRWS	25	BBS (S. Arena)
23 Lancaster	29	R. Bradbury		10	Millis-Medway	14	P. Iarrobino
Sharp-tailed Sparrow				11	S. Groveland	29	BBS (R. Stymeist)
10 W. Falmouth	2	S. Perkins#		17	Worc. (BMB)	18	fide MAS
17 Essex (Ram I.)	6	F. Thurber		Purple Finch			
24 Rowley	10	S. Perkins#		thr	E. Boxford	1-5	J. Brown#
Seaside Sparrow				5	Mattapoisett	1	M. LaBossiere
18 S. Dart. (A.Pd)	1	J. Hoye#		10	Ipswich	5-6	J. Berry
24 Nantucket	1	R. Lockwood		10	IWRWS	2	BBS (S. Arena)
24 Rowley	1	S. Perkins#		19	Worc. (BMB)	1	J. Coyne
Song Sparrow				27	P.I.	1	R. Lockwood
10 IRWS	39	BBS (S. Arena)		29	Boxboro	2	C. Paine
17 Worc. (BMB)	34	fide MAS		Red Crossbill			
Swamp Sparrow				16	Wellesley	5	R. Forster

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ad	adult	H.	Harbor
alt	alternate	I.	Island
b	banded	L.	Ledge
br	breeding	M.V.	Martha's Vineyard
dk	dark (phase)	Mt.A.	Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge
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.B.	South Beach, Chatham
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	Worc.	Worcester
S	summer (1S = first summer)	BBC	Brookline Bird Club
thr	throughout	BBS	Breeding Bird Survey
v.o.	various observers	BMB	Broad Meadow Brook, Worcester
w.	winter (2W = second winter)	CBC	Christmas Bird Count
w/	with	CCBC	Cape Cod Bird Club
yg	young	DFWS	Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary
#	additional observers	DWWS	Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary
A.A.	Arnold Arboretum	EMHW	Eastern Massachusetts Hawk Watch
A.P.	Andrews Point, Rockport	GMNWR	Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge
A.Pd	Allens Pond, S. Dartmouth	HRWMA	High Ridge Wildlife Management Area, Gardner-Westminster
Arl.	Arlington	IRWS	Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary
B.	Beach	LCES	Lloyd Center for Environmental Studies
B.I.	Belle Isle, E. Boston	MARC	Massachusetts Avian Records Committee
B.R.	Bass Rocks, Gloucester	MAS	Massachusetts Audubon Society
Buzz.	Buzzards Bay	MBO	Manomet Observatory
Cambr.	Cambridge	MBWMA	Martin Burns Wildlife Management Area, Newbury
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
Cumb. Farms	Cumberland Farms, Middleboro-Halifax	NAC	Nine Acre Corner, Concord
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	SRV	Sudbury River Valley
F.P.	Fresh Pond, Cambridge	SSBC	South Shore Bird Club
F.Pk	Franklin Park, Boston	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
		WMWS	Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary