

BIRD SIGHTINGS

APRIL 1996

SUMMARY



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The first half of April was snowy, wet, and dreary, not conducive to good birding. A warm wave took over the rest of the month, when temperatures averaged 5° above normal. The month's average was 47.9°, just 0.2° below normal. The high mark reached 83° in Boston on April 23, and the low was 32° on April 4. Snow was the big story of the month, with 7.3 inches, 6.4 inches above average. Six inches fell on April 9 and 10, making the history books as the second greatest snowfall so late in the season. These April snows were wet and heavy, causing considerable damage to trees and power lines as the storm included strong northeasterly winds. All this snow set a new record for the season with 107.6 inches, eclipsing the previous high of 99.3 inches set just two years ago. Rainfall was also frequent, with measurable amounts falling on 13 days and totaling 4.37 inches, 0.77 inches above average. Winds were out of the southwest on just two days, April 19 and April 23, and many migrants were found after these dates.

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LOONS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

A major movement of Red-throated Loons occurred at midmonth on Martha's Vineyard, but Common Loons were scarce. There were scattered reports of Pied-billed Grebes. Red-necked Grebes were rather sparsely reported but did include three inland sightings. Northern Gannets were well reported off Wellfleet at midmonth. American Bitterns were scarce, and the balance of the heron group seemed to filter in slowly with few appreciable numbers. Notable exceptions were an excellent count of Great Blue Herons at Plum Island on the 12th and Glossy Ibis in general. Tricolored Herons were reported from three locations, and Cattle Egrets were confined to the general Ipswich area in limited numbers. Snow Geese were widely reported and were present in Newburyport the better part of the month. Green-winged Teal numbers were down from the previous month but included two reports of the Eurasian subspecies. Otherwise ducks were rather generally reported. After a season of scarcity, the nine Barrow's Goldeneyes at Newburyport harbor were obviously migrants, as was a single female in Acton, carefully studied and in direct comparison with female Common Goldeneyes. Judging from the reports, the hawk migration was average or slightly below par, but hawkwatch observations are unavailable. Counts of weather-grounded American Kestrels at Hanscom Field and Logan Airport on the 28th were clearly indicative of significant movement.

Numbers in the rail family were scarce. Shorebirds receive careful scrutiny in April, as observers scan through the typical migrants for unusual species. As a result, early arriving shorebirds are often discovered. Examples of early arrivals, none unprecedented, were American Golden-Plover, Semipalmated Plover, Whimbrel, White-rumped Sandpiper, and Wilson's Phalarope. Apparently only one Ruff graced our shores this month, that one in the Newburyport/Plum Island area for five days. The only other unusual shorebird was a Stilt Sandpiper, which is almost annual in occurrence in spring with most reports in May. The bulk of the gull reports were carryovers from March in the Newburyport/Newbury area, with continued reports of Mew, Lesser Black-backed, Glaucous, and Iceland gulls. Otherwise, gull reports were thin and highlighted by a single Little Gull in Newburyport and three Black-headed Gulls in Plymouth. A few terns moved in late in the month, highlighted by several Caspian Terns, all but one of which were at surprising inland locations. A small tern observed at the Arlington Reservoir, although not conclusively identified, was thought to be a Forster's Tern. A strong flight of Razorbills accompanied the Red-throated Loon movement on Martha's Vineyard, and a few Black Guillemots lingered at traditional wintering areas. A late Snowy Owl at Logan Airport was especially surprising due to their scarcity this past winter. Other owl reports likely represent lingering winterers, although some reports were suggestive of migrants. There was a scattering of reports of Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers throughout the month, with no clearly defined peak as happened with Northern Flicker at midmonth.

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Date	Location	Number	Observers	Date	Location	Number	Observers
Red-throated Loon				27	Chappaquiddick	1	A. Keith#
14	Katama	1000+	V. Laux	27	P.I.	1	v.o.
28	Cape Ann	1	J. Berry	28	Scituate	1 ad	D. Brown
Common Loon				Cattle Egret			
6	Quabbin (G35)	3	M. Lynch#	19	Ipswich	1	J. Soucy
14	Lakeville	2	M. Boucher	20	Beverly	4	M. Lynch#
21	P.I.	19	G. d'Entremont#	28	Ipswich	2	M. Rines
28	N. Scituate	3	G. d'Entremont#	Green Heron			
28	Cape Ann	3	J. Berry	22	P.I.	1	D. + I. Jewell
Pied-billed Grebe				23	Wareham	1	M. LaBossiere
4	GMNWR	3	J. Hoye#	23-30	Mt. A.	1-3	v.o.
7	Lincoln	3	S. Perkins	26	Cambridge	1	J. Campbell
thr	Reports of individuals from 11 locations			27	Bolton	1	M. Lynch#
Horned Grebe				27	P.I.	2	P. + F. Vale
6	Lakeville	1	W. Petersen	28	Newburyport	2	C. Paine
11	Manchester	26	M. Rines	Black-crowned Night-Heron			
13	Newburyport	5	M. Argue#	12	Wellesley	1	R. Forster
13	P.I.	19	M. Lynch#	13	P.I.	4	M. Pelikan
14	Danvers	1	J. Berry	17	Harwich	22	R. Turner
28	N. Scituate	5	G. d'Entremont#	28	Hingham	38	G. d'Entremont#
28	Cape Ann	1	J. Berry	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron			
Red-necked Grebe				19	Quincy	1 ad	J. Paluzzi
6	Quabbin (G35)	1 br pl	M. Lynch#	Glossy Ibis			
13	Acton	1	R. Lockwood	8	Danvers	1	C. Leahy
13	Middleboro	2	R. Shore	13	Ipswich	5	M. Lynch#
14	Lakeville	2	M. Boucher	19	Essex	25	J. Soucy
21	Nahant	4	P. + F. Vale	20	Rowley	17	M. Lynch#
28	Squibnocket	2	A. Keith#	22	P.I.	48	D. + I. Jewell
28	N. Scituate	15	G. d'Entremont#	24	W. Bridgewater	78	G. d'Entremont#
Northern Gannet				25	Hingham	28	S. Birch
11	Rockport	14	M. Rines	Whooper Swan			
16	Boston Harbor	12	R. Donovan	thr	Ipswich	2	fide J. Berry
17	Wellfleet	1000	DRA	Mute Swan			
21	Nahant	3	P. + F. Vale	28	Westport	119	M. Lynch#
Great Cormorant				Snow Goose			
28	N. Scituate	6	G. d'Entremont#	3	W. Bridgewater	75	G. d'Entremont
Double-Crested Cormorant				5	Marshfield	4	D. Ludlow
7	Melrose	11	P. + F. Vale	6	Concord (NAC)	4	R. Walton
20	Wellesley	131	R. Forster	12	Worc. (BMB)	90	F. McMenemy
20	Newburyport	250+	S. Perkins#	12	Acton	35	J. Horowitz
28	Cape Ann	500+	J. Berry	12	Duxbury	28	S. Hecker
American Bittern				13	Newburyport	120	R. Forster#
6	Nantucket	1	C. Jackson	13	Salisbury	150	M. Pelikan
9	GMNWR	1	S. Hennin	14	Concord	42	M. Pelikan
22	P.I.	3	D. + I. Jewell	26	Bolton	4	S. Hennin
27	Dorchester	1	R. Donovan	28	DWWS	1	G. d'Entremont#
Great Blue Heron				28	Newburyport	58	M. Rines
12	P.I.	94	D. + I. Jewell	Brant			
14	Westboro	17 nests	M. Lynch#	27	Newburyport	250	M. Lynch#
Great Egret				Canada Goose			
6	DWWS	1	W. Petersen#	13	Ipswich	1200	M. Lynch#
13	P.I.	3	R. Forster	Wood Duck			
13	Essex	1	M. Lynch#	thr	Wayland	14 max	N. Patterson
20	Newburyport	7	S. Perkins#	5	Worcester	23	M. Lynch#
21	Fairhaven	7	M. Boucher	7	E. Middleboro	24	K. Anderson
Snowy Egret				Green-Winged Teal			
4	Hingham	1	R. Richmond	5	Wayland	55	G. Long
8	Gloucester	2	C. Leahy	6, 13	W. Bridgewater	50, 100	W. Petersen
12	Squantum	1	M. Rines	7	Wakefield	19	P. + F. Vale
13	Essex	3	M. Lynch#	7, 26	Concord (NAC)	40, 40	S. Perkins
13	Rowley	12	J. Berry	7	W. Harwich	80	B. Nikula
13	P.I.	2	M. Rines	13	Rowley	50	J. Berry
13	Pocasset	1	L. Cocca	13	P.I.	180+	M. Lynch#
Little Blue Heron				13	GMNWR	12	S. Perkins
5	Marshfield	1 ad	D. Ludlow	14	Middleboro	6	M. Boucher
6	Nantucket	1	C. Jackson	20	Newburyport	40	S. Perkins#
19	Essex	2	J. Soucy	"Eurasian" Green-winged Teal			
23	Yarmouthport	1	S. + E. Miller	13	Newbury	1 m	R. Forster#
Tricolored Heron				13	W. Bridgewater	1	W. Petersen#

"Eurasian" Green-winged Teal (continued)				Barrow's Goldeneye			
20	Newburyport	1 m	S. Perkins#	6	Acton	1f	J. Kenneally
American Black Duck				13	Newburyport	9	M. Lynch#
13	P.I.	400+	M. Lynch#	Bufflehead			
Northern Pintail				7	Wakefield	37	P. + F. Vale
3	Boston	1	J. Young	13	GMNWR	3	S. Perkins
4	Concord (NAC)	2	J. Hoye#	28	Westport	118	M. Lynch#
13, 27	P.I.	20+, 3	M. Lynch#	29	Waltham	5	R. Forster
Blue-winged Teal				Hooded Merganser			
13	Concord (NAC)	4	C. Paine	14	Westboro	23	M. Lynch#
14	Middleboro	2	M. Boucher	14	Cambridge (F.P.)	4	M. Rines
17	W. Bridgewater	6	G. d'Entremont	15	Sudbury	3	S. Perkins#
20	Newbury	3	P. + F. Vale	19	Attleboro	5 f	T. Aversa
23	Yarmouthport	4	S. + E. Miller	Common Merganser			
28	Natick	2	G. Long	5	Worcester	98	M. Lynch#
28	P.I.	10	R. Lockwood	14	Southboro	65	M. Lynch#
Northern Shoveler				14	Milton	72	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)
7	Wayland	5	G. Long	16	Dorchester	90	R. Donovan
20	P.I.	2	J. Brown#	20	Wayland	30	E. Taylor
Gadwall				3, 23	Andover	26, 6	E. Stromsted
1	Woburn	2	D. + I. Jewell	7	Acton	20	R. Lockwood
1	GMNWR	2	R. Lockwood	Red-breasted Merganser			
13, 27	P.I.	6, 4	M. Lynch#	13	Rowley	32	J. Berry
28	DWWS	2	D. Brown#	27	P.I.	45	M. Lynch#
American Wigeon				28	Cape Ann	50	J. Berry
5	Newbury	3	P. + F. Vale	28	Westport	112	M. Lynch#
6	Sudbury	4	E. Taylor	Ruddy Duck			
7	Wakefield	3	P. + F. Vale	6, 15	Pembroke	8, 3	W. Petersen
9	Wayland	2	C. Paine	18	Arlington Res.	1	M. Rines
13	Newburyport	3	H. Wiggin#	Turkey Vulture			
21	Concord (NAC)	2	S. Perkins	3	Wayland	4	J. Hoye#
Canvasback				4	Bolton	2	C. Paine
1-14	Arlington Res.	1	M. Pelikan	4	Boxboro	4	C. Paine
6	Arl. Res.	1	C. Seggelin	6	Holliston	4	J. Hoye#
Ring-necked Duck				6	Quabbin (G35)	21	M. Lynch#
1-23	Arlington Res.	80 max 4	M. Pelikan	13	Peabody	5	D. + I. Jewell
5	Wayland	8	G. Long	15	Concord (NAC)	3	S. Perkins#
6	Halifax	48	W. Petersen	17, 27	Arlington	6, 5	M. Pelikan
7	Wakefield	17	P. + F. Vale	20	Maynard	6	L. Nachtrab
7, 15	Concord (NAC)	16, 16	S. Perkins	20	E. Middleboro	3	K. Anderson
10	GMNWR	75	M. Rines	Osprey			
13	Lakeville	30	R. Shore#	1	Westport	81	G. Fernandez
14	Sudbury	57	M. Lynch#	15	Sudbury	1	S. Perkins#
14	Westboro	23	M. Lynch#	28	Rowley	pr n	J. Berry
20	Southboro	20	E. Taylor	Bald Eagle			
Greater Scaup				6	Quabbin (G35)	2 ad + 3 imm	M. Lynch#
thr	Randolph	16 max 4/6	G. d'Entremont	11	Rockport	1 imm	M. Rines
13	Lakeville	60+	R. Shore#	Northern Harrier			
13, 27	Newburyport	65, 33	M. Lynch#	5	Wayland	2	G. Long
Lesser Scaup				6	Cumb. Farms	2	W. Petersen
1-21	Arlington Res.	2-4	M. Pelikan	7	Wayland	2	G. Long
5	Worcester	3	M. Lynch#	13	P.I., Newbypt	5, 4	M. Lynch#
13	Lakeville	18	R. Shore	16	Dorchester	2	R. Donovan
13	P.I.	1 m	M. Argue	27	P.I.	2	P. + F. Vale
15	Pembroke	37	W. Petersen	Sharp-shinned Hawk			
24	W. Newbury	1 m	R. Forster	28	N. Truro	8 (1 hr)	B. Nikula#
29	Marstons Mills	1	S. + E. Miller	6-28	Reports of individuals from 10 locations		
Common Eider				Cooper's Hawk			
27	Cape Ann	500+	J. Brown#	13	E. Bridgewater	1	W. Petersen
Harlequin Duck				14	Weston	1	M. Pelikan
15	N. Scituate	6	W. Petersen	14	N. Dartmouth	1	M. Boucher
21, 28	Squibnocket	16, 4	A. Keith	15	Wayland	1	N. Patterson
Oldsquaw				15	Concord (NAC)	1	D. Diggins
13	P.I.	470	M. Lynch#	19	Woburn	1	M. Pelikan
27	Newburyport	1580	M. Lynch#	20	Maynard	2	L. Nachtrab#
Surf Scoter				20	Harvard	1	M. Pelikan
28	Cape Ann	1 m	J. Berry	27	Newburyport	1	M. Lynch#
Common Goldeneye				28	Mt. A.	1 ad	v.o.
9	Sherborn	2	E. Taylor	28	N. Truro	3	B. Nikula #
13, 27	Newburyport	220, 25	M. Lynch#	Northern Goshawk			
19	Attleboro	2	T. Aversa	5	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson

Northern Goshawk (continued)			
15	Boxford	2	D. + I. Jewell
20	Sherborn	1	E. Taylor
20	ONWR	1	C. Paine
27	Cape Ann	8	J. Brown#
27	Provincetown	1 imm.	B. Nikula
29	Lincoln	2	G. McGean
Red-shouldered Hawk			
thr	Sherborn	4	E. Taylor
thr	E. Middleboro	pr n	K. Anderson
6	DWWS	1	W. Petersen#
13	Danvers	1	M. Pelikan
14	Lakeville	1	M. Boucher
21	Hanover	2 pr	W. Petersen
27	Taunton	1	J. Young
28	Natick	1	G. Long
28	Wenham	1-2	J. Berry
28	N. Truro	1 imm.	B. Nikula #
Broad-winged Hawk			
5-28	Reports of individuals from 10 locations		
26	Harvard	2	M. Lynch#
28	N. Truro	18 1 hr.	B. Nikula #
Rough-legged Hawk			
13	Cumb. Farms	1	R. Shore#
14	Middleboro	1 dk	M. Boucher
American Kestrel			
14	Cumb. Farms	4	J. Hoye#
14, 29	Bedford (Hanscom)	4, 33	M. Rines
21	P.I.	7	M. Pelikan
28	Middleboro	6	R. Shore#
29	Boston (Logan)	50	N. Smith
Merlin			
7	Danvers	1	J. Hoye#
11	Rockport	1	M. Rines
12	Concord (NAC)	1	D. Diggins
13	P.I.	1	P. + F. Vale
20	Newburyport	1	P. + F. Vale
23	Mt. A.	1	v.o.
27	Arlington Res.	1 f	M. Pelikan
27	Dorchester	1	R. Donovan
27	Newburyport	1	P. + F. Vale
28	Petersham	1	S. Hennin
29	Boston (Logan)	2	N. Smith
Peregrine Falcon			
20	P.I.	2	A. McCarthy#
21	Chilmark	1	A. Keith
28	Newburyport	2	M. Pelikan
28	Mt. A.	1	v.o.
28	N. Truro	1	J. Sones #
Ruffed Grouse			
4	Boxboro	1	C. Paine
13	Wayland	1	R. Lockwood
13	Randolph	3	G. d'Entremont
15	W. Newbury	1	J. Hoye#
18	Pepperell	1	E. Stromsted
20	Quabbin (G40)	2	S. Hennin
21	Hardwick	1	M. Lynch#
27	Sharon	1	D. Furbish
28	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson
Wild Turkey			
thr	Middleboro	50+ max	R. Shore#
5	Athol	23	W. Petersen
19	Worc. (BMB)	5	B. Estabrooke
20	West Newbury	1	P. + F. Vale
22	P.I.	8	fide A. Clayton
23-26	Mt. A.	1 m	v.o.
25	W. Brookfield	1	M. Lynch#
26	Easton	1 mG.	d'Entremont#
27	ONWR	1	M. Lynch#
Northern Bobwhite			
14	Cumb. Farms	6	J. Hoye#
27	WBWS	5	B. Parker
Clapper Rail			
15-30	S. Yarmouth	1	S. + E. Miller
Virginia Rail			
21	GMNWR	1	J. Hoye#
Sora			
5	P.I.	1	P. + F. Vale
Common Moorhen			
27	W. Newbury	1	J. Hoye#
American Coot			
10	GMNWR	1	M. Rines
14	Westport	1	M. Lynch#
Black-bellied Plover			
13	Salisbury	2	M. Pelikan
13	P.I.	3	M. Pelikan
American Golden-Plover			
28	Newburyport	2	M. Pelikan#
Semipalmated Plover			
27	Newburyport	1	H. Wigginn#
28	P.I.	1	C. Paine
28	Westport	1	M. Lynch#
28	M.V.	1	V. Laux
Piping Plover			
5	P.I.	2	P. + F. Vale
28	Westport	1	M. Lynch#
28	Ipswich (CB)	28	E. House
Killdeer			
5	West Newbury	12	P. + F. Vale
13	Newbypt/P.I.	14	M. Lynch#
15	Ipswich	33	J. Hoye#
American Oystercatcher			
2	Orleans	3	S. + E. Miller
16	Boston Harbor	1	R. Donovan
21	Fairhaven	2	M. Boucher
23	Yarmouthport	1	S. + E. Miller
28	Westport	4	M. Lynch#
29	Logan	2	N. Smith
Greater Yellowlegs			
13, 27	Newburyport	11, 240+	M. Lynch#
22	W. Bridgewater	11	K. Anderson
28	Rowley	22	J. Berry
28	Concord (NAC)	30	L. Harvey
Lesser Yellowlegs			
20	Newburyport	9	P. + F. Vale
28	Rowley	1	J. Berry
6, 18	W. Bridgewater	4, 6	W. Petersen
Solitary Sandpiper			
19	Newbury	2	J. Soucy
20	W. Newbury	2	M. Lynch#
20	Newbury	1	P. + F. Vale
27	Chilmark	1	A. Keith
Willet			
24	Newburyport	1	R. Forster
27	P.I.	2	M. Lynch#
27	Fairhaven	1	M. LaBossiere
Spotted Sandpiper			
26	Concord	1	S. Hennin
28	Newburyport	1	E. Crowley#
30	Arlington Res.	3	M. Pelikan
Upland Sandpiper			
27	Newburyport	2	M. Lynch#
28	Cumb. Farms	5	R. Shore#
29	Bedford (Hanscom)	1	M. Rines
Whimbrel			
27	P.I.	1	D. + I. Jewell
Least Sandpiper			
27	GMNWR	1	S. Perkins
28	Newburyport	28	C. Paine
28	W. Harwich	7+	B. Nikula
White-rumped Sandpiper			
27	Newburyport	1	M. Lynch#

Pectoral Sandpiper				24	Quincy	1	B. Zusavich
19	Newburyport	3	J. Soucy	25	Wayland	1	K. Hamilton
Purple Sandpiper				Roseate Tern			
15	N. Scituate	200	W. Petersen	28	M.V.	4	V. Laux
26	Sandwich	15	S. + E. Miller	Common Tern			
28	Westport	21	M. Lynch#	24	Newburyport	1	R. Forster
Dunlin				28	M.V.	1	V. Laux
24	Newburyport	100	R. Forster	Least Tern			
Stilt Sandpiper				27	Katama	3	A. Keith#
24	Newburyport	1	R. Forster	Sterna species			
Ruff				23	Arlington Res.	1	M. Pelikan
17-22	Newburyport	1	J. Soucy + vo	Razorbill			
18	P.I.	1	D. + I. Jewell	14	Katama	300 (1 hr)	V. Laux
Common Snipe				Black Guillemot			
3, 15	Cumb. Farms	100, 13	K. Anderson	11	Magnolia	1	M. Rines
5	West Newbury	12	P. + F. Vale	28	N. Scituate	2	D. Brown#
9	Wayland	2	C. Paine	28	Rockport	1	J. Berry
13	Westboro	4	E. Taylor	Eastern Screech-Owl			
13	P.I.	2	P. + F. Vale	thr	Mt.A.	pr	v.o.
14	Middleboro	27	M. Boucher	21	Marlboro	1	B. Parker
15	Ipswich	34	J. Hoye#	Great Horned Owl			
15	Concord (NAC)	38	S. Perkins#	1, 13	Bolton	1, 2	S. Hennin
15	Wayland	15	S. Perkins#	thr	Mt.A.	1 or 2	v.o.
19	GMNWR	3	S. Hennin	6	Holliston	1 n	J. Hoye#
20	W. Newbury	15	M. Lynch#	Snowy Owl			
22	Plympton	25+	R. Turner	29	Boston (Logan)	1	N. Smith
American Woodcock				Great Gray Owl			
4	Reading	2	P. + F. Vale	7	Rowley	1	fide S. Grinley
14	Westboro	6	M. Lynch#	Barred Owl			
17	Concord (NAC)	3	L. Nachtrab	thr	Lincoln	2	G. Bertrand
28	Wayland	4	G. Ferguson	1-11	Melrose	1	D. + I. Jewell
5-30	Concord	3	D. Lange	5	Allston	1	B. Keaveny
Wilson's Phalarope				6	Camb. (F.P.)	1	B. Constance
21	P.I.	1 f	M. Pelikan	13	W. Roxbury	1	T. Aversa
24	Newburyport	2	R. Forster	13	Lexington	1	fide MAS
Laughing Gull				21	Milbury	1	C. Phillips
28	Westport	1	M. Lynch#	21	Petersham	2	M. Lynch#
Little Gull				Long-eared Owl			
24	Newburyport	1 ad	R. Forster	18	Revere	1	L. Vargus
Common Black-headed Gull				Short-eared Owl			
13	Plymouth	3 ad	W. Petersen#	1-8	Katama	5	v.o.
Bonaparte's Gull				7	Halibut Pt	1	J. Nove
21	Newburyport	52	J. Berry	12	Duxbury	1	S. Hecker
Mew Gull				13	Ipswich	2	C. Leahy
6, 13	Newburyport	1 ad	v.o.	27	M.V.	1	V. Laux
Ring-billed Gull				Northern Saw-whet Owl			
5	Worcester	308	M. Lynch#	3-7	Lexington	1	v.o.
13	Westboro	350+	M. Lynch#	9	Cummaquid	1	S. + E. Miller
26	Bolton Flats	350+	M. Lynch#	20	Melrose	1	D. + I. Jewell
Herring Gull				21	Petersham	3	M. Lynch#
14	Ipswich	2500	J. Berry	Chimney Swift			
Iceland Gull				23	Westwood	2	E. Nielsen
13	Newburyport	10	M. Lynch#	27	Newburyport	1	M. Lynch#
16	New Bedford	1	J. Horowitz	27	GMNWR	1	S. Perkins
28	Oak Bluffs	1	A. Keith	28	M.V.	15	V. Laux
Lesser Black-backed Gull				Ruby-throated Hummingbird			
2-13	Acton	1 ad	R. Forster + v.o.	26	Mt.A.	1	v.o.
13	Newbury	1 ad	R. Forster	Belted Kingfisher			
14	W. Concord	1 ad	M. Pelikan	15	Sudbury	2	S. Perkins#
18	Newburyport	1 ad	J. Soucy + vo	Red-bellied Woodpecker			
Glaucous Gull				thr	Pepperell	pr	E. Stromsted
12	Taunton	1 imm	D. Cabral	thr	Mt.A.	1 or 2	v.o.
13	Newburyport	1	R. Forster#	14	Westboro	1 m	M. Lynch#
16	Boston Harbor	1	R. Donovan	26-30	Provincetown	2+	v.o.
27	Chappaquiddick	1	A. Keith#	27	Medford	1	M. Rines
28	P.I.	1	C. Paine	28	Westport	2	M. Lynch#
Great Black-backed Gull				Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			
14	Ipswich	1500	J. Berry	4	S. Dartmouth	1	M. Boucher
Caspian Tern				10	Acton	1 m	M. Rines
21-25	Concord (NAC)	1	D. Lange + vo	12	Gloucester	1	C. Leahy
22	W. Bridgewater	2	W. Petersen	15	Boxford	1	D. + I. Jewell

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (continued)			6	IRWS	2	P. + F. Vale
17 Framingham	1	K. Hamilton		Northern Flicker		
19 S. Boston	1	R. Donovan	19	Wellesley	12 migr	R. Forster
20 E. Gloucester	1	C. Leahy	20	P.I.	20 migr	J. Hoye#
22 Maynard	1	L. Nachtrab		Pileated Woodpecker		
22 Boston (F.Pk)	1 f	T. Aversa	thr	Pepperell	1	E. Stromsted
25 Hingham	2	S. Birch	20	Acton	1	M. Pelikan
Hairy Woodpecker			21	Hardwick	1	M. Lynch#
1 Woburn	3	D. + I. Jewell	28	Boxford (C.P.)	1	M. Rines
1 Melrose	2	D. + I. Jewell				

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH GROSBEAKS

A good wave of migrants followed southwest winds on April 19 and April 23 and continued to be seen through the end of the month. Early migrants, such as Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Hermit Thrush, American Robin, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Pine Warbler, Palm Warbler, Eastern Towhee, and Chipping Sparrow had been seen in limited numbers earlier in the month, but were noted in much greater numbers after April 19. Unlike April 1995, no unusual passerines were noted, although there were some interesting location and date observations. A Purple Martin on Martha's Vineyard was a rarity in spring, and Pine Siskins were observed exhibiting nest building behavior at the same location. A Yellow-throated Vireo on Nantucket was reported on the extremely early date of April 6, nearly a month before the normal arrival date. Other early arrivals included Worm-eating Warblers from Provincetown and Oak Bluffs. April sightings of Summer Tanager and Blue Grosbeak are standard for the islands and were noted again this year.

Northern Shrikes were reported from 8 locations, holdovers and returning migrants from this past winter's invasion. A variety of hardier migrants often overwinter, such as Carolina Wren, Hermit Thrush, Gray Catbird, and Eastern Towhee, but these were extremely sparse before the first "wave" after April 19th. This seems a likely result of this year's rugged winter conditions.

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Least Flycatcher			25	N. Braintree	4	M. Lynch#
27 Newburyport	1	M. Lynch#		Cliff Swallow		
30 ONWR	1	B. Parker	20	M.V.	1	V. Laux
Great Crested Flycatcher			27	Newburyport	1	M. Lynch#
29 Boston (F.Pk)	1	T. Aversa		Barn Swallow		
Eastern Kingbird			15	Wayland	1	S. Sweet#
23 Westwood	1	E. Nielsen	19	Rochester	1	M. LaBossiere
26 Bolton Flats	1	M. Lynch#	19	GMNWR	4	S. Hennin
28 Chilmark	1	A. Keith	28	Westport	27	M. Lynch#
29 Sudbury	1	R. Forster		Fish Crow		
29 M.V.	1	V. Laux	thr	Mt.A.	5 pr n	v.o.
Horned Lark			6	DWWS	4	W. Petersen#
13 Middleboro	50	R. Shore#	11	Hanson	3	W. Petersen
Purple Martin			11	Brookline	1	H. Wiggin
17 S. Carver	1	H. Davidson	24	Chatham	1	R. Clem
17 Rochester	2	M. LaBossiere	27	WBWS	2	B. Parker
21 P.I.	1	M. Pelikan		Common Raven		
21 Newburyport	6	S. Perkins#	6	Quabbin (G35)	2	M. Lynch#
21 Quincy	1	R. Donovan		Red-breasted Nuthatch		
27 P.I.	15	M. Lynch#	15	W. Newbury	1	J. Hoye#
28 Oak Bluffs	1	V. Laux	18	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson
Tree Swallow			21	Boxford (C.P.)	4	J. Berry
5 Worcester	55+	M. Lynch#		White-Breasted Nuthatch		
5 Wayland	300	M. Pelikan	28	N. Truro	2 migr	B. Nikula #
5 Arlington Res.	80	M. Pelikan		Brown Creeper		
9 Wareham	75	M. LaBossiere	7	Wakefield	2	P. + F. Vale
13 GMNWR	300	S. Perkins	13	Wayland	3	J. Hoye#
14 Westboro	460+	M. Lynch#	20	E. Gloucester	4	C. Leahy
N. Rough-winged Swallow			21	Boxford (C.P.)	9	J. Berry
17-30 Arlington Res.	6 max	M. Pelikan		Carolina Wren		
18, 21 Mt.A.	1, 10	v.o.	6	Boxboro	1	C. Paine
19 Rochester	7	M. LaBossiere	6	Newbury	1	M. Rines
19 GMNWR	2	S. Hennin	20	Concord	2	M. Pelikan
20 E. Gloucester	2	C. Leahy	27	MNWS	1	P. + F. Vale
27 Boston	2	R. Styemeist	28	Westport	6	M. Lynch#
28 Maynard	4	L. Nachtrab	30	Bedford	1	M. Rines
28 Gloucester	3+	J. Berry		House Wren		
Bank Swallow			21	Auburn	1	C. Phillips
20 P.I.	2	E. Nielsen#	23	Concord	1	R. Forster#
25 Mt.A.	3	v.o.	24	Worc. (BMB)	2	M. Lynch#

House Wren (continued)				26-30 Boston (F.Pk)	4 max	T. Aversa
25 Natick	2	E. Taylor		Brown Thrasher		
26 Bolton Flats	2	M. Lynch#		20 ONWR	2	M. Pelikan
28 Westport	2	M. Lynch#		21 P.I.	2	M. Pelikan
30 Concord	2	M. Rines		22 Boston (F.Pk)	3	T. Aversa
Winter Wren				24 Worc. (BMB)	4	M. Lynch#
16 S. Boston	1	R. Donovan		24, 30 Mt. A.	1, 1	v.o.
20 P.I.	1	J. Brown		27 P.I.	4	P. + F. Vale
22 Boxford	1	K. Disney		27 Medford	4	M. Rines
Marsh Wren				28 Natick	2	G. Long
22 Dorchester	1	R. Donovan		29 S. Yarmouth	1	S. + E. Miller
28 Rowley	1 m	J. Berry		American Pipit		
Golden-crowned Kinglet				3 Cumb. Farms	3	K. Anderson
5 Boxboro	1	C. Paine		10 GMNWR	1	M. Rines
6 Quabbin (G35)	1	M. Lynch#		26 Bolton Flats	1	M. Lynch#
7 Wakefield	2	P. + F. Vale		Cedar Waxwing		
15 N. Scituate	1	W. Petersen		7 Wakefield	47	P. + F. Vale
20 Boxford (C.P.)	9	J. Hoye#		13 Middleboro	30	R. Shore
20 E. Gloucester	4	C. Leahy		Northern Shrike		
21 Wellesley	3	R. Forster		1 Wayland	1	N. Patterson
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				6 Nantucket	1	C. Jackson
19, 22 Boxboro	1, 6	C. Paine		13 P.I.	1	R. Forster#
20 Boxford (C.P.)	7	J. Hoye#		14 Essex	1 ad	L. Healy
20 ONWR	5	M. Pelikan		14 Chilmark	1	T. Rivers
20 Stow	3	J. Hoye#		18 W. Bridgewater	1	W. Petersen
20 Boxford (C.P.)	7	P. + F. Vale		21 Quincy	1	R. Donovan
20 E. Gloucester	25	C. Leahy		27 Dorchester	1	R. Donovan
20 W. Newbury	11	E. Nielsen#		White-eyed Vireo		
21 P.I.	5	M. Pelikan		28 S. Dartmouth	1	M. Boucher
21 Nahant	4	P. + F. Vale		28 Westport	1	M. Lynch#
22 Boston (F.Pk)	13	T. Aversa		Solitary Vireo		
25 Hingham	10	S. Birch		19 Boston (F.Pk)	1	T. Aversa
27 Woburn	5	M. Rines		20 Boxford (C.P.)	5	J. Hoye#
28 MNWS	6	M. Rines		20 Quabbin (G36)	2	T. Aversa
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				20 ONWR	1	M. Pelikan
23 Maynard	2	L. Nachtrab#		20 E. Gloucester	1	C. Leahy
24 Melrose		D. + I. Jewell		22 S. Boston	1	R. Donovan
25 Hingham	1	S. Birch		25 Hingham	5	S. Birch
26 Bolton Flats	4	M. Lynch#		Yellow-throated Vireo		
26 ONWR	1	M. Lynch#		6 Nantucket	1	C. Jackson
27 Wayland	3	M. Pelikan		Warbling Vireo		
27 West Newbury	1	P. + F. Vale		27 Woburn	1	M. Rines
27 Woburn	1	M. Rines		Nashville Warbler		
28 MNWS	2	M. Rines		30 Brookline	1	R. Stymeist#
28 Boxford (C.P.)	3	M. Rines		Northern Parula		
Eastern Bluebird				26 M.V.	1	fide V. Laux
4 Boxboro	1	C. Paine		27-30 Mt. A.	1-3	v.o.
6 IRWS	2	P. + F. Vale		Yellow Warbler		
13 Newburyport	1	M. Lynch#		21 Hardwick	1	M. Lynch#
19 Bolton	2	S. Hennin		26 Bolton Flats	4	M. Lynch#
19 Lincoln	2	S. Perkins		27 Woburn	2	M. Rines
25 Marlboro	1	B. Parker		29 Wayland	3	R. Forster
25 Hingham	12	S. Birch		29 M.V.	2	V. Laux
27 P.I.	1	M. Lynch#		Yellow-rumped Warbler		
Hermit Thrush				19 Wayland	4	R. Walton
5 Brookline	1	H. Wiggin#		20 E. Gloucester	16	C. Leahy
9 Westwood	1	H. Coolidge		21 Hardwick	20	M. Lynch#
18, 25 E. Middleboro	1, 3	K. Anderson		21 Wayland	4	J. Hoye#
19-30 Boston (F.Pk)	4 max	T. Aversa		26 Bolton Flats	22	M. Lynch#
19-30 Mt. A.	9 max	23 v.o.		Black-throated Green Warbler		
19 S. Boston	5	R. Donovan		24 Boxford	4	L. Nachtrab#
20 Wellesley	4	R. Forster		27 W. Newbury	1	H. Wiggin#
20, 21 Boxboro	1, 3	C. Paine		28 Ipswich	2	J. Berry
20 E. Gloucester	4	C. Leahy		28 Petersham	1	S. Hennin
21 Petersham	20	M. Lynch#		30 Mt. A.	1	v.o.
Wood Thrush				Pine Warbler		
29 Mashpee	2	S. + E. Miller		5, 17 Boxboro	1, 2	C. Paine
American Robin				13 Lincoln	1	S. Perkins
5, 13 Wayland	100, 100	M. Pelikan		14 Westboro	1	M. Lynch#
13 Newbypt, P.I.	120, 50	M. Lynch#		15-30 E. Middleboro	5 max	K. Anderson
Gray Catbird				20 Boxford	5	BBC (J. Berry)

Pine Warbler (continued)				26-30 Cummaquid	1	S. + E. Miller
21 Hardwick	15	M. Lynch#		Eastern Towhee		
21 Melrose	2	P. + F. Vale		20 Quabbin (G40)	3	S. Hennin
21 Quabbin (G40)	34	E. Nielsen#		20 ONWR	1	M. Pelikan
20 Maynard	3	L. Nachtrab		20, 28 Boxboro	1, 2	C. Paine
Prairie Warbler				20-30 Mt. A.	1-3	v.o.
28 M.V.	3	V. Laux		24 Worc. (BMB)	6	M. Lynch#
30 Yarmouthport	1	S. + E. Miller		27 P.I.	6	P. + F. Vale
Palm Warbler				27 Medford	8	M. Rines
15 Wayland	2	R. Walton		28 Westport	11	M. Lynch#
18 P.I.	1	D. + I. Jewell		American Tree Sparrow		
18, 20 Boxboro	1, 20	C. Paine		3 Wakefield	4	P. + F. Vale
18, 27 Medford	1, 6	M. Rines		6 E. Sandwich	1	S. + E. Miller
18 Arlington Res.	1	M. Rines		6, 15 Marshfield	12, 2	W. Petersen#
19-30 Boston (F.Pk)	18 max	22 T. Aversa		12 Wellesley	4 migr	R. Forster
19 Wayland	7	R. Walton		13 Boxboro	1	C. Paine
20 Wellesley	8	R. Forster		13, 20 Lincoln	8, 3	S. Perkins
20 Wayland	20	E. Taylor		14 Wayland	1	M. Pelikan
20 ONWR	10	M. Pelikan		Chipping Sparrow		
20 W. Newbury	16	S. Perkins#		15 Maynard	3	L. Nachtrab
21 Wayland	10	J. Hoye#		18 Mt. A.	1	R. Kelly#
26 Bolton Flats	21	M. Lynch#		19 E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson
Black-and-white Warbler				19 Boxboro	2	C. Paine
20 ONWR	1	M. Pelikan		19 ONWR	2	S. Hennin
22 Pepperell	1	M. Resch		20 Ipswich	2	M. Lynch#
23 Yarmouthport	2	S. + E. Miller		21 Rochester	3	M. Boucher
26 Bolton Flats	3	M. Lynch#		22 Wellesley	7	R. Forster
27 West Newbury	1	P. + F. Vale		26 Bolton Flats	10	M. Lynch#
29 Boston (F.Pk)	2	T. Aversa		Field Sparrow		
American Redstart				20 ONWR	2	M. Pelikan
28 Wayland (HP)	1	L. Harvey		20 P.I.	2	J. Hoye#
Worm-eating Warbler				20, 21 Brookline	5, 8	H. Wiggins#
20 Oak Bluffs	2	A. Keith#		20 E. Gloucester	1	C. Leahy
28 Provincetown	1	S. Thompson		21 Boxford	1	J. Berry
Ovenbird				21 Boxboro	1	C. Paine
27 Mt. A.	1	T. Aversa		28 Nahant	1	M. Rines
27 S. Boston	1	R. Donovan		Savannah Sparrow		
Northern Waterthrush				13 Wayland	2	M. Pelikan
22 E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson		13 Newburyport	1	M. Rines
22 Pepperell	1	M. Resch		20 Newbury	20	P. + F. Vale
28-30 Mt. A.	1	v.o.		23 Reading	12	P. Duffy
Louisiana Waterthrush				27 P.I.	7	M. Lynch#
13-30 Boxford (C.P.)	1-2	P. + F. Vale + v.o.		30 Marshfield	27	D. Furbish
14-15 W. Newbury	1	E. Salmela		30 Lexington	10	M. Rines
20 Petersham	1	S. Hennin		Fox Sparrow		
20-30 Worc. (BMB)	1	K. Mills + v.o.		1 Princeton	2	B. Van Dusen
22 Boxboro	1	C. Paine		3, 17 Wakefield	2, 1	P. + F. Vale
27 W. Bridgewater	5	J. Young		3 Attleboro	12	fide S. Sweet
28 Ipswich	1 m	J. Berry		4 Boxboro	6	C. Paine
Common Yellowthroat				5 Boxford	1	D. + I. Jewell
24-30 Boston (F.Pk)	1	T. Aversa		6 DWWS	1	W. Petersen#
29 Worcester	2	J. Liller		7 Wayland	2	J. Hoye#
30 Bedford	1	M. Rines		8 Melrose	1	D. + I. Jewell
Hooded Warbler				8 Athol	1	D. Small
24-27 Brookline	1 f	P. Perry + v.o.		9 Lexington	3	M. Rines
Summer Tanager				11 Rockport	1	M. Rines
28 Oak Bluffs	1 m	V. Laux#		12 Wakefield	1	P. + F. Vale
Scarlet Tanager				12, 18 Mt. A.	1, 1	M. Rines
24 Mt. A.	2 m	v.o.		12 Medford	2	M. Rines
Rose-breasted Grosbeak				13 Bolton	4	S. Hennin
10 Chappaquiddick	1 m	R. + E. Potter		13 Worcester	2	M. Lynch#
25 Cummaquid	1	S. + E. Miller		15 Boxford	2	B. Parker
28 Dartmouth	1	T. Raymond		16 S. Boston	3	R. Donovan
Blue Grosbeak				18 Attleboro	6	fide S. Sweet
10 Chappaquiddick	1	R. + E. Potter		Swamp Sparrow		
17 M.V.	1	fide V. Laux		13 Lynnfield	1	M. Rines
27 Mt. A.	1	M. Noland + v.o.		15 Wayland	1	R. Walton
Indigo Bunting				15 GMNWR	1	M. Rines
10 Chappaquiddick	1	R. + E. Potter		26 Bolton Flats	20	M. Lynch#
17 M.V.	10+	fide V. Laux		White-Throated Sparrow		
24 Beverly	1	J. Paluzzi		27 MNWS	30	P. + F. Vale

Dark-Eyed Junco				5	West Newbury	4	P. + F. Vale
6	IRWS	15	P. + F. Vale	18	Brookline	6	B. Reilly#
17	Brookline	21	H. Wiggin#	27	P.I.	26	M. Lynch#
27	Mt.A.	1	R. Lockwood	Baltimore Oriole			
27	N. Dartmouth	4	M. Boucher	23	Wellesley	1	R. Forster
"Pink-sided" Dark-eyed Junco				Purple Finch			
10	Hanson	1	W. Petersen	4, 22	E. Middleboro	1, 2	K. Anderson
Red-winged Blackbird				15	Boxford	3	J. Hoye#
5	Worcester	130	M. Lynch#	20	Maynard	2	L. Nachtrab
Eastern Meadowlark				21	Acushnet	2	M. LaBossiere
8, 14	Bedford (Hanscom)	1, 6	M. Rines	21, 28	P.I.	1, 7	M. Pelikan
12	Bolton	1	S. Hennin	21	Quabbin (G41)	5	E. Nielsen#
13	Concord	1	M. Pelikan	22	Boxboro	1	C. Paine
13	W. Roxbury	1	T. Aversa	22	Dorchester	1	R. Donovan
15	P.I.	2	J. Hoye#	25	Hingham	3	S. Birch
17	Wayland	1	N. Patterson	27	W. Bridgewater	1	J. Young
20	Harvard	1	C. Paine	28	Westport	1	M. Lynch#
26	ONWR	2	M. Lynch#	28	S. Dartmouth	1	M. Boucher
27	Newburyport	7	M. Lynch#	28	Weston	3	G. Ferguson
28	Middleboro	12	R. Shore	Red Crossbill			
Rusty Blackbird				21	Petersham	1	M. Lynch#
5	Wayland	13	G. Long	28	P.I.	20	P. Roberts
10	GMNWR	13	M. Rines	Pine Siskin			
13	P.I.	3	H. Wiggin#	2-7	Weston	5	G. Ferguson
14	Westwood	28	E. Nielsen	13-21	Oak Bluffs	10-12	V. Laux
20, 21	Wellesley	2, 3	R. Forster	24	Marstons Mills	3	S. + E. Miller
23	Yarmouthport	2	S. + E. Miller	27	Belmont	1	R. Meyer
23	Westwood	58	E. Nielsen	28	Boston	2	R. Stymeist
27	Newton	49	C. Hepburn#	28	Weston	3	G. Ferguson
Common Grackle				Evening Grosbeak			
thr Framingham	3500 max	E. Taylor		20	Petersham	50	T. Aversa#
Brown-Headed Cowbird				25	Hingham	1	S. Birch
4	Wakefield	2	P. + F. Vale	30	Worc. (BMB)	1	B. Estabrook

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ad	adult	yg	young
alt	alternate	#	additional observers
b	banded	A.A.	Arnold Arboretum
br	breeding	A.P.	Andrews Point, Rockport
dk	dark (phase)	A.Pd	Allens Pond, S. Dartmouth
f	female	Arl.	Arlington
fl	fledged	B.	Beach
imm	immature	B.I.	Belle Isle, E. Boston
ind	individuals	B.R.	Bass Rocks, Gloucester
juv	juvenile	Buzz.	Buzzards Bay
loc	location	Cambr.	Cambridge
lt	light (phase)	C.B.	Crane Beach, Ipswich
m	male	Corp. B.	Corporation Beach, Dennis
max	maximum	C.P.	Crooked Pond, Boxford
mi	mile	Cumb. Farms	Cumberland Farms, Middleboro-Halifax
migr	migrating	E.P.	Eastern Point, Gloucester
n	nesting	F.E.	First Encounter Beach, Eastham
ph	photographed	F.H.	Fort Hill, Eastham
pl	plumage	F.M.	Fowl Meadow
pr	pair	F.P.	Fresh Pond, Cambridge
S	summer (1S = first summer)	F.Pk	Franklin Park, Boston
thr	throughout	G40	Gate 40, Quabbin
v.o.	various observers	G45	Gate 45, Quabbin
W	winter (2W = second winter)		
w/	with		
H.	Harbor	GMNWR	Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge
I.	Island	HRWMA	High Ridge Wildlife Management Area, Gardner-Westminster
L.	Ledge	IRWS	Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary
M.V.	Martha's Vineyard	LCES	Lloyd Center for Environmental Studies
Mt.A.	Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge	MARC	Massachusetts Avian Records Committee
Nant.	Nantucket	MAS	Massachusetts Audubon Society
Newbypt	Newburyport	MBO	Manomet Observatory
P.I.	Plum Island	MBWMA	Martin Burns Wildlife Management Area, Newbury
Pd	Pond	MDFW	MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
P'town	Provincetown	MNWS	Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary
Quab.	Quabbin	MSSF	Myles Standish State Forest
Res.	Reservoir	NAC	Nine Acre Corner, Concord
R.P.	Race Point, Provincetown	NBC	Needham Bird Club
S.B.	South Beach, Chatham	NEHW	New England Hawk Watch
S. Dart.	South Dartmouth	ONWR	Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge
S.F.	State Forest	SRV	Sudbury River Valley
S.N.	Sandy Neck, Barnstable	SSBC	South Shore Bird Club
S.P.	State Park	TASL	Take A Second Look Harbor Census
Stellw.	Stellwagen Bank	USFWS	US Fish and Wildlife Service
Worc.	Worcester	WBWS	Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
BBC	Brookline Bird Club	WMWS	Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary
BMB	Broad Meadow Brook, Worcester		
CBC	Christmas Bird Count		
CCBC	Cape Cod Bird Club		
DFWS	Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary		
DWWS	Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary		
EMHW	Eastern Massachusetts Hawk Watch		