

BIRD SIGHTINGS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1996

SUMMARY

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November was very cold, dry and sunny, and December warm, dry and cloudy. November's temperature at Boston averaged 40.3°, about 5° below normal. Rainfall totaled 2.29 inches, 1.93 inches less than average, and snowfall measured 1.8 inches, 0.5 inch more than normal. The first trace of snow was on November 25. December saw the temperature average 39.3°, 5.7° above normal for Boston. The high was 61° on December 24. This was the tenth warmest December in 126 years. Rain totaled 5.76 inches, and snow was a mere 5.0 inches in Boston. A snowstorm on December 5 was wet and heavy, weighing down tree limbs. Inland and northwestern parts of the state received as much as 20 inches of snow from this storm and caused massive damage and power outages inland.

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The lack of coastal storms throughout most of period resulted in no reports of large concentrations of birds. Loon and grebe numbers were unremarkable. An **Eared Grebe**, discovered in Gloucester in October, remained through the end of the year. Very good numbers of three species of shearwaters were noted on a boat trip in early November, reflecting the good showing on inshore waters during the summer and early fall. The only significant storm in early December produced a handful of Northern Fulmars and several distant shearwaters. The two **American White Pelicans** in Falmouth were likely part of the flock present in Hyannis and vicinity during the previous two months. Reports for the heron clan were sparse, the most notable being a Cattle Egret present for a brief period on Martha's Vineyard. Most interesting among waterfowl reports were several reports of **Tundra Swan** and **Greater White-fronted Goose**. More unusual was a sighting of the Eurasian form of Green-winged Teal. This form is a regular visitor in spring migration, but is rarely reported in late fall or winter. Eurasian Wigeon put in a good appearance, but Redheads were scarce except on Nantucket, a situation that has remained fairly constant in recent years. Of three **Tufted Ducks** reported, two were of the infrequently-reported female type. Ring-necked Duck totals were very low, while Ruddy Ducks were widespread in good numbers, including a high count of 700 at Cherry Hill Reservoir in West Newbury. Harlequin Duck put in a fine showing at their local strongholds. Three King Eider representing three different plumages were present through most of the period at Rockport. Common and Hooded Mergansers were very well reported, the latter particularly on Cape Cod.

A **Black Vulture** was observed at Martha's Vineyard, where the same or different individuals had been reported in the prior few months. The remainder of raptor reports were routine. Fewer than usual November Ospreys were reported. Reports of accipiters were seasonally strong, with the notable exception of Northern Goshawk, which was very scarce. Judging from the few reports, it was not going to be a winter for Rough-legged Hawk.

The outstanding highlight of the season was a first Massachusetts record for **Northern Lapwing**, discovered on December 26 on Martha's Vineyard. During the ensuing four days that it was present, it made sporadic appearances in the field where it was first discovered and was seen by numerous observers, but often only briefly and even then only occasionally in flight. This appears to be only the third record of this species in New England, but it has appeared more frequently on nearby Long Island, New York. The balance of the shorebird roster was fairly typical for the season and features late stragglers of a number of species, a trend that has been continuing for a number of years. Most notable of these was a Spotted Sandpiper and two or three Western Sandpipers in December, but also included were late appearances for American Golden-Plover, American Oystercatcher, Hudsonian Godwit, Stilt Sandpiper and Short-billed Dowitcher.

There were scattered reports of both Parasitic and Pomarine Jaegers. The early December storm brought at least 10 Pomarine Jaegers to First Encounter Beach in Eastham, along with another 20 jaegers that were probably Pomarines. At least one Pomarine and an unidentified jaeger lingered to be tallied on the Cape Cod

Christmas Count. Reports of two **Mew Gulls** in very close proximity brings to question whether it might not be the same bird. Only a single Little Gull was reported, and Black-headed Gull was widely reported, mostly as singles, with an unusual inland occurrence at West Bridgewater. Small numbers of Iceland Gull were noted, with the best count at its Nantucket stronghold, but only a few Glaucous Gulls were seen. Perhaps the best indication that no strong storms occurred was the lack of a notable count for Black-legged Kittiwake. Both Common and Forster's tern lingered to early November in Plymouth but were almost totally absent thereafter. Alcid reports were normal for the period by recent standards. Modest numbers of both Razorbills and Black Guillemots were observed, but only a few Dovekies and three individual Thick-billed Murres were found, with only a single **Atlantic Puffin** reported.

The minor influx of **Boreal Owls** in late October culminated with the presence of a bird of Commonwealth Avenue in Boston. The bird was elusive for several weeks after its initial discovery, but then settled down to roost every night in a yew tree, where it was reliably seen until New Years Day. This individual may have been the most observed Boreal Owl in ornithological history. Otherwise things on the owl front were very quiet. Snowy Owl was rather late in arriving and when they did appear seemed to be concentrated in southern coastal regions, with the exception of birds at Logan Airport in Boston. The other unusual owls were very scarce. Three Red-headed Woodpeckers and a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker were about par for the season, but Red-bellied Woodpeckers were everywhere. The species seems to be well ensconced in the state and may soon prove to be no longer noteworthy.

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Date	Location	Number	Observers	Date	Location	Number	Observers
Red-throated Loon				11/2	Stellwagen	106 BBC	(G. d'Entremont)
11/10	Rockport (A.P.)	25+	R. Lockwood	Manx Shearwater			
11/12	Lincoln	1	S. + L. Hennin	11/2	Stellwagen	51 BBC	(G. d'Entremont)
11/17	Rockport (H.P.)	28	J. Nove	Large unidentified shearwater			
11/30	Manomet	7	G. d'Entremont	12/8	Eastham (F.E.)	1	B. Nikula#
12/6	Rockport (H.P.)	28	C. Witt	Small unidentified shearwater			
12/10	Nantucket	54	J. Papale	12/8	Eastham (F.E.)	2	B. Nikula#
Common Loon				Northern Gannet			
11/10	Rockport (A.P.)	15	R. Lockwood	11/2	Stellwagen	381 BBC	(G. d'Entremont)
11/10	Sandwich	13	M. Lynch#	11/9	Rockport	200	J. Berry
11/17	P.I./Salisbury B.	11	R. Lockwood	12/1	Rockport	150	J. Berry
11/17	Rockport	11	M. Lynch#	12/8	Nantucket	1500	J. Papale
Pied-billed Grebe				12/8	Eastham (F.E.)	60+	B. Nikula#
11/1	GMNWR	8	G. Gove	American White Pelican			
11/2	Northboro	4	M. Lynch#	11/10	Falmouth	2	M. Lynch#
11/3	Lakeville	17	S. Arena	Great Cormorant			
11/6	Wakefield	7	D. + I. Jewell	11/2	Plymouth	10 BBC	(G. d'Entremont)
11/10	W. Newbury	4	J. Berry	11/17	Rockport (H.P.)	6	M. Lynch#
12/7-8	Cape Cod	64	CCBC	11/23	Scituate	17	R. Lockwood
12/24	Wareham	3	R. Finch	American Bittern			
thr Reports of 1 or 2 indiv. from 11 loc.				11/1-12-11	P.I.	1	v.o.
Horned Grebe				11/11	Hyannis	1	S. + E. Miller
11/3	Lakeville	5	S. Arena	Great Blue Heron			
11/9	Lynnfield	1	P. + F. Vale	11/29	Halifax	4	R. Finch
11/16	Quincy Bay	83	G. d'Entremont#	12/7	Wakefield	6	D. Williams
11/18	Dartmouth	7	S. Arena	Great Egret			
12/7	N. Falmouth	50	J. Eddy	11/1	P.I.	3	R. Heil
12/28	Winthrop	20	P. + F. Vale	Cattle Egret			
Red-necked Grebe				11/2-10	M.V.	1	J. Norton + v.o.
11/1	Camb. (F.P.)	1	J. Barton	Black-crowned Night-Heron			
11/7	Gloucester	7	J. Soucy#	11/10	Falmouth	3	M. Lynch#
11/10	Rockport (A.P.)	16	R. Lockwood	12/17	Yarmouthport	2	S. + E. Miller
11/16	Randolph	1	G. d'Entremont#	12/19	Nantucket	19	J. Papale
11/17	Duxbury	8	D. Ferren	Tundra Swan			
11/23	Scituate	33	R. Lockwood	11/1	Melrose	1	D. + I. Jewell
11/30	Gloucester	17	R. Heil	11/17	W. Newbury	1 BBC	(I. Giriunas)
12/7	Dennis	38	B. Nikula#	11/29	Ipswich	4	G. d'Entremont#
12/28	Winthrop	35	P. + F. Vale	Whooper Swan			
Eared Grebe				11/1-12/31	Ipswich/P.I.	2-8	J. Berry
11/7-12/31	Gloucester	1	J. Soucy + v.o.	Mute Swan			
Northern Fulmar				11/16	Gloucester	10	P. + F. Vale
12/8	Eastham (F.E.)	4+	B. Nikula#	11/18	Westport	69	S. Arena
Greater Shearwater				12/28	New Bedford	89	R. Finch
11/2	Stellwagen	522 BBC	(G. d'Entremont)	Greater White-fronted Goose			
11/27	Eastham	8	L. High	11/17-12/11	Ipswich	1-2	v.o.
Sooty Shearwater				11/23	Sterling	1	F. McMenemy

Snow Goose				11/30	S. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula
11/2	P.I.	33	R. Lockwood	12/1-31	Chatham	2 m	v.o.
11/6	Lakeville	1	D. Preison	12/24	S. Carver	1 f	K. Anderson
11/7	Berkeley	2	imm R. Turner	American Wigeon			
11/9	Wakefield	1	imm P. + F. Vale	11/17, 24	Ipswich	11, 6	J. Berry
11/14	Katama	4	J. Varkonda#	11/1-22	Camb. (F.P.)	59 max	J. Barton
11/16-12/31	Arlington	1	M. Pelikan	11/2	Lexington	84	J. Young
11/30	P.I.	25	J. Askilson	11/9	Sudbury	14	E. Taylor
12/15	Westport	1	M. Boucher	11/10	Waltham	11	M. Pelikan
12/16	Dedham	1	W. Petersen	11/11	Marstons Mills	80	M. Partridge
12/20	Charlton	1	L. Healy	11/30	S. Monomoy	50	B. Nikula
Brant				12/7-8	Cape Cod	125	CCBC
11/20	Revere	110	R. Cressman	Canvasback			
11/30	Hull	130	N. Swirka	thr	Camb. (F.P.)	117 max	J. Barton
11/30	Plymouth H.	350	G. d'Entremont	11/9	Arlington Res.	2	M. Pelikan
12/14	Bourne	100	L. Robinson	11/18	Lakeville	37	S. Arena
Wood Duck				11/18	Westport	3	S. Arena
11/2	Maynard	6	L. Nachtrab	11/22	Marlboro	3	S. Hennin
11/10	IRWS	5	J. MacDougall	11/23	Cambridge	100	E. Taylor
11/16	Worcester	37	M. Lynch#	11/30	S. Monomoy	120	B. Nikula
12/18	Yarmouthport	1	S. + E. Miller	11/30	Ipswich	2	J. Nove#
Green-winged Teal				12/7-8	Cape Cod	506	CCBC
thr	Cambridge	10 max	J. Campbell	12/15	Westport	67	M. Boucher
11/3	P.I.	165	BBC (S. Charette)	12/24	Wareham	28	R. Finch
11/15	E. Sandwich	35	S. + E. Miller	Redhead			
11/24	Arl. Res.	10	D. Deifik	11/3	Camb. (F.P.)	2	J. Barton
11/30	S. Monomoy	10	B. Nikula	12/1	Nantucket	35	J. Papale#
12/1	Nantucket	16	J. Papale	12/7	Falmouth	3	G. Martin#
12/22	Seekonk	20	D. Zimmerlin	Ring-necked Duck			
Eurasian Green-winged Teal				11/1	Camb. (F.P.)	39	J. Barton
12/22	Seekonk	1 m	M. Boucher#	11/3	Arlington Res.	130	M. Pelikan
American Black Duck				11/3	Southboro	112	M. Lynch#
11/18	Westport	500+	S. Arena	11/10	Lincoln	60	M. Pelikan
11/22	P.I.	465	W. Drew#	11/16	Winchester	48	M. Rines
11/30	Plymouth H.	425	G. d'Entremont	11/22	Marlboro	70	S. + L. Hennin
Northern Pintail				11/30	S. Monomoy	200	B. Nikula
thr	Arlington Res.	1	M. Pelikan	12/14	Framingham	70	E. Taylor
11/2	Worcester	1 f	M. Lynch#	12/21	Arlington Res.	68	R. Stymeist
11/3	P.I.	26	BBC (S. Charette)	Tufted Duck			
11/9	Sudbury	6	E. Taylor	11/1-24	Sterling	1	v.o.
11/29	Halifax	5	R. Finch	11/3-4	Nantucket	1 f	N. Brooks + v.o.
11/30	S. Monomoy	45	B. Nikula	12/27-28	New Bedford	1 f	D. Zimmerlin#
12/22	Seekonk	7 m	M. Boucher	Greater Scaup			
12/29	Marlboro	3	B. Parker	11/2	West Newbury	7	R. Lockwood
Blue-winged Teal				11/9	Lynnfield	9	P. + F. Vale
11/10	Marstons Mills	1	M. Lynch#	11/10	Gloucester	4	R. Lockwood
11/17	Squibnocket	1	J. Verner#	11/13	Camb. (F.P.)	9	J. Barton
Northern Shoveler				11/18	Lakeville	52	S. Arena
11/1-30	Worcester	1	R. Quimby	11/18	Westport	42	S. Arena
11/3, 12/22	Seekonk	1	D. Zimmerlin	11/23	Falmouth	2140	BBC (R. Stymeist)
11/9, 12/14	Marlboro	1	E. Taylor	12/8	Winthrop	24	P. + F. Vale
11/16	Melrose	1 m	D. + I. Jewell	Lesser Scaup			
11/30	S. Monomoy	25	B. Nikula	11/3	Camb. (F.P.)	2	J. Barton
11/30	Marstons Mills	2 f	M. Lynch#	11/3	Lakeville	34	S. Arena
12/1	Kingston	1	D. Clapp	11/10	W. Newbury	5	J. Berry
Gadwall				11/10	Falmouth	15	M. Lynch#
11/3, 12/22	Seekonk	100, 10	D. Zimmerlin	12/1	Marlboro	2	M. Lynch#
11/4	DWWS	18	D. Clapp	12/8	Randolph	1 f	G. d'Entremont
11/22	Ipswich	57	R. Heil	12/8	Wachusett Res.	1	M. Lynch#
11/23	Woburn	12	G. Glennon	12/15	Winthrop	4	S. Perkins#
11/30	Marstons Mills	56	M. Lynch#	12/28	Fairhaven	39	M. Boucher
11/30	Gloucester	11	R. Heil	Common Eider			
12/7-8	Cape Cod	155	CCBC	11/9	Rockport	2000	J. Berry
12/14	DWWS	36	D. Clapp	11/17	Duxbury	1500	D. Ferren
12/29	Woburn	13	D. Scott	11/29	Chatham	800	H. Miller
Eurasian Wigeon				11/30	Plymouth H.	2000	G. d'Entremont
11/11-23	Camb. (F.P.)	1 m	J. Barton + v.o.	12/28	Winthrop	300+	P. + F. Vale
11/11	Barnstable	3	S. Clifton	King Eider			
11/19	Nantucket	1	N. Brooks#	11/10-12/31	Rockport	1-3	v.o.
11/30	Belmont	1	R. Kelly	11/11	Gloucester	1 m	H. Miller
11/30	Marstons Mills	5	M. Lynch#	Harlequin Duck			

thr	Rockport	25	max	v.o.	11/1	Attleboro	86	G. Valade
11/16	Duxbury B.	1		R. Ferren	11/1	Newbypt H.	19	R. Heil
11/17	Squibnocket	45		J. Verner#	11/2	Melrose	48	P. + F. Vale
11/23	Scituate	8		R. Lockwood	11/2	Lincoln	200	S. + L. Hennin
12/1	Nantucket	15		J. Papale	11/3	Lakeville	30	S. Arena
Oldsquaw					11/3	Southboro	125	M. Lynch#
11/10	Rockport (A.P.)	100+		R. Lockwood	11/5	Boston	90	H. Miller
11/18	Lincoln	3		M. Pelikan	11/5	Danvers	40	J. Brown#
12/7	Chappaquiddick	800		V. Laux#	11/10	W. Newbury	700	J. Berry
Black Scoter					11/14	Melrose	52	D. + I. Jewell
11/9	Rockport (A.P.)	70		J. Berry	11/20	Camb. (F.P.)	178	J. Barton
11/16	P.I.	3		P. + F. Vale	11/22	Marlboro	300	S. + L. Hennin
Surf Scoter					11/23	Eastham	165	B. Nikula
11/9	Rockport (A.P.)	50		J. Berry	11/30	S. Monomoy	30	B. Nikula
11/18	Gloucester	6		P. + F. Vale	11/5, 9	Brighton	90, 85	H. Miller
White-winged Scoter					12/1	Wakefield	27	D. Williams
11/9	Rockport (A.P.)	50		J. Berry	12/7-8	Cape Cod	180	CCBC
Common Goldeneye					12/8	Randolph	17	G. d'Entremont
11/16	Lakeville	20		P. Donahue#	Black Vulture			
11/23	Scituate	12		R. Lockwood	11/24	Edgartown	1	S. + M. Vancour
11/30	Lincoln	12		S. Perkins#	Turkey Vulture			
12/24	Wareham	20		R. Finch	11/3	Natick	1	E. Taylor
12/28	Winthrop	10		P. + F. Vale	11/10	W. Newbury	3	J. Berry
Barrow's Goldeneye					11/11	N. Dartmouth	5	M. Boucher
11/22-29	S. Boston	1 m		R. Donovan	11/18	Westport	1	S. Arena
11/23	Bourne	1		I. Giriunas#	11/23	Falmouth	1	BBC (R. Stymeist)
12/1	E. Boston	1 m		BBC (R. Stymeist)	12/20	N. Dartmouth	8	M. Boucher
12/7-31	Winthrop	1		H. Miller	12/21	DWWS	1	D. Furbish
12/10	East Chop	2 m		P. Davey#	12/25	W. Barnstable	1	B. Nikula#
12/14	Salem	2		BBC (J. Paluzzi)	12/29	Fairhaven	3	F. Smith
12/23	Gloucester	1		J. Soucy	Osprey			
Bufflehead					11/1-13	Worcester	1	R. Quimby
11/1	GMNWR	12		G. Gove	11/2	Pepperell	1	E. Stromsted
11/3	Lakeville	65		S. Arena	11/11	Lakeville	1	M. Boucher
11/10	Falmouth	130		M. Lynch#	Bald Eagle			
11/16	Lakeville	25		K. Anderson	11/4	Nantucket	2	fide E. Ray
12/8	Revere	30		P. + F. Vale	11/5	N. Attleboro	1	imm G. Valade
Hooded Merganser					11/10	Canton	1	imm P. O'Neill
11/10	Falmouth	103		M. Lynch#	11/17	Concord	1	J. Labara
11/10	Boston	17		R. Stymeist#	11/22	Lakeville	2	ad K. Anderson#
11/11	Ipswich	25		J. Nove	11/28	Sandwich	1	H. Miller
11/13	Camb. (F.P.)	12		J. Barton	12/9	Wayland	1	ad N. Patterson
11/15	Arlington Res.	28		M. Rines	12/13	Nantucket	1	ad J. Papale
11/16	Worcester	49		M. Lynch#	12/21	Sherborn	1	imm E. Taylor
11/16	Lakeville	70		R. Ferren	12/21	Wareham	1	M. LeBossiere
11/16	Winchester	14		M. Rines	12/31	Danvers	1	J. Paluzzi
11/18	Lakeville	62		S. Arena	Northern Harrier			
11/30	Eastham	50		R. Clem	11/1	P.I.	5	R. Heil
12/7-8	Cape Cod	518		CCBC	11/4	DWWS	1	D. Clapp
12/7	Wakefield	21		D. Williams	11/16	Newbypt.	1	P. + F. Vale
12/24	Wareham	14		R. Finch	11/22	Cumb. Farms	4	R. Finch
12/24	Hanson	33		R. Finch	11/24	Concord (NAC)	1	R. Forster
Common Merganser					11/30	Middleboro	5	S. + L. Hennin
11/16	Worcester	57		M. Lynch#	12/11	Salisbury	1	C. Ralph
11/18	Lakeville	18		S. Arena	12/15	P.I.	1	S. Hennin
11/30	Lincoln	18		S. Perkins#	12/21	DWWS	1	D. Furbish
11/30	W. Newbury	64		R. Heil	12/23	Cumb. Farms	2	R. Finch
12/7	Lynnfield	350+		P. + F. Vale	Sharp-shinned Hawk			
12/7	Westboro	459		M. Lynch#	11/3	DWWS	2	G. Gove
12/7	Wakefield	140		D. Williams	11/9	Ipswich	2	BBC (J. Berry)
12/8	Randolph	46		G. d'Entremont	11/10	Falmouth	3	M. Lynch#
12/8	Peabody	400		D. + I. Jewell	thr	Reports of indiv. from 21 locations		
12/14	N. Andover	65		E. Stromsted	Cooper's Hawk			
Red-breasted Merganser					11/2	Hardwick	2	M. Lynch#
11/1	Bourne	52		K. Anderson	11/3	W. Bridgewater	2	S. Arena
11/18	Duxbury	450		P. Donahue#	11/18	Westport	2	S. Arena
12/2	Falmouth	67		R. Finch	thr	Reports of indiv. from 28 locations		
12/8	Winthrop	25		P. + F. Vale	Northern Goshawk			
12/21	Malden	2		P. + F. Vale	11/1	P.I.	1	imm R. Heil
Ruddy Duck					11/17	Needham	1	imm G. d'Entremont
11/1	GMNWR	27		G. Gove	11/23	E. Boxford	1	ad J. Brown#

Red-shouldered Hawk				11/23	Eastham	140	B. Nikula
11/17-12/31	Sudbury	2 ad	K. Hamilton	11/25	GMNWR	20	fide MAS
12/12	Wayland	1 ad	R. Forster	11/30	S. Monomoy	90	B. Nikula
12/21	Marion	1 ad	K. Anderson#	11/5, 9	Brighton	60, 35	H. Miller
12/24	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson	12/7-8	Cape Cod	380	CCBC
12/28	Middleborough	1	R. Finch	12/8	Arlington	95	M. Rines
Rough-legged Hawk				12/29	Woburn	17	D. Scott
11/14	Salisbury	1 lt	L. Healey	Northern Lapwing			
11/16	P.I.	1	P. + F. Vale	12/26-30	Chilmark	1 ad	A. Keith + v.o.
11/22	Cumb. Farms	1	R. Finch	Black-bellied Plover			
12/7	Salisbury	1	G. Marley	11/1	Newbury	200	R. Heil
12/29	DWWS	1 dk	D. Furbish	11/2	N. Monomoy	200	B. Nikula
Merlin				11/4	W. Bridgewater	5	K. Anderson
11/2	Dedham	1 m	N. Komar	11/7	Cumb. Farms	87	K. Anderson
11/3	Brookline	1	N. Komar	11/9	Ipswich	30	BBC (J. Berry)
11/10	Wakefield	1	BBC (D. Williams)	11/16	Wollaston	2	G. d'Entremont#
11/11	Marstons Mills	1	M. Partridge	11/23	Duxbury	5	R. Lockwood
11/14	Melrose	1	D. + I. Jewell	11/24	Chatham (S.B.)	64	B. Blodget
11/15	Newton	1	H. Miller	11/28	P.I.	2	J. Nove#
11/17	P.I.	1	M. Lynch#	12/6-11	Ipswich	4	C. Witt + v.o.
11/17	Duxbury B.	1	R. Ferren	12/28	S. Dartmouth	1	M. Boucher
11/20	Hull	1	N. Swirka	American Golden-Plover			
11/22	Duxbury	1	N. Swirka	11/1	Newbury	4	R. Heil
11/22	Essex	1	T. Young	11/3	W. Bridgewater	3	S. Arena
12/4	Melrose	1	D. + I. Jewell	11/10	Katama	1	V. Laux#
12/7	Chappaquiddick	2	V. Laux#	Semipalmated Plover			
12/18	Bedford	1	M. Rines	11/2	N. Monomoy	5	B. Nikula
12/21	Waltham	1	C. Ralph	11/17	P.I.	1	M. Lynch#
12/23	Westboro	1	A. Boover	Killdeer			
Peregrine Falcon				11/3	Cumb. Farms	40	S. Arena
11/1-30	Boston	2	K. Hudson	11/16	Wakefield	13	BBC (D. Williams)
11/9	Ipswich	1	BBC (J. Berry)	11/18	Taunton	3	S. Arena
11/18	Rockport	1	P. + F. Vale	11/29	Halifax	1	R. Finch
11/18	Plymouth	1	P. Donahue#	11/30	Rowley	1	R. Heil
11/22	Duxbury	1	S. Hecker	American Oystercatcher			
11/30	S. Monomoy	1 ad	B. Nikula	12/7	Cape Poge	2	M. Dix#
12/1	M.V. (Cape Poge)	1	A. Keith#	12/27	Oak Bluffs	1	A. Keith
12/8	Nantucket	1	J. Papale	Greater Yellowlegs			
12/15	P.I.	1	S. Hennin	11/6	Cumb. Farms	2	K. Anderson
Ruffed Grouse				11/10	Squantum	24	G. d'Entremont
11/1	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson	11/11	P.I.	9	J. Berry
11/3	Southboro	3	M. Lynch#	11/11	Rowley	21	J. Berry
11/6	Middleton	3	J. MacDougall	11/18	Dartmouth	5	S. Arena
12/8	Concord	1	M. Pelikan	11/18	Lakeville	2	S. Arena
12/10	Wayland	1	N. Patterson	Lesser Yellowlegs			
12/10	Marshfield	1	D. Furbish	11/3	Cumb. Farms	1	S. Arena
12/21	Braintree	1	G. d'Entremont	Spotted Sandpiper			
Wild Turkey				12/3	Chatham	1	R. Clem
11/1	Plainville	12	G. Valade	Hudsonian Godwit			
11/8	Carlisle	5	B. Miskolczy	11/3-4	W. Bridgewater	1	S. Arena
11/20-27	Worc. (BMB)	12	J. Liller	11/22	P.I.	2	W. Drew#
11/30	Newbypt	7	BBC (S. Moore)	Marbled Godwit			
11/30	Sherborn	5	F. Bouchard	11/2	N. Monomoy	3	B. Nikula
Northern Bobwhite				Ruddy Turnstone			
11/12	Marshfield	2	D. Furbish	11/11	Salem	21	L. Healey
11/23	Cumb. Farms	4	BBC (R. Stymeist)	11/24	Chatham	2	B. Blodget
Virginia Rail				Red Knot			
11/22	Essex	2	T. Young	11/10	Katama	1	V. Laux#
11/23	Newbypt	1	R. Heil	11/24	Chatham (S.B.)	29	B. Blodget
11/29	IRWS	1	J. Nove	Sanderling			
Common Moorhen				11/10	Falmouth	56	M. Lynch#
11/18	Nantucket	1	J. Papale	11/10	Barnstable	70	M. Lynch#
American Coot				11/10	P.I.	100	J. Berry
11/3	Camb. (F.P.)	10	J. Barton	11/10	Winthrop	100	G. Finnegan
11/3	Lakeville	50	S. Arena	11/16	Wollaston	42	G. d'Entremont#
11/5	Boston	60	H. Miller	11/23	Duxbury	50	R. Lockwood
11/10	Gloucester	12	R. Lockwood	11/24	Chatham (S.B.)	225	B. Blodget
11/10	Waltham	40	M. Pelikan	12/23	Sandwich	200	M. Boucher
11/17	P.I.	86	M. Lynch#	12/24	Lynn	800	L. Healy
11/20	Woburn	15	G. Glennon	Western Sandpiper			
11/22	Marlboro	70	S. + L. Hennin	11/30	S. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula

12/7	Eastham (F.E.)	1	R. Forster#	11/10	Barnstable	6	M. Lynch#
12/22	Eastham	1	W. Petersen#	Little Gull			
White-rumped Sandpiper				12/30	Nantucket	1	J. Papale
11/1	Newbury	16	R. Heil	Black-headed Gull			
11/2	N. Monomoy	12	B. Nikula	11/3-4	W. Bridgewater	1	S. Arena
11/3	W. Bridgewater	9	S. Arena	11/6	Lynn	1	J. Quigley
11/5	Cumb. Farms	1	K. Anderson	11/9	E. Boston	3	J. Quigley
Pectoral Sandpiper				11/17	Hull	1	N. Swirka#
11/3	W. Bridgewater	11	S. Arena	11/19	Nantucket	1	N. Brooks
11/3	Middleboro	3	S. Arena	11/29	Eastham (F.H.)	1 ad	G. Martin
11/10	Truro	1	J. Young	11/30	Newbypt	1	BBC (S. Moore)
11/18	Cumb. Farms	1	R. Finch	11/30	Plymouth H.	1 ad	G. d'Entremont
Purple Sandpiper				12/11	Newbypt	1	C. Ralph
11/19	Rockport	5	J. Soucy	12/17	Cotuit	1 ad	G. Martin
11/23	Scituate	105	R. Lockwood	12/24	Lynn B.	1 1W	L. Healy
11/30	Manomet	5	G. d'Entremont	12/28	Winthrop	1	P. + F. Vale
11/30	Cape Ann	35	BBC (S. Moore)	Bonaparte's Gull			
12/11	Salisbury	20	C. Ralph	11/10	Ipswich	16	J. Berry
12/15	Rockport	80	J. Berry	11/17	Duxbury B.	150	R. Ferren
12/28	Winthrop	2	P. + F. Vale	11/23	Newbypt	35	J. Berry
Dunlin				11/29	Hingham	140	J. Nove
11/2	N. Monomoy	700	B. Nikula	11/30	Marshfield	35	G. d'Entremont
11/3	Cumb. Farms	1	S. Arena	12/2	Falmouth	23	R. Finch
11/3	W. Bridgewater	1	S. Arena	12/8	Winthrop	250	P. + F. Vale
11/10	P.I.	80	J. Berry	12/24	Lynn B.	700	L. Healy
11/11	Rowley	70	J. Berry	Mew Gull			
11/18	Dartmouth	65	S. Arena	12/25-31	Winthrop	1 ad	S. Hennin + v.o.
11/18	Plymouth	50	K. Anderson	12/30	South Boston	1 ad	R. Donovan
11/23	Duxbury	200+	R. Lockwood	Ring-billed Gull			
11/24	Chatham (S.B.)	450	B. Blodget	11/16	Worcester	660	M. Lynch#
12/23	Sandwich	600	M. Boucher	11/30	Plymouth H.	400	G. d'Entremont
12/23	Scusset	600	M. LeBossiere	Iceland Gull			
12/24	Lynn B.	400	L. Healy	11/2	Stellwagen	2	BBC (G. d'Entremont)
12/28	S. Dartmouth	92	M. Boucher	11/9	Easton	1	S. Arena
Stilt Sandpiper				11/17	Winthrop	2	C. Lee
11/1	P.I.	1	R. Heil	11/17	Revere	2	R. Cressman
Short-billed Dowitcher				11/17	Duxbury B.	1	R. Ferren
11/1	Newbury	1	R. Heil	11/17	Hull	1	N. Swirka
11/2	N. Monomoy	2	B. Nikula	12/1	Nantucket	9	J. Papale
Long-billed Dowitcher				12/8	Rockport (A.P.)	2	J. Soucy
11/1	P.I.	10	R. Heil	Lesser Black-backed Gull			
11/2	Wakefield	1	P. + F. Vale	11/3	Concord	1	F. Bouchard
11/11	P.I.	1	J. Berry	11/11	Acton	1	R. Lockwood
Common Snipe				11/20	Nantucket	1 ad	E. Andrews
11/2	Essex	1	T. Young	12/22	Eastham	1	W. Petersen#
11/4	DWWS	1	D. Clapp	Glaucous Gull			
11/22	Cumb. Farms	1	R. Finch	11/22	Rockport	1 ad	M. Flor
12/28	Bridgewater	1	M. Emmons#	12/8	E. Dennis	1 ad	R. Forster#
American Woodcock				12/8	Rockport (A.P.)	1	J. Soucy
11/2	Quabbin (G41)	2	M. Lynch#	12/30	Nantucket	1 ad	J. Papale
11/14	Boston	1 ph	L. Craven	Black-legged Kittiwake			
11/14	Andover	3	C. Turner	11/2	Stellwagen	278	BBC (G. d'Entremont)
12/1	Billerica	1	B. Ballichek	11/9	Rockport	365	J. Berry
Phalarope species				11/24	Barnstable	2	S. Hennin
12/7	Eastham (F.E.)	1	W. Petersen#	11/30	Manomet	2	G. d'Entremont
Pomarine Jaeger				11/30	Marshfield	5	G. d'Entremont
11/2	Stellwagen	6	BBC (G. d'Entremont)	12/8	Eastham (F.E.)	200+	B. Nikula#
11/30	Rockport (H.P.)	2	R. Stymeist#	12/8	Rockport (A.P.)	200	J. Soucy
12/8	Eastham (F.E.)	10+	B. Nikula	12/15	Marshfield	2+	G. d'Entremont
12/22	Eastham	1	W. Petersen#	Common Tern			
Parasitic Jaeger				11/2	Plymouth	6	BBC (G. d'Entremont)
11/2	Stellwagen	4	BBC (G. d'Entremont)	11/10	P'town	3	J. Young
11/10	Gay Head	1	V. Laux	Forster's Tern			
12/1	Rockport	1 imm	J. Berry	11/2	Plymouth	13	BBC (G. d'Entremont)
12/8	Rockport (A.P.)	1	J. Soucy	Dovekie			
Jaeger species				11/7, 19	Rockport (A.P.)	5, 7	J. Soucy#
12/8	Eastham (F.E.)	30	B. Nikula	11/21-23	Wellfleet H.	1	v.o.
12/22	Eastham	1	W. Petersen#	11/30	P'town H.	1	S. Highley#
Laughing Gull				11/30	Gay Head	1	A. Keith
11/9	E. Boston	1 ad	J. Quigley	12/7	Marshfield	1 grounded	E. Einhorn
11/10	Falmouth	6	M. Lynch#	12/8	Rockport	5	J. Soucy

Thick-billed Murre									
11/22,29 P'town H.	1		J. Sones#	11/24 Nahant	2		M. Rines#		
11/24 Wellfleet H.	1		R. Prescott#	11/24 Cambridge	1		M. McCabe		
11/30 Gay Head	1		A. Keith#	11/28 Essex	2		T. Young		
Razorbill				12/1 Woburn	1		D. + I. Jewell		
11/2 Stellwagen	2	BBC	(G. d'Entremont)	12/10 P.I.	1		W. Drew#		
11/17 Duxbury B.	5		R. Ferren	12/19 Marlboro	1		B. Parker		
11/19 Rockport	65		J. Soucy	12/28 Boston	1		J. Young		
11/30 Marshfield	60		G. d'Entremont	Snowy Owl					
11/30 Gay Head	2		A. Keith#	11/8 Boston (Logan)	1		S. Arena		
11/30 Manomet	3		G. d'Entremont	11/15-12/31 P.I.	1		v.o.		
12/1 Rockport	330		J. Berry	11/18 Lynn B.	1		L. Healey		
12/11 P.I.	2		B. Gette	11/21 Nantucket	1		H. Young		
12/13 Rockport (H.P.)	54		C. Witt	11/22, 12/19 Duxbury	2, 3		S. Hecker		
12/14 Dennis	10		B. Nikula	11/30 S. Monomoy	1		B. Nikula		
12/15 Marshfield	3		G. d'Entremont	12/14 Boston (Logan)	4		N. Smith		
Black Guillemot				Barred Owl					
11/6 Rockport (A.P.)	3		J. Soucy#	11/3 Clinton	1		E. Salmela		
11/16 Cape Ann	6	BBC	(R. Petersen)	11/11 Ipswich	1		J. Berry		
11/24 Hull	1		Dennis Oliver#	11/23 Weston	1		J. McCoy		
11/30 Marshfield	11		G. d'Entremont	Long-eared Owl					
12/1 Rockport	2		J. Berry	11/6 Wayland	1		S. Arena		
12/7 P'town	1		R. Forster	11/23 Salisbury	1		E. Salmela#		
12/23 Sandwich	1		M. Boucher	Short-eared Owl					
12/23 Scusset	1		M. LeBossiere	11/18 Cumb. Farms	2		R. Finch		
12/23 Marblehead	6		L. Healy	Boreal Owl					
Atlantic Puffin				11/2 Petersham	1		M. Lynch#		
12/22 Chatham (S. B.)	1		V. Laux#	11/22-12/31 Boston	1	ph	K. Hudson + v.o.		
Large alcid species				Northern Saw-whet Owl					
12/8 Eastham (F.E.)	40		B. Nikula#	11/15 Athol	3		D. Small#		
12/14 Dennis	85		B. Nikula	11/18 Concord	1	dead	B. Parker		
Eastern Screech-Owl				11/28 IRWS	1		J. MacDougall		
11/2 Rockport	1		J. McLaughlin	Red-headed Woodpecker					
11/10 Stoneham	1		D. + I. Jewell	11/1-30 Sherborn	1		E. Taylor		
11/22-25 Boston	1		D. Alessi	11/18-12/31 Essex	1	imm	T. Young + v.o.		
11/28 Essex	1		T. Young#	12/22-31 Orleans	1		D. Clapp + v.o.		
11/29 Lexington	1		M. Rines	Red-bellied Woodpecker					
12/18 Newton	1		H. Kupserman	11/1-12/31 Sherborn	3-4		E. Taylor		
12/21 Weymouth	2		R. Campbell	12/1-31 Pepperell	4		E. Stromsted		
12/21 Braintree	1		R. Campbell	thr Reports of 1 or 2 indiv. from 47 loc.					
12/21 Randolph	1		G. d'Entremont	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker					
12/28 Taunton	1		G. d'Entremont#	12/13 Marshfield	1		D. Clapp		
12/28 Berkeley	1		G. d'Entremont#	Hairy Woodpecker					
Great Horned Owl				11/3 Quabbin (G45)	3		R. Lockwood		
thr Mt. A.	1		R. Stymeist#	11/10 Brookline	4		R. Stymeist#		
11/2 Dedham	1		N. Komar	Pileated Woodpecker					
11/11 Concord	2		R. Lockwood	11/2 Quabbin (G41)	1		M. Lynch#		
11/14 Westford	2		S. Wedge	11/4 Pepperell	1		E. Stromsted		
11/16 DWWS	1		R. Ferren	11/6 Hamilton	1		J. MacDougall		
11/16 E. Middleboro	pr		K. Anderson	11/23 Concord	1		D. Lange		
11/20 Medford	1		A. Mace	12/11 Wayland	1		N. Patterson		
11/23 Malden	1		P. + F. Vale	12/13 Wellesley	1		D. Sharon		
11/23 Lexington	1		D. + I. Jewell	12/14 IRWS	1		J. MacDougall		

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH GROSBEAKS

For the second year in a row, a **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** was present in early November. Most records for this species appear during spring and early summer. Only two Western Kingbirds were reported, which is up one from last year but considerably down from previous years. There seems to be a major shift in the winter range of Fish Crows. The Sudbury River Valley used to be home to many of these birds, but during the past three years, it has been hard to find more than one individual.

The relatively mild and snowless winter surely accounted for many lingering species such as House Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Eastern Bluebird, Hermit Thrush, Gray Catbird, American Pipit, Eastern Towhee and Eastern Meadowlark. There was also a strong showing of late warblers, with thirteen species being tallied. Dickcissels were noted from eleven locations, Clay-colored Sparrows from Rockport and Lexington, Lark Sparrows from Nantucket and Attleboro, and a wide scattering of Fox Sparrows. Exceptionally late sightings included a Solitary Vireo in Southbridge, a Black-

throated Blue Warbler in Wellesley, an Ovenbird in Mashpee, a Grasshopper Sparrow in Chilmark, and a Bobolink in Hyannis.

This season produced several show stoppers besides the Scissor-tailed Flycatcher mentioned above. A **Townsend's Solitaire** was discovered in West Barnstable during the Mid-Cape Christmas Bird Count (CBC). This species has occurred fewer than ten times in Massachusetts. On Martha's Vineyard, a **Black-throated Gray Warbler** was seen in a Vineyard Haven yard, and confirmed by local experts on December 27. The bird seen on that date was reported as a male; then on December 28, a number of visitors to the island looking for the Northern Lapwing saw a female of this species in the same location. Unfortunately the male was never relocated.

The recent split of Northern Oriole, which resurrected old friends Baltimore and Bullock's orioles, has led to a touch of controversy. Four female Bullock's Orioles were identified using what are considered conventional field marks. Unfortunately, these marks, which focus primarily on a grayish or white belly for Bullock's Oriole, are also shared by a very small percentage of Baltimore Orioles. The only individual that was critically examined proved to be a Baltimore Oriole. In light of this, it is best to list these orioles as "Northern" Orioles, and encourage observers to photograph all suspect orioles.

Winter finch sightings did not suggest a good winter for these erratic visitors. Only a scattering of Purple Finches were reported, plus a handful of Pine Siskins, and single reports of Red Crossbills and Evening Grosbeaks.

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Eastern Phoebe			11/19	Bedford	1	M. Rines
11/3 Brookline	1	N. Komar	11/24	Topsfield	1	J. MacDougall
11/23 Bourne	1	J. Silva	11/30	Rockport	3	R. Heil
11/30 Marstons Mills	1	M. Lynch#	12/1-31	E. Middleboro	2	K. Anderson
Western Kingbird			12/7	Southboro	1	M. Lynch#
11/8-29 Tisbury	1	P. Uhlendorf + v.o.	12/14	Southbridge	1	S. + L. Hennin
11/21 E. Falmouth	1	B. Goode	12/14	Newton	2	H. Miller
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher			12/15	Wayland	1	M. Pelikan
11/6-8 Wellfleet	1 ad	M. Terry	12/15	Lexington	2	M. Pelikan
Horned Lark			12/18	DWWS	2	D. Furbish
11/10 W. Quincy	6	G. d'Entremont	12/27	Westboro	1	A. Boover
11/16 Cumb. Farms	150	R. Ferren	House Wren			
11/17 Duxbury B.	7	R. Finch	11/17	Melrose	1	D. + I. Jewell
11/22 Ipswich	30	R. Heil	Winter Wren			
11/23 Duxbury	15	R. Lockwood	11/1-12/31	Medford	1-3	M. Rines
12/18 S. Carver	3	K. Anderson	11/8	Lexington	1	F. Bouchard
12/23 Cumb. Farms	175+	R. Finch	11/10	Brookline	1	R. Stymeist#
Tree Swallow			11/18	Dartmouth	2	S. Arena
11/17 Squibnocket	1	J. Verner#	11/23	Bourne	1	BBC (R. Stymeist)
11/29 Ipswich	1 imm	G. d'Entremont#	12/8	W. Barnstable	1	R. Forster#
Barn Swallow			12/8	Nantucket	2	J. Papale
11/5 Bedford	1	R. Lockwood	12/12	N. Dartmouth	1	M. Boucher
American Crow			12/14	Southbridge	1	S. + L. Hennin
11/03, 7 Framingham	500, 4300	E. Taylor	12/14	E. Middleboro	1	B. Harrington
11/10 W. Quincy	350	G. d'Entremont	12/15	Arlington Res.	1	M. Pelikan
12/8, 28 Framingham	4700, 8500	E. Taylor	12/21	Braintree	2	G. d'Entremont
Fish Crow			Marsh Wren			
11/10 W. Quincy	2	G. d'Entremont	11/22	Swampscott	1	L. Healey
11/16 Squantum	2	G. d'Entremont#	11/23	Newbypt	2	R. Heil
11/28 Sudbury	1	R. Forster	11/30	Gloucester	2	R. Heil
11/28 Watertown	18	R. Stymeist	12/23	Westport	1	A. Strauss
Red-breasted Nuthatch			Golden-crowned Kinglet			
11/1-30 E. Middleboro	1-2	K. Anderson	11/10	Brookline	12	R. Stymeist#
11/2 Quabbin (G41)	8	M. Lynch#	11/11	Concord	12	R. Lockwood
12/6 Marshfield	2	D. Furbish	12/11	Sudbury	8	R. Forster
Brown Creeper			12/14	Malden	5	P. + F. Vale
11/1 Medford	2	M. Rines	Ruby-crowned Kinglet			
11/2 Maynard	2	L. Nachtrab	11/2	Mt.A.	1	R. Stymeist
11/3 Quabbin (G45)	2	R. Lockwood	11/10	Brookline	4	R. Stymeist#
11/3 Southboro	4	M. Lynch#	11/16	Randolph	1	G. d'Entremont#
11/11 Concord	3	R. Lockwood	11/18	Dartmouth	1	S. Arena
11/29 Halifax	4	R. Finch	11/29	S. Boston	1	R. Donovan
12/1-31 Mt.A.	2-3	R. Stymeist	12/3	Medford	1	D. + I. Jewell
12/29 Hudson	2	B. Parker	12/11	Sudbury	1	R. Forster
Carolina Wren			12/14	Lexington	1	M. Rines
11/10 Ipswich	2	J. Berry	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			
11/11 Marstons Mills	5	M. Partridge	11/2	Rockport	1	BBC (J. Nove)
11/18-30 Marlboro	1	B. Parker	Eastern Bluebird			

11/3	Brookline	7	N. Komar	12/18	Bedford	1 imm	M. Rines
11/10	Pepperell	6	E. Stromsted		European Starling		
11/11	Concord	9	R. Lockwood	11/10	Methuen	750,000	J. Hogan
11/11	Essex	6	D. Brown		Solitary Vireo		
11/16	Charlton	16	S. + L. Hennin	12/14	Southbridge	1	S. + L. Hennin
12/7	GMNWR	8	S. + L. Hennin		Orange-crowned Warbler		
12/17	E. Middleboro	4	K. Anderson	11/2	Melrose	1	P. + F. Vale
12/18	DWWS	5	D. Furbish	11/8	Lexington	1	F. Bouchard
12/21	Foxboro	25	S. Correa	11/10	Wakefield	1	BBC (D. Williams)
12/21	Topsfield	7	J. Brown	11/11	Hyannis	1	S. + E. Miller
12/27	Westboro	8	A. Boover	11/27-29	S. Boston	1	R. Donovan
12/27	Chilmark	6	K. Anderson#		Nashville Warbler		
12/28	Taunton	9	D Larson#	11/6	Lexington	1	M. Rines
12/29	Hamilton	6	K. Disney	11/29	S. Boston	1	R. Donovan
Townsend's Solitaire							
12/29-31	W. Barnstable	1	V. Laux + v.o.		Northern Parula		
Hermit Thrush							
11/3	ONWR	1	E. Salmela	11/9	N. Attleboro	1 f	G. Valade
11/7	Medford	1	M. Rines		Cape May Warbler		
11/12	Lexington	2	M. Rines	11/10	Truro	1 imm	J. Young
11/13	Marshfield	1	D. Furbish	11/28-12/9	Nantucket	1	J. Papale
11/15	Burlington	1	M. Rines		Black-throated Blue Warbler		
11/16	Randolph	1	G. d'Entremont#	11/21	Wellesley	1 m	J. Titus
11/17	Needham	1	G. d'Entremont		Black-throated Gray Warbler		
11/18	Dartmouth	2	S. Arena	12/14-30	Vineyard Haven	1-2 M.	Sibert + v.o.
11/22	Newton	1	H. Miller		Yellow-rumped Warbler		
11/29	S. Boston	1	R. Donovan	11/3	Quabbin (G45)	14	R. Lockwood
11/30	Gloucester	1	R. Stymeist#	11/9	Burlington	15	M. Rines
12/24	Cambridge	1	H. Hofheinz	11/10	Brookline	4	R. Stymeist#
12/25	E. Boxford	1	J. Brown#	11/16	Squantum	55	G. d'Entremont#
American Robin				11/17	Ipswich	8	J. Berry
11/1	Newbypt	280	R. Heil	11/18	Dartmouth	85	S. Arena
11/28	Essex	400	T. Young#	12/11	P.I.	50	B. Gette
12/14	Belmont	275	C. Cook	12/23	Sandwich	25	M. Boucher
12/15	Newton	40	R. Veit#		Pine Warbler		
12/15	DWWS	75	G. d'Entremont	12/28	Bridgewater	1	K. Anderson
Gray Catbird					Palm Warbler		
11/10	Squantum	2	P. O'Neill	11/18	Dartmouth	1	S. Arena
11/18	Dartmouth	2	S. Arena	11/24	Nahant	1	R. Stymeist#
11/22	Ipswich	1	R. Heil	11/30	Gay Head	1	A. Keith#
11/24	W. Newbury	2	J. Nove	12/28	N. Dartmouth	1	M. Boucher
11/30	Gloucester	1	R. Heil	12/30	Rockport (H.P.)	1	J. MacDougall
12/2	Falmouth	1	R. Finch		Ovenbird		
12/21	Braintree	1	G. d'Entremont#	11/30	Mashpee	1	G. LeBaron
12/23	Westboro	1	A. Boover		Common Yellowthroat		
Brown Thrasher				11/16	Randolph	1	G. d'Entremont#
11/3	Topsfield	1	C. Cusson	11/16	Woburn	2	M. Rines
11/5	Cummaquid	1	S. + E. Miller	11/22	Ipswich	1	R. Heil
11/18	Dartmouth	1	S. Arena	11/30	Gloucester	1	R. Heil
11/30	P.I.	1	R. Shutsky		Wilson's Warbler		
12/3	Medford	1	D. + I. Jewell	11/19	Falmouth	1	B. Good
American Pipit					Yellow-breasted Chat		
11/1	Newbury	32	R. Heil	11/18	Dartmouth	1	S. Arena
11/3	Middleboro	85	S. Arena	11/24	Falmouth	1	S. Hennin
11/10	W. Quincy	3	G. d'Entremont	11/30	Gloucester	1	R. Heil
11/10	Katama	65	V. Laux#	12/9	MNWS	1	L. Healy
12/10	Gloucester	1	E. Stromsted	12/23	Westport	1	A. Strauss
12/23	Cumb. Farms	1	R. Finch		Northern Cardinal		
Cedar Waxwing				11/2	Melrose	7	P. + F. Vale
12/27	Westboro	131	A. Boover		Indigo Bunting		
Northern Shrike				11/3	Brookline	1	N. Komar
11/3	Cumb. Farms	1	R. Finch	11/10	Gay Head	1	V. Laux
11/9	Concord	1	D. Lange		Dickcissel		
11/18	Wayland	1	B. Parker	11/1-12/31	Athol	1	B. Fregeau
11/24	Nahant	1 imm	M. Rines#	11/2	Rochester	1	F. Smith
11/29-12/7	Salisbury	1	v.o.	11/3	Truro	1	R. Clem
12/12	Wayland	1	N. Patterson	11/3	Chilmark	2	A. Keith
12/13	Sudbury	1	K. Hamilton	11/12-12/31	Melrose	1	D. + I. Jewell
12/15	Lexington	1	M. Pelikan	11/17	Framingham	1	K. Hamilton
12/15	GMNWR	1	J. Melonotis	11/22	Athol	1	D. Small
12/15	Wayland	1	M. Pelikan	11/24	Nantucket	1	J. Papale#
				12/7	Mansfield	1	J. Kricher
				12/12	Gardner	1	T. Pirrou

12/25-31	Centerville	1	J. Keil	White-throated Sparrow			
12/26	Salisbury	1	G. Leet	11/15	Burlington	43	M. Rines
Eastern Towhee				White-crowned Sparrow			
11/1-12/31E.	Middleboro	1 f	K. Anderson	11/2	Nantucket	2	fide E. Ray
11/2	Acton	1	S. Wedge	"Oregon" Junco			
11/6	Cambridge	1	H. Miller	12/5	Lincoln	1	M. Rines
11/13	Stoneham	1	D. + I. Jewell	Lapland Longspur			
11/30	Gloucester	3	R. Heil	11/2	N. Monomoy	15	B. Nikula #
12/28	N. Dartmouth	2	M. Boucher	11/5	Cumb. Farms	2	K. Anderson
12/28	Bridgewater	1	K. Anderson	11/17	Duxbury B.	11	R. Ferren
12/28	Taunton	1 m	G. d'Entremont#	11/18	Lynn	1	L. Healey
American Tree Sparrow				11/24	Katama	32	V. Laux#
11/2	P.I.	20	R. Lockwood	12/11	Scusset B.	2	D. Furbish
11/3	ONWR	30+	E. Salmela	12/23	Cumb. Farms	5	R. Finch
11/6	Lexington	15	M. Rines	Snow Bunting			
11/17	Salisbury B.	11	R. Lockwood	11/1	Newbury	57	R. Heil
11/30	DWWS	11	G. d'Entremont	11/3	P.I.	120	M. Pelikan
12/7	Wakefield	10	P. + F. Vale	11/3	Salisbury	190	M. Pelikan
12/8	Randolph	13	G. d'Entremont	11/4	Orleans	200	S. + E. Miller
12/15	E. Boston (B.I.)	20	S. Perkins#	11/10	W. Quincy	4	G. d'Entremont
Chipping Sparrow				11/10	Revere	7	G. Finnegan
11/2	Melrose	1	P. + F. Vale	11/13	Duxbury B.	46	D. Furbish
12/11	Framingham	3	K. Hamilton	11/17	Plainville	47	G. Valade
12/28	Medway	1	J. Young	11/17	Ipswich	35	J. Berry
Clay-colored Sparrow				11/18	Dartmouth	45	S. Arena
12/22-31	Rockport	1	BBC (W. Drummond)	11/23	P.I.	25	B. Gette
12/29	Lexington	1	M. Pelikan	11/26	Pepperell	50	E. Stromsted
Field Sparrow				11/30	Plymouth B.	25+	G. d'Entremont
11/2	Melrose	1	P. + F. Vale	11/30	Squibnocket	50	A. Keith
11/16	Braintree	1	G. d'Entremont#	12/23	Sandwich	56	M. Boucher
12/8	Randolph	1	G. d'Entremont	Bobolink			
12/28	N. Dartmouth	6	M. Boucher	11/11	Hyannis	1	S. + E. Miller
Vesper Sparrow				Red-winged Blackbird			
11/3	Gay Head	3	A. Keith#	11/3	Southboro	60	M. Lynch#
Lark Sparrow				11/9	Concord (NAC)	250	R. Forster
11/3-10	Nantucket	1	E. Andrews#	11/9	Sudbury	1000	R. Forster
11/16-30	N. Attleboro	1	G. Valade	11/10	W. Quincy	4	G. d'Entremont
Savannah Sparrow				11/10	Stow	50	B. Parker
11/2	Wakefield	2	P. + F. Vale	11/18	Marlboro	40	B. Parker
11/10	W. Quincy	6	G. d'Entremont	11/28	Sudbury	150	R. Forster
11/13	Bedford	1	M. Rines	12/15	Lincoln	3	L. Harvey
"Ipswich" Sparrow				12/18	DWWS	4	D. Furbish
11/3	Salisbury	1	M. Pelikan	12/23	Milton	9	O. Kerr
Grasshopper Sparrow				Eastern Meadowlark			
11/10	Chilmark	1	V. Laux#	11/6	Dennis	12	S. + E. Miller
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow				11/16	Marshfield	50	M. Partridge
12/11	P.I.	1	C. Ralph	11/16	DWWS	40+	M. Partridge
Fox Sparrow				11/19	Essex	1	T. Young#
11/3	Southboro	3	M. Lynch#	11/23	Cumb. Farms	11	BBC (R. Stymeist)
11/7	Lexington	4	M. Rines	12/21	DWWS	13	D. Furbish
11/9	Saugus	5	P. + F. Vale	12/26	Bedford	1	M. Rines
11/11	Marlboro	4	F. Howes	12/28	N. Dartmouth	2	M. Boucher
11/12	Melrose	3	D. + I. Jewell	Rusty Blackbird			
11/15	Wakefield	2	D. + I. Jewell	11/2	Pepperell	2	E. Stromsted
11/15	Burlington	3	M. Rines	11/3	ONWR	80+	E. Salmela
11/1-31	Reports of indiv. from 11 locations			11/3	Gay Head	6	A. Keith#
12/7	Brookline	1	H. Wiggin#	11/10	Sudbury	63	R. Forster
12/8	Concord	1	M. Pelikan	11/17	Concord	1	G. d'Entremont#
12/15	Newton	1	S. Perkins#	11/17	Arlington	1	M. Rines#
12/22-31	Mt. A.	1	P. Stevens + v.o.	12/7-9	Acushnet	1	M. LaBossiere
12/22	W. Boxford	1	T. Walker	Common Grackle			
12/30	Marlboro	1	B. Parker	11/3	Methuen	"millions"	J. Hogan
12/31	Arlington	1	R. Stymeist	11/4	Pepperell	700	E. Stromsted
Lincoln's Sparrow				11/9	Sudbury	400	E. Taylor
11/12	Cummaquid	1	S. + E. Miller	11/10	Squantum	18	G. d'Entremont
Swamp Sparrow				11/11	Stow	200	B. Parker
11/10	W. Quincy	6	G. d'Entremont	11/17	Needham	6+	G. d'Entremont
11/13	Arlington	3	M. Rines	Brown-headed Cowbird			
11/17	Concord	3	G. d'Entremont#	11/10	Rockport	2	R. Lockwood
11/18	Cumb. Farms	6	R. Finch	11/29	Newbury	3	G. d'Entremont
11/30	DWWS	5	G. d'Entremont	12/20	DWWS	6	D. Furbish

Baltimore Oriole				11/30	DWWS	1	G. d'Entremont
11/10	Truro	1	J. Young	11/7,8	Newton	2	H. Miller
12/21-31	Malden	1	M. Starr	12/5-21	Mattapoisett	3	F. Smith
12/22	Lincoln	1	N. Claflin	12/28	N. Dartmouth	1	M. Boucher
12/23-31	W. Gloucester	1 f	v.o.	Red Crossbill			
"Northern" Oriole				11/24	Petersham	9	B. Fregeau
11/11	Hingham	1 f	N. Swirka	Pine Siskin			
12/18-31	Sherborn	1 f	fide E. Taylor	11/2	Quabbin (G41)	2	M. Lynch#
12/08-16	Taunton	1 f	D. Emerson	11/2	Worcester	3	M. Lynch#
Purple Finch				11/7, 30	Athol	5, 1	D. Small
11/1	Wayland	8	G. Gove	11/13	N. Attleboro	1	G. Valade
11/2	Mt. A.	1	BBC (R. Stymeist)	11/17	Mt. A.	1	J. McCoy
11/3	P.I.	1	P. + F. Vale	11/23	Melrose	1	P. + F. Vale
11/10	Marlboro	1	B. Parker	12/13	Nantucket	1	J. Papale
11/11-14	Brookline	3	H. Wiggin#	12/18	Acton	1	S. Wedge
11/17	Melrose	1	D. + I. Jewell	Evening Grosbeak			
11/24	W. Newbury	2	J. Nove	12/13	Athol	5	D. Small

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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	Newbypt
imm	immature	P.I.	Plum Island
ind	individuals	Pd	Pond
juv	juvenile	P'town	P'town
loc	location	Quab.	Quabbin
lt	light (phase)	Res.	Reservoir
m	male	R.P.	Race Point, P'town
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
H.P.	Halibut Point, Rockport	WMWS	Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary