

BIRD SIGHTINGS

OCTOBER 1997

SUMMARY

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October brought cooler temperatures, averaging 52.8°, 2.0° below normal. Rain totaled 1.78 inches, 1.52 inches less than normal — the sixth month in a row with lower-than-average temperatures. Average wind speed was a record low for October in the 62 years of Logan Airport records. A small coastal storm on the 27th contributed to some nice sightings of pelagic species from land-based locations. M. W. R.

LOONS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

Seventy-six Common Loons were noted migrating over agricultural fields off Route 1A in Newbury. Among several reports of Northern Fulmar, counts of 12 on Stellwagen bank and 40 off Rockport were most noteworthy. The large numbers of Cory's and Greater Shearwaters seen from Cape Ann earlier in the season (including Cory's totals unprecedented for points north of Cape Cod) continued through the month, suggesting the persistence of an important food source just offshore of Cape Ann. Highest tallies included 50 Cory's and 1500 Greaters, the latter being related to a coastal storm on the 27th. This same storm, incidentally, accounted for a variety of significant records from Cape Ann including, in addition to the shearwaters, the season's first significant counts of Northern Gannet and Black-legged Kittiwake, a huge flight of Surf Scoters, two **Great Skuas**, and an **Atlantic Puffin**. The following day, observers recorded additional high counts of some of these same species from various shore points within Cape Cod Bay. The most noteworthy among these were 8000 Northern Gannets, roughly 50 Pomarine Jaegers, a thousand 1000 Black-legged Kittiwake, and 550 Common Terns. The **American White Pelican** that spent part of the summer at Plum Island remained there at least through the 16th.

The waterbird show at the Concord Great Meadows, that was described in last month's summary peaked during October. Forty-three Great Blue Herons were noted there late in the month, as was a Little Blue Heron, which was almost certainly the same individual that was reported from Lexington the previous month. Most impressive were no fewer than 17 species of shorebirds. Noteworthy for their mere presence there were Black-bellied Plover, American Golden-Plover, White-rumped Sandpiper, Dunlin, Stilt Sandpiper, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, **Ruff**, and Short- and Long-billed dowitcher, while numerically significant records involved Killdeer and Pectoral Sandpiper. A Great Egret was found far inland at Quabbin Reservoir.

A flight of Snow Geese was detected from two points in Essex County, and a count of 30 Northern Shovelers at South Monomoy, though unheard of for any other site in New England, was a fairly typical total for this waterfowl haven. A **Tufted Duck** that appeared on the 13th at the Waushacum Ponds in Sterling and remained through the month was no doubt the same individual that spent parts of the previous two winters at this same locale. The over-summering hen King Eider at Nantucket was last reported on the 13th. The season's first large congregation of Red-breasted Mergansers was seen off Tuckernuck mid month.

Two single **Black Vultures** were noted in Amesbury and Westwood, and two **Swainson's Hawks** were reported. The Swainson's that spent part of the summer in Provincetown was still there at least through the 11th, and a second individual was identified over Mt. Wachusett in Princeton. Though this species is still a very rare visitor to New England, numbers of Swainson's records have increased in recent years. However, it remains unclear as to whether this has been due to the fact that observers are becoming more proficient at identifying Swainson's, or whether the increase reflects a real trend in the species' local occurrence. A remarkable flight of 43 migrating Ospreys in just over 2 hours was noted over Newbypt Harbor. The first Rough-legged Hawk of the season was reported on the 23rd, and an above-average total of 131 migrant Red-tailed Hawks were recorded over an eight-day period from Mt. Wachusett in Princeton and Mt. Watatic in Ashburnham. Nineteen Red-shouldered Hawks passed Watatic in a two-day period midmonth, and six Golden Eagles, probably all different individuals, reported from points throughout eastern Massachusetts, represented a high total.

Yellow Rails are rarely detected in the state, yet three different individuals were noted in a two-day span midmonth. Hudsonian Godwits are seldom found inland in New England, so five in Randolph (albeit barely inland) were noteworthy. The season's first Dovekies were reported on the 26th. S. A. P.

Date	Location	Number	Observers	Date	Location	Number	Observers
Red-throated Loon				1-16	P.I.	1	R. Heil
8	Plymouth	600+	R. Finch	Great Cormorant			
27	Rockport (A.P.)	196	R. Heil	12	Gay Head	8	M. Pelikan
29	P.I.	100 migr	D. + I. Jewell	15	Rockport (A.P.)	18	R. Heil
Common Loon				Double-crested Cormorant			
8	S. Peabody	21	R. Heil	5	P.I.	5750 migr	R. Heil
10-12	Tuckernuck	72	S. Perkins#	5	Essex Bay	1600+	D. Brown
12	Newbury	76	R. Heil	8	S. Peabody	1200 migr	R. Heil
18	Wachusett Res.	10	R. Lockwood	14	Quincy	1150	J. Paluzzi
27	Rockport (A.P.)	56	R. Heil	14	Salisbury	1300 migr	R. Heil
Pied-billed Grebe				American Bittern			
12	S. Monomoy	14	B. Nikula	5-15	GMNWR	1	D. Lounsbury + v.o.
13	Ipswich	8	J. Berry	11	Tuckernuck	3	T. Maloney#
18	Wakefield	10	P. + F. Vale	12	Gardner	1	T. Pirro
19	Lakeville	16	W. Petersen	15	Eastham	4	J. Sones
26	Amesbury	12	R. Heil	16	P.I.	5	R. Heil
26	Braintree	6	S. Carey	18	S. Dartmouth	1	M. Sylvia
Horned Grebe				19	Barnstable	1	M. Boucher
14-15	Gardner	2	T. Pirro	26	Salisbury	1	D. Chickering
19	Lakeville	5	W. Petersen	27	Nantucket	1	fide E. Ray
25	Magnolia	3	BBC (D. Pelloquin)	Great Blue Heron			
26	Salisbury	2	D. Chickering	4	Eastham (F.H.)	41	W. Ellison#
30	Wollaston	5	J. Paluzzi	7	P.I.	36	R. Heil
Red-necked Grebe				12	Eastham	34	M. Lynch#
3	Nantucket	1	C. Jackson	26	GMNWR	43	SSBC (B. Howell)
11	P'town (R.P.)	3	M. Lynch#	Great Egret			
21	Brookfield	2	W. Lafley	1-12	Randolph	8	maxG. d'Entremont
27	Rockport (A.P.)	7	R. Heil	7	Braintree	10	S. Carey
Northern Fulmar				10	GMNWR	4	D. Lounsbury
8	Stellwagen	12	P. Trull	12	S. Monomoy	3	B. Nikula
11	P'town (R.P.)	1	M. Lynch#	12	Rowley	60	J. Berry
17, 31	Rockport (A.P.)	1, 40	J. Soucy	15	Essex	10	R. Heil
18	Stellwagen	5	L. Healy	16	P.I.	36	R. Heil
20	Dennis	1	B. Nikula	18	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	18	M. Sylvia
29	Eastham (F.E.)	2	W. Petersen#	26	Salisbury	1	D. Chickering
Cory's Shearwater				26	Ipswich	2	R. Heil
12-13	Tuckernuck	7	S. Perkins#	29	Quabbin (G43)	1	D. Small
16	Rockport (A.P.)	50	J. Soucy	Snowy Egret			
27	Dennis	5	K. Hamilton	4	Eastham (F.H.)	8	W. Ellison#
28	Eastham (F.E.)	18	R. Heil	5	P.I.	45	R. Heil
Greater Shearwater				10	Tuckernuck	1	R. Veit#
4	Truro	30	W. Ellison#	12	Boston H.	19	TASL (M. Hall)
11	P'town (R.P.)	662	M. Lynch#	Little Blue Heron			
16	Rockport (A.P.)	500	J. Soucy	15	GMNWR	1	imm M. Rines#
18	Stellwagen	125	N. Nash	15	Essex	10	R. Heil
19	Rockport (A.P.)	200	R. Heil	18	P.I.	1	imm M. Resch
27	Dennis	18	K. Hamilton	Cattle Egret			
27	Rockport (A.P.)	1500	R. Heil	18	P.I.	1	G. Marley
28	Eastham (F.E.)	50	R. Heil	Green Heron			
Sooty Shearwater				4	HRWMA	1	T. Pirro
28	Eastham (F.E.)	2	R. Heil	11	Stoneham	1	D. + I. Jewell
Manx Shearwater				12	Wakefield	1	P. + F. Vale
26	Eastham (F.E.)	5	M. Sylvia	Black-crowned Night-Heron			
Leach's Storm-Petrel				11	Tuckernuck	18	R. Veit#
11	Mass. Bay	1	R. Stymeist#	15	Ipswich	26	R. Heil
20	Eastham (F.E.)	1	S. Perkins#	Snow Goose			
27	Rockport (A.P.)	4	R. Heil	8, 26	Ashburnham	75, 3	T. McCullough
27	Dennis	2	K. Hamilton	8	S. Peabody	64	R. Heil
28	Eastham (F.E.)	5	W. Petersen#	8	P'town	75	G. Martin
Northern Gannet				12	P.I.	580	R. Heil
11	P'town (R.P.)	249	M. Lynch#	12	Rowley	340	J. Berry
15	P.I.	400+	J. Stein#	12	Boston H.	100	TASL (M. Hall)
16	Rockport (A.P.)	3000+	J. Soucy	13	Canton	40	K. Ryan
26	Katama	300	M. Pelikan	Brant			
26	Eastham (F.E.)	1200+	W. Petersen#	12	Squantum	7	R. Stymeist
27	Rockport (A.P.)	7200	R. Heil	12	Eastham	220	M. Lynch#
28	Eastham (F.E.)	8000	B. Nikula#	20	Plymouth	50+	B. Freeman
American White Pelican				23	Essex Bay	23	D. Brown

Brant (continued)				10	Tuckernuck	1 m	S. Perkins#
30	Wollaston	300+	J. Paluzzi	19	Southboro	10	M. Lynch#
Wood Duck				19	W. Newbury	12	D. Small#
3	Petersham	32	W. Lafley	24	Sterling	1	M. Rines
10	Northboro	22	A. Boover	25	Rockport	1 f	J. Berry
12	Wakefield	110+	P. + F. Vale	29	Lakeville	18	M. Sylvia
18	GMNWR	120+	M. Lynch#	Common Eider			
26	Wayland	175	SSBC (B. Howell)	12	Eastham	800+	M. Lynch#
Green-winged Teal				26	Rockport (H.P.)	2244	M. Lynch#
1-12	Randolph	154	max G. d'Entremont#	King Eider			
12	S. Monomoy	150	B. Nikula	5-31	Nahant	1 m	L Pivacek
15	Ipswich	250	R. Heil	16	M.V.	1 imm	V. Laux#
21-24	GMNWR	300+	S. Perkins#	18	Nantucket	1 f	F. Bouchard
26	DWWS	195	M. Partridge	27	Rockport (A.P.)	1 m	R. Heil
29	P.I.	380	W. Drew#	Harlequin Duck			
American Black Duck				11	Gay Head	2	L. McDowell
12	S. Monomoy	300	B. Nikula	25	Cape Ann	23	D. Chickering
16	P.I.	2100	R. Heil	Oldsquaw			
22	S. Dart. (A.P.)	139	LCES (J. Hill)	8	P.I.	18	F. Bouchard
Northern Pintail				8	Plymouth	180	R. Finch
1-12	Randolph	14	max G. d'Entremont#	21	Brookfield	1	W. Lafley
12	S. Monomoy	50	B. Nikula	26	Eastham (F.E.)	400	W. Petersen#
18	GMNWR	8	M. Lynch#	27	Rockport (A.P.)	2170	R. Heil
26	Braintree	20+	S. Carey	Black Scoter			
29	P.I.	82	W. Drew#	11	Rockport (A.P.)	1800	R. Heil
Blue-winged Teal				12	Tuckernuck	820	S. Perkins#
3	Petersham	7	W. Lafley	24	Acton	1 m	M. Resch
5, 12	Wakefield	8, 18	P. + F. Vale	26	Amesbury	7 f	R. Heil
5	GMNWR	26	BBC (D. Lange)	26	Eastham (F.E.)	500	W. Petersen#
Northern Shoveler				28	Barnstable (S.N.)	800	W. Petersen
3	P.I.	2	D. Chickering	29	Lakeville	11	M. Sylvia
12	S. Monomoy	30	B. Nikula	Surf Scoter			
12	Boston H.	1	TASL (M. Hall)	15	Quabbin (G35)	1 f	W. Lafley
19	GMNWR	1	BBC (D. Lange)	18	Nantucket Sound	511	F. Bouchard
26	DWWS	1 f	D. Furbish	20	Barnstable (S.N.)	300+	S. Perkins#
Gadwall				26	Raynham	11	S. Arena
12	S. Monomoy	80	B. Nikula	27	Rockport (A.P.)	13,830	R. Heil
26	Ipswich	165	R. Heil	28	Eastham (F.E.)	1200	W. Petersen#
Eurasian Wigeon				White-winged Scoter			
8	Beverly	1 m	G. Leet#	3	Nahant	800	L. Pivacek
12	S. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula	19	Lakeville	1	W. Petersen
15-31	Oak Bluffs	1 m	M. Thomas#	25	Rockport	2000+	D. Chickering
American Wigeon				26	Raynham	1	S. Arena
1	Camb. (F.P.)	23	J. Barton	Common Goldeneye			
9	Arlington Res.	20	D. Oliver	24	Sterling	2	M. Rines
10	Oak Bluffs	35	M. Pelikan	28	Lakeville	2	M. Sylvia
12	S. Monomoy	60	B. Nikula	29	Woburn	1	M. Rines
13	Ipswich	130	J. Berry	Bufflehead			
19	W. Newbury	22	BBC (S. Grinley)	26	Newbypt	200	R. Heil
Canvasback				Hooded Merganser			
20, 22	Camb. (F.P.)	3, 17	J. Barton	19	Needham	5	M. Wolf
26	Braintree	2	S. Carey	24	Melrose	6	D. + I. Jewell
29	Woburn	2	M. Rines	26	Braintree	20+	S. Carey
Ring-necked Duck				26	Quabbin (G45)	17T. + D.	Brownrigg
5, 2	Camb. (F.P.)	53, 208	J. Barton	Red-breasted Merganser			
5	W. Newbury	100+	fide S. Grinley	12	Tuckernuck	4000+	S. Perkins#
12	S. Monomoy	140	B. Nikula	20	Eastham (F.E.)	325	S. Perkins#
12, 26	Braintree	70, 200	S. Carey	27	Rockport (A.P.)	1950	R. Heil
19	Southboro	1114	M. Lynch#	Ruddy Duck			
19	Lakeville	650	W. Petersen	12-31	Melrose	65 max D.	+ I. Jewell
19	Southboro	600+	E. Taylor	12	S. Monomoy	35	B. Nikula
26	W. Newbury	600	R. Heil	15, 20	Camb. (F.P.)	13, 86	J. Barton
28	Arlington Res.	165	C. Floyd	19	Marlboro	305	B. Volkle
Tufted Duck				19	Groveland	50+	D. Chickering
13-31	Sterling	1 m	F. McMenemy	24	Acton	50	M. Resch
Greater Scaup				26	Amesbury	65	R. Heil
10	Tuckernuck	20	S. Perkins#	26	Braintree	50+	S. Carey
15	Camb. (F.P.)	7	J. Barton	26	W. Newbury	360	R. Heil
18	Lynnfield	2	P. + F. Vale	28	Lakeville	47	M. Sylvia
19	Sterling	12	B. Volkle#	Black Vulture			
27	Rockport (A.P.)	160	R. Heil	4	Amesbury	1	S. Arena
Lesser Scaup				16	Westwood	1	J. Clancy

Turkey Vulture				26	Mt. Watatic	42	T. McCullough
5	W. Newbury	8	R. Heil	Rough-legged Hawk			
18	Mt. Wachusett	36	P. Roberts	23	Quincy	1 dk	N. Smith
19	Westport	28	R. Stymeist	Golden Eagle			
Osprey				4	S. Natick	1 imm	B. Bowker
4	Randolph	4	BBC (G. d'Entremont)	6	Matapoisset	1 imm	M. LaBossierre
5	Mt. Watatic	10	EMHW	10	Concord (NAC)	1	S. Ells
6	GMNWR	3	T. + D. Brownrigg	11	S. Boston	1 imm	K. Ryan
7	Newbypt	43	migr R. Heil	22	Mt. Wachusett	1	T. Carrolan
26	Mt. Watatic	3	T. McCullough	23	Quincy	1 sub ad	N. Smith
Bald Eagle				American Kestrel			
2	Truro	1 imm	R. Heil	8	Mt. Watatic	56	EMHW
7	GMNWR	1 imm	D. Gersten	10-11	Tuckernuck	4	S. Perkins#
15	Quabbin (G35)	1 imm	W. Lafley	17-18	Mt. Watatic	17	T. McCullough
19	Westport	1 imm	R. Stymeist	Merlin			
29	Waltham	1	W. Petersen	2	Worc. (BMB)	2	M. Lynch#
29	Quabbin (G43)	1	D. Small	6	Gay Head	2	M. Pelikan
Northern Harrier				8	P.I.	2	F. Bouchard
2	Truro	3	W. Ellison#	8	Mt. Watatic	6	EMHW
4	Wakefield	3	P. + F. Vale	10-12	Tuckernuck	6-8	S. Perkins#
8	Mt. Watatic	11	EMHW	12	Mt. Wachusett	2	EMHW
11	Tuckernuck	10	R. Veit#	thr	Reports of indiv. from 21 locations		
12	P.I.	6 juv	R. Heil	Peregrine Falcon			
12	Cumb. Farms	3	R. Finch	1	Nantucket	3	J. Hoye#
12	S. Monomoy	4+	B. Nikula	4-12	Newbypt/P.I.	11	R. Heil
17	Mt. Watatic	7	T. McCullough	4	Eastham	3	W. Ellison#
Sharp-shinned Hawk				5	Randolph	2	G. d'Entremont#
2	Worc. (BMB)	4	M. Lynch#	6, 13	N. Monomoy	2+, 2+	B. Nikula
4	Barre	5	M. Lynch#	6	Gay Head	4+	M. Pelikan
4	Truro	4	W. Ellison#	8	Mt. Watatic	2	T. McCullough
4	Bolton Flats	4	R. Lockwood	10-12	Tuckernuck	4-7	T. Maloney#
5	Mt. Watatic	14	EMHW	4-6	M.V.	5	V. Laux#
8	Mt. Watatic	97	EMHW	thr	Reports of indiv. from 28 locations		
11	Tuckernuck	5	R. Veit#	Ruffed Grouse			
17-18	Mt. Watatic	179	T. McCullough	4	Barre	3	M. Lynch#
18	Mt. Wachusett	17	P. Roberts	13	Bolton	1	R. Lockwood
19	Gay Head	5	M. Pelikan	18	Sterling	1	R. Lockwood
26	Mt. Watatic	24	T. McCullough	19	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson
Cooper's Hawk				Wild Turkey			
5	Cumb. Farms	2	R. Finch	7	Worc. (BMB)	7	J. Liller
8	Mt. Watatic	2	T. McCullough	7	Wellesley	8	E. Kile
17-18	Mt. Watatic	6	T. McCullough	11	Wellfleet	8	M. Lynch#
22	Mt. Wachusett	2	T. Carrolan	12	Wrentham	20	A. Bottomly
thr	Reports of indiv. from 23 locations			16	Lincoln	5	M. Beckwith
Northern Goshawk				20	Northboro	1 f	B. Volkle
2	Truro	1 imm	R. Heil	Northern Bobwhite			
4	Amesbury	1	S. Arena	1	Nantucket	3	J. Hoye#
6	GMNWR	1	T. + D. Brownrigg	12	Gay Head	15	M. Pelikan
17	Groton	1	T. Pirro	12	Wellfleet	10	C. Floyd#
18	Mt. Wachusett	1 ad, 3 imm	P. Roberts	Yellow Rail			
18	GMNWR	1 imm	M. Lynch#	17	Milton	1	D. Brown
21	Easton	1 ad	K. Ryan	18-19	Eastham (F. H.)	1	SSBC (R. Fox)
25	Essex	1	D. Chickering	18	S. Dart. (A. P.)	1	M. Silvia
26	Mt. Wachusett	1	P. Roberts	Clapper Rail			
26	Raynham	1	S. Arena	12	Eastham	1	M. Lynch#
26	Lexington	1	R. Stymeist	Virginia Rail			
Red-shouldered Hawk				2-19	GMNWR	1-2	v.o.
8	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson	2	Truro	1	R. Heil
8	Mt. Watatic	4	T. McCullough	5	Mashpee	1	S. Miller
17-18	Mt. Watatic	19	T. McCullough	7	Newbypt	1	R. Heil
17	Groveland	1	D. Chickering	12	P.I.	1	R. Heil
18	Mt. Wachusett	1	P. Roberts	21	Barnstable	2	S. Miller#
26	E. Boxford	1	J. Brown#.	Sora			
26	Mt. Watatic	8	T. McCullough	2-18	GMNWR	1-3	v.o.
Swainson's Hawk				5	Mashpee	1	S. Miller#
1-11	P'town (R.P.)	1	v.o.	7	S. Dart. (A.P.)	1	LCES (J. Hill)
18	Mt. Wachusett	1 imm	P. Roberts	15	Eastham	1	J. Sones
Red-tailed Hawk				Common Moorhen			
17-18	Mt. Watatic	79	T. McCullough	5-11	Gloucester	1R.	Stymeist# + v.o.
18	Mt. Wachusett	31	P. Roberts	American Coot			
22	Mt. Wachusett	28	T. Carrolan	thr	Arlington	74 max	10/26 K. Hartel
26	Mt. Wachusett	28	P. Roberts	6, 12	Braintree (GP)	12, 50	S. Carey

American Coot (continued)							
12	S. Monomoy	45	B. Nikula	12	Boston H.	1	TASL (M. Hall)
24	GMNWR	23	S. Perkins#	14	Salisbury	1	R. Heil
26	Braintree	60+	B. Carey	26	Eastham (F.E.)	1	B. Nikula
26	Amesbury	65	R. Heil	Hudsonian Godwit			
29	Woburn	33	M. Rines	5-12	Randolph	5	G. d'Entremont#
Black-bellied Plover				12	Eastham	2	M. Lynch#
thr	GMNWR	8 max 10/18	M. Lynch#	15	P.I.	1	J. Stein#
9, 18	Chatham (S.B.)	1400, 1400	B. Nikula	18	Chatham (S.B.)	1	B. Nikula
10-11	Tuckernuck	20	S. Perkins#	18	Newbypt H.	2	M. Resch
12	Rowley	30	J. Berry	Marbled Godwit			
12	Wollaston	29	G. d'Entremont	6, 13	N. Monomoy	4, 2	B. Nikula
18	Eastham	18	SSBC (R. Fox)	Ruddy Turnstone			
19	Salisbury	12	P. + F. Vale	5	Westport	1	M. Boucher
26	Ipswich	42	BBC (J. Nove)	18	Nantucket H.	3	F. Bouchard
29	P.I.	54	W. Drew#	Red Knot			
American Golden-Plover				18	Chatham (S.B.)	200	B. Nikula
thr	GMNWR	7 max 10/18	S. Perkins#	Sanderling			
2	Chatham (S.B.)	1	S. Miller	12	Boston H.	458	TASL (M. Hall)
7	P.I.	5 juv	R. Heil	18	Chatham (S.B.)	2000	B. Nikula
10	Tuckernuck	3	S. Perkins#	26	P.I.	100+	P. + F. Vale
19	Barnstable	1	M. Boucher	26	Eastham (F.E.)	300	W. Petersen#
26	Katama	1	M. Pelikan	Semipalmated Sandpiper			
29	P.I.	1	W. Drew#	7	Newbypt	275	R. Heil
30	Newbury	1	S. Grinley	9, 18	Chatham (S.B.)	70, 25	B. Nikula
Semipalmated Plover				12	Randolph	4	G. d'Entremont#
9, 18	Chatham (S.B.)	150, 100	B. Nikula	12	Boston H.	24	TASL (M. Hall)
8	GMNWR	1	S. Perkins#	12	Eastham	40+	M. Lynch#
12	Eastham	130+	M. Lynch#	15	P.I.	8	R. Heil
12	Boston H.	17	TASL (M. Hall)	18	GMNWR	2	M. Lynch#
26	Newbypt H.	7	S. Perkins#	22	S. Dart. (A.P.)	8	LCES (J. Hill)
30	E. Sandwich	5	S. Miller#	Western Sandpiper			
Killdeer				9, 18	Chatham (S.B.)	2, 1	B. Nikula
thr	GMNWR	85 max 10/5	S. Larson	12	Eastham	1	M. Lynch#
2	Arlington Res.	39	M. Rines	Least Sandpiper			
5	Newbury	75	R. Heil	18	GMNWR	1	M. Lynch#
17	Cumb. Farms	27	G. Levandoski	19	Salisbury	4	P. + F. Vale
19	Rochester	56	R. Stymeist	26	P.I.	3	P. + F. Vale
American Oystercatcher				White-rumped Sandpiper			
6, 13	N. Monomoy	95, 40	B. Nikula	7	Woburn	1	M. Rines
18	Nantucket H.	2	F. Bouchard	8, 26	GMNWR	2, 10	S. Perkins#
20	Katama	2	M. Pelikan	9, 18	Chatham (S.B.)	8, 1	B. Nikula
Greater Yellowlegs				12	Eastham	60+	M. Lynch#
12	Boston H.	221	TASL (M. Hall)	16	P.I.	8	R. Heil
15, 26	Ipswich	160, 95	R. Heil	26	Newbypt H.	3	S. Perkins#
18	Nantucket	36	F. Bouchard	28	Arlington Res.	2	C. Floyd
19	Eastham	250	B. Nikula#	30	E. Sandwich	20	S. Miller#
26	Newbypt	110	R. Heil	31	Chilmark	2	G. Daniels
21, 26	GMNWR	10, 38	S. Perkins#	Pectoral Sandpiper			
Lesser Yellowlegs				thr	GMNWR	90 max 10/21	S. Perkins#
2	Melrose	11	D. + I. Jewell	5	Arlington Res.	22	M. Pelikan#
4	E. Boston	10	R. Stymeist#	5	Cumb. Farms	15	R. Finch
19	Salisbury	12	P. + F. Vale	6	N. Monomoy	12	B. Nikula
21, 26	GMNWR	21, 8	S. Perkins#	12	S. Monomoy	50+	B. Nikula
25	Ayer	3	E. Stromsted	16	P.I.	13	R. Heil
26	Newbypt	4	R. Heil	19	Barnstable	12	M. Boucher
29	P.I.	2	W. Drew#	21	Brookfield	3	W. Lafley
30	Lynn	1	R. Heil	29	Lexington	2	M. Rines
Solitary Sandpiper				30	E. Sandwich	3	S. Miller#
2	Wellfleet	1	R. Heil	Purple Sandpiper			
2	Provincetown	1	R. Heil	26	Rockport (H.P.)	4	M. Lynch#
3	P'town	1	W. Ellison#	Dunlin			
15	Lincoln	1	M. Partridge	7	Newbypt	910	R. Heil
Willet				8, 26	GMNWR	8, 20	S. Perkins#
6, 13	N. Monomoy	14, 4	B. Nikula	9, 18	Chatham (S.B.)	1500, 2500	B. Nikula
7	S. Dart. (A.P.)	1	LCES (J. Hill)	12	Rowley	220	J. Berry
Spotted Sandpiper				26	Eastham (F.E.)	800+	W. Petersen#
9	Arlington Res.	1	M. Rines	29	P.I.	484	W. Drew#
12	W. Newbury	1	R. Heil	Stilt Sandpiper			
26	Chilmark	1	A. Keith	12-26	GMNWR	1 juv	I. Lynch
Whimbrel				12	E. Boston	3 juv.	TASL (M. Hall)
6	N. Monomoy	4	B. Nikula	18	P.I.	1	M. Resch

Buff-breasted Sandpiper	9	Chatham	1	G. Martin
9-12 GMNWR	1 juv	R. Lockwood + v.o.		
Ruff	18	P.I.	1	J. Brown#
11-30 GMNWR	1 juv	C. Floyd + v.o.		
26	W. Gloucester	1 imm	S. Moore#	
26	Ipswich	1 ad	R. Heil	
28	Winthrop	1	R. Cressman	
Short-billed Dowitcher				
4	Eastham (F.H.)	19	W. Ellison#	
5	Randolph	1	G. d'Entremont#	
7	P.I.	10 juv	R. Heil	
12	Boston H.	4	TASL (M. Hall)	
13	N. Monomoy	14	B. Nikula	
18	GMNWR	1	M. Lynch#	
26	Eastham (F.E.)	4	W. Petersen#	
Long-billed Dowitcher				
4	E. Boston	6	R. Stymeist#	
7	P.I.	31	R. Heil	
12	Squantum	2	G. d'Entremont	
18-26	GMNWR	2-4	M. Lynch#	
24	P.I.	9	W. Drew#	
Common Snipe				
thr	GMNWR	15 max	v.o.	
5	Nantucket	1	C. Jackson	
5	Bolton Flats	1	W. Miller	
5	Cumb. Farms	2	R. Finch	
7	Medford	1	M. Rines	
12	Tuckernuck	2	T. Maloney#	
American Woodcock				
12	Gay Head	1	M. Pelikan	
27	Gloucester	1	D. Brown	
Pomarine Jaeger				
17	Gloucester	1	N. Nash	
18	Stellwagen	1	N. Nash	
20	Eastham (F.E.)	6	S. Perkins#	
27	Rockport (A.P.)	20	R. Heil	
28	Eastham (F.E.)	50+	W. Petersen#	
Parasitic Jaeger				
12-13	Tuckernuck	5-8	S. Perkins#	
18	Rockport (H.P.)	1	S. + L. Hennin	
20	Eastham (F.E.)	1	S. Perkins#	
28	Eastham (F.E.)	1	R. Heil	
Great Skua (details submitted)				
27	Rockport (A.P.)	2	R. Heil	
Laughing Gull				
12	Boston H.	20	TASL (M. Hall)	
12	Eastham	60+	M. Lynch#	
12	Tuckernuck	210	S. Perkins#	
19	Westport	35	R. Stymeist	
29	Eastham (F.E.)	150	W. Petersen#	
Little Gull				
4	Newbypt H.	1 ad	J. Tietz	
5-7	Newbypt	1 juv	R. Heil	
27	Rockport (A.P.)	1 ad	R. Heil	
Black-headed Gull				
9	Chatham	1	G. Martin	
18	P.I.	1	J. Brown#	
26	W. Gloucester	1 imm	S. Moore#	
26	Ipswich	1 ad	R. Heil	
28	Winthrop	1	R. Cressman	
Bonaparte's Gull				
12	Boston H.	504	TASL (M. Hall)	
18	Newbypt H.	1000	M. Resch	
27	Rockport	155	R. Heil	
29	Eastham (F.E.)	50	W. Petersen#	
Iceland Gull				
19	Barnstable	1	M. Boucher	
20	Eastham (F.E.)	1	H. D'entremont#	
25	Rockport	1	J. Berry	
Lesser Black-backed Gull				
8	Acton	1	M. Resch	
14-30	Gardner	1	T. Pirro	
19	Nantucket	1	fide E. Ray	
26	Rockport	1 ad	M. Szantyr	
Glaucous Gull				
15	Chilmark	1	G. Daniels	
Black-legged Kittiwake				
19	Rockport (A.P.)	40	R. Heil	
20	Eastham (F.E.)	43	S. Perkins#	
27	Rockport (A.P.)	1100	R. Heil	
28	Eastham (F.E.)	1200	B. Nikula#	
Sabine's Gull				
19	Rockport (A.P.)	1	W pl	R. Heil
Caspian Tern				
5	Randolph	2	G. d'Entremont#	
5	P.I.	8	R. Heil	
Common Tern				
11	Tuckernuck	75	S. Perkins#	
12	Boston H.	62	TASL (M. Hall)	
28	Eastham (F.E.)	550	W. Petersen#	
29	Plymouth	60	W. Petersen	
Forster's Tern				
11	off Cape Ann	1	J. Berry	
20	Eastham (F.E.)	3	S. Perkins#	
29	Plymouth	9	W. Petersen	
Dovekie				
26	Eastham (F.E.)	1	B. Nikula#	
26	Rockport (H.P.)	1	S. Moore#	
Razorbill				
26	Rockport (A.P.)	13	R. Heil	
Black Guillemot				
31	Rockport (A.P.)	4	J. Soucy	
Atlantic Puffin				
27	Rockport (A.P.)	1	R. Heil	
large alcid species				
26	Eastham (F.E.)	1	B. Nikula#	

CUCKOOS THROUGH GROSBEAKS

On October 5, 159 Chimney Swifts were observed entering an evening roost in a chimney in Hudson (see the September account), but by the 11th, these were reduced to a single bird. Chimney Swifts are uncommon in October, and reports of this many individuals are generally associated with a roost such as this. The *Empidonax* flycatchers have normally cleared out by October, so reports of a Yellow-bellied Flycatcher in Chatham and a Least Flycatcher in Wayland were both unusually late. Three Western Kingbirds were probably typical for the month; however, a report of an individual in Lincoln, which lingered on to the end of the month was not only late, but unusual for its inland location. An Eastern Kingbird at the end of the month in Edgartown was exceptionally late.

On October 18, over 1200 American Crows were observed migrating over Mt. Watatic in Ashburnham. Crows are not usually thought of as migratory, and their migration is poorly documented, so this is a significant record. Other corvids observed from Mt. Watatic included 26 Common Ravens on October 17 and 24 on the 26th. For several months, there have been reports of Ravens in Groton and the adjacent town of Pepperell. The consistency of these reports suggests that these individuals may be resident in the area, raising hopes for a possible first nesting record for Middlesex County. A Raven observed in Kingston at the end of the month is a very unusual Plymouth county record.

On October 8, an observer at Eastern Point in Gloucester described an extraordinary passerine fallout as follows: "... warblers, sparrows, kinglets, nuthatches, and creepers were making their way along the fenceline, or intertidal seaweed-covered rocks in their southward march. One Brown Creeper on the breakwater almost got slopped by a wave, and one daring Golden-crowned Kinglet landed on the left foot of a Great Black-backed Gull. I positioned myself right into the path of moving birds and soon had a kinglet sitting on my own boot. A few feet away a Red-breasted Nuthatch clung limpet-like to a large rock. Looking down into the intertidal zone I was somewhat amazed to see 15 Palm Warblers and at least 15 more warblers heading my way all at once. A tiny tree a few feet away held 15 Golden-crowned Kinglets and sparrows by the dozens passed me within a few feet. Worried that I was missing the main push of birds I checked the immediate area around the lighthouse and tried to find a better viewpoint. Just as I thought I was getting a handle on numbers a Merlin strafed the upper beach and flushed about half an acre of sparrows from the nearby long grass. I gave up on counting and... hung out there to enjoy the show while it lasted. By about 10:30 the volume of passerines dropped." (Thanks to Geoff Wood for this wonderful description.). While there were northwest winds the previous day, there was no storm or other phenomenon which can explain such an experience. Of particular interest was the report of 500 Golden-crowned and 50 Ruby-crowned Kinglets together. These species have different migration patterns, so seeing high numbers of both species together is unusual.

A Golden-winged Warbler at Katama was unusually late. The only other noteworthy warbler was a **Yellow-throated Warbler** in Nahant on October 24. A **Western Tanager** was discovered hopping weakly along a road on Nantucket, but expired in a shoebox enroute to a rehabilitator. Lark Sparrows were poorly reported. Fox Sparrows, which typically do not arrive until the middle of October, were early arrivals at several locations. An impressive total of 29 Lincoln's Sparrows was reported from Bolton Flats on October 4, outdistancing a count of 21 at the same location less than a week before (see September). October 11 and 12 was evidently the time to look for White-crowned Sparrows, regardless of your location, since excellent numbers were reported from coastal locations from Cape Ann to Truro. A White-crowned Sparrow of the subspecies *gambelii* was observed at a feeder on October 29, and described in detail. This western subspecies is a rare vagrant to Massachusetts.

In September, White-winged Crossbills tempted birders, and in October, these were joined by good reports of Common Redpolls, Pine Siskins, and Evening Grosbeaks. House Sparrows are rarely mentioned in this synopsis, but songbirds on South Monomoy are nearly always migrants, so an individual reported on October 12 was a surprise. M. W. R.

Black-billed Cuckoo				Chimney Swift			
2 Nantucket	2	J. Hoye#		6, 11 Hudson	159, 1	E. Taylor	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo				Red-headed Woodpecker			
11 Chilmark	1	A. Keith#		2 P'town	1 imm	R. Heil	
12 Gay Head	1	V. Laux#		4 Gay Head	1	J. Taylor	
29 M.V.	1	P. Miliotis		27 Nantucket	1 imm	fide E. Ray	
Barn Owl				Red-bellied Woodpecker			
12 M.V.	5	SSBC (D. Clapp)		thr Pepperell	3	S. Maynes	
Eastern Screech-Owl				thr Reports of 1 or 2 indiv. from 16 loc.			
2 Worc. (BMB)	1	M. Lynch#		Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			
5 Gloucester	1	R. Stymeist#		2 Outer Cape Cod	6	R. Heil	
9 Northboro	1	A. Boover		4 Truro	2	W. Ellison#	
13 Ipswich	1	J. Berry		4 Barre	2	M. Lynch#	
29 Cambridge (F.P.)	1	N. Shore		7 P.I.	8	R. Heil	
Great Horned Owl				7 Chatham	4	W. Bailey	
8 S. Dartmouth	2	M. Boucher		12 M.V.	2	SSBC (D. Clapp)	
11 Ipswich	2	J. Berry		thr Reports of indiv. from 11 locations			
12 Rowley	1	J. Berry		Hairy Woodpecker			
12 E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson		4 Barre	6	M. Lynch#	
17 Mattapoisett	1	F. Smith		11 Newton	2	H. Miller	
18 Gardner	1	T. Pirro		12 Tuckernuck	1 migr	S. Perkins#	
25 Magnolia	2	BBC (D. Peloquin)		19 Southboro	4	M. Lynch#	
Snowy Owl				Northern Flicker			
29 Squibnocket	1	A. Fischer		4 Barre	28	M. Lynch#	
Barred Owl				4 Mt.A.	16	R. Stymeist	
1 E. Boxford	1	J. Brown#		4 HRWMA	21	T. Pirro	
1 Worcester	1	J. Liller		11 Tuckernuck	25	S. Perkins#	
4 MNWS	1	D. Chickering		Pileated Woodpecker			
7 E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson		4 Barre	1	M. Lynch#	
17 Bolton	1	R. Lockwood		5 Newbypt	2	BBC (S. Grinley)	
25 Magnolia	1	BBC (D. Peloquin)		12 Gardner	1	T. Pirro	
31 Melrose	1	D. + I. Jewell		25 Magnolia	2	BBC (D. Peloquin)	
Northern Saw-whet Owl				25 Pepperell	1	E. Stromsted	
14 Salisbury	1	R. Heil		26 ONWR	1	B. Parker	
16 Boston	1	R. Richmond		26 Ashby	1	J. + B. Chiasson	

Pileated Woodpecker (continued)			1	Lexington	3	M. Rines	
26	Sterling	1	N. Paulson	2	Worc. (BMB)	3	M. Lynch#
27	Lincoln	1	S. Perkins#	13	Newton	2	J. McCoy
Eastern Wood-Pewee				Winter Wren			
2	Nantucket	1	J. Hoye#	7	Mt.A.	3	R. Stymeist
2	Truro	3	R. Heil	11	Rockport	2	R. Heil
4	Northboro	1	A. Boover	16	Quabbin (G40)	3	M. Rines#
8	Chilmark	2	G. Daniels#	thr	Reports of indiv. from 10 locations		
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher				Marsh Wren			
2	Chatham	1	S. Miller#	3	Chappaquiddick	1	A. Keith#
Least Flycatcher				4	HRWMA	1	T. Pirro
5	Wayland	1	W. Miller#	5	GMNWR	3	BBC (D. Lange)
Eastern Phoebe				4	Wakefield	1	P. + F. Vale
4	Barre	32	M. Lynch#	Golden-crowned Kinglet			
7	P.I.	21	R. Heil	2	Chatham	1	S. Miller
8	Westboro	10	M. Rines#	4	Barre	3	M. Lynch#
26	Winchester	1	M. Rines	5	Newbypt	4	BBC (S. Grinley)
28	Melrose	1	D. + I. Jewell	8	Gloucester (E.P.)	500	G. Wood
Western Kingbird				9	S. Monomoy	40	G. Martin
4-6	Edgartown	2	V. Laux#	12	P.I.	14	R. Heil
5	Newbury	1	C. Ralph#	12	Boston	11	R. Stymeist
19-28	Lincoln	1	K. Calmer + v.o.	Ruby-crowned Kinglet			
Eastern Kingbird				2	Truro	11	R. Heil
26	Edgartown	1	M. Pelikan	2	Lexington	15	M. Rines
Horned Lark				4	Barre	53	M. Lynch#
18	Princeton	3	P. Roberts	7	Worc. (BMB)	12	J. Liller
26	Ashburnham	12	T. McCullough	8	Gloucester (E.P.)	50	G. Wood
Tree Swallow				11	P.I.	16	R. Stymeist#
2	Eastham	750	R. Heil	16	Quabbin (G40)	23	M. Rines#
5	Plymouth	1000	S. Arena	28	Melrose	2	D. + I. Jewell
5	Truro	5000	W. Ellison#	29	Lincoln	1	M. Rines
13	N. Dartmouth	68	M. Boucher	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			
26	Provincetown	10	W. Petersen#	2	Gay Head	1	A. Keith#
Barn Swallow				3	Chappaquiddick	2	A. Keith
3	P'town	5	W. Ellison#	4	Mt.A.	1	R. Stymeist
5	Westport	1	M. Boucher	6	HRWMA	1	T. Pirro
American Crow				Eastern Bluebird			
1, 27	Framingham	200, 500	E. Taylor	2	Worc. (BMB)	6	M. Lynch#
13	W. Newbury	350	R. Heil	10	Oak Bluffs	8	M. Pelikan
18	Mt. Watatic	1256 migr	T. McCullough	12	Hingham	6	M. Partridge
Common Raven				16	Quabbin (G40)	8	R. Stymeist#
4	Barre	2	M. Lynch#	18	W. Newbury	28	S. Grinley
16	Quabbin (G40)	1	R. Stymeist#	20	Quincy	15	N. Smith
17	Groton	3	T. Pirro	26	DWWS	9	D. Furbish
17	Mt. Watatic	26	T. McCullough	Veery			
22	Mt. Wachusett	7	T. Carrolan	2	Nantucket	1	J. Hoye#
25	Ashby	10	C. Canner	Gray-checked/Bicknell's Thrush			
26	Pepperell	6	M. Resch	2	Katama	1	M. Pelikan
26	Mt. Watatic	24	J. + B. Chiasson	26	Rockport	1	S. Moore
26	Kingston	1	C. Ralph	Swainson's Thrush			
Red-breasted Nuthatch				2	Provincetown	2	R. Heil
2	Outer Cape Cod	8	R. Heil	5	Gloucester	1	R. Stymeist#
4	Barre	44	M. Lynch#	7	Rockport (H.P.)	1	D. Gersten
14	Bedford	22	M. Rines	Hermit Thrush			
16	Quabbin (G40)	11	M. Rines#	4	Barre	20	M. Lynch#
18	Lancaster	8	R. Lockwood	5	Gloucester	6	R. Stymeist#
Brown Creeper				11	P.I.	10	M. Rines#
4	Barre	12	M. Lynch#	13	Bolton	6	R. Lockwood
13	Bolton	5	R. Lockwood	16	Quabbin (G40)	30	R. Stymeist#
16	Quabbin (G40)	4	M. Rines#	26	Boxford	5	R. Stymeist
18	Mt.A.	6	R. Stymeist	30	S. Peabody	6	R. Heil
18	Lancaster	5	R. Lockwood	Wood Thrush			
Carolina Wren				8	Stellwagen	1	P. Trull
2	Truro	2	W. Ellison#	American Robin			
4	Waltham	1	M. Rines	2	Worc. (BMB)	78	M. Lynch#
9	Belmont	1	M. Rines	5	Cumb. Farms	80	R. Finch
10	Natick	1	E. Taylor	13	Westboro	93	A. Boover
13	Newton	1	H. Miller	19	Southboro	110+	M. Lynch#
19	Southboro	1	M. Lynch#	Gray Catbird			
26	Wayland	1	SSBC (B. Howell)	2	Worc. (BMB)	18	M. Lynch#
29	Lincoln	2	M. Rines	4	Truro	19	W. Ellison#
House Wren				4	Barre	19	M. Lynch#

Gray Catbird (continued)								
5	Westport	8	M. Boucher	4	Worc. (BMB)	3	J. Liller	
26	Winchester	1	M. Rines	19	Newbury	1	R. Heil	
Brown Thrasher				Northern Parula				
4	West Quincy	1	BBC (G. d'Entremont)	2	Worc. (BMB)	13	M. Lynch#	
5	Westport	4	M. Boucher	2	Truro	4	R. Heil	
American Pipit				4	Mt.A.	2	R. Stymeist	
thr	GMNWR	40 max	v.o.	4	W. Quincy	2	BBC (G. d'Entremont)	
5	Cumb. Farms	50+	R. Finch	7	Winchester	1	M. Rines	
9	Mashpee	35	S. Miller#	Yellow Warbler				
12	Tuckernuck	87 migr	T. Maloney#	1	Nantucket	2	J. Hoye#	
19	Newbury	130	R. Heil	7	P.I.	1	R. Heil	
21	Easton	60	K. Ryan	7	Lexington	1	M. Rines	
26	Katama	60	M. Pelikan	Chestnut-sided Warbler				
27	Groton	75	T. Pirro	4	Worc. (BMB)	2	J. Liller	
29	Carver	73	M. Sylvia	Magnolia Warbler				
30	Lincoln	210	M. Rines	2	Worc. (BMB)	12	M. Lynch#	
Cedar Waxwing				3	P'town	2	W. Ellison#	
2	Truro	290	R. Heil	3	Petersham	3	W. Lafley	
4	Barre	62	M. Lynch#	4	HRWMA	2	T. Pirro	
18	Gardner	300+	T. Pirro	11	P.I.	1	R. Stymeist#	
Northern Shrike				12	Truro	1	M. Rines#	
19	P.I.	1 imm	D. Small#	Cape May Warbler				
White-eyed Vireo				2	Worc. (BMB)	1	M. Lynch#	
3	Chappaquiddick	1	A. Keith#	4	Barre	1	M. Lynch#	
Solitary Vireo				13	Nantucket	1	T. Maloney	
2	Outer Cape Cod	5	R. Heil	Black-throated Blue Warbler				
3	Petersham	4	W. Lafley	2	Lexington	4	M. Rines	
4	Barre	19	M. Lynch#	2	Nantucket	6	J. Hoye#	
8	Rockport (H.P.)	4	D. Jacques	2	Truro	3	R. Heil	
11	Tuckernuck	2	S. Perkins#	4	Barre	2	M. Lynch#	
12	Wakefield	2	P. + F. Vale	11	P.I.	4	R. Stymeist#	
16	Quabbin (G40)	1	M. Rines#	27	Nantucket	2	fide E. Ray	
30	E. Sandwich	1	S. Miller#	Yellow-rumped Warbler				
Yellow-throated Vireo				4	Barre	159	M. Lynch#	
7	Gay Head	1	L. McDowell	4	Worc. (BMB)	73+	J. Liller	
Philadelphia Vireo				7	Mt.A.	65	R. Stymeist	
2	Truro	1	R. Heil	7	P.I.	450	R. Heil	
7	Chatham (MI)	1	W. Bailey	8	S. Peabody	325	R. Heil	
8	Chilmark	1	G. Daniels#	9	Arlington Res.	75	D. Oliver	
Red-eyed Vireo				11-12	Tuckernuck	550	S. Perkins#	
1	Lexington	3	M. Rines	11	P'town (R.P.)	60+	M. Lynch#	
2	Outer Cape Cod	11	R. Heil	11	Truro	290	M. Lynch#	
4	Barre	2	M. Lynch#	12	Wakefield	230	P. + F. Vale	
4	Truro	4	W. Ellison#	13	Yarmouth	100+	B. Parker	
8	S. Peabody	1	R. Heil	19	Southboro	110+	M. Lynch#	
11	P.I.	1	M. Rines#	Black-throated Green Warbler				
Blue-winged Warbler				2	Worc. (BMB)	26	M. Lynch#	
2	Chatham	1	S. Miller	2	Truro	5	R. Heil	
3	P'town	1	W. Ellison#	4	Waltham	6	M. Rines	
4	Mt.A.	1	R. Stymeist	4	Barre	22	M. Lynch#	
6	Gay Head	1	M. Pelikan	19	P.I.	1	R. Lockwood#	
Golden-winged Warbler				Blackburnian Warbler				
2	Katama	1 f	M. Pelikan	3	P'town	1	W. Ellison#	
Tennessee Warbler				4	Northboro	5	A. Boover	
2	P'town	4	W. Ellison#	4	Barre	2	M. Lynch#	
2	Worc. (BMB)	1	M. Lynch#	4	West Quincy	1	BBC (G. d'Entremont)	
4	W. Quincy	1	BBC (G. d'Entremont)	11	Truro	1	M. Lynch#	
5	Newton	3	H. Miller	Yellow-throated Warbler				
6	Gay Head	1	M. Pelikan	24	Nahant	1	L. Pivacek	
8	Truro	1	W. Bailey	Pine Warbler				
12	Bolton Flats	1	R. Lockwood	2	Truro	15	R. Heil	
Orange-crowned Warbler				4	Barre	30	M. Lynch#	
7	Gay Head	1	G. Daniels#	Prairie Warbler				
10	Edgartown	1	M. Pelikan	2	Nantucket	1	J. Hoye#	
19	Truro	2	S. + L. Hennin	5	Westport	1	M. Boucher	
26	Lexington	1	M. Rines	11	Truro	1	B. Parker	
30	S. Peabody	2	R. Heil	Palm Warbler				
Nashville Warbler				1	Nantucket	31	J. Hoye#	
1	Lexington	2	M. Rines	4	Bolton Flats	23	R. Lockwood	
2	Nantucket	6	J. Hoye#	4	W. Quincy	10	BBC (G. d'Entremont)	
2	Outer Cape Cod	4	R. Heil	12	M.V.	28	SSBC(D. Clapp)	
				17	Belmont	12	R. Stymeist	

Bay-breasted Warbler			
2	P'town	1	R. Heil
3	Petersham	2	W. Lafley
4	Truro	1	W. Ellison#
5	Westport	2	M. Boucher
Blackpoll Warbler			
2	Worc. (BMB)	54	M. Lynch#
4	Barre	13	M. Lynch#
4	Truro	11	W. Ellison#
18	Marston's Mills	2	M. Partridge
30	S. Peabody	1	R. Heil
Black-and-white Warbler			
4	Northboro	2	A. Boover
4	Barre	2	M. Lynch#
4	Belmont	3	M. Rines
American Redstart			
2	Nantucket	3	J. Hoye#
4	Mt.A.	2	R. Stymeist
4	Belmont	3	M. Rines
7	Winchester	1	M. Rines
Ovenbird			
2	Chatham	1	S. Miller
4	Mt.A.	1	R. Stymeist
12	Wrentham	1	A. Bottomley
Northern Waterthrush			
3	Truro	1	W. Ellison#
4	MNWS	1	D. Chickering
Connecticut Warbler			
5	Gay Head	1	V. Laux#
13	Lexington	1	R. Crissman
Mourning Warbler			
4	Truro	1	W. Ellison#
Common Yellowthroat			
4	Bolton Flats	13	R. Lockwood
4	HRWMA	27	T. Pirro
4	Barre	23	M. Lynch#
7	Newbury	23	R. Heil
17	Groton	30	E. Stromsted
Wilson's Warbler			
1	Nantucket	2	J. Hoye#
2	P'town	1	R. Heil
2	Truro	1	W. Ellison#
4	Waltham	1	M. Rines
7	Woburn	1	M. Rines
12	P.I.	1	R. Heil
Yellow-breasted Chat			
1-2	Nantucket	2	J. Hoye#
5	Gay Head	1	V. Laux#
5	Westport	1	M. Boucher
7	Newbury	1	R. Heil
13	Harwich	1	P. Kyle
20	Gloucester	1	J. Mann
Scarlet Tanager			
2	Nantucket	2	J. Hoye#
3	Lexington	2	M. Rines
4	Barre	1	M. Lynch#
11	Tuckernuck	1	S. Perkins#
11	Truro	1	M. Lynch#
Western Tanager			
19	Nantucket	1 m	fide E. Ray
Rose-breasted Grosbeak			
1	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson
2	Nantucket	1	J. Hoye#
4	Newton	1	H. Miller
Blue Grosbeak			
1	Nantucket	2	J. Hoye#
4	Amesbury	1	S. Arena
5	Newbury	2	C. Ralph#
5	Edgartown	5	V. Laux#
7	Winchester	1	M. Rines
11	Truro	2	B. Parker
13	Cumb. Farms	1	R. Finch
Indigo Bunting			
1	Nantucket	3	J. Hoye#
4	Belmont	3	M. Rines
11	Truro	4	M. Lynch#
12	Newbury	4	J. Hoye#
13	Lexington	3	M. Rines
18	Salem	1	L. Healy
18	Mt.A.	1	R. Stymeist
Dickcissel			
2	Nantucket	1	J. Hoye#
5	Newbury	1	MAS (C. Ralph)
6	N. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula
6	Harwich	1	imm S. Miller#
9	S. Monomoy	1	G. Martin
11	Truro	2	M. Lynch#
19	W. Newbury	1	R. Heil
4-6	M.V.	2	V. Laux#
Eastern Towhee			
2	Worc. (BMB)	21	M. Lynch#
4	Barre	13	M. Lynch#
16	Quabbin (G40)	1	M. Rines#
16	Waltham	1	C. Ralph
American Tree Sparrow			
16	P.I.	1	R. Heil
18	GMNWR	1	M. Lynch#
26	ONWR	3	B. Parker
28	Bolton Flats	6	N. Paulson
30	S. Peabody	3	R. Heil
Chipping Sparrow			
7	P.I.	24	R. Heil
11	Truro	30	M. Lynch#
18	Wellfleet	25	SSBC (R. Fox)
28	Wakefield	1	F. Vale
Clay-colored Sparrow			
5	Chilmark	3	G. Daniels#
7	Gay Head	2	V. Laux#
7	P.I.	1	R. Heil
8	Bolton Flats	1	E. Salmela
10, 16	Newbury	1, 1	R. Heil
13	Yarmouth	1	B. Parker
18	Truro	2	SSBC (R. Fox)
18	P'town	1	immSSBC (R. Fox)
18	Nantucket	1	F. Bouchard
26	Gloucester	1	I. Giriunas
Field Sparrow			
2	Truro	11	R. Heil
2	Worc. (BMB)	5	M. Lynch#
5	S. Peabody	13	R. Heil
7	N. Dartmouth	3	M. Boucher
9	Winchester	3	M. Rines
10	Newton	5+	M. Partridge#
12	Cumb. Farms	3	R. Finch
12	Bolton Flats	4	R. Lockwood#
17	Groton	5	E. Stromsted
Vesper Sparrow			
4	West Quincy	1	BBC (G. d'Entremont)
4	Belmont	1	M. Rines
9	Athol	1	W. Lafley
11	Truro	1	M. Lynch#
12	Salem	1	L. Healy
14	S. Peabody	1	M. Rines
22	Cummaquid	1	S. Miller#
26	Bolton Flats	1	E. Salmela
Lark Sparrow			
2	Gay Head	1	V. Laux#
Savannah Sparrow			
4	W. Quincy	40	BBC (G. d'Entremont)
7	Newbury	260	R. Heil
8	P.I.	60	F. Bouchard
10-12	Tuckernuck	50	A. Jones#
12	Bolton Flats	60	BBC (I. Giriunas)
26	Edgartown	60	M. Pelikan

"Ipswich" Sparrow				12	Wellfleet	24	M. Rines#
12	P.I.	1	R. Heil	12	Boston	19	R. Stymeist
Grasshopper Sparrow				13	Ipswich	15	J. Berry
8	Newbury	1	F. Bouchard	27	Gloucester	1	D. Brown
12	Truro	1	C. Floyd#	27	Groton	2 imm	T. Pirro
12	Bolton Flats	1	R. Lockwood#	28	Bolton Flats	1	N. Paulson
30	Newton	1	H. Miller	White-crowned Sparrow <i>gambelii</i> (details)			
Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow				29	W. Newbury	1 imm	R. Heil
5	Newbypt	35	R. Heil	Dark-eyed Junco			
12	Tuckernuck	5 b	R. Veit#	4	Barre	22	M. Lynch#
14	Salisbury	10	R. Heil	8	Rockport (H.P.)	20+	D. Jacques
19	P.I.	9	R. Lockwood#	8	P.I.	110	F. Bouchard
22	S. Dart. (A.P.)	5	LCES (J. Hill)	27	Groton	200+	T. Pirro
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow				Lapland Longspur			
7	Newbypt	40	R. Heil	7	Newbury	1	R. Heil
14	Salisbury	12	R. Heil	12	Tuckernuck	2	R. Veit#
16	P.I.	4	R. Heil	16	P.I.	40	R. Heil
18	Eastham (F. H.)	2	SSBC (R. Fox)	26	Katama	5	M. Pelikan
18	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	11	M. Sylvia	Snow Bunting			
20	Barnstable	6	M. Sylvia	20	Quincy	11	N. Smith
Seaside Sparrow				26	Ashburnham	3	T. McCullough
7	Newbypt	4	R. Heil	26	Princeton	3	P. Roberts
17	P.I.	1	R. Stymeist	26	Rockport (A.P.)	1	S. Perkins#
20	Eastham (F.H.)	3	S. Perkins#	29	Carver	1	M. Sylvia
Fox Sparrow				Bobolink			
8	Newbury	1	F. Bouchard	2	Truro	4	W. Ellison#
10	Newton	2	M. Partridge#	9	Newbypt	4	J. Brown#
12	Chilmark	1	T. Rivers	12	Cumb. Farms	5	R. Finch
24	E. Boxford	2	J. Brown#	12	Newbury	8	R. Heil
26	Lexington	2	M. Rines	12	Bolton Flats	4	BBC (I. Giriunas)
26	Bolton Flats	7	E. Salmela	12	Tuckernuck	6	S. Perkins#
27	Groton	2	T. Pirro	13	Westboro	2	A. Boover
29	Weston	2	M. Rines	Red-winged Blackbird			
Song Sparrow				12	Bolton Flats	350	BBC (I. Giriunas)
4	Bolton Flats	125	R. Lockwood	13	Ipswich	200	J. Berry
10-12	Tuckernuck	100+	S. Perkins#	19	Westport	250	R. Stymeist
17	Groton	80	E. Stromsted	Eastern Meadowlark			
Lincoln's Sparrow				12	Newbury	3	J. Berry
2	Truro	7	R. Heil	12	M.V.	16	SSBC (D. Clapp)
4	HRWMA	8	T. Pirro	12	Hingham	8	M. Partridge
4	Bolton Flats	29	R. Lockwood	16	Newbypt	5	R. Heil
5	Concord (NAC)	5	S. Cronenweth	18	Eastham (F. H.)	3	SSBC (R. Fox)
7	Newbury	4	R. Heil	18	P.I.	4	J. Brown#
8	Newton	4	H. Miller	26	DWWS	26	M. Partridge
11	Tuckernuck	4	R. Veit#	Rusty Blackbird			
11	Cape Ann	7	R. Heil	1	Nantucket	5	J. Hoye#
26	Wayland	1	SSBC (B. Howell)	7	Wayland	4	D. O'Connell
27	Groton	1	T. Pirro	8	Truro	4	W. Bailey
Swamp Sparrow				12	Wakefield	4	P. + F. Vale
4	Bolton Flats	81	R. Lockwood	12	Bolton Flats	5	BBC (I. Giriunas)
4	HRWMA	20+	T. Pirro	13	W. Newbury	96	R. Heil
14	Salisbury	27	R. Heil	13	Athol	3	D. Small
14	Cumb. Farms	43	M. Sylvia	14	Bedford	89	M. Rines
18	GMNWR	40+	M. Lynch#	18	Gardner	8	T. Pirro
30	S. Peabody	34	R. Heil	18	GMNWR	50+	M. Lynch#
White-throated Sparrow				18	P'town	40	SSBC (R. Fox)
4	Barre	104	M. Lynch#	20	Carlisle	4	L. Stokes
4	HRWMA	100+	T. Pirro	Common Grackle			
8	Gloucester	1000	G. Wood	19	Westport	5000	R. Stymeist
11	Truro	89	M. Lynch#	19	Marlboro	500	B. Parker
12	P.I.	150	R. Heil	22	Wakefield	350+	F. Vale
13	Ipswich	100	J. Berry	28	Bolton Flats	2000-3000	N. Paulson
White-crowned Sparrow				29	W. Newbury	5000	R. Heil
8	Newbury	20	F. Bouchard	Brown-headed Cowbird			
9	Athol	8	W. Lafley	10	Newbury	75	R. Heil
10-11	Tuckernuck	18	S. Perkins#	19	W. Newbury	100+BBC	(S. Grinley)
11	Truro	80+	B. Nikula	19	Rowley	400	R. Heil
11	Cape Ann	66	R. Heil	Baltimore Oriole			
11	P.I.	22	P. + F. Vale	2	Truro	3	R. Heil
12	S. Monomoy	12	B. Nikula	2	Eastham	3	R. Heil
12	Cumb. Farms	15	R. Finch	5	Newton	2	H. Miller
12	Gay Head	20	M. Pelikan	13	Cotuit	1	S. Miller#

Baltimore Oriole (continued)				11	E. Boxford	2	J. Brown#
19 Southboro	1	M. Lynch#		19	Southboro	2	M. Lynch#
23 Gay Head	1	M. Pelikan		24	Bolton	4	G. Marley
Purple Finch				25	Pembroke	5	G. Levandoski
5-15 Northboro	13	B. Volkle		26	Topsfield	1	R. Stymeist
6 HRWMA	6	T. Pirro		26	Mt. Wachusett	20	J. + B. Chiasson
8 S. Peabody	18	R. Heil		26	S. Dartmouth	1	M. Boucher
11 Truro	5	M. Lynch#		27	Nantucket	2	fide E. Ray
12 Gay Head	5	M. Pelikan		30	S. Peabody	3	R. Heil
13 Athol	6	D. Small		Evening Grosbeak			
16 Quabbin (G40)	15	R. Stymeist#		3	Petersham	1	W. Lafley
17 Northboro	26	B. Volkle		4	Barre	3	M. Lynch#
17 Belmont	9	R. Stymeist		5	Byfield	2	fide S. Grinley
19 W. Newbury	10	BBC (S. Grinley)		6	HRWMA	1	T. Pirro
19 Southboro	4	M. Lynch#		8	Northboro	10	M. Rines#
White-winged Crossbill				8	Ashburnham	12	T. McCullough
8 Kingston	1	G. Levandoski		12	Gay Head	2	M. Pelikan
12 Gay Head	2	V. Laux#		16	Quabbin (G40)	10	M. Rines#
13 Orleans	6	M. Lynch#		17	S. Peabody	3	R. Heil
17 Nantucket	15	fide K. Blackshaw		18	Gardner	12	T. Pirro
18-30 Rockport (H.P.)	9 max	v.o.		19	Pepperell	4	M. Resch
19 Gay Head	11	M. Pelikan		23	Lexington	12	K. Hartel
26 Ashby	16	J. + B. Chiasson		24	W. Newbury	10	R. Heil
26 Mt.A.	3	R. Stymeist		24	Bolton	2	G. Marley
29 Truro	3	G. Ellison		25	Lincoln	12	D. Diggins#
Common Redpoll				25	Groton	12	D. Hopper
19 Nantucket	1	fide E. Ray		26	Wayland	2	SSBC (B. Howell)
24 Ashburnham	25	C. Cook		26	Amesbury	3	R. Heil
26 Pepperell	1	M. Resch		26	Acushnet	1	M. LaBossiere
29 P.I.	2	D. + I. Jewell		30	Gardner	1+	T. Pirro
29 Carver	1	M. Sylvia		31	Melrose	1	J. + D. Lounsbury
30 S. Peabody	1	R. Heil		House Sparrow			
Pine Siskin				12	S. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula
11 Gloucester	2	R. Heil					

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE BIRD SIGHTINGS TO BIRD OBSERVER

This publication prints monthly compilations of reports of birds seen in the ten counties of eastern Massachusetts (Worcester County and east) and offshore waters. Space does not permit the inclusion of all material submitted. However, bird sightings sent to Bird Observer are archived at the Massachusetts Audubon Society. Our compilers select and summarize for publication sightings that provide a snapshot of birdlife during the reporting period. These sightings include early and late dates for migratory species, maximum counts of migrants and some common birds, and species found beyond their normal ranges.

Sightings for any given month must be reported in writing by the eighth of the following month. Send to Bird Sightings, Robert H. Stymeist, 94 Grove Street, Watertown, MA 02172. Please organize reports by month and by species in current A.O.U. checklist order. Include name and phone number of observer, common name of species, date of sighting, location, number of birds, number of observers, and information relevant to age, sex, morph, etc.

Species on the Review List of the Massachusetts Avian Records Committee (Bird Observer Vol. 25, #4, page 195), as well as species unusual as to place, time, or known nesting status in Massachusetts should be reported promptly to the Massachusetts Avian Records Committee, c/o Wayne Petersen, Massachusetts Audubon Society, South Great Road, Lincoln, MA 01773. Include, in addition to the above information, time of day and light available, weather conditions, the optics used and approximate distance from the bird, length of observation, observer's prior experience with the species, and field guide or other references used. Provide a description of the bird based solely on personal observation. Comment on the distinguishing field marks (observed and unobserved), vocalizations, activity, general behavior, habitat, and other birds present. Include with your report copies of any field notes and sketches.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

* Indicates a species on the review list of the Massachusetts Avian Records Committee (MARC). Because these sightings are generally published before the MARC votes, they normally have not been approved by the MARC. The editors publish records which are supported by details, multiple observers, or both.

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

(Announcement)

HAWK WATCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SPRING COUNTS

The Massachusetts Audubon Society's **Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary**, in partnership with the **Eastern Massachusetts Hawk Watch**, is organizing a hawk watch and seeks volunteers to count hawks at spring migration sites on the Outer Cape. Information from the season will be recorded and included in an international database.

Previous hawk watching experience or good hawk identification skill is needed. Donate one morning or afternoon per week from mid-April to mid-May. To volunteer or learn more about Wellfleet Bay's efforts to census birds of prey on the Outer Cape, call the Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary at (508) 349-2615 or e-mail us at hawkwatch@wellfleetbay.org

Those interested in volunteering are encouraged to attend the program "The Value of Watching Hawks" at the Wellfleet Bay Sanctuary on Saturday, March 14, at 2 P.M. In this slide and video presentation, Paul Roberts, founder of the Eastern Massachusetts Hawk Watch, will discuss the scientific value of migration counts and introduce how to identify, count, and record migrating hawks. This program is free for volunteers. To register for the program or for more information, call (508) 349-2615.

For those not comfortable identifying hawks on their own, join staff from the Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary at Pilgrim Heights in Truro from 9 A.M. to noon on Sundays, April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10 or 17. No registration or fee is required. For general information about Wellfleet Bay Sanctuary, or to ask about other programs, call, write, or e-mail the sanctuary at P.O. Box 236, South Wellfleet, MA 02663; (508) 349-2615; info@wellfleetbay.org. Or visit our web site at <http://www.wellfleetbay.org>.

The **Eastern Massachusetts Hawk Watch** also seeks volunteer observers for traditional hawk watching locations such as **Wachusett Mountain** in Princeton and **Mt. Watatic** in Ashburnham. This spring will also feature special attention on the **Newburyport/Plum Island** area. Observers may also collect data at sites of their own choosing. Counts will run from April 1 to May 10; there is a particular need for volunteers able to participate on weekdays. Beginning observers will be paired with experienced hawk watchers where possible, so the count offers an opportunity to learn about hawk identification.

If you are interested in learning more about hawks and contributing to a continental database on hawk migration, send for your EMHW Spring Hawk Migration Information kit. Write to EMHW, 254 Arlington St., Medford, MA; call (781) 483-4263 after 7 P.M.; or e-mail your street mailing address to proberts@analogic.com