

BIRD SIGHTINGS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1998

SUMMARY

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November 1998 was dry, sunny, and a little on the chilly side in eastern Massachusetts. The temperature in Boston averaged out at 44.6°, a tad under normal. The high for the month was 63°, and the low was 31°. The first half of the month was cooler than normal, but the last ten days of the month were considerably warmer than usual, and this trend continued into December. The final month of the year averaged out at 5.5° above normal and was the 11th warmest in 128 years. The high mark of 76° on December 7 was a record-breaker on four accounts: for the date, for the month, the new high for so late in the year, and a new record high for winter. No wonder there were so many birds around. The temperature on December 7th was 25 degrees above normal and provided some of the best warbler-watching conditions all year! The low of 11° came on New Years Eve.

Rainfall in November was 1.38 inches, 2.84 inches under normal, with measurable amounts falling on just five days. December was dry, too, with a total of 1.59 inches of rain recorded in Boston, 2.42 inches below average. There was no snow recorded in November, which on the average produces 1.4 inches, while December gave Boston a mere 0.4 inch, well under the past average of 7.6 inches. This was the least snowfall in December since 1973 and ranks as the 11th lowest snowfall in 108 years of records. The windiest days fell on holidays, in November on Thanksgiving, and on New Year's Eve in December. R.H.S.

LOONS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

The most prevalent theme among the bird reports during this period was the occurrence of migrant species that lingered in the state much later than usual. The reason for this pattern was no doubt related to the unusually mild weather that prevailed virtually throughout the period.

Red-throated Loon reports included two individuals inland, a huge count off Martha's Vineyard, and 128 tallied on a TASL census. The latter count represented a high total inside Boston Harbor. An **Eared Grebe** that reappeared in East Gloucester, as it had for the previous four winters, remained throughout the period, and a **Western Grebe**, found just before Christmas on a reservoir in Attleboro, represented the first inland record for the species in the state. A late **Sooty Shearwater** was seen flying over Duxbury Beach in mid-November. Ten American Bitterns were counted at the height of an astronomically high tide at Nauset Marsh in Eastham. Great Egrets seldom linger into December, and Snowys do so even more rarely. One of each was tallied on the Cape Cod CBC, and another(?) Snowy was in South Dartmouth a week earlier. Likewise, Glossy Ibises are usually gone long before December, so a single Glossy in Dartmouth was noteworthy. A Turkey Vulture roost in South Dartmouth, one of only two

known to be regularly occupied in winter, contained roughly 75 birds in late November.

The only **Greater White-fronted Goose** reported during the period was an immature bird that appeared at two different sites in Arlington (Arlington Reservoir and Mystic Lake). Despite the fact that substantial numbers (100s) of migrant **Tundra Swans** are recorded each fall and spring as near to Massachusetts as western New York (west of the Finger Lakes), very few make it to the Bay State. This year, however, an impressive fallout of Tundras occurred in Massachusetts, with most coming in two large (by our standards) flocks. The largest of these contained twenty-eight individuals, and the other flock, sixteen. The number of feral Whooper Swans (or, more accurately, their wild-born progeny) continues to slowly increase in Essex County; twelve were seen in Ipswich in mid-December. A high count of Gadwalls was recorded in Ipswich, and five **Eurasian Wigeons** were reported from the same South Shore location where five were noted last year. A count of 60 Northern Shovelers at South Monomoy was typical for the locale and date. Yet the numbers of shovelers known to breed in the state (or, for that matter, anywhere in the northeast) cannot begin to account for these annual totals. While the location of the breeding grounds of these individuals remains a matter of conjecture, it seems likely that, like Canvasback, Redhead, and Ruddy Duck, their points of origin are probably the western prairie potholes. Large numbers of Green-winged Teal at Plum Island and the Great Meadows NWR in Concord lingered from earlier in the fall season, and a Green-winged belonging to the Eurasian subspecies, *crecca*, still present at least a week after it was discovered during the Cape Cod CBC, furnished a rare winter record for this nearly annual spring visitor. A count of 224 Ring-necked Ducks at the Arlington Reservoir represented a remarkable number for such a small pond in a developed area; and the **Tufted Duck** that returned in October to Worcester County for the fourth consecutive year continued there through the reporting period. A count of 66 Harlequin Ducks in Rockport provided evidence that numbers of this species have continued to slowly increase locally within the last five to ten years.

Migrant Scoters detected inland on their way to the sea included a late White-winged Scoter in Groton and single Blacks in four different towns, and other migrant sea ducks seen inland included a Barrow's Goldeneye in Marlboro and a Red-breasted Merganser in Wayland. Numbers of Ruddy Ducks have increased markedly in recent years, and the numerous reports this season, including a remarkable total of 769 in Marlboro, were consistent with that pattern.

The aforementioned mild weather no doubt accounted for the occurrence of four Ospreys in December. Results from late-season vigils at a hawk watch at Mount Wachusett in Princeton demonstrated how late into the fall some hawks continue to migrate. This was especially well illustrated by the counts of Red-tailed Hawks, which were found to still be moving in mid-December. At this same site, three Golden Eagles, presumably also migrants, were noted on one day in mid-December. A gray-morph **Gyr Falcon** made a one-day visit to Logan Airport roughly a year after the appearance of a dark morph bird that remained there for several weeks. A Clapper Rail was noteworthy on Martha's Vineyard because that island contains so little saltmarsh, the Clapper's preferred habitat in Massachusetts.

Among the numerous species of birds that lingered in the state later than usual, shorebirds provided some of the most conspicuous examples. Two Black-bellied Plovers lingered into November at the GMNWR. This and other species of shorebirds seldom seen in the state far from the coast first appeared at the Meadows earlier in the fall, having been attracted to the mud flats created by the August draw-down of one of the two Concord impoundments. A count of eight Killdeer in the third week of December, also at GMNWR, represented a high number for so late a date at a site outside southeastern Massachusetts, where most Killdeer that attempt to winter in the state occur. The list of other late shorebirds was remarkably long: another Killdeer in Newbury on Christmas day; six American Oystercatchers on Martha's Vineyard; two **American Avocets** in December (noteworthy in any month, but the first December record in the state); a Lesser Yellowlegs at GMNWR in the third week of November; six Lessers in Rowley in mid-November; another Lesser on Cape Cod in late December; a Spotted Sandpiper in the second week of December; a Whimbrel in Yarmouth throughout the latter half of December (presumably one of two individuals that spent the winter on the Cape last winter – the first on record to over-winter in New England); a Marbled Godwit in late November; a Semipalmated Sandpiper and three Western Sandpipers during the Cape Cod CBC; six sightings of Least Sandpiper (typically, the first of the “peeps” to depart) including one inland at the GMNWR, and two sightings six days apart (probably the same individual) from the same locality in December; a Baird's Sandpiper on South Monomoy (latest on record); four Pectoral Sandpipers and two Dunlin inland at the GMNWR; and three Long-billed Dowitchers in late December in Hyannisport. In any season, this latter species is unusual anywhere away from Newburyport.

Three reports of jaegers in December included a Pomerine off Provincetown, an unidentified jaeger on Stellwagen Bank, and three unidentified jaegers in Wellfleet. Only a few years ago, jaegers in December anywhere in the Northeast were thought to be very rare. Now, they are reported nearly annually in Cape Cod Bay. Rather than being a reflection of a real trend, this “change” might be a function of the great increase in the numbers of observers and their ever-growing knowledge and vigilance.

A Little Gull in Chatham was the only one of this species reported during the period. Prior to the initiation of the Boston Harbor Cleanup efforts over five years ago, Black-headed Gulls wintered in substantial numbers in Winthrop subsisting largely on the effluent from the Deer Island Sewage Treatment Plant, and/or fish and plankton attracted by the outfall. As recently as 1993, a total of 23 individuals were reported during November and December (*Bird Observer*, Vol. 21, No. 2). Since then, as expected, the numbers of Black-headed have dropped precipitously. During this reporting period, the high count was two. A count of five Lesser Black-backed Gulls on Cape Cod represented a high count for an area away from Nantucket, the species' local center of wintering abundance, and where, by late December, equal or higher counts are routine. A Common Tern at Martha's Vineyard in mid-November was rather late, as was a Forster's Tern in Falmouth nine days later.

A surprisingly high count of eight **Common Murres** was recorded within a limited area east of Chatham during the Cape Cod CBC, and a single **Atlantic Puffin** was noted at First Encounter Beach in Eastham in early November.

Puffins are the least likely of the six Atlantic alcids to be seen inshore in winter in Massachusetts because they are the most pelagic during this season.

In addition to reports of Monk Parakeets from southeastern Massachusetts, where they are now more or less established, was a report of two Monks near the New Hampshire border in Merrimack, where they were first found last summer.

Long-eared Owls appeared again in early winter at the Daniel Webster Sanctuary in Marshfield, where they were frequently observed hunting at dusk and dawn. A minimum of seven were seen almost daily at a roost on the sanctuary, and up to seven Short-eareds also used the sanctuary's grasslands for hunting, though none were found roosting.

The unidentified immature/female-type *Selasphorus* hummingbird that appeared at a feeder in Leicester in October remained until November 11, and the aforementioned mild weather allowed another *Selasphorus*-type hummer, seen for a week at a feeder in Westport, to survive into the first week of December. Among an above-average number of Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers that lingered into December, were two found north of Boston where they are markedly rarer at that time of year than they are in southeastern Massachusetts.

S.A.P.

Red-throated Loon			12/29	Arlington Res.	4	K. Dorsey	
11/8	P.I.	20		12/31	Nantucket	29	G. d'Entremont#
11/8	Winthrop	40	R. Lockwood	Horned Grebe			
11/8	Salisbury-P.I.	27	J. Young	11/1	Falmouth	50	R. Farrell
11/9	Salem	16	BBC (S. Moore)	11/1	Hingham	12	K. Vespaziani
11/11	Rockport	20	M. Gonsalo	11/1	Waltham	2	J. Forbes
11/14	P'town (R.P.)	10+	J. Berry#	11/8	Lakeville	7	G. d'Entremont#
11/18, 12/1	Andover	1	J. Trimble	11/15	Barnstable (S.N.)	35	M. Lynch#
11/19	Edgartown	3000	E. Stromsted	11/21	Ipswich	8	J. Berry
11/22	S. Monomoy	100+	V. Laux#	11/22	Boston H.	420	TASL (M. Hall)
11/22	Boston H.	128	W. Petersen#	11/28	Winthrop	145	BBC (R. Stymeist)
12/2	Wareham	2	TASL (M. Hall)	11/29	Westport	26	S. + L. Hennin
12/3	P.I.	46	M. Maurer	12/3	P.I.	62	R. Heil
12/4	Arlington	1	R. Heil	12/8	Petersham	6	D. Small
			M. Rines	12/27	Winthrop B.	30+	P. + F. Vale
Common Loon				Red-necked Grebe			
11/2	Nantucket	21	E. Ray	11/8	Gloucester	3	P. + F. Vale
11/6	DWWS	12 mig	R. Titus	11/13	Scituate	15	R. Titus
11/7	P.I.	19	P. + F. Vale	11/21	Annisquam	10	J. Barber
11/8	Waltham	1	M. Rines	11/22	Boston H.	99	TASL (M. Hall)
11/15	Barnstable (S.N.)	44	M. Lynch#	11/28	Winthrop	87	BBC (R. Stymeist)
11/19	Andover	1	E. Stromsted	11/29	Chatham (S.B.)	4	R. Donovan
11/21	Ipswich	21	J. Berry	12/3	Littleton	1	M. Resch
11/22	Boston H.	22	TASL (M. Hall)	12/4	N. Scituate	20	D. Clapp
11/22	Gloucester	16	S. + L. Hennin	12/5	Winthrop	80	S. + L. Hennin
11/26	Rockport (A.P.)	40	J. Soucy	12/16	Cape Ann	6	L. Nachtrab
11/29	Wachusett Res.	3	R. Lockwood#	12/27	Winthrop B.	134	P. + F. Vale
12/3	Littleton	1	M. Resch	Eared Grebe			
12/3	P.I.	52	R. Heil	thr	Gloucester	1	J. Soucy + v.o.
12/8	Petersham	3	D. Small	Western Grebe			
12/27	Arlington	1	M. Rines	12/23-26	Attleboro	1	G. Valade+ v.o
Pied-billed Grebe				Greater Shearwater			
11/18	GMNWR	11 max	11/5 S. Perkins	11/1	Stellwagen	6	BBC (W. Petersen)
11/8	Lakeville	6	G. d'Entremont#	11/14	P'town (R.P.)	50+	J. Trimble
11/10	Waltham	9	C. Cook	11/15	Rockport (A.P.)	12+	J. Soucy
11/14	P.I.	4	R. Lockwood	Sooty Shearwater			
11/15	Westport	6	E. Nielsen#	11/16	Duxbury B.	1	F. Bygate
11/21	Wakefield	9	P. + F. Vale	large shearwater species			
11/22	S. Monomoy	4	W. Petersen#	11/14	P'town (R.P.)	200+	J. Trimble
11/22	Nantucket	20	E. Andrews#	Northern Gannet			
11/22	Randolph	6	G. d'Entremont	11/1	Stellwagen	250	BBC (W. Petersen)
11/25	Eastham	4	W. Ellison	11/7	Ipswich	100	BBC (J. Berry)
12/2	Wareham	4	M. Maurer	11/8	Chatham (S.B.)	80	R. Donovan
12/5, 6	Cape Cod	204	CCBC (B. Nikula)	11/11	Rockport	576	J. Hoye#
12/13	Falmouth	5	R. Lockwood	11/12	Plymouth	25	M. Faherty
12/20	Lakeville	11	M. Maurer				

Northern Gannet (continued)			
11/12	Nantucket	1000	fide E. Ray
11/14	P'town (R.P.)	175	J. Trimble
11/15	Westport	50+	E. Nielsen#
11/15	Barnstable (S.N.)	108	M. Lynch#
11/26	Rockport (A.P.)	100	J. Soucy
Great Cormorant			
11/8	Gloucester	6	P. + F. Vale
11/21	Rockport	11	R. Lockwood
11/22	Boston H.	22	TASL (M. Hall)
Double-crested Cormorant			
11/1	Plymouth/C.C.Bay	84	G. d'Entremont
11/22	Boston H.	40	TASL (M. Hall)
12/3	P.I.	1 ad	R. Heil
12/12	Falmouth	7	SSBC (J. Kenneally)
12/31	Nantucket	1 imm	G. d'Entremont#
American Bittern			
11/1	Ipswich	1	BBC (I. Giriunas)
11/3	S. Dart. (A.Pd.)	1	LCES (J. Hill)
11/14	Newbypt	1	R. Lockwood
12/3	Eastham (F.H.)	10	D. Peacock#
12/5	P.I.	2	P. + F. Vale
12/5	Fairhaven	1	D. Zimberlin
Great Blue Heron			
11/3, 19	S. Dart. (A.Pd.)	11, 6	LCES (J. Hill)
11/22	Boston H.	13	TASL (M. Hall)
12/5	Eastham (F.H.)	15+	J. Trimble#
12/6	Braintree	10+	S. Carey
12/13	Randolph	8	G. d'Entremont
12/13	Wayland	7	K. Hamilton
Great Egret			
11/8	P.I.	1	D. Larson
12/20	Eastham	1	W. Petersen#
Snowy Egret			
12/13	S. Dartmouth	1	M. Boucher
12/20	Eastham	1	W. Petersen#
Glossy Ibis			
11/2	DWWS	1	K. Vespaziani
11/6	Newbury	1	R. Gough
12/2	Dartmouth	1	R. McGeough
Turkey Vulture			
11/21	Bourne	7	BBC (R. Stymeist)
11/26	Marion	2	K. Holmes
11/30	S. Dartmouth	75	E. Salmela#
12/4	Burlington	2	M. Rines
12/4	W. Newbury	1	R. Heil
12/5	Mt. Wachusett	1	T. Carrollan
12/6	Bolton	8	M. Lynch#
12/8	Lincoln	1	V. Rule
12/17	Mattapoissett	3	F. Smith
12/22	Framingham	1	K. Hamilton
Greater White-fronted Goose			
12/12-31	Arlington	1 imm	D. Wood + v.o.
Snow Goose			
11/2	Nantucket	1	E. Ray
11/9	Templeton	1	T. Pirro
11/9	Gardner	2	T. Pirro
11/14	P.I.	35	P. Roberts#
11/14	Lakeville	1	W. Petersen
11/20	Boston (F.Pk.)	2	J. Young
11/22	Nantucket	2	E. Andrews#
12/12	Westport	1	E. Nielsen#
12/13	S. Dartmouth	1	M. Boucher
12/14	Wayland	1	K. Hamilton
12/19	Wareham	1	W. Petersen#
12/25	P.I.	2	P. + F. Vale
12/25	Chatham	1	C. + D. Scott
Brant			
11/6	Plymouth	190	R. Titus
11/8	Revere B.	400+	M. Gonsalo
11/22	Boston H.	997	TASL (M. Hall)
11/29	Nantucket	137	E. Ray
12/13	Brewster	2000+	G. Levandoski#
Mute Swan			
11/1	Arlington	21	D. + D. Oliver
11/7	Ipswich	15	BBC (J. Berry)
11/21	Westport	56	G. d'Entremont
12/5, 6	Cape Cod	249	CCBC (B. Nikula)
Tundra Swan			
11/12	Brookfield	16 ad	M. Lynch#
11/15	Westport	19 ad, 4 imm	E. Nielsen#
11/22	Nantucket	5	E. Andrews#
11/22	Westport	28	E. Giles
12/7	Nantucket	3	fide E. Ray
12/12	Westport	5 ad, 3 imm	E. Nielsen#
Whooper Swan			
11/7	Ipswich	9	BBC (J. Berry)
11/15	P.I.	3 ad	J. Berry
12/12	Ipswich	12	J. Berry
Wood Duck			
12/5, 6	Cape Cod	18	CCBC (B. Nikula)
12/18	Wareham	2	F. Smith
12/20	Boston	5	G. d'Entremont#
12/26	Wakefield	5	P. + F. Vale
Gadwall			
11/1	Belmont	2	D. + D. Oliver
11/7	Ipswich	220	BBC (J. Berry)
11/18	Squibnocket	28	G. Daniels
11/22	S. Monomoy	10	W. Petersen#
12/3	P.I.	35	BBC (S. Grinley)
12/5, 6	Cape Cod	167	CCBC (B. Nikula)
12/13, 20	GMNWR	9, 4	S. Perkins
12/17	Weymouth	10	K. Vespaziani
12/19	S. Dartmouth	18	M. Boucher
12/22	Manomet	41	W. Petersen#
Eurasian Wigeon			
11/1-30	Eastham	1	fide B. Nikula
11/21	Carver	5	M. Sylvia
11/23	Marston's Mills	1 m	B. Good
11/29	P.I.	1	J. Berry#
12/1-31	Chatham	4 max	fide B. Nikula
12/22	Arlington Res.	1	K. Dorsey
American Wigeon			
11/1	Lexington	22	D. + D. Oliver
11/7	Ipswich	62	BBC (J. Berry)
11/10	Arlington Res.	30	C. Cook
11/14	S. Monomoy	45	B. Nikula
11/21	Carver	87	M. Sylvia
11/22	Worcester	24	M. Lynch#
12/2	Wareham	33	M. Maurer
12/5, 6	Cape Cod	164	CCBC (B. Nikula)
12/11	Manomet	30	W. Petersen#
12/12	Westport	28	E. Nielsen#
12/12	Ipswich	40	J. Berry
12/22	Arlington	50	K. Dorsey
American Black Duck			
11/14	S. Monomoy	600	B. Nikula
11/22	Boston H.	902	TASL (M. Hall)
11/23	P.I.	1360	W. Drew#
12/5, 6	Cape Cod	2500	CCBC (B. Nikula)
12/15	P.I.	365	W. Drew#
Blue-winged Teal			
11/2	Nantucket	6	E. Ray
12/5, 6	Cape Cod	3	CCBC (B. Nikula)
Northern Shoveler			
thr	Boston	3	v.o.
11/8	P.I.	9	R. Lockwood
11/10	Waltham	4	C. Cook
11/14	S. Monomoy	60	B. Nikula
11/20	Squibnocket	2 f	G. Daniels
11/23	Andover	5	E. Stromsted
11/26, 12/18	Arlington Res.	4	C. Floyd
11/28	GMNWR	3	S. Perkins
11/29	S. Monomoy	54	W. Harrington
12/1, 15	P.I.	1, 3	W. Drew#
12/20	GMNWR	3	S. Perkins#

Northern Pintail				thr	Andover	44 max	E. Stromsted
11/thr	GMNWR	14-21	S. Perkins	11/11	Rockport	30	J. Berry#
11/1	Arlington Res.	7	D. + D. Oliver	11/14	Sterling	50	F. McMenemy
11/14	S. Monomoy	45	B. Nikula	11/14	P.I.	29	R. Lockwood
12/1, 15	P.I.	147, 97	W. Drew#	11/22	Randolph	31	G. d'Entremont
12/5, 6	Cape Cod	19	CCBC (B. Nikula)	11/22	Boston H.	753	TASL (M. Hall)
12/5	Marlboro	12	E. Taylor	12/5, 6	Cape Cod	268	CCBC (B. Nikula)
12/6	Halifax	18	R. Finch	12/11	Camb. (F.P.)	6	J. Barton
12/13	Westport	37	M. Boucher	12/15	Sterling	20+	R. Johnson#
12/13	GMNWR	17	S. Perkins#	12/20	Lakeville	68	M. Maurer
12/22	Plymouth	4	J. Sones#	12/26	Falmouth	850	R. Lockwood
12/31	Marlboro	4	S. + L. Hennin	Lesser Scaup			
Green-winged Teal				11/1	Waltham	2	D. + D. Oliver
11/thr	GMNWR	355 max	11/5 S. Perkins	11/14	Sterling	6-10	F. McMenemy
11/10	Arlington Res.	68	C. Cook	11/14	Lakeville	53	W. Petersen
11/14	S. Monomoy	20	B. Nikula	11/21	Westport	50	G. d'Entremont
12/1, 15	P.I.	725, 105	W. Drew#	11/28	Pembroke	81	W. Petersen
12/5, 6	Cape Cod	75	CCBC (B. Nikula)	11/29	S. Monomoy	133	W. Harrington
12/5	Dennis	15	B. Nikula	12/3	P.I.	40	R. Heil
12/13	GMNWR	3	S. Perkins#	12/5, 6	Cape Cod	90	CCBC (B. Nikula)
12/19	Randolph	2	G. d'Entremont#	12/6	Gloucester (E.P.)	2	S. Perkins#
12/20	Brookline	1	J. A. Kuivenhoven	12/8	S. Peabody	29	R. Heil
12/22	Arlington Res.	3	K. Dorsey	12/12	Wakefield	8	P. + F. Vale
12/24	W. Harwich	14	B. Nikula	12/12	Westport	48	E. Nielsen#
12/29	W. Barnstable	18	J. Trimble#	12/13, 24	W. Newbury	38, 17	R. Heil
"Eurasian" Green-winged Teal				12/16, 23	Camb. (F.P.)	4, 2	BBC (J. Barton)
12/26	Eastham	1	G. Levandoski#	12/30	Easton	1	S. Arena
Canvasback				King Eider			
11/1-12/17	Arlington Res.	1-2	M. Rines	11/15	Boston (Long I.)	1	R. Donovan
11/8	Marlboro	6	S. + L. Hennin	11/21-12/31	Rockport (A.P.)	1	m J. Soucy + v.o.
11/11, 12/11	Camb. (F.P.)	32, 1	J. Barton	11/22	Squantum	1	TASL (M. Hall)
11/12	Nantucket	21	fide E. Ray	12/12	Salem	1	BBC (J. Paluzzi)
11/14	S. Monomoy	55	B. Nikula	12/21	Winthrop	1	R. Poucher
11/14	P.I.	1	G. d'Entremont#	12/22	Plymouth	1	J. Trimble#
11/28	E. Gloucester	1 m	J. Berry#	Common Eider			
12/2	Wareham	1	M. Maurer	11/8	Chatham (S.B.)	10,000	R. Donovan
12/5, 6	Cape Cod	127	CCBC (B. Nikula)	11/22	Boston H.	10,802	TASL (M. Hall)
12/6	Braintree	21	S. Carey	Harlequin Duck			
12/6	GMNWR	7	S. Perkins#	thr	Rockport	66 max	11/29 v.o.
12/12	Falmouth	41	SSBC (J. Kenneally)	11/8	Gloucester	7	P. + F. Vale
12/12	Westport	90	E. Nielsen#	11/22	Nahant	2	TASL (M. Hall)
12/13	Framingham	1 f	K. Hamilton	11/27	N. Truro	3	W. Ellison
12/13	Nantucket	83	fide E. Ray	11/29	Orleans	6	J. Young
12/13	Randolph	23	G. d'Entremont	11/29	Nantucket	4	E. Ray
Redhead				11/29	N. Scituate	14	R. Martel
11/2	Nantucket	2	E. Ray	12/5	Boston H.	3	W. Petersen#
11/13-25	Andover	3	E. Stromsted	12/11-22	Manomet	1	W. Petersen
11/15	Lakeville	1 m	G. d'Entremont#	12/13	Nantucket	11	fide E. Ray
11/26-12/21	Arlington Res.	1 m	C. Floyd	Surf Scoter			
11/29	S. Monomoy	1	W. Harrington	11/8	P.I.	149	R. Lockwood
12/22	Plymouth	1	J. Sones#	11/11	Rockport	460	J. Berry#
12/31	Nantucket	8	G. d'Entremont#	11/15	Barnstable (S.N.)	230	M. Lynch#
Ring-necked Duck				11/15	Sandwich	400	M. Lynch#
11/8	Marlboro	56	S. + L. Hennin	11/22	Boston H.	235	TASL (M. Hall)
11/8	Southboro	180	M. Lynch#	12/31	Nant. Sound	500	G. d'Entremont#
11/12	Nantucket	57	fide E. Ray	White-winged Scoter			
11/14	W. Newbury	220	J. Berry#	11/2	Nantucket	500	E. Ray
11/21	Wakefield	23	P. + F. Vale	11/8	Gloucester	35	P. + F. Vale
11/21	Westport	35	G. d'Entremont#	11/8	P.I.	611	R. Lockwood
11/22	S. Monomoy	20	W. Petersen#	11/15	Sandwich	40	M. Lynch#
11/27	Arlington Res.	244	M. Rines	11/15	Barnstable (S.N.)	415	M. Lynch#
12/5, 6	Cape Cod	374	CCBC (B. Nikula)	11/22	Boston H.	1961	TASL (M. Hall)
12/13	Framingham	260	K. Hamilton	11/22	S. Monomoy	200	W. Petersen#
12/16, 23	Camb. (F.P.)	32, 3	BBC (J. Barton)	11/26	Rockport (A.P.)	250	J. Soucy
12/19	Braintree	44	G. d'Entremont#	12/24	Groton	1 m	T. Pirro
12/25	Westwood	25	D. Gordon	12/31	Nant. Sound	400	G. d'Entremont#
12/26	Framingham	126	K. Hamilton	Black Scoter			
12/30	Easton	18	S. Arena	11/2	Andover	1	E. Stromsted
12/31	Nantucket	20	G. d'Entremont#	11/7	N. Scituate	26	R. Titus
Tufted Duck				11/8	Salisbury-P.I.	160	BBC (S. Moore)
11/14-12/15	Sterling	1	F. McMenemy	11/8	Quabbin (G35)	1 f	B. Lafley
12/24-27	W. Boylston	1	F. McMenemy	11/8	Gloucester	6	P. + F. Vale
Greater Scaup				11/15	Barnstable (S.N.)	182	M. Lynch#

Black Scoter (continued)				11/22	Boston H.	2110	TASL (M. Hall)
11/15	Sandwich	200	M. Lynch#	11/22	S. Monomoy	700	W. Petersen#
11/18	GMNWR	1 f	S. Perkins + v.o.	11/29	Wachusett Res.	3	R. Lockwood#
11/22	Boston H.	29	TASL (M. Hall)	12/5, 6	Cape Cod	262	CCBC (B. Nikula)
11/26	Rockport (A.P.)	150	J. Soucy	12/16	P.I.	42	T. Roberts
11/28	Hanson	1	W. Petersen	Common Merganser			
Scoter species				11/13-12/23	Andover	100 max	E. Stromsted
11/1	M.V./Noman's	150,000	V. Laux#	11/19, 12/3	Pembroke	65, 225	W. Petersen
Oldsquaw				11/21	Harvard	34	R. Lockwood
11/22	S. Monomoy	4500	W. Petersen#	11/22	Worcester	427	M. Lynch#
11/22	Salisbury	100	J. Berry	11/22	Randolph	67	G. d'Entremont
11/26	Rockport (A.P.)	200	J. Soucy	11/22	Wakefield	300	D. + I. Jewell
11/29	Nantucket	97,000	E. Ray	12/5, 6	Cape Cod	229	CCBC (B. Nikula)
12/2	Wareham	1	M. Maurer	12/5	Worcester	105	M. Lynch#
12/5	Boston H.	125	W. Petersen#	12/6	Braintree	80+	S. Carey
12/25	Newbypt	200+	P. + F. Vale	12/8	Petersham	20	D. Small
Bufflehead				12/15	S. Peabody	109	R. Heil
11/8	Lakeville	67	G. d'Entremont	12/16	Danvers	120	J. Brown
11/18	Andover	18	E. Stromsted	12/20	Lakeville	532	M. Maurer
11/22	Boston H.	2400	TASL (M. Hall)	12/22	Plymouth	74	J. Sones#
11/22	S. Monomoy	250	W. Petersen#	12/24	W. Newbury	160	R. Heil
11/22	Randolph	67	G. d'Entremont	12/26	Framingham	85	K. Hamilton
12/2	Wareham	28	M. Maurer	12/thr	Wayland	260 max	K. Hamilton
12/5, 6	Cape Cod	2361	CCBC (B. Nikula)	Ruddy Duck			
12/6	Braintree	70+	S. Carey	11/1-30	Melrose	84 max	D. + I. Jewell
12/11	Manomet	200	W. Petersen#	11/1	Medford	106	D. + D. Oliver
12/12	Falmouth	300	SSBC (J. Kenneally)	11/5	W. Newbury	300+	BBC (S. Grinley)
12/20	Brookline	23	J. A. Kuivenhoven	11/7, 12/25	Marlboro	769, 95	S. + L. Hennin
12/25	Newbypt	250+	P. + F. Vale	11/8	Lakeville	77	G. d'Entremont
Common Goldeneye				11/10	Waltham	139	C. Cook
11/1-30	Andover	68 max	E. Stromsted	11/14	S. Monomoy	220	B. Nikula
11/22	Boston H.	516	TASL (M. Hall)	11/25	Eastham	75	W. Ellison
11/22	Randolph	28	G. d'Entremont	11/28	Pembroke	143	W. Petersen
12/2	Wareham	41	M. Maurer	12/3	Brookline	104	H. Miller
12/5, 6	Cape Cod	157	CCBC (B. Nikula)	12/3	Littleton	65	M. Resch
12/6	Braintree	50	S. Carey	12/5, 6	Cape Cod	262	CCBC (B. Nikula)
12/6	Gloucester (E.P.)	35	S. Perkins#	12/6, 20	Braintree	100+	S. Carey
12/8	Petersham	10	D. Small	12/6	Framingham	200	A. Porter
12/12	Falmouth	100SSBC	(J. Kenneally)	12/13	Randolph	125	G. d'Entremont
12/20	Lakeville	24	M. Maurer	12/13	Westport	108	M. Boucher
12/26	Worcester	52	M. Lynch#	12/24	W. Newbury	58	R. Heil
12/31	Nantucket H.	125	G. d'Entremont#	12/25	Attleboro	100	S. + L. Hennin
Barrow's Goldeneye				12/30	Amesbury	13	R. Heil
11/8	Marlboro	1 m	S. + L. Hennin	Osprey			
11/16	S. Boston	2	R. Donovan	11/thr	Reports of ind. from 12 locations		
11/19	Wareham	1 m	M. Sylvia	12/12, 20	Braintree	1	S. Carey#
11/22	Squantum	1	TASL (M. Hall)	12/19	Centerville	1	H. Ferguson
12/2	Wareham	1 m	M. Maurer	12/29	Lakeville	1	S. Sena
12/16	P.I.	1 m	R. Heil	12/31	Easton	1	S. Arena
12/19	Falmouth	2 m	B. Nikula#	Bald Eagle			
12/30	Gloucester (E.P.)	1 m	J. Soucy	11/14	Lakeville	1 ad.	W. Petersen
Hooded Merganser				11/22	Mt. Wachusett	2 ad	T. Carrolan
11/1-30	Melrose	17 max	D. + I. Jewell	11/25	Groton	1 imm	T. Pirro
11/7	Ipswich	35	BBC (J. Berry)	11/28	Jamaica Plain	1 imm	F. Sutton
11/8	Lakeville	32	G. d'Entremont	12/8	Petersham	2 ad, 2 imm	D. Small
11/26	Arlington Res.	40	C. Floyd	12/8	Boston	1	S. Langer
12/2	Wareham	39	M. Maurer	12/12	Mt. Wachusett	2 ad	T. Carrolan
12/3	Pembroke	88	W. Petersen	12/12	Merrimac	1 sub-ad	P. Roberts#
12/5, 6	Cape Cod	933	CCBC (B. Nikula)	12/13	Cambridge	1 ad	J. Damian
12/5	Worcester	112	M. Lynch#	12/25	Newbypt	2 ad	P. + F. Vale
12/8	Camb. (F.P.)	49	J. Barton	12/26	Newbury	1 imm	R. Heil
12/12	Melrose	25	D. + I. Jewell	Northern Harrier			
12/12	Falmouth	75SSBC	(J. Kenneally)	11/2, 16	DWWS	3	K. Vespaziani
12/12	P.I.	38	R. Lockwood	11/7	Mt. Wachusett	5	T. Carrolan
12/13	Randolph	26	G. d'Entremont	11/14	P.I.	8	R. Titus
12/17	Weymouth	50	K. Vespaziani	11/15	Barnstable (S.N.)	2	M. Lynch#
12/20	Braintree	50+	S. Carey	11/21	Melrose	1	P. + F. Vale
Red-breasted Merganser				11/22	Rowley	3	J. Berry
11/2	Nantucket	800	E. Ray	11/22	S. Monomoy	6	W. Petersen#
11/6	Plymouth	850	R. Titus	12/5	Boston H.	1	W. Petersen#
11/8	Falmouth	75	R. Farrell	12/6	Cumb. Farms	10	R. Stymeister#
11/11	Rockport	75 f	J. Berry#	12/12	Newbypt	4	R. Lockwood
11/21	Wayland	1	S. Perkins	12/24	E. Dennis	1	J. O'Neil

Northern Harrier (continued)				12/29	Barnstable (S.N.)	1	J. Trimble#
12/25	P.I.	4	P. + F. Vale	Gyr Falcon			
12/30	Mattapoisett	1 m	F. Smith	12/30	Boston (Logan)	1 ad gray	N. Smith
Sharp-shinned Hawk				Ruffed Grouse			
11/6, 10	Marshfield	2	R. Titus	11/14	E. Boxford	1	J. Brown#
11/7	Mt. Wachusett	6	T. Carrolan	11/15	Concord	1	R. Lockwood
thr	Reports of ind. from 18 locations			11/16	Andover	1	E. Stromsted
Cooper's Hawk				11/27	Hingham	1	D. Peacock
thr	Reports of ind. from 24 locations			11/30	Medford	1	M. Rines
Northern Goshawk				12/17	Mashpee	2	S. + E. Miller
11/10, 12/10	Mattapoisett	1	F. Smith	Wild Turkey			
11/22	Mt. Wachusett	2 ad	T. Carrolan	11/14	E. Middleboro	6	K. Anderson
11/23	Sudbury	1 imm	K. Hamilton	11/1	Worcester	1	M. Lynch#
11/27	Berlin	1	S. Moore#	11/1	N. Andover	2	J. Hogan#
11/27	Brockton	1 imm	R. Titus	11/9	Templeton	21	T. Pirro
12/7	Pepperell	1	G. Coffey	11/22	Lincoln	12	E. Williams
12/20	Mt. Wachusett	2 ad	T. Carrolan	11/24	Rutland	16	M. Howes
Red-shouldered Hawk				11/26	Upton	10	P. DeBruyn
11/1	DWWS	1	S. Carey#	11/27	Hingham	2	D. Peacock
11/1	Lakeville	1	J. Hoye#	12/5	Worcester	5	M. Lynch#
11/6	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson	Northern Bobwhite			
11/7	Mt. Wachusett	5	T. Carrolan	11/29	N. Middleboro	12	K. Holmes
11/10	Petersham	1	D. Chapman	Clapper Rail			
11/15	Sudbury	2	K. Hamilton	11/8	Edgartown	1	V. Laux#
11/22	Mt. Wachusett	9 ad	T. Carrolan	Clapper/King Rail			
11/28, 12/13	Boston	1 ad	R. Stymeist#	12/20	Orleans	1	J. Trimble
12/5, 12	Mt. Wachusett	5 ad	T. Carrolan	Virginia Rail			
12/5	Gloucester	1	D. Larson#	12/19	Wareham	1	W. Petersen#
12/26	Pepperell	1	G. Coffey	12/29	Barnstable	16	J. Trimble#
Red-tailed Hawk				Sora			
11/7	Mt. Wachusett	28	T. Carrolan	12/4	Barnstable	1	S. + E. Miller
11/22	Mt. Wachusett	71 ad, 6 imm	T. Carrolan	American Coot			
12/5	Mt. Wachusett	25 ad, 2 imm	T. Carrolan	11/1	Arlington	115	D. + D. Oliver
12/12	Mt. Wachusett	41	T. Carrolan	11/14	P.I.	40	G. d'Entremont
Rough-legged Hawk				11/14	S. Monomoy	40	B. Nikula
11/1	P.I.	2 lt, 1 dk	B. Stevens#	11/16	Westboro	37	K. Anderson
11/7	Mt. Wachusett	1	T. Carrolan	11/21	Westport	50	G. d'Entremont
11/14	P.I.	3 imm lt	P. Roberts#	11/22	Randolph	44	G. d'Entremont
11/15	Rowley	1	J. Berry	11/29	GMNWR	30	S. Perkins#
12/5	Salisbury	1 lt	J. Berry	12/5, 6	Cape Cod	484	CCBC (B. Nikula)
12/15	P.I.	2	W. Drew#	12/6, 12	Braintree	50+	S. Carey
12/20	Mt. Wachusett	1 lt	T. Carrolan	12/22	Manomet	43	W. Petersen#
Golden Eagle				12/22	Arlington	200+	K. Dorsey
11/5	Dorchester	1 ad	D. Larson	12/30	Amesbury	95	R. Heil
11/22	Mt. Wachusett	1 ad	T. Carrolan	12/31	Nantucket	40	G. d'Entremont#
12/12	Mt. Wachusett	2 ad, 1 imm	T. Carrolan	Black-bellied Plover			
American Kestrel				11/5	GMNWR	2 juv	S. Perkins
11/4	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson	11/8	Chatham (S.B.)	1000	R. Donovan
11/8	Newbyrt	1	R. Lockwood	11/8	Winthrop	80	J. Young
11/14	Salisbury	1	P. + F. Vale	11/8	Salisbury-P.I.	51	BBC (S. Moore)
11/20	P.I.	3	J. Brown#	11/8, 22	N. Monomoy	450, 125	B. Nikula
11/27	Gardner	1	D. Brown#	11/14	Quincy	38	R. Titus
12/3	Cambridge	1 m	A. Joslin	11/14	Edgartown	800	V. Laux#
12/12	P.I.	1 m	P. Roberts#	11/15	WBWS	50+	J. Sones
12/13	Medford	1	P. + F. Vale	11/22	Chatham (S.B.)	900	W. Petersen#
12/13	Boston	1	R. Stymeist#	11/22	Boston H.	8	TASL (M. Hall)
Merlin				11/19	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	13	LCES (J. Hill)
11/2	Nantucket	3	E. Ray	12/13	Salisbury	1	S. + L. Hennis
11/14	P.I.	2	P. Roberts#	12/16	Nantucket	8	fide E. Ray
12/29	Barnstable	3	J. Trimble#	American Golden-Plover			
thr	Reports of ind. from 21 locations			11/1	Salisbury	3	P. + F. Vale
Peregrine Falcon				11/13	P.I.	3	K. Hartel#
11/7	Ipswich	1 imm	BBC (J. Berry)	11/14	S. Monomoy	3	B. Nikula
11/8	S. Dartmouth	1	T. Raymond#	11/14	Edgartown	1	V. Laux#
11/14	S. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula	11/21	Newbyrt	25	E. Salmela
11/15	P.I.	1-2	J. Berry	11/22	S. Monomoy	1	W. Petersen#
11/21	Westport	1	G. d'Entremont	Semipalmated Plover			
11/22	Plymouth	1	E. Neumuth	11/1	P'town	1	J. Young
12/3	Watertown	1	N. Dane	11/1	Arlington Res.	4	M. Rines
12/3, 5	Worcester	1 ad	M. Lynch#	11/14	P.I.	1	R. Lockwood
12/8	Boston	2	S. Langer	11/14	Edgartown	6	V. Laux#
12/17	Nantucket	1	fide E. Ray	11/21	Ipswich	2	J. Berry
12/18	Weymouth	1	G. d'Entremont	11/22	Chatham (S.B.)	1	W. Petersen#

Killdeer									
11/thr	GMNWR	48 max	S. Perkins		12/20	Chatham (S.B.)	1	V. Laux, P. Trimble#	
11/1	Arlington Res.	9	D. + D. Oliver		Western Sandpiper				
11/7	Marlboro	6	S. + L. Hennin		12/20	Chatham (S.B.)	3	V. Laux, P. Trimble#	
11/13	Cohasset	3	R. Titus		Least Sandpiper				
12/13	Sandwich	6	P. Trimble Sr.		11/1, 22	N. Monomoy	2, 1	B. Nikula#	
12/16	Nantucket	2	fide E. Ray		11/5	GMNWR	1	S. Perkins	
12/20	GMNWR	8	S. Perkins#		11/22	Chatham (S.B.)	1	W. Petersen#	
12/25	Newbury	1	R. Heil		12/20, 26	W. Harwich	1	B. Nikula#	
12/26	W. Harwich	3	J. Trimble#		White-rumped Sandpiper				
American Oystercatcher					11/1	N. Monomoy	3	B. Nikula	
11/8	Chatham (S.B.)	1	R. Donovan		11/5	GMNWR	1	S. Perkins	
11/15	Nantucket	1	E. Ray		11/8	Winthrop	1	J. Young	
11/29	Edgartown	6	A. Keith		11/20	P.I.	2	J. Brown#	
American Avocet					11/22	S. Monomoy	1	W. Petersen#	
11/29	Newbypt	2	R. Becker		Baird's Sandpiper				
12/1-6	P.I.	2	W. Drew + v.o.		11/14	S. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula	
Greater Yellowlegs					11/29	S. Monomoy	1	W. Harrington	
11/1	Salisbury	20	P. + F. Vale		Pectoral Sandpiper				
11/1	Hingham	5	S. Carey		11/1	N. Monomoy	2	B. Nikula	
11/7	Newbypt	35	P. + F. Vale		11/1	Arlington Res.	3	M. Rines	
11/12, 12/27	Nantucket	30	fide E. Ray		11/4	GMNWR	20	R. Lockwood	
11/14	Quincy	17	R. Titus		11/8	Salisbury-P.I.	5	BBC (S. Moore)	
11/15	Rowley	36	J. Berry		11/13	GMNWR	4	S. Perkins	
11/15	WBWS	40+	J. Sones		11/14	S. Monomoy	3	B. Nikula	
11/15	Falmouth	11	R. Farrell		Purple Sandpiper				
11/19	S. Dart. (A.Pd.)	20	LCES (J. Hill)		11/7	N. Scituate	195	R. Titus	
11/22	Boston H.	12	TASL (M. Hall)		11/15	WBWS	1	J. Sones	
12/12	E. Harwich	19	B. Nikula		11/25	Salisbury	2	B. Stevens#	
12/13	Hyannisport	3	P. Trimble Sr.		11/28	E. Gloucester	3	J. Berry#	
12/15	Newbypt	1	R. Heil		12/4	N. Scituate	30	D. Clapp	
12/26	W. Harwich	3-4	J. Trimble#		12/5	Boston H.	1000	W. Petersen#	
12/27	Winthrop B.	1	P. + F. Vale		12/12	Westport	9	E. Nielsen#	
12/29	Hyannisport (CBC)	8	B. Nikula#		12/13	P.I.	14	S. Haydock	
Lesser Yellowlegs					12/13	Manomet Pt.	18	G. Levandoski#	
11/1	Truro	2	J. Young		12/13	Nantucket	21	fide E. Ray	
11/5, 18	GMNWR	4, 1	S. Perkins		12/23	Rockport	18	B. Stevens#	
11/8	Newbypt	5	J. Berry		Dunlin				
11/9	Arlington Res.	3	M. Rines		11/8	Winthrop	200	J. Young	
11/13	P.I.	1	J. Hoye#		11/8	Newbypt	650	J. Berry	
11/14	S. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula		11/8, 22	N. Monomoy	900, 600	B. Nikula	
11/15	Rowley	6	J. Berry		11/14	Edgartown	300	V. Laux#	
12/20, 26	W. Harwich	1	B. Nikula#		11/15	WBWS	75+	J. Sones	
Willet					11/22	Plymouth	850+	E. Neumuth	
11/3	S. Dart. (A.Pd.)	1	LCES (J. Hill)		11/23	P.I.	315	W. Drew#	
Spotted Sandpiper					11/27	GMNWR	2	S. Perkins	
11/1-12/9	Arlington Res. 1		M. Rines#		12/13	Brewster	600+	B. Nikula	
Whimbrel					12/19	S. Dartmouth	197	M. Boucher	
12/13-31	Yarmouth	1	P. Trimble#		12/29	Barnstable (S.N.)	800	J. Trimble	
Hudsonian Godwit					Long-billed Dowitcher				
11/8	Chatham (S.B.)	1	B. Nikula#		11/14	S. Monomoy	4	B. Nikula	
11/13	P.I.	2	K. Hartel#		11/23, 12/15	P.I.	8, 2	W. Drew#	
Marbled Godwit					12/29	Hyannisport (CBC)	3	B. Nikula#	
11/29	Chatham (S.B.)	1	R. Donovan		Common Snipe				
Ruddy Turnstone					11/1	Arlington Res.	1	M. Rines	
11/8	Winthrop	1	J. Young		11/8	Salisbury-P.I.	2	BBC (S. Moore)	
11/20	Wollaston	7	J. Young		11/12	Cumb. Farms	1	D. Larson#	
11/29	N. Scituate	10	R. Martel		11/15	DWWS	1	D. Furbish	
12/13	Nantucket	54	fide E. Ray		11/19	S. Dart. (A.Pd.)	1	LCES (J. Hill)	
12/19	Wareham	5	W. Petersen#		11/20	Melrose	1	D. + I. Jewell	
Red Knot					11/30	Concord	1	R. Lockwood	
11/8	N. Monomoy	230	B. Nikula#		12/6	Worc. (BMB)	1	J. Liller	
11/14	Edgartown	1	V. Laux#		12/6	Eastham (F.H.)	1	G. Levandoski#	
12/21	Chatham (S.B.)	18	V. Laux#		12/13	Sandwich	3	P. Trimble Sr.	
Sanderling					12/26	W. Harwich	5	J. Trimble#	
11/1, 22	N. Monomoy	500, 700	B. Nikula		American Woodcock				
11/8	Edgartown	800	V. Laux#		11/7	Rockport (H.P.)	1	BBC (J. Nove)	
11/8	Salisbury-P.I.	800	BBC (S. Moore)		11/15	DWWS	1	D. Furbish	
11/22	Boston H.	358	TASL (M. Hall)		12/3	Barnstable	1	S. + E. Miller	
12/21	Chatham (S.B.)	2000	V. Laux#		12/20	Stoneham	1	P. Vale# (CBC)	
12/29	Barnstable (S.N.)	1877	J. Trimble		12/20	Orleans	1	J. Trimble#	
Semipalmated Sandpiper					Red Phalarope				
11/1	Arlington Res.	1	M. Rines		12/6	N. Falmouth	8	L. Cocca	

Pomarine Jaeger									
11/26	Rockport (A.P.)	1		J. Soucy	11/14	P'town (R.P.)	6+		J. Trimble
12/19	P'town (R.P.)	1		R. Heil	11/26	Rockport (A.P.)	50		J. Soucy
jaeger species					12/6	Plymouth	5		G. Levandoski#
11/11	Rockport	1		J. Berry#	12/21	Chatham (S.B.)	70		V. Laux#
12/4	WBWS	3		J. Sones#	12/31	Nant. Sound	10		G. d'Entremont#
12/19	Stellwagen	1		S. Perkins#	Common Tern				
Laughing Gull					11/1	Stellwagen	2		BBC (W. Petersen)
11/7	Eastham (F.E.)	45		B. Nikula	11/14	Edgartown	1		V. Laux#
11/11	Edgartown	5		V. Laux	Forster's Tern				
11/15	Brewster	70+		B. Nikula	11/1	Stellwagen	1		BBC (W. Petersen)
Little Gull					11/14	S. Monomoy	1		B. Nikula
11/1	Chatham	1 imm		B. Nikula#	11/23	Falmouth	1		B. Good
Black-headed Gull					Dovekie				
11/8	Winthrop	1		J. Young	11/8	Salisbury-P.I.	1		BBC (S. Moore)
11/10, 12/9	Cotuit	1 ad		G. Martin#	11/18	Edgartown	1		V. Laux
11/15	Brewster	1(1W)		B. Nikula	11/26	Rockport (H.P.)	2		G. Revelas
11/18	P.I.	1		B. Stevens#	12/14	Wellfleet H.	2		P. Kyle#
11/22	Chatham	1 ad		W. Petersen#	12/29	Barnstable (S.N.)	4		J. Trimble#
12/4	Plymouth	1		D. Larson#	Common Murre				
12/8	Petersham	1		D. Small	11/15	Nantucket	1		S. Plant
12/13	Hyannisport	1 ad		P. Trimble	12/20	Chatham (S.B.)	8		V. Laux#
12/14-31	Wellfleet H.	1 1W		P. Kyle + v.o.	Razorbill				
12/16	Cohasset	1		N. Swirka	11/1	Stellwagen	3		BBC (W. Petersen)
12/19	Boston H.	2		S. Perkins#	11/14	P'town (R.P.)	5+		J. Trimble
12/20	Winthrop H.	1 1W		M. Gonsalo	11/26	Rockport (A.P.)	20		J. Soucy
12/25	Newbypt	1		P. + F. Vale	12/6	Plymouth	10		G. Levandoski#
12/25	Gloucester (E.P.)	1 imm		P. Hamback#	12/19	Rockport (H.P.)	12		BBC (J. Nove)
12/29	Centerville	1 1W		B. Nikula#	12/21	Chatham (S.B.)	300		V. Laux#
Bonaparte's Gull					12/22	Manomet	48		W. Petersen#
11/9	Nahant	75+		L. Ferrarresso	12/26	Nauset	200		G. Levandoski#
11/13	Cohasset	85		R. Titus	Black Guillemot				
11/14	Lakeville	1		W. Petersen	11/1	Stellwagen	1		BBC (W. Petersen)
11/21	Ipswich	42		J. Berry	11/8	Gloucester	5		P. + F. Vale
11/22	Boston H.	1179		TASL (M. Hall)	11/21	Rockport	4		S. Moore#
11/27	N. Truro	15		W. Ellison	11/22	Nahant	1		TASL (M. Hall)
12/5	P.I.	150		J. Berry	12/3	N. Scituate	6		D. Clapp
12/6	Gloucester (E.P.)	55		S. Perkins#	12/3	Rockport	10		D. Larson#
12/7	Nantucket	1000		fide E. Ray	12/5	Boston H.	10		W. Petersen#
12/7	Gloucester	95		S. Perkins#	12/6	Gloucester (E.P.)	8		S. Perkins#
12/12	Westport	140		E. Nielsen#	12/22	Manomet	3		W. Petersen#
12/13	Falmouth	7		R. Lockwood	12/25	P.I.	2		P. + F. Vale
Iceland Gull					Atlantic Puffin				
11/6	Plymouth	1 1W		R. Titus	11/2	Eastham (F.E.)	1		J. Sones, J. Trimble
11/8	GMNWR	1 1W		S. Perkins#	large acid species				
11/15	Orleans-Brewster	6		B. Nikula	11/14	P'town (R.P.)	75		J. Trimble
11/20	P'town	1		J. Sones#	12/5	Dennis	30		B. Nikula
11/22	Nantucket	1 ad		E. Andrews#	12/6	P'town (R.P.)	40		B. Nikula
11/26	Rockport (H.P.)	1		S. Moore#	Monk Parakeet				
11/29	Chatham (S.B.)	1		R. Donovan	11/24	Merrimack	2		B. Weaver
12/13	Eastham	1 1W		G. Levandoski#	11/25	S. Dartmouth	7		M. Boucher
12/17	Truro	1 subad		J. Sones	Barn Owl				
12/25	Gloucester	1 2W		P. Hamback#	12/31	Nantucket	3		R. Stymeist#
12/26	P'town (R.P.)	3 ad		G. Levandoski#	Eastern Screech-Owl				
Lesser Black-backed Gull					11/18	Worc. (BMB)	2		J. Liller#
11/8	Chatham (S.B.)	2		R. Donovan	12/19	Weymouth	3		R. Campbell
11/11	Edgartown	3		V. Laux	12/19	Braintree	5		G. d'Entremont#
11/15	Orleans-Brewster	5		B. Nikula	12/20	E. Orleans	11		J. Trimble#
11/22	Worcester	1 ad		M. Lynch#	thr	Reports of individuals from 9 locations			
11/22	Nantucket	1 ad		E. Andrews#	Great Horned Owl				
11/25	Brewster	1 ad		J. Trimble	11/14	Northboro	2		S. Moore#
11/26	Truro	1 ad		G. Ellison	11/22	Scituate	2		J. Higgins#
11/29	Chatham (S.B.)	1		R. Donovan	12/12	Ipswich	3		J. Berry
12/6	P'town H.	1 ad		B. Nikula	12/thr	N. Dartmouth	2		M. Boucher
Glaucous Gull					thr	Reports of individuals from 9 locations			
11/11	Edgartown	1		V. Laux	Barred Owl				
12/1	Gardner	1 2W		T. Pirro	11/13	DWWS	1		D. Furbish
12/2	Rockport	1 1W		B. Stevens#	11/15	Weston	1		M. Rines
Herring/Grt. Black Backed Gull					Long-eared Owl				
11/15	Orleans-Brewster	10000+		B. Nikula	11/13-12/31	DWWS	7 max		D. Furbish + v.o.
Black-legged Kittiwake					11/25-29	Woburn	1		M. Rines
11/1	Stellwagen	12		BBC (W. Petersen)	12/23	Attleboro	1		G. Valade
11/11	Rockport	50		J. Berry#	12/29	Marston's Mills	1		J. Trimble

Short-eared Owl			11/29	Cumb. Farms	2	M. Maurer	
11/1	N. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula#	11/29	Nantucket	2	E. Ray
11/13	Cumb. Farms	5	E. Giles	12/6	Brookline	3	R. Stymeist#
11/21	DWWS	7	T. Young#	12/26	Westport	2	A. Joslin
12/1, 13	P.I.	1	S. Haydock	12/thr	Sherborn	4	E. Taylor
12/3	Newbypt	1	R. Heil	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			
12/5	Gloucester (E.P.)	1	D. Larson#	11/7	Leicester	1 imm	M. Lynch#
12/8	Nantucket	1	N. Van Voorst	11/29	Truro	1	J. Young
12/10	Cumb. Farms	4	M. Faherty#	11/29	Mt.A.	1	M. Lynch#
Northern Saw-whet Owl			12/5-6	Gloucester (E.P.)	1 imm	D. Larson + v.o.	
11/11	Stoneham	1	D. + I. Jewell	12/12	Westport	1 m ad	E. Nielsen#
12/14	Plympton	1	T. Lloyd-Evans	12/17	Nantucket	1	J. Papale
12/20	Gloucester	1	M. Lynch#	12/18	Mt.A.	1	M. Rines
12/26	Petersham	2	S. + L. Hennin	12/19	Mattapoisett	1	F. Smith
12/26	Gardner	1	T. Pirro#	12/27	Marshfield	1 ad	G. d'Entremont#
<i>Selasphorus species</i>			Hairy Woodpecker				
11/1-11	Leicester	1	W. Gardner + v.o.	11/22	ONWR	4	R. Lockwood#
12/1-7	Westport	1	fide F. Thurber	Northern Flicker			
Belted Kingfisher			12/12	Dartmouth	8	E. Nielsen#	
11/1	Bolton Flats	2	R. Lockwood	12/25	Newbury	3	P. + F. Vale
11/29	Clinton	2	G. d'Entremont#	Pileated Woodpecker			
11/29	Wachusett Res.	2	R. Lockwood#	11/7	Sherborn	1	E. Taylor
12/26	Falmouth	2	R. Lockwood	11/8	Barre F.D.	1	M. Lynch#
Red-headed Woodpecker			11/16	Newbypt	1	N. Paulson	
11/21-24	Danvers	1	C. Corley + v.o.	11/27	Hingham	1	D. Peacock
12/13	Westfield	1 imm	J. Hutchison	11/29	Wayland	1	B. Howell
12/20	Orleans	1 ad	M. Lowe	12/2	Stoneham	1 m	T. Carew
Red-bellied Woodpecker			12/26	Pepperell	1	G. Coffey	

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH GROSBEAKS

A handful of western rarities made appearances during the last two months of 1998. **Ash-throated Flycatcher** is a true rarity in Massachusetts, with only eight records cited in *Birds of Massachusetts* (Veit and Petersen). While there have been a couple of sightings since then, there were an astonishing two reported in November and December. The bird at Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge was briefly seen on November 28, and was initially reported only as a *Myiarchus* flycatcher. It was relocated a week later, when it was photographed and videotaped by a number of observers, posted on a computer web site, where cyber-birders could view diagnostic details of plumage and gape color, and actually listen to the bird's unique chip note.

A **Townsend's Solitaire** was reported at the end of December in East Orleans. A birder who went to check out the report was unsuccessful in relocating the solitaire, but was rewarded instead with a **Western Tanager** in the same neighborhood. While Western Tanager is somewhat regular in Massachusetts, there are only a handful of records of Townsend's Solitaire, most of these making their appearance in the winter months. A **Varied Thrush** arrived at an Annisquam feeder on November 27 and played host to many birders until its disappearance on December 4. All three of these species are native to the western part of the country.

Another western visitor, a **MacGillivray's Warbler**, was reported from the Mattapan section of Boston on December 13 and lingered for a few days. Like most other *Oporornis* warblers, this individual was frustratingly uncooperative, and avoided detection by many birders who went to look for it. All but one of the very few MacGillivray's Warbler reports for Massachusetts have occurred in November and December, and birders should examine any *Oporornis* species seen during these months (if they are given the chance!).

A **Harris's Sparrow** was discovered on Plum Island on November 11 and delighted birders with its amazingly cooperative behavior. It consistently fed along the dirt road, ignoring observers to the point that it actually perched on one birder's shoe before continuing its foraging. Unlike the western visitors mentioned above, Harris's Sparrow comes from the central part of the continent.

Good feeder birds included a **Painted Bunting** (a southern species), which had arrived at a feeder in Mattapoisett on October 27 and lingered into the first week of November. **Yellow-headed Blackbird** is a regular, if very uncommon, western visitor in the fall, but overwintering birds are rare. A male was a regular visitor to a feeder on Nantucket through December. A **Bullock's Oriole**, yet another western stray, arrived at a feeder on November 13 and enjoyed the fare enough to stay through the end of the reporting period.

Rarities were only one part of the story of November and December 1998. With the exceptionally warm weather, probably the most intriguing story was the birds that lingered far beyond their normal departure date. Two Blue-headed Vireos in November were exceptionally late. Tree Swallows are unusual in November, and an inland sighting is even more so. Barn Swallows are a fairly regular "blowback" in mid-November, and two sightings this year may have been part of this phenomenon. House Wrens occasionally are reported in winter, but a total of four individuals was higher than normal. Reports of Marsh Wrens came from eight different locations, a total far higher than normal for the reporting period. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher is always unusual after its normal departure at the end of October. Robins lingered in sometimes-phenomenal numbers (note the count of over 12,000 from Barnstable on December 29).

A number of warbler species are not too surprising in early winter. These include Orange-crown, Yellow-rump, Pine, Palm, and Common Yellowthroat. Yellow-rumped Warblers overwinter on the Cape and islands in good numbers, and while it is not unusual to see small groups north of Boston, a count of 74 on Plum Island on Christmas Day was exceptionally high.

This year an astonishing 20 species of warblers were reported during November and December, with seventeen of these seen in December alone. On December 5, a Blue-winged Warbler was reported in Burlington. The previous late date for this species was October 29, 1969 (fide *Birds of Massachusetts*).

A Northern Parula in Plymouth on December 22 squeaked out the previous late date of December 20, 1973. A Yellow Warbler was discovered in the Boston Public Garden on November 28, and was last seen on December 7. This exceeds the previous late dates for this species set on November 19, 1994 and November 19, 1997. This Yellow Warbler was in good company, seen most often with an Orange-crowned Warbler and a **Yellow-throated Warbler**.

While not record-setting, the following species were exceptionally late: Nashville Warbler (2 in December), Black-throated Blue Warbler (2 in December), Black-and-white Warbler, Northern Waterthrush (3 in December), and Wilson's Warbler (3 in December).

Sparrows followed a more normal November and December pattern. There are always a handful of reports during this period for most of the sparrow species, and none of these reports was remarkable by virtue of lateness or exceptionally high quantity. Indigo Buntings are extremely unusual after October, and rare in December, so these sightings are noteworthy. The reports of winter finches were only mediocre.

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Eastern Phoebe				11/28	Worc. (BMB)	1	J. Liller
11/7	Brookfield	1	M. Lynch#	11/29	Wakefield	2	D. + I. Jewell
12/8	WBWS	1	D. Reynolds	12/13	Hingham	1	K. Vespaziani
12/20	Halifax	1	R. Finch	12/13	Burlington	1	J. Mullen
Ash-throated Flycatcher				12/13	Bourne	1	R. Lockwood
11/28-12/20	Mt.A.	1 vid.	J. Heywood + v.o.	Carolina Wren			
12/20-26	Barnstable	1	R. Pease, B. Nikula#	11/thr	Sherborn	2	E. Taylor
Northern Shrike				11/1	Worc. (BMB)	6	M. Lynch#
11/6	P.I.	1	BBC (J. Center)	11/7	Hudson	3	S. + L. Hennin
11/16	DWWS	1	D. Furbish	11/7	Lincoln	3	M. Rines
11/20	P'town	1	J. Sones#	11/8	Cumb. Farms	5	M. Maurer#
11/21	ONWR	1	S. Moore#	11/21	Bourne	49	BBC (R. Stymeist)
11/25	Hingham	1 imm	G. Levandoski	11/21	Bolton	2	S. + L. Hennin
11/29	Cumb. Farms	1 imm	M. Maurer	11/22	Braintree	3	G. d'Entremont
11/29	Wayland	1	B. Howell	11/30	Westport	8	R. Farrell#
12/3	P.I.	1 imm	D. Larson#	12/thr	Ipswich	2	J. Berry
12/6	Middleboro	1	R. Stymeist#	12/4	Winchester	3	M. Rines
12/17	Truro	1 imm	J. Sones	12/6	Lexington	10	M. Rines
12/19	P.I.	1	D. Chickering#	12/6	Brookline	6	R. Stymeist#
12/19	Newbypt	1	R. Poucher	12/26	Falmouth	9	R. Lockwood
12/26	S. Dartmouth	1	R. McGeorge	12/26	Sudbury	2	E. Salmela
Blue-headed Vireo				House Wren			
11/16	Lexington	1	S. Cronenweth	11/8	Worc. (BMB)	1	J. Liller
11/29	Gay Head	1	A. Keith	11/8	Cumb. Farms	2	G. d'Entremont#
American Crow				11/27	Berlin	1	S. Moore#
11/14	Framingham	6200	E. Taylor	12/20	Melrose	1	P. + F. Vale# (CBC)
12/6	Framingham	17,000	E. Taylor	Winter Wren			
12/12	Brookline	3000+	E. Taylor	11/13	Hingham	2	R. Titus
Fish Crow				11/15	Sherborn	2	E. Taylor
11/22	Braintree	50	G. d'Entremont	11/21	Bourne	2	BBC (R. Stymeist)
12/12	Mt.A.	2	R. Stymeist	11/22	Medford	2	M. Rines
12/19	Bourne	2	W. Petersen	11/30	Westport	2	R. Farrell#
12/19	Mattapan	2	D. Larson	12/6	Brookline	4	R. Stymeist#
Common Raven				12/6	Lexington	2	M. Rines
11/8	Barre F.D.	1	M. Lynch#	thr	Reports of ind. from 16 locations		
12/26	Gardner	1	T. Pirro#	Marsh Wren			
Horned Lark				11/8	Cumb. Farms	2	G. d'Entremont
11/1	Truro	25	J. Young	11/15	Dorchester	3	R. Donovan
11/7	Brookfield	60	M. Lynch#	11/23	GMNWR	1	R. Lockwood
11/8, 28	GMNWR	4, 22	S. Perkins	11/28	E. Boston (B.I.)	1	BBC (R. Stymeist)
11/8	S. Dartmouth	200	T. Raymond#	11/29	Squibnocket	2	A. Keith
11/8	Cumb. Farms	100+	M. Maurer#	12/13	Westport	1	M. Boucher
11/8	Chatham (S.B.)	30	R. Donovan	12/16	Newbypt-P.I.	4	R. Heil
11/8	Salisbury-P.I.	34	BBC (S. Moore)	12/29	Barnstable	8	J. Trimble#
11/13	Groton	15	T. Pirro	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			
11/14	Newbury	100+	P. + F. Vale	12/20	N. Chatham	1	B. Nikula#
11/22	S. Monomoy	50	W. Petersen#	Golden-crowned Kinglet			
12/thr	Bedford	44 max	R. Lockwood	11/1	Bolton Flats	5	R. Lockwood
12/1	Halifax	110	D. Furbish	11/7	Quabbin (G40)	37	R. Lockwood
12/4	Newbypt	35	K. Dorsey	11/8	Barre F.D.	96	M. Lynch#
12/17	Nantucket	4	fide E. Ray	11/15	Concord	21	R. Lockwood
12/18	Scusset B.	40	M. Maurer	11/22	ONWR	15	R. Lockwood#
Tree Swallow				12/13	Bourne	12	R. Lockwood
11/20	Wayland	1	K. Hamilton	12/13	Randolph	7	G. d'Entremont
Barn Swallow				12/26	Gardner	11	T. Pirro#
11/28	Chilmark	1	K. Beebe	12/26	Worcester	8	M. Lynch#
11/29	S. Dartmouth	6	G. Fernandez	Ruby-crowned Kinglet			
Red-breasted Nuthatch				11/8	Barre F.D.	3	M. Lynch#
11/3	Melrose	2	D. + I. Jewell	11/8	Melrose	2	P. + F. Vale
11/4	Stoneham	2	D. + I. Jewell	11/14	W. Newbury	1	G. d'Entremont
11/8	Barre F.D.	62	LCES (J. Hill)	11/15	Stoneham	1	P. + F. Vale
11/16	Newbypt	8	N. Paulson	11/22	Braintree	1	G. d'Entremont
11/thr	Mattapoissett	1	F. Smith	11/28	Boston	7	R. Stymeist#
12/20	Boston	1	G. d'Entremont#	11/30	Westport	1	R. Farrell#
12/27	Stoneham	2	D. + I. Jewell	12/6	Brookline	3	R. Stymeist#
12/thr	Mattapoissett	2	F. Smith	12/13	Randolph	1	G. d'Entremont
Brown Creeper				12/13	Falmouth	2	R. Lockwood
11/7	Quabbin (G40)	4	R. Lockwood	12/28	Dennis	1	J. Sones#
11/8	Barre F.D.	9	M. Lynch#	Eastern Bluebird			
11/8	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson	11/1	Worc. (BMB)	5	M. Lynch#
11/19	Winchester	2	M. Rines	11/1	DWWS	20+	S. Carey#
11/22	ONWR	4	R. Lockwood#	11/7	Lincoln	7	M. Rines
11/22	Braintree	1	G. d'Entremont#	11/8	Cumb. Farms	22	M. Maurer#

Eastern Bluebird (continued)

11/8	Sudbury	12	E. Salmela#
11/9	Concord	8	R. Lockwood
11/13	Groton	10	T. Pirro
11/27	Truro	10	J. Young
11/27	Petersham	15	G. d'Entremont#
12/3	Weston	8	M. Rines
12/4	WBWS	20+	J. Sones
12/6	Halifax	8	R. Finch
12/15	Georgetown	10	J. Brown#
12/16	Nantucket	6	fide E. Ray
12/19	N. Dartmouth	11	M. Boucher
12/20	Orleans	15	J. Sones#
12/23	New Braintree	50	E. Fiske

Townsend's Solitaire

12/27, 31	E. Orleans	1	L. Mish, R. Williams
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Hermit Thrush

11/8	Barre F.D.	4	M. Lynch#
11/9	Lexington	4	M. Rines
11/14	Salem	3	L. Healy
11/21	Bourne	9	BBC (R. Stymeist)
11/23	Melrose	2	D. + I. Jewell
11/24	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson
11/28	Boston	4	R. Stymeist#
12/12	Westport	4	E. Nielsen#
12/13	Hingham	1	K. Vespaziani
12/27	Pepperell	1	J. Jeysey
12/27	Marshfield	2	G. d'Entremont#
12/28	Concord	1	M. Schwope

American Robin

11/9	Templeton	200	T. Pirro
12/1	Halifax	130	D. Furbish
12/12	Westport	1200	E. Nielsen#
12/13	Bourne	115	R. Lockwood
12/26	Falmouth	105	R. Lockwood
12/29	Barnstable	12,500	J. Trimble#
12/thr	Boston	3750 max	K. Hudson
12/thr	N. Dartmouth	1500 max	M. Boucher

Varied Thrush

11/27-12/4	Annisquam	pr	N. Martin + v.o.
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Gray Catbird

11/1	Burlington	1	M. Rines
11/8	Worc. (BMB)	1	J. Liller
11/9	Lexington	1	M. Rines
11/15	Woburn	1	P. + F. Vale
12/2	Rockport	1	R. Heil
12/8	Salem	1	R. Heil
12/12	Westport	9	E. Nielsen#
12/13	Bourne	2	R. Lockwood
12/13	Falmouth	4	E. Nielsen#
12/13	Boston	2	R. Stymeist#
12/26	P.I.	1	D. Hill
12/27	Marshfield	1	G. d'Entremont#
12/31	Nantucket	6	R. Stymeist#

Brown Thrasher

11/9	Lexington	1	M. Rines
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European Starling

11/7	Methuen	500,000	J. Hogan
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American Pipit

11/2	Nantucket	25	E. Ray
11/3	GMNWR	10	R. Lockwood
11/6	Wachusett Res.	1	S. Moore#
11/8	Bolton Flats	100	E. Salmela#
11/8	Chatham (S.B.)	10	R. Donovan
11/8	Cumb. Farms	19	G. d'Entremont#
11/8	Newbypt	1	R. Lockwood
11/9	Templeton	1	T. Pirro
11/13	Groton	20	T. Pirro
11/14	Edgartown	400	V. Laux#
11/15	Dorchester	2	R. Donovan
11/22	S. Monomoy	4	W. Petersen#
12/3	P.I.	1	R. Heil
12/28	N. Dartmouth	18	M. Boucher

Cedar Waxwing

11/27	Athol	250	G. d'Entremont#
11/29	Sudbury	145	K. Hamilton
12/13	Bourne	104	R. Lockwood
12/19	Sherborn	600	E. Taylor
12/23	E. Dennis	83	J. O'Neil
12/26	Newbury	230+	R. Heil
12/29	Barnstable	1,150	J. Trimble#

Blue-winged Warbler

12/5	Burlington	1	M. Rines
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Orange-crowned Warbler

11/23-12/15	Boston	1	K. Hudson + v.o.
11/28	E. Boston (B.I.)	1	BBC (R. Stymeist)
11/29	Nantucket	1	E. Ray
12/6	Westport	1	M. Boucher
12/12	Malden	1	C. Jackson
12/13	Falmouth	1	E. Nielsen#
12/21	Billerica	1	N. Schwarzel
12/31	Nantucket	2	R. Stymeist#

Nashville Warbler

11/28	Boston	2	M. Rines#
12/7	Woburn	1	M. Rines#
12/13	Falmouth	1	E. Nielsen#

Northern Parula

12/22	Plymouth	1	J. Trimble, J. Sones
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Yellow Warbler

11/28-12/7	Boston	1 vid.	M. Rines + v.o.
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Black-throated Blue Warbler

11/3	Melrose	1	D. + I. Jewell
11/7	W. Tisbury	1 m	L. McDowell
12/5	Mt.A.	1	M. Rines#
12/18	Yarmouth	1	K. Hamilton

Yellow-rumped Warbler

11/7	Ipswich	20+	BBC (J. Berry)
11/21	Bourne	50	BBC (R. Stymeist)
11/26	Truro	37	W. Ellison
12/13	Hingham	50+	K. Vespaziani
12/13	Falmouth	250	E. Nielsen#
12/25	P.I.	74	P. + F. Vale

Black-throated Green Warbler

11/3	Melrose	1	D. + I. Jewell
11/8	Winchester	1	M. Rines

Yellow-throated Warbler

11/23-12/12	Boston	1	K. Hudson + v.o.
12/19-23	Seekonk	1	E. Slattery

Pine Warbler

11/24	E. Middleboro	1 m	K. Anderson
12/19	Wareham	1	W. Petersen#

Prairie Warbler

11/13	Gay Head	1	V. Laux#
11/14	S. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula
11/22	S. Monomoy	1	W. Petersen#

Palm Warbler

11/4	Eastham (F.H.)	2	J. Sones
11/7	P.I.	1	P. + F. Vale
11/8	Chatham (S.B.)	2	R. Donovan
11/14	Cumb. Farms	1	BBC (R. Finch)
12/13	Nantucket	2	fide E. Ray

Blackpoll Warbler

11/1	Wakefield	1	P. + F. Vale
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Black-and-white Warbler

12/20	Orleans	1	J. Trimble#
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American Redstart

12/13	Nahant	1	L. Pivacek
12/19	Mashpee (CBC)	1 fj.	Sones, B. Nikula

Northern Waterthrush

12/6	Halifax	1	R. Finch
12/29	Sandwich	1	J. Trimble#
12/29	Dennis	1	M. Pelikan#

MacGillivray's Warbler

12/13-16	Mattapan	1	R. Stymeist + v.o.
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Common Yellowthroat

11/28	Chilmark	1	A. Keith
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Common Yellowthroat (continued)				11/14	Newbypt	2	M. Lynch#
11/28	Gay Head	1	A. Keith	12/20	Eastham	10	W. Petersen#
11/28	E. Boston (B.I.)	1	BBC (R. Stymeist)	Grasshopper Sparrow			
12/6	Westport	1	M. Boucher	11/8	Cumb. Farms	1	G. d'Entremont#
12/20	Orleans	1	J. Trimble#	11/11-15	Dorchester	1	R. Donovan
Wilson's Warbler				Sharp-tailed Sparrow species			
11/16	S. Boston	1	R. Donovan	12/5	Eastham (F.H.)	8	J. Trimble#
11/22	Medford	1 m	M. Rines	12/22	Plymouth	1	J. Trimble
12/10	Marshfield	1	N. Swirka	Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow			
12/15	Mattapan	1	D. Peacock	11/2	Eastham (F.H.)	4	J. Sones#
12/16	WBWS	1	J. Sones#	11/8	Newbypt	1	R. Lockwood
Yellow-breasted Chat				12/3	Eastham (F.H.)	15	D. Peacock#
12/5	Gloucester (E.P.)	1	S. Carlson#	12/19	Newbypt	1	R. Poucher
12/6	Brookline	1	R. Stymeist#	Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow			
12/13	Nahant	1	C. Crawford	12/6	Eastham (F.H.)	5+	G. Levandoski#
12/13	Falmouth	1	E. Nielsen#	Seaside Sparrow			
Western Tanager				12/3	P.I.	1	R. Heil
12/31	Orleans	1	J. Trimble	12/5	Eastham (F.H.)	8	J. Trimble#
Eastern Towhee				Fox Sparrow			
11/23	Melrose	1	D. + I. Jewell	11/7	Harvard	2	S. + L. Hennin
12/12	Westport	5	E. Nielsen#	11/7	E. Boxford	1-2	J. Brown#
12/13	Bourne	3	R. Lockwood	11/8	Barre F.D.	4	M. Lynch#
12/22-31	Mattapoissett	2	F. Smith	11/8-14	Bolton	3 max	S. + L. Hennin
12/26	Marston's Mills	2	M. Partridge	11/8, 12/13	Melrose	4, 1	P. + F. Vale
12/26	Falmouth	2	R. Lockwood	11/9	Lexington	10	M. Rines
American Tree Sparrow				11/12-13	Wayland	1	A. McCarthy#
11/9	Concord	46	R. Lockwood	11/13	Groton	3	T. Pirro
11/22	Bolton Flats	159	R. Lockwood	11/16	S. Boston	2	R. Donovan
11/29	Cumb. Farms	100+	M. Maurer	11/27	Royalston	1	G. d'Entremont
11/29	Bolton	147	R. Lockwood#	12/12-31	Mattapoissett	2	F. Smith
11/30	Concord	51	R. Lockwood	12/12	Westport	3	E. Nielsen#
12/1	Halifax	37	D. Furbish	12/29	Natick	1	L. Carey
12/5	P.I.	40+	P. + F. Vale	Lincoln's Sparrow			
12/6	Brookline	85	R. Stymeist#	11/8, 12	Cumb. Farms	1	M. Maurer# + v.o.
12/6	Westport	70	M. Boucher	11/15	Dorchester	1	R. Donovan
12/13	Everett	50	P. + F. Vale	12/29	Sandwich	1	J. Trimble#
12/13	Boston	140+	R. Stymeist#	Swamp Sparrow			
12/13	Randolph	75	G. d'Entremont	11/1	Bolton Flats	8	R. Lockwood
12/23	Groton	50	T. Pirro	11/7	GMNWR	8	G. d'Entremont
12/26	Worcester	70+	M. Lynch#	11/29	Cumb. Farms	15+	M. Maurer
12/31	W. Bridgewater	140	S. Arena	11/30	Westport	8	R. Farrell#
Chipping Sparrow				11/30	Woburn	1	M. Rines
11/6	Burlington	2	M. Rines	12/6	Gloucester (E.P.)	1	S. Perkins#
11/7	Nantucket	1	E. Ray	12/13	Holbrook	5	G. d'Entremont
11/8	P.I.	1	J. Berry	Harris's Sparrow			
12/1-31	Brewster	14 max	A. King	11/11-18	P.I.	1 imm	P. Drew + v.o.
12/20	Orleans	16	J. Sones#	White-crowned Sparrow			
Clay-colored Sparrow				11/1, 7	P.I.	1	B. Stevens# + v.o.
11/12, 12/10	Cumb. Farms	1	M. Faherty	11/1-9	N. Dartmouth	1	M. Boucher
12/20	Orleans	1	J. Sones#	11/3, 4	GMNWR	1	R. Lockwood
Field Sparrow				11/5	GMNWR	1	S. Perkins
11/1	Stellwagen	1	BBC (W. Petersen)	11/12, 12/10	Cumb. Farms	6, 2	M. Faherty
11/7	Quabbin (G40)	1	R. Lockwood	11/13	Newbypt	1	K. Hartel
11/8	Melrose	1	P. Vale	11/21	Bolton Flats	3	S. Moore#
11/8	Cumb. Farms	3	M. Maurer#	11/22	Worcester	1 imm	H. Shainheit
11/21	Malden	1	P. + F. Vale	12/7	Nantucket	4	fide E. Ray
12/5	P.I.	2	G. Leet	12/8	Salem	1 imm	R. Heil
12/13	Holbrook	2	G. d'Entremont	12/12	Westport	2	E. Nielsen#
12/19	S. Dartmouth	6	M. Boucher	12/20	Eastham	1	W. Petersen#
12/26	Bourne	3	R. Lockwood	12/21	Woburn	1	M. Rines
Vesper Sparrow				Lapland Longspur			
11/thr	Cumb. Farms	3-5	M. Maurer + v.o.	11/8	Newbypt	21	R. Lockwood
12/2	Hyannis	2	S. + E. Miller	11/8, 28	GMNWR	2, 1	S. Perkins#
Lark Sparrow				11/8	N. Monomoy	20+	B. Nikula#
12/13	Falmouth	1 ad	E. Salmela#	11/8	Cumb. Farms	2	G. d'Entremont
12/16	Salisbury	1 ad	J. Gallagher	11/8	Chatham (S.B.)	50	R. Donovan
Savannah Sparrow				11/8	P.I.	4	R. Lockwood
11/8	Cumb. Farms	25	G. d'Entremont#	11/8	S. Dartmouth	1	T. Raymond#
11/14	P.I.	1	G. d'Entremont	11/8	Brookfield	2	M. Lynch#
11/14	Newbypt	9	R. Lockwood	11/14	Newbury	6	P. + F. Vale
11/16	Newbury	2	N. Paulson	11/14	Edgartown	45	V. Laux#
Ipswich Sparrow				11/14	S. Monomoy	15+	B. Nikula
11/8	P.I.	8	R. Lockwood	11/28	E. Boston (B.I.)	1	BBC (R. Stymeist)

Lapland Longspur (continued)				11/8	Cumb. Farms	1	M. Maurer#
12/5	Salisbury	17	D. Larson#	11/8	S. Dartmouth	3	T. Raymond#
12/11	Scusset B.	6	W. Petersen#	11/13	DWWS	31	D. Furbish
12/23	Bedford	1	R. Lockwood	12/16	Nantucket	1	fide E. Ray
Snow Bunting				Yellow-headed Blackbird			
11/1	Salisbury	57	P. + F. Vale	12/1-31	Nantucket	1 m	E. Andrews + v.o.
11/1	Plymouth B.	100	K. Hartel#		Rusty Blackbird		
11/7	Nantucket	276	E. Ray	11/1	Bolton Flats	5	R. Lockwood
11/7	Ipswich	35	BBC (J. Berry)	11/8	Barre F.D.	1	M. Lynch#
11/8	GMNWR	45	S. Perkins#	11/22	GMNWR	9	S. Perkins
11/8	Cumb. Farms	40	G. d'Entremont	11/25	Groton	9	T. Pirro
11/8	S. Dartmouth	3	T. Raymond#	12/13	W. Barnstable	4	P. Trimble Sr
11/8	P.I.	270	J. Berry	12/21	Woburn	2	M. Rine
11/8	Winthrop	60	J. Young	12/26	Sudbury	35	E. Salmela
11/8	Chatham (S.B.)	200	R. Donovan		Common Grackle		
11/9	Templeton	4	T. Pirro	11/1	Bolton Flats	758	R. Lockwood
11/13	Newbypt	200	M. Rines#	11/1	Methuen	"millions"	J. Hogan#
11/14	Marlboro	30	T. Roberts#	11/27	Royalston	1	G. d'Entremont#
11/16	DWWS	14	D. Furbish	12/12	Dartmouth	1200	E. Nielsen#
11/19	Bedford	6	T. Roberts	12/21	Woburn	7	M. Rines
11/19	Winchester	5	M. Rines	12/26	Westport	9	A. Joslin
11/21	N. Scituate	80	R. Titus	12/28	N. Dartmouth	2000+	M. Boucher
11/22	Plymouth	40	E. Neumuth		Brown-headed Cowbird		
11/22	S. Monomoy	100	W. Petersen#	11/4	Lincoln	100	S. Perkins
11/27	Westport	60+	A. Joslin	11/21	Middleboro	180+ BBC	(R. Stymeist)
12/26	Rockport (H.P.)	12	P. + F. Vale	12/12	Dartmouth	600	E. Nielsen#
Rose-breasted Grosbeak				12/15	P.I.	30+	R. Heil
12/13	Nantucket	1 imm	fide E. Ray		Baltimore Oriole		
Indigo Bunting				11/7	Nantucket	1	E. Andrews
11/1	Truro	1	J. Young	11/13	Gay Head	1	V. Laux#
12/16	Nantucket	1	fide E. Ray	11/29	Mt.A.	1	M. Rines
12/20	Winchester	1	M. Rines#	12/12	Truro	1	K. Gentalen
Painted Bunting				12/20	Eastham	1	W. Petersen#
11/1-4	Mattapoisset	1 m	S. Perkins	12/22	Belmont	1	J. Gurtza
Dickcissel					Bullock's Oriole		
11/3-12/25	Newbypt	1 imm	S. Grinley	11/13-12/31	Sterling	1 m	fide M. Lynch#
11/13-22	Arlington	1	K. Hartel		Pine Grosbeak		
11/21-22	W. Boxford	1 f W	T. Walker	11/8	Barre F.D.	1	M. Lynch#
12/2	Danvers	1	J. Gordon		Purple Finch		
12/27	Marshfield	1 imm	G. d'Entremont#	11/1	Worcester	1	M. Lynch#
Red-winged Blackbird				11/21	Rockport	2	J. Barber
11/1	Bolton Flats	253	R. Lockwood	12/thr	Mattapoisset	3	F. Smith
12/4	Cumb. Farms	200	D. Larson#		Pine Siskin		
12/12	Dartmouth	150	E. Nielsen#	11/1	Worcester	4	M. Lynch#
12/16	WBWS	20+	J. Sones	11/1	Pepperell	6	G. Coffee
12/23	Groton	4	T. Pirro	11/27	Royalston	1	G. d'Entremont
12/31	W. Bridgewater	16	S. Arena		Evening Grosbeak		
12/31	Nantucket	50	G. d'Entremont#	11/19	Edgartown	1	L. McDowell
Eastern Meadowlark				11/22, 26	N. Middleboro	2, 3	K. Holmes
11/1	Truro	4	J. Young				

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ad	adult	H.	Harbor
alt	alternate	I.	Island
b	banded	L.	Ledge
br	breeding	M.V.	Martha's Vineyard
dk	dark (phase)	Mt.A.	Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge
f	female	Nant.	Nantucket
fl	fledged	Newbypt	Newburyport
imm	immature	P.I.	Plum Island
ind	individuals	Pd	Pond
juv	juvenile	P'town	Provincetown
loc	location	Quab.	Quabbin 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	Barre F.D.	Barre Falls Dam, Barre, Rutland, Oakham
S	summer (1S = first summer)	BBC	Brookline Bird Club
thr	throughout	BMB	Broad Meadow Brook, Worcester
vid	videotaped	CCBC	Cape Cod Bird Club
v.o.	various observers	DFWS	Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary
W	winter (2W = second winter)	DWMA	Delaney Wildlife Management Area
w/	with		Stowe, Bolton, Harvard
yg	young	DWWS	Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary
#	additional observers	EMHW	Eastern Massachusetts Hawk Watch
A.A.	Arnold Arboretum, Boston	GMNWR	Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge
A.P.	Andrews Point, Rockport	HRWMA	High Ridge Wildlife Management Area, Gardner-Westminster
A.Pd	Allens Pond, S. Dartmouth	IRWS	Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary
Arl.	Arlington	LBS	Local Bird Survey
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
Cambr.	Cambridge	MBO	Manomet Observatory
C.B.	Crane Beach, Ipswich	MBWMA	Martin Burns Wildlife Management Area, Newbury
Corp. B.	Corporation Beach, Dennis	MDFW	MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
C.P.	Crooked Pond, Boxford	MNWS	Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary
Cumb. Farms	Cumberland Farms, Middleboro-Halifax	MSSF	Myles Standish State Forest
E.P.	Eastern Point, Gloucester	NAC	Nine Acre Corner, Concord
F.E.	First Encounter Beach, Eastham	NBC	Needham Bird Club
F.H.	Fort Hill, Eastham	NEHW	New England Hawk Watch
F.M.	Fowl Meadow, Milton	ONWR	Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge
F.P.	Fresh Pond, Cambridge	SRV	Sudbury River Valley
F.Pk	Franklin Park, Boston	SSBC	South Shore Bird Club
G40	Gate 40, Quabbin	TASL	Take A Second Look Harbor Census
G45	Gate 45, Quabbin	USFWS	US Fish and Wildlife Service
H.P.	Halibut Point, Rockport	WBWS	Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
		WMWS	Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary

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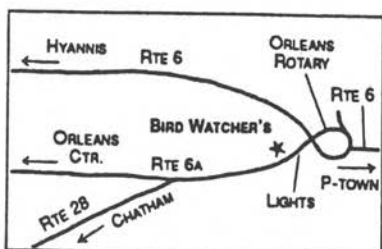
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