

BIRD SIGHTINGS

March-April 2017

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March arrived like a lamb with a high of 63°, the highest temperature recorded for the month, but it quickly dropped to a low of 21° on March 4. The average for March was 34°, four degrees below the norm. Rainfall in Boston totaled 4.18 inches, just a tad under normal with the most falling during the nor'easter on March 13–14. Snowfall totaled 10.1 inches in Boston, most of which fell in two back-to-back storms on March 10 and 13–14. The powerful nor'easter on March 13–14 buried Worcester and much of the area north and west of Boston with total snowfall approaching two feet. Cape Cod, the Vineyard, and the south coast escaped with about three inches that changed to rain early in the storm. The weather was generally dreary with some rain each day from March 24 through the end of the month.

April averaged 52° in Boston, four degrees above the average for the month with a high of 86° on April 16. The low was 33°, recorded on April 1, when some folks on the Massachusetts-New Hampshire border woke up to a foot of snow while others on Cape Cod and the Islands had none. Gusts of up to 60 mph were noted on Nantucket, with power outages on Cape Cod and winds reaching 40–50 mph. Precipitation totaled 3.74 inches in Boston, two inches more than the norm, most of it following the storm on April 1. Snowfall was 1.2 inches in Boston, all on April 1. Strong southwest winds on April 27 and 28 brought major fallout of migrants throughout the state.

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WATERFOWL THROUGH ALCIDS

Numbers after dates reflect the number of days early (-) or late (+) compared to average arrival date. Thus, Piping Plover (March 5, +2) means the earliest record this year was March 5, two days later than the average arrival date (i.e. March 3). Average arrival dates are calculated from eBird data for the period 2000–2016.

Except for Barnacle Goose (a pair of which sat stubbornly on the Connecticut River in Enfield, Connecticut, and couldn't be bothered to cross the nearby border), all the usual rare geese were represented in Massachusetts this period. A **Pink-footed Goose** continued in the Ipswich area until March 8. This species was recorded in eight states along the eastern seaboard this winter from Maine to Maryland and must now be considered annual to our region. **Greater White-fronted Goose**, another species whose records have increased dramatically over recent decades, was represented with singles continuing in Southwick until March 19 and Topsfield until April 3, and a bird was present at Turners Falls for most of March. A **Ross's Goose** was found in Lexington on March 3 and remained for almost a week. A second bird, or perhaps the same one, was hopping across I-495 between Westborough and Southborough later in the month. The only **Cackling Goose** of the period was seen in Dighton and departed on March 18. **Tundra Swan** is less than annual in Massachusetts, and four birds present in Cheshire on March 24–25 represented the first record since 2014.

Massachusetts hosted half of all the **Tufted Ducks** that were reported in March and April for the entire eastern United States. The four Massachusetts individuals (two males and two females) included a male on Nantucket that lingered until April 23, setting a new late departure

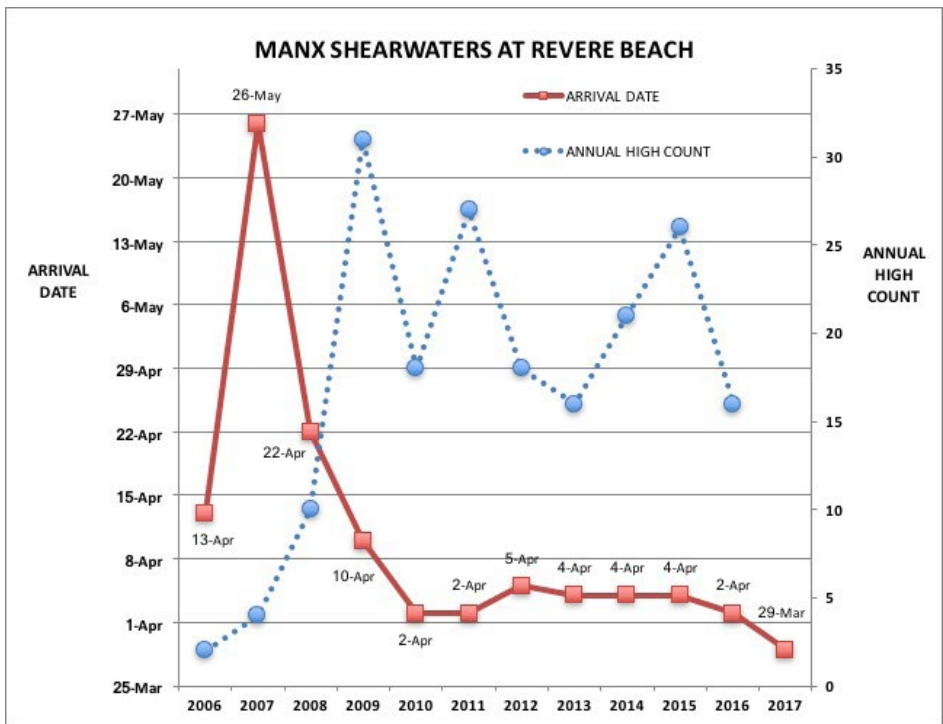


Figure 1. Manx Shearwater arrival dates (solid line) and annual maxima (dotted line) at Revere Beach, 2006–2017.

date for the state. A male King Eider continued at the Cape Cod Canal until April 16, drawing an appreciative crowd of birders and photographers from New England and beyond.

Pacific Loon has become almost annual in spring (recorded every March or April since 2010), and Race Point remains the most reliable location to spot one. One to two birds were present there during the current period.

Revere Beach continues to be the best place in the country to simultaneously eat lobster rolls and watch Manx Shearwaters. The species has been summering here since at least 2006, typically appearing in the first week of April and departing by the third week of August. This year’s arrival on March 29 beats the previous early arrival date by four days (see figure 1). Originally known as British Shearwater, this species has been expanding westward; the first North American breeding was confirmed on Penikese Island, Buzzards Bay, in 1973. This still represents the only confirmed Massachusetts breeding record. The Revere Beach birds were observed copulating in 2008. If they are breeding, a likely location may be one of the nearby Boston Harbor islands.

It’s hard to remember that egrets haven’t always been the ghostly denizens of our coasts. Neither Great nor Snowy egrets bred in Massachusetts until the 1950s, after which there was an obvious population explosion. Both species are now considered harbingers of spring and together with the season have been getting steadily earlier; figure 2 shows arrival dates this century at Plum Island. (Notice that Great Egrets typically arrive two weeks before Snowys). This year a Great Egret at Plum Island on March 10 was a full week ahead of the average arrival date for the

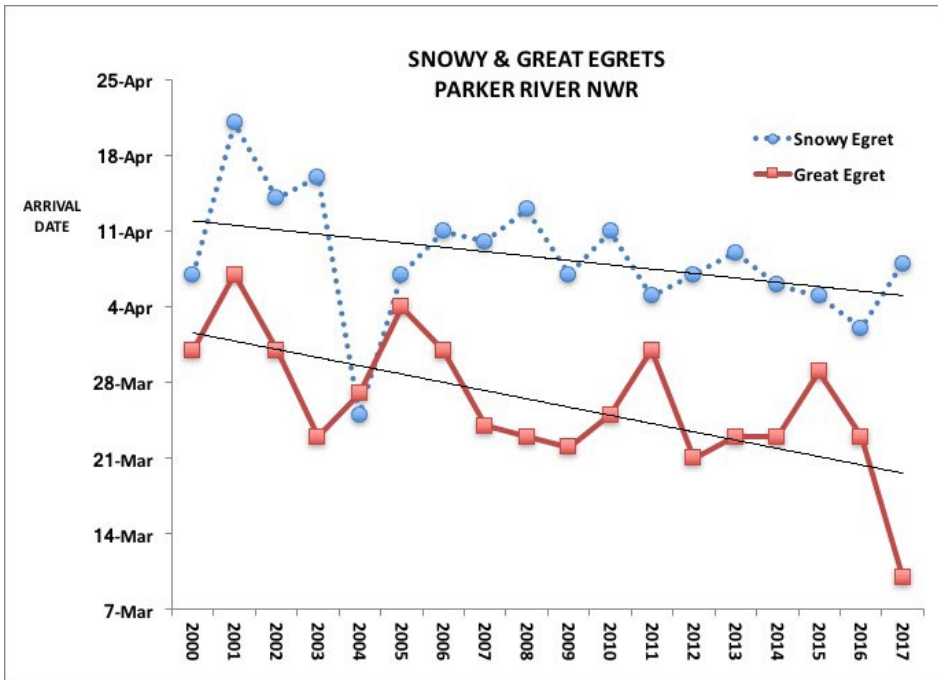


Figure 2. Snowy Egret (dotted line) and Great Egret (solid line) spring arrival dates at Parker River NWR, 2000–2017..

state. Snowy Egrets didn’t get the memo and were late (April 3, +8). The first Cattle Egret of the spring was reported from Nantucket on April 9, +7.

Since 2007, **White-faced Ibis** has been reported annually in Essex County, and this year the arrival of a bird on April 16 was bang on target. A count of four birds on April 24 beats last year’s high of three. Breeding is suspected but yet to be confirmed, and hybridization with the locally abundant Glossy Ibis is a possibility.

At Barre Falls Dam, hawk watchers recorded 11 species of raptors from April 2 to April 30, with a total count of 374. Numbers of Broad-winged Hawks (262), Red-tailed Hawks (37), and Cooper’s Hawks (7) were above average compared to the last three years. Sharp-shinned Hawks were considerably below average, while Osprey (21), Bald Eagle (9), and Red-shouldered Hawk (2) remained consistent with recent spring counts. A fourth-year Golden Eagle was observed on April 9.

Clapper Rails were reported from Fairhaven (where up to four were present the previous year) and from Horseneck Beach. Separating King and Clapper Rails by voice alone is difficult. Habitat is an important consideration; inland fresh water birds can safely be considered King Rails, and salt marsh birds as Clapper Rails. But intermediate brackish, cattail marshes such as those hosting two heard-only birds in Harwich, are problematic, and such birds are probably best left identified as simply “King/Clapper Rail.” A pair of Common Gallinules, a rare breeder in the state, was present in Pittsfield at the end of April.

Sandhill Cranes first nested in the state at New Marlborough in 2007. They have since bred at Worthington and are suspected to breed at Burrage Pond. A pair returned to the latter site on

March 25.

Returning shorebirds were generally late this year: American Oystercatcher (March 13, +6), Piping Plover (March 18, +4), Pectoral Sandpiper (April 2, +9), Solitary Sandpiper (April 13, -1), Upland Sandpiper (April 14, +0), Least Sandpiper (April 18, +3), and Short-billed Dowitcher (April 27, +10). A Semipalmated Plover at Ellisville Harbor that was present from December 2016 was still there on March 22 and seems to have successfully overwintered. Winter records of this species in Massachusetts are extremely rare, and this represents the most northerly March record for this species on the East Coast. Otherwise, the first returning Semipalmated Plovers of the year appeared on April 29 (+2) at Duxbury Beach and Race Point. The only unusual shorebirds of note were Whimbrel, an uncommon spring migrant in the state, with records from Nantucket, West Dennis, and Race Point. A **Black-necked Stilt** was found on April 12 in Edgartown.

Larophiles were treated to two rare gull species this period, both at Race Point. An apparent adult **Thayer's Gull** was photographed on April 16, and a suspected third-cycle bird was found on April 22 and stayed until April 26. Ever since its discovery in 1913, Thayer's Gull has been an ornithological head scratcher. Originally a subspecies of Herring Gull, it wasn't until 1973 that it was upgraded to full species by the American Ornithologists' Union (AOU). But structurally it's more comfortable sitting in the Iceland Gull complex, and that's where it would have been placed but for a 1961 research project on Baffin Island, Canada that showed Thayer's and Kumlien's Iceland Gull to be reproductively isolated. That result has never been replicated, and it's been questioned if the author even did the experiment (!). This year sees a long-awaited proposal for the AOU (now the American Ornithological Society [AOS] after a merger with the Cooper Ornithological Society in October 2016) to lump Thayer's Gull with Iceland Gull. Unless you really prize your hard-won state Thayer's Gull tick, this change might make all our lives considerably easier.

Also from Race Point, photos of a **Mew Gull** on April 15 quickly indicated two birds from opposite sides of the hemisphere: a nominate *canus* from Europe (Common Gull) and the East Asian *kamtschatschensis* (Kamchatka Gull). The Common Gull was different than one photographed at Race Point the previous month. Kamchatka Gull is the largest and bulkiest Mew Gull subspecies and is a very rare visitor to the East Coast. Interestingly, a Kamchatka Gull was present in Digby, Nova Scotia, this past winter, before departing on April 1.

Rare larid activity wasn't confined to just the Cape. Western Massachusetts scored a Laughing Gull, a species that rarely ventures far from the coast, in Lee on March 27.

On April 22, Turners Falls and Provincetown simultaneously welcomed the first terns of the year: **Caspian Tern** and Common Tern. The following day, 150 Common Terns were back at their breeding site on Ram Island, off Mattapoissett.

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Pink-footed Goose				3/28	Athol	20	B. Kamp
3/1-8	Ipswich	1	v.o.	Ross's Goose			
Greater White-fronted Goose				3/3-8	Lexington	1	M. Rines + v.o.
3/1, 19	Southwick	1, 1	S. Kellogg	3/12-13	Southboro/Marlboro	1	M. Lynch + v.o.
3/1-4/3	Topsfield	1	v.o.	3/28-30	Westboro	1	B. Robo + v.o.
3/2-3/28	Turner's Falls	1	v.o.	4/21	Sheffield	1	K. Schopp
Snow Goose				Brant			
3/7	Lee	36	G. Ward	3/18	Fairhaven	164	M. Lynch#
3/24-29	Newbury	7	D. Adrien + v.o.	3/20	PI	95	D. Adrien
3/25	N. Dighton	72	J. Eckerson#	4/3	Quincy	162	P. Peterson
3/25	Orange	90	B. Lafley	4/3	Revere B.	68	R. Stymeist
3/25	P'town (RP)	35	P. Flood	4/9	Saugus	130	L. Waters#

Brant (continued)				4/3	PI	10	T. Wetmore
4/15 Duxbury B.	200	R. Bowes	Tufted Duck	3/1-19	Lakeville	1 m	v.o.
Cackling Goose				3/16-19	Wilmington	1 f	S. Sullivan + v.o.
3/5-18 Dighton/Berkley	1	v.o.		3/26-4/2	Plymouth	1 f	A. Kneidel# + v.o.
Tundra Swan				4/9-23	Nantucket	1 m	T. Pastuszak
3/24-25 Cheshire	4	G. Hurley, v.o.	Greater Scaup	3/12	Lakeville	100	G. d'Entremont
Wood Duck				3/18	Fairhaven	580	M. Lynch#
3/11 Southwick	125	S. Kellogg		3/18	Gloucester H.	30	J. Berry#
3/20 Quabog IBA	27	M. Lynch#		3/27	Stockbridge	40	J. Pierce
4/20 GMNWR	22	A. Bragg#	Lesser Scaup	3/1	Quabog IBA	11	M. Lynch#
4/26 Ipswich	16	J. Berry		3/11	Sharon	12	L. Waters
Gadwall				3/17	Gloucester	5	J. Berry
3/18 Mattapoisett	38	M. Lynch#		3/25	Pembroke	8	SSBC (W. Petersen)
3/21 PI	5	D. Prima		4/2	Arlington Res.	3	J. Forbes
4/19 Turner's Falls	12	J. Coleman	King Eider	3/1-4/30	P'town (RP)	1	v.o.
Eurasian Wigeon				3/13	Sandwich	1 m	J. Glydon
3/18 Acoaxet	1 m	M. Lynch#		3/15-4/16	Bourne	1 m	L. Schibley, v.o.
3/26-4/5 Marlborough	1 ph	K. + J. Dia#, v.o.		3/30-4/5	Gloucester	1	D. Adrien + v.o.
4/23 Nbpt H.	2 pr	G. d'Entremont#		4/29	Orleans	2	S. Williams#
American Wigeon			Common Eider	3/18	Fairhaven	121	M. Lynch#
3/9 Lexington	4	J. Forbes		3/18	Gloucester H.	200	J. Berry#
3/18 Acoaxet	111	M. Lynch#	Harlequin Duck	3/4	N. Scituate	6	BBC (G. d'Entremont)
4/3 Bolton Flats	16	D. Grant		4/27	Westport	7	M. Liff
4/8 Burrage Pd WMA	8	R. Stymeist		4/29	Orleans	1	S. Williams#
American Black Duck			Surf Scoter	3/18	Fairhaven	138	M. Lynch#
3/18 Acoaxet	416	M. Lynch#		3/18	Gloucester H.	45	J. Berry#
3/30 Revere	128	R. Stymeist		4/19	Pittsfield (Onota)	2	R. Wendell#
4/2 Ipswich	115	J. Berry		4/23	P'town (RP)	280	B. Nikula
Blue-winged Teal			White-winged Scoter	3/18	Gloucester H.	25	J. Berry#
3/22 Fairhaven	2 pr	D. MacKinnon		4/21	Pittsfield (Onota)	1	K. Hanson
3/29-4/3 Wayland	1	J. Forbes		4/22	Turner's Falls	2	E. Huston
4/3 Bolton Flats	1	D. Grant	Black Scoter	3/18	Gloucester H.	3	J. Berry#
4/6 Tyringham	1	R. Wendell		4/7	Manomet Point	500	T. Lloyd-Evans#
4/8 Burrage Pd WMA	7	R. Stymeist		4/19	Hinsdale	1	G. Hurley
4/9-22 Newbury	2 pr	P. + F. Vale, v.o.	Long-tailed Duck	3/18	Fairhaven	82	M. Lynch#
Northern Shoveler				3/18	Gloucester H.	50	J. Berry#
3/9 GMNWR	4	K. Dia#		3/31	Turner's Falls	2	E. Huston
3/11 Nantucket	3	T. Pastuszak		4/4	Cheshire	5	J. Pierce
3/25 PI	10	T. Walker		4/4	Southwick	9	S. Kellogg
4/3 Bolton Flats	11	D. Grant	Bufflehead	3/18	Fairhaven	359	M. Lynch#
4/9 E. Boston (BI)	10	P. Peterson		3/18	Gloucester H.	35	J. Berry#
4/9 Westport (APd)	6	J. Forbes		4/10	Lincoln	15	M. Rines
Northern Pintail				4/28	E. Boston (BI)	2	DCR (S. Riley)
3/10 PI	100	T. Wetmore		4/29	Squantum	30	G. d'Entremont#
3/18 Acoaxet	136	M. Lynch#	Common Goldeneye	3/5	Wachusett Res.	57	M. Lynch#
4/9 Rowley	2	P. + F. Vale		3/7	PI	24	T. Wetmore
Green-winged Teal				3/11	Sharon	55	L. Waters
3/19 Topsfield	110	P. + F. Vale		3/18	Fairhaven	150	M. Lynch#
3/30 Revere	78	R. Stymeist	Barrow's Goldeneye	3/1-7	BHI (Deer I.)	1	v.o.
4/5 Bolton Flats	57	M. Lynch#		3/1-26	Dighton	1	J. Eckerson, 03/05
4/5 W. Harwich	30	B. Nikula		3/2	Turner's Falls	1	G. Watkewich
4/7 Lexington	20	M. Rines		3/28	Plymouth	1	A. Kneidel
Green-winged Teal (Eurasian)				4/2-3	Randolph	1	V. Zollo + v.o.
3/9 PI	2	T. Wetmore	Common X Barrow's Goldeneye	3/7	PI	1	T. Wetmore
3/21-4/30 W. Harwich	1	P. Crosson#		3/11	Sharon	105	L. Waters
4/2-6 Concord	1	S. Perkins + v.o.		3/17	Quabbin (G35)	80	B. Lafley
4/18 Wayland	2	D. Wolf		3/18	Southwick	85	S. Kellogg
Canvasback							
3/18 Nantucket	48	T. Pastuszak					
3/18-25 Westboro	1	B. Abbot + v.o.					
3/28-30 New Salem	1	G. Watkevich + v.o.					
Redhead							
3/18 Nantucket	4	S. Kardell					
3/27 Northampton	5	K. Yakola					
3/28 Wilmington	3	S. Sullivan					
3/29-30 Stockbridge	2	G. Hurley					
Ring-necked Duck							
3/5 Wachusett Res.	317	M. Lynch#					
3/9 Sharon	185	L. Waters					
3/18 Waltham	375	G. d'Entremont					
3/25 New Salem	225	B. Lafley + v.o.					
3/26 Westfield	136	S. Kellogg					

Hooded Merganser (continued)				Manx Shearwater			
3/20	Quabog IBA	195	M. Lynch#	3/18	P'town (RP)	1	P. Flood#
Common Merganser				3/29, 4/12	Revere B.	2, 11	v.o.
3/4	Quabog IBA	318	M. Lynch#	Northern Gannet			
3/11	Sharon	155	L. Waters	4/3	Quincy	50	P. Peterson
3/17	Quabbin (G35)	140	B. Lafley	4/3	Revere B.	4	R. Stymeist
3/25	Pembroke	52	SSBC (W. Petersen)	4/6	P'town	415	B. Nikula
3/27-28	Wayland	50	B. Black#	4/7	Westport	16	M. Iliff
4/4	Southwick	600	S. Kellogg	Great Cormorant			
Red-breasted Merganser				3/1-9	Medford	1	v.o.
3/27-28	Southwick	3	S. Kellogg	3/4	N. Scituate	12	BBC (G.d'Entremont)
3/27	Turner's Falls	1	P. Gagarin	4/2	Acoaxet	20	M. Lynch#
4/2	Westport	96	M. Lynch#	Double-crested Cormorant			
4/4	Cheshire	1	J. Pierce	4/2	Acoaxet	14	M. Lynch#
4/16	PI	28	J. Keeley#	4/2	Harwich	111	J. Hoye#
4/22	P'town (RP)	900	B. Nikula	4/22	Medford	225	M. Rines
Ruddy Duck				American Bittern			
3/7	Pittsfield (Pont.)	2	J. Pierce	3/22-thr	Reports of indiv. from 7 locations		
4/14	Waltham	44	M. Rines	Least Bittern			
4/15	Pembroke	42	G. d'Entremont#	4/30	PI	1	D. Larson
4/23	W. Newbury	38	J. Berry	Great Blue Heron			
Northern Bobwhite				3/24	W. Bridgewater	8 n	B. Loughlin
4/22	Bolton flats	1	J. Hoye#	4/3	Lynnfield	15 n	P. + F. Vale
Ring-necked Pheasant				4/19	Tewksbury	20 n	P. Guidetti
3/5	Woburn	1	G. d'Entremont	Great Egret			
4/11	W. Newbury	1 m	D. Oliver#	3/9-12	Gloucester (EP)	1	C. Haines + v.o.
Ruffed Grouse				3/13	Duxbury	1	N. Villone
4/10-23	Freetown	1	L. Abbey	3/29	Westport	1	G. Gove#
4/15	Quabbin (G40)	2	J. Hoye#	4/3	Sheffield	1	K. Schopp
4/16	Falmouth	3	C. Neill	4/28	Longmeadow	3	M. Moore
4/24	Huntington	1	M. Lynch#	4/30	Manchester	50	J. Berry#
Wild Turkey				Snowy Egret			
3/18	Nbpt	28	G. d'Entremont	4/3	Ipswich	4	N. Dubrow
3/20	Quabog IBA	22	M. Lynch#	4/3	N. Dighton	3	A. Eckerson
3/22	Woburn	29	M. Rines	4/28	E. Boston (BI)	8	DCR (S. Riley)
Red-throated Loon				4/29	WBWS	9	J. Junda#
thr	P'town (RP)	400 max	B. Nikula	4/30	Manchester	50	J. Berry#
4/7	Southwick	1	D. Holmes	Little Blue Heron			
4/7	Westport	76	M. Iliff	3/30	Acushnet	1	H. Zimmerlin
4/29	Revere B.	75	G. d'Entremont#	4/8	Bridgewater	1	N. Marchessault
Pacific Loon				4/22	Gloucester	3	J. Hoye#
3/4-18	P'town (RP)	2	v.o.	Tricolored Heron			
Common Loon				4/15	Nantucket	1	S. Kardell
3/1-3	Quabbin Pk	2	L. Therrien, 03/03	4/17	W. Harwich	1	N. Dorian
3/18	Gloucester H.	25	J. Berry#	4/30	Manchester	3	S. Hedman
4/7	Westport	62	M. Iliff	Cattle Egret			
4/9	Cambr. (FP)	2	M. Resendes	4/9, 29	Nantucket	1	S. Kardell
4/20	Wachusett Res.	13	M. Lynch#	4/17	Barre Falls	1	D. Schilling#
4/23	P'town (RP)	48	B. Nikula	4/23-25	Eastham	1	C. Bates#
Pied-billed Grebe				4/29-30	Ipswich	1	N. Dubrow + v.o.
4/6	GMNWR	4	A. Bragg#	Green Heron			
4/12-29	PI	1	MAS (D. Moon), v.o.	4/14	Williamsburg	1	C. Johnson
4/13	Westboro	1	S. Moore	4/23	Newton	1	H. Miller
4/22	Burrage Pd WMA	1	P. Jacobson#	4/24	Boston (FPk)	1	P. Peterson
4/22	Fairhaven	1	G. d'Entremont	4/29	Wenham	2	J. Nelson
Horned Grebe				Black-crowned Night-Heron			
3/18	Fairhaven	31	M. Lynch#	3/29	Brookline	1	A. Morgan
3/18	Gloucester H.	5	J. Berry#	4/5	Dorchester	23	P. Peterson
4/3	Revere B.	4	R. Stymeist	4/10	Watertown	21	R. Stymeist
4/12	MBO	242	A. Kneidel	4/14	E. Weymouth	18	MAS (K. Rawdon)
Red-necked Grebe				Yellow-crowned Night-Heron			
3/30	Winthrop	9	R. Stymeist	4/2-3	Plymouth	1	L. Schibley + v.o.
3/31	Cheshire	3	J. Pierce	Glossy Ibis			
4/7	Southwick	1	D. Holmes	3/25	Burrage Pd WMA	1	SSBC (W. Petersen)
4/12	MBO	40	A. Kneidel	3/30	Wayland	1	C. Martone
4/12	PI	2	MAS (D. Moon)	4/13-24	Bolton Flats	1	J. Lawson + v.o.
Northern Fulmar				4/17	GMNWR	38	A. Bragg#
4/2	Eastham (FE)	1 dk	B. Nikula	4/20	Ipswich	100	J. Dillon
4/23	P'town (RP)	2 lt	B. Nikula	4/24	MtA	10	A. Trautmann
Sooty Shearwater				White-faced Ibis			
4/2	P'town (RP)	1	P. Flood	4/16, 24	Ipswich	1, 4	D. Peacock

Black Vulture				4/29	Quabog IBA	4	M. Lynch#
3/18	Sharon	2	V. Zollo	Sora			
3/24	W. Warren	2	B. Loughlin	4/11	W. Harwich	1	K. Fiske#
3/29	Westport	19	G. Gove#	4/15	Bolton Flats	1	S. Arena
4/3	Nantucket	1	S. Kardell	4/18	Lenox	1	G. Ward
4/5	Medford	2	M. McBrien	4/24	Pittsfield	1	G. Hurley
4/9	Mattapoisett	3	N. Marchessault	Common Gallinule			
4/23	Sheffield	28	M. Lynch#	4/22-25	Pittsfield	1	K. Hanson + v.o.
Turkey Vulture				4/23	Stockbridge	1	M. Lynch#
3/5	Saugus	1	C. Lapite#	American Coot			
3/18	Westport	13	M. Lynch#	3/7	Ludlow	1	D. Holmes
4/2-29	PI	94	Hawkcount (T. Mara)	3/18	Acoaxet	3	M. Lynch#
4/14	P'town	30	B. Nikula	3/21	Jamaica Plain	8	P. Peterson
Osprey				4/23	Nantucket	3	T. Pastuszak
3/23	Falmouth	1	A. Copley	Sandhill Crane			
4/2-30	Barre Falls	20	Hawkcount(D.Schilling)	thr	E. Bridgewater	2	v.o.
4/2-29	PI	28	Hawkcount (T. Mara)	3/12	Bradford	4	D. Larson
4/2	Westport	32	M. Lynch#	3/25	Burrage Pd WMA	2	SSBC (W. Petersen)
Swallow-tailed Kite				4/2	Worthington	2	E. Lewis
4/17	Falmouth	1	K. Fiske	4/9	New Marlborough	2	K. Schopp
Golden Eagle				4/17	New Salem	1	D. Small#
4/9	Barre Falls	1 subad IV	Hawkcount(D.Schilling)	Black-necked Stilt			
4/15	Quabbin (G40)	1 ad	J. Hoye#	4/12	Edgartown	1	L. McDowell#
Northern Harrier				American Oystercatcher			
3/1-22	PI	4	T. Wetmore + v.o.	3/13	Nantucket	1	T. Pastuszak
3/16	Milton	3	P. Peterson	3/18	Plymouth	3	N. Marchessault
4/2-29	PI	111	Hawkcount (T. Mara)	3/23	Falmouth	2	G. Hirth
Sharp-shinned Hawk				3/29	Nantucket	9	T. Pastuszak
4/9-30	Barre Falls	13	Hawkcount (D.Schilling)	3/30	Winthrop	11	R. Stymeist
4/9-29	PI	48	Hawkcount (T. Mara)	4/24	Salem	2	E. McKay
Cooper's Hawk				Black-bellied Plover			
4/2	Dartmouth	3	M. Lynch#	4/2-28	PI	1	J. Sender + v.o.
4/9-29	PI	11	Hawkcount (T. Mara)	Semipalmated Plover			
4/10-30	Barre Falls	4	Hawkcount (D.Schilling)	3/1-22	Plymouth	1	L. Schibley
Northern Goshawk				4/29	Duxbury B.	2	F. Bowes
4/2	Barre Falls	1	Hawkcount (D.Schilling)	4/29	P'town	1	E. Sibley
4/22	Nantucket	1 ph	G. Hinson	Piping Plover			
Bald Eagle				3/18	Hyannis	1	S. Matheney
3/18	Medford	7	P. Roberts#	4/3	Revere B.	4	R. Stymeist
3/20	Quabbin	3	M. Lynch#	4/5	Duxbury B.	6	R. Bowes
3/22	Nantucket	1 imm	T. Pastuszak	4/5	PI	22	MAS (D. Moon)
4/2-18	Barre Falls	9	Hawkcount (D.Schilling)	4/10	Nashawena I.	63 pr	M. Sylvai
4/5	W. Harwich	2 ad	v.o.	Killdeer			
4/23	PI	5	B. Rusnica#	3/9	GMNWR	4	K. Dia#
Red-shouldered Hawk				3/26	Orange	8	T. Pirro
3/13	Easton	63 pr	K. Ryan	3/29	Petersham	18	D. Small
3/18	Mattapoisett	2	M. Lynch#	4/5	Middleton	35	A. Bean
3/26	Royalston	2	T. Pirro	Upland Sandpiper			
Broad-winged Hawk				4/14	Westover	4	S. Motyl, D. Holmes
4/2-30	Barre Falls	262	Hawkcount (D.Schilling)	4/22	DWWS	1	B. Hodson
4/14	Wompatuck SP	6	MAS (K. Rawdon)	4/23	Saugus	1	G. Wilson#
4/17	PI	2	Hawkcount (T. Mara)	4/24	Bedford	1	P. + F. Vale
4/28	Royalston	8	M. Lynch#	4/29-30	Newbury	1	J. Smith + v.o.
Red-tailed Hawk				Whimbrel			
4/2-28	Barre Falls	28	Hawkcount (D.Schilling)	4/28	P'town	1	S. Arena
4/7-17	PI	13	Hawkcount (T. Mara)	4/30	Nantucket	3	K. Blackshaw#
Rough-legged Hawk				4/30	W. Dennis	2	C. Gibson
03/thr	PI	2	T. Wetmore + v.o.	Ruddy Turnstone			
3/19	Saugus	2	G. Wilson#	3/29	Revere B.	1	P. Peterson
3/25	Cumb. Farms	2 imm	L. de la Flor	4/3	Quincy	29	P. Peterson
King Rail				Sanderling			
4/29	Bolton Flats	1	N. Paulson	3/1	PI	75	T. Wetmore
Clapper Rail				4/2	Gloucester (EP)	75	C. Haines
4/19-30	Fairhaven	1	C. Longworth + v.o.	4/3	Quincy	22	P. Peterson
4/27	Westport	1	M. Iliff	Dunlin			
King/Clapper Rail				3/1	PI	275	T. Wetmore
4/12-30	W. Harwich	1	B. Nikula	4/2	Eastham (FE)	140	B. Nikula
Virginia Rail				4/15	Duxbury B.	1500	R. Bowes
4/17	Ipswich	2	J. Berry	Purple Sandpiper			
4/19	Sheffield	3	K. Schopp	3/26	Lynn	15	D. Wilkinson
4/20	Lexington (DM)	2	M. Rines	4/3	PI	40	T. Spahr
4/28	Reading	2	D. Williams	4/7	Westport	18	M. Iliff

Least Sandpiper				Black-headed Gull			
4/18, 30	W. Harwich	2, 223	v.o.	3/22	Barnstable	2	S. Matheney
4/28	Bolton Flats	6	B. Kamp	4/1	Osterville	1	J. Trimble#
4/29	Burrage Pd WMA	35	S. Magnell	4/22	P'town (RP)	1	S. Arena#
4/29	PI	35	J. Keeley#	Little Gull			
White-rumped Sandpiper				4/28	P'town (RP)	1	D. Sibley#
4/29-30	Fairhaven	1	D. Logan + v.o.	Laughing Gull			
4/30	W. Harwich	1	M. Keleher	3/27	Lenox	1	R. Laubach
Pectoral Sandpiper				4/4	Plymouth	8	C. Hight
4/2	Acoaxet	1	M. Lynch#	4/25	P'town (RP)	600	B. Nikula
4/9	Montague	1	S. Sumner	Mew Gull ("Common Gull")			
4/15	Newbury	6	S. Grinley#	3/26	P'town (RP)	1 ph	B. Nikula#
4/30	W. Harwich	2	J. Trimble#	4/15	P'town (RP)	1 ph	A. Kneidel#
Short-billed Dowitcher				Mew Gull ("Kamchatka Gull")			
4/27	PI	1	L. Schibley	4/15	P'town (RP)	1 ph	W. Sweet
Wilson's Snipe				Thayer's Gull			
4/12	Lexington	15	M. Rines	4/16	P'town (RP)	1 ad ph	S. Arena
4/13	Sheffield	6	R. Wendell	4/22-26	P'town (RP)	1 3cy ph	B. Nikula#
Wilson's Snipe (continued)				Iceland Gull			
4/16	Newbury	70	J. Berry#	3/12	Pittsfield (Onota)	1	G. Hurley
American Woodcock				3/18	P'town (RP)	48	S. Arena#
3/9	W. Roxbury (MP)	5	J. Battenfeld	3/18	Stellwagen Bank	25	J. Berry#
3/25	PI	3	N. Landry	3/30	Turner's Falls	2	K. Yakola
3/25	Boston (RKG)	1 d	I. Vicari#	4/3	Winthrop B.	7	M. Iliff
4/8	MSSF	4	G. d'Entremont#	4/9	Lancaster	4	T. Pirro
4/9	Waltham	10	J. Forbes	Lesser Black-backed Gull			
Spotted Sandpiper				3/5	Turner's Falls	1	D. Griffiths
4/8	N. Dighton	1	A. Eckerson	3/12	Nantucket	84	S. Kardell
4/22	Wompatuck SP	1	D. Peacock	4/4	Springfield	1	L. Richardson
4/24	Huntington	3	M. Lynch#	4/6	Duxbury B.	3	R. Bowes
4/30	Saugus	6	S. Jones#	4/6-21	Medford	1 ad	J. Layman + v.o.
Solitary Sandpiper				4/7	Westminster	3	T. Pirro
4/13	Topsfield	1	S. Sullivan	4/16	P'town (RP)	10	S. Arena
4/16	Rowley	2	J. Berry#	Glaucous Gull			
4/17	PI	1	T. Wetmore	3/4	Westminster	1	C. Caron
4/29	Quabog IBA	2	M. Lynch#	3/7	Lexington	1	J. Forbes
Greater Yellowlegs				4/2	Lunenburg	1	T. Pirro
3/25, 4/29	PI	1, 55	v.o.	4/23	P'town (RP)	2	S. Williams#
4/2	Harwich	7	J. Hoye#	4/29	Salisbury	1	E. Labato
4/13	E. Boston (BI)	10	P. Peterson	Caspian Tern			
4/23	Burrage Pd WMA	14	J. Hoye#	4/22, 30	P'town (RP)	2, 2	B. Nikula
Willet				4/22	Turner's Falls	2	J. Coleman
3/1	Barnstable	1	P. Trimble	4/24-30	Burrage Pd WMA	3	E. Vacchino + v.o.
4/7	PI	1	M. Schoene + v.o.	Roseate Tern			
4/23	Nantucket	4	T. Pastuszak	4/28	P'town (RP)	1	S. Arena#
4/28	E. Boston (BI)	4	DCR (S. Riley)	Common Tern			
4/29	PI	40	J. Berry	4/22	Turner's Falls	1	J. Coleman
Lesser Yellowlegs				4/23	Mattapoisett	150	N. Marchessault
4/5-11	Newbury	1	R. Heil + v.o.	4/28	P'town (RP)	400	S. Arena#
4/23	Burrage Pd WMA	3	J. Hoye#	Common Murre			
4/29	PI	15	D. Swain#	3/18	Gloucester H.	2	K. Rathinasamy
Parasitic Jaeger				3/18	Stellwagen Bank	35	J. Berry#
4/22, 30	P'town (RP)	1, 3	A. O'Neill# + v.o.	4/22	P'town (RP)	3	B. Nikula#
Black-legged Kittiwake				Thick-billed Murre			
4/2	P'town (RP)	415	B. Nikula	3/6, 25	P'town (RP)	4, 2	J. Sweeney + v.o.
Bonaparte's Gull				4/1-9	Gloucester	1	M. Sovay + v.o.
4/4-5	Pittsfield	1	J. Pierce	Razorbill			
4/8-9	Lancaster	2	J. Lawson + v.o.	3/5, 4/2	P'town (RP)	2800, 550	J. Socolar# + v.o.
4/19	Quabbin Pk	1	L. Therrien	Black Guillemot			
4/21	Turner's Falls	1	E. Huston	3/18	Gloucester H.	6	J. Berry#
4/23	P'town (RP)	345	B. Nikula	Atlantic Puffin			
				3/18	Stellwagen Bank	1	fide J. Berry

DOVES THROUGH FINCHES

On April 24, a male **White-winged Dove** was singing in the Fenway. A pair had been present there since December 11, 2016, although the second bird (a female) hadn't been reported since April 5. The display of territoriality gave some speculation to the possibility of nesting.

A Yellow-billed Cuckoo was found in Dighton on April 28, the third earliest report within the last ten years. The earliest record for this species was of a dead bird picked up in Salisbury on 28 March 2010.

Snowy Owls were noted from five locations with the last one recorded at Duxbury Beach on April 8. A Barred Owl delighted birders at Plum Island for most of March, and a Long-eared Owl continued in Chatham. Short-eared Owls were noted from four areas with the last one reported from Plum Island on April 23. The strong southwest winds on April 28 brought very early Common Nighthawks with sightings noted from Wayland, Petersham, and Braintree. Eastern Whip-poor-wills were heard as early as April 18 in South Peabody and at Quabbin Park, generally a week before normal arrival.

The **Rufous Hummingbird** that had been present in Falmouth since October 2016 was last seen on April 3. The bird was banded in December as an immature male, and by the first week of spring he had developed his mature gorget. The first Ruby-throated Hummingbird was noted on April 25 followed by several others on April 28. Hawk watchers at Plum Island tallied 521 American Kestrels, 39 Merlins, and 12 Peregrine Falcons during the month of April.

There was an impressive fallout of migrant birds at the end of the April, when a low pressure system centered off the Carolinas brought in early migrants along the coast. Marshall Iliff described this event as a “slingshot”: birds get drifted offshore in the Southeast and fly downwind until they make it to land along the Northeast coast or Atlantic Canada. The fallout from this event, which started on April 27, produced twenty-seven warbler species including **Kentucky**, Hooded, and **Yellow-throated**, as well as a **Blue Grosbeak** on Nantucket and a **Painted Bunting** in Huntington. Additionally, there were some early arrivals of typically later arriving migrants such as Blackpoll and Blackburnian warblers and an Eastern Wood Pewee, which was photographed on Plum Island on April 28. A similar event also happened earlier in the month (April 8–10), when a slingshot produced some very early arrivals: two Eastern Kingbirds on Plum Island, a Louisiana Waterthrush in Nahant, and a **Prothonotary Warbler** and **Summer Tanager** on the Vineyard.

The Ovenbird at Horn Pond, Woburn, survived several snow and ice storms to make it through the winter thanks to the help of dedicated volunteers who brought regular installments of mealworms and seed. Feeder birds that continued during the period included the **Boreal Chickadee** in Peru, a **Painted Bunting** in Orleans, and the **Harris’s Sparrow** in Dalton. The celebrated **Smith’s Longspur** was last noted at Bear Creek Wildlife Sanctuary in Saugus on April 9, thanks to Geoff Wilson of Wheelabrator, who organized special events that enabled hundreds of birders to see this rare vagrant. Lastly, several flocks of **Bohemian Waxwings** appeared in Western Massachusetts, especially in Franklin County in mid-March. Winter finches were few and far between with just one report of both Common Redpolls and Pine Siskins.

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White-winged Dove				4/15	Wayland	2	A. McCarthy#
3/1-4/24	Boston (Fens)	1	v.o.	4/15	Wompatuck SP	1	G. d’Entremont#
Yellow-billed Cuckoo				4/22	Mashpee	1	K. Miller#
4/28-30	N. Dighton	1	M. Eckerson + v.o.	Long-eared Owl			
Snowy Owl				2/27-3/5	Chatham	1	S. Mason
3/7	Nantucket	3	N. Foley	Short-eared Owl			
3/16	Chatham	1	K. Burke#	3/10-4/23	PI	1	Hawkecount (B. Rusnica)
3/18-31	PI	1	v.o.	3/25	Cumb. Farms	1	L. de la Flor
3/19	Saugus	1	G. Wilson#	4/2	Saugus	4	G. Wilson#
4/15-18	Duxbury B.	1	R. Bowes + v.o.	4/5	Duxbury B.	1	R. Bowes
Barred Owl				Northern Saw-whet Owl			
3/1-26	PI	1	v.o.	3/8-4/3	New Salem	1	B. Lafley
3/12	Boston (AA)	1	M. Dowaliby	3/9	Windsor	1	H. Higinbotham
3/25	Quabbin	2	M. Lynch#	3/10	Boston (RKG)	1	I. Vicari#

Northern Saw-whet Owl (continued)				Eastern Kingbird			
3/13	MtA	1	K. Sayn-Wittgenstein#	4/10	PI	2	T. Mara#
Common Nighthawk				4/15	Bolton Flats	1	S. Arena
4/28	Petersham	2	M. Lynch#	4/18	Lowell	1	M. Baird
4/28	Wayland	2	B. Harris	Northern Shrike			
4/30	Braintree	1	L. de la Flor#	3/1-4/12	PI	1	v.o.
Eastern Whip-poor-will				3/24	Windsor	1	J. Pierce
4/18	Quabbin Pk	1	L. Therrien	4/2-9	Worthington	1	E. Lewis
4/29	MSSF	1	K. Marshall	4/3	Wayland	1	C. Martone
Chimney Swift				4/9	Boxborough	1	L. Markiewicz
4/11	Nbpt	6	S. McGrath	White-eyed Vireo			
4/28	Arlington Res.	4	J. Forbes	4/16	Ipswich	1	S. Grinley#
4/29	Gloucester	4	S. Hedman	4/22	Mashpee	1	K. Miller#
Ruby-throated Hummingbird				4/27-31	PI	1	T. Wetmore + v.o.
4/25	Plympton	1 m	T. Lloyd-Evans	4/29	Newton	1	P. Gilmore
4/28	Belchertown	1	L. Therrien	Yellow-throated Vireo			
4/28	N. Andover	1	J. Willis	4/15	Chatham	1	M. Iliff
4/28	S. Dartmouth	1	A. Morgan	4/16-24	Boxford (CP)	1	D. Wilkinson + v.o.
Rufous Hummingbird				4/17-18	W. Newbury	1	J. Keeley + v.o.
3/1-4/3	Falmouth	1	M. Mann	Blue-headed Vireo			
Belted Kingfisher				4/12	Medford	1	R. LaFontaine
3/1-13	W. Roxbury (MP)	1	v.o.	4/12	Woburn	1	J. Keeley
4/11	Wayland	2 pr	M. Sterling	4/24	Huntington	19	M. Lynch#
4/12	Andover	2	J. Berry#	4/24	MNWS	5	L. Ferraresso
Red-headed Woodpecker				4/28	PI	18	P. + F. Vale
thr	Belchertown	1	v.o.	4/30	Wompatuck SP	4	BBC (E. Giles)
thr	Ipswich	1 imm	J. Berry#	Warbling Vireo			
3/31-4/30	Amherst	1	v.o.	4/24	W. Roxbury (MP)	1	J. Battenfeld
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				4/24	Worc.	1	R. Quimby
4/10	PI	3	T. Wetmore	4/29	Jamaica Plain	8	P. Peterson
4/11	Boston	3	P. Peterson	4/29	Quabog IBA	14	M. Lynch#
4/15	Quabbin (G40)	8	J. Hoye#	Red-eyed Vireo			
4/28	Royalston	16	M. Lynch#	4/29	Quabbin Pk	1	L. Therrien
Northern Flicker				4/30	Fairhaven	1	C. Longworth
4/11	PI	20	T. Wetmore	4/30	N. Dighton	1	A. Eckerson
4/16	Wendell	13	M. Lynch#	Fish Crow			
Pileated Woodpecker				3/12	Southboro	1	M. Lynch#
3/26	Royalston	5	T. Pirro	3/16	Milton	80	P. Peterson
4/3	S. Hamilton	3 pr, 1 m	P. + F. Vale	4/3	PI	10	T. Wetmore
4/5	Acton	2 pr	M. Vathyam	4/5	Dorchester	110	P. Peterson
4/7	Manchester	2 pr	S. Hedman	Common Raven			
American Kestrel				3/7	Easton	2 n	K. Ryan
4/2-18	Barre Falls	4	Hawkcount (D. Schilling)	3/13-4/30	PI	2	D. Williams
4/2-29	PI	521	Hawkcount (T. Mara)	3/26	Worc. (BMB)	10	J. Liller#
4/16	PI	179	Hawkcount (T. Mara)	4/10	Barre Falls	11	D. Schilling#
4/19	Hanscom	8	M. Rines	4/18	Woburn	4	M. Rines
4/29	Falmouth	5	R. Stymeist#	Horned Lark			
4/30	Plymouth Airport	4	G. d'Entremont	3/11	Quabog IBA	120	M. Lynch#
4/30	Saugus	8	S. Jones#	3/12	Cumb. Farms	125	G. d'Entremont#
Merlin				3/26	Orange	30	T. Pirro
4/2-29	PI	39	Hawkcount (T. Mara)	4/2	Saugus	85	G. Wilson#
4/16	PI	13	Hawkcount (T. Mara)	4/5	Middleton	70	A. Bean
Peregrine Falcon				Northern Rough-winged Swallow			
3/thr	Woburn	2 pr	C. Gibson + v.o.	4/1	Marlborough	1	C. Kaynor, 04/02
3/5	Saugus	2	C. Lapite#	4/2	Cumb. Farms	1	D. Furbish
4/2-29	PI	12-28	Hawkcount (T. Mara)	4/19	Worc. (BMB)	10	J. Liller
4/9	Taunton	2	C. Gibson	4/25	Woburn (HP)	52	M. Rines
Eastern Wood-Pewee				Purple Martin			
4/28	PI	1 ph	T. Wetmore	4/7	MBO	1	A. Kneidel#
Least Flycatcher				4/10	Rehoboth	2 pr	R. Marr
4/28	Royalston	4	M. Lynch#	4/29	PI	12	J. Keeley#
4/29	Sudbury	1	J. Forbes	4/30	Norfolk	6	J. Glover
Eastern Phoebe				Tree Swallow			
4/10	Quabog IBA	41	M. Lynch#	3/5	Westport	4	D. Tobias
4/14	IRWS	10	J. Nelson	3/10	GMNWR	6	P. Gilmore
4/23	Stockbridge	10	M. Lynch#	4/3	Quabog IBA	141	M. Lynch#
4/24	Huntington	13	M. Lynch#	4/7	Northboro	300	B. Volkle
Great Crested Flycatcher				4/8	Turner's Falls	175	G. d'Entremont#
4/28	Boston	1	P. Peterson	Bank Swallow			
4/28	Winchester	1	R. LaFontaine	4/12	MBO	1	A. Kneidel
4/28	Woburn (HP)	1	M. Rines	4/29	PI	2	D. Swain#

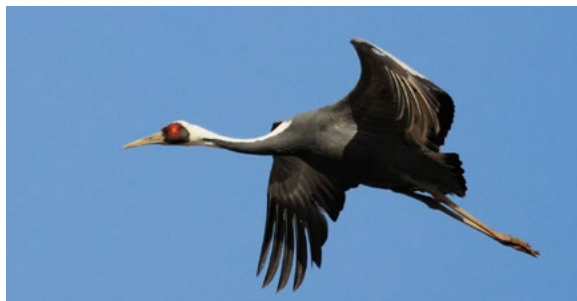
Barn Swallow			4/29	Quabog IBA	32	M. Lynch#
4/3	W. Harwich	5	4/30	Gloucester (EP)	15	S. Hedman
4/9, 29	PI	1, 20		Brown Thrasher		
4/13	GMNWR	3	4/18	Quabog IBA	3	M. Lynch#
Cliff Swallow			4/24	Ipswich (CB)	2	J. Berry
4/21	Arlington Res.	1	4/24	PI	6	P. + F. Vale
4/29	PI	1		American Pipit		
Boreal Chickadee			3/4-29	Gloucester (EP)	2	v.o.
thr	Peru	1	3/4-5	Saugus	1	J. Trimble + v.o.
Red-breasted Nuthatch			4/30	Quabbin (G5)	3	A. Griffiths#
4/11	Boston (AA)	3		Bohemian Waxwing		
4/15	Wompatuck SP	4	3/10	Templeton	24	T. Pirro
4/29	PI	10	3/20	Colrain	30	N. O'Brien
4/30	Sandisfield	7	3/20	Rowe	20	C. Hyytinen
Brown Creeper			4/3	Northampton	1	B. Lafley
4/9	Winchester	8	4/8	Townsend	30	T. Pirro
4/10-24	PI	19 b		Cedar Waxwing		
4/12	Ware R. IBA	7	3/18	Gloucester H.	15	J. Berry#
4/15	Wompatuck SP	7	4/2	Acoaxet	42	M. Lynch#
House Wren			4/7	PI	35	M. Schoene#
4/15	N. Dartmouth	1		Lapland Longspur		
4/29	Nahant	4	3/26	Saugus	1	G. d'Entremont
4/29	Newton	3	4/30	Saugus	1	S. Jones#
4/29	Quabog IBA	17		Smith's Longspur		
Winter Wren			3/1-4/9	Saugus	1	v.o.
4/9	Newton	2 pr		Snow Bunting		
4/15	Wompatuck SP	2	3/16	Turner's Falls	27	J. Coleman
4/28	Ipswich	3	3/17	Holyoke	18	D. Tinsdell
4/30	Sandisfield	4	3/17	Saugus	15	G. Wilson
Marsh Wren			3/19	Wachusett Res.	13	T. Pirro
3/25	E. Sandwich	1	3/25	Ipswich (CB)	46	N. Dubrow
4/29	Nantucket	4		Ovenbird		
4/29	PI	10	4/1-10	Woburn (HP)	1	v.o.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			4/16	MNWS	1	J. Parrot-Willis
4/10	Scituate	4	4/22	Mashpee	1	K. Miller#
4/11	Groveland	3	4/29	Quabog IBA	18	M. Lynch#
4/29	PI	12	4/30	Wompatuck SP	36	BBC (E. Giles)
4/29	Quabog IBA	6		Louisiana Waterthrush		
4/30	Wompatuck SP	8	4/8	Southwick	1	S. Kellogg
Golden-crowned Kinglet			4/10	Nahant	1	L. Pivacek
3/29	Worc. (BMB)	2	4/14-30	Boxford (CP)	1	v. o.
4/7	Ipswich	2	4/14-30	Wompatuck SP	3	v. o.
4/8	Arlington	4	4/24	Huntington	4	M. Lynch#
4/9-13	PI	34 b		Northern Waterthrush		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			4/16	Nahant	1	L. Pivacek
3/3	E. Sandwich	1	4/18	Westport	2	L. Abbey
4/10-30	PI	81 b	4/28	Ipswich (WSF)	8	J. Berry
4/18	Lowell	5	4/28	Royalston	4	M. Lynch#
4/18	Quabog IBA	12	4/29	PI	5 b	B. Flemer#
4/24	MNWS	15		Blue-winged Warbler		
Eastern Bluebird			4/27	Westport	1	M. Iliff
3/3	Rehoboth	12	4/29	Medford	2	M. Rines#
3/14	Middleboro	8	4/30	Wompatuck SP	2	BBC (E. Giles)
4/11	Ipswich	8		Black-and-white Warbler		
4/23	Stockbridge	6	4/12	Cambr. (FP)	1	J. Trimble
Veery			4/17	Canton	1	N. Block
4/28	MBO	1 b	4/24-29	PI	7 b	B. Flemer#
4/28	MtA	1	4/29	Medford	12	M. Rines#
4/30	Quabbin Pk	2	4/30	Wompatuck SP	13	BBC (E. Giles)
Hermit Thrush				Prothonotary Warbler		
3/16	Ipswich	1	4/8	Vineyard Haven	1	M. Thibodeau#
4/9-13	PI	40 b		Orange-crowned Warbler		
4/15	Wompatuck SP	10	4/24	Westboro	1	S. Williams
4/16	Wendell	12	4/26-28	Tewksbury	1	D. Prima
4/24	MNWS	12	4/28	Medford	1	M. McCarthy
Wood Thrush			4/29	Boston	1	S. Jones
4/15	Pittsfield	1		Nashville Warbler		
4/29	Boston (PG)	1	4/28	PI	1	T. Wetmore
4/29	Quabog IBA	2	4/29	Medford	2	M. Rines#
Gray Catbird				Kentucky Warbler		
4/9	Nahant	2	4/27	E. Sandwich	1	P. Crosson
4/29	Newton	10	4/29	Acton	1 m	W. Klockner

Common Yellowthroat			Wilson's Warbler		
4/28 Needham	1	M. Salett	4/14-23 MtA	1	J. Bussman# + v.o.
4/29 Newton	1	P. Gilmore	Yellow-breasted Chat		
4/29 PI	4	D. Swain#	3/1-4 Nahant	1	M. Iliff, 03/04
4/29 Quabog IBA	5	M. Lynch#	3/4 Nantucket	1	S. Kardell
Hooded Warbler			Grasshopper Sparrow		
4/29 Douglas	1	N. Paulson	4/22 Southwick	1	S. Motyl
American Redstart			Seaside Sparrow		
4/28-29 PI	1	S. Pierce + v.o.	3/20 Newbury	1	R. Heil
4/29 Quabog IBA	4	M. Lynch#	4/30 PI	1	T. Wetmore#
4/29 Wompatuck SP	1	R. Timberlake	American Tree Sparrow		
4/30 Belchertown	1	A. Griffiths#	4/10 E. Boston (BI)	5	P. Peterson
Northern Parula			4/22 Plympton	1	T. Lloyd-Evans
4/13 Framingham	1	C. Ewer	4/24 PI	1	M. Goetschkes
4/29 Medford	16	M. Rines#	Chipping Sparrow		
4/29 PI	6	D. Swain#	4/28 Ipswich	13	J. Berry
4/30 Fitchburg	1	H. Yelle	4/28 Royalston	98	M. Lynch#
Magnolia Warbler			4/30 MtA	24	R. Stymeist
4/27-28 PI	1	P. Wood	4/30 Wompatuck SP	17	BBC (E. Giles)
4/30 Boston	2	M. Kaufman	Field Sparrow		
Blackburnian Warbler			4/16 Wendell	8	M. Lynch#
4/30 Sandisfield	1	M. Lynch#	4/23 PI	6	P. + F. Vale
Yellow Warbler			4/29 Quabog IBA	4	M. Lynch#
4/16 Wendell	1	M. Lynch#	Fox Sparrow		
4/17 W. Roxbury (MP)	2	T. Bradford	3/7 Woburn (HP)	6	M. Rines
4/29 PI	10	P. + F. Vale	3/13 Dedham	6	P. Peterson
4/29 Quabog IBA	17	M. Lynch#	3/20 Quabog IBA	4	M. Lynch#
4/30 Newton	10	L. Berk	4/3 Ipswich (WSF)	3	J. Berry
Chestnut-sided Warbler			4/4 PI	3	S. Riley
4/28 Lynnfield	1	M. Sovay	Dark-eyed Junco		
4/29 PI	1	D. Swain#	4/29 MtA	1	J. Trimble#
4/29 Quabog IBA	3	M. Lynch#	4/29 PI	1	T. Wetmore
Blackpoll Warbler			Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)		
4/28 MtA	1	J. Trimble	thr Mashpee	1	M. Keleher
4/30 N. Dighton	1	A. Eckerson	White-crowned Sparrow		
Black-throated Blue Warbler			3/16 Sheffield	3	K. Schopp
4/27 Ware R. IBA	1	M. Lynch#	3/17 Cumb. Farms	1	N. Marchessault
4/29 Lowell	1	M. Baird	4/18 Lowell	1	M. Baird
4/29 Newton	1	P. Gilmore	4/27-29 PI	1	D. Adrien + v.o.
4/29 PI	3	D. Swain#	Harris's Sparrow		
Palm Warbler			thr Dalton	1	v.o.
4/9, 16 PI	1, 16	v.o.	Vesper Sparrow		
4/10-29 PI	52 b	B. Flemer#	3/9 Barnstable	1	P. Crosson
4/14 IRWS	23	J. Nelson	4/10 Pittsfield	1	T. Collins
4/18 Quabog IBA	10	M. Lynch#	4/11-14 W. Roxbury (MP)	1	M. Iliff + v.o.
4/23 Arlington Res.	17	M. Rines	4/12 Lancaster	2	J. Hoye#
4/24 MBO	6 b	T. Lloyd-Evans#	4/24-29 PI	1	D. Adrien
Western Palm Warbler			Savannah Sparrow		
03/1-4/27 Plymouth	1	L. Meeks	4/23 DFWS	33	P. Sowizral
Pine Warbler			4/23 Saugus	20	G. Wilson#
4/3 Ayer	1	J. Gahagan	4/28 Royalston	20	M. Lynch#
4/3 Quabog IBA	2	M. Lynch#	4/29 PI	30	D. Swain#
4/15 Ipswich (WSF)	12	J. Berry	Ipswich Sparrow		
4/15 Wompatuck SP	15	G. d'Entremont#	3/29 Framingham	1	C. Ewer
4/22 Mashpee	17	K. Miller#	3/29-4/12 PI	1	MAS (D. Moon), v.o.
4/27 Ware R. IBA	46	M. Lynch#	3/29 Saugus	1	G. Wilson#
Yellow-rumped Warbler			4/9 Ipswich (CB)	3	J. Berry
4/23 Arlington Res.	52	M. Rines	4/13 Westboro	1	S. Moore
4/24-29 PI	8 b	B. Flemer#	Lincoln's Sparrow		
4/27 Ware R. IBA	54	M. Lynch#	3/1-4/20 Essex	1	P. Brown
4/29 Medford	111	M. Rines#	Swamp Sparrow		
4/29 PI	500	D. Swain#	4/13 GMNWR	8	A. Bragg#
4/30 MtA	70	R. Stymeist	4/23 Stockbridge	24	M. Lynch#
Yellow-throated Warbler			4/28 Royalston	43	M. Lynch#
4/28 WBWS	1 b	J. Junda#	4/29 PI	20	D. Swain#
4/29 MtA	1 m	J. Trimble	Eastern Towhee		
Prairie Warbler			3/29 Westport	3	G. Gove#
4/29 PI	3	P. + F. Vale	4/16 Wendell	23	M. Lynch#
Black-throated Green Warbler			4/29 Newton	4	P. Gilmore
4/28 Royalston	8	M. Lynch#	4/29 PI	75	D. Swain#
4/29 Medford	2	M. Rines#	Summer Tanager		
4/30 PI	2	T. Wetmore	4/9 Chappaquiddick	1	H. Potter#

Summer Tanager (continued)			3/13	Dedham	9	P. Peterson
4/11	Harwich	1	P. Trull	4/8	11	G. d'Entremont#
4/30	MtA	1 f	J. Offermann#	4/11	2	B. Nikula
Scarlet Tanager			4/14	Wompatuck SP	5	MAS (K. Rawdon)
4/28	MtA	1	I. Reid	4/20	115	L. Ireland
4/28	PI	1	T. Wetmore	Orchard Oriole		
4/30	Wompatuck SP	5	BBC (E. Giles)	4/19	1	P. Trull
Rose-breasted Grosbeak			4/24	Stoneham	1	D. Jewell
4/24	Paxton	1	R. Jenkins	4/28	1	D. Larson
4/24	Woburn (HP)	1	M. Rines	Baltimore Oriole		
4/29	Quabog IBA	3	M. Lynch#	4/15	1	C. Longworth
Blue Grosbeak			4/17	Fairhaven	1	O. Burton
4/27	Nantucket	1 f	L. Buck#	4/28	7	W. Tatro
Indigo Bunting			Purple Finch			
4/7	Westport	1 m imm	M. Iliff	4/19	22	T. Wetmore
4/9-12	Boston	1	D. Sullivan	4/24	11	M. Lynch#
4/27	Westport	3	M. Iliff	4/27	31	M. Lynch#
Painted Bunting			4/29	Ware R. IBA	8 1 m, 7 f	P. Guidetti
3/1-4/20	Orleans	1 m	v.o.	Red Crossbill		
4/26	Huntington	1	M. & D. Stewart	3/10, 4/29	15, 8	v.o.
Dickcissel			3/22	PI	11	J. McCumber
4/26	N. Dighton	1	A. Eckerson	3/25-4/14	8	E. Huston
Eastern Meadowlark			3/28, 4/22	Montague	18, 6	v.o.
3/5-6	DWWS	4	N. Marchessault#	Salisbury		
3/5-26	Saugus	2	C. Lapite + v.o.	Common Redpoll		
3/13	Framingham	1	C. Ewer	3/10	5	M. Watson
3/25-26	Orange	1	B. Lafley + v.o.	Pine Siskin		
4/3	Barre Falls	1	D. Grant	4/8	3	G. d'Entremont#
4/29	Falmouth	3	R. Stymeist#	Orange		
4/30	Plymouth Airport	4	G. d'Entremont	Evening Grosbeak		
Rusty Blackbird			3/12	Ipswich	3	P. Low
3/7	Woburn (HP)	20	M. Rines	4/8	4	A. Barnes
			4/24	Hardwick	1	M. Lynch#
			4/26-28	Huntington	2	E. LeBlanc
				Royalston		

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Location-#	MAS Breeding Bird Atlas Block	Nbpt	Newburyport
AA	Arnold Arboretum, Boston	ONWR	Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge
ABC	Allen Bird Club	PG	Public Garden
AP	Andrews Point, Rockport	PI	Plum Island
APd	Allens Pond, S. Dartmouth	Pd	Pond
B.	Beach	POP	Point of Pines, Revere
Barre FD	Barre Falls Dam	PR	Pinnacle Rock, Malden
BHI	Boston Harbor Islands	P'town	Provincetown
BI	Belle Isle, E. Boston	Pont.	Pontoosuc Lake, Lanesboro
BR	Bass Rocks, Gloucester	RP	Race Point, Provincetown
BBC	Brookline Bird Club	Res.	Reservoir
BMb	Broad Meadow Brook, Worcester	RKG	Rose Kennedy Greenway, Boston
BNC	Boston Nature Center, Mattapan	SB	South Beach, Chatham
CB	Crane Beach, Ipswich	SN	Sandy Neck, Barnstable
CGB	Coast Guard Beach, Eastham	SRV	Sudbury River Valley
CP	Crooked Pond, Boxford	SSBC	South Shore Bird Club
Cambr.	Cambridge	TASL	Take A Second Look, Boston Harbor Census
CCBC	Cape Cod Bird Club	WBWS	Wellfleet Bay WS
Corp. B.	Corporation Beach, Dennis	WE	World's End, Hingham
Cumb. Farms	Cumberland Farms, Middleboro	WMWS	Wachusett Meadow WS
DM	Dunback Meadow	Wompatuck SP	Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate, Norwell
DFWS	Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary	Worc.	Worcester
DWMA	Delaney WMA, Stow, Bolton, Harvard	WSF	Willowdale State Forest, Ipswich
DWWS	Daniel Webster WS	Other Abbreviations	
EP	Eastern Point, Gloucester	ad	adult
FE	First Encounter Beach, Eastham	b	banded
FH	Fort Hill, Eastham	br	breeding
FP	Fresh Pond, Cambridge	dk	dark (morph)
FPk	Franklin Park, Boston	f	female
G40	Gate 40, Quabbin Res.	fide	on the authority of
GMNWR	Great Meadows NWR	fl	fledgling
H.	Harbor	imm	immature
HPt	Halibut Point, Rockport	juv	juvenile
HP	Horn Pond, Woburn	lt	light (morph)
HRWMA	High Ridge WMA, Gardner	m	male
I.	Island	max	maximum
IRWS	Ipswich River WS	migr	migrating
L.	Ledge	n	nesting
MAS	Mass Audubon	ph	photographed
MP	Millennium Park, W. Roxbury	pl	plumage
MV	Martha's Vineyard	pr	pair
MBWMA	Martin Burns WMA, Newbury	S	summer (1S = first summer)
MI	Morris Island	thr	throughout reporting period
MNWS	Marblehead Neck WS	v.o.	various observers
MSSF	Myles Standish State Forest, Plymouth	W	winter (2W = second winter)
MtA	Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambr.	yg	young
NAC	Nine Acre Corner, Concord	#	additional observers

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