

BIRD SIGHTINGS

November–December 2018

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November began with a high of 70 degrees on the second and went downhill from there. The average temperature for the month in Boston was 43 degrees, two degrees below normal. It rained on three of the four weekends, with the city recording 9.26 inches of rain for the month, 5.27 inches above normal. The season's first widespread winter storm on November 15–16 dumped more than half a foot of snow in many areas, including Easthampton with 9.5 inches and Concord with 9 inches. Plymouth escaped with 2.5 inches and Boston ended up with only a dusting before switching over to sleet and rain. A record-breaking cold snap swept through the region on the morning of November 22. It was the coldest Thanksgiving on record, with Worcester registering a frigid seven degrees, breaking the city's previous low temperature record of 11 degrees and Boston tying its lowest high temperature record for the day of 24 degrees.

December was warmer, with Boston recording an average of 37 degrees, two degrees above normal for the month. The high for Boston for the month was 65 degrees, appropriately recorded on December 21, the first day of winter. This reading broke the previous record for the date of 62 degrees set in 1959. The warm temperature was accompanied by moderate to heavy rain and strong winds. Forecasters issued flood warnings for the Connecticut River towns of Northampton and Montague. Winds were strong—a gust of 70 mph was recorded at Blue Hill in Milton.

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GEESE THROUGH IBISES

Of the seven species of goose on the Massachusetts state list, Brant was the rarest this period; it was the only one that wasn't recorded. A **Ross's Goose** that spent a day in Egremont is the second record for Berkshire County; the first was in April 2017. A **Pink-footed Goose** was more obliging, spending a week in Ipswich in November. Pink-footed Goose was added to the state list in 1999 and, excluding a miss in 2013, has been recorded annually since 2009, with the lion's share coming from Essex County. **Cackling Geese** were well distributed with records from 10 counties, which is a new high for the period.

Two family groups of **Tundra Swans** that were photographed this period are the first December records since 2014. This tundra-nesting species is less than annual to the state and generally appears any time from November through April, with March perhaps being your best chance of finding one.

Freshwater duck numbers were generally low—except for Canvasback and Redhead, which seem to be having a good winter (see Figure 1). Canvasback were recorded from eight counties, which is the most for this period this century, with 175 seen on Nantucket tying the highest count this century. Despite such numbers, the species appears to have eschewed Fresh Pond this winter. This is the first time they've not returned to Cambridge since *Bird Observer* records began in 1973. (For a history of Canvasbacks at Fresh Pond see Miller 2017). The 23 Redheads observed on Nantucket are the best period count since 1983. **Tufted Ducks** were reported from four locations and **King Eiders** from 12 locations. The northern *borealis* subspecies of Common Eider scored a new high count of six (three males and three females) at Sandwich on December 24, doubling the previous high of three set in March 2013.

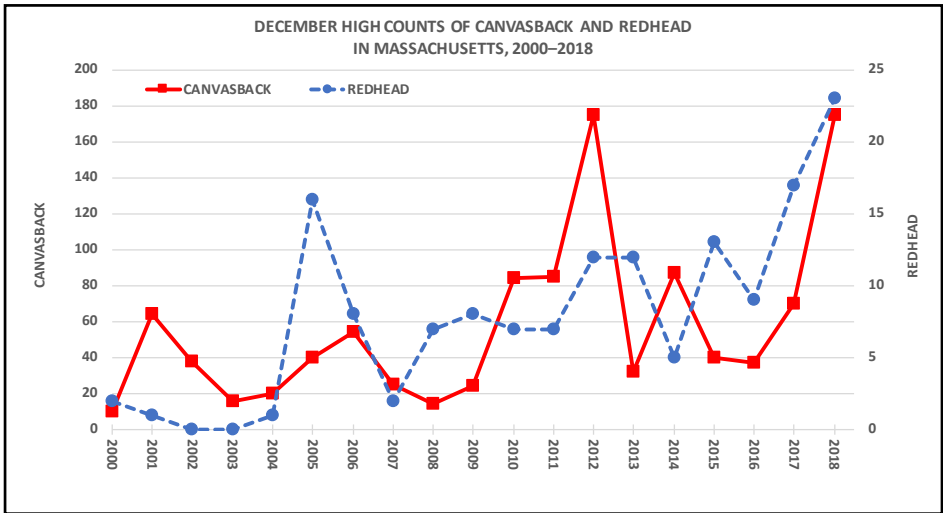


Figure 1. Canvasback and Redhead high counts in December in Massachusetts, 2000–2018. Data from eBird.org.

Hybrid ducks, offspring of the apparently indiscriminating Common Goldeneye, made the news this period. A male Bufflehead X Common Goldeneye returned to Orleans in December. This bird was first seen in April 2018 and is the only eBird record for the state. This hybrid is rare across the continent, with a number of recent multi-year records in the Montreal, Canada, area. Common Goldeneye X Hooded Mergansers were reported from Pembroke and Gloucester, both areas that have previously hosted this hybrid taxon. Three records of Common X Barrow’s Goldeneye is above average.

A **Western Grebe** spent two weeks off the coast of Rockport. There are only seven accepted records this century, with most appearing, like this bird, in November. The only other East Coast report this winter was a bird off Virginia Beach, Virginia, in December.

There were four records of Chimney Swift this period, with two of those being the first November records for Suffolk County. This is only the fourth year this century in which this species has been recorded in November. A Yellow-billed Cuckoo in Cambridge on November 12 ties last year’s late date. The latest date for the state is November 21, on Martha’s Vineyard (1954) and Nahant (2009).

This may have been a good year for **Common Gallinules**, with birds, mostly immatures, being reported from four counties. Last year there were none for this period.

Late departures—some of them exceptionally late—were the theme with shorebirds this period. The two records of Piping Plover, at Eastham on December 13 and Nantucket on December 30, are the only recent (eBird) December records for the state. In fact, there were only three years this century in which the species has lingered until November, with the previous late date being November 30, 2002. There are, however, historical records of Piping Plover in January and February typically on Cape Cod, suggesting the species has overwintered or has at least attempted to do so (Veit and Petersen 1993). A Spotted Sandpiper in Harwich on December 16 is the latest date this century for Massachusetts, beating by one day the previous record set in 2015. The latest historical date appears to be a bird found at Chatham on January 3, 1976 (Veit and Petersen 1993). Solitary Sandpipers are rare in November—there were none last year—and

this year's November 4 record is the latest since 2002. Two Red Phalaropes at Race Point on November 12 are notable.

This year will be remembered for the amazing flights of alcids. On December 16, Dovekies were seen streaming past Andrew's Point, Rockport, at a rate of over 100 per minute. The final count of 4,680 Dovekies seen that day crushed the previous recent record of 3,470 set on November 7, 2012. The Rockport number was quickly surpassed the following day at First Encounter Beach, Eastham, when at least 6,050 Dovekies were counted, flying past at 2,000 per hour. In fact, the number was probably closer to 7,000 extrapolating for gaps in observer attendance that morning. These numbers are historically significant. It's been a generation since the legendary flights of Dovekies in the 1950s and 1960s, including 12,000 at Chatham on November 2, 1969. The flight past Andrew's Point on December 16 also set a new state record of 438 Common Murres (the previous high of 420 was set on December 12, 2002), and produced thirty-four **Atlantic Puffins**, the third highest count for the state, and a new high for November.

The larid highlight of the period was the return of an old friend: vik581641, the band number of a European "Common" or **Mew Gull** at Lynn Beach on November 24 and again at the end of December. The band has allowed us to track this individual's life history: it was banded as a chick in Akureyrarflugvöllur, northern Iceland, on June 23, 2013 and first appeared in Massachusetts at Lynn Beach in February 2017, returning to the same beach in January and February the following year. It's now back at the same spot for a third winter. A Mew Gull, perhaps the same individual, was photographed at Rockport on November 27. A Herring X Great Black-backed Gull photographed in Sharon on December 3 is a first for Norfolk County and the first for the state away from the coast. Black Skimmers were reported from two locations and represent only the fourth year in which this species has been found in November.

Pacific Loons were photographed from Provincetown and Rockport, with the latter being the first December record since 2005. All four species of the regular shearwaters (Cory's, Sooty, Great and Manx) were reported this period, consistent with a recent trend of lingering later into the year. Numbers this year, however, were lower than in recent years.

A pair of **American White Pelicans** were reported in the Newburyport area on November 30 and were then photographed flying from Ipswich the following day. This pair may have quickly tired of each other; reports from neighboring states in December were only of single birds. This species is annual to this state, although would have been missed this year but for this last-minute record.

Hérons followed the lethargic lead of shorebirds and similarly stayed late into the season. A Great Egret at Eastham on December 31 is the latest since 2014. A Snowy Egret in Dennis on December 27 is the first December record since 2012. And Green Herons in Brookline and Barnstable are the first November records since 2014. November is typically a good month for Cattle Egrets and this year did not disappoint: they were reported from five counties (a high for the period), with four birds on Nantucket on November 23 being the latest state record since 2013.

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Snow Goose

11/1-11/13	N. Adams	1	M. Morales + v.o.
11/14,12/14-31	Amherst	6, 1	S. Zhang, L. Therrien+v.o.
11/19-20	Concord (NAC)	1	J. Forbes+v.o.
11/23-12/31	Nantucket	2	R. Ouren#
11/24	Fairhaven	1	adSSBC(G.d'Entremont)
11/28	Dighton	1	A. LeBlanc
11/30	Danvers	1	D. Walters
12/4-12/9	PI	1	T. Wetmore + v.o.
12/8	Sheffield	1	J. Pierce
12/12-13	Walpole	2	J. Tucker + v.o.
12/12	Turner's Falls	1 ph	J. Rose + v.o.
12/20-29	Hyannis	1	K. Yakola#

Ross's Goose

12/22	Egremont	1 ad ph	J. Pierce
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Greater White-fronted Goose

11/3	Nantucket	1 ph	D. Veit#
11/17	Nahant	1 ph	J. Offermann
11/19-20	Concord (NAC)	1 ph	J. Forbes+v.o.
12/7	Hampden	1 ph	A. Downey

Pink-footed Goose

11/8-11/15	Ipswich	1 ph	P. Brown + v.o.
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Cackling Goose

11/5-12/30	Dighton/Berkley	1 ph	M. Eckerson + v.o.
11/14-15	Haverhill	1 ph	K. Wilmarth + v.o.
11/16-12/30	Turner's Falls	2 max ph	J. Smith + v.o.
11/18-21	S. Peabody	1 ph	R. Heil + v.o.
11/21-12/23	Sheffield	1 ph	G. Ward + v.o.
11/25, 12/3-8	Rehoboth	1 ph	J. Eckerson# + v.o.
12/1-12/3	Rochester	1 juv ph	M. Liff + v.o.
12/3	Northampton	1 ph	C. Martone
12/4	Topsfield	1 ph	N. Dubrow
12/6	S. Hamilton	1 ph	D. Walters
12/7-12/14	Amherst	1 ph	D. Griffiths + v.o.
12/10	Northfield	1 ph	J. Smith
12/11	Fall River	1 ph	L. Waters
12/12-16	Jamaica Plain	1 ph	T. Bradford + v.o.

Mute Swan

11/11	Framingham	50	N. Jacob
12/20	Ellisville	51	G. d'Entremont#

Tundra Swan

12/3	Douglas	4 2ad+2juv ph	M. Lynch#
12/7	Sheffield	7 2ad+5imm ph	K. Schopp#.

Wood Duck

12/6-12/30	Hatfield	8 max	L. Therrien + v.o.
12/16	Boston	7	G. d'Entremont#
12/27-31	Williamstown	4 ph	C. Johnson + v.o.

Blue-winged Teal

11/4	Concord	5	S. Perkins
11/4	Barre	4	W. Howes

Northern Shoveler

11/17	Marion	7	SSBC
11/24	Fall River	4	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)
12/15	PI	7	J. Barcus
12/15-31	Nantucket	5	R. Ouren#
12/30	Marlborough	2	T. Spahr

Gadwall

11/17	Marion	82	SSBC
11/24	Fairhaven	100	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)
12/2-12/16	PI	12	N. Landry
12/12	Gloucester (EP)	6	MAS (D. Moon)
12/20	Plymouth	34	M. Faherty#

Eurasian Wigeon

thr	Fairhaven	2 max 1pr	v.o.
11/12	PI	1 f	S. Benedetto
11/22	Somerset	1 m	D. Lima#
11/26-12/30	Nantucket	1 m ph	L. Kahle#
11/29-12/22	Sandwich	1 f ph	P. Crosson#
12/15	Westport	1 m	E. Nielsen#

American Wigeon

11/4	Concord	40	S. Perkins
11/4	PI	36	T. Wetmore
11/15	Marstons Mills	132	G. Cooperman#

11/17	Marion	55	SSBC
11/24	Fairhaven	56	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)
American Black Duck			
11/24	Fairhaven	86	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)
11/30	PI	750	R. Heil
12/6	Hatfield	58	L. Therrien

Northern Pintail

11/5	Turner's Falls	3	J. Rose
12/3	PI	26	D. Adrien
12/6	Hatfield	4	L. Therrien
12/22	Acton	7	C. Cook

Green-winged Teal

11/8	Topsfield	21	R. Stymeist#
11/12	Petersham	2	M. Lynch#
11/15	Longmeadow	23 max	M. Moore
12/13-22	PI	2	T. Bradford + v.o.

Canvasback

11/8	Attleboro	1	P. Capobianco
11/19-21	Fall River	1	A. Eckerson + v.o.
12/3-12/4	PI	2	T. Wetmore + v.o.
12/7-12/27	Southwick	6	D. Holmes + v.o.
12/7	Weymouth	1	E. LeBlanc
12/8-12/31	Haverhill	1 m	S. Mirick + v.o.
12/9-12/31	Eastham	6 max	P. Kyle# + v.o.
12/15-16	Yarmouth	1	S. Matheny#
12/17	Springfield	2	C. Roane
12/18	Randolph	1	R. Doherty
12/30	Nantucket	175	N. Bonomo, F. Gallo
12/31	Northampton	1	B. Finney + v.o.

Redhead

11/12-14	Everett	2	J. Forbes + v.o.
11/18-12/30	Eastham	2	K. Fiske, v.o.
12/29	Nantucket	23	J. + P. Trimble

Ring-necked Duck

11/2	Cambr. (FP)	130	R. Stymeist
11/3	New Salem	55	D. Small
11/12	Southboro	142	C. McPherson
11/21	Pittsfield	281 ph	J. Pierce
12/15	Mashpee	110	W. Sweet#

Tufted Duck

thr	Nantucket	1 m ph	v.o.
11/18-23	Peabody	1 f ph	Z. Poleretzky + v.o.
12/22-27	Wilmington	1 f ph	J. Keeley + v.o.
12/29	Nahant	1 f	L. Pivacek

Greater Scaup

11/1-11/21	Pittsfield	5 max	J. Pierce + v.o.
11/4	Danvers	16	D. Walters#
11/8	Framingham	7	C. Ewer
11/17	Lakeville	152	SSBC
11/17-12/31	Clinton	62 max	R. Lockwood + v.o.
12/12	Falmouth	600	G. Hirth

Lesser Scaup

11/3	Sharon	20	E. Ganin
11/5	Danvers	16	D. Walters#
11/12	PI	3	T. Wetmore#
11/17	Clinton	9	R. Lockwood
11/24	Harwich	125	C. Caron
12/8	Sheffield	5	G. Ward, J. Pierce

King Eider

thr	PI	2 max 2m ad+imm ph	v.o.
11/11	Hull	1 m ph	M. Dunham
11/17-12/27	Gloucester (BR)	1 m	L. Hunnewell + v.o.
11/17	Nahant	1 m ph	J. Trimble
11/23	Rockport	1 m	M. Goetschkes
11/24	Hyannis	1 f	S. Matheny
11/24	Eastham (FE)	1 imm m	J. Eckerson#
12/12-29	Ipswich (CB)	1 ad m ph	I. Pepper
12/15	Falmouth	1 m	S. Williams#
12/24-26	Bourne	1 m ph	S. Williams#
12/27-29	Sandwich	1 imm m	C. Milik#
12/31	Nantucket Sound	1 m ph	N. Bonomo#

Common Eider

11/9	Rockport (AP)	811	R. Heil
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Common Eider (continued)				11/4	Danvers	105	D. Walters#
12/27	Tuckernuck I.	12210	A. Black#	11/4	Eastham	66	G. d'Entremont
12/30	Nantucket	15157	F. Gallo#	11/4	Pittsfield	37	max J. Pierce, R. Wendell
Common Eider (<i>borealis</i>)				11/5	Chestnut Hill	80	R. Doherty
12/2-12/30	Rockport (AP)	1 m ph	S. Williams + v.o.	11/11	W. Newbury	98	P. + F. Vale
12/24	Sandwich	6 3m+3f ph	S. Williams	Northern Bobwhite			
Harlequin Duck				11/18	MSSF	1	L. Schibley
11/1	Scituate	8	D. Peacock	12/3	Stow	19	C. Daniliuk
11/12	Aquinnah	6	K. Costley	12/15	Mashpee	4	J. Trimble#
11/16	Rockport (AP)	187	R. Heil	Ring-necked Pheasant			
12/15	Westport	6	E. Nielsen#	11/17	Newbury	1	M. Resch
12/30	Rockport (HPt)	54	N. Dubrow	11/20	Hadley	4	D. Schell
Surf Scoter				12/1	E. Brookfield	5	C. McRae
11/1-11/4	Holyoke	1 ph	L. Richardson + v.o.	12/22-24	Cumb. Farms	1	L. Abbey#
11/5-11/18	Turner's Falls	1 ph	J. Rose + v.o.	Ruffed Grouse			
12/1	Revere	2500	S. Jones#	12/6	Paxton	2	R. Jenkins
White-winged Scoter				12/15	Mashpee	2	J. Trimble#
12/7	Southwick	1 ph	D. Holmes	12/29	Quabbin	5	M. Lynch#
12/26	Nahant	1100	S. Babbitt	Wild Turkey			
Black Scoter				11/20	Hardwick	55	C. Caron
11/2-11/4	Lee	2	J. Pierce + v.o.	12/15	Athol CBC	361	D. Small#
11/5-11/13	N. Adams	2	M. Morales + v.o.	12/15	Braintree	61	G. d'Entremont#
11/10	Rockport (AP)	60	J. Hoyer#	12/16	Hadley	42	J. Rose#
11/11	PI	5000	P. + J. Roberts	Pied-billed Grebe			
11/12	Nantucket	4000	L. Dunn	11/3	Sharon	2	E. Ganin
Long-tailed Duck				11/4	Danvers	5	D. Walters#
11/4	Waltham	1	J. Forbes	11/8	PI	3	T. Wetmore#
11/5	Lincoln	1	R. Stymeist	11/8	GMNWR	1	A. Bragg#
11/13	Rockport (AP)	4490	R. Heil	11/10	Quabbin (G36-45)	3	C. Allen#
12/4	Turner's Falls	1	J. Smith	11/11	Westboro	1	M. Lynch#
Bufflehead				11/17	Wareham	2	N. Marchessault
11/4	Pittsfield	22	M. Kelly	Horned Grebe			
11/11	Westboro	5	M. Lynch#	11/1	Sharon	1	W. Sweet
11/23-12/31	Turner's Falls	5 max	J. Smith + v.o.	11/5	Danvers	4	D. Walters#
12/15	Falmouth	601	S. Williams#	11/5	Chestnut Hill	2	R. Doherty
Common Goldeneye				11/19	Quabbin Pk	18	A. Hulsey
11/18	Westport	64	M. Iliff	12/15	Westport	36	E. Nielsen#
12/14	Stockbridge	27 max	J. Pierce	Red-necked Grebe			
12/24	Wachusett Res.	57	M. Lynch#	11/17	Quabbin Pk	3	S. Sumer
12/30	Turner's Falls	58 max	J. Smith#	11/19	Manomet	41	A. Kneidel#
Bufflehead X Common Goldeneye				11/20	Turner's Falls	3	J. Smith
12/22-29	Orleans	1 ph	K. Burke, J. Harris#	11/25	Randolph	3	E. Nielsen
Barrow's Goldeneye				12/1	PI	25	T. Wetmore
11/11-12/31	Sharon	1	W. Sweet + v.o.	12/1-12/5	Pittsfield	3	J. Pierce + v.o.
11/25	Randolph	3 1m+2f	E. Nielsen	12/30	P'town	55	S. Arena
11/28-12/31	Fairhaven	1	C. Longworth + v.o.	Western Grebe			
12/24	Bourne	2 m	S. Williams#	11/19-12/1	Rockport	1 ph	S. Lamonde + v.o.
Common Goldeneye X Barrow's Goldeneye				Yellow-billed Cuckoo			
11/21	Randolph	1 m ph	M. McMahon	11/1	N. Dighton	1	A. Eckerson#
12/15	Mashpee	1 m ph	W. Sweet#	11/1	Cuttyhunk I.	1	M. Sylvia
12/29	Nantucket	1 m	J. Trimble#	11/2	DFWS	1	F. Sutti
Hooded Merganser				11/4	DWWS	4	B. Rusnica
11/18	Quabog IBA	101	M. Lynch#	11/4	Natick	1	G. Dysart
11/18	Littleton	92	D. Stokes	11/4	Quincy	1	C. Whitebread
11/28	Sharon	110	W. Sweet#	11/6-11/10	Manomet	1	J. Glydon + v.o.
12/1	Gill	78	M. Lynch#	11/8	Eastham (FH)	1	J. Wagner#
12/9	Haverhill	60	C. Marchant	11/12	Cambridge	1	J. Thomas
Common Goldeneye X Hooded Merganser (hybrid)				Chimney Swift			
11/17-18	Pembroke	2 m max ph	V. Zollo#	11/1	W. Roxbury (MP)	1	M. Iliff
12/26-31	Gloucester	1 m	R. Evans	11/4	Orleans	1	B. Nikula#
Common Merganser				11/5	Boston (PG)	2	M. Mulqueen
11/18	Quabog IBA	412	M. Lynch#	11/5	Brookline	1	M. Garvey
11/24	Fall River	226	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)	Ruby-throated Hummingbird			
11/30	W. Newbury	135	R. Heil	11/1-11/14	Cheshire	1 ph	G. Ward#
12/7-12/8	Southwick	1250 ph	D. Holmes	Clapper Rail			
12/14	Harwich	200	M. Faherty	12/16	Chatham	1	P. Trimble#
Red-breasted Merganser				Virginia Rail			
11/16	P'town	700	J. Leow	12/1,23	Barnstable	6,13	P. Crosson, J. Trimble#
12/1	Turner's Falls	2	D. Maxcy	12/25	Peabody	3	R. Heil
12/1	Pittsfield	1	J. Pierce	12/29	Northbridge	3	R. Jenkins
Ruddy Duck				Sora			
11/3	Cambr. (FP)	35	A. Trautmann	11/4	Eastham (FH)	1	T. Spahr

Sora (continued)				11/19	Sharon	1	J. Sweeney + v.o.
12/23	Barnstable	1	J. Trimble#	Semipalmated Sandpiper			
Common Gallinule				11/3	Eastham (FE)	2	A. Kneidel
11/1-11/9	Whately	1	imm ph J. Rose + v.o.	11/3	Nantucket	1	N. Foley#
11/7	PI	1	J. Smith	11/4	Northboro	2	N. Dowling
11/11-12/24	Norfolk	1	imm ph D. Williams + v.o.	11/9	Salisbury	1	J. Layman
11/12-18	Fairhaven	1	imm ph C. Longworth + v.o.	11/10	PI	1	J. Keeley#
12/6-12/28	Hatfield	1	imm ph L. Therrien + v.o.	11/18	Plymouth B.	2	S. Carney + v.o.
American Coot				Long-billed Dowitcher			
11/8	PI	10	D. Adrien	11/4	PI	2	N. Landry
11/10	Richmond	9	max G. Ward	American Woodcock			
11/27	Woburn (HP)	18	B. Lee	11/3-12/15	Indiv. reported from	22	locations
12/16	Boston	4	G. d'Entremont#	11/13	Rockport (AP)	2	R. Heil
Sandhill Crane				11/17	Boston (Fens)	2	M. Kaufman
11/1-12/10	Windsor	1	ph G. Hurley + v.o.	12/15	Mashpee	3	J. Trimble#
11/3-12/13	Halifax area	3	ph J. Young + v.o.	Wilson's Snipe			
11/9	Sheffield	4	ph M. Morales	11/3	Concord	3	C. Floyd
11/16	Ipswich	6	ph S. Lamonde	12/3	DWWS	3	N. Villone
11/27, 12/6	Danvers	1	A. Bean + v.o.	12/9	Saugus	2	S. Zende#
12/22	Lancaster	2	P. Cristoph	Spotted Sandpiper			
American Oystercatcher				11/5	Danvers	2	D. Walters#
11/3, 20	Nantucket	10,2	P. Trimble, R. Ouren	11/6	Nantucket	1	B. Balkind
11/6	Falmouth	2	P. Trimble	11/12	Medford	1	R. La Fontaine
Black-bellied Plover				12/16	Harwich	1	R. Jenkins#
12/1	Revere B.	1	T. Bradford#	Solitary Sandpiper			
12/8-12/26	Westport	1	M. Iliif + v.o.	11/1	MSSF	1	E. Vacchino
12/20	Plymouth	1	L. Schibley#	11/2	Concord	1	C. Martone
12/20	Ellisville	1	G. d'Entremont#	11/4	Nantucket	1	J. Young
American Golden-Plover				Lesser Yellowlegs			
11/3	Chatham	1	D. Forsyth#	11/4	Nantucket	2	A. Black#
11/6	Nantucket	2	R. Ouren	11/4	Quincy	1	J. Glover
Semipalmated Plover				Willet			
11/4	Eastham (FE)	9	G. d'Entremont	11/22	Nantucket	2	R. Ouren
11/10	PI	12	J. Keeley#	Greater Yellowlegs			
11/12-21	Plymouth	2	L. Schibley + v.o.	11/11	Ellisville	17	G. d'Entremont#
12/14	Hyannis	1	P. Crosson	11/12	Plymouth	9	L. Schibley
12/15	Eastham	1	M. Plato#	11/24	S. Dart. (APd)	2	A. Eckerson#
12/16	Chatham	1	P. Trimble#	11/24	Fairhaven	1	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)
Piping Plover				11/28	PI	1	T. Wetmore
12/13	Eastham	2	M. Plato#	Red Phalarope			
12/30	Nantucket	1	F. Gallo#	11/12	P'town (RP)	2 ph	J. Trimble#
Killdeer				Pomarine Jaeger			
11/2	Concord	10	C. Martone	11/3, 12/16	Rockport (AP)	17,3	R. Heil
11/7	N. Dighton	7	J. Eckerson	11/3, 12/17	Eastham (FE)	12,18	A. Kneidel, T. Spahr + v.o.
11/18, 12/9	Saugus	4,2	S. Zende#	11/30	Scituate waters	1	L. Waters#
11/18	Westport	2	M. Iliif	12/20	Stellwagen	1	P. Flood
11/22	Ware	1	T. Lenz	Parasitic Jaeger			
Whimbrel				11/10, 17	P'town (RP)	2,1	B. Nikula
12/16-30	Nantucket	1 ph	G. Andrews# + v.o.	11/16	Rockport (AP)	2	R. Heil
Ruddy Turnstone				Pomarine/Parasitic Jaeger			
12/1	Dorchester	2	D. Sullivan	11/4	Eastham (FE)	13	B. Nikula
12/8	Westport	3	M. Iliif	jaeger sp.			
12/23	Cohasset	1	V. Zollo	11/10	P'town (RP)	6	B. Nikula
Dunlin				Dovekie			
12/15	Eastham	1000	M. Plato#	11/30	Jeffreys L.	43	S. Mirick#
12/30	Marshfield	90	G. d'Entremont#	12/16	Rockport (AP)	4680	R. Heil
Purple Sandpiper				12/16	PI	20	T. Wetmore
11/10	Salisbury	2	MAS (S. Wheelock)	12/17	Eastham (FE)	6050	B. Nikula, N. Dorian
11/21	Gloucester (BR)	25	J. Nelson	12/18	Orleans	140	B. Nikula
11/23	Rockport (AP)	75	G. d'Entremont	12/20	Stellwagen Bank	13	P. Flood#
12/9	Cohasset	23	D. Burton	12/28	Westport	1	A. Eckerson#
12/15	Boston	4	A. Trautmann	Common Murre			
12/19	PI	12	MAS (D. Moon)	11/12	PI	2	S. Benedetto
12/28	Westport	8	A. Eckerson	11/30	Scituate waters	21	L. Waters#
White-rumped Sandpiper				11/30	Jeffreys L.	8	S. Mirick#
11/5	PI	5	D. Adrien	12/2, 16	Rockport (AP)	90/438	R. Heil
11/8	S. Dart. (APd)	1	L. Waters	12/20	Stellwagen Bank	109	P. Flood#
Pectoral Sandpiper				Thick-billed Murre			
11/6	Nantucket	6	R. Ouren	11/21	PI	2	P. Hackett
11/8	Concord	2	J. Forbes	12/2, 16	Rockport (AP)	13,6	N. Dubrow#, R. Heil
11/12	Plymouth	1	L. Schibley	12/3	Gloucester	1	J. Nelson
11/18	Saugus	1	G. Wilson#	12/27	Ipswich (CB)	1	I. Pepper

Thick-billed Murre (continued)				12/13-20	Sharon	1	W. Sweet + v.o.
12/29	Westport	1	B. King#	12/16-22	PI	1	T. Graham + v.o.
Razorbill				12/30	Turner's Falls	1	J. Smith#
11/4	Eastham (FE)	500	A. Kneidel	Common Tern			
12/2	Rockport (AP)	335	R. Heil	11/7	Plymouth H.	21	L. Schibley
12/11	Nbpt H.	26	R. Heil	11/11, 17	P'town (RP)	450,18	B.Nikula
12/16	Eastham	632	D. Clapp#	11/17	Kingston	1	A. Kneidel
12/22	Boston	27	S. Jones#	11/21	PI	1 ph	B. Batly#
12/22	PI	21	N. Landry	Forster's Tern			
12/28	Westport	49	A. Eckerson	11/7	Plymouth	2	H. + J. Levesque
large alcid sp.				Black Skimmer			
11/4	Eastham (FE)	550	B.Nikula	11/6-11/9	Yarmouth	6	R. Debenham#
11/14	Orleans	440	B.Nikula	11/6-11/12	Plymouth	2 juv	F. Bowes + v.o.
11/17	P'town (RP)	255	B.Nikula	Red-throated Loon			
Black Guillemot				11/1	PI	140	T. Wetmore
11/30	Scituate waters	3	L. Waters#	11/5-11/8	Brookfield	1	D. Lusignan + v.o.
11/30	Boston	3	T. Buhl	11/12	Winthrop	64	R. Stymeist
12/2	Rockport (AP)	4	R. Heil	11/16	Rockport (AP)	1504	R. Heil
12/20	Stellwagen	11	P. Flood	11/18	Westport	75	M. Iliff
12/22	Westport	2	J. Eckerson	11/20	Turner's Falls	9	J. Smith
Atlantic Puffin				12/8	Hadley (Honeypot)	1 ph	M. Locher + v.o.
11/30	Jeffreys L.	2	S. Mirick#	Pacific Loon			
12/16, 21	Rockport (AP)	34,4	R. Heil, N. Dubrow	11/21-12/31	P'town (RP)	2 max ph	P. Flood# + v.o.
12/20	Stellwagen Bank	2	P. Flood#	12/16	Rockport (AP)	1 ph	N. Dubrow#
Black-legged Kittiwake				Common Loon			
11/3	Rockport (AP)	345	R. Heil	11/5	Westport	516	M. Iliff
11/5, 12/17	Eastham (FE)	80,121	A. Kneidel, B.Nikula	11/16	Rockport (AP)	303	R. Heil
11/14	Orleans	220	B.Nikula	12/11	Nbpt H.	18	R. Heil
11/17	P'town (RP)	235	B.Nikula	12/20	PI	20	T. Wetmore
11/20	Turner's Falls	1 ph	J. Smith	Cory's Shearwater			
11/30	Scituate waters	19	L. Waters#	11/3	Rockport (AP)	6	R. Heil
12/11	Nbpt H.	1	R. Heil	11/4	Eastham (FE)	3000	B.Nikula#
12/20	Stellwagen Bank	141	P. Flood#	Sooty Shearwater			
Bonaparte's Gull				11/4	Eastham (FE)	1	B.Nikula
11/3	Chatham	100	D. Forsyth#	11/11, 12/2	P'town (RP)	1	B.Nikula
11/8	Eastham (FE)	230	M. Harris	11/16	Rockport (AP)	1	R. Heil
11/17	Turner's Falls	1 ad ph	J. Smith	Great Shearwater			
12/3	Cohasset	4	D. Burton	11/3, 12/2	Rockport (AP)	395,2	R. Heil
12/16	Rockport (AP)	1 1W	R. Heil	11/4	Eastham (FE)	150	B.Nikula#
Black-headed Gull				11/11, 17	P'town (RP)	80,70	B.Nikula
12/4-12/26	Hyannis	1	J. Bosler#	11/11	Plymouth B.	1	S. van der Veen#
Laughing Gull				11/30	Scituate waters	2	L. Waters#
11/17	P'town (RP)	11	B.Nikula	Manx Shearwater			
Mew Gull				11/10, 21	P'town (RP)	15,1	B.Nikula, P. Flood
11/24, 12/23-28	Lynn/Swampscott	1 ad ph b	S. Sullivan + v.o.	Northern Gannet			
11/27	Rockport	1 ad ph	R. Doherty	11/7	PI	25	T. Wetmore#
Herring x Great Black-backed Gull (hybrid)				11/12	P'town (RP)	2450	J. Trimble#
12/3	Sharon	1 ph	W. Sweet	11/16	Rockport (AP)	640	R. Heil
Iceland Gull				Double-crested Cormorant			
11/16, 12/13	Sharon	1,2	W. Sweet	11/3, 11/18	Arlington	150,42	J. Forbes
11/17, 12/29	P'town (RP)	2,20	B.Nikula	12/16	Rockport (AP)	2	N. Dubrow
11/21	PI	1	N. Komar#	12/24	Shrewsbury	1	W. Millett
11/27	Pittsfield	1	J. Pierce	Great Cormorant			
11/30-12/13	Turner's Falls	9	J. Smith + v.o.	11/1	Sharon	1	W. Sweet
12/2	Rockport (AP)	3	R. Heil	11/5	Westport	9	M. Iliff
12/8-12/16	Lunenburg	1	T. Pirro + v.o.	11/10	Manomet	25	D. Bates
12/9	Cohasset	7	D. Burton	11/18	Cape Ann	18	B. Harris
12/12	Gloucester (EP)	2	MAS (D. Moon)	12/29-31	Ware	1	C. Allen# + v.o.
12/16	Lowell	1	D. McDermott	American White Pelican			
12/22	Westport	1	J. Eckerson	11/30	Nbpt area	2 ad ph	R. Heil#
12/28	Wilmington	5 1 thayeri	S. Sullivan	12/1	Ipswich	2 ad ph	J. Offermann#
Lesser Black-backed Gull				American Bittern			
11/3	Chatham	2	D. Forsyth#	11/1	Cuttyhunk I.	1	M. Sylvia
11/7	Wayland	2 ad	B. Harris	11/1-12/1	PI	1	D. Chickering + v.o.
11/10	P'town (RP)	2	B.Nikula	11/2-11/6	Woburn (HP)	1	R. Jilek + v.o.
11/21-12/31	Turner's Falls	4 max	J. Smith + v.o.	11/5	Amherst	1	D. Winkler, H. Allen
11/23	Wilmington	2	J. Keeley	11/8-11/12	S. Dart. (APd)	1	L. Waters + v.o.
12/13	Sharon	4 3ad+1imm	W. Sweet	11/16	Newton	1	C. Dalton
12/15	Mashpee	2	J. Trimble#	11/17	Randolph	1	P. Peterson
12/28	Westport	4 2ad+2 2W	A. Eckerson	11/17-12/2	E. Boston (BI)	1	B. Cromartie + v.o.
Glaucous Gull				11/21	Salisbury	1	J. Nathan
11/17-18	New Bedford	1	B. Alps + v.o.	12/19	Westport	1	B. King
11/25	Westport	1	N. Kirkos	12/22	Eastham (FH)	2	J. Trimble#

Great Blue Heron				11/2	Eastham	1 ph	R. Cook#
11/11	Worc.	3	M. Lynch#	11/3-11/14	Gloucester	3 max ph	M. Watson + v.o.
11/18	Quabog IBA	3	M. Lynch#	11/3-11/11	Hadley	3 max ph	J. Mallett + v.o.
Great Egret				11/3-11/7	Plymouth	2 ph	E. Vacchino + v.o.
12/1	Westport	1	B. King	11/9	Belchertown	1 ph	G. Fleming + v.o.
12/10-16	Winthrop	1	J. Hoye# + v.o.	Green Heron			
12/26	Duxbury	1	R. Bowes	11/2	Brookline	1	M. Kaufman
12/31	Eastham (FH)	1	K. Tomlinson	11/3	Barnstable	1	J. Young
Snowy Egret				Black-crowned Night-Heron			
11/1	PI	1	D. Prima	11/7	Gloucester	4	C. Haines
12/27	Dennis	1	J. Frost	12/1	Cambr. (FP)	1 imm	A. Kelonia#
Cattle Egret				12/16	WBWS	1	D. Clapp#
11/1-11/4	Lynnfield	1 ph	P. + F. Vale + v.o.	12/16	Brookline	1 ad	G. d'Entremont#
11/2-11/23	Nantucket	4 ph	v.o.				

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November is traditionally one of the best months for eagle watching. On November 4, migratory conditions were ideal along the ridges of the Wapack Range, producing 38 Bald Eagles during a six-hour watch from the summit of Mount Watatic. An above-average six **Golden Eagles** were reported in November. According to Paul Roberts, founder of the New England Hawk Watch, there was an unusually heavy movement of Golden Eagles early in the season throughout eastern North America. Early and heavy snowfall in eastern Canada and northern New England were likely contributors to the higher than usual numbers. Most sightings of this species are typically flybys, with birds unlikely to stick around. Breaking tradition was a bird photographed at Dunback Meadow, Lexington, that was present for two days. The Greenfield Christmas Bird Count (CBC) tallied a record 27 Bald Eagles on December 30, almost double the previous high set in 2017. Other noteworthy raptor reports included a high count of 16 Red-shouldered Hawks over Mount Watatic, Rough-legged Hawks from nine locations with three present most of December on Plum Island, and a late Osprey in Marshfield on December 26.

This was another good flight year for Snowy Owls with reports from 11 coastal locations. The first Snowy Owl of the period was noted from Cuttyhunk Island on November 1, nearly two weeks before the others began appearing. Norman Smith tallied 10 Snowy Owls and banded four during the Greater Boston CBC on December 16. Barred Owls were reported from over 35 locations, many of them in poor condition; they could be seen hunting during the day, a behavior typically associated with extreme hunger. Not surprisingly, many were found along roadways, victims of vehicle collisions. The highlight for the period was the discovery of a **Boreal Owl** on Nantucket, the first sighting in the state since a bird found in Topsfield on January 28, 2017.

November is typically one of the most exciting months for local birders with the possibility of far-flung rarities. This year the conditions were less than optimal: rain fell on three of the four weekends and much colder than normal temperatures caused early freezing of most small ponds. Last year, persistent and strong southerly winds produced a reverse migration, in which 24 White-eyed Vireos were reported from across the state. In contrast, this year the winds were out of the north and east, and only three White-eyed Vireos were reported. Despite the less-than-ideal conditions a number of vagrants brightened birders spirits. A **Gray Kingbird** was reported on Nantucket on November 4. This is only the third state record following previous records from Aquinnah in 2006 and a very cooperative bird in Hyannis that was seen for 12 days in October and November 2016. A **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** was noted from Salisbury on November 8. There are seven previous reports of this species during the period. A **Sage Thrasher** was found and photographed at Low Beach, Nantucket on November 25–26, which was only the fourth state record and the first for the island. A **LeConte's Sparrow** was discovered in Lakeville on the Taunton-Middleboro CBC on December 30 and is the fifth record for the period. A **Black-throated Gray Warbler** was found at Phillips Beach in Swampscott on November 11. This individual delighted scores of birders as it foraged in the sand and among the rocks, sometimes just inches away. Sadly, the show was over five days later when the bird was snatched up by

a Cooper's Hawk. Rounding out the rarities was the discovery of a brightly-plumaged, and considerably less cooperative, male **Painted Bunting** in Newton.

Early reports of winter finches came in during October as predicted by Ron Pittaway's annual winter finch distribution report (Pittaway 2018). Sightings continued into this period with increased numbers of Evening Grosbeak, Purple Finch, Pine Siskin, and Common Redpoll. Pine Grosbeaks began appearing in small numbers in scattered locations including upwards of 42 in Windsor in Berkshire County. Red Crossbills were noted in over 30 locations with as many as 90 individuals present at Moose Hill Sanctuary in Sharon. In contrast, only a few **Bohemian Waxwings** were reported. A single **Hoary Redpoll** was documented among a group of over 80 Common Redpolls in Harvard.

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Black Vulture				12/24	Bolton Flats	1	M. Lynch#
11/7	Gloucester	1	R. Heil	Northern Goshawk			
11/8-12/27	Rockport	1	B. Harris + v.o.	11/4	Mt Watatic	1	S. Miller
11/10	Milton	5	K. Keleher	11/12	Rutland	1 ad	M. Lynch#
11/12	Dartmouth	5	J. Eckerson	11/28	Groton	1	M. Resch
11/23	Sheffield	8	K. Hanson, S. Townsend	Red-shouldered Hawk			
11/28	Greenfield	5	M. Fairbrother	11/4	Mt Watatic	16	L. Waters#
Turkey Vulture				11/4	Mt Wachusett	2	HawkCount (B. Rasku)
11/4	Russell	17	HawkCount (T. Swochak)	11/4	Princeton	2	HawkCount (B. Rasku)
12/13	S. Dartmouth	5	J. Hoyer#	11/11	Barre	2	HawkCount (D. Grant)
12/22	Blackstone	12	M. Lynch#	12/19	W. Roxbury (MP)	3	D. Sullivan
Osprey				Red-tailed Hawk			
thr-12/26	Indiv. reported from 15 locations			11/4	Princeton	22	HawkCount (B. Rasku)
12/3-12/9	Sharon	1	W. Sweet + v.o.	11/4	Mt Watatic	21	S. Miller
12/26	Marshfield	1	A. Alguero	11/4	Russell	20	HawkCount (T. Swochak)
Bald Eagle				11/4	Mt Wachusett	17	Hawkcount (B. Rasku)
11/4	Mt Watatic	38	A. Eckerson#	Red-tailed Hawk (<i>abieticola</i>)			
11/4	Ashby	7	J. Forbes	11/1	Newbury	1 ph	M. Watson
11/4	Princeton	3	HawkCount (B. Rasku)	11/1	Concord	1 ph	Bourget
11/7	Danvers	3	A. Sanford	11/5	Medford	1 ph	J. Layman
12/5	Pittsfield	6 max	G. Hurley	12/23	Ipswich	1 ph	N. Dubrow
12/29	Quabbin	5 4ad+1imm	M. Lynch#	Rough-legged Hawk			
12/30	Greenfield CBC	27	M. Fairbrother	11/18	Sharon	1	E. Ganin
Northern Harrier				11/23-24	Sheffield	1	K. Hanson + v.o.
11/4	DWWS	6	B. Rusnica	11/23-25	Hadley	1	N. Goodman
11/9	Salisbury	5	K. Elwell	11/24	Northampton	1	J. Coleman
11/18	Cumb. Farms	5	A. Kneidel	11/26, 12/24	Cumb. Farms	1,3	N. Marchessault, J. Sweeney
Sharp-shinned Hawk				11/28, 12/15	Wayland	1 dk	B. Harris
11/4	DWWS	7	B. Rusnica	12/5-19	Salisbury	1	MAS (D. Moon) + v.o.
11/4	Rockport	5	M. Iliff#	12/7	E. Boston (BI)	1	J. Young
11/5	Manomet	3	A. Kneidel#	12/14-31	PI	3 2dk+1lt	T. Wetmore
11/7	Medford	2	P. Roberts#	Golden Eagle			
11/18	Westport	3	M. Iliff	11/4	Turner's Falls	1 imm ph	T. Pirro, C. Caron
Cooper's Hawk				11/4	Russell	1 imm	HawkCount(Swochak)
11/10	Everett	2	R. Stymeist	11/10-11	Lexington (DM)	1 ph	B. Lipson + v.o.
11/10	Quabog IBA	1	M. Lynch#	11/10	Barre Falls	1 ad	Hawkcount (D. Schilling)

Golden Eagle (continued)				American Kestrel			
11/21	Westminster	1 imm	G. Watkevitch	11/5	Westport	1	B. King
11/24	Williamstown	1 ad ph	J. Pierce	11/8-12/26	E. Boston (BI)	1	R. Schain + v.o.
Barn Owl				11/12	Medford	1	M. McCarthy
11/30	Nantucket	3	T. Pastuszek	11/17	Essex	1	J. Nelson
Eastern Screech-Owl				12/9	Winthrop	1	S. Jones#
12/15	Boylston CBC	4	M. Lynch#	12/18	Nahant	1	L. Pivacek
12/23	Barnstable	18	J. Trimble#	12/19	BHI (Deer I.)	1	J. Layman
12/30	Marshfield	6	G. d'Entremont#	Merlin			
Great Horned Owl				thr	Indiv. reported from 32 locations		
12/15	Boylston CBC	7	M. Lynch#	11/1	Cuttyhunk I.	3	M. Sylvia
12/23	Barnstable	12	J. Trimble#	Peregrine Falcon			
12/29	Quabbin	3	M. Lynch#	thr	Indiv. reported from 15 locations		
Snowy Owl				11/22	Melrose	2	J. McCoy
11/1	Cuttyhunk I.	1	M. Sylvia	11/28	Worcester	2	J. Shea
11/17-24, 12/27	Ipswich (CB)	1	S. Hedman + v.o.	12/1	E. Boston (BI)	2	DCR (S. Riley)
11/18	Barnstable	2	D. Lomba	12/25	Woburn (HP)	2	J. Nathan
11/25-12/22	PI	3 max MAS (D. Weaver) + v.o.		thr	PI	2	T. Wetmore + v.o.
11/25	Fairhaven	1	C. Longworth	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher			
11/28-12/3	Chatham	1	D. Lyon#	11/4	Rockport	1 ph	M. Iliff#
12/8-12/31	Westport	1	M. Iliff + v.o.	Alder Flycatcher			
12/11	Hyannis	1	C. Walz	11/4-11/10	Eastham (FH)	1 ph au	P. Crosson#
12/12	Nantucket	3	H. Young#	Least Flycatcher			
12/15	Eastham	1	J. Wagner	11/1	Manomet	1 ph	E. Dalton
12/16	Boston (Logan)	10	CBC (N. Smith)	Eastern Phoebe			
Barred Owl				12/15	Westport	1 ph	L. Waters#
thr	Reported from 34 locations			12/15	Orange Airport	1 ph	J. Rose
12/8	Montague	3	J. Eckerson	12/16	Lunenburg	1 ph	S. Miller, C. Dengler
12/15	Boylston CBC	3	M. Lynch#	12/23	Burrage Pd WMA	1	C. Molander#
12/27	Deerfield	3	D. Sibley	12/29-31	Ipswich (CB)	1 ph	N. Dubrow + v.o.
Long-eared Owl				Western Kingbird			
11/24	Ipswich (CB)	1 ph	K. Bedard	11/4-11/7	Danvers	1 ph	D. Walters#
12/23	Barnstable	3	J. Trimble#	11/4	Nantucket	1 ph	T. Pastuszek#
12/30	Marshfield	2	D. Furbish#	11/5-11/12	Manomet	1 ph	E. Dalton#
Short-eared Owl				Gray Kingbird			
11/4, 12/24	PI	2, 1	S. Grinley#, D. Prima	11/4	Nantucket	1 ph	K. and T. Griswold
11/15	Falmouth	1	J. Trimble#	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher			
11/18	Westport	1	M. Iliff	11/8-11/9	Salisbury	1 ph	J. Parrot-Willis + v.o.
12/10-13	Nantucket	2	R. Ouren#	Northern Shrike			
12/23	W. Gloucester	1	S. Hedman	thr	Indiv. reported from 12 locations		
12/23	Barnstable	1	J. Trimble#	12/30	Marshfield	2 1ad+1 imm	G. d'Entremont#
12/27	Tuckernuck I.	2	A. Black#	White-eyed Vireo			
Boreal Owl				11/4-11/21	Rockport	1	M. Iliff + v.o.
12/16-18	Nantucket	1 ph	J. Corkish	11/8-12/8	WBWS	1	W. Mumford, v.o.
Northern Saw-whet Owl				11/15	Chatham	1	D. Clapp
11/4	Amherst	2	S. Zhang	12/30	Nantucket	1	J. Trimble#
11/8	N. Dighton	2	M. Eckerson	Blue-headed Vireo			
12/6	Wellfleet	4	T. Spahr	11/1	GMNWR	1	A. Bragg#
12/8	Bolton	3	N. Tepper	11/1	Woburn (HP)	1	J. Layman
12/15	Boylston CBC	3	M. Lynch#	11/5	Medford	1	M. McCarthy
12/23	Barnstable	13	J. Trimble#	11/12	S. Dart. (APd)	1	J. Eckerson
12/29	Quabbin	2	M. Lynch#	11/12-18	Rockport (HPT)	1	J. Barcus + v.o.
Belted Kingfisher				Philadelphia Vireo			
11/18	Quabog IBA	2	M. Lynch#	11/18	S. Peabody	1	R. Heil
12/19	W. Roxbury (MP)	2	D. Sullivan	Warbling Vireo			
12/30	Marshfield	3	G. d'Entremont#	11/4	Rockport	1	S. Sullivan#
Red-headed Woodpecker				11/17	Barnstable	1	N. Villone
11/6	Merrimac	1	B. + B. Buxton	Red-eyed Vireo			
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				11/4-12/17	Rockport (HPT)	2	L. Manzi + v.o.
11/1	Boston (AA)	2	T. Bradford#	11/6	Eastham (FH)	1	T. Spahr
11/4	Boston (RKG)	4	R. Stymeist	11/8	Medford	1	R. LaFontaine
12/1-12/15	MtA	2 max A. Parker + v.o.		11/10	Rockport (AP)	1	N. Dowling
12/8	Westport	2	S. Wheelock	American Crow			
Hairy Woodpecker				11/4	Princeton	300	HawkCount (B. Rasku)
11/19	Sharon	10	L. Waters	11/23	Falmouth	550	C. Gibson
12/1	PI	5	G. d'Entremont#	12/13-20	Lawrence	25000	B. Fox#
12/29	Quabbin	6	M. Lynch#	12/28	N. Adams	1500	M. Morales
Pileated Woodpecker				Fish Crow			
12/3-12/25	Boston	1	M. Iliff	11/12	Needham	10	J. Bock
12/15	Athol CBC	16	D. Small#	12/15	Mashpee	89	J. Trimble#
12/29	Quabbin	5	M. Lynch#	12/19	Blackstone	150	R. Whetstone
				12/19	W. Roxbury (MP)	28	D. Sullivan

Common Raven				Eastern Bluebird			
thr	1-2 birds reported from 18 locations			11/4	DWMA	25	N. Tepper
11/4	Mt Watatic	43	A. Eckerson#	11/4	Ashby	24	J. Forbes
12/29	Quabbin	9	M. Lynch#	11/30	Montague	21	J. Rose
Horned Lark				12/15	Boylston CBC	21	M. Lynch#
11/8	Concord	12	J. Forbes	Swainson's Thrush			
11/17	Northampton	104	J. Coleman	11/1	Manomet	1 b	M. Gray
11/17	Leicester	100	M. Lynch#	11/4	Rockport	1 ph	J. Trimble
11/17	Truro	60	P. Crosson	Hermit Thrush			
11/25	Saugus	75	S. Zende#	11/4, 12/1	Boston (RKG)	4,2	R. Stymeist, L. Markley
11/25	Rehoboth	66	J. Eckerson#	11/13, 12/17	Boston (McW)	2,1	S. Jones, P. Peterson
12/3	Rochester	50	L. Schibley	11/15	Westport	14	L. Waters
12/15	Orange Airport	54	J. Rose	12/14	Cape Ann	6	B. Harris
Tree Swallow				12/16	Boston	4	K. Dailey
12/1,16	Nantucket	50,1	S. Kardell#, R. Ouren#	12/20	Plymouth	2	L. Schibley#
12/1	Southwick	3 ph	D. Holmes	Gray Catbird			
12/17	PI	1	T. Wetmore	11/12, 12/15	S. Dart. (APd)	16,8	J. Eckerson, E. Lipton#
Northern Rough-winged Swallow				11/15	Westport	17	L. Waters
11/5	Westport	1	M. Iliff	11/18	Cumb. Farms	5	A. Kneidel
Bank Swallow				12/14	Cape Ann	6	B. Harris
11/3	Plympton	1	D. Furbish	12/29	Ipswich (CB)	5	N. Dubrow
11/7	Burrage Pd WMA	1	J. Sweeney	Brown Thrasher			
Barn Swallow				11/1	Belchertown	1	L. Therrien
11/5	Fairhaven	2	N. Brown	11/7	Pittsfield	1	G. Hurley
11/7	Burrage Pd WMA	1	J. Sweeney	11/12, 12/15	S. Dart. (APd)	5,1	J. Eckerson, E. Lipton#
11/12	S. Dart. (APd)	1	J. Eckerson	11/24	Fairhaven	1	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)
11/26-30	Yarmouth	1	P. Trimble	Sage Thrasher			
Red-breasted Nuthatch				11/25-11/26	Nantucket	1 ph	L. Kahle#
11/19	Sharon	243	L. Waters	Bohemian Waxwing			
11/24	PI	6	T. Wetmore	11/2	Fitchburg	1	C. Caron
12/1	Montague	12	M. Lynch#	11/4	Eastham (FH)	1	T. Spahr
12/20	Ellisville	24	G. d'Entremont#	11/11	P'town	1	J. Offermann#
12/20	Plymouth	17	M. Faherty#	11/28-11/29	PI	2 max	T. Martin + v.o.
Brown Creeper				12/15	Leicester	1	N. Paulson
12/1	Sharon	7	T. Spahr#	Cedar Waxwing			
12/15	Andover	3	N. Dorian#	11/27	Turner's Falls	265	J. Rose
12/27	GMNWR	4	M. Stone#	12/1	Montague	70	M. Lynch#
12/29	Quabbin	3	M. Lynch#	12/15	Mashpee	89	J. Trimble#
House Wren				12/20	Ellisville	35	G. d'Entremont#
11/4-12/19	Falmouth	1	R. Farrell, G. Hirth	American Pipit			
12/27	Truro	1	L. Waters#	11/4	Sharon	25	P. Peterson
12/29	Ipswich (CB)	1	N. Dubrow	11/7	PI	7	MAS (D. Moon)
12/30	Nantucket	1	CBC	11/10	Concord	9	T. + D. Swain
Winter Wren				11/11	Saugus	15	S. Zende#
thr	1-2 birds reported from 41 locations			12/31	Lakeville	8	E. Lipton#
11/17	Belmont	3	C. Floyd	Evening Grosbeak			
11/17	Waltham	3	C. Cook	thr	Reported from 107 locations		
12/23	Barnstable	3	P. Crosson#	11/12	N. Truro	17	J. Trimble#
Marsh Wren				11/14, 12/19	Marshfield	24,20	T. O'Neil#, J. Kricher
12/11	Nbpt H.	3	R. Heil	11/30	Deerfield	25	D. Sibley
12/15	Westport	5	E. Nielsen#	12/1	Pittsfield	47	J. Pierce
12/20	Ellisville	2	G. d'Entremont#	12/15	Athol CBC	75	D.Small#
12/30	Marshfield	3	D. Peacock	12/17	Ipswich 47 Type	3	P. Brown
Carolina Wren				12/24	Littleton	20	T. Swain
11/24	Fairhaven	23	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)	12/28-31	Royalston	46	E. LeBlanc + v.o.
12/15	Braintree	21	G. d'Entremont#	12/30	DWWS	29	E. Vacchino#
12/16	E. Orleans	14	J. Trimble#	Pine Grosbeak			
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				11/9	PI	1	E. LeBlanc
11/4-11/9	Rockport (HPt)	1	S. Williams + v.o.	11/28	Groton	1	M. Resch
11/8	Rockport (AP)	1	B. Harris#	12/7-12/31	Windsor	42 max,ph	M.Morales + v.o.
11/23	Orleans	1	C. Thompson	12/11	Wachusett Res.	4 au	T. Spahr
Golden-crowned Kinglet				12/14	Leverett	1	L. Waters
11/1	Scituate	16	D. Peacock	12/15	Boylston CBC	1	M. Lynch#
11/4	Barre	18	W. Howes	12/15	Leicester	1	N. Paulson
11/9	Salisbury	18	K. Elwell	12/20	Medway	2	B. Roberts-Lee
12/29	Quabbin	13	M. Lynch#	12/30	Gill	3	B. Lafley, J. Lafley
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				12/31	W. Boylston	2	B. Abbott
thr	1-3 birds reported from 29 locations			Purple Finch			
11/4	Rockport (HPt)	7	J. Hoye#	11/1	Cuttyhunk I.	7	M. Sylvia
11/4	Boston (RKG)	4	R. Stymeist	11/4	Nantucket	35	A. Black#
11/7	PI	7	D. Prima	11/6	Lexington (DM)	18	R. Stymeist
11/9	Hingham (WE)	4	R. Schain	11/7	Wayland	49	B. Harris
11/12	S. Dart. (APd)	5	J. Eckerson	11/8	S. Dart. (APd)	28	L. Waters

Purple Finch (continued)				American Tree Sparrow		
11/11 Sharon	12	P. Peterson		11/5 Westport	41	M. Iliff
Common Redpoll				11/12 Nantucket	45	T. Pastuszak#
thr Reported from 48 locations				11/12 Wayland	17	B. Harris
11/24 Sandwich	8	J. Trimble#		12/23 Barnstable	12	J. Trimble#
11/24 P'town	6	S. Williams#		12/29 Quabbin	16	M. Lynch#
12/5 Salisbury	40	MAS (D. Moon)		Chipping Sparrow		
12/6 PI	110	D. Chickering		11/16 PI	6	T. Wetmore
12/9 Wilmington	25	J. Keeley		11/29, 12/5 W. Roxbury	3,2	C. Hartshorn
12/15 Braintree	18	C. Whitebread#		12/16 Waltham	3	C. Cook#
12/16 Harvard	84	R. Lockwood		12/25 Concord	9	T. Swain
12/22 Carver	24	B. Vigorito#		12/30 Taunton	7	E. Lipton
Hoary Redpoll				Clay-colored Sparrow		
12/16 Harvard	1 ph	R. Lockwood		11/1 Somerville	1 ph	A. Trautmann
Red Crossbill				11/6-12/8 Sheffield	1 ph	G. Ward + v.o.
thr Reported from 26 locations				11/10-11 PI	1 ph	MAS (D. Moon)+v.o.
11/4 Littleton	15	D. + T. Swain		11/12 Medford	1 ph	M. McCarthy
11/7 N. Dighton	4	J. Eckerson		12/16 Chestnut Hill	1 ph	R. Doherty
11/19 Sharon 90 Types 1,3, 10		L. Waters		Field Sparrow		
11/25 Millis 20 Type 10		J. Baur		11/5 Eastham	19	P. Crosson
12/5 Montague 6 au		J. Smith		11/8 S. Dart. (APd)	6	L. Waters
12/6 MSSF 12 Type 10		T. Spahr		11/19-23 Manomet	6	A. Kneidel + v.o.
12/9-12/10 Walpole 12 Type 10		V. Zollo		12/24 Plymouth	15	C. Jackson
12/13 PI	6	T. Bradford		12/29 Northbridge	8	R. Jenkins
12/16 Plymouth 14 Type 10		L. Schibley		Vesper Sparrow		
12/24 Medfield	21	J. Bock		11/4-12/13 Falmouth	1	J. Carroll
12/30 Wellfleet	8	K. Yakola#		11/9-11/24 Sheffield	1	M. Morales + v.o.
White-winged Crossbill				11/11, 12/1 Rockport	1,1	S. Williams#, J. Trimble
11/8 GMNWR	1	A. Bragg#		11/12 Orleans	1	J. Sweeney
11/30 N. Dighton	1	M. Eckerson		11/22 W. Newbury	1	N. Dubrow
12/1-12/8 Pittsfield	7	J. Pierce + v.o.		12/31 Lakeville	1	E. Lipton#
12/5 Easthampton	3	L. Therrien		Lark Sparrow		
12/6 Sharon	1	A. Eckerson		11/6-11/8 Manomet	1 ph	A. Kneidel + v.o.
12/31 Medfield	1	E. Nielsen		Savannah Sparrow		
Pine Siskin				11/12 Rutland	1	M. Lynch#
thr Reported from 68 locations				11/17 Leicester	1	M. Lynch#
11/1 Worcester	38	S. Williams		12/1 Rockport	1	J. Trimble
11/1 W. Roxbury (MP)	15	M. Iliff		12/8 PI	3	T. Wetmore
11/4, 12/1 Nantucket	64 max	A. Black#		12/10 Northfield	1	J. Smith
11/8 S. Dart. (APd)	29	L. Waters		12/15 Westport	1	E. Nielsen#
11/11 Concord	14	T. Swain		Ipswich Sparrow		
11/12 Cheshire	33	J. Pierce		11/4-11/12 PI	1	E. Labato + v.o.
12/1 Rockport	16	J. Trimble		11/8, 12/2 Winthrop	1,1	R. Schain#
12/2 Wellfleet	22	C. Hight#		11/12 Duxbury B.	1	F. Bowes
12/11 Orange	12	L. Boudreau		11/18 Westport	1	M. Iliff
12/12 Sharon	47	L. Waters#		Grasshopper Sparrow		
12/20 Plymouth	24	L. Schibley#		11/4 Eastham (FH)	1	T. Spahr
12/22 Oak Bluffs	15	A. Quigley		11/16 Uxbridge	1 ph	M. Sughrue-Yacino
Lapland Longspur				LeConte's Sparrow		
11/12 Duxbury B.	2	F. Bowes		12/30-31 Lakeville	1 ph	B. Faherty + v.o.
11/18 Northfield	6	J. Smith		Nelson's Sparrow		
11/24 Hingham	2	P. Peterson		11/1 Revere	6	S. Jones#
11/25 Eastham (FH)	5	P. Trimble#		11/8 E. Boston (BI)	2	R. Schain#
11/25 Saugus	4	S. Zende#		11/8 S. Dart. (APd)	1	L. Waters
11/26 P'town (RP)	10	J. Vickery#		11/9 Fairhaven	1	C. Floyd
11/28 Groton	2	M. Resch		11/25 Eastham (FH)	2	P. Trimble#
Snow Bunting				Saltmarsh Sparrow		
11/8 S. Dart. (APd)	12	L. Waters		11/8 E. Boston (BI)	1	R. Schain#
11/9 Salisbury	150	A. McCarthy#		12/11 Nbpt H.	1	R. Heil
11/11-18 Plymouth B.	80	J. Sweeney + v.o.		Seaside Sparrow		
11/17 Ipswich (CB)	60	S. Hedman#		11/25 Eastham (FH)	3	P. Trimble#
11/18-12/15 Orange Airport	100	B. Lafley + v.o.		12/11 Nbpt H.	1	R. Heil
11/18 Egremont	50	K. Hanson, S. Townsend		Fox Sparrow		
11/23 Worc.	130	M. Lynch#		11/8 Northfield	12	J. Coleman
12/2 Winthrop B.	45	S. Zende#		11/15 Longmeadow	11 max	M. Moore
12/16 Eastham	92	D. Clapp#		11/21 Lexington	14	C. Cook
12/16 Waltham	30	J. Forbes#		11/24 Fairhaven	9	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)
Eastern Towhee				12/13-31 Hardwick	1	W. Howes
12/15 S. Dart. (APd)	9	E. Lipton#		12/27 Westborough	1	J. Miner
12/15 Westport	3	E. Nielsen#		Lincoln's Sparrow		
12/23 Millbury	1	C. Errington		11/4 GMNWR	2	D. Kelly
12/30 Fairhaven	1	C. Longworth + v.o.		11/9 Hadley (Honeypt)	1	S. Surner

Lincoln's Sparrow (continued)				11/11	Canton	10	J. Baur	
11/11	DFWS	1	J. Kricher	12/6	PI	6	D. Chickering	
11/21	Lexington (DM)	1	J. Forbes	12/19	Wayland	16	C. Martone	
11/22	Carlisle	1	T. Brownrigg#	12/23	Sheffield	45	J. Pierce	
11/23	Sheffield	1	K. Hanson	Common Grackle				
11/23	Fairhaven	1	C. Goulart	12/14-20	Boston (FPk)	225 max	R. Stymeist	
11/23	Boston	1	L. Nichols	12/22	Medford	2	J. Forbes	
11/24	Hingham	1	P. Peterson	Ovenbird				
12/10	Woburn (HP)	1	B. Lee	11/18	Rochester	1	J. Young	
12/23	Centerville	1	C. Caron#	12/23	Barnstable	1	B. Stymeist#	
Swamp Sparrow				12/27	Woburn (HP)	1	D. McDermott	
11/4	Eastham (FH)	15	G. d'Entremont	12/30	Nantucket	1	CBC	
11/8	GMNWR	14	A. Bragg#	thr-12/1	Boston (RKG)	2 max	L.Markley + v.o.	
11/8	S. Dart. (APd)	13	L. Waters	Northern Waterthrush				
11/18	Cumb. Farms	15	A. Kneidel	11/1-11/10	Brookline	1	P. Peterson	
White-crowned Sparrow				11/11	P'town	1	J. Trimble	
11/1	Scituate	16	D. Peacock	12/16	E. Orleans	1	J. Trimble#	
11/1-12/19	Sheffield	10 max	K. Hanson + v.o.	12/29-30	Nantucket	1	J. Trimble#, S. Mirick#	
11/1	Cuttyhunk I.	8	M. Sylvia	Blue-winged Warbler				
11/1-12/20	Hadley(Honeypot)	5 max	L. Therrien + v.o.	11/12	Winchester	1	R. La Fontaine	
11/7	PI	4	T. Wetmore	11/17	Belmont	1	J. Layman	
11/11	Rockport	4	S. Williams#	Black-and-white Warbler				
11/15	Westport	3	L. Waters	11/5-11/12	Medford	1 ph	R. LaFontaine + v.o.	
11/30	PI	1 imm	Gambel's R. Heil	11/23	Sandwich	1	S. Matheny	
12/4	Cumb. Farms	6	immGambel's J. Sweeney	12/15	MTA	1 ph	B. Jilek	
12/26	Boston (AA)	3	J. Mitchell	12/16	Cambr. (FP)	1 ph	T. Mazerall #	
12/30	Nantucket	8	F. Gallo#	Prothonotary Warbler				
12/31	Barnstable	2	N. Villone	11/6-11/25	Ipswich	1 ph	R. Heil + v.o.	
Dark-eyed Junco				Tennessee Warbler				
11/1	Southboro	1	oregon M. Garvey	11/4	Nahant	1	L. Pivacek#	
Yellow-breasted Chat				11/4	Eastham (FH)	1	T. Spahr	
11/4, 12/22	Eastham (FH)	1,1	G. d'Entremont, J. Hoye#	11/5-11/8	Boston (Fens)	1	J. Young + v.o.	
11/7	Manomet	1	L. Schibley	11/8	Danvers	1	N. Tepper	
11/12-18	Rockport (HPT)	1	J. Barcus + v.o.	Orange-crowned Warbler				
11/15, 12/15	Westport	1	L. Waters, E. Nielsen#	thr	Reported from 34 locations			
12/9	Winthrop	1	S. Jones#	11/4	Eastham (FH)	2	G. d'Entremont	
12/16	BHI (Thompson I.)	2	CBC (M. Garvey#)	11/4	Rockport	2	J. Trimble	
12/16	E. Orleans	1	N. Dorian#	11/4	Newton	2	C. Dalton	
12/29	Ipswich (CB)	1	N. Dubrow	11/26, 12/6	Cambr. (FP)	2	J. Trimble	
12/30	Wayland	1	B. Harris	12/2	E. Boston (BI)	3	B. Burke	
Bobolink				12/24	Fairhaven	2	H. Zimmerlin	
12/4-12/5	Harwich	1 ph	M. Faherty	12/30	Nantucket	3	F. Gallo#	
Eastern Meadowlark				Nashville Warbler				
11/12-11/25			S. Dart. (APd)	8	11/15	Westport	1	L. Waters
J. Eckerson + v.o.					11/18, 12/9-23	Winthrop	1	B. Burke, S. Jones + v.o.
12/3	Orleans	10	P. Trull	12/16-24	Fairhaven	1	C. Longworth + v.o.	
12/30	DWWS	18	E. Vacchino	12/23	Worc. (BMB)	1	J. Glover	
Orchard Oriole				Common Yellowthroat				
11/7	W. Boxford	1	T. Walker	thr	Indiv. reported from 24 locations			
11/8-11/19	Manomet	1	M. Ellen (?) + v.o.	11/12	S. Dart. (APd)	2	J. Eckerson	
Baltimore Oriole				11/24-12/31	Northfield	4 max	ph J. Smith + v.o.	
thr-12/27	Indiv. Reported from 31 locations			Cape May Warbler				
11/6, 12/1-18	Eastham	2,1	T. Spahr, C. Wagner	11/11	MNWS	1 ph	A. Sanford	
11/24-12/25	E. Brookfield	1 ph	C. McRae	12/15	PI	1 ph	J. Barcus	
12/19-27	Mashpee	1 ph	M. Keleher#	Northern Parula				
12/23	Barnstable	1 ph	J. Trimble#	11/6	Eastham (FH)	1	T. Spahr	
12/26	Duxbury	1 ph	E. Vacchino	11/11	MNWS	1	A. Sanford	
Red-winged Blackbird				11/12	Natick	1	G. Dysart	
11/4	DWMA	240	N. Tepper	11/16	Reading	1	J. Keeley	
11/7	Groton	1000	T. Murray	Magnolia Warbler				
11/8	GMNWR	320	A. Bragg#	11/4	Eastham (FH)	1	T. Spahr	
12/30	Nantucket	231	F. Gallo#	11/7	DFWS	1	MAS (P. Sowizral)	
Brown-headed Cowbird				11/8	Medford	1	R. LaFontaine	
11/3	Hadley	700	L. Therrien	Bay-breasted Warbler				
12/6	Sharon	27	W. Sweet	11/2	Marblehead	1	J. Smith	
12/15	Wayland	92	B. Harris	11/7	Boston (AA)	1	R. Doherty	
12/31	Concord (NAC)	4	J. Forbes	11/11	Rockport	1	S. Williams#	
Rusty Blackbird				Yellow Warbler				
thr	Reported from 22 locations			12/30	Nantucket	1 ph	P. Trimble	
11/4	Littleton	40	D. + T. Swain	Blackpoll Warbler				
11/5	Hadley	28	L. Therrien	11/8, 21	Winchester	5,2	R. Stymeist, R. LaFontaine	
11/7	Danvers	22	D. Walters	11/25	Newton	1	H. Miller	
11/8	S. Dart. (APd)	6	L. Waters	11/29	Sandwich	1	P. Crosson	

Blackpoll Warbler (continued)				Black-throated Gray Warbler			
12/1	Sharon	1 ph	M. Waters#	11/11-15	Swampscott	1 f ph	D. Crowley + v.o.
Black-throated Blue Warbler				Wilson's Warbler			
11/18-12/30	Brookline	1 f ph	J. Weinberg	11/4-11/6	Eastham (FH)	1	T. Spahr
11/25	MtA	1	J. Trimble	11/8-11/13	Boston (McW)	1	T. Bradford + v.o.
12/24-31	Reading	1 ph	D. Williams	Summer Tanager			
Palm Warbler				11/1-11/4	Belmont	1 ph	J. Layman + v.o.
thr	1-2 birds reported from 20 locations			Tanager sp.			
11/1	Hardwick	6	W. Howes	11/14	Whately	1 ph	C. Stern
11/1	Groton	5	T. Murray	Rose-breasted Grosbeak			
11/1	Scituate	4 western	D. Peacock	12/9	Chicopee	1 ph	L. Bledzki
11/4	Rockport	4	M. Iliff#	Grosbeak sp.			
11/8	Medford	1 western	N. Dorian	11/26	Gloucester	1 imm m	J. Standley
11/18	Westport	1 western	M. Iliff	Blue Grosbeak			
12/30	Nantucket	8	P. Trimble	11/1-11/12	Barnstable	1	P. Crosson#
12/30	Concord	1 western	S. Perkins	11/4	Truro	1	D. Forsyth#
Pine Warbler				11/7	Lincoln	1	M. Rines + v.o.
11/7	Lakeville	13	J. Sweeney	Indigo Bunting			
11/11, 12/1	Rockport	1	J. Trimble, S. Williams#	11/3	Nantucket	2	S. Kardell, K.
11/12	S. Dart. (APd)	2	J. Eckerson	Blackshaw			
11/27	Belmont	1	K. Goodwin	11/4	Cuttyhunk I.	2	M. Sylvia
Yellow-rumped Warbler				11/7	Williamstown	1 ph	M. Morales
11/4, 11/18	Rockport (HPt)	26,8	J. Hoye#, N. Tepper	Painted Bunting			
11/24	S. Dart. (APd)	6	A. Eckerson#	12/26-31	Newton	1 m ph	J. Hesterman + v.o.
12/26	Westport	6	D. O'Malley	Dickcissel			
12/29	Ipswich (CB)	10	N. Dubrow	11/1	Groton	1	T. Murray
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's)				11/1	Cuttyhunk I.	1	M. Sylvia
12/16	E. Orleans	1 ph	J. Trimble#	11/8-11/12	Manomet	1	C. Whitebread + v.o.
12/30	Nantucket	1 ph	F. Gallo#	11/11	Rockport	1	S. Williams#
Prairie Warbler				12/2	Wellfleet	1 ph	C. Hight#
11/1	Scituate	2	D. Peacock	12/10-31	Georgetown	1	M. Watson
11/4	Newton	1	C. Dalton	12/16	Eastham	1	D. Clapp#
11/4	DWWS	1	B. Rusnica	12/16-27	Boston (AA)	1	G. d'Entremont#
11/4	Eastham (FH)	1	T. Spahr	12/20	Plymouth	1	L. Schibley#
Black-throated Green Warbler				12/20	Ellisville	1	G. d'Entremont#
11/1	Cuttyhunk I.	1	M. Sylvia	12/21	Ipswich	1	N. Dubrow
11/4	Newton	1	C. Dalton	12/27	Brookline	1	P. Peterson
11/8	GMNWR	1	A. Bragg#				



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BYGONE BIRDS

Historical Highlights for November–December

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5 YEARS AGO

November–December 2013

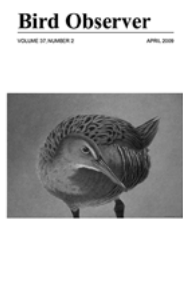


During the last week of the year, the “goose fields” of Argilla Road, Ipswich, hosted not just a **Ross’s Goose** and **Cackling Goose** but also a **Red-headed Woodpecker**. The winter of 2013–14 saw the largest invasion of Snowy Owls in eastern North America for over 50 years, with birds reported as far afield as Florida and Bermuda; Nantucket counted 33 Snowys compared to a previous high of four. A **White-winged Dove** was a one-day wonder at the JFK Library in Dorchester. Rare flycatchers included a **Say’s Phoebe** in Fairhaven and a **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** on Nantucket. Other passerine highlights included a male and female **Western Tanager** a mile apart in Rockport, a **Bullock’s Oriole** in Chelmsford, **Harris’s Sparrows** in Wenham and Northampton, and a **MacGillivray’s Warbler** that was found on the Taunton-Middleboro Christmas Bird Count.

Best sighting: a female **King Eider** at Quabbin Reservoir on November 11 was a first for Hampshire County and only the third inland record for the state.

10 YEARS AGO

November–December 2008



A **Barnacle Goose** was at Charlton from December 3–13. “The” **Eared Grebe** that had been a mainstay at Gloucester each winter since 1995 failed to return. Rare gulls abounded with a **Sabine’s Gull** at Andrew’s Point on November 1, a **Franklin’s Gull** at Plum Island on November 5, and a rare inland record of **Little Gull** at Turner’s Falls on December 21. The continuing **Broad-billed Hummingbird** at East Dennis held on until December 13. Other highlights included a **Boreal Chickadee** in Windsor in November and a female **Mountain Bluebird** at Fort Hill, Eastham, from November 23–December 7.

Best sighting: an adult **Black-tailed Gull** at Herring Cove Beach, Provincetown, November 1–7 was the second record for the state and the first to be physically documented.

20 YEARS AGO



November–December 1998

There was a fallout of **Tundra Swans** across the state including a flock of 28 at Westport on November 22. Two **American Avocets** were on Plum Island at the start of December. Two Ash-throated Flycatchers were found this period including a long-staying bird in Mount Auburn Cemetery. Other western rarities included a MacGillivray's Warbler in the Mattapan neighborhood of Boston, December 13–16, a Townsend's Solitaire and Western Tanager in East Orleans, and a Varied Thrush in Annisquam. A Harris's Sparrow at Plum Island, November 11–18, was "very cooperative"—at one point it was observed standing on a birder's shoe.

Best sighting: a **Western Grebe** on a reservoir in Attleboro, December 23–26, represented the first inland record for the state.

40 YEARS AGO



November–December 1978

Ten **Fulvous Whistling-Ducks** dropped into Plum Island on November 7. Cape Cod hosted a **Franklin's Gull** at Monomoy on December 7 and an **American White Pelican** through November and the first week of December. A **Black-billed Cuckoo** on Nantucket on December 24 remains the only Massachusetts December record for this species. A **Boreal Owl** was found at Salisbury on New Year's Eve, and Fish Crows made their first recorded visit to Plum Island on November 19. A **Brewer's Blackbird** returned to Martha's Vineyard for the winter, with a second bird recorded in Truro in early November. Other highlights included the continuing **Lark Bunting** at Salisbury and a **Harris's Sparrow** at Acoaxet present from December 23 through February.

Best sighting: a **Great Gray Owl** found at Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary, Topsfield, on December 28 was the harbinger of the largest ever incursion of this species into the Northeast. 🦉



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ABBREVIATIONS FOR BIRD SIGHTINGS

Taxonomic order is based on AOS checklist, 7th edition, 58th Supplement, as published in *Auk* 2017, vol. 134(3):751-773 (see <<http://checklist.aou.org/>>).

Locations		PI	Plum Island
AA	Arnold Arboretum, Boston	Pk	Park
ABC	Allen Bird Club	Pont.	Pontoosuc Lake, Lanesboro
AP	Andrews Point, Rockport	POP	Point of Pines, Revere
APd	Allens Pond, S. Dartmouth	PR	Pinnacle Rock, Malden
AthBC	Athol Bird Club	P'town	Provincetown
B.	Beach	R.	River
Barre FD	Barre Falls Dam	Res.	Reservoir
BBC	Brookline Bird Club	RKG	Rose Kennedy Greenway, Boston
BHI	Boston Harbor Islands	RP	Race Point, Provincetown
BI	Belle Isle, E. Boston	SB	South Beach, Chatham
BMB	Broad Meadow Brook, Worcester	SN	Sandy Neck, Barnstable
BNC	Boston Nature Center, Mattapan	SP	State Park
BR	Bass Rocks, Gloucester	SRV	Sudbury River Valley
BRI Co. seas	Bristol County, offshore	SSBC	South Shore Bird Club
Cambr.	Cambridge	TASL	Take A Second Look, Boston Harbor Census
CB	Crane Beach, Ipswich	WBWS	Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
CCBC	Cape Cod Bird Club	WE	World's End, Hingham
CGB	Coast Guard Beach, Eastham	WMA	Wildlife Management Area
Corp. B.	Corporation Beach, Dennis	WMWS	Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary
CP	Crooked Pond, Boxford	Wompatuck SP	Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate, Norwell
Cumb. Farms	Cumberland Farms, Middleboro	Worc.	Worcester
DFWS	Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary	WSF	Willowdale State Forest, Ipswich
DM	Dunback Meadow		
DWMA	Delaney WMA, Stow, Bolton, Harvard	Other Abbreviations	
DWWS	Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary	*	first state record (pending MARC review)
EP	Eastern Point, Gloucester	!	subject to MARC review
FE	First Encounter Beach, Eastham	ad	adult
FH	Fort Hill, Eastham	au	heard / recorded
FP	Fresh Pond, Cambridge	b	banded
FPk	Franklin Park, Boston	br	breeding
G#	Gate #, Quabbin Res.	cy	cycle (3cy = 3rd cycle)
GMNWR	Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge	d	dead
H.	Harbor	dk	dark (morph)
HCB	Herring Cove Beach, Provincetown	f	female
HP	Horn Pond, Woburn	fl	fledgling
HPt	Halibut Point, Rockport	imm	immature
HRWMA	High Ridge WMA, Gardner	inj	injured
I.	Island	juv	juvenile
IBA	Important Bird Area	lt	light (morph)
IRWS	Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary	m	male
L.	Ledge	MARC	Massachusetts Avian Records Committee
MAS	Mass Audubon	max	maximum
MBO	Bird Observatory, Manomet	migr	migrating
MBWMA	Martin Burns WMA, Newbury	n	nesting
MI	Morris Island	nfc	nocturnal flight call
MNWS	Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary	ph	photographed
MP	Millennium Park, W. Roxbury	pl	plumage
MSSF	Myles Standish State Forest, Plymouth	pr	pair
MA	Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambr.	r	rescued
MV	Martha's Vineyard	S	summer (1S = first summer)
NAC	Nine Acre Corner, Concord	subad	subadult
Nbpt	Newburyport	v.o.	various observers
ONWR	Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge	W	winter (2W = second winter)
Pd	Pond	yg	young
PG	Public Garden, Boston	#	additional observers

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