

BIRD SIGHTINGS

September-October 2016

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The continuing drought was the major weather highlight. Rainfall has been below normal since January and many communities have established mandatory water restrictions. Hurricane Hermine arrived in Massachusetts on Labor Day with heavy winds and strong seas. Sustained winds reached 39 mph on Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket and gusted to 59 mph at Gay Head. The storm was about 120 miles south of Nantucket and brought heavy rain on Cape Cod, but little away from the coast. The high temperature in September was 93° in Boston on September 9; the low was 48° on September 26. Precipitation in Boston was 1.38 inches, 2.06 inches below normal.

The temperature averaged 55° in Boston in October, close to normal. The high for the month was 81° on October 24 and the low was 34° on October 27. Rainfall was 5.46 inches, 1.52 inches above normal, the first month since January with above-normal precipitation.

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WATERFOWL THROUGH ALCIDS

Greater White-fronted Goose and **Cackling Goose** are now regular if uncommon, although the latter is by far more regularly seen in the western part of the state. Given its similarity to Canada Goose, it is possible that western Massachusetts birders are just more attuned to this tricky species. A **Tufted Duck** was discovered in Groveland on October 23; it is most likely the same individual that has wandered around Essex County ponds over the past two years. Sea ducks were well reported from western Massachusetts ponds, but oddly not from the eastern part of the state.

Pacific Loons were reported from Plymouth and Provincetown. As usual, the Brookline Bird Club pelagic trip south of Cape Cod was productive, featuring three **White-faced Storm-Petrels**. Seawatching on outer Cape Cod was particularly exciting this period. Exceptional numbers of shearwaters were reported, particularly Cory's and Manx, with high numbers possibly setting state records. The most exciting sighting was a **Yellow-nosed Albatross** that was initially seen on October 10 and again by its lucky observer on October 14. A **Brown Booby** was reported off Provincetown on October 5.

An **American White Pelican** was photographed at the Oxbow in Northampton on September 15, one of only a handful of western Massachusetts records for this species. Despite searches by birders it was not relocated there, but was rediscovered three days later about 15 miles south in Longmeadow, where it stayed for six days to the delight of many birders.

Normally a count of 19 Great Egrets at the Great Meadows Wildlife Refuge would have been an impressive inland total, but numbers much farther inland at the Longmeadow Flats on the Connecticut River peaked at 39 individuals. Cattle Egrets are relatively regular in Essex County, but sightings in Sharon and Cambridge were unusual.

Although **Mississippi Kite** is now annual in spring migration, it is rare in fall, so a sighting at the Shatterack Mountain hawkwatch on September 21 was exciting. A **Swainson's Hawk** on September 20 at Mount Wachusett was also an impressive find.

A **Yellow Rail** was discovered at Fort Hill in Eastham on October 29. This species is rarely spotted in Massachusetts due to its cryptic nature. **Sandhill Cranes** were well reported throughout the state.

While the drought was bad for crops and lawns, it created good conditions for shorebirding in many inland locations. Of particular note was a Marbled Godwit that made a brief visit to Horn Pond in Woburn, an exceptionally rare inland visitor. The **American Avocet** originally discovered at Plum Island in July continued through September 24. A **Ruff** was discovered in Newburyport Harbor on September 2 and stayed for three days. Ruff is uncommon at any time of year but particularly so in the fall.

Seawatchers at Race Point in Provincetown reported a wide variety of gull species, highlighted by two sightings of **Sabine's Gull**. A single Sabine's was also spotted at Stellwagen Bank on September 17. The Laughing Gull that was initially spotted at Wachusett Reservoir on August 17 lingered through September 5. This species rarely wanders away from the coast.

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Greater White-fronted Goose				10/18	Sharon	4	L. Waters
10/10-20	Turners Falls	2	E. Huston	10/24	Quabbin Pk	1	L. Therrien
10/24	Holden	1	M. Lynch#	Northern Pintail			
10/30	N. Adams	1	C. Johnson	10/thr	P.I.	120 max	v.o.
10/31	Acton	1	C. Leuchtenberg	10/11	E. Boston (B.I.)	3	DCR (S. Riley)
Snow Goose				10/18	Sharon	8	L. Waters
10/11	Richmond	7	G. Ward	10/20	GMNWR	3	A. Bragg#
10/19	Sharon	1	L. Waters	10/29	P'town (R.P.)	8	B. Nikula
10/20	Topsfield	1	S. Santino	Green-winged Teal			
10/21	Turners Falls	10	J. Coleman	9/17	Rutland	46	M. Lynch#
Brant				10/13	Haverhill	24	S. Mirick
9/24	Boston H.	10	G. d'Entremont#	10/20	Longmeadow	60	M. Moore
10/29	Fairhaven	235	M. Lynch#	10/20	P.I.	147	D. Williams
10/29	Eastham (F.H.)	125	G. d'Entremont#	10/30	Lexington	70	J. Forbes
Cackling Goose				Ring-necked Duck			
10/28	Turners Falls	1	G. Watkevich	thr	Waltham	81 max	J. Forbes
10/29	Northampton	2	K. Yakola	10/13	Haverhill	225	S. Mirick
10/29	Williamstown	1	C. Johnson	10/26	Cambr. (F.P.)	143	J. Miller
Mute Swan				10/29	Pittsfield	1100	S. Kellogg
10/8	Acoaxet	206	M. Lynch#	Tufted Duck			
10/26	Nantucket	82	T. Pastuszak	10/23-31	Groveland	1 m	v.o.
Wood Duck				Greater Scaup			
9/5	Paxton	62	R. Jenkins	9/24	Randolph	5	G. d'Entremont#
9/25	Ware R. IBA	51	M. Lynch#	10/22	Wachusett Res.	27	M. Lynch#
10/18	Sharon	50	L. Waters	10/23	Nantucket	325	J. Trimble#
10/20	GMNWR	107	A. Bragg#	10/23	Quabbin Pk	3	L. Therrien
10/28	Brookline	28	P. Peterson	10/29	Fairhaven	16	M. Lynch#
Gadwall				Lesser Scaup			
thr	P.I.	6 max	v.o.	10/1	Pittsfield	2	J. Pierce
9/24	Westport	2	G. Gove#	10/9	N. Adams	2	C. Johnson
10/16	Longmeadow	3	M. Moore	10/19	Quabbin Pk	2	L. Therrien
10/23	Waltham	3	J. Forbes	10/22	Wachusett Res.	2	M. Lynch#
10/23	Cheshire	3	G. Hurley	King Eider			
Eurasian Wigeon				10/31	P'town (R.P.)	1	L. Waters#
9/3	P.I.	1 ph	D. Prima	Common Eider			
10/14-27	Nantucket	1	R. Ouren	9/18	Rockport (H.P.)	26	J. Berry
American Wigeon				10/8	Westport	29	M. Lynch#
thr	Waltham	40 max	J. Forbes	10/22	Stellwagen	53	J. Berry#
10/8	Acoaxet	12	M. Lynch#	10/29	Eastham (CGB)	600	G. d'Entremont#
10/22	P.I.	60	N. Landry	Harlequin Duck			
Blue-winged Teal				10/7	P'town (R.P.)	2	J. Junda#
9/2	Ludlow	2	S. Motyl	10/30	Rockport	53	MAS (D. Weaver)
9/3	Waltham	12	J. Forbes	Surf Scoter			
10/2	DWWS	3	G. d'Entremont#	10/9	Pittsfield (Pont.)	5	J. Pierce
10/26	Nantucket	5	R. Ouren	10/10, 23	Quabbin Pk	10, 10	L. Therrien
Northern Shoveler				10/10	Dennis	2500	P. Flood
9/3	Woburn (HP)	2	C. Kaynor	10/14	Wachusett Res.	18	B. Kamp
10/16	Arlington Res.	2	M. Rines	10/19	Ipswich (C.B.)	300	J. Berry

White-winged Scoter				10/8	Acoaxet	6	M. Lynch#
9/22	Boylston	2	B. Kamp	10/25	Norton	6	K. Ryan
9/24	Plymouth	43	M. Lynch#	10/28	Nantucket	6	R. Ouren
10/10	Quabbin Pk	9	L. Therrien	Horned Grebe			
10/17	Wachusett Res.	10	B. Kamp	9/29	Sharon	2	L. Waters
10/19	Ipswich (C.B.)	200	J. Berry	10/14	Wachusett Res.	2	B. Kamp
10/21	Turners Falls	2	J. Coleman	10/17	Quabbin Pk	9	L. Therrien
Black Scoter				10/23	Southwick	3	S. Kellogg
10/10, 23	Quabbin Pk	122, 1	L. Therrien	10/29	Fairhaven	42	M. Lynch#
10/10	Ludlow	12	L. Richardson	Red-necked Grebe			
10/10	Wachusett Res.	180	M. Lynch#	10/10	Quabbin Pk	7	L. Therrien
10/15	Eastham (F.E.)	2600	M. Iliff#	10/15	Eastham (F.E.)	4	M. Iliff#
10/23	P.I.	100	A. Gurka	10/20	Sharon	2	L. Waters
10/26	Lincoln	15	M. Rines	10/22	Wachusett Res.	2	M. Lynch#
Long-tailed Duck				10/29	Fairhaven	4	M. Lynch#
9/26	Mt. Wachusett	1	R. Chase#	Yellow-nosed Albatross			
10/10	Sharon	2	L. Waters	10/10, 14	Eastham (F.E.)	1	B. Nikula#
10/10, 31	Quabbin Pk	4, 29	L. Therrien	Northern Fulmar			
10/17	Wachusett Res.	5	B. Kamp	10/1	P'town (R.P.)	14	S. Arena
10/31	Otis	1	D. Holmes	10/10	Eastham (F.E.)	2	B. Nikula
Bufflehead				10/22	Stellwagen	5	J. Berry#
10/9	Woburn (HP)	1	B. Lee	Cory's Shearwater			
10/16	W. Newbury	2	K. Elwell	9/thr	P'town	950 max	B. Nikula
10/26	Cambr. (F.P.)	3	J. Miller	9/21	Stellwagen	250	v.o.
10/29	Fairhaven	26	M. Lynch#	10/thr	P'town	12000 max	B. Nikula
10/31	Winthrop	3	P. Peterson	10/10	Eastham (F.E.)	800	B. Nikula
Hooded Merganser				10/16	N. Truro	400	B. Nikula
9/4	Rutland	17	M. Lynch#	10/22	Stellwagen	1200	J. Berry#
10/20	Paxton	11	M. Lynch#	Great Shearwater			
10/30	S. Quabbin	12	M. Lynch#	9/thr	P'town	2000 max	B. Nikula
Common Merganser				10/14	P'town (R.P.)	2800	S. Arena
9/3	Sandisfield	8	M. Lynch#	10/22	Stellwagen	400	J. Berry#
9/12	P.I.	15	R. Heil	Sooty Shearwater			
9/18	Hanover	4	L. Schibley	9/thr	P'town	750 max	B. Nikula
9/26	W. Newbury	11	D. Prima	9/13, 10/8	E. of Chatham	225, 175	B. Nikula#
10/16	Lincoln	1	J. Forbes	9/21	Stellwagen	300	v.o.
Red-breasted Merganser				10/29	P'town (R.P.)	30	B. Nikula
10/5	P.I.	10	T. Wetmore	Manx Shearwater			
10/19	Quabbin Pk	3	L. Therrien	9/13, 10/8	E. of Chatham	60, 380	B. Nikula#
10/29	Southwick	1	S. Kellogg	9/21	Stellwagen	500	v.o.
10/29	Fairhaven	82	M. Lynch#	9/25	P'town (R.P.)	1034	S. Arena
10/29	Pittsfield (Pont.)	2	S. Kellogg	10/29	P'town (R.P.)	175	B. Nikula
Ruddy Duck				Audubon's Shearwater			
9/24	Halifax	1	V. Zollo	9/24	S. of Nantucket	3	BBC Pelagic
9/27	Waltham	3	J. Forbes	White-faced Storm-Petrel			
10/19	W. Newbury	200	MAS (D. Moon)	9/24	S. of Nantucket	4	BBC Pelagic
10/23	Cheshire	24	G. Hurley	Leach's Storm-Petrel			
10/23	Groveland	21	M. Watson	10/1	Barnstable (S.N.)	10	P. Crosson#
10/26	Cambr. (F.P.)	18	J. Miller	10/2	P'town (R.P.)	7	P. Flood#
Ring-necked Pheasant				10/4	Wayland	1 ph	J. Hines#
9/8	Woburn (HP)	1	M. Rines	10/10	Dennis (Corp. B.)	10	P. Flood
9/25	Cumb. Farm	2	K. Rawdon#	10/10	Eastham (F.E.)	2	B. Nikula
10/24	Medfield	1	W. Webb	Brown Booby			
Ruffed Grouse				10/5	P'town (R.P.)	1	J. Pratt
9/25	Ware R. IBA	1	M. Lynch#	Northern Gannet			
Red-throated Loon				thr	P.I.	200 max	v.o.
10/9	Quabbin Pk	1	L. Therrien	10/10	Eastham (F.E.)	875	B. Nikula
10/14	Wachusett Res.	1	B. Kamp	10/16	N. Truro	700	B. Nikula
10/16	P.I.	5	T. Wetmore	10/thr	P'town	7000 max	B. Nikula
10/17	Winthrop B.	7	S. Zende#	10/30	Rockport	1000	D. Peterson
10/29	Fairhaven	6	M. Lynch#	Double-crested Cormorant			
Pacific Loon				9/8	Chatham	2200	J. Trimble#
10/7, 16	P'town (R.P.)	1, 1	Thompson, Flood	9/24	Plymouth	520	M. Lynch#
10/29	Plymouth	1	L. Schibley	10/8	Westport	238	M. Lynch#
Common Loon				10/11	P.I.	800	T. Wetmore
9/5	Quabbin (G33)	8	B. Lafley	Great Cormorant			
9/19	Wachusett Res.	24	M. Lynch#	9/17	Boston H.	1	C. Dalton
9/25	Mt. Watatic	6	T. Pirro	9/18	Rockport (H.P.)	4	J. Berry
10/29	Fairhaven	17	M. Lynch#	10/29	Fairhaven	36	M. Lynch#
Pied-billed Grebe				American White Pelican			
9/22	W. Newbury	6	S. McGrath	9/15	Northampton	1	P. Steinman
9/24	Westport	5	G. Gove#	9/18-24	Longmeadow	1	S. Motyl + v.o.

American Bittern				9/3-25	Mt. Watatic	74	Hawkcount (TP)
9/4	GMNWR	1	J. Kovner#	9/10-30	Barre Falls	38	Hawkcount (DS)
9/27	Tyringham	1	M. Morales	9/12-31	Mt. Shatterack	27	T. Swochak
10/22	P.I.	1	N. Landry	10/23	DFWS	1	MAS (P. Sowizral)
10/29	Eastham (F.H.)	2	J. Trimble#	10/25	Taunton	1	K. Ryan
Least Bittern				Mississippi Kite			
9/4	GMNWR	4	J. Kovner#	9/21	Mt. Shatterack	1	T. Swochak
9/18	Belchertown	1	L. Therrien	Bald Eagle			
Great Blue Heron				9/2-29	Mt. Wachusett	127	Hawkcount (SO)
9/12	P.I.	25	R. Heil	9/3-25	Mt. Watatic	48	Hawkcount (TP)
10/29	Eastham (F.H.)	38	L. Waters#	9/11-29	Barre Falls	13	Hawkcount (DS)
Great Egret				9/12	Mt. Wachusett	16	Hawkcount (SO)
9/3	Barnstable (S.N.)	56	P. Crosson	9/16	Mt. Wachusett	16	Hawkcount (SO)
9/18	Saugus	60	S. Zende#	10/3-17	Mt. Wachusett	24	Hawkcount (RC)
9/22	GMNWR	19	A. Bragg#	10/4-31	Barre Falls	19	Hawkcount (DS)
9/22	Agawam	8	S. Kellogg	Northern Harrier			
9/30	Longmeadow	39	S. Kellogg	9/2-29	Mt. Wachusett	15	Hawkcount (SO)
10/7	P.I.	130	T. Wetmore	9/3-17	Mt. Watatic	6	Hawkcount (TP)
Snowy Egret				9/15	Mt. Wachusett	6	Hawkcount (SO)
9/5	W. Springfield	1	M. Moore	9/15	Eastham (F.H.)	4	D. Shapiro
9/7	Revere	20	P. Peterson	9/17	P.I.	6	P. + F. Vale#
9/12	P.I.	120	R. Heil	9/22-29	Barre Falls	7	Hawkcount (DS)
10/8	Eastham (F.H.)	9	SSBC (GdE)	10/13-31	Barre Falls	15	Hawkcount (DS)
10/10	E. Boston (B.I.)	3	S. Zende#	Sharp-shinned Hawk			
10/22	Nantucket	13	J. Trimble#	9/2-29	Mt. Wachusett	369	Hawkcount (SO)
Little Blue Heron				9/3-25	Mt. Watatic	129	Hawkcount (TP)
9/1-9	Woburn (HP)	1	v.o.	9/10-30	Barre Falls	134	Hawkcount (DS)
9/5	W. Springfield	1	M. Moore	9/12-31	Mt. Shatterack	108	T. Swochak
9/13	Essex	1	D. Brown	10/4-17	Mt. Wachusett	65	Hawkcount (RC)
9/23	P.I.	1	T. Wetmore	10/4-26	Barre Falls	122	Hawkcount (DS)
10/18	Gr Barrington	1	G. Ward	10/10-30	Malden (PR)	82	Hawkcount (CJ)
Tricolored Heron				Cooper's Hawk			
9/9	W. Harwich	1	G. Gove#	9/2-29	Mt. Wachusett	75	Hawkcount (SO)
Cattle Egret				9/4-25	Mt. Watatic	19	Hawkcount (TP)
10/19	Sharon	1	L. Waters	9/13-30	Barre Falls	31	Hawkcount (DS)
10/26	Cambr. (Danehy)	1 ph	BBC (K. Hartel)	10/3-17	Mt. Wachusett	25	Hawkcount (RC)
Green Heron				10/3-31	Barre Falls	27	Hawkcount (DS)
9/2	Newbury	5	P. + F. Vale	10/10-26	Malden (PR)	30	Hawkcount (CJ)
9/15	Hyannis	5	S. Matheny	Northern Goshawk			
9/20	Grafton	4	S. LaBree	9/14	Ware R. IBA	2 ad	M. Lynch#
9/22	Woburn (HP)	2	D. Fruguglietti	10/5	Lexington	1	M. Rines
10/15	Arlington Res.	1	J. Forbes	10/8	Littleton	1	D. Neild
Black-crowned Night-Heron				10/14	Templeton	1	T. Pirro
9/2	W. Springfield	1	M. Moore	10/15	Rowley	1	S. Sullivan#
9/3	P.I.	13	J. Keeley#	10/23	Quabbin Pk	1	L. Therrien
9/4	Eastham	100	D. Clapp#	Red-shouldered Hawk			
9/14	Worcester	1	J. Lawson	9/2-22	Mt. Wachusett	8	Hawkcount (SO)
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron				9/15	Mt. Wachusett	3	Hawkcount (SO)
9/2	Newbypt H.	2	P. + F. Vale	10/3-05	Mt. Wachusett	3	Hawkcount (RC)
9/7	WBWS	4	S. Surner	10/16	Huntington	3	M. Lynch#
9/10	P.I.	6	N. Landry	10/20-31	Barre Falls	8	Hawkcount (DS)
9/12	S. Dartmouth	5	A. Morgan	Broad-winged Hawk			
9/17	Ipwich	11	N. Dubrow	9/1-29	Mt. Wachusett	6935	Hawkcount (SO)
9/24	Eastham	26	D. Clapp#	9/3-25	Mt. Watatic	3040	Hawkcount (TP)
Glossy Ibis				9/10-27	Barre Falls	1122	Hawkcount (DS)
9/1-15	GMNWR	1	A. Bragg	9/12-31	Mt. Shatterack	1755	T. Swochak
9/3	Chatham	3	S. Finnegan#	9/14	Mt. Shatterack	670	T. Swochak
10/1	Quincy	1	V. Zollo	9/15	Mt. Watatic	1699	Hawkcount (BR)
10/8	Eastham (F.H.)	1	M. Keleher#	9/15	Mt. Wachusett	1581	Hawkcount (SO)
Black Vulture				9/21	Mt. Wachusett	870	Hawkcount (RC)
9/17	Lexington	2	R. Doherty	9/21	Mt. Shatterack	596	T. Swochak
10/3	Worcester	1 dead	B. Kamp	9/24	Mt. Wachusett	2281	Hawkcount (RC)
10/11	Mt. Wachusett	3	Hawkcount (RC)	Swainson's Hawk			
Turkey Vulture				9/20	Mt. Wachusett	1	Hawkcount (RC)
9/25	P.I.	45	M. Brengle#	Rough-legged Hawk			
10/3-26	Barre Falls	281	Hawkcount (DS)	10/15	Lee	1	J. Morris-Siegal
10/11	Mt. Wachusett	134	Hawkcount (RC)	Golden Eagle			
10/15	Mt. Shatterack	68	T. Swochak	10/7	Worthington	1	E. Lewis
10/15	Mt. Watatic	151	Hawkcount (TP)	10/15	Mt. Shatterack	1	T. Swochak
10/15	Barre Falls	76	Hawkcount (DS)	Yellow Rail			
Osprey				10/29-31	Eastham (F.H.)	1	C. Floyd#
9/1-29	Mt. Wachusett	152	Hawkcount (SO)				

Clapper Rail				Western Willet			
9/25, 10/13	Fairhaven	2, 2	C. Longworth	9/3	Eastham	17	J. Trimble#
10/18	Orleans	1	P. Crosson#	Lesser Yellowlegs			
Sora				thr	Lincoln	17 max	J. Forbes
10/5	Worc. (BMB)	1	B. Robo	thr	P.I.	53 max	v.o.
10/7	Fairhaven	1	N. Sylvia	9/25	Quabbin	11	T. Gagnon
Common Gallinule				Upland Sandpiper			
10/8-22	Fairhaven	1	D. MacKinnon	10/12	Marshfield	1	D. Peacock
American Coot				Whimbrel			
9/17	Plymouth	1	D. Peacock	9/2	Edgartown	3	P. Gilmore
9/18, 10/23	Waltham	1, 4	J. Forbes	9/2-24	P.I.	17 max	v.o.
9/22, 10/31	Woburn (HP)	1, 13	v.o.	9/2	Wellfleet	15	M. Faherty
10/23	Groveland	20	C. Lapite	9/7	Nahant	1	D. Wilkinson
Sandhill Crane				9/16	Scituate	1	P. Peterson
thr	Burrage Pd WMA1-3		v.o.	Hudsonian Godwit			
5/9, 10/17	Worthington	4, 1	S. Lewis	9/1-10/16	P.I.	1-3	v.o.
9/8	Hadley	1	B. Thompson	9/1	Scituate	1	K. Rawdon
9/25	Cumb. Farms	1	B. Harris#	9/2	Wellfleet	2	M. Faherty
9/29	W. Bridgewater	1	B. Loughlin	9/30	Duxbury B.	1	R. Bowes
10/3	Tolland	3	D. Holmes	10/2	Nantucket	11	S. Kardell#
10/21-23	Newbury	1	v.o.	Marbled Godwit			
Black-bellied Plover				9/1, 9/14	Ipswich (C.B.)	3, 2	Lehman, Murray
thr	P.I.	150 max	v.o.	9/1	Scituate	1	K. Rawdon#
thr	Winthrop	110 max	v.o.	9/2	Chatham (S.B.)	5	K. Yakola
9/24	Quabbin (G35)	7	B. Kamp	9/8	Woburn (HP)	1	M. Rines
10/2	Chatham (S.B.)	1100	B. Harrington	9/11	Winthrop B.	2	S. Zende#
10/22	N. Quabbin	3	B. Laflay	9/19-10/11	Gloucester	2-3	v.o.
American Golden-Plover				9/23	Nantucket	1	T. Pastuszak
thr	Reports of indiv. from 15 locations			9/24	Westport	1	G. Gove#
9/1-10/16	P.I.	5 max	v.o.	Ruddy Turnstone			
9/2	Wellfleet	2	M. Faherty	9/6	P.I.	2	T. Wetmore
9/18, 10/19	Winthrop B.	2, 3	S. Zende#	9/16	Scituate	3	P. Peterson
9/25	Quabbin	3	T. Gagnon	9/18	Rockport (H.P.)	2	J. Berry
10/2	Chatham (S.B.)	2	B. Harrington	9/20, 10/31	Winthrop	6, 1	P. Peterson
10/12	Nantucket	4	K. Blackshaw#	Red Knot			
Semipalmated Plover				9/thr	P.I.	28 max	v.o.
thr	Woburn (HP)	22 max	v.o.	9/3	Eastham	81	J. Trimble#
thr	P.I.	350 max	v.o.	9/7	Revere (POP)	3	P. Peterson
9/2	Chatham (S.B.)	450	K. Yakola	10/2	Chatham (S.B.)	315	B. Harrington
Piping Plover				Sanderling			
9/7	P.I.	3	D. Adrien	9/16	Winthrop	36	R. Stymeist
10/12	Plymouth B.	2	S. van der Veen	9/17	Rutland	1	M. Lynch#
10/19	Ipswich (C.B.)	2	J. Berry	10/2	Chatham (S.B.)	2000	B. Harrington
Killdeer				10/12	P.I.	150	H. Galbraith
9/10	Newbury	49	P. + F. Vale	10/17	Winthrop B.	150	S. Zende#
10/13	Haverhill	32	S. Mirick	Semipalmated Sandpiper			
10/16	Lincoln	31	J. Forbes	9/2	Chatham	4000	C. Goodrich
American Oystercatcher				9/2	Essex	212	D. Brown#
9/20	Winthrop	5	P. Peterson	9/4	Woburn (HP)	115	J. Forbes
10/10	Fairhaven	3	C. Longworth	9/9	Lincoln	54	J. Forbes
10/13	Dorchester	2	J. Benson	9/11	Milton	25	P. Peterson
American Avocet				9/19	P.I.	550	T. Wetmore
9/1-24	P.I.	1	T. Wetmore	Western Sandpiper			
Spotted Sandpiper				9/19	Scituate	1	K. Rawdon
9/17	Rutland	4	M. Lynch#	10/4	P.I.	2	T. Wetmore
10/14	Wachusett Res.	2	B. Kamp	10/5	Quabbin (G43)	1	B. Kamp
10/30	Woburn (HP)	1	K. Sweadner#	Least Sandpiper			
Solitary Sandpiper				9/2	Woburn (HP)	45	R. Stymeist
9/4	Lexington	4	J. Forbes	9/8, 10/15	Lexington	75, 4	J. Forbes
9/15	Falmouth	4	G. Hirth	9/12	P.I.	35	R. Heil
10/17	Quabbin Pk	1	L. Therrien	9/15	Brookfield	13	M. Lynch#
10/26	Nantucket	1	R. Ouren	10/16	Randolph	5	V. Zollo
Greater Yellowlegs				10/18	Sharon	2	L. Waters
thr	P.I.	150 max	v.o.	White-rumped Sandpiper			
thr	Lincoln	30 max	J. Forbes	9/2	Essex	12	D. Brown#
9/1	Chatham	156	P. Crosson	9/3	E. Boston (B.I.)	6	DCR (S. Riley)
9/24	Quabbin (G35)	15	B. Kamp	9/9, 10/2	P.I.	85, 15	T. Wetmore
Willet				9/10	Lexington	2	J. Forbes
9/4	Essex	9	D. Brown#	9/11	Essex	5	D. Brown
9/5	Edgartown	2	S. Whiting	Baird's Sandpiper			
9/24	P.I.	1	M. Brengle	9/1-10/12	P.I.	1-2	v.o.

Baird's Sandpiper (continued)				10/26-28	Westboro	1	T. Spahr + v.o.
9/2	Barnstable (S.N.)	1	M. Eckerson	10/29	Pittsfield (Pont.)	1	M. Morales
9/3	P'town (R.P.)	1	P. Flood	10/29	Northampton	1	K. Yakola
9/4	Essex	2	D. Brown#	10/29	N. Truro	200	B. Nikula
9/11	Brookfield	1	M. Lynch#	10/29	Quabbin Pk	2	L. Therrien
9/20	Hull	1	K. Rawdon	Black-headed Gull			
9/26	S. Monomoy	1	B. Harrington	9/1-17	Lynn	1	v.o.
10/12	P'town	1	J. Rieger	9/17	Stellwagen	1	S. Arena#
10/17	Ipswich (C.B.)	1	N. Dubrow	9/24, 10/29	P'town (R.P.)	1, 1	B. Nikula
Pectoral Sandpiper				Little Gull			
10/2	Nantucket	100	S. Kardell#	9/24-26	Newbypt H.	2	imm C. Lapite + v.o.
10/2	Chatham (S.B.)	45	B. Harrington	10/27-28	Nahant	1	imm L. Pivacek + v.o.
10/4	P.I.	34	T. Wetmore	10/29	P'town (R.P.)	1	B. Nikula
10/15	Lexington	5	J. Forbes	Laughing Gull			
10/15	Washington	3	J. Pierce	9/1-5	Wachusett Res.	1	v.o.
10/23	Lincoln	6	J. Forbes	9/13	E. of Chatham	450	B. Nikula#
Dunlin				9/18, 10/17	Winthrop B.	60, 51	S. Zende#
10/2	Chatham (S.B.)	1800	B. Harrington	9/30	P'town	900	B. Nikula
10/20	P.I.	400	T. Wetmore	10/16	Chatham (MI)	1200	B. Nikula
10/20	Winthrop B.	120	S. Zende#	Iceland Gull			
10/22	N. Quabbin	3	B. Lafley	10/28	Turners Falls	1	J. Coleman
Stilt Sandpiper				10/29	P'town (R.P.)	1	B. Nikula
9/1-10/3	P.I.	4 max	v.o.	Lesser Black-backed Gull			
9/1-3	Woburn (HP)	1	v.o.	9/3	Eastham	5	J. Trimble#
9/3-8	N. Truro	1	B. Nikula#	9/5	Edgartown	21	S. Whiting
9/7	Lincoln	1	J. Forbes	9/13	E. of Chatham	6	B. Nikula#
10/20	Randolph	1	E. Lipton	9/23	Randolph	2	E. Lipton
10/31	Winthrop	1	P. Peterson	Least Tern			
Buff-breasted Sandpiper				9/18	P.I.	3	J. Keeley#
9/1	Wachusett Res.	1	B. Robo	Caspian Tern			
9/1-21	P.I.	4 max	v.o.	9/thr	Reports of 1-2 indiv. from 15 locations		
9/2	Edgartown	1	P. Gilmore	9/10	P.I.	4	S. Arena
9/2-17	Nahant B.	1	v.o.	9/13	Boston	3	G. Denton
9/3	Eastham	1	J. Trimble#	9/13	Dighton	4	J. Eckerson
9/17	Rutland	1	M. Lynch#	9/23	Randolph	5	E. Lipton
Ruff				9/25	P'town (R.P.)	3	S. Arena
9/2-5	Newbypt H.	1	J. Trimble + v.o.	Black Tern			
Short-billed Dowitcher				9/2	P'town (R.P.)	46	S. Arena
9/2	Newbypt	110	J. Trimble#	Roseate Tern			
9/thr	P.I.	60 max	v.o.	9/2	Chatham (S.B.)	350	K. Yakola
Long-billed Dowitcher				9/24	P'town (R.P.)	20	B. Nikula
10/23	Lincoln	1	J. Forbes	Common Tern			
10/23	P.I.	1	A. Gurka	9/2, 10	Wachusett Res.	2, 1	K. Bourinot
10/29	Nantucket	4	S. Kardell	9/5, 10/30	P'town	11000, 3000	B. Nikula
Wilson's Snipe				9/16	P.I.	12	S. Williams
10/2	Saugus	3	S. Zende#	9/21	Stellwagen	1500	v.o.
10/29	Nantucket	7	S. Kardell	9/24	Plymouth	5	M. Lynch#
American Woodcock				10/9	Pittsfield (Pont.)	11	J. Pierce
10/4	W. Roxbury (MP)	4	J. Battenfeld	Forster's Tern			
Wilson's Phalarope				9/3	Eastham	103	J. Trimble#
9/1-24	P.I.	1	v.o.	9/20	P.I.	5	D. Williams
Red-necked Phalarope				9/24	Plymouth	8	M. Lynch#
9/1	Wachusett Res.	2	K. Bourinot	10/3	Dennis	320	P. Flood
9/3	W. Roxbury (MP)	1	M. McMahon	10/15	P'town (R.P.)	70	B. Nikula
9/4-10/5	P'town	12 max	B. Nikula	Black Skimmer			
9/4	Holden	1	M. Lynch#	9/11	Edgartown	4	S. Whiting
9/21	Stellwagen	9	v.o.	9/20	Plymouth	2	L. Schibley
9/24	S. of Nantucket	150	BBC Pelagic	9/22	P.I.	2	S. Sullivan
Red Phalarope				9/28	Fairhaven	2	C. Longworth
9/24	S. of Nantucket	7	BBC Pelagic	South Polar Skua			
10/29	Eastham (CGB)	1	G. d'Entremont#	9/24	S. of Nantucket	1	BBC Pelagic
10/30	P'town (R.P.)	1	S.Arena#	Pomarine Jaeger			
Black-legged Kittiwake				9/30	P'town	3	B. Nikula
9/30	P'town	21	B. Nikula	10/9	Nantucket	1	B. Harris#
10/22	Stellwagen	60	J. Berry#	10/10	Eastham (F.E.)	16	B. Nikula
10/31	Dorchester	6	J. Benson	10/22	Stellwagen	5	J. Berry#
Sabine's Gull				Parasitic Jaeger			
9/5, 10/30	P'town (R.P.)	1, 1	S. Arena#	thr	P'town	359 max	B. Nikula
10/22	Stellwagen	1	J. Berry#	9/21	Stellwagen	50	v.o.
Bonaparte's Gull				10/2	Orleans	15	B. Nikula
10/14	P.I.	200	S. Sullivan	10/10	Eastham (F.E.)	33	B. Nikula
10/22	Pittsfield (Onota)	1	G. Ward	10/16	N. Truro	20	B. Nikula

Long-tailed Jaeger			9/15	P'town (R.P.)	1	S. Arena
9/5 Barnstable (S.N.)	2	J. Trimble	9/30	Rockport (A.P.)	1	R. Heil
9/13 E. of Chatham	2	B. Nikula#	10/23	P.I.	2	A. Gurka
9/21 Stellwagen	4	v.o.	Black Guillemot			
9/24-10/30 P'town (R.P.)	1-3	B. Nikula	9/1-10/12	P.I.	1	v.o.
Dovekie			10/14	Rockport (H.P.)	1	H. Galbraith
10/4 P'town	1	B. Nikula	Large alcid species			
10/15 Eastham (F.E.)	2	M. Iliff#	9/4	P'town	1	B. Nikula
Razorbill						
9/5 Cohasset	1	V. Zollo				

CUCKOOS THROUGH FINCHES

This period features the peak movement of Northern Saw-whet Owls. The best conditions for observing this are during a dark night with cold temperatures and a light north wind. Halloween night was such a night. While trick-or-treaters were roaming neighborhoods, so were the owls; a total of 74 Saw-whets were caught and banded between sites in Lincoln and Northbridge. The Drumlin Farm site had a record season with a total of 371 Saw-whets, 300 of which were banded during October. The previous high was 296 in 2010 and 2012. There was a good flight of Common Nighthawks in early September, especially in Northampton with counts of 368 on September 1 and 269 on September 8; late reports included October reports from Wayland and Princeton. The last Whip-poor-will heard on Plum Island was on September 12, the same date as in 2015.

Hummingbirds that show up in October and beyond need special scrutiny for possible vagrants. This year there were two confirmed records of Rufous Hummingbirds. Another Rufous or Allen's hummingbird was photographed in Essex in late September, and an unidentified hummingbird was seen at Dunback Meadow in Lexington on October 14. A Ruby-throated Hummingbird was carefully documented October 23 on Nantucket.

Two Red-headed Woodpeckers, both adults, were reported during this period from Bolton Flats and Belchertown. Some exceptional late records included an Olive-sided Flycatcher on September 25, an Acadian Flycatcher banded in Brewster on September 8, a Philadelphia Vireo in Westborough on October 30, a Swainson's Thrush on October 18, and a Yellow Warbler on October 31.

Sparrow highlights during this period included 14 Clay-colored Sparrows, down from 24 during the same period last year, eight Larks, four Grasshoppers, and 28 Nelson's, 12 of which were found in Newbury during a high tide. In Huntington, observers tallied 96 Savannah, 25 Lincoln's, and 136 Swamp sparrows on October 2. A **Harris's Sparrow** was found in the Westborough WMA on October 26 where it continued through the end of October. There are over 20 records of Harris's Sparrow in the state; the most recent was at a Wenham feeder from November 28, 2013, until March 16, 2014.

This season was a banner year for vagrants and less common birds. A **Gray Kingbird** took up a short residency at Ocean Avenue Beach in Hyannis to the delight of many birders. This was the fifth record for the state, the last being on September 8, 2006, at Aquinnah on the Vineyard. **Bell's Vireo** has become an annual vagrant since 2005; this year they were located at Fort Hill in Eastham and at Manomet. A total of 24 Philadelphia Vireos were reported. A **Cave Swallow** was carefully identified along Nahant Beach, the first September record for Massachusetts. A **Northern Wheatear** put in a brief appearance in Sandwich and a **Townsend's Solitaire** was photographed on Plum Island. A total of 32 warbler species were noted during the period, highlighted by a **Black-throated Gray** in Aquinnah, a Golden-winged in Amherst, and at least 44 Orange-crowned Warblers and 44 Connecticut Warblers. Manomet banded 293 Blackpolls during October.

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Yellow-billed Cuckoo				Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			
10/6	Manomet	1 b	T. Lloyd-Evans#	9/3	Ashby	2	J. Forbes
10/8	Sheffield		J. Alexander	9/3	Sandisfield	6	M. Lynch#
10/18	Charlestown	1	J. Layman	10/29	Nantucket	2	S. Kardell
10/19	P.I.	1	S. Selesky	Northern Flicker			
10/20	W. Roxbury (MP)	1	T. Bradford	9/26	P.I.	12	T. Wetmore
10/24	Eastham (F.H.)	2	S. Williams	10/2	Huntington	29	M. Lynch#
Black-billed Cuckoo				10/29	Eastham (F.H.)	17	J. Trimble#
10/5	WBWS	1 b	J. Junda#	Pileated Woodpecker			
10/20	Nantucket	1	R. Ouren	9/22	GMNWR	3	A. Bragg#
Eastern Screech-Owl				9/25	Ware R. IBA	5	M. Lynch#
9/11	Southwick	2	S. Svec	Olive-sided Flycatcher			
9/17	Plymouth (MSSF)	2	G. d'Entremont#	9/1-25	Reports of indiv. from 8 locations		
Great Horned Owl				Eastern Wood-Pewee			
9/7	Natick	2	P. Loranger	9/3	Sandisfield	11	M. Lynch#
9/29	GMNWR	2	A. Bragg#	9/5	Lowell	4	M. Baird
Barred Owl				9/30	Northboro	2	T. Spahr
9/3	Sandisfield	2	M. Lynch#	10/8	Eastham	1	SSBC (GdE)
10/8	Quabbin	4	B. Cassie	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher			
Northern Saw-whet Owl				9/4	P.I.	1 b	B. Flemer#
9/7	Williamstown	1	C. Johnson	9/14	New Salem	1	B. Laflay
10/thr	DFWS	300 b	K. Seymour	9/21	Otis	1	W. Rogers
10/thr	Northbridge	74 b	B. Milke	9/30	Manomet	1 b	T. Lloyd-Evans#
10/31	Northbridge	32 b	B. Milke	Acadian Flycatcher			
10/31	DFWS	42 b	K. Seymour	9/8	Brewster	1 b	S. Finnegan#
Common Nighthawk				Least Flycatcher			
9/1, 8	Northampton	368, 269	T. Gagnon	9/10	Ware R. IBA	2	M. Lynch#
9/10, 10/6	Wayland	39, 1	B. Harris#	9/16	P.I.	1	S. Williams
10/15	Princeton	3	S. LaBree	9/20	Lexington	1	M. Rines
Eastern Whip-poor-will				9/26	Westboro	2	T. Spahr
9/3	Wachusett Res.	1	B. Robo	10/18	Sharon	1	L. Waters
9/12	P.I.	1	D. Adrien	Eastern Phoebe			
9/21	Truro	1	D. Shapiro	9/12	P.I.	17	R. Heil
Chimney Swift				9/14	Ware R. IBA	33	M. Lynch#
9/1	P.I.	3	T. Wetmore	9/15	HRWMA	12	D. + P. Knowlton
10/6	Wayland	4	B. Harris	9/24	Lexington (DM)	18	M. Rines#
Ruby-throated Hummingbird				9/24	E. Boston (B.I.)	12	DCR (S. Riley)
9/13	Belmont	2	R. Stymeist	9/25	Bolton Flats	13	K. Bourinot#
9/14	Norwell	2	C. Patterson	10/31	Worc. (BMB)	1	B. Robo
9/16	Rehoboth	2	K. Bartels	10/31	Winthrop	1	P. Peterson
9/21	Woburn (HP)	2	M. Rines	Great Crested Flycatcher			
10/23	Nantucket	1	J. Trimble#	9/14	Westboro	2	T. Spahr
Rufous Hummingbird				9/21	Waltham	1	J. Forbes
10/7-31	Westboro	1 b ph	S. Williams + v.o.	9/24	Newton	1	I. Reid
10/12-28	Andover	1 b ph	D. Cooper + v.o.	9/24	Jamaica Plain	1	T. Bradford
Rufous/Allen's Hummingbird				Eastern Kingbird			
9/29	Essex	1 ph	P. Brown	9/10	Tuckernuck	3	R. Veit
Hummingbird species				9/11	P.I.	1	J. Forbes
10/14	Lexington	1	J. Layman	9/17	Worc. (BMB)	1	B. Robo
American Kestrel				9/19	P.I.	1	T. Wetmore
9/thr	Mt. Wachusett	91	Hawkcount (SO)	Gray Kingbird			
9/17	Granville	12	J. Weeks	10/23-31	Hyannis	1	C. Wrisley + v.o.
9/24	Mt. Watatic	16	Hawkcount (TP)	Northern Shrike			
9/24	Mt. Wachusett	28	Hawkcount (RC)	10/22	N. Truro	2	J. Offermann
10/4	Hadley	14	J. Oliverio	10/23	Windsor	1	J. Morris-Siegal
Merlin				White-eyed Vireo			
9/2-26	Mt. Wachusett	21	Hawkcount (SO)	9/17	Westboro	1	T. Spahr
9/12	P.I.	5	R. Heil	9/20	Newton	1	R. Doherty
9/15-27	Barre Falls	11	Hawkcount (DS)	9/29	Manomet	1 b	T. Lloyd-Evans#
10/3-31	Barre Falls	10	Hawkcount (DS)	10/7	Nantucket	1	B. Harris#
10/5-11	Mt. Wachusett	10	Hawkcount (RC)	10/10	Wellfleet	1	J. Pratt
Peregrine Falcon				10/13	P.I.	1 b	B. Flemer#
9/11-24	Mt. Wachusett	29	Hawkcount (SO)	10/16	P'town	1	M. Keleher
10/4-11	Mt. Wachusett	4	Hawkcount (RC)	10/16	Roslindale	1	M. Kaufman
10/4-31	Barre Falls	5	Hawkcount (DS)	10/17	Lanesville	1	B. Harris#
Red-headed Woodpecker				Bell's Vireo			
9/25	Bolton Flats	1 ad	K. Bourinot#	10/12-31	Manomet	1 imm b	T. Lloyd-Evans#
10/15-31	Belchertown	1 ad	L. Therrien#	10/24-27	Eastham (F.H.)	1	S. Williams#
Red-bellied Woodpecker				Yellow-throated Vireo			
9/24	Braintree	12	G. d'Entremont#	9/3	Sandisfield	7	M. Lynch#
10/5	Ipswich	12	J. Berry	Blue-headed Vireo			
10/26	Quabog IBA	6	M. Lynch#	9/25	Ware R. IBA	14	M. Lynch#

Blue-headed Vireo (continued)				House Wren			
9/26	Sandwich	5	J. Glydon	9/3	Sandisfield	7	M. Lynch#
10/16	Woburn (HP)	4	M. Rines	9/13	Belmont	5	R. Stymeist
10/18	Medford	2	R. LaFontaine	9/18	Lexington	4	M. Rines
10/19	Cambr. (F.Pd)	2	M. Sabourin	10/2	Cumb. Farms	3	G. d'Entremont#
Warbling Vireo				10/30	Saugus	1	S. Jones
9/22	Westboro	2	N. Paulson	Winter Wren			
9/26	W. Roxbury (MP)	1	R. Stymeist	10/20	Paxton	2	M. Lynch#
10/6	Boston (Fens)	1	P. Peterson	10/27	Medford	2	R. LaFontaine
10/13	Marshfield	1	D. Peacock	10/30	Lexington (DM)	2	M. Rines#
Philadelphia Vireo				Sedge Wren			
thr	Reports of indiv. from 16 locations			9/16	Northampton	1	B. Bieda
9/12	Brewster	2	D. Clapp	10/29	Eastham (F.H.)	2	E. Lipton#
9/15	P.I.	3	S. Sullivan	Marsh Wren			
10/7	Nantucket	2	B. Harris#	9/15	Topsfield	3	J. Berry
10/27-30	Westboro	1	M. Garvey#	9/22	GMNWR	11	A. Bragg#
Red-eyed Vireo				10/12	Newbury	3	C. Floyd#
9/3	Ashby	4	J. Forbes	10/29	Eastham (F.H.)	8	J. Trimble#
9/10	Ware R. IBA	27	M. Lynch#	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			
9/13	Belmont	5	R. Stymeist	9/13	Belmont	1	R. Stymeist
10/7	P.I.	3	E. Labato	9/21	P.I.	1	MAS (D. Moon)
10/26	Nantucket	4	J. Trimble#	9/29	GMNWR	1	A. Bragg#
Fish Crow				10/18	Orleans	2	P. Crosson#
9/24	Plymouth	4	M. Lynch#	10/19	Boston (Fens)	1	R. Schain#
10/11	Quincy	50	P. Peterson	Golden-crowned Kinglet			
Common Raven				10/11	P.I.	25	T. Wetmore
9/2	Mt. Wachusett	35	S. Olson	10/16	Brewster	16	S. Finnegan
9/12	Mt. Watatic	44	B. Rusnica	10/23	Nantucket	11	J. Trimble#
9/20	Barre Falls	22	D. Schilling#	10/24	Holden	8	M. Lynch#
9/29	Groton	5	S. Miller	10/31	Winthrop	8	P. Peterson
10/7-13	Barre Falls	17	D. Schilling	Ruby-crowned Kinglet			
Horned Lark				9/21	Lexington	1	M. Rines
10/2	Saugus	20	S. Zende#	10/2	Huntington	34	M. Lynch#
10/5	P.I.	45	D. Adrien	10/12	Ipswich	6	J. Berry#
10/19	Ipswich (C.B.)	2	J. Berry	10/15	Worc. (BMB)	7	J. Liller
Purple Martin				10/23	Nantucket	8	J. Trimble#
9/4	Mashpee	1	M. Keleher	10/31	P'town	10	L. Waters#
9/6	Northampton	1	T. Gagnon	Northern Wheatear			
Tree Swallow				9/13	Sandwich	1	P. Crosson#
9/25	P'town (R.P.)	5000	S. Arena	Eastern Bluebird			
9/26	Quincy	100	P. Peterson	9/25	Ware R. IBA	10	M. Lynch#
10/8	Westport	1100	M. Lynch#	9/30	Quabog IBA	23	M. Lynch#
10/16	Cumb. Farms	80	B. Cassie	10/14	Concord	11	R. Stymeist
10/18	Nantucket	20,000	L. Dunn	10/19	DFWS	30	MAS (P. Sowizral)
10/22	Southwick	15	S. Kellogg	Townsend's Solitaire			
Northern Rough-winged Swallow				10/18	P.I.	1 ph	R. Murphy
9/16	P.I.	2	S. Williams	Veery			
10/4	Wayland	60	J. Forbes#	9/4	Holden	1	M. Lynch#
Bank Swallow				9/16	P.I.	1	S. Williams
9/1	Wayland	3	J. Forbes	Gray-cheeked Thrush			
9/4	Saugus	1	S. Zende#	9/25	Marlboro	1	T. Spahr
9/19	W. Roxbury (MP)	1	M. Iliff	Swainson's Thrush			
9/21	P.I.	6	S. Sullivan	9/24	Boston H.	2	R. Stymeist#
Cliff Swallow				9/25	Ware R. IBA	2	M. Lynch#
9/1	GMNWR	1	C. Cook	10/3	Pittsfield	1	G. Hurley
10/10	Nantucket	1	B. Harris#	10/6	Manomet	1 b	T. Lloyd-Evans#
Cave Swallow				10/11	DFWS	1	P. Sowizral#
9/6	Nahant B.	1	L. Pivacek	10/18	Northboro	1	S. Miller
Barn Swallow				Hermit Thrush			
9/7	Wayland	50	J. Forbes	10/6	Ware R. IBA	15	M. Lynch#
9/16	Westboro	5	J. Lawson	10/19	Worc. (BMB)	3	J. Liller
9/16	Ipswich (C.B.)	7	J. Berry	10/29	Medford	19	M. Rines#
9/18	Quabog IBA	40	M. Lynch#	10/30	Lexington (DM)	12	M. Rines#
10/4	Truro	1	J. Pratt	Gray Catbird			
Red-breasted Nuthatch				9/thr	P.I.	118 b	B. Flemer#
9/3	Ashby	8	J. Forbes	9/13	Burlington	25	M. Rines
9/3	Sandisfield	66	M. Lynch#	10/30	Westboro	1	G. d'Entremont
9/12	P.I.	15	R. Heil	10/30	Saugus	1	S. Zende#
9/27	Mt.A.	10	R. Stymeist	Brown Thrasher			
10/23	Nantucket	23	J. Trimble#	9/12	P.I.	11	R. Heil
Brown Creeper				9/13	Burlington	1	M. Rines
thr	P.I.	34 b	B. Flemer#	9/18	Rockport (H.P.)	1	J. Berry

Brown Thrasher (continued)				Connecticut Warbler			
9/26	Quincy	1	P. Peterson	9/1-10/12	Reports of indiv. from 25 locations		
American Pipit				9/15	P.I.	5	T. Wetmore
10/1	P'town (R.P.)	30	B. Nikula	9/18	Lexington	4	M. Rines
10/2	Deerfield	50	E. Huston	9/26	Westboro	5	T. Spahr
10/3	Southwick	50	S. Kellogg	9/27	Belchertown	2	L. Therrien
10/13	GMNWR	27	A. Bragg#	9/27	N. Reading	2	J. Keeley
10/15	Newbury	56	R. Heil	Mourning Warbler			
10/22	Hadley	160	S. Surner	9/3	Boston H.	1	D. Walters
10/24	Rutland	80	M. Lynch#	9/13	P.I.	1 b	B. Flemer#
10/29	Nantucket	24	S. Kardell	9/14	Westboro	1	T. Spahr
Cedar Waxwing				9/20	Groton	1	T. Murray
9/3	P.I.	52	J. Keeley#	9/23	Hadley	1	K. Yakola
9/13	Burlington	27	M. Rines	10/3	Brewster	1 b	S. Finnegan#
9/14	Ware R. IBA	37	M. Lynch#	Common Yellowthroat			
10/21	Norton	70	K. Ryan	9/24	Lexington (DM)	18	M. Rines#
Lapland Longspur				9/25	Bolton Flats	18	K. Bourinot#
9/30	Quincy	1	E. Lipton	10/2	Huntington	43	M. Lynch#
10/6	Wayland	1	B. Harris	10/4	Boston (Fens)	10	P. Peterson
10/21	P.I.	5	T. Wetmore	Hooded Warbler			
10/30	Acton	2	D. Swain	9/1	MNWS	1	J. Smith
Snow Bunting				9/17	Freetown	1	J. Eckerson
10/20	P.I.	24	D. Chickering	10/7	Manomet	1 b	T. Lloyd-Evans#
10/24	GMNWR	1	J. Forbes	10/18	P.I.	1 b	B. Flemer#
10/29	Quabbin Pk	5	L. Therrien	American Redstart			
10/30	Quincy	1	P. Peterson	9/3	Ashby	4	J. Forbes
Ovenbird				9/3	Sandisfield	5	M. Lynch#
9/10	Ware R. IBA	4	M. Lynch#	9/12	Wellfleet	8	M. Keleher
9/24	Petersham	1	J. Reynolds	9/24	Braintree	5	G. d'Entremont#
10/7	P.I.	1 b	B. Flemer#	10/25	Medford	1	R. LaFontaine
10/22	N. Dighton	1	A. Eckerson	Cape May Warbler			
10/31	Boston (RKG)	1	J. Taylor#	9/3	N. Truro	3	J. Pratt
Worm-eating Warbler				9/6	Westboro	4	T. Spahr
9/18	MNWS	1	S. Williams	9/10	Tuckernuck	40	R. Veit
Northern Waterthrush				9/15	Westboro	2	T. Spahr
9/15	Woburn (HP)	1	M. Rines	9/18	Williamstown	7	H. Powell
9/20	Groton	1	T. Murray	Northern Parula			
9/22	P.I.	1 b	B. Flemer#	9/21	Waltham	4	J. Forbes
9/30	Quabog IBA	1	M. Lynch#	9/24	Lexington (DM)	3	M. Rines#
10/22	Boston (Fens)	1	P. Peterson	9/25	Ware R. IBA	9	M. Lynch#
Golden-winged Warbler				10/24	Aquinnah	3	B. Shriber
9/15	Amherst	1	K. Yakola	10/24	Holden	1	M. Lynch#
Blue-winged Warbler				Magnolia Warbler			
9/3	Sandisfield	1	M. Lynch#	9/10	Ware R. IBA	1	M. Lynch#
9/11	Boston (Fens)	1	C. Dalton	9/15	P.I.	2	S. Sullivan
Black-and-white Warbler				10/28	Manomet	1 b	T. Lloyd-Evans#
9/9	Lexington	2	C. Floyd	10/30	Boston (PG)	1	G. Fabbri
9/10	Ware R. IBA	9	M. Lynch#	Bay-breasted Warbler			
9/13	Belmont	2	R. Stymeist	9/27	Mt.A.	1	R. Stymeist
9/24	Braintree	2	G. d'Entremont#	10/16	Longmeadow	1	A. Robblee
10/5	Jamaica Plain	2	P. Peterson	Blackburnian Warbler			
10/30	Nantucket	1	S. Kardell	9/10	Ware R. IBA	2	M. Lynch#
Tennessee Warbler				9/28	Rosindale	1	M. Iliff
thr	Reports of indiv. from 13 locations			Yellow Warbler			
Orange-crowned Warbler				9/6	Westboro	13	T. Spahr
9/21-10/31	Reports of indiv. from 26 locations			9/23	Worc. (BMB)	2	B. Robo
10/7	Lexington	2	C. Cook	10/31	Boston (Fens)	1	R. Schain
10/9	Mattapan (BNC)	2	P. Peterson	Chestnut-sided Warbler			
10/15	Newbury	3	R. Heil	9/3	Sandisfield	6	M. Lynch#
10/19	Boston (Fens)	5	R. Schain#	10/2	Concord	1	T. Swain
10/29	Eastham (F.H.)	2	J. Trimble#	10/2	Huntington	1	M. Lynch#
10/30	Gloucester (E.P.)	2	S. Hedman	Blackpoll Warbler			
10/30	Cambr. (Alewife)	2	R. Stymeist	9/12	P.I.	10	R. Heil
Nashville Warbler				10/8	Arlington Res.	19	M. Rines#
10/3	Arlington Res.	4	M. Rines	10/9	Mattapan (BNC)	20	P. Peterson
10/9	Mattapan (BNC)	4	P. Peterson	10/thr	Manomet	293 b	T. Lloyd-Evans#
10/11	Barnstable	3	P. Crosson	10/15	Newbury	28	R. Heil
10/15	Middleton	2	J. Berry#	10/19	Boston (Fens)	17	R. Schain#
10/16	Newton	2	J. Forbes	10/23	Nantucket	41	J. Trimble#
10/19	Boston (Fens)	9	R. Schain#	Black-throated Blue Warbler			
10/31	Woburn (HP)	1	R. Jilek	9/10	Ware R. IBA	2	M. Lynch#

Black-throated Blue Warbler (continued)				10/16	Cumb. Farms	1	B. Cassie
10/22	Nantucket	2	G. Andrews	10/27	P.I.	1	D. Chickering
10/22	P.I.	2	E. Labato	Lark Sparrow			
10/26	Nantucket	2	J. Trimble#	9/3	E. Boston (B.I.)	1	DCR (S. Riley)
Palm Warbler				9/10-14	Lincoln	1	G. Denton + v.o.
9/18	Lexington	7	M. Rines	9/12	Medford	1	A. Trautmann
9/23	Concord	21	M. Rines	9/14	Cumb. Farms	1	X. Wei
9/25	Bolton Flats	11	K. Bourinot#	9/16-18	Concord	1	C. Winstanley + v.o.
10/2	Huntington	63	M. Lynch#	9/20	P.I.	1	D. Adrien#
10/14	Middleton	6	A. Bean	10/5	Cambr. (Danehy)	1	BBC (K. Hartel)
10/19	DFWS	8	MAS (P. Sowizral)	10/29	Aquinnah	1	S. Whiting
10/19	Worc. (BMB)	7	J. Liller	Savannah Sparrow			
Pine Warbler				10/2	Huntington	96	M. Lynch#
9/10	Ware R. IBA	39	M. Lynch#	10/7	Lexington	75	C. Cook
9/24	Jamaica Plain	5	P. Peterson	10/8	Middleton	62	J. Berry#
10/8	P'town	3	SSBC (GdE)	10/12	Concord	28	R. Stymeist
Yellow-rumped Warbler				10/15	Newbury	33	R. Heil
9/3	P.I.	1	J. Keeley#	10/18	W. Roxbury (MP)	70	P. Peterson
10/2	Huntington	58	M. Lynch#	10/30	Saugus	35	S. Zende#
10/6	GMNWR	36	A. Bragg#	Ipswich Sparrow			
10/15	Lexington (DM)	86	M. Rines#	10/8	Mattapoisett	1	L. Waters#
10/15	Mt. Watatic	50	T. Pirro	10/18	Orleans	1	P. Crosson#
10/27	Brewster	130	S. Finnegan	10/19	Ipswich (C.B.)	6	J. Berry
10/29	Fairhaven	62	M. Lynch#	Grasshopper Sparrow			
10/30	Quincy	55	P. Peterson	9/17	Hadley	1	A. Griffiths
Prairie Warbler				9/25	Cumb. Farms	1	B. Harris#
9/3	Sandisfield	2	M. Lynch#	9/26	P.I.	1	T. Wetmore
10/7	P.I.	2	D. Prima	10/31	W. Roxbury (MP)	1	T. Bradford
10/14	Middleton	2	B. + B. Drummond	Nelson's Sparrow			
Black-throated Gray Warbler				9/7	P.I.	1	T. Wetmore
10/8	Aquinnah	1 ph	B. Shriber	9/26	Tyringham	1	M. Morales
Black-throated Green Warbler				10/8	Plymouth	5	L. Waters#
9/10	Ware R. IBA	12	M. Lynch#	10/8	Wareham	2	L. Waters#
9/16	P.I.	4	S. Williams	10/10	GMNWR	1	D. Bates#
9/24	Lexington (DM)	4	M. Rines#	10/12	Newbury	12	C. Floyd#
9/27	Mt.A.	3	R. Stymeist	10/19	Fairhaven	3	C. Longworth
10/9	Mattapan (BNC)	4	P. Peterson	10/29	Eastham (F.H.)	3	J. Trimble#
10/18	Sharon	3	L. Waters	Saltmarsh Sparrow			
Canada Warbler				9/22	P.I.	4	S. Sullivan
9/2	P.I.	1 b	B. Flemer#	10/7	Dorchester	1	J. Benson#
10/2	Quincy	1	V. Zollo	10/12	Newbury	9	C. Floyd#
10/8	Northampton	1	J. Smith	10/17	Rowley	1	J. Berry
Wilson's Warbler				10/19	Fairhaven	6	C. Longworth
9/12	Boston (Fens)	2	P. Peterson	Seaside Sparrow			
10/9	Mattapan (BNC)	1	P. Peterson	10/3	Barnstable	3	J. Junda#
Yellow-breasted Chat				10/19	Orleans	2	J. Pratt
thr	Reports of indiv. from 7 locations			10/20	Fairhaven	1	J. Gahagan
10/29	Eastham (F.H.)	5	J. Trimble#	10/21	P.I.	1	T. Wetmore
Eastern Towhee				Fox Sparrow			
9/12	P.I.	39	R. Heil	10/13	GMNWR	1	A. Bragg#
9/18	Rockport (H.P.)	5	J. Berry	10/14	P.I.	1	S. Sullivan
9/25	Ware R. IBA	18	M. Lynch#	10/15	Newbury	1	R. Heil
10/29	Fairhaven	2	M. Lynch#	10/16	Huntington	1	M. Lynch#
10/29	Easton	1	K. Ryan	10/18	Groton	1	T. Murray
American Tree Sparrow				Lincoln's Sparrow			
10/27	GMNWR	2	K. Dia#	9/18, 10/13	Lexington	3, 3	M. Rines
10/29	P.I.	1	N. Landry	9/25	Bolton Flats	9	K. Bourinot#
10/31	Dorchester	1	J. Benson	9/29	Groton	9	S. Miller
Clay-colored Sparrow				10/2	Huntington	25	M. Lynch#
thr	Reports of indiv. from 14 locations			Swamp Sparrow			
Field Sparrow				9/25	Bolton Flats	46	K. Bourinot#
10/8	Eastham	10	SSBC (GdE)	9/29	Groton	20	S. Miller
10/12	P.I.	3	E. Labato	10/2	Huntington	136	M. Lynch#
10/26	Mattapan (BNC)	3	P. Peterson	10/6	GMNWR	22	A. Bragg#
Vesper Sparrow				10/7	Lexington	21	C. Cook
9/24	E. Boston (B.I.)	2	DCR (S. Riley)	10/15	Wellfleet	23	L. Waters#
9/25	Lancaster	1	K. Bourinot#	White-throated Sparrow			
10/3	Concord	1	C. Floyd	9/9	Wakefield	1	F. Vale
10/11	Hadley	1	L. Therrien	9/29	Groton	32	S. Miller
10/13	Waltham	1	J. Forbes	10/15	Newbury	61	R. Heil
10/15	Williamstown	2	C. Johnson	10/16	Boston (RKG)	37	R. Stymeist

White-throated Sparrow (continued)					
10/26	Quabog IBA	177	M. Lynch#	Red-winged Blackbird	
Harris's Sparrow				9/24	Holbrook 1500 G. d'Entremont#
10/26-31	Westboro	1 ph	B. Robo + v.o.	10/16	Huntington 448 M. Lynch#
White-crowned Sparrow				Eastern Meadowlark	
10/8	Westport	3	M. Lynch#	10/15	Lexington (DM) 1 M. Rines#
10/12	Williamstown	5	C. Johnson	10/29	Eastham (F.H.) 13 L. Waters#
10/14	GMNWR	2	J. Forbes	10/30	Saugus 1 S. Zende#
10/16	Huntington	3	M. Lynch#	Yellow-headed Blackbird	
10/28	Aquinnah	5	J. Young	9/3	Hyannis 2 M. Keleher#
10/28	Uxbridge	4	M. Lynch#	Rusty Blackbird	
Dark-eyed Junco				10/13	Maynard 7 MAS (P. Sowizral)
9/3	Ashby	1	J. Forbes	10/18	Sharon 23 L. Waters
9/3	Sandisfield	7	M. Lynch#	10/19	Lexington 9 M. Rines
10/11	P.I.	90	T. Wetmore	10/22	Carlisle 50 A. Ankers#
10/16	Huntington	112	M. Lynch#	10/24	GMNWR 8 J. Forbes
Scarlet Tanager				10/25	W. Roxbury (MP) 21 P. Peterson
9/22	P.I.	2	S. Sullivan	Common Grackle	
9/24	Braintree	1	G. d'Entremont	9/24	Holbrook 10000 G. d'Entremont#
9/25	Ware R. IBA	3	M. Lynch#	10/3	Harwich 3000 M. Faherty
10/8	Lexington	1	J. Forbes	Brown-headed Cowbird	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak				10/9	Acton 100 J. Forbes
9/10	Lexington	3	C. Cook	10/27	Hyannis 250 D. Ely
9/14	Ware R. IBA	3	M. Lynch#	Orchard Oriole	
10/3	Quabog IBA	2	M. Lynch#	9/2	P.I. 1 J. Trimble
10/10	Cambridge	1	J. Forbes#	9/17	Raynham 1 J. Eckerson
10/22	Andover	1	D. Cooper	9/27	Quincy 1 E. Lipton
Blue Grosbeak				Baltimore Oriole	
9/17	Cumb. Farms	2	D. Peacock	9/10	Lexington 3 C. Cook
9/17	Nahant	1	G. d'Entremont	9/11	Boston (Fens) 3 C. Dalton
9/19	Danvers	1	A. Bean	9/12	P.I. 3 R. Heil
10/4	Lexington	1	C. Floyd	9/26	Groton 4 T. Murray#
10/8	Harwich	2	SSBC (GdE)	Purple Finch	
10/8-14	Middleton	1	S. Sullivan + v.o.	9/2-30	P.I. 13 b B. Flemer#
10/16	N. Truro	1	D. Clapp#	10/15	Wellfleet 16 L. Waters#
10/22	Westboro	1	T. Spahr	10/16	Huntington 28 M. Lynch#
Indigo Bunting				10/20	Framingham 12 J. Hoye#
9/18	Lexington	5	M. Rines	10/30	Lexington (DM) 14 M. Rines#
9/29	Groton	6	S. Miller	White-winged Crossbill	
10/2	Huntington	21	M. Lynch#	9/3	Russell 1 M. Lynch#
10/20	Framingham	1	J. Hoye#	Pine Siskin	
Dickcissel				9/11	Montague 2 B. Emily
9/9	P.I.	6 migr	B. Harris#	10/1	Woburn (HP) 2 M. Sprague
9/11-10/31	Reports of indiv. from 16 locations			10/11	Southwick 1 S. Kellogg
9/23	Concord	2	M. Rines	10/29	Eastham (F.H.) 1 J. Forbes
10/14	P.I.	2	S. Sullivan	10/29	Easton 1 K. Ryan
Bobolink				Evening Grosbeak	
9/10	W. Harwich	14	M. Keleher	10/10	Charlemont 2 E. Ryba
9/12	Holden	9	M. Lynch#	10/15	Andover 1 G. d'Entremont#
9/12	P.I.	9	R. Heil	10/21	Quabbin Pk 3 L. Therrien
9/20	Lexington	19	M. Rines	10/26	Melrose 1 J. McCoy
10/10	Nantucket	27	S. Kardell	10/27	Essex 1 P. Brown
				10/30	Eastham (F.H.) 1 M. Iliff

Erratum

Bird Sightings in *Bird Observer* 44.6 (December 2016), included the following record:

Snow Goose

7/31	Worthington	3	v.o.
8/6	Tolland	3	D. Holmes

It should have read:

Sandhill Crane

7/31	Worthington	3	v.o.
8/6	Tolland	3	D. Holmes

ABBREVIATIONS FOR BIRD SIGHTINGS

Locations

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

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