

BIRD SIGHTINGS

July-August 2017

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Weather-wise, July and August are good months for conducting breeding bird surveys and watching the start of the fall shorebird migration. July saw average temperatures below normal and the month felt more like spring than summer; the average temperature in Boston was 72 degrees, two degrees below normal. The high for the month was 93 degrees on July 19, part of a three-day heat wave with temperatures in the nineties. The only other day that hit 90 degrees was July 2. A low pressure to our southwest in mid-July kept all of New England to a near record cool; the high in Boston on July 14 was just 67 degrees! Rainfall totaled 4.03 inches in Boston, a little more than normal. The most rain in any single day was 1.41 inches on July 24.

August's weather was much the same as July's. The temperature averaged 72 degrees in Boston, which is about normal for the month. The month's highest temperature of 91 degrees was recorded on August 22. Rainfall was only 1.58 inches for the month in Boston, 1.77 inches below the average for August. However, other regions of the state received more rainfall; severe thunderstorms hit eastern Massachusetts on August 2 prompting the National Weather Service to issue flood warnings. Heavy downpours dumped nearly four inches of rain in some communities in the region, such as Dorchester, where 3.46 inches fell. Elsewhere, reports included 3.37 inches in Maynard and 2.72 inches in Walpole. Wind speed on August 2 was clocked at 52 mph at Logan Airport. Hurricane Gert was far off the New England coast on August 15 but the storm impacted our shoreline with high surf warnings for southeastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod, and the Islands.

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WATERFOWL THROUGH SKIMMERS

The state summer tourism ads are working—winter visitors stayed for the sun and the beach crowds, including a Brant at Westport from July 27–29 and single **King Eiders** in August at Eastham and Duxbury Beach. The only other August record this century for King Eider was from Rockport in 2009. Also unseasonal was a male Bufflehead present for the beginning of July at Wachusett Reservoir.

The annual August deepwater pelagic trip run by the Brookline Bird Club has been invaluable in showing us what lies and flies off our watery horizons. Sadly, this year's trip was cancelled due to bad weather. Who knows what was lurking out there? For those pelagic birders confined to *terra firma*, Provincetown has been the go-to place to scope passing shearwaters. This summer, though, birders didn't even need binoculars; unprecedented numbers of Great Shearwaters (up to 24,000) were seen in the surf and at the water's edge. The birds have been feeding on the billions of menhaden fry driven to the shore by mackerel and other predatory fish.

Equally significant was an unusual event to the south, in Buzzards Bay, where shearwaters are rarely encountered. Observers at Gooseberry Neck have been recording almost unprecedented numbers of Cory's Shearwater (see figure 1). On July 22, recorders tallied 1,397 birds flying east into the bay. The day before, 636 Cory's were accompanied by an extraordinary report of an **Audubon's Shearwater**. This diminutive shearwater is a warm-water bird, usually seen only on pelagics that venture beyond the continental shelf and into the warmer Gulf Stream. The large number of shearwaters (including a handful of Great, Manx and Sooty shearwaters) may indicate

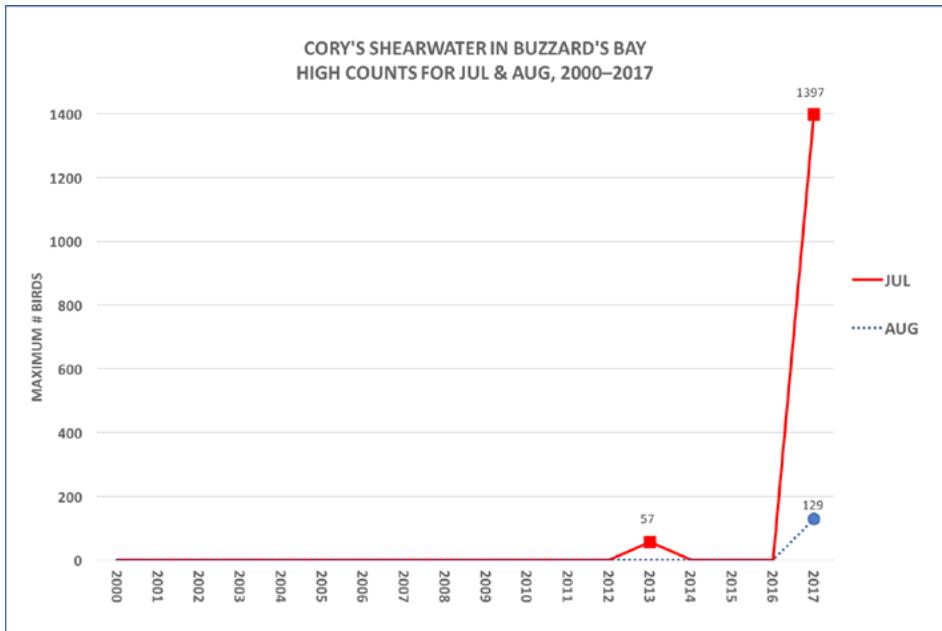


Figure 1. Cory’s Shearwater: monthly high counts for July (solid line) and August (dotted line) 2000–2017 in Buzzards Bay (area bounded by southern coasts of Bristol and Plymouth Counties, western Cape Cod, and the Elizabeth Islands). Data from eBird.

a sudden food bonanza similar to that at Provincetown, where a probable Audubon’s was also sighted. Spencer Fullerton Baird (first curator of the Smithsonian Institute and perhaps more familiar to us as the eponym for a sparrow and a sandpiper) noted a similar phenomenon in the fall of 1886 when “thousands” of Cory’s Shearwaters entered Buzzards Bay. Apparently, young sea herring, chased into the bay by predatory mackerel and bluefish, attracted the shearwaters that year.

An adult **Brown Booby** was spotted from Herring Cove Beach on July 14 and perhaps the same individual was seen a month later from a whale watch cruise out of Provincetown. Last period we reported the unusual number of dying Northern Gannets that had been brought into rehabilitation facilities on the Cape. While the cause is still unknown, lab results from Wild Care, Eastham, indicate that the birds were not suffering from a virus.

This year’s incursion of **Brown Pelicans** continued throughout July with an immature beach-hopping around the North Shore and coastal New Hampshire. An adult bird was recorded on Nantucket on July 1. An **American White Pelican** at Scituate on August 25 was the most northerly record for the species along the Eastern Seaboard this year. The same, or a different bird, was present at the end of the month on Martha’s Vineyard.

Two immature **White Ibis** spent over two weeks enjoying the beautiful Mass Audubon sanctuary at Wellfleet Bay. They were spotted again the day after their departure in Chatham, presumably on their return south. **White-faced Ibis** has become regular in spring around the Ipswich area, but is less often encountered in the summer months. A bird seen on August 14 at Plum Island was thus noteworthy.

Rail enthusiasts got their fix this summer at Fairhaven, where a pair of Clapper Rails raised

as many as eight young. A **King Rail** was also present through most of July, and represents only the second Bristol County record after a bird seen at Allens Pond in 2013.

Sandhill Crane was first documented as a breeding bird in Massachusetts at New Marlborough in 2007. Last year a pair nested in Worthington, and this year perhaps the same pair successfully raised two young at that site. Additional pairs were present at New Marlborough and Burrage Pond, though neither seems to have bred.

An adult **Little Stint** was found on August 9 at Monomoy NWR and represents only the third record this century, all from Chatham. The bird was obliging to the many visiting birders, spending almost two weeks in the same small patch of mud. The Siberian and Alaskan subspecies of **Bar-tailed Godwit** (*baueri*), first discovered in June, continued in the Lower Cape until August 21. **American Avocet** is almost an annual fall vagrant to the state, recorded in 15 of the last 18 years. Most of those records have come from Plum Island, which is where two birds were seen again this year in mid-August. Plymouth Beach hosted an additional bird earlier in the month.

Regular fall shorebirds were roughly on target with their fall arrival dates: Western Sandpiper (July 13) and Long-billed Dowitcher (July 15), both a day later than their average arrival this century. Others were notably early: Baird's Sandpiper (July 24) and Buff-breasted Sandpiper (August 3), both more than two weeks earlier than average.

The star attraction at the Provincetown beaches this summer has been a somewhat chaseable **South Polar Skua**. At least two different individuals were reported in the area. South Polar Skuas breed in the Antarctic and it was only within the last 50 years that they were shown to cross the equator and winter here (that is, during our summer). Provincetown is also the best place to see **Long-tailed Jaeger**, a species rarely seen from land. First and second summer birds were seen on July 30.

The only alcid of the period was, predictably, a Black Guillemot, seen off Andrew's Point on July 29.

All the leaves are brown and the sky is gray. Well, perhaps not quite yet, but there was some "California Dreamin'" on the south coast, when an adult **California Gull** was spotted at Westport on the last day of August. There are only five accepted records of this western larid in the state; the most recent was Nantucket in January 2006. Otherwise, the best gull of the period was **Franklin's Gull**, capping off a great summer locally for this species. Separate individuals were seen at Ipswich and Chatham. **Sabine's Gull** has been almost regular in August at Provincetown, sighted on average every other year. This year unprecedented high counts of three birds (two adults and an immature) were seen in mid-August. A highly unseasonal Glaucous Gull in Gloucester Harbor is only the second record this century of a summering (July or August) bird.

Migrating Black Terns turned up along the coast as normal, but an inland record at Pittsfield was unusual. There have been only six records for Berkshire County, the westernmost county in the state, all singles in May, except for four birds in August of 1999. Royal Terns continued throughout the period, with birds, all singles, dotted along the coast from Ipswich south to Nantucket.

Three Black Skimmers at Hatches Harbor on July 10 represented the most northern record globally this year. Black Skimmers have been reclaiming their historical territory up the East Coast, with recolonization beginning here in the 1940s. This year the species bred at Monomoy and nesting pairs were present on Martha's Vineyard.

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Brant				8/23	PI	6	T. Wetmore
7/27-29	Westport, Dartmouth	1	S. Wilson, S. Carney	8/29	Quabbin (G35)	4 ad, 1 juv	N. Demers#
8/17	Monomoy NWR	2	B. Winn#	Pied-billed Grebe			
Wood Duck				7/4	Fairhaven	3	C. Longworth#
7/9	W. Newbury	ad, 10 juv	P. + F. Vale	7/26-7/27	PI	1	D. Adrien + v.o.
8/6	New Marlborough	22	M. Lynch#	8/6-8/7	Royalston	1	E. LeBlanc + v.o.
8/26	Warren	53	M. Lynch#	Northern Fulmar			
8/28	GMNWR	80	J. Kovner#	7/4	E. of Chatham	1 lt	P. Flood #
8/28	Waltham	30	J. Forbes	8/22	P'town (RP)	1	G. Richards
Gadwall				Cory's Shearwater			
8/29	PI	17	R. Heil	7/4, 8/11	E. of Chatham	15, 150	B. Nikula#
American Wigeon				7/17, 7/22	Westport	396, 1397	M. Iliff, L. Waters
7/5	PI	1	R. Heil	7/20, 7/23	P'town	380, 4250	B. Nikula#
8/9	E. Boston (BI)	1	P. Peterson	7/25	PI	15	R. Heil
8/30	Ipswich	2	J. Berry	7/29	Cohasset	15	V. Zollo
Blue-winged Teal				8/12, 8/19	P'town (RP)	1200, 725	S. Arena, B. Nikula#
8/6-8/30	PI	5 max	G. Gove# + v.o.	8/14	Jeffrey's L.	9	J. Berry#
Northern Shoveler				Great Shearwater			
8/9	Ipswich (CB)	1	A. Gomez-Yafal	7/4, 8/11	E. of Chatham	5000, 10000	B. Nikula#
8/13	Nantucket	4	S. Fee	8/14	Jeffrey's L.	41	J. Berry#
Green-winged Teal				8/18	Westport	22	J. Eckerson#
7/4, 8/25	PI	7, 32	T. Wetmore + v.o.	8/19	P'town (RP)	24000	J. Trimble#
8/25	Winchendon	4	M. Lynch#	8/30	PI	6	T. Wetmore
8/27	Nbpt	11	J. Berry	Sooty Shearwater			
8/28	Winchester	6	R. LaFontaine#	7/4	Chatham	2500	B. Nikula#
8/30	Nantucket	8	S. Kardell	7/21	Westport	2	M. Iliff
King Eider				7/30	Cohasset	2	D. Burton
8/6	Eastham	1 ph	M. Miller#	8/19	P'town (RP)	1200	J. Trimble#
8/24	Duxbury B.	1	R. Bowes	Manx Shearwater			
Common Eider				7/22	Westport	4	L. Waters
7/29	Acoaxet	104	M. Lynch#	7/27	Revere B.	5	P. Peterson
8/16	Westport	18	M. Lynch#	7/30	Cohasset	2	D. Burton
Surf Scoter				8/10	PI	2	M. Goetschkes#
8/26	PI	1	T. Wetmore	8/12	P'town (RP)	505	B. Nikula
White-winged Scoter				Audubon's Shearwater			
8/18	PI	2 m, f	T. Wetmore	7/21	Westport	1	L. Waters
8/24	Duxbury B.	1	R. Bowes	8/26	P'town (RP)	1	G. d'Entremont
Black Scoter				Wilson's Storm-Petrel			
7/15, 8/30	PI	80, 20	T. Wetmore	7/19	Winthrop B.	9	M. Iliff
7/29	Westport	11	M. Lynch#	7/30	Cohasset	75	D. Burton
Long-tailed Duck				8/3	PI	8	T. Wetmore
7/15-7/30	PI	1	v.o.	8/11	E. of Chatham	800	B. Nikula#
Bufflehead				8/14	Jeffrey's L.	375	J. Berry#
7/1-7/12	Wachusett Res.	1	A. Bairstow + v.o.	Leach's Storm-Petrel			
Hooded Merganser				7/5	Stellwagen Bank	7	L. Waters#
7/20	E. Boston	1	C. Dalton	Brown Booby			
8/25	Falmouth	2	G. Hirth	7/14-8/12	P'town	1 ad, ph	B. Nikula
8/27	W. Gloucester	1	P. + F. Vale#	Northern Gannet			
Common Merganser				7/4	E. of Chatham	10	B. Nikula#
7/16	Sandisfield	13	M. Lynch#	7/25	PI	166	R. Heil
Ruddy Duck				7/29	P'town	145	B. Nikula
7/28	Chilmark	1 m	G. Babineau#	7/30	Rockport	11	J. Berry#
8/29-8/30	Melrose	1	J. McCoy	Great Cormorant			
Northern Bobwhite				7/15, 8/31	Westport	1	E. Lipton, M. Iliff
7/2	N. Truro	3	E. Goodman	Double-crested Cormorant			
7/4	Lunenburg	2	T. Murray	8/16	Westport	125	M. Lynch#
7/22	Eastham (FH)	3 ad, 7 yg	M. Faherty#	8/18	PI	121	J. Berry#
Ruffed Grouse				8/30	Wachusett Res.	66	M. Lynch#
7/31	Huntington	1 d	M. Lynch#	American White Pelican			
8/20	Barre Falls	4	M. Ess-Why	8/25	Scituate	1	MAS (D. Ludlow)
8/26	Townsend	1	J. Forbes	8/25-8/30	Chilmark	1	S. Whiting#
Wild Turkey				Brown Pelican			
8/8-8/25	PI	7	T. Wetmore	7/1	Nantucket	1 ad	S. Fee, A. Renaud
8/25	Winchendon	17	M. Lynch#	7/7	Quincy	1 IS	M. Garvey#
8/27	Wendell	19	M. Lynch#	7/15	PI	1 IS	M. McCarthy#
8/28	Newburyport	20	P. + F. Vale	7/16-7/30	Rockport	1 IS	v.o.
Red-throated Loon				American Bittern			
7/14	PI	1	T. Wetmore	7/28	Burrage Pd WMA	1	E. Vaccino
7/17-8/21	Wareham	1	M. Stone	8/17-8/26	Wayland	2	B. Harris
8/20	Monomoy NWR	2	L. Seitz#	8/28	Winchester	1	J. Kovner
8/22	P'town (RP)	1	G. Richards	Least Bittern			
Common Loon				7/1-8/25	PI	3 max	v.o.
7/22	Plymouth B.	13	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)	7/5	W. Harwich	4	C. Whitebread#

Least Bittern (continued)

7/6-8/3 GMNWR 3 max A. Bragg#
8/1 E. Boston (BI) 2 ad, juv DCR(S.Riley)

Great Egret

7/13 E. Boston (BI) 24 DCR (S. Riley)
7/15 Gloucester 16 P. + F. Vale
7/23 W. Barnstable 43 P. Crosson
8/3 Uxbridge 11 B. Milke
8/15 PI 148 R. Heil
8/16 Westport 86 M. Lynch#

Snowy Egret

7/13 E. Boston (BI) 33 DCR (S. Riley)
7/15 Gloucester 35 P. + F. Vale
7/23 W. Barnstable 64 P. Crosson
8/14 Revere 26 P. Peterson
8/15 PI 355 R. Heil
8/22 Monomoy NWR 25 B. Winn#

Little Blue Heron

7/29-8/7 Northampton 1 imm D. Pritchard
8/19-8/31 Nantucket 2 S.Kardell, S.Keene
8/26 Gloucester 6 ad, 6 imm C. Haines
8/27 W. Gloucester 2 imm P. + F. Vale#

Cattle Egret

7/3-7/4 Ipswich 1 N. Dubrow + v.o.
7/18 P'town (RP) 1 R. Heil

Green Heron

8/7 Waltham 4 J. Forbes
8/11 WBWS 18 S. Williams
8/13 Orange 2 ad, 2 juv G. d'Entremont#
8/19 Chatham 4 SSBC (G. d'Entremont)
8/20 Sterling 4 J. Forbes
8/26 Warren 4 M. Lynch#

Black-crowned Night-Heron

7/19 Medford 8 ad, 1 imm P. Roberts
7/23 W. Barnstable 14 P. Crosson
7/28 PI 11 imm R. Heil
8/18 Nbpt 9 J. Berry

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

7/15 Wareham 4 C. Ewer
7/23 W. Barnstable 6 P. Crosson
7/31-8/5 S. Dartmouth ad, 2 imm Morgan, Hepburn
8/10 Ipswichad, 5 imm, 6 juv N. Dubrow
8/18 Edgartown 4 A. Eppedio#
8/18 Nbpt 3 juv J. Berry
8/21 Gloucester 2 ad, imm A. Smith

White Ibis

7/28-8/16 WBWS 2 imm ph J. Bragger#
8/17 Chatham 2 imm ph S.Matheney

Glossy Ibis

7/5 Quincy 1 P. Peterson
7/9 Concord 6 S. Perkins#
7/15 E. Boston (BI) 15 P. Peterson
7/31 ONWR 2 L. Therrien
8/4 Newbury 117 D. Chickering#
8/4 Worcester 1 B. Robo#
8/14 PI 80 D. Adrien
8/23 Great Barrington 4 C. Blake

White-faced Ibis

8/14 PI 1 T. Wetmore

Black Vulture

7/2 Sheffield 3 M. Lynch#
7/6 Quincy 2 E. Gorda
7/19 Sharon 2 L. Waters

Turkey Vulture

7/2 Sheffield 20 M. Lynch#
7/28 PI 30 R. Heil
8/16 Westport 14 M. Lynch#
8/24 Mt Wachusett 14 R. Chase

Osprey

7/29 Westport 61 M. Lynch#
8/29 PI 18 R. Heil

Northern Harrier

7/4-8/31 PI 3maxT.Wetmore + v.o.
7/9 Nantucket 4 S. Kardell
7/15 Chilmark 4 S. Whiting
8/20 Monomoy NWR 3 L. Seitz#

Sharp-shinned Hawk

7/30 Belchertown 1 L. Therrien
8/11 N. Dighton 1 M. Eckerson
8/17-8/31 Mt Wachusett 12 Hawkcount (R. Chase)
8/22 DFWS 1 MAS (P. Sowizral)

Cooper's Hawk

7/5 Quabog IBA 1 imm M. Lynch#
8/10-8/31 PI 1 v.o.
8/12 Essex 2 imm P. Brown
8/25 Winchester 3 imm R. LaFontaine

Northern Goshawk

8/21 Colrain 1 ad M. Lynch#

Bald Eagle

7/31 Huntington 2 pr M. Lynch#
8/26 Quabog IBA 3 M. Lynch#
8/29 Quabbin (G35) 2 ad, juv N. Demers#
8/31 Mt Wachusett 2 ad Hawkcount(R.Chase)

Red-shouldered Hawk

7/30 Saugus 1 ad D. Jewell
8/6 New Marlborough 1 M. Lynch#
8/13 Ware R. IBA 1 M. Lynch#
8/27 Wendell 1 M. Lynch#

Broad-winged Hawk

7/1 Quabbin (G10) 3 SSBC (G. d'Entremont)
7/15 Wendell 4 M. Lynch#
7/16 Sandisfield 4 M. Lynch#
8/6 Ashby 4 J. Forbes
8/17-8/31 Mt Wachusett 31 Hawkcount (R. Chase)
8/25 Winchendon 8 M. Lynch#

Red-tailed Hawk

8/24 Mt Wachusett 12 migr R. Chase

King Rail

7/4-7/23 Fairhaven 1 ph H.Zimmerlin + v.o.

Clapper Rail

7/18 Fairhaven 2 ad, 8 juv D. Williams

Virginia Rail

7/2 Sheffield 4 M. Lynch#
8/3 GMNWR 3 A. Bragg#
8/11 IRWS 2 L. Cawley
8/19 Quabog IBA 6 M. Lynch#
8/24 Belchertown 2 L. Therrien

Sora

7/21, 8/24 GMNWR 1 A. Wilmot
8/8 W. Roxbury (MP) 2 P. Peterson
8/19-8/26 PI 1 D. Adrien + v.o.
8/27 Worc. (BMB) 2 B. Robo
8/30 Nantucket 2 S. Kardell

Sandhill Crane

7/9-8/9 Burrage Pd WMA 1 pr J. Sweeney + v.o.
7/10 Tolland 2 D. Holmes
7/23-8/13 Worthington 1 pr, 2 yg S. Sumner + v.o.
7/27 N. Marlborough 2 D. Holmes
7/28 Boxborough 1 M. Ess-Why#
8/27 W. Bridgewater 2 P. Jacobson

American Avocet

8/5-8/6 Plymouth B. 1 S. Hepburn + v.o.
8/18-8/20 PI 2 P. + F. Vale + v.o.

American Oystercatcher

7/4-7/14 E. Boston (BI) 7 P. Peterson + v.o.
7/5 Chatham 18 M. Faherty
7/17 Fairhaven 3 J. Hoye#
8/4 Edgartown 10 M. Gilmore
8/18 Quincy 18 P. Peterson
8/19 Winthrop 15 S. Riley#
8/22 Monomoy NWR 66 B. Winn#
8/28 Nantucket 14 S. Keene

Black-bellied Plover				Dunlin			
8/19	Essex	57	D. Brown	7/5-7/31	PI	2 max	v.o.
8/22	Monomoy NWR	400	B. Winn#	8/thr	Nbpt H.	1	R. Heil + v.o.
8/27	Nbpt	250	J. Berry	Baird's Sandpiper			
8/29	PI	246	R. Heil	7/16-8/31	PI	2 max	T. Wetmore + v.o.
American Golden-Plover				7/25	Ipswich (CB)	1 ad	N. Dubrow
7/22-8/31	PI	2 max	v.o.	8/17	Westboro	1	N. Paulson
8/18, 8/31	Longmeadow	1	D. Holmes	8/23, 8/31	Longmeadow	1	S. Motyl
8/27-8/31	Newbury	1	P. + F. Vale + v.o.	Little Stint			
8/28-8/29	Revere	1	P. Peterson + v.o.	8/9-8/21	Monomoy NWR	1	Finnegan, Pratt, v.o.
Semipalmated Plover				Least Sandpiper			
7/22	Plymouth B.	110	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)	7/11	E. Boston (BI)	100	DCR (S. Riley)
7/23	Ipswich (CB)	330	J. Berry	7/16	Rowley	60	J. Berry
7/28-8/27	PI	2300 max	R. Heil + v.o.	8/5	Eastham	115	J. Trimble#
8/5	Eastham	1850	J. Trimble#	8/15	PI	200	R. Heil
8/19	Winthrop B.	600	S. Zende#	White-rumped Sandpiper			
8/22	Monomoy NWR	400	B. Winn#	8/2	E. Boston (BI)	6	C. Dalton
Piping Plover				8/2	Quincy	4	P. Peterson
7/2	Revere B.	16	R. Styemeist	8/5	Eastham	260	J. Trimble#
7/5	PI	22 ad, 9 juv	R. Heil	8/7	Essex	127	D. Brown#
7/20	Chatham	20	B. Albrow	8/13-8/19	Winthrop B.	5	S. Zende#
7/22	Plymouth B.	20	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)	8/22	Monomoy NWR	65	B. Winn#
7/22	Winthrop	8	R. Styemeist	8/29	PI	128 ad, 23 imm	R. Heil
7/23	Ipswich (CB)	18 ad, 10 juv	J. Berry	Buff-breasted Sandpiper			
8/12	P'town (RP)	18	S. Arena	8/3	Sandwich	1	P. Crosson
Killdeer				8/20	Monomoy NWR	1	M. Resch#
7/15	E. Boston (BI)	20	P. Peterson	8/21-8/31	PI	1	D. Adrien, R. Heil, v.o.
7/16	PI	12 ad, 2 juv	P. + F. Vale	8/29-8/31	P'town (RP)	1	B. Nikula + v.o.
8/5	Ipswich	62	J. Berry#	Pectoral Sandpiper			
8/31	Newbury	50	P. + F. Vale#	7/22	Squantum	4	J. Forbes
Upland Sandpiper				8/8-8/25	E. Boston (BI)	2	S. Jones + v.o.
8/30	N. Dighton	1	A. Eckerson	8/15	PI	3 juv	R. Heil
Whimbrel				8/20	Saugus	2	S. Zende#
thr	PI	4 max	D. Swain#	8/22	Monomoy NWR	3	B. Winn#
7/13-7/16	Quincy	2	M. McQuaid#	Semipalmated Sandpiper			
7/13, 8/31	E. Boston (BI)	1	DCR (S. Riley)	7/22	Plymouth B.	1200	SSBC (G.
7/30-8/21	WBWS	50 max	v.o.	d'Entremont)			
Hudsonian Godwit				7/22	E. Boston (BI)	385	R. Styemeist
7/13	Monomoy NWR	10	M. Miller	7/23	Ipswich (CB)	1900	J. Berry
7/25-8/18	PI	1	T. Wetmore + v.o.	7/25-8/31	PI	5500 max	v.o.
8/10	Chatham (SB)	10	B. Harrington	8/5	Eastham	4000	J. Trimble#
Bar-tailed Godwit (baueri)				8/7	Chatham (SB)	2200	B. Harrington
7/8-8/21	Chatham	1	B. Nikula + v.o.	8/7	Essex	765	D. Brown#
Marbled Godwit				8/19	Winthrop B.	600	S. Zende#
8/14-8/18	PI	1	D. Adrien + v.o.	8/22	Monomoy NWR	1000	B. Winn#
8/17-8/29	Chatham	5	v.o.	8/22	Revere (POP)	300	P. Peterson
8/19	Winthrop	1	S. Riley#	8/27	Nbpt	1000	J. Berry
8/20	Plymouth B.	1	E. Lipton#	Western Sandpiper			
8/21	Monomoy NWR	6	B. Harrington#	7/22	Plymouth B.	1 ad	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)
Ruddy Turnstone				8/3	Squantum	1	J. Hoye#
7/29	Westport	17	M. Lynch#	8/18	Rowley	1	J. Berry
7/30	Nackport	5	J. Berry#	8/22	Nahant	5	L. Pivacek
8/5	Nantucket	150	L. Dunn	8/27-8/29	Quincy	1	V. Zollo + v.o.
8/19	Winthrop B.	7	S. Zende#	8/29	PI	5	R. Heil
8/19	PI	6	D. Swain#	Short-billed Dowitcher			
Red Knot				7/5-8/27	PI	280 max	R. Heil
8/5	Eastham	86	J. Trimble#	7/8	Westport	15	M. Lynch#
8/7	Monomoy NWR	525	B. Harrington	7/11	E. Boston (BI)	100	DCR (S. Riley)
8/19	Essex	10	D. Brown	7/19	Essex	20	P. + F. Vale
8/21	Chatham (SB)	250	B. Harrington	7/22	Plymouth B.	46	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)
Stilt Sandpiper				8/11-8/13	Longmeadow	1	L. Richardson
7/11-8/28	E. Boston (BI)	3max	P. Peterson + v.o.	8/22	Monomoy NWR	450	B. Winn#
7/12-8/31	PI	17 max	T. Wetmore + v.o.	Long-billed Dowitcher			
8/18-8/19	Longmeadow	1	D. Holmes	7/25-8/29	PI	10 max	R. Heil
8/19	Essex	1	D. Brown	8/20	Monomoy NWR	1	L. Seitz
8/28	Quincy	1	D. Burton	8/28	Quincy	1	D. Burton
Sanderling				Wilson's Snipe			
7/14	Pittsfield	1	R. Wendell	7/6	PI	1	P. + F. Vale
7/23	Ipswich (CB)	175	J. Berry	8/21	Sudbury	1	J. Forbes
8/3	PI	40	T. Wetmore	American Woodcock			
8/16	Acoaxet	44	M. Lynch#	7/4	E. Boston (BI)	1	P. Peterson
8/21	Chatham (SB)	1800	B. Harrington	Wilson's Phalarope			
8/22	Revere (POP)	40	P. Peterson	8/14, 8/19	PI	2,1	T. Wetmore, D. Swain#

Wilson's Phalarope (continued)				7/8	N. Truro	2 1S	B. Nikula
8/16-8/17 Longmeadow	1		S. Motyl	7/11-7/16	Dennis	1	P. Flood#
8/26-8/31 Quincy	1		M. McWade + v.o.	Laughing Gull			
Red-necked Phalarope				7/15	P'town	350	B. Nikula
7/15 Plymouth	6		D. Peacock	8/16	Acoaxet	6	M. Lynch#
7/29 Rockport (AP)	7		R. Heil	8/19	Winthrop B.	10	S. Zende#
8/20 E. of Chatham	20		P. Flood#	8/29	PI	4	R. Heil
8/20 Stellwagen Bank	20		P. Crosson	Franklin's Gull			
8/26 Warren	1 juv		M. Lynch#	7/20	Ipswich (CB)	1	N. Dubrow
8/27 Quincy	1		V. Zollo#	8/31	Chatham	1	B. Harris#
Spotted Sandpiper				California Gull			
7/23 Sandisfield	14		M. Lynch#	8/31	Westport	1	M. Iliff
8/10 PI	4		D. Prima	Lesser Black-backed Gull			
8/13 E. Boston (BI)	4		S. Zende#	7/4, 8/11	E. of Chatham	5	B. Nikula#
Solitary Sandpiper				7/25	Winthrop B.	1 1S	C. Dalton
8/1 Petersham	3		B. Lafley	8/19-8/31	PI	1 ad T. Wetmore + v.o.	
8/15 PI	2		R. Heil	8/22	Monomoy NWR	45	B. Winn#
8/20 Sandisfield	3		M. Lynch#	8/22	Duxbury B.	1 ad	R. Bowes
8/25 Winchendon	5		M. Lynch#	8/29	P'town (RP)	13	B. Nikula
Greater Yellowlegs				Glaucous Gull			
8/3 PI	125		D. Prima	7/15-8/18	Gloucester	1 1cy	P. + F. Vale
8/22 Monomoy NWR	80		B. Winn#	Least Tern			
8/27 Nbpt	20		J. Berry	7/5-7/13	E. Boston (BI)	40	DCR (S. Riley)
Willet				7/22	Plymouth B.	70	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)
7/3 PI	70		T. Wetmore	7/23	P'town	175	B. Nikula
7/8 Westport	29		M. Lynch#	7/23	Ipswich (CB)	120	J. Berry
7/13 Quincy	4 ad, 2 fl		D. Burton	7/25	PI	110	R. Heil
7/22 Plymouth B.	18		SSBC (G. d'Entremont)	Caspian Tern			
Willet (Western)				8/17	Chatham	2	A. Kneidel
7/19-7/21 E. Boston (BI)	1		M. Iliff + v.o.	8/18	Stockbridge	2	K. Schopp#
Lesser Yellowlegs				8/26-8/27	Quincy	4	L. Ferraresso + v.o.
7/16 Nbpt	106		J. Berry#	8/31	Turner's Falls	2	J. Smith
7/16 Rowley	17		J. Berry	Black Tern			
7/19-8/31 PI	60 max		v.o.	7/18-8/19	PI	1	v.o.
8/11 WBWS	60		S. Williams	8/10	Nantucket	24	L. Dunn
8/14 E. Boston (BI)	17		P. Peterson	8/18	Pittsfield	1	G. Hurley
South Polar Skua				8/19	Winchester	1	J. Thomas
7/17, 8/19 Stellwagen Bank	1 ph		J. Reddoch, J. Trimble	8/22	P'town (RP)	16	G. Richards
7/23-8/27 P'town	2 max		P. Flood#, B. Nikula#	8/28	Chatham	12	L. Schibley#
8/12 N. Truro	1		J. Young	Roseate Tern			
Pomarine Jaeger				7/29	PI	6	T. Wetmore
7/23 P'town	2		B. Nikula	8/6	P'town (RP)	225	P. Flood
8/11 E. of Chatham	1		B. Nikula#	8/17	Monomoy NWR	275	B. Winn#
Parasitic Jaeger				8/24	Chatham	200	C. Goodrich
7/15-8/12 P'town	15 max		B. Nikula#, S. Arena	8/27	Nantucket	300	L. Dunn
7/15-7/17 Westport	1		E. Lipton + v.o.	Common Tern			
Long-tailed Jaeger				thr	P'town	1700 max	B. Nikula#
7/30 P'town	2 1S, 2S		B. Nikula#	7/5	PI	50	R. Heil
8/17 Monomoy NWR	1		A. Kneidel	7/22	Quincy	50	P. Peterson
Black Guillemot				7/29	Westport	123	M. Lynch#
7/29 Rockport (AP)	1		N. Dubrow	Arctic Tern			
8/14 PI	1		T. Wetmore	7/8	N. Truro	1 1S	B. Nikula
Black-legged Kittiwake				7/23	P'town	2 1S	B. Nikula#
7/8 N. Truro	80		B. Nikula	8/13	Westport	1	L. Waters#
7/14 P'town	8		B. Nikula	Forster's Tern			
7/29 Rockport (AP)	1		N. Dubrow	7/16	Plymouth B.	1	J. Eckerson
Sabine's Gull				8/1	Quincy	2	D. Burton
8/18-8/19 P'town (RP)	3 max		B. Nikula# + v.o.	8/1	PI	1	D. Adrien
Bonaparte's Gull				8/16	Acoaxet	1	M. Lynch#
7/8 N. Truro	40		B. Nikula	Royal Tern			
7/24-8/18 Pittsfield (Onota L.)	1		J. Pierce + v.o.	7/1-7/9	P'town (RP)	1	P. Flood#
7/28 Nbpt H.	25		P. + F. Vale	7/10	Nantucket	1	N. Foley
7/30 Rockport	4		J. Berry#	7/13	Rockport (AP)	1	R. Heil
8/9 Revere B.	74		R. Stymeist	7/17	Westport	1	E. Lipton
8/19 Essex	42		D. Brown	7/18	Dennis	1	L. Schibley
8/24 PI	34		D. Prima	7/29	Ipswich (CB)	1	N. Dubrow
Black-headed Gull				8/15	N. Truro	1	B. Nikula
7/5-8/28 P'town (RP)	1		v.o.	8/17	Quincy	1 ph	D. Burton#
7/14-8/19 Dennis	2 max		P. Flood + v.o.	Black Skimmer			
Little Gull				7/13	Monomoy NWR	6	M. Miller
7/1-8/3 P'town	2 max		B. Nikula + v.o.	8/20	Edgartown	17	M. Eppedio

CUCKOOS THROUGH FINCHES

The fall migration of Common Nighthawk, beginning in the last weeks of August, is an event to which many birders look forward. However, reports of this enigmatic goatsucker in Massachusetts appear to be decreasing in recent years, consistent with a general population decline. A recent study from the American Bird Conservancy showed populations of Common Nighthawk and other aerial insectivores, including Chimney Swift, have dropped by more than 70 percent since the mid-1970s. **Chuck-wills-widows** were noted from Plymouth, Chappaquiddick, and Falmouth.

Early to mid-July is still a good time to get a pulse on breeding bird abundance. A South Shore Bird Club trip to Quabbin Reservoir (Gate 10) on July 1 tallied some impressive numbers: 11 Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers, 11 Eastern Wood Pewees, 78 Red-eyed Vireos, 26 Veeries, 54 Ovenbirds, 24 Chestnut-sided Warblers, and 16 Scarlet Tanagers. Another census in Wendell on July 15 recorded 126 Red-eyed Vireos, 53 Eastern Towhees and 20 Scarlet Tanagers. Purple Martins had a very successful nesting season. Colonies in Rehoboth fledged 442 young, Mashpee 180, and Plum Island 109. **Blue Grosbeaks** were confirmed nesting at the Frances Crane Wildlife Management Area in Falmouth, only the second documented nesting in Massachusetts. The first nesting was confirmed just last year at Cumberland Farms in Middleboro. The full report of the Falmouth nesting by Nathaniel Marchessault appears in the October 2017 issue of *Bird Observer* Volume 45, No 5, pp. 326–329.

The fall migration really kicks off in August when tens of thousands of Tree Swallows gather along our coasts. On Plum Island, an estimated 100,000 birds were noted on August 1 along with 5,000 Barn Swallows and 500 Bank Swallows. A report of an Olive-sided Flycatcher on August 7 in West Roxbury was early for a migrant but reports of birds in Pittsfield and Sudbury at the end of August were in the typical migration window. Other early migrants included: a Swainson's Thrush in Wayland on August 17, a Philadelphia Vireo at Plum Island on August 19, and a Yellow-bellied Flycatcher in Colrain on August 21. During this period a total of 28 warbler species were reported, including four early Connecticut Warblers.

Rarities are unusual during this period; a **Say's Phoebe** on August 31 at the Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary was the first August record for the species in Massachusetts. The previous earliest report was September 7, 2015 on Nantucket. A **Yellow-headed Blackbird** was photographed on Nantucket on August 23. Red Crossbills were reported from Camp Edwards on Cape Cod and single Evening Grosbeaks were noted from Royalston, Colrain and Tolland.

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Yellow-billed Cuckoo				8/17	Waltham	1		J. Forbes	
thr	Reports of indiv. from 5 locations			8/25	Winchester	1		R. LaFontaine	
8/11	Winchendon	2	M. Lynch#	Barred Owl					
Black-billed Cuckoo				7/1	Quabbin (G10)	1	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)		
7/1-7/30	PI	1	J. Keeley + v.o.	7/16	Sandisfield	2	1d	M. Lynch#	
7/15	Stoughton	2	G. d'Entremont	7/16	Gardner	2		B. Sharp	
7/31	Huntington	2	M. Lynch#	8/9	Ware R. IBA	1		M. Lynch#	
8/11	Winchendon	2	M. Lynch#	8/11	Winchendon	1		M. Lynch#	
Barn Owl				8/31	Natick	1		G. Dysart	
7/28	Nantucket	1	N. Foley	Common Nighthawk					
Eastern Screech-Owl				8/19	Easthampton	285		J. Lafley	
7/17	Worc.	1	M. Lynch#	8/26	ONWR	89		BBC (S. Hepburn)	
8/5	Newburyport	1	N. Landry#	8/26	Grafton	180		J. Liller#	
8/24	Winchester	1	P. Devaney	8/26	Leicester	122		M. Lynch#	
8/26	Westboro	1	T. Spahr	8/28	Longmeadow	91		A. Richardson#	
8/28	GMNWR	1	J. Kovner#	8/29, 8/30	MtA	30, 40		R.Stymeist#	
8/29	Medway	1	B. Knowlton	8/31	Lynnfield	17		P. + F. Vale#	
Great Horned Owl				Chuck-will's-widow					
7/6	PI	1	T. Wetmore	7/3	Falmouth	2		L. Waters#	
7/7	Concord	1 ad, 3 fl	P. Peterson	7/4	Chappaquiddick	1		E. Steverman	
8/10	MSSF	2	G. d'Entremont	7/4-7/8	Plymouth	1		J. Barrett + v.o.	

Eastern Whip-poor-will				Eastern Kingbird			
8/thr	Quabbin Pk	2 max	L. Therrien	7/2	Sheffield	11	M. Lynch#
8/1	Wachusett Res.	3	B. Robo	7/19	Northfield	14	M. Lynch#
8/1	PI	1	R. Heil	8/1	PI	37	R. Heil
Chimney Swift				8/19	Quabog IBA	23	M. Lynch#
7/27	Quabog IBA	14	M. Lynch#	White-eyed Vireo			
8/15	Medford	30	J. Kovner	8/16	Acoaxet	5	M. Lynch#
8/22	MtA	75	R. Stymeist#	Yellow-throated Vireo			
Ruby-throated Hummingbird				7/2	Sheffield	7	M. Lynch#
7/29	Westport	5	M. Lynch#	7/12	Quabbin	5	M. Lynch#
7/31	Huntington	18	M. Lynch#	Blue-headed Vireo			
8/12	Essex	6	P. Brown	7/15	Wendell	8	M. Lynch#
8/24	GMNWR	9	A. Bragg#	7/23	Sandisfield	10	M. Lynch#
Red-headed Woodpecker				8/11	Winchendon	10	M. Lynch#
7/1-7/17	Lexington	1	J. Williams	Philadelphia Vireo			
7/17-8/31	Plymouth	1 ad ph	Susan Abele	8/19	PI	1	T. Wetmore
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				8/26	Warren	1	M. Lynch#
7/1	Quabbin (G10)	11	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)	Warbling Vireo			
7/2	Sheffield	9	M. Lynch#	7/2	Sheffield	12	M. Lynch#
7/15	Wendell	8	M. Lynch#	7/5	Quabog IBA	4	M. Lynch#
Pileated Woodpecker				Red-eyed Vireo			
7/2	Sheffield	2	M. Lynch#	7/1	Quabbin (G10)	78	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)
7/14-8/26	Ipswich	2 max	J. Berry	7/15	Wendell	126	M. Lynch#
8/25	Winchendon	2	M. Lynch#	7/16	Sandisfield	83	M. Lynch#
8/27	Wendell	3	M. Lynch#	7/31	Huntington	72	M. Lynch#
American Kestrel				8/1	PI	1 ad, 2 juv	R. Heil
7/5	E. Boston (BI)	2	DCR (S. Riley)	Fish Crow			
7/19	Northfield	2 f imm	M. Lynch#	7/15	Stoughton	3	G. d'Entremont
8/5	Wachusett Res. m, f, 3 juv		B. Kamp	7/16	Nbpt	2	J. Berry#
8/20	Saugus	1	S. Zende#	Common Raven			
8/25	Winchendon	1 imm	M. Lynch#	7/12	PI	4	T. Wetmore
Merlin				7/16	Tolland	2	M. Lynch#
thr	Reports of indiv. from 7 locations			7/16	Dorchester	2	P. Peterson
8/3-8/29	Nantucket	2	D. Blatt + v.o.	7/23	Bedford	2	J. Forbes
Peregrine Falcon				8/6	New Marlborough	2	M. Lynch#
thr	Reports of indiv. from 8 locations			8/11	Winchendon	5	M. Lynch#
thr	PI	3 max	T. Wetmore + v.o.	8/24	Mt Wachusett	7	R. Chase
8/9	E. Boston (BI)	2	P. Peterson	Horned Lark			
8/20	Winthrop	2	P. Peterson	8/26	P'town (RP)	6	G. d'Entremont
Olive-sided Flycatcher				Northern Rough-winged Swallow			
8/7-8/8	W. Roxbury (MP)	1	M. McMahon	7/4	Wakefield	2	P. + F. Vale
8/20	Carlisle	1	T. + D. Brownrigg	7/9	Ipswich	4	J. Berry
8/28	Pittsfield	1	G. Hurley#	7/9	Huntington	2	M. Lynch#
8/31	Sudbury	1	J. Forbes	7/14-8/21	PI	3 max	v.o.
Eastern Wood-Pewee				7/15	E. Boston (BI)	5	DCR (S. Riley)
7/1	Quabbin (G10)	11	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)	7/28	W. Newbury	12	P. + F. Vale
7/31	Huntington	12	M. Lynch#	8/25	Winchendon	2	M. Lynch#
8/4	Georgetown	10	J. Berry#	Purple Martin			
8/13	Ware R. IBA	11	M. Lynch#	thr	Mashpee	180 yg b	M. Keleher
8/13	Ipswich	10	J. Berry	7/1	PI	24	J. Keeley#
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher				7/16	Rehoboth	116 pr	R. Marr
8/21	Colrain	2	M. Lynch#	7/16	Seekonk	7 pr	R. Marr
8/25	Winchendon	1	M. Lynch#	7/16	Nbpt	14	J. Berry#
8/29	Hadley	1	A. Griffiths	7/28	WBWS	3 ad 4 yg	M. Faherty
Acadian Flycatcher				8/15	Barnstable	28	M. Keleher#
7/1-7/9	Quabbin (G8, G10)	2 max	C.Whitebread#, v.o.	8/24	GMNWR	1	T. Swain
Alder Flycatcher				Tree Swallow			
7/2	Sheffield	3	M. Lynch#	7/29	Acoaxet	630	M. Lynch#
7/2	Wayland	2	B. Harris	8/1	PI	100000	R. Heil
7/31	Huntington	5	M. Lynch#	8/19	Ipswich (CB)	2000	J. Berry
8/13	Royalston	4	G. d'Entremont#	8/19	Chatham	1000	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)
Willow Flycatcher				Bank Swallow			
7/5	PI	7	R. Heil	7/23	Ipswich (CB)	30	J. Berry
7/22	Eastham (FH)	6	M. Faherty#	7/27	Quabog IBA	10	M. Lynch#
Least Flycatcher				8/1	PI	500	R. Heil
7/2	Sheffield	17	M. Lynch#	8/21	Mt Wachusett	5	R. Chase
8/18	Lexington (DM)	2	J. Forbes	8/30	GMNWR	5	J. Forbes
Say's Phoebe				Barn Swallow			
8/31	WBWS	1	S. Sullivan#	7/29	Acoaxet	275	M. Lynch#
Great Crested Flycatcher				8/1	PI	5000	R. Heil
7/15	Wendell	3	M. Lynch#	8/5	Quabog IBA	150	M. Lynch#
7/16	Middleboro	4	G. d'Entremont	8/17	GMNWR	100	J. Stoner#
7/29	Acoaxet	3	M. Lynch#				

Cliff Swallow				Worm-eating Warbler			
7/3 Falmouth	1	R. Doherty		7/26-7/31 Quincy	3 max	P. Peterson	
8/2 Chatham	2	B. Harris		Louisiana Waterthrush			
8/6 PI	2	J. Keeley#		7/9 Huntington	2	M. Lynch#	
8/12 Wachusett Res.	1	E. Kittredge		7/16 Sandisfield	2	M. Lynch#	
8/16 Acoaxet	1	M. Lynch#		7/19 Northfield	1	M. Lynch#	
Red-breasted Nuthatch				8/3 W. Roxbury	1	P. Peterson	
7/12 PI	1	T. Wetmore		8/6 PI	1	B. Harris	
7/16 Middleboro	5	G. d'Entremont		8/10-8/16 Belchertown	1	L. Therrien + v.o.	
8/11 Winchendon	49	M. Lynch#		Northern Waterthrush			
8/13 Royalston	7	G. d'Entremont#		8/5 WBWS	4	J. Trimble#	
8/21 Colrain	23	M. Lynch#		8/7 Nahant	8	L. Pivacek	
Brown Creeper				8/28 Winchester	2	R. LaFontaine	
7/8 Harwich	1	G. d'Entremont		8/29 PI	4	R. Heil	
8/5 Stoughton	2	G. d'Entremont		Blue-winged Warbler			
House Wren				8/2 DFWS	1	MAS (P. Sowizral)	
7/26 Quincy	18	P. Peterson		8/3 W. Roxbury (MP)	1	P. Peterson	
7/31 Huntington	8	M. Lynch#		8/5 Stoughton	1	G. d'Entremont	
8/27 Wendell	6	M. Lynch#		8/9 Ware R. IBA	4	M. Lynch#	
Winter Wren				8/20 Winchester	1	R. LaFontaine	
7/15 Wendell	2	M. Lynch#		Black-and-white Warbler			
8/21 Colrain	1	M. Lynch#		7/1 Quabbin (G10)	6	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)	
Marsh Wren				7/2 Sheffield	6	M. Lynch#	
7/2 Ipswich	13	J. Berry#		8/thr PI	2 max	v.o.	
7/5 PI	44	R. Heil		8/13 Ware R. IBA	14	M. Lynch#	
7/6 GMNWR	34	A. Bragg#		8/20 Tolland	4	M. Lynch#	
7/8 Harwich	8	G. d'Entremont		8/22 MNWS	2	R. Heil	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				8/27 Wendell	10	M. Lynch#	
8/3 W. Roxbury	5	P. Peterson		Tennessee Warbler			
8/5 Ipswich	2	J. Berry#		8/24 Brookfield	1	B. Robo	
8/10 DFWS	3	MAS (P. Sowizral)		8/28 Lenox	2	J. Pierce	
Eastern Bluebird				Connecticut Warbler			
7/2 Sheffield	7	M. Lynch#		8/27 Northfield	1	J. Coleman	
8/5 Ipswich	8	J. Berry#		8/28 Pittsfield	1	G. Hurley#	
8/22 DFWS	7	MAS (P. Sowizral)		8/28 MBO	1 b	T. Lloyd-Evans#	
Veery				8/30 Rockport	1	R. Heil	
7/1 Quabbin (G10)	26	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)		Mourning Warbler			
7/2 Sheffield	25	M. Lynch#		7/2-8/24 Quabbin Pk	2 max	L. Therrien + v.o.	
7/5 Quabog IBA	38	M. Lynch#		8/22 MNWS	1 imm	R. Heil	
7/15 Wendell	31	M. Lynch#		Common Yellowthroat			
Swainson's Thrush				7/1 Quabbin (G10)	28	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)	
7/17 Concord	1	G. Dupont		7/2 Sheffield	46	M. Lynch#	
8/16 Quabbin (G40)	1	M. Ess-Why#		7/5 PI	30	R. Heil	
8/17 Wayland	1	B. Harris		7/15 Wendell	34	M. Lynch#	
Hermit Thrush				8/25 Winchendon	27	M. Lynch#	
7/1 Quabbin (G10)	6	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)		Hooded Warbler			
7/8 Middleboro	6	G. d'Entremont		8/26 Falmouth	1	S. Surner	
7/15 Wendell	14	M. Lynch#		American Redstart			
7/23 Sandisfield	5	M. Lynch#		7/2 Sheffield	19	M. Lynch#	
8/11 Winchendon	32	M. Lynch#		7/5 Quabog IBA	14	M. Lynch#	
Wood Thrush				8/1 PI	5	R. Heil	
7/1 Quabbin (G10)	4	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)		8/23 Wakefield	5	J. + T. Beers	
7/2 Sheffield	7	M. Lynch#		8/27 Wendell	11	M. Lynch#	
7/5 Quabog IBA	12	M. Lynch#		Cape May Warbler			
Gray Catbird				8/25 Shutesbury	1	B. Emily	
7/4 Wakefield	29	P. + F. Vale		8/26 Stow	1	C. Tessaglia-Hymes	
8/16 Acoaxet	29	M. Lynch#		8/29 Belchertown	1	L. Therrien	
8/19 Quabog IBA	43	M. Lynch#		Northern Parula			
8/21 MBO	40 b	T. Lloyd-Evans#		7/22 Marlborough	1	T. Spahr	
8/29 PI	60	R. Heil		7/23 Medford	1	K. Hartel	
Brown Thrasher				8/21 Petersham	1	N. Demers#	
7/5-7/14 E. Boston (BI)	1	DCR (S. Riley)		8/25 Shutesbury	1	B. Robo	
8/29 PI	16	R. Heil		8/26 Wayland	2	B. Harris	
Cedar Waxwing				8/29 Quabbin (G29)	1	N. Demers#	
7/2 Sheffield	19	M. Lynch#		Magnolia Warbler			
8/1 PI	54	R. Heil		7/22-thr	Indiv. reported from 5 locations		
8/21 Colrain	19	M. Lynch#		8/27 Wendell	4	M. Lynch#	
Ovenbird				8/31 MBO	1 b	T. Lloyd-Evans#	
7/1 Quabbin (G10)	54	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)		Bay-breasted Warbler			
7/5 Quabog IBA	18	M. Lynch#		8/28 Lenox	1	J. Pierce	
7/9 Huntington	10	M. Lynch#		8/29 PI	1	R. Heil	
8/21 Boston (RKG)	1	A. Laquidara					

Blackburnian Warbler				8/11	Winchendon	25	M. Lynch#
7/1	Quabbin (G10)	11	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)	8/21	Colrain	4	M. Lynch#
8/6	Sandisfield	2	imm M. Lynch#	Savannah Sparrow			
8/6	Ashby	1	J. Forbes	7/3, 8/29	PI	16, 3	R. Heil
8/9	Ware R. IBA	3	M. Lynch#	7/22	Plymouth Airport	6	G. d'Entremont#
Yellow Warbler				8/26	Leicester	11	M. Lynch#
7/2	Sheffield	12	M. Lynch#	Swamp Sparrow			
7/5	PI	26	R. Heil	7/2	Sheffield	12	M. Lynch#
7/8	Acoaxet	15	M. Lynch#	7/4	Wakefield	5	P. + F. Vale
Chestnut-sided Warbler				7/6	GMNWR	8	A. Bragg#
7/1	Quabbin (G10)	24	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)	7/27	Quabog IBA	18	M. Lynch#
7/9	Huntington	13	M. Lynch#	Eastern Towhee			
8/6	Sandisfield	11	M. Lynch#	7/1	Quabbin (G10)	18	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)
Blackpoll Warbler				7/15	Wendell	53	M. Lynch#
8/30	HRWMA	1	B. Robo	8/10	MSSF	21	G. d'Entremont
Black-throated Blue Warbler				8/25	Winchendon	43	M. Lynch#
7/1	Quabbin (G10)	22	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)	8/29	PI	24	R. Heil
7/15	Wendell	12	M. Lynch#	Scarlet Tanager			
8/16	Quabbin (G40)	2	ad, juv M. Ess-Why#	7/1	Quabbin (G10)	16	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)
8/31	MBO	1	b T. Lloyd-Evans#	7/15	Wendell	20	M. Lynch#
Pine Warbler				7/15	Ipswich	4 m	J. Berry
7/1	Quabbin (G10)	25	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)	7/23	Sandisfield	14	M. Lynch#
7/15	Wendell	16	M. Lynch#	8/1, 8/29	PI	1,1	D. Adrien, R. Heil
8/25	Winchendon	43	M. Lynch#	Rose-breasted Grosbeak			
Yellow-rumped Warbler				7/1	Quabbin (G10)	8	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)
7/1	Quabbin (G10)	5	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)	7/2	Ipswich	3 m	J. Berry#
7/15	Wendell	8	M. Lynch#	7/15	Wendell	ad, 7 imm	M. Lynch#
8/25	Winchendon	11	M. Lynch#	Blue Grosbeak			
8/26	Townsend	1	J. Forbes	7/2-7/6	Cumb. Farms	1	G. d'Entremont
8/29	PI	1	R. Heil	7/23-8/18	Falmouth	2 ad, 1 fl	N. Marchessault, v.o.
Prairie Warbler				Indigo Bunting			
7/26	Quincy	2	P. Peterson	7/5	Quabog IBA	8 ad 3 yg	M. Lynch#
8/1-8/29	PI	1	ad f R. Heil + v.o.	7/9	Ipswich	5 m	J. Berry
8/10	MSSF	2	G. d'Entremont	7/31	Huntington	29	M. Lynch#
8/27	Wendell	5	M. Lynch#	Dickcissel			
Black-throated Green Warbler				8/1	N. Dighton	1	A. Eckerson
7/1	Quabbin (G10)	21	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)	8/11	Brewster	1	S. Finnegan#
7/15	Wendell	21	M. Lynch#	8/14	PI	1	T. Wetmore
8/25	Winchendon	14	M. Lynch#	8/17	Hadley	1	L. Therrien
Canada Warbler				8/21	Nantucket	2	K. Rogers
7/15-8/26	Indiv. reported from 5 locations			8/26	Quincy	1	D. Burton
8/9	Ware R. IBA	2	M. Lynch#	Bobolink			
8/16	MBO	1	b T. Lloyd-Evans#	7/5	PI	49	R. Heil
8/22	MNWS	2	R. Heil	7/16	DFWS	30	MAS (P. Sowizral)
Wilson's Warbler				7/27	Quabog IBA	32	M. Lynch#
8/22	MNWS	1	R. Heil	8/19	P'town (RP)	2	J. Trimble#
8/23	Eastham	1	M. Faherty	8/24	GMNWR	34	A. Bragg#
8/31	MBO	1	b T. Lloyd-Evans#	Eastern Meadowlark			
Yellow-breasted Chat				7/22	Plymouth Airport	2	G. d'Entremont#
8/20	Dartmouth	1	B. King	Yellow-headed Blackbird			
8/31	MBO	1	b T. Lloyd-Evans#	8/23	Nantucket	1 ph	S. Fee
Grasshopper Sparrow				Orchard Oriole			
7/1-7/29	Norfolk	1	J. Johnson + v.o.	7/27	Newton	1	M. Kaufman
Nelson's Sparrow				7/29-8/5	Ipswich	2 max	v.o.
8/21	PI	1	T. Wetmore	8/9	Concord	1 m	C. Winstanley
Saltmarsh Sparrow				8/10	Wayland	1	B. Harris
7/5	PI	56	R. Heil	8/11	PI	6	T. Wetmore
7/8	Westport	13	M. Lynch#	8/12	W. Roxbury (MP)	1	J. Huestis
7/13	E. Boston (BI)	4	DCR (S. Riley)	Baltimore Oriole			
8/5	Eastham	10	J. Trimble#	7/5	Quabog IBA	12	M. Lynch#
Seaside Sparrow				7/15	Wendell	5	M. Lynch#
8/6	Newbury	1	N. Dubrow	8/15	PI	20	R. Heil
8/8	PI	ad, 2 fl	T. Wetmore	Purple Finch			
Field Sparrow				7/15	Wendell	3	M. Lynch#
7/14	PI	ad, 2 juv	D. Prima	8/6	New Marlborough	3	M. Lynch#
8/10	MSSF	2 ad, 1 juv	G. d'Entremont	8/11	Winchendon	5	M. Lynch#
8/27	Wendell	5	M. Lynch#	8/29	PI	8	R. Heil
Dark-eyed Junco				Red Crossbill			
7/9	Huntington	4	M. Lynch#	7/6, 7/31	Camp Edwards	2,3	J. McCumber
8/6	Ashby	5	J. Forbes	Evening Grosbeak			
8/21	Colrain	3	M. Lynch#	7/21	Royalston	3pr, juv f	E. LeBlanc
White-throated Sparrow				8/20	Tolland	1	M. Lynch#
7/28	Nantucket	1	b N. Foley	8/21	Colrain	1	M. Lynch#

ABBREVIATIONS FOR BIRD SIGHTINGS

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

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