

BIRD SIGHTINGS

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A Note on Taxonomy

Bird Observer follows the taxonomy published by the American Ornithological Society (AOS). The AOS was previously known as the American Ornithologists' Union (AOU) before its merger with the Cooper Ornithological Society in October 2016. Each summer the AOS's Committee on Classification and Nomenclature of North and Middle American Birds (NACC) publishes an annual supplement to its bird checklist. We have been using the 56th Supplement to the 7th edition, published in 2015. From this edition, we'll jump ahead to the most recent supplement, the 58th, published in July 2017.

One of the biggest changes introduced in the 57th Supplement is a major reshuffling of the family deck. Notably, pigeons, cuckoos, goatsuckers, hummingbirds, and swifts move “forward” toward the “front” of the field guide. These families now appear before shorebirds and loons! Many of these changes are based on new genetic research. The 58th Supplement has two taxonomic changes relevant to Massachusetts: Thayer's Gull is no longer a species in its own right but rather a subspecies of Iceland Gull, and Le Conte's Sparrow is now LeConte's Sparrow (the 19th century entomologist apparently didn't write his name with a space in it). With each annual AOS supplement, we'll update the taxonomy here, and explain any changes that impact the way we list species recorded in Massachusetts.

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Weather

September and October are exciting months for birders, and the weather during this period was near perfect. September temperatures averaged 67 degrees in Boston, two degrees above average, although temperatures away from the coast were much warmer. The high mark for September was 88 degrees on September 5, and the low was 52 degrees on the last day of the month. Rainfall measured 3.73 inches, only 0.3 inches above the average for Boston. The most in any 24-hour period was 1.55 inches on September 30. By September 22, Hurricane Jose was downgraded to a tropical storm, even though a wind advisory and a prediction of heavy rain were issued for Cape Cod and the Islands. Lucky birders at Race Point in Provincetown during that period recorded an array of unusual birds.

October 2017 was the second warmest October on record. The official average in Boston was 61.4 degrees, seven degrees above the average, and only 0.1 degrees below the record set in 1947. The high was 80 degrees on October 5, and the low was 40 degrees on October 17. Rainfall was 4.14 inches, just about average for the month, with much of it (1.71 inches) falling from the night of Tuesday, October 24, through the morning of Thursday, October 26, and causing flash flood alerts for most of eastern Massachusetts.

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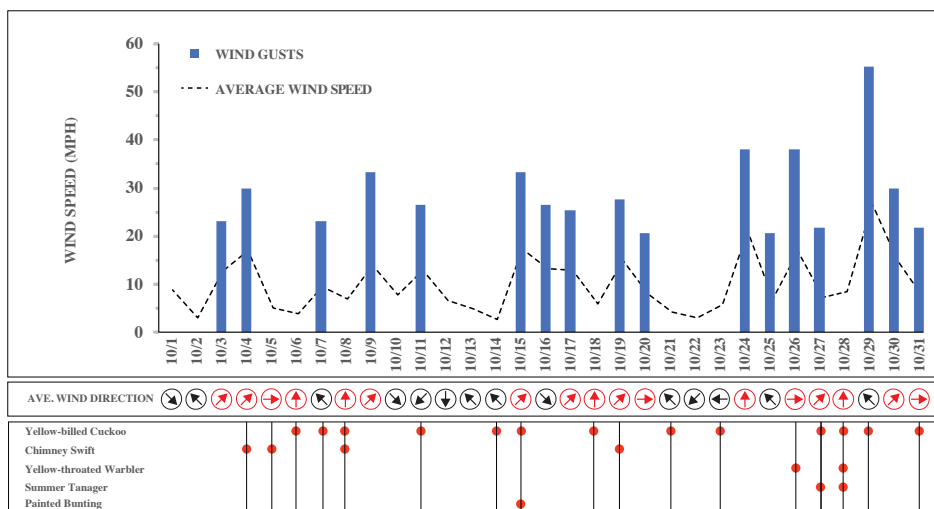


Figure 1. Weather and reverse migration, October 2017. Average wind speed (dotted lines) and wind gusts (solid bars) for Logan Airport (weather station KBOS) are shown for each nocturnal flight (6 pm through 6 am). Average wind direction for the period is shown below together with arrivals of potential “southern” reverse migrants. Data from www.eBird.org and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

GEESSE THROUGH IBISES

Wild goose chases kept Massachusetts birders busy during this period. With the exception of Ross’s Goose, every species of goose on the Massachusetts state list was recorded in October.

The highlight, a **Pink-footed Goose**, was discovered in Hadley on October 30. Pink-footed Goose is undergoing a population explosion in eastern Greenland and Iceland, from which birders in the Northeast are clearly benefiting. The first Massachusetts record was in January 1999 at Dennis. It took almost a decade to the day for the second bird to arrive (also on the Cape), but since then Pink-footed Goose has been annual and has been recorded in seven counties (though notably still absent from Berkshire County). This year’s bird may be the same individual reported from Caribou, northeast Maine, on September 26, the earliest arrival date for the United States. A **Barnacle Goose** was present in Westfield from October 27 through the end of the month. Barnacle Goose is experiencing similar population growth and has been recorded in Massachusetts in 13 of the 17 years this century.

There’s nothing quite like a species split to refocus attention on an otherwise common bird. That’s been true of Canada Geese since 2004, when a split elevated Cackling Goose to the species level. Thanks to greater scrutiny from local birders, the more diminutive “Cacklers” are now regularly found among winter flocks of Canada Geese. During his period, birds were reported from at least six locations. These records presumably pertain to the pale Richardson’s (*hutchinsii*) subspecies that breeds in Canada’s Arctic Archipelago and winters south of the Great Plains.

Last but not least among the geese, Brant migrate through our state in October, heading to wintering grounds along the Atlantic coast from southern Maine to Virginia. Brant are rarely seen far inland, and a flock of 19 in Hadley on October 31 was unusual. Rarer still, a “**Black Brant**” was recorded at Gloucester on October 28. This dark-bellied subspecies (*nigricans*) winters on the Pacific Coast and has been recorded only seven times this century in Massachusetts, all singles in October and November (presumably migrants), and all seen in Plymouth.

A male **Eurasian Wigeon** discovered on Nantucket on September 13 was an early surprise. This wintering vagrant is generally rare before October. Harlequin Duck is similarly rare before October, and the first bird of the season was early, a male at Plymouth on September 21. **King Eiders** were reported from four locations. All three species of scoter were found inland in October, which is characteristic of their fall migration. High counts at Quabbin reflected their typical relative abundance: Black Scoter 211 (usually the most commonly encountered inland), White-winged Scoter 32, and Surf Scoter 12 (the least common inland).

Common Nighthawks completed their fall migration through the state in early September, with the main flight following the Connecticut River Valley. Chimney Swifts follow the same temporal pattern as Common Nighthawks with most passing through in early September. The records of swifts in October likely reflect reverse migration from the south, with birds opportunistically flying downwind. Figure 1 shows Chimney Swifts occurring on days with south or southwest winds. Reverse migration also explains the late records of Yellow-billed Cuckoo, a species that has vacated the state by early October. A period of sustained south, southwest, and west winds at the end of the month brought multiple Yellow-billed Cuckoos.

There were no reports of **Common Gallinule** breeding in the state this year, and so the September and October records likely show migrants. A count of five birds on South Monomoy on September 2 is the highest count for the Cape this century. Summering **Sandhill Crane** pairs in Tolland and Burrage Pond continued into October, as did the family that fledged two young at Worthington.

The shorebird of the period (and the year!) was a juvenile **Common Ringed Plover** discovered on September 11 at Gooseberry Neck. The bird was initially identified by its distinctive *poo-ii* call. The visual field marks separating this bird from the very similar Semipalmated Plover are more subtle; the bird is stockier with more dark feathering in the loreal area meeting the gape; a broader, more uneven supercilium; a colder, pale-edged back; and, if visible, a lack of extensive webbing between the toes. This is the fourth record of Common Ringed Plover for the state, with two previous records in September, including a 2010 bird at Chatham also found on September 11. It's unclear how long this year's bird stayed. While there were many reports for several days after the bird's discovery, photographic documentation exists only for the first two days.

The first Purple Sandpiper of the season was spotted at Plum Island on October 1, at least two weeks ahead of schedule. With the notable exception of a record at Andrews Point on September 26, 2010, this is one of the earliest winter arrival dates for this species in the state.

Tropical Storm Jose settled to the southeast of Cape Cod on September 20, bringing with it days of gale-force winds from the northeast and cancelling the Brookline Bird Club overnight pelagic. However, the storm clouds had a silver lining for those buffeted by the winds at Race Point, where a spectacular array of storm-blown birds streamed east out of Cape Cod Bay. On Saturday, September 23, observers recorded three **South Polar Skuas** (a record count for Race Point), 52 Pomarine Jaegers, 82 Parasitic Jaegers, three **Long-tailed Jaegers**, a first-of-the-season Common Murre, two **Sabine's Gulls**, one **Franklin's Gull**, one **Sandwich Tern**, 294 Northern Fulmars (a record count for September), almost 8,000 Great Shearwaters, and eight Leach's Storm-Petrels.

The highlight of that day was a first for Massachusetts (pending MARC approval): a **Short-tailed Shearwater** photographed by visiting pelagic birder and author, Steve Howell. Incredibly, three weeks later, a **Short-tailed Shearwater** was photographed again at Race Point. This dark shearwater breeds in Australia, where it's commonly known as a "muttonbird" (the young are harvested for food). Superficially similar to the larger Sooty Shearwater, Short-taileds have a

smaller, thinner bill, a steeper forehead, and darker underwings with dark primary coverts. The shearwater spends its austral winter (our summer) in the Pacific, ranging as far north as the Bering Sea and the Arctic Ocean before returning to the southern hemisphere by way of the West Coast. It's exceptionally rare in the Atlantic Ocean with just three reports: a sight record in Virginia (January 1998), a specimen collected in Florida (July 2000), and a record from Bahia, Brazil (May 2005). Intriguingly, the day before the 1998 Virginia sighting an all-dark shearwater was reported here at First Encounter Beach. Initially considered an unseasonal Sooty Shearwater, this "large, dark *Puffinus* shearwater" [the genus *Puffinus* was split in 2016, with Short-tailed Shearwater adopting the new genus, *Ardeanna*] could have been the same species that would take almost 20 years to be seen again.

The tropical storm had one surprise left. The following Tuesday, September 26, a **Masked Booby** was picked up on a beach in Wellfleet. This is the second record for Massachusetts and the first on state soil. (The first record was photographed on September 10, 2015, in Atlantis Canyon by the captain of the Helen H., while fishing.) Despite extensive medical care at Wild Care, Eastham, the bird passed away on October 2. The body was donated to the Museum of Comparative Zoology.

A first winter **Mew Gull** was a one-day wonder at Lynn on October 27. The bird was identified to the European subspecies *canus* ("Common Gull"), which is more regularly reported here than the western North American *brachyrhynchus*. Mew Gull is almost annual in the state, although this year's four records are unprecedented.

The challenge of attracting large, big-mouthed water birds to the state this summer has definitely been more of a case of peli-can than peli-cant. The "Summer of the Pelican" continued with the North Shore **Brown Pelican** settling down to spend October in the Boston Harbor. Last period's **American White Pelican** continued its vacation on Martha's Vineyard until September 28.

A count of five Cattle Egrets at Gill in the final week of October was a record for Franklin County (previously only singles). A **White Ibis** that spent two days in Northampton this October was noteworthy; the species is less than annual to the state and very rare away from the coast.

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Snow Goose				Wood Duck			
10/2	Sheffield	1	K. Schopp	9/4	Ware R. IBA	68	M. Lynch#
10/17	Hampden	1	A. Downey	9/15	Washington	49	J. Pierce
Greater White-fronted Goose				10/17	Topsfield	123	J. Berry#
10/1	Beverly	1 ph	D. Walters	10/28	Falmouth	50	G. Hirth
Pink-footed Goose				Blue-winged Teal			
10/30	Hadley	1 ph	J. Smith	9/2	S. Monomoy	12	K. Yakola#
Brant				9/5	PI	6	T. Wetmore
10/10	Revere (POP)	94	P. Peterson	9/5	E. Boston (BI)	4	C. Floyd#
10/18	PI	59	T. Wetmore	9/16	Randolph	11	G. d'Entremont#
10/21	Fairhaven	53	M. Lynch#	9/28	Holden	3	M. Lynch#
10/28	Essex	1 black	S. Perkins#	Northern Shoveler			
10/31	Hadley	19	N. Kahn	9/2	S. Monomoy	8	K. Yakola#
Barnacle Goose				9/11-30	Longmeadow	3	M. Moore
10/27-31	Westfield	1 ph	D. Holmes	10/9	Pittsfield	3	S. Townsend
Cackling Goose				10/21-22	PI	5 1m, 4f	T. Wetmore, v.o.
9/28	Deerfield	1	D. Sibley	Gadwall			
10/9	Sheffield	1 ph	R. Wendell	9/2	S. Monomoy	75	K. Yakola#
10/20	Dighton	2 ph	J. Eckerson	9/22	PI	10	M. Goetschkes#
10/21-29	Rochester	1 ph	J. Sweeney, v.o.	9/24	Acoaxet	6	M. Lynch#
10/28-31	Westfield	2 ph	D. Holmes	10/5	Turner's Falls	1	J. Rose
10/28-31	Sharon	1 ph	L. Waters, v.o.	10/27	Cheshire	1	G. Hurley
Mute Swan				Eurasian Wigeon			
9/9	Westboro	151	M. Lynch#	9/13-10/23	Nantucket	1 m	T. Pastuszak#
9/24	Acoaxet	116	M. Lynch#	10/2	PI	1 m ph	T. Wetmore

American Wigeon				10/27	PI	9	M. Daley
9/11	Longmeadow	5	M. Moore	10/29	Rockport (AP)	690	R. Heil
10/18	PI	51	MAS (D. Moon)	10/29	Quabbin Pk	5	L. Therrien
10/20	Waltham	16	M. Rines	10/30	Turner's Falls	2	J. Smith
American Black Duck				Bufflehead			
9/14	Quabbin (G35)	51	B. Zajda	10/24	Wachusett Res.	2 f	M. Lynch#
10/17	PI	300	T. Wetmore	10/27	Melrose	2	P. + F. Vale
Northern Pintail				10/31	Lynnfield	2	J. Dillon
9/2	S. Monomoy	24	K. Yakola#	Hooded Merganser			
9/29	Randolph	6	G. d'Entremont	9/21	Revere	3	C. Dalton
10/9	GMNWR	7	J. Forbes	10/17	Paxton	9	M. Lynch#
10/28	PI	200	T. Wetmore	10/21	PI	2	N. Landry
Green-winged Teal				Common Merganser			
9/21	Lexington	36	J. Forbes	9/2	Sandisfield	29	M. Lynch#
9/29	Randolph	67	G. d'Entremont	9/5	Ipswich	2	I. Pepper
10/22	P'town (RP)	63	M. Iliff#	9/14	Quabbin (G35)	13	B. Zajda
10/30	PI	250	T. Wetmore	10/17	Paxton	7	M. Lynch#
Canvasback				Red-breasted Merganser			
10/21	Nantucket	1	J. Trimble#	10/12	Stockbridge	1	J. Pierce
10/22-30	Cambr. (FP)	1 m	S. Moses, v.o.	10/23	PI	30	T. Wetmore
Redhead				10/29	Rockport (AP)	170	R. Heil
10/17	Gooseberry Neck	2 m, f	J. Eckerson#	Ruddy Duck			
Ring-necked Duck				10/19	Waltham	70	J. Forbes
10/25	Quabog IBA	37	M. Lynch#	10/20	W. Newbury	183	P. + F. Vale
10/27	Cambr. (FP)	120	B. Miller	10/21	Nantucket	76	J. Trimble#
10/31	Lynnfield	12	J. Dillon	10/26	Richmond	2	G. Ward
Greater Scaup				10/27	Cambr. (FP)	40	B. Miller
9/9-9/12	Turner's Falls	1	J. Smith	Northern Bobwhite			
9/30	Ware	1	L. Therrien	9/13	Plymouth B.	2	A. Kneidel#
10/22	PI	24	R. Doherty	9/25	GMNWR	1	C. Martone
10/24	Wachusett Res.	35	M. Lynch#	9/30	Cumb. Farms	17	P. Jacobson
Lesser Scaup				10/5-7	Acushnet	12	H. Zimmerlin
10/16	Richmond	3	R. Wendell	10/22	MSSF	3	L. Schibley
10/27	Quabbin Pk	3	L. Therrien	Ring-necked Pheasant			
10/30	Wachusett Res.	16	M. Lynch#	10/18	Bolton Flats	1	J. Bourget
10/31	Lynnfield	20	J. Dillon	10/23	Rowley	1 m	P. + F. Vale
King Eider				Ruffed Grouse			
10/13	P'town (RP)	1 f ph	B. Nikula	10/1	Mashpee	3	J. Pratt
10/14-21	Rockport (AP)	1 imm m ph	I. Pepper, v.o.	10/3	Freetown	1	L. Abbey#
10/14	Salisbury	1 imm m ph	M. Iliff	10/13	Quabog IBA	1	M. Lynch#
10/24	P'town (RP)	1 ad m ph	B. Nikula	Wild Turkey			
Common Eider				9/16	Cheshire	19	M. Lynch#
9/24	Acoaxet	27	M. Lynch#	9/18	Newburyport	20	P. + F. Vale
10/28	PI	120	S. Miller#	10/5	Petersham	29	M. Lynch#
10/29	Rockport	600	J. Berry#	10/7	PI	12	D. + T. Swain
Harlequin Duck				10/12	GMNWR	18	A. Bragg#
9/21-9/23	Plymouth	1 ad m	L. Schibley, v.o.	Pied-billed Grebe			
10/23	Westport	2 1m, 1f	A. Morgan	9/2	S. Monomoy	3	K. Yakola#
10/29	Rockport	35	J. Berry#	9/6-19	PI	1	D. Chickering, v.o.
Surf Scoter				9/24	Fairhaven	1 imm	S. Chan
10/7	PI	200	E. Labato	9/28	Wachusett Res.	2 imm	M. Lynch#
10/16	Pittsfield (Onota)	4	R. Wendell	10/15	Carver	3	SSBC (Marchessault)
10/21	Fairhaven	12	M. Lynch#	10/21	W. Newbury	3	D. Chickering
10/27	Quabbin Pk	12	L. Therrien	10/30	Melrose	3	D. Jewell
10/27	Cobble Mtn Res.	4	D. Holmes	Horned Grebe			
10/29	Rockport (AP)	830	R. Heil	10/1	Wachusett Res.	2	K. Bourinot#
White-winged Scoter				10/21	Fairhaven	5	M. Lynch#
9/30	PI	120	T. Wetmore	10/28	Lynn B.	6	S. Zende#
10/10	Pittsfield (Onota)	4	T. Collins	10/30	Quincy	43	D. Burton
10/21	Fairhaven	44	M. Lynch#	Red-necked Grebe			
10/26	Quabbin Pk	32	L. Therrien	9/3-10	Wachusett Res.	1	M. Lynch#
10/26	Turner's Falls	5	P. Gagarin	9/23	Waltham	13	J. Forbes
10/29	Rockport (AP)	410	R. Heil	10/26	Turner's Falls	6	J. Smith
Black Scoter				10/26	Stockbridge	2	J. Pierce
10/7	PI	500	E. Labato	10/29	Rockport (AP)	7	R. Heil
10/17	Waltham	12	J. Forbes	Yellow-billed Cuckoo			
10/27	P'town (RP)	1925	S. Arena	9/15	Quabbin Pk	1	L. Therrien
10/27	Quabbin Pk	211	S. Sumner	10/27	Orleans	1	S. Williams#
10/27	Southwick	40	S. Kellogg	10/28	Hingham (WE)	1	S. Whitebread#
10/28	Pittsfield (Onota)	40	R. Wendell	10/31	Boxborough	1	S. Miller
10/29	Rockport (AP)	1850	R. Heil	Black-billed Cuckoo			
Long-tailed Duck				10/3	Concord	1	MAS (P. Sowizral)
10/26	Stockbridge	1	J. Pierce	10/13	PI	1	T. Wetmore

Black-billed Cuckoo (continued)				10/27	Salisbury	1	T. Spahr
10/18	Pittsfield	1	G. Hurley	10/30	Hadley	9	S. Surner
10/21	Nantucket	1	S. Kardell#	Common Ringed Plover			
Common Nighthawk				9/11-9/12	Westport	1 ph	M. Iliff, v.o.
9/2	Northampton	100	T. Gagnon	Semipalmated Plover			
9/4	ONWR	80	T. Nash	9/7, 10/29	PI	400, 5	S. Miller, v.o.
9/4	W. Roxbury (MP)	14	J. Forbes	10/7	New Salem	6	G. Watkevich
9/8	Sharon	132	L. Waters#	10/11	Quabbin (G35)	3	B. Laflay
9/10	Natick	15	G. Long	10/21	Fairhaven	5	M. Lynch#
9/10	P'town	2	M. Iliff	10/27	Salisbury	2	T. Spahr
Eastern Whip-poor-will				Piping Plover			
9/1-9/25	Quabbin Pk	3 max	L. Therrien, v.o.	9/15	Revere B.	2	R. Schain
9/7	Wellfleet	3	S. Broker#	10/6	P'town (RP)	2	D. Griffiths
9/9, 9/23	PI	4, 1	A. Rarig	10/18	Chatham (SB)	1	B. Harrington
9/12	Southwick	3	S. Kellogg	Killdeer			
9/23	N. Brookfield	2	M. Lynch#	9/6	Ipswich	46	J. Berry
Chimney Swift				9/27	DFWS	29	MAS (P. Sowizrral)
9/4	Woburn	6	M. Rines	10/28	Middleton	38	G. d'Entremont#
10/8	Winthrop	1	M. Iliff	10/29	Rochester	30	G. Gove#
10/19	Pembroke	1	N. Marchessault	Upland Sandpiper			
Ruby-throated Hummingbird				9/1	N. Dighton	1 nfc	A. Eckerson
9/2	Sandisfield	4	M. Lynch#	9/8	Marlborough	1 nfc	T. Spahr
9/9	Mt Watatic	3	B. Rusnica#	Whimbrel			
9/10	Huntington	19	M. Lynch#	9/7-10/8	PI	5 max	T. Wetmore
9/21	GMNWR	3	A. Bragg#	9/14	Quabbin (G35)	1	B. Zajda
10/21-22	Winchester	1	J. Thomas	9/15	Wellfleet	5	G. d'Entremont#
Clapper Rail				9/20	Rockport (HPT)	1	J. Berry
9/13-10/22	Fairhaven	1	C. Longworth	10/7	Eastham (FE)	4	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)
10/2	Wareham	1	N. Marchessault	Hudsonian Godwit			
10/8	Plymouth	1	V. Zollo	9/2-10/21	PI	3 max	M. Goetschkes, v.o.
Virginia Rail				9/8	Eastham	8	K. Yakola#
9/1-9/3	Belchertown	1	L. Therrien	9/29	Hingham	1	D. Peacock
9/2	Deerfield	1	E. Jakub	9/30	Dennis	31	S. Williams#
9/26	Ashley Falls	1	G. Ward	10/15	P'town (RP)	1	L. Waters#
10/7	Truro	1	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)	10/21	Nantucket	1	A. Ciancimino
Sora				Marbled Godwit			
9/10	Huntington	1	M. Lynch#	9/2-16	Winthrop	3 max	S. Jones, v.o.
9/17-10/20	Fairhaven	2 max	M. Iliff, v.o.	9/15-24	Monomoy NWR	9	v.o.
9/17	IRWS	1	J. Nelson	10/27-31	Chatham	4	B. Albro#
9/25	Ware R. IBA	1	M. Lynch#	Ruddy Turnstone			
10/22	DWWS	2	B. Vigorito	9/5	BHI (Snake I.)	7	R. Stymeist
10/22	Wareham	1	N. Marchessault	9/18	Scituate	2	P. Peterson
Common Gallinule				9/20	Rockport (HPT)	3	J. Berry
9/2	S. Monomoy	5 ph	K. Yakola#	10/13	Winthrop B.	11	P. Peterson
9/26	Randolph	1 imm	J. Young	Red Knot			
10/16-21	Nantucket	1	R. Ouren#	9/4	Essex	13	D. Brown#
American Coot				9/14-10/13	PI	10 max	T. Wetmore
10/15	Carver	2	SSBC (Marchessault)	9/15	Chatham (SB)	525	D. Clapp#
10/26	Richmond	8	J. Pierce	9/17	Monomoy NWR	200	M. Keleher#
10/28	Waltham	12	J. Forbes	9/30, 10/13	Dennis	282, 55	S. Williams, v.o.
10/28	Gloucester (EP)	2	J. Nelson	Stilt Sandpiper			
Sandhill Crane				9/5-10/30	PI	26 max	R. Heil, v.o.
thr-10/25	Worthington	4	v.o.	9/5	E. Boston (BI)	2	C. Floyd#
thr-10/22	Tolland	2	D. Holmes	Sanderling			
9/8	Groton	1	S. Fry	9/17	PI	100	T. Wetmore
9/16-10/11	Burrage Pd WMA	2	J. Sweeney	9/30	Dennis	1800	S. Williams#
10/31	Lynnfield	4	D. Walters	10/22	Ipswich (CB)	65	J. Berry
American Oystercatcher				10/29	Rockport	15	J. Berry#
9/9, 10/7	Winthrop	13, 5	Forbes, Stymeist	Dunlin			
9/10	Squantum	12	G. d'Entremont#	10/10	PI	350	E. Labato
10/6	Chatham (SB)	56	M. Faherty#	10/11	Nbpt H.	200	MAS (D. Moon)
Black-bellied Plover				10/18	Chatham (SB)	1600	B. Harrington
9/15	PI	200	D. Adrien	10/18	Arlington Res.	2	C. Floyd
9/30	Dennis	950	S. Williams#	10/29	Quabbin (G43)	2	B. Robo
10/7	New Salem	15	G. Watkevich	Purple Sandpiper			
10/13	Winthrop B.	120	P. Peterson	10/1	PI	4	R. Hodson
American Golden-Plover				10/14	P'town (RP)	1	P. Flood#
thr	Indiv. reported from 11 locations			10/22	Stellwagen Bank	3	J. Sweeney#
9/4-10/10	PI	4 max	v.o.	10/23	Westport	1	M. Iliff
9/3	Nantucket	5	S. Kardell	10/29	Rockport (AP)	6	R. Heil
9/4-10/30	Winthrop B.	14 max	v.o.	Baird's Sandpiper			
9/30	Dennis	21	S. Williams#	9/1	Turner's Falls	1	E. Huston
10/18	Edgartown	4	B. Shriber	9/1-2	Longmeadow	1	M. Moore

Baird's Sandpiper (continued)				9/14	ONWR	4	S. Miller
9/1	Quincy	1	J. Young	9/14	Ipswich	2	J. Berry#
9/1	Winthrop B.	1	C. Dalton	9/18	Worcester	2	R. Quimby
9/2-10/7	PI	2 max	T. Wetmore	Lesser Yellowlegs			
9/3	Nantucket	1	S. Kardell	9/3	Hancock	1	J. Pierce
9/9	Washington	1	G. Ward	9/6	Tolland	4	D. Holmes
9/11	Ipswich (CB)	1	D. Brown#	9/14	Quabbin (G35)	3	B. Zajda
Least Sandpiper				9/20, 10/27	PI	20, 1	T. Wetmore, v.o.
9/2, 10/17	PI	17, 1	S. Miller, v.o.	10/1, 10/28	Lexington	3, 1	J. Forbes
10/19	Revere	1	M. Iliff	Willet			
10/24	Marshfield	2	D. Peacock	9/10-14	PI	1	T. Wetmore
10/29	Sharon	2	D. Burton	9/23	Wareham	2	western N. Marchessault
White-rumped Sandpiper				10/1-15	Quincy	1	western V. Zollo
9/1, 10/26	PI	40, 3	T. Wetmore, v.o.	10/31	Chatham	3	western P. Crosson
9/2	Turner's Falls	1	E. Huston	Greater Yellowlegs			
9/5	E. Boston (BI)	1	D. Burton	9/2	Sandisfield	1	M. Lynch#
9/11	Essex	1	D. Brown#	9/29, 10/13	E. Boston (BI)	35, 5	DCR (S. Riley), v.o.
9/19	Longmeadow	1	L. Richardson	9/30, 10/27	PI	55, 9	T. Wetmore, v.o.
9/22	P'town (RP)	44	S. Arena	10/4	Holden	3	M. Lynch#
9/24	Acoaxet	1	M. Lynch#	10/30	Quabbin Pk	1	L. Therrien
10/7	Winthrop B.	1	R. Stymeist	Wilson's Phalarope			
10/27	Salisbury	1	T. Spahr	9/1	Quincy	1	M. McMahon#
Buff-breasted Sandpiper				9/6-7	E. Boston (BI)	1	S. Jones, v.o.
9/2, 9/17	P'town (RP)	2, 1	J. Trimble, Nikula	9/7	Winthrop B.	1	Stymeist, Zende
9/2	Edgartown	1	L. Johnson	9/16	Eastham	2	K. Schopp
9/2-7	PI	1	P. + F. Vale, v.o.	9/18	Essex	33	D. Brown
9/3-6	Newbury	1	S. Ross, v.o.	10/8	PI	1	M. Watson
9/3	Turner's Falls	1	J. Smith	Red-necked Phalarope			
9/7	Hadley	1	L. Therrien	9/3-9/4	E. Boston (BI)	1 juv	M. Iliff, v.o.
Pectoral Sandpiper				9/22, 9/23	P'town	4, 47	Williams, Nikula#
thr	PI	16 max	J. Berry, v.o.	Red Phalarope			
9/17-10/22	Northfield	10 max	v.o.	9/16	N. Chelmsford	1 juv	D. Hurt
10/18-19	Arlington Res.	19	Floyd, Rines	South Polar Skua			
10/21	Lexington	18	J. Forbes	9/4	P'town	1 ph	J. Johnson#
10/21	N. Truro	14	M. Faherty#	9/22-23	P'town	3 max	phP. Flood, v.o.
Semipalmated Sandpiper				skua sp.			
9/9	Nbpt H.	750	G. d'Entremont#	10/20	P'town (RP)	1	B. Nikula
9/14	Quabbin (G35)	1	B. Zajda	Pomarine Jaeger			
9/21, 10/22	PI	200, 4	T. Wetmore, v.o.	9/23, 10/27	P'town (RP)	52, 9	S. Williams, v.o.
10/10	Hancock	3	R. Wendell	10/22	Stellwagen Bank	2	P. Gilmore
10/22	Arlington Res.	2	J. Andrews	10/30	Rockport (AP)	2	R. Heil
10/28	Salisbury	1	P. + F. Vale	Parasitic Jaeger			
Western Sandpiper				9/18	Ipswich (CB)	2	J. Berry
9/1-9/28	PI	2 max	D. Adrien, v.o.	9/19, 10/29	Rockport (AP)	1, 1	J. Berry, R. Heil
9/5	E. Boston (BI)	1	C. Floyd	9/22	P'town (RP)	171	S. Arena
10/27	Plymouth	1	L. Schibley	10/22	Stellwagen Bank	12	P. Gilmore
Short-billed Dowitcher				10/30	Rockport (AP)	2	R. Heil
9/14, 10/15	PI	50, 1	T. Wetmore, v.o.	Long-tailed Jaeger			
10/8-9	Winthrop B.	3	S. Sullivan, v.o.	9/17-10/20	P'town	3 max	ph v.o.
10/11	Nbpt H.	12	MAS (D. Moon)	Dovekie			
10/21	Nantucket	1	J. Trimble#	10/22	P'town (RP)	1	M. Iliff#
Long-billed Dowitcher				Common Murre			
9/10-10/21	PI	13 max	T. Wetmore, v.o.	9/23	P'town	1	S. Howell#
9/23	Wareham	1	N. Marchessault	Razorbill			
10/20	Yarmouth	1	R. Debenham	9/22, 10/22	P'town	1, 18	L. Waters, v.o.
American Woodcock				9/23, 10/29	Rockport (AP)	3, 86	Walters, Heil
9/23-10/31	PI	2 max	T. Wetmore	10/21	PI	1	T. Wetmore
10/20	Randolph	1	P. Peterson	10/29	Cohasset	2	V. Zollo
10/31	Pittsfield	1	J. Pierce	Black Guillemot			
Wilson's Snipe				10/7	PI	1	G. Gurka#
10/7	PI	2	S. Sullivan#	10/29	Rockport (AP)	9	R. Heil
10/14	Northfield	4	J. Smith	Atlantic Puffin			
10/19	Arlington Res.	2	M. Rines	10/30	Rockport (AP)	2	R. Heil
Spotted Sandpiper				Black-legged Kittiwake			
9/2-27	PI	2 max	P. + F. Vale, v.o.	9/22	P'town (RP)	50	S. Arena
9/4	Winthrop B.	2 imm	P. + J. Roberts	10/30	Rockport (AP)	251	R. Heil
9/14	Quabbin (G35)	2	B. Zajda	Sabine's Gull			
9/16	Randolph	7	G. d'Entremont#	9/9, 9/11	P'town	1 juv	ph S. Williams#
10/11	Paxton	1	M. Lynch#	9/22	Barnstable (SN)	1 ad	J. Sweeney
Solitary Sandpiper				9/23	P'town	2 juv	ph P. Flood, v.o.
9/2-10/16	Indiv. reported from 10 locations			Bonaparte's Gull			
9/4	Ware R. IBA	2	M. Lynch#	10/2	Pittsfield (Pont.)	2	J. Pierce

Bonaparte's Gull (continued)					Black Skimmer				
10/4	Revere (POP)	500		S. Jones	9/17	Edgartown	8		L. Johnson
10/11	Nbpt H.	200		MAS (D. Moon)	9/17	Monomoy NWR	6		M. Keleher#
10/25	Wachusett Res.	3	2ad, 1juv	K. Bourinot	9/29	Westport	3		E. Lipton
10/28	Lynn B.	175		S. Zende#	10/4-9	Revere (POP)	1	imm	L. Ferraresso, v.o.
10/29	P'town (RP)	930		B. Nikula#	Red-throated Loon				
10/31	PI	102		T. Wetmore	9/21, 10/7	PI	1, 40		D. + T. Swain, v.o.
10/31	Turner's Falls	2		P. Gagarin	10/18	Quincy	20		P. Peterson
Black-headed Gull					10/26	Lake Buel	1		G. Ward
9/20-10/8	P'town	2	max ph	B. Nikula, v.o.	10/29	Rockport (AP)	184		R. Heil
9/22-10/29	Quincy	1	ph	Garvey, Zollo#	Common Loon				
9/24	N. Truro	1		L. Waters#	9/14	Quabbin (G35)	24		B. Zajda
10/22	Nantucket	1	ph	A. Black#	9/17	Wachusett Res.	18		M. Lynch#
Little Gull					10/7	PI	45		D. + T. Swain
9/2-10/22	P'town (RP)	7	max ph	v.o.	10/27	Salisbury	45		T. Spahr
9/22	Dennis	1	ad	P. Flood	10/29	Rockport (AP)	91		R. Heil
9/30, 10/3	Orleans	1	ph	Gray, Dorian	Northern Fulmar				
10/30	N. Truro	1	1W	M. Waters	9/23	P'town (RP)	294		S. Williams#
Laughing Gull					9/24	Manomet	1		A. Kneidel
9/10, 10/29	P'town	550,320		B. Nikula	10/9	Stellwagen Bank	10		I. Giriunas#
9/29	Squantum	407		G. d'Entremont	10/29	Rockport (AP)	1		R. Heil
10/6	PI	40		T. Wetmore	Cory's Shearwater				
10/8	Revere (POP)	45		D. Burton	9/thr	P'town	652	max	S. Williams#
10/16	Quincy	200		D. Burton	9/1	Eastham (FE)	800		B. Nikula
10/21	Fairhaven	815		M. Lynch#	9/7	Westport	118, 5	<i>borealis</i>	M. Iliff
Franklin's Gull					10/9	Stellwagen Bank	2		I. Giriunas#
9/23	P'town (RP)	1		S. Williams#	10/17	PI	55		R. Heil
Mew Gull (European <i>canus</i>)					10/29	Rockport (AP)	77		R. Heil
10/27	Lynn	1	1W	L. Pivacek	10/30	Manomet	3		L. Schibley
Herring x Lesser Black-backed Gull (hybrid)					Short-tailed Shearwater*				
9/16	P'town	1	ad	B. Nikula	9/23, 10/14	P'town (RP)	1	ph	Howell, Flood#
Lesser Black-backed Gull					Sooty Shearwater				
9/6	Westboro	2		T. Spahr	thr	P'town (RP)	250	max	B. Nikula, v.o.
9/16-22	PI	3	max	C. Lapite	Great Shearwater				
9/17	P'town (RP)	17		S. Arena	thr	P'town	20000	max	B. Nikula
Glaucous Gull					9/7	Westport	1		M. Iliff
9/16	Chatham	1		M. Iliff#	9/21, 10/12	PI			2,3
10/30	Gloucester	1	imm	C. Wood	Sullivan, Wetmore				
Least Tern					10/9	Stellwagen Bank	2		I. Giriunas#
9/22-9/23	P'town	1	juv	S. Howell#	10/30	Rockport (AP)	635		R. Heil
Caspian Tern					Manx Shearwater				
9/5-10/22	Reports of 1-2 indiv. from 12 locations				thr	P'town (RP)	1242	max	S. Williams#
9/10, 9/16	Quincy	5, 3		L. Eyster#	9/22	PI	1		M. Goetschkes#
9/10	Winthrop	3		C. Dalton	10/22	Stellwagen Bank	2		P. Gilmore
9/17	Dighton	3		J. Eckerson	10/30	Rockport (AP)	42		R. Heil
9/27	Randolph	6		P. Peterson	Wilson's Storm-Petrel				
10/22	Squantum	3		J. Forbes	9/23	E. of Chatham	800		P. Flood#
Black Tern					9/24	N. Truro	26		M. Waters#
9/1-10/4	Indiv. reported from 6 coastal locations				9/25	Monomoy	1		M. Faherty
9/1	Turner's Falls	1		M. Fairbrother	Leach's Storm-Petrel				
9/17	BRI Co. seas	14		M. Iliff	9/21	Barnstable	8		P. Crosson
Roseate Tern					9/21	Cohasset	1		M. Iliff
10/1	Fairhaven	1		J. Hoye#	9/21	Manomet	1		A. Kneidel
10/3	Wareham	5		N. Marchessault	9/23, 10/22	P'town	8, 1		Williams#, Iliff#
10/8-20	P'town (RP)	3	max	B. Nikula	Masked Booby				
10/10	Quincy	1	ad	D. Burton	9/26	Wellfleet	1	r	S. Ellis
Common Tern					Northern Gannet				
9/2	Wachusett Res.	6		K. Bourinot	thr	PI	1000	max	T. Wetmore
9/25, 10/10	Quincy	65, 50		D. Burton	9/23	P'town	708		S. Williams#
10/18	P'town (RP)	5000		B. Nikula	10/22	Ipswich (CB)	70		J. Berry
10/21	Fairhaven	143		M. Lynch#	10/29	Rockport (AP)	2150		R. Heil
Forster's Tern					Double-crested Cormorant				
9/20, 10/9	Dennis	175,100		M. Iliff#	10/18	PI	2000		MAS (D. Moon)
9/23	P'town	40		B. Nikula#	10/21	Fairhaven	456		M. Lynch#
10/8	Orleans	300		K. Yakola#	10/22	Saugus	1100		S. Zende#
10/11	PI	20		T. Wetmore	10/22	Woburn	500		M. Rines
10/21	Fairhaven	6		M. Lynch#	Great Cormorant				
Royal Tern					9/1	Westport	2		M. Iliff
10/7	PI	3		E. Labato	9/24	Concord	1		T. Swain
Sandwich Tern					9/30	PI	3		T. Wetmore
9/23	P'town	1	ph	S. Howell#	10/21	Fairhaven	23		M. Lynch#

Great Cormorant (continued)			9/25	Nantucket	2	L. Buck
10/29 Rockport	13	J. Berry#	9/29-30	Sterling	1 imm	E. Kittredge, v.o.
American White Pelican			10/1-7	Wachusett Res.	1 imm	B. Abbott, v.o.
9/2-28 Chilmark	1 ph	S. Whiting#	10/23	Quincy	1	D. Burton
Brown Pelican			Cattle Egret			
9/5 Rockport	1	D. Peterson	10/22-29	Gill	5 max	T. Bullock
9/11-12 Nahant	1 ph	L. Pivacek, v.o.	Green Heron			
9/29-10/29 Boston H.	1 ph	v.o.	9/3-10/29	Indiv. reported from 13 locations		
American Bittern			9/3	Quabog IBA	2	M. Lynch#
9/4 E. Boston (BI)	1	S. Jones#	Black-crowned Night-Heron			
9/15-10/30 PI	1	D. Adrien	10/3	PI	20	E. Labato
9/17 Springfield	1	C. Volker	10/15	Ipswich	17	J. Berry
10/1 Tyringham	1	G. Ward	10/27	Plymouth	9	D. Peacock
10/14 Quincy	1	V. Zollo	10/28	Gloucester (EP)	8	J. Nelson
Great Egret			Yellow-crowned Night-Heron			
9/10 PI	120	T. Wetmore	9/5-11	W. Roxbury (MP)	1 juv	M. Iliff
9/24 Westport	103	M. Lynch#	9/8, 10/10	Newburyport	3, 1	A. Kneidel, v.o.
9/29 Squantum	10	G. d'Entremont	9/8	E. Boston (BI)	3 juv	P. Peterson
10/7 E. Boston (BI)	16	R. Stymeist	9/9, 10/17	Eastham	8, 1	D. Clapp
10/15 Saugus	20	S. Zende#	9/17	Essex	1	S. Weston
Snowy Egret			9/20	Nantucket	3	S. Kardell#
9/1 PI	150	T. Wetmore	10/1-14	Dartmouth	2 juv	A. Morgan
9/12 Revere	40	P. Peterson	10/1-8	PI	1 juv	N. Landry, v.o.
9/17 Saugus	36	S. Zende#	10/27	Plymouth	1 ad	G. Martino
9/24 Westport	4	M. Lynch#	White Ibis			
10/27 Cohasset	3	S. Magnell#	10/22-23	Northampton	1 ph	R. Hart, P. Dutil
Little Blue Heron			Glossy Ibis			
9/10-10/15 PI	1	D. Chickering	9/17	BRI Co. seas	1	M. Iliff
9/15-17 Washington	1	J. Pierce	9/20-10/8	PI	3 max	D. Prima, v.o.

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The fall migration of hawks through our region starts in earnest during this period. Hoping to witness a big flight, hawkwatchers congregate on favorite sites, notably Mount Tom in Holyoke, Mount Watatic in Ashburnham, and Wachusett Mountain in Princeton. The majority of migrant hawks in the fall (nearly 85 percent) are Broad-winged Hawks. This year Wachusett and Watatic tallied 15,201 Broad-wings, 5,226 more than in 2016. Other noteworthy reports from Wachusett included 110 Bald Eagles, 132 American Kestrels, and 38 Peregrines. **Golden Eagles** were noted from two locations, the same as last year during the same period. Saw-whet Owl populations are highly cyclical and are often based on the small rodent populations to our north; only five Saw-whets were reported this fall. Last year, Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary in Lincoln alone banded 332 during the same period.

Passerine migration is well underway during this period, and birders were out in force. Many considered this one of the best fall migrations. Rarities this year included an **Ash-throated Flycatcher** that spent at least six days in Middletown, a **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** in North Truro, **LeConte's Sparrows** at Bolton Flats and Falmouth, a **Harris's Sparrow** in Scituate, **Summer Tanagers** in Rockport and Orleans, and a male **Painted Bunting** in Barnstable. There were 33 different warbler species noted during the period, which included two **Black-throated Grays**, two **MacGillivray's** and two **Yellow-throated**. Other exceptional reports were three Golden-winged, over 20 Orange-crowned, and over 40 Connecticut Warblers. Clay-colored Sparrows were noted in 35 locations, up from only 14 localities during the same period last year. Other sparrow highlights included eight different Lark Sparrows and several reports of Nelson's Sparrows, including one from Sheffield in western Massachusetts.

The same strong southerly winds at the end of October that brought cuckoos also brought other reverse migrants to the Northeast including **Yellow-throated Warbler** and **Summer Tanager** (see figure 1), as well as many reports of vireos and warblers, birds that should have been long gone from our area.

Not only did we bird during the day, but many of us stayed up at night to listen to the calls of migrant song birds passing overhead. (Note the new abbreviation in our species list, *nfc*,

for birds identified by their nocturnal flight calls.) Many of these calls, especially those of the thrushes, are distinct and diagnostic. Evans and O'Brien's excellent *Flight Calls of Migratory Birds* on CD-ROM is a great place to start, and is available online at <http://oldbird.org/pubs/fcmb/start.htm>.

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Black Vulture				Golden Eagle			
9/4	Townsend	2	R. Gervais#	10/19	Quincy	1 imm	D. Burton
9/4	Braintree	1	J. Sweeney	10/24	N. Dighton	1 imm ph	M. Eckerson#
9/10	Mt Wachusett	1	Hawkcount (Chase)	Eastern Screech-Owl			
9/23	Chelmsford	1	M. Baird	9/2	DWWS	3	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)
10/23	Barre Falls	2	Hawkcount (Schilling)	9/11	Quincy	2	D. Burton
Turkey Vulture				10/5	Milton	2	R. Mussey
9/16	Mt Watatic	75	B. Rusnica#	Great Horned Owl			
10/1-10/27	Mt Wachusett	210	Hawkcount (Chase)	9/25	Waltham	2	J. Forbes
10/3-10/31	Barre Falls	303	Hawkcount (Schilling)	10/19	PI	2	T. Wetmore
Osprey				10/22	Bolton Flats	3	M. Lynch#
9/1-9/29	Mt Wachusett	115	Hawkcount (Chase)	Barred Owl			
9/4-9/29	Barre Falls	31	Hawkcount (Schilling)	9/7	Westboro	2	T. Spahr
9/9-9/23	Mt Watatic	51	Hawkcount (Pirro)	9/8	Concord	2	C. Winstanley
10/1-10/17	Mt Wachusett	25	Hawkcount (Chase)	9/16-10/23	Ipswich	2 max	J. Berry
10/1-10/27	Malden (PR)	7	Hawkcount (Jackson)	9/17	Ware R. IBA	2	M. Lynch#
10/2-10/23	Barre Falls	8	Hawkcount (Schilling)	Long-eared Owl			
10/29	Mattapoisett	1	N. Marchessault	9/10	Wachusett Res.	2	N. Paulson
Bald Eagle				10/17	Belchertown	1	L. Therrien
9/1-9/29	Mt Wachusett	88	Hawkcount (Chase)	10/22	Hardwick	1	W. Howes#
9/9-9/23	Mt Watatic	41	Hawkcount (Pirro)	Short-eared Owl			
9/9-9/28	Barre Falls	26	Hawkcount (Schilling)	10/5	Framingham	1	N. Jacob
10/1-10/20	Mt Wachusett	22	Hawkcount (Chase)	10/16	Cumb. Farms	1	D. Furbish
10/1-10/15	Barre Falls	16	Hawkcount (Schilling)	10/17-27	PI	1	R. Heil, v.o.
Northern Harrier				10/21	E. Boston (BI)	1	DCR (S. Riley)
9/9-9/22	Mt Watatic	14	Hawkcount (Pirro)	10/27	Rowley	1	USFWS (K. Hojnacki)
9/10-9/29	Mt Wachusett	12	Hawkcount (Chase)	10/27	Salisbury	1	T. Spahr
10/1-10/27	Malden (PR)	7	Hawkcount (Jackson)	Northern Saw-whet Owl			
10/15-10/23	Barre Falls	6	Hawkcount (Schilling)	10/5	Milton	1	R. Mussey
10/20	PI	7	P. + F. Vale	10/10	New Salem	1	S. Cloutier
Sharp-shinned Hawk				10/13	Essex	1	P. Brown
9/1-9/29	Mt Wachusett	214	Hawkcount (Chase)	10/23	PI	1	T. Wetmore
9/9-9/23	Mt Watatic	178	Hawkcount (Pirro)	10/27	Williamstown	1	J. Levy
9/9-9/29	Barre Falls	64	Hawkcount (Schilling)	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			
9/22	Blueberry Hill	30	J. Weeks	9/10	Huntington	3	M. Lynch#
10/1-10/28	Barre Falls	101	Hawkcount (Schilling)	9/24-10/28	PI	3 max	v.o.
10/1-10/27	Mt Wachusett	89	Hawkcount (Chase)	9/26	Winchendon	3	M. Lynch#
10/1-10/31	Malden (PR)	72	Hawkcount (Jackson)	Northern Flicker			
10/10	Shatterack Mt	39	T. Swochak	9/12	Easthampton	18	B. Zajda
Cooper's Hawk				9/21-9/23	PI	8	T. Wetmore
9/9-9/28	Mt Wachusett	78	Hawkcount (Chase)	Pileated Woodpecker			
9/9-9/23	Mt Watatic	33	Hawkcount (Pirro)	9/17	Ware R. IBA	4	M. Lynch#
9/12-9/28	Barre Falls	13	Hawkcount (Schilling)	10/4	Bolton Flats	2	J. Hoye#
10/1-10/27	Mt Wachusett	39	Hawkcount (Chase)	10/5	Woburn	2	M. Rines
10/1-10/27	Barre Falls	32	Hawkcount (Schilling)	American Kestrel			
10/1-10/27	Malden (PR)	23	Hawkcount (Jackson)	9/8-9/29	Mt Wachusett	87	Hawkcount (Chase)
Northern Goshawk				9/9-9/23	Mt Watatic	68	Hawkcount (Pirro)
9/4	Athol	1 ad	D. Small#	9/9-9/28	Barre Falls	20	Hawkcount (Schilling)
10/2	Mt Wachusett	1	Hawkcount (Chase)	10/1-10/20	Mt Wachusett	45	Hawkcount (Chase)
10/19	Douglas	1 ad	M. Lynch#	10/1-10/12	Barre Falls	20	Hawkcount (Schilling)
Red-shouldered Hawk				10/1-10/21	Malden (PR)	5	Hawkcount (Jackson)
10/1-10/27	Barre Falls	8	Hawkcount (Schilling)	Merlin			
10/16	Malden (PR)	1 ad	Hawkcount (Jackson)	9/1-9/29	Mt Wachusett	16	Hawkcount (Chase)
Broad-winged Hawk				9/9-9/21	Mt Watatic	22	Hawkcount (Pirro)
9/1-9/29	Mt Wachusett	10162	Hawkcount (Chase)	10/1-10/16	Mt Wachusett	3	Hawkcount (Chase)
9/8-9/29	Barre Falls	2127	Hawkcount (Schilling)	10/10-22	Barre Falls	8	Hawkcount (Schilling)
9/9-9/23	Mt Watatic	5039	Hawkcount (Pirro)	Peregrine Falcon			
9/12	Shatterack Mt	603	T. Swochak	9/2-9/28	Mt Wachusett	21	Hawkcount (Chase)
9/21	Blueberry Hill	555	J. Weeks	10/1-10/20	Mt Wachusett	15	Hawkcount (Chase)
Red-tailed Hawk				10/1-10/21	Malden (PR)	4	Hawkcount (Jackson)
10/3-10/31	Barre Falls	43	Hawkcount (Schilling)	10/4	PI	4	E. Labato
10/11-10/27	Mt Wachusett	33	Hawkcount (Chase)	Olive-sided Flycatcher			
Rough-legged Hawk				9/2-9/30	Indiv. reported from 7 locations		
10/27	Orleans	11	S. Williams#				

Eastern Wood-Pewee			10/12-22	PI	4 b	B. Flemer#
9/4 Ipswich	9 m	J. Berry#	10/27	Orleans	5	S. Williams#
9/10 Huntington	4	M. Lynch#	Philadelphia Vireo			
9/24 Boxford (CP)	3	L. Ireland	9/2-10/26	Indiv. reported from 15 locations		
10/27 Orleans	1	S. Williams#	9/5	MBO	1 b	T. Lloyd-Evans#
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher			9/21-10/1	PI	3 b	B. Flemer#
9/5 MBO	1 b	T. Lloyd-Evans#	10/1	Brewster	2 b	S. Finnegan
9/22 Leverett	1	B. Normark	Warbling Vireo			
9/24 Sheffield	1	K. Schopp	9/11	Ware R. IBA	3	M. Lynch#
10/7 Brewster	1 b	S. Finnegan#	9/17-9/26	PI	1	T. Wetmore, v.o.
10/7 Haverhill	1	S. Benedetto	9/28	S. Peabody	1	R. Heil
Acadian Flycatcher			9/28	Hadley	1	L. Therrien
9/25 Brewster	1 b	S. Finnegan#	Red-eyed Vireo			
Alder Flycatcher			9/2	Sandisfield	24	M. Lynch#
9/1 Sharon	1	W. Sweet	9/9-9/29	PI	28 b	B. Flemer#
10/2 Lynnfield	1	M. Sovay	9/10	Huntington	19	M. Lynch#
Willow Flycatcher			10/4-10/31	PI	15 b	B. Flemer#
9/4 Newton	4	D. Burton	10/27	MBO	1 b imm	T. Lloyd-Evans#
9/8 Northampton	1	L. Therrien	Fish Crow			
9/10, 10/8 PI	1, 1	Miller#, Watson#	9/23	PI	3	MAS (D. Williams)
9/11 Quincy	1	D. Burton	9/25, 10/8	Stoughton	250	G. d'Entremont
Traill's Flycatcher (Alder / Willow)			Common Raven			
9/1-9/10 PI	7 b	B. Flemer#	9/13, 10/10	Barre Falls	51, 13	D. Schilling#
Least Flycatcher			9/14	Mt Watatic	25	B. Rusnica
9/2 Tolland	2	M. Lynch#	9/16	Cheshire	4	M. Lynch#
9/4 Ware R. IBA	2	M. Lynch#	9/17, 10/12	Mt Wachusett	31, 19	Chase#
9/23 PI	1 b	B. Flemer#	Horned Lark			
9/27 MBO	1 b	T. Lloyd-Evans#	10/thr	PI	12 max	T. Wetmore, v.o.
10/10 Sharon	1 ph	L. Waters#	10/15-22	Saugus	1, 4	S. Zende#
Eastern Phoebe			10/29	Sharon	4	D. Burton
9/13 Winchendon	51	M. Lynch#	Purple Martin			
10/1 Sandisfield	17	M. Lynch#	2017	Rehoboth 666 112pr, 442fl		R. Marr
10/3-10/11 PI	7 b	B. Flemer#	2017	PI 163 27pr, 109fl		S. McGrath
10/6 Lexington (DM)	12	M. Rines	2017	Salisbury 8 3pr, 2fl		S. McGrath
10/30 Hardwick	1	W. Howes	Tree Swallow			
10/31 Northampton	1	M. McKittrick	9/2	PI	6000	D. Prima
Ash-throated Flycatcher			9/3	Quabog IBA	570	M. Lynch#
10/23-28 Middleton	1 ph	S. Sullivan, v.o.	10/8	P'town (RP)	4000	B. Nikula
Great Crested Flycatcher			10/15	E. Boston (BI)	400	P. Peterson
9/2 DWWS	4	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)	10/22	DWWS	210	B. Vigorito
9/9 PI	1	P. Vale	10/31	Manomet	9	L. Schibley
9/10 Woburn (HP)	1	M. Rines	Northern Rough-winged Swallow			
9/25 Lincoln	1	K. Dia#	9/12	Longmeadow	12	C. Volker
10/7 Haverhill	1	S. Benedetto	9/22	Wayland	30	J. Forbes
Eastern Kingbird			9/23	Gill	1	B. Normark
9/7 Templeton	3	T. Pirro	Bank Swallow			
9/15-9/17 PI	1	S. Sullivan, v.o.	9/2	PI	1	D. Prima
9/23-9/24 Manomet	1	A. Kneidel	9/3	Quabog IBA	3	M. Lynch#
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher			9/4	Longmeadow	40	M. Moore
10/20-23 N. Truro	1 ph	S. Williams#	9/30	Wayland	1	B. Harris
Northern Shrike			Cliff Swallow			
10/23-24 Bolton Flats	1	C. Floyd, v.o.	9/3	Quabog IBA	2	M. Lynch#
White-eyed Vireo			9/4	Longmeadow	1	M. Moore
9/20 Amherst	1	M. Gutierrez	9/6	Eastham (FH)	1	E. Lipton
9/30 Brookline	1	V. Zollo	9/11	Orleans	1	C. Goodrich
10/11 Scituate	1	D. Furbish	9/18	Westwood	1	D. Burton
10/20 MBO	1 b imm	A. Bartolo#	Barn Swallow			
10/25-31 Turner's Falls	1	J. Smith	9/3	Quabog IBA	250	M. Lynch#
10/27 Orleans	2	S. Williams#	9/23	Wayland	4	B. Harris
10/27 Plymouth	1	L. Schibley	9/24	PI	3	T. Wetmore
10/28 Nahant	2	J. Trimble	10/9	Winthrop	1	C. Dalton
10/28 Cape Ann	1	B. Harris	Red-breasted Nuthatch			
Yellow-throated Vireo			9/26	Winchendon	31	M. Lynch#
9/2 Sandisfield	4	M. Lynch#	10/1	Tolland	6	M. Lynch#
9/10 Huntington	3	M. Lynch#	Red-breasted Nuthatch (continued)			
10/24 Cuttyhunk I.	1	M. Sylvia#	10/23	PI	1 b	B. Flemer#
10/27 Orleans	2	S. Williams#	Brown Creeper			
Blue-headed Vireo			9/24	Boxford (CP)	5	L. Ireland
9/24 Boxford (CP)	5	L. Ireland	10/1-10/28	PI	8 b	B. Flemer#
9/29 PI	5	C. Floyd	House Wren			
10/1 Tolland	7	M. Lynch#	9/2	Sandisfield	6	M. Lynch#
10/10 Ware R. IBA	10	M. Lynch#	9/4	Cumb. Farms	4	G. d'Entremont

House Wren (continued)				9/13	Gloucester (EP)	44	J. Nelson
9/5	Belmont (RM)	5	R. Stymeister	9/16	Cheshire	53	M. Lynch#
9/10	Huntington	19	M. Lynch#	10/29	Rockport (AP)	1	R. Heil
Winter Wren				Brown Thrasher			
9/23, 10/3	PI	2, 1 b	B. Flemer#	9/15	PI	9	S. Sullivan
10/6	MBO	1 b	T. Lloyd-Evans#	10/5	Aquinnah	5	B. Shriber
10/21, 29	Medford	3, 4	Rines#, LaFontaine	10/18	PI	2	T. Wetmore
Marsh Wren				Cedar Waxwing			
9/7	GMNWR	14	A. Bragg#	9/3	Quabog IBA	60	M. Lynch#
9/8	PI	1 b	B. Flemer#	9/28	PI	50	D. Prima
9/17	IRWS	4	J. Nelson	10/7	Huntington	51	M. Lynch#
Carolina Wren				American Pipit			
9/29	Braintree	7	G. d'Entremont	10/1	Sandisfield	38	M. Lynch#
10/21	Fairhaven	14	M. Lynch#	10/11	Concord	25	D. Prima
10/28	Lexington (DM)	6	M. Rines#	10/19	Sutton	40	M. Lynch#
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				10/28	Middleton	30	G. d'Entremont#
9/5	Belmont (RM)	4	R. Stymeister	10/29	Hadley	75	S. Surner
9/13	MBO	1 b	T. Lloyd-Evans#	10/29	Sharon	31	D. Burton
10/5-10/10	Manomet	2	L. Schibley, v.o.	10/29	PI	21	M. Watson
10/22	Rockport (HPT)	1	S. Sullivan#	Evening Grosbeak			
10/27-28	PI	1	D. Prima, v.o.	9/10	Orange	1	E. LeBlanc
Golden-crowned Kinglet				9/25	Quabbin Pk	1	L. Therrien
9/22-9/29	PI	21 b	B. Flemer#	Purple Finch			
10/1-10/28	PI	49 b	B. Flemer#	9/17	IRWS	2	J. Nelson
10/17	PI	65	R. Heil	9/26	Winchendon	4	M. Lynch#
10/21	Medford	14	M. Rines#	10/7	PI	22	D. + T. Swain
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				10/13	Quabog IBA	3	M. Lynch#
9/21-9/29	PI	13 b	B. Flemer#	10/27	Middleton	2	J. Nelson
9/29	PI	39	C. Floyd	Red Crossbill			
10/1-10/28	PI	18 b	B. Flemer#	10/19	Andover	2	J. Trimble
10/7	Huntington	34	M. Lynch#	Pine Siskin			
10/11	Orleans	30	C. Goodrich	10/22	Northampton	1	S. Surner
Eastern Bluebird				Lapland Longspur			
9/6	Ipswich	13	J. Berry	9/17-9/18	Salisbury	1	E. Jennifer, v.o.
9/28	Andover	10	J. Berry#	9/25-10/31	PI	1	T. Wetmore, v.o.
10/1	Wachusett Res.	12	K. Bourinot#	Snow Bunting			
10/4	Quabog IBA	15	M. Lynch#	10/21, 26	PI	1, 1	M. Goetschkes#, v.o.
Veery				10/25	Harvard	1	T. Nash
9/1	MBO	9 b	T. Lloyd-Evans#	10/30	Rockport (AP)	2	R. Heil
9/8	Marlborough	4 nfc	T. Spahr	10/30	Quabbin Pk	1	L. Therrien
9/8	Concord	1 nfc	C. Winstanley	Eastern Towhee			
9/9-9/25	PI	5 b	B. Flemer#	9/11, 10/15	Ware R. IBA	23, 4	M. Lynch#
9/19	Lexington (DM)	1	C. Gras	9/29	Squantum	3	G. d'Entremont
10/6-10/6	Manomet	1	A. Kneidel, v.o.	10/7, 28	PI	13, 1	D. + T. Swain, v.o.
10/28	Rockport	1	B. Harris#	American Tree Sparrow			
Gray-cheeked Thrush				10/5	Groton	1	T. Murray
9/17	PI	1 b	B. Flemer#	10/15	PI	1	T. Wetmore
9/18, 10/17	MBO	1, 1 b	T. Lloyd-Evans#	Chipping Sparrow			
9/23-9/28	N. Dighton	4 max nfc	A. Eckerson	10/17	PI	19	R. Heil
9/29	Belchertown	1 nfc	L. Therrien	Clay-colored Sparrow			
10/4	Brewster	1 b	S. Finnegan	9/9-10/28	Indiv. reported from 30 locations		
Gray-cheeked/Bicknell's Thrush				9/9-10/15	PI	2 max	D. Adrien, v.o.
10/17	Malden (PR)	1	C. Jackson	10/11	Westport	2	A. Eckerson#
10/18	PI	1	T. Wetmore	10/21	Nantucket	3	J. Trimble#
10/27	Salisbury	1 ph	T. Spahr	Field Sparrow			
Swainson's Thrush				9/10	Bedford	5	J. Forbes
9/8	Marlborough	10 nfc	T. Spahr	10/7	Eastham	10	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)
9/12, 9/29	PI	1, 1 b	B. Flemer#	10/10	PI	3	T. Wetmore
9/29	Belchertown	3 nfc	L. Therrien	10/15	Carver	25	G. d'Entremont#
10/1-10/28	PI	4 b	B. Flemer#	10/27	Salisbury	8	T. Spahr
10/8	Lowell	1	M. Baird	Vesper Sparrow			
Hermit Thrush				9/14	Quabbin (G35)	1	B. Zajda
10/6-10/31	PI	50 b	B. Flemer#	10/1	Dartmouth	1	B. King
10/10	Ware R. IBA	13	M. Lynch#	10/6	Medfield	1	J. Bock
10/21, 29	Medford	13, 17	Rines#, LaFontaine	10/10	Freetown	1	L. Abbey
10/22	Woburn	10	M. Rines	10/11	Burlington	1	M. Rines
Wood Thrush				10/21	Westport	1	A. Morgan
10/4	Amherst	1	T. Brooks	10/21	Nantucket	1	J. Trimble#
10/6	Westboro	1	T. Spahr	10/22	N. Dighton	1	M. Eckerson#
10/7	Hadley	1	L. Therrien	10/22	Randolph	1	J. Forbes
Gray Catbird				Lark Sparrow			
9/1-9/29	PI	153 b	B. Flemer#	9/9-9/23	PI	1	N. Landry, v.o.
9/10	Huntington	43	M. Lynch#	9/14	Lawrence	1	C. Gibson

Lark Sparrow (continued)				10/16	Mt Wachusett	50		Chase#
9/24	Manomet	1	N. Marchessault#	10/21-31	PI	14 b		B. Flemer#
9/29	Hingham	1	D. Peacock	10/22	Bolton Flats	33		M. Lynch#
10/5	Nahant	1	L. Pivacek	10/23	Dedham	12		P. Peterson
10/11	Fairhaven	1	C. Longworth, v.o.	10/27	Salisbury	20		T. Spahr
10/11-13	PI	1	T. Wetmore, v.o.	Yellow-breasted Chat				
10/31	Woburn (HP)	1	R. Jilek#	9/17	Saugus	1		S. Zende#
Savannah Sparrow				9/18	Westboro	1		T. Spahr
9/12	Easthampton	325	B. Zajda	10/1	Southwick	1		D. Holmes
9/17	Saugus	40	S. Zende#	10/5	PI	1 b		B. Flemer#
10/9	PI	29	T. Wetmore	10/7	Frammingham	1		N. Paulson
10/19	Uxbridge	33	M. Lynch#	10/13	Quabog IBA	1		M. Lynch#
Ipswich Sparrow				10/21	Fairhaven	1		M. Lynch#
9/29-10/22	PI	2 max	N. Landry, v.o.	10/27	Orleans	1		S. Williams#
10/14	Westport	1	D. Zimmerlin	10/31	Woburn (HP)	1		R. Jilek#
10/15	Salisbury	1	M. Watson	Yellow-headed Blackbird				
Grasshopper Sparrow				9/2	S. Monomoy	1 ph		K. Yakola#
9/15	ONWR	1	S. Miller	Bobolink				
10/4	Belmont	1	J. Forbes	9/7	Westboro	50		T. Spahr
10/4	Wachusett Res.	1	B. Robo	9/12	Easthampton	57		B. Zajda
10/10	Hadley	1	J. Oliverio	9/17	Lexington (DM)	40		J. Forbes
LeConte's Sparrow				10/1	Cumb. Farms	50		G. d'Entremont#
10/16-22	Bolton Flats	1 ph	S. Bunyard, v.o.	Eastern Meadowlark				
10/22	Falmouth	1 ph	M. Schanbacher	9/18	Ipswich	1		J. Berry
Nelson's Sparrow				10/1	Cumb. Farms	1		G. d'Entremont#
9/23-10/23	Wareham	20 max	P. Jacobson, v.o.	10/7	Southwick	4		S. Motyl
9/29-10/28	PI	2 max	T. Wetmore, v.o.	10/22	Saugus	3		S. Zende#
10/1	Fairhaven	3	J. Hoyer#	10/27	PI	1		D. Chickering
10/3	Newbury	4	C. Floyd	Orchard Oriole				
10/3	Cumb. Farms	1	J. Sweeney	9/24	PI	1 f		N. Landry
10/5	Sheffield	1	K. Schopp	10/28	Rockport	1		B. Harris#
10/8	Plymouth	1	N. Marchessault	10/28	Nantucket	1		S. Kardell
10/14	Quincy 5 <i>atlantic, 2 interior</i>		Zollo	Baltimore Oriole				
10/24	Marshfield	1	D. Peacock	9/4	Ware R. IBA	3		M. Lynch#
Saltmarsh Sparrow				9/7	GMNWR	3		A. Bragg#
9/1	MBO	1 b imm	A. Bartolo#	9/13	Gloucester (EP)	3		J. Nelson
9/24	Westport	1	M. Lynch#	10/13	Wakefield	1 m imm		J. Beers
9/29-10/28	PI	20 max	R. Murphy, v.o.	Brown-headed Cowbird				
10/3	Newbury	8	C. Floyd	10/21	Fairhaven	200		M. Lynch#
Seaside Sparrow				10/28	Middleton	100		G. d'Entremont#
9/13-10/5	PI	2 max	S. Miller#, v.o.	Rusty Blackbird				
Lincoln's Sparrow				10/3	Concord	5		J. Forbes
9/11-10/26	Indiv. reported from 13 locations			10/5	Gill	5		J. Smith
9/12	Easthampton	5	B. Zajda	10/12	PI	1 b		B. Flemer#
9/18	Westboro	5	T. Spahr	10/20	Frammingham	6		J. Forbes
10/1	Cumb. Farms	10	G. d'Entremont#	Common Grackle				
10/1	Sandisfield	5	M. Lynch#	9/16	Holbrook	7500		G. d'Entremont#
10/2	Lexington (DM)	5	M. Rines	9/25	Longmeadow	2500		M. Moore
10/5, 12	PI	1, 1 b	B. Flemer#	10/28	Middleton	2500		G. d'Entremont#
Swamp Sparrow				Ovenbird				
9/25-9/29	PI	4 b	B. Flemer#	9/8	Concord	10 nfc		C. Winstanley
10/5	Westboro	30	T. Spahr	9/14-9/27	PI	5 b		B. Flemer#
10/5	GMNWR	25	A. Bragg#	9/17	Ware R. IBA	3		M. Lynch#
10/7	Huntington	98	M. Lynch#	10/12	N. Dighton	1 nfc		A. Eckerson
10/7-10/14	PI	3 b	B. Flemer#	10/18	Manomet	1 b		A. Kneidel
10/22	Bolton Flats	99	M. Lynch#	Worm-eating Warbler				
White-throated Sparrow				9/8	Falmouth	1		G. Hirth
9/15-9/29	PI	6 b	B. Flemer#	Northern Waterthrush				
9/24	MBO	2 b	T. Lloyd-Evans#	thr-10/20	Indiv. reported from 9 locations			
10/7	Huntington	230	M. Lynch#	9/2-9/17	PI	15 b		B. Flemer#
10/11	PI	60	E. Labato	Northern Waterthrush (continued)				
10/22	Bolton Flats	95	M. Lynch#	9/8	Marlborough	5 nfc		T. Spahr
10/thr	PI	40 b	B. Flemer#	Golden-winged Warbler				
Harris's Sparrow				9/13	Waltham	1 f		R. Doherty
9/16	Scituate	1 ph	D. Peacock	9/14-9/23	Lexington (DM)	1		R. LaFontaine, v.o.
White-crowned Sparrow				10/4, 10/5	MBO	1 b imm		T. Lloyd-Evans#
9/25-10/28	Indiv. reported from 12 locations			Blue-winged Warbler				
10/7	Lexington	3	M. Rines#	9/9-10/4	Indiv. reported from 9 locations			
10/11	Arlington Res.	4	M. Rines	Black-and-white Warbler				
10/12	PI	3	T. Wetmore	9/4-9/29	PI	14 b		B. Flemer#
10/18	Quincy	3	P. Peterson	9/8	Concord	10 nfc		C. Winstanley
Dark-eyed Junco				9/9	Boston (FPk)	5		P. Peterson
9/13	MBO	1 b	T. Lloyd-Evans#	9/14	Burlington	6		M. Rines

Black-and-white Warbler (continued)

9/17	Ware R. IBA	6	M. Lynch#
10/28	Nantucket	1	H. Young

Tennessee Warbler

thr-10/21	Indiv. reported from 9 locations		
9/2	Tolland	4	M. Lynch#
9/2	Otis	2	J. Forbes
9/17	Ware R. IBA	4	M. Lynch#

Orange-crowned Warbler

9/14-10/27	Indiv. reported from 19 locations		
10/1-10/11	PI	5 b	B. Flemer#
10/27	Orleans	7	S. Williams#

Nashville Warbler

thr	Indiv. reported from 23 locations		
9/18-9/29	PI	8 b	B. Flemer#
10/1-10/17	PI	5 b	B. Flemer#

Connecticut Warbler

thr-10/12	Indiv. reported from 30 locations		
9/7, 9/15	Northampton	2, 2	D. Schell
9/16-9/24	PI	3 b	B. Flemer#
9/16	Quincy	2	S. Williams
9/18, 9/21	Westboro	2, 3	T. Spahr#

MacGillivray's Warbler

9/17	Lexington (DM)	1	M. Rines
9/18	Orleans	1 ph	S. Williams#

Mourning Warbler

9/4-10/17	Indiv. reported from 9 locations		
9/9, 9/10	Brewster	2, 2 b	S. Finnegan

Common Yellowthroat

9/1-9/26	PI	20 b	B. Flemer#
9/2	Lexington (DM)	16	M. Rines#
9/8	Concord	24 nfc	C. Winstanley
9/10	Huntington	61	M. Lynch#
10/1-10/14	PI	8 b	B. Flemer#

Hooded Warbler

9/10	Chatham	1	B. Harris
9/21-9/23	PI	1 ad m	R. Furrow, v.o.
9/25	Nantucket	1	T. Pastuszak#
9/28	MNWS	1 m	J. Smith
9/29	W. Newbury	1 ad	K. Elwell
9/29	Randolph	1 f	G. d'Entremont
10/5	Duxbury B.	1 ad m	R. Bowes
10/17	Cuttyhunk I.	1	M. Iliff#

American Redstart

9/2, 9/9	Lexington (DM)	11, 11	M. Rines#
9/2-9/25	PI	20 b	B. Flemer#
9/6	Belmont	8	R. Stymeist
9/8	Concord	53 nfc	C. Winstanley
9/8	Marlborough	30 nfc	T. Spahr
9/14	Burlington	10	M. Rines
10/23-30	Medford	1	M. McCarthy

Cape May Warbler

thr-10/17	Indiv. reported from 15 locations		
9/2	Tolland	3	M. Lynch#
9/8	Marlborough	11 nfc	T. Spahr
9/8	Concord	6 nfc	C. Winstanley
9/10	Sunderland	3	D. Sibley
9/11-9/26	PI	4 b	B. Flemer#
9/24	Orleans	3	K. Yakola#
10/3	Turner's Falls	6	J. Smith

Northern Parula

9/8	Concord	181 nfc	C. Winstanley
9/8	Marlborough	65 nfc	T. Spahr
9/9-9/29	PI	3 b	B. Flemer#
9/17	Ware R. IBA	15	M. Lynch#
10/28	Cuttyhunk I.	4	S. Williams#
10/31	Rockport (AP)	1	D. Walters

Magnolia Warbler

9/2	Sandisfield	4	M. Lynch#
9/9-9/28	PI	11 b	B. Flemer#
9/11	Ware R. IBA	3	M. Lynch#
9/14	Burlington	6	M. Rines
10/28	Cuttyhunk I.	1	S. Williams#

Bay-breasted Warbler

9/8-10/17	Indiv. reported from 8 locations		
9/8	Concord	18 nfc	C. Winstanley
9/8	Marlborough	10 nfc	T. Spahr
9/10	PI	2	S. Miller#

Blackburnian Warbler

9/2-10/13	Indiv. reported from 9 locations		
9/8	Concord	13 nfc	C. Winstanley
9/10	Huntington	4	M. Lynch#

Yellow Warbler

9/7-9/21	PI	3 b	B. Flemer#
10/4	Belmont	1	J. Forbes
10/27	Westport	1	E. Lipton

Chestnut-sided Warbler

9/2	Sandisfield	2	M. Lynch#
9/8	Concord	7 nfc	C. Winstanley
9/8	Marlborough	1 nfc	T. Spahr
9/10	Huntington	2	M. Lynch#
10/27	Westport	1	E. Lipton

Blackpoll Warbler

9/12-9/29	PI	37 b	B. Flemer#
9/13	Winchendon	158	M. Lynch#
9/17	Ware R. IBA	38	M. Lynch#
10/31	MBO	1 b	T. Lloyd-Evans#

Black-throated Blue Warbler

9/2	Otis	5	J. Forbes
9/8	Marlborough	5 nfc	T. Spahr
9/8	Concord	4 nfc	C. Winstanley
9/11-9/29	PI	6 b	B. Flemer#
9/17	Ware R. IBA	4	M. Lynch#
10/1-10/22	PI	4 b	B. Flemer#
10/28	Newton	2	H. Miller

Palm Warbler

9/23	Manomet	7	A. Kneidel
9/27	Randolph	1 western	P. Peterson
10/1	Sandisfield	54	M. Lynch#
10/1	Wachusett Res.	8	K. Bourinot#
10/1	Saugus	7	S. Zende#
10/1	Ipswich	2 western	J. Berry#
10/4-10/22	PI	2 western	E. Labato, v.o.
10/5	Groton	6	S. Miller#
10/5	Groton	1 western	S. Miller#
10/7	Eastham	3 western	G. d'Entremont
10/19	Woburn	5	M. Rines
10/19	GMNWR	2 western	K. Dia#
10/22	Bolton Flats	26	M. Lynch#

Pine Warbler

9/2	Tolland	6	M. Lynch#
9/11	Ware R. IBA	132	M. Lynch#
9/15	P'town	6	G. d'Entremont#
9/24	Boxford (CP)	7	L. Ireland
10/31	Marlborough	1	T. Spahr

Yellow-rumped Warbler

9/7	Westport	1	M. Iliff
10/thr	PI	249 b	B. Flemer#
10/27	Orleans	120	S. Williams#
10/4	Bolton Flats	100	J. Hoye#
10/20	N. Dighton	112	J. Eckerson
10/23	PI	340	P. + F. Vale

Yellow-throated Warbler

10/26-28	Nantucket	1 ph	R. Ouren, v.o.
10/28	Cuttyhunk I.	1	S. Williams#

Prairie Warbler

9/4	Ware R. IBA	6	M. Lynch#
9/10	Huntington	3	M. Lynch#
10/17	Nahant	1	L. Privacek

Black-throated Gray Warbler

9/17	Chatham	1 ph	A. Fulcher
10/11	S. Monomoy	1 b	J. Junda#

Black-throated Green Warbler

9/8-9/25	PI	7 b	B. Flemer#
9/10	Huntington	15	M. Lynch#
9/15	P'town	3	G. d'Entremont#

Black-throated Green Warbler (continued)				9/10	Huntington	4	M. Lynch#
9/17	Ware R. IBA	21	M. Lynch#	10/7	PI	1	D. + T. Swain
9/18	Scituate	6	P. Peterson	Blue Grosbeak			
10/31	MBO	1 b	T. Lloyd-Evans#	9/13,10/28	Falmouth	1, 1	Schanbacher, Fiske
Canada Warbler				9/18	Middleton	1	J. Parrot-willis
9/8	Concord	7 nfc	C. Winstanley	10/3	Lexington (DM)	1	G. Rodriguez
9/8	MBO	3 b	T. Lloyd-Evans#	10/6	Cambr. (DPk)	1	R. Stymeist
9/8	Marlborough	1 nfc	T. Spahr	10/7	Nahant	1	P. Low
9/21	PI	1 b	B. Flemer#	10/7	Newbury	1	M. Sovay
9/24	Westport	1	M. Iliff	10/20	Manomet	1	L. Schibley
10/6	HRWMA	1	T. Pirro	10/21	Uxbridge	1	B. Robo
Wilson's Warbler				10/28	Marion	1	N. Marchessault
thr-10/28	Indiv. reported from 18 locations			Indigo Bunting			
9/6-9/27	PI	9 b	B. Flemer#	9/4	Cumb. Farms	6	G. d'Entremont
9/8	Concord	2 nfc	C. Winstanley	9/10	Huntington	73	M. Lynch#
9/13	Gloucester (EP)	2	J. Nelson	9/12	Easthampton	23	B. Zajda
10/13	Rockport	2	R. Heil	9/20	Woburn (HP)	6	M. Rines
10/28	Orleans	1	J. Pratt	10/28	Rockport	5	B. Harris#
Summer Tanager				10/28-29	Middleton	2	E. LeBlanc, v.o.
10/27	Orleans	1 ph	S. Williams#	Painted Bunting			
10/28	Rockport	1 ph	B. Harris#	10/15-16	Barnstable	1 m ph	M. Keleher#
Scarlet Tanager				Dickcissel			
9/17	Ware R. IBA	6	M. Lynch#	thr	1-2 birds reported from 24 locations		
10/8	Lowell	2	M. Baird	9/4	PI	3	T. Wetmore
10/9-10/10	Worcester	2	B. Robo	10/23	Falmouth	3	E. Lipton
10/17	Winthrop	1	P. Peterson				
Rose-breasted Grosbeak							
9/2	Lexington (DM)	6	M. Rines#				



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Historical Highlights for September–October

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5 YEARS AGO

September–October 2012

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A **Black-bellied Whistling-Duck** continued from July into September at Great Meadows; two records of **Northern Lapwings** heralded the start of a winter “invasion” year; a **Bar-tailed Godwit** and a **Little Stint** were present in Chatham in September; and the state’s fifth record of **Allen’s Hummingbird** was found in Great Barrington. Passerine rarities included a **Loggerhead Shrike** in Chatham on September 6 and a **Bell’s Vireo** on Martha’s Vineyard on October 23.

Best sighting: **Gray-tailed Tattler**, Nantucket, October 18–20. This was the first record for Massachusetts and the first for the East Coast.

10 YEARS AGO



September–October 2007

A juvenile dark morph **Swainson's Hawk** was seen by many at Cumberland Farms, September 26–October 15. October heated up with "The" **Eared Grebe** back for its 12th year at Gloucester, a **Black-chinned Hummingbird** (third for the state) on Martha's Vineyard, three **Boreal Chickadees** and a **Gray Jay** on Mount Watatic, and a **Henslow's Sparrow** in Tyringham.

Best sighting: **Black-tailed Gull**, Nahant, October 18. This was the second record for Massachusetts. There has been only one record since (2008).

20 YEARS AGO



September–October 1997

A **Swainson's Hawk** that had spent most of the summer at Provincetown stayed until at least October 11. The state's seventh record of **MacGillivray's Warbler** was banded at Manomet. Evening Grosbeaks were reported from 21 locations, including a flock of 12 in Lexington.

Best sighting: **Long-billed Curlew**, Nauset Marsh, September 8. This is last (i.e. most recent) record of this species for Massachusetts.

40 YEARS AGO



September–October 1977

Nine hundred plus Red Knot were seen throughout the state in September, including 500 at Scituate and a pure albino at Sandy Neck. Barn Owls were seen at Hingham (September) and Monomoy (October). Rarities included a minor irruption of **Say's Phoebes** (four in October), a **Lark Bunting** in South Peabody (September), **Loggerhead Shrikes** (one September, three October), and six **Brewer's Blackbirds** in three locations. At Manomet, 26 Yellow-breasted Chats were banded in September.

Best sighting: **Phainopepla**, Tuckernuck Island, October 7. This was the second of only two state records, the first being on Nantucket in February 1973. 🐦

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

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