

BIRD SIGHTINGS

July/August 2015

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8/24	Belchertown	62	S. Surner	White-winged Scoter			
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7/8	Fairhaven	2	L. Waters	Black Scoter			
8/3	P.I.	2 f, 6 yg	T. Wetmore	7/6	Chatham (S.B.)	3	B. Nikula
8/13-31	Turners Falls	1	J. Smith	7/8	Westport	27	L. Waters
Blue-winged Teal				Long-tailed Duck			
thr	P.I.	2-8	v.o.	7/6	Chatham (S.B.)	3	B. Nikula
8/13	GMNWR	2	A. Bragg#	Common Goldeneye			
8/22	E. Boston (B.I.)	2	P. Peterson	8/31	Wachusett Res.	1	M. Lynch#
8/26	S. Monomoy	12	B. Prescott#	Hooded Merganser			
8/27	Pittsfield	2	J. Pierce	7/16	GMNWR	3	M. Stone#
8/30	Holden	2	M. Lynch#	7/18	Lincoln	3	J. Forbes
Northern Shoveler				8/29	Shirley	12	J. Forbes
7/7	P.I.	3	P. + F. Vale	Common Merganser			
Northern Pintail				7/10	Williamstown	60	C. Jones
8/25	P.I.	1	R. Heil	8/22	Deerfield	70	S. Kellogg
8/26	S. Monomoy	6	B. Prescott#	Red-breasted Merganser			
Green-winged Teal				7/10	P.I.	1	D. Chickering
8/4	P.I.	8 ad, 3 yg	R. Heil	Ruddy Duck			
8/21	Hadley	5	L. Therrien	8/25	Pittsfield	3	J. Pierce
8/22	Lexington	4	J. Forbes	Northern Bobwhite			
8/23	Washington	10	J. Pierce	7/1	P'town	1	B. Nikula
Ring-necked Duck				8/2	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	1	L. Abbey#
thr	Cambr. (F.Pd)	1 m	R. Jilek	Ruffed Grouse			
7/21	Sutton	1	R. Holden	7/3	Quabbin (G10) pr +9 yg		SSBC (GdE)
Greater Scaup				8/12	Ware R. IBA	1	M. Lynch#
8/1	Agawam	1	S. Motyl	8/22	Brewster	2	S. Finnegan

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7/4	Haverhill	2	M. Akey#	White-tailed Tropicbird			
7/12	Westminster	4	T. Pirro	8/22, 23	S. of Nantucket	1, 3	BBC Pelagic
7/19	N. Truro	13	B. Nikula	Red-billed Tropicbird			
8/22	P.I.	4	T. Wetmore	8/22	S. of Nantucket	1	BBC Pelagic
8/30	Wachusett Res.	13	M. Lynch#	Brown Booby			
Pied-billed Grebe				7/3	P'town	1 ad	J. Young#
7/5	GMNWR	1	USFWS (S. Arena)	8/25	Nant. Sound	1 imm ph	Huckemeyer#
8/thr	P.I.	1	T. Wetmore	8/28	Orleans	1 ad	C. Goodrich
8/8	W. Gloucester	1	C. Haines	8/29	N. Truro	1 ad ph	P. Wolter#
Horned Grebe				Northern Gannet			
7/19	Winthrop	1	A. Trautmann	7/27	Ipswich (C.B.)	20	M. Brengle
Red-necked Grebe				8/11	Rockport (A.P.)	356	R. Heil
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Yellow-nosed Albatross				8/27	P'town	70	B. Nikula
8/10	Stellwagen	1 ph	F. Grenon#	Double-crested Cormorant			
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Black-capped Petrel				Brown Pelican			
7/11	Atlantis Canyon	1 ph	A. Wilson#	8/31	Chatham (S.B.)	1 ad ph	M. Malin
8/22, 23	S. of Nantucket	1, 1 ph	BBC Pelagic	American Bittern			
Fea's Petrel				7/3	Konkapot	2	M. Lynch#
7/18	NE of Truro	1 ph	S. Surner#	8/20	GMNWR	1	A. Bragg#
Cory's Shearwater				8/24	Hadley	1	M. Locher
7/1	P.I.	16	R. Heil	8/27	Wayland	1	B. Harris
7/16, 8/31	P'town	3325, 1600	B. Nikula	Least Bittern			
7/18	Stellwagen	5000	B. Nikula#	7/5	GMNWR	7	USFWS (S. Arena)
8/2, 15	E. of Chatham	2500, 300	B. Nikula#	7/8	Westport	1	L. Waters
8/11	Rockport (A.P.)	1780	R. Heil	8/22	P.I.	1	M. Goetschkes#
8/24	Cohasset	10	V. Zollo	Great Egret			
Great Shearwater				7/31	Turners Falls	6	E. Huston
thr	P'town	800 max	B. Nikula	8/12	P.I.	110	T. Wetmore
7/18	Stellwagen	3000	B. Nikula#	8/15	Westport	52	M. Lynch#
7/25, 8/15	E. of Chatham	150, 2500	B. Nikula#	8/19	E. Boston (B.I.)	33	R. Stymeist
8/11	Rockport (A.P.)	52	R. Heil	8/21	Northampton	9	L. Therrien
8/12	Eastham	350	M. Faherty	8/31	Cambr. (F.Pd)	23	P. Roberts#
Sooty Shearwater				Snowy Egret			
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7/12	Stellwagen	800	B. Nikula#	8/13	Chatham	115	R. Schain
7/25, 8/15	E. of Chatham	15, 30	B. Nikula#	8/19	E. Boston (B.I.)	49	R. Stymeist
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Manx Shearwater				8/22	Sterling	1	G. Gove
7/16, 8/31	P'town	7, 85	B. Nikula	Little Blue Heron			
7/18	Nantucket Shoals	11	BBC Pelagic	8/11	Pittsfield	1	J. Pierce
7/25, 8/15	E. of Chatham	2, 15	B. Nikula#	8/12	Newbury	2	MAS (D. Larson)
7/26	Revere B.	20	S. Hedman	8/29	Gloucester	9	G. d'Entremont#
8/11	Rockport (A.P.)	59	R. Heil	Green Heron			
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8/22, 23	S. of Nantucket	144, 58	BBC Pelagic	8/16	Sterling	7	B. Kamp
Wilson's Storm-Petrel				Black-crowned Night-Heron			
7/1	N. Truro	400	B. Nikula	7/15	Winthrop	7	P. Peterson
7/18	S. of Nantucket	886	BBC Pelagic	8/27	Hadley	1	P. Yeskie
7/20	Stellwagen	1000	B. Nikula#	8/28	Springfield	1	M. Moore
8/2	E. of Chatham	2500	B. Nikula#	8/30	P.I.	55	T. Wetmore
8/11	Rockport (A.P.)	400	R. Heil	8/31	Eastham	19	B. Prescott
8/12	Eastham	350	M. Faherty	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron			
8/12	Boston (Deer I.)	325	M. Iliff	thr	P.I.	15 max	v.o.
8/16	off P'town	500	B. Nikula#	7/15	Winthrop	1 imm	P. Peterson
8/22, 23	S. of Nant.	1168, 614	BBC Pelagic	8/5	Gloucester	1 imm	N. Dubrow
White-faced Storm-Petrel				8/9-28	S. Dartmouth	1-2	A. + D. Morgan
8/22, 23	S. of Nantucket	16, 21	BBC Pelagic	8/10	Ipswich	3	N. Dubrow
Leach's Storm-Petrel				8/10	Duxbury	1	E. Corbett
7/13	Jeffries L.	2	MAS (D. Larson)	8/15	Wellfleet	2	G. d'Entremont
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8/5	Stellwagen	1	J. Baldwin	Glossy Ibis			
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8/22, 23	S. of Nantucket	107, 54	BBC Pelagic	8/2	Newbury	70	MAS (D. Larson)
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7/26	Revere B.	20	S. Hedman	8/29	Gloucester	9	G. d'Entremont#
8/11	Rockport (A.P.)	59	R. Heil	Green Heron			
8/24	Cohasset	10	V. Zollo	7/19	Burrage Pd WMA	3	G. d'Entremont#
Audubon's Shearwater				7/23	Eastham	4	M. Lynch#
7/11	Atlantis Canyon	2	A. Wilson#	7/24	Nauset	6	M. Lynch#
7/18	Hydrographer	3	BBC Pelagic	7/30	GMNWR	3	K. Dia#
8/22, 23	S. of Nantucket	144, 58	BBC Pelagic	8/16	Sterling	7	B. Kamp
Wilson's Storm-Petrel				Black-crowned Night-Heron			
7/1	N. Truro	400	B. Nikula	7/15	Winthrop	7	P. Peterson
7/18	S. of Nantucket	886	BBC Pelagic	8/27	Hadley	1	P. Yeskie
7/20	Stellwagen	1000	B. Nikula#	8/28	Springfield	1	M. Moore
8/2	E. of Chatham	2500	B. Nikula#	8/30	P.I.	55	T. Wetmore
8/11	Rockport (A.P.)	400	R. Heil	8/31	Eastham	19	B. Prescott
8/12	Eastham	350	M. Faherty	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron			
8/12	Boston (Deer I.)	325	M. Iliff	thr	P.I.	15 max	v.o.
8/16	off P'town	500	B. Nikula#	7/15	Winthrop	1 imm	P. Peterson
8/22, 23	S. of Nant.	1168, 614	BBC Pelagic	8/5	Gloucester	1 imm	N. Dubrow
White-faced Storm-Petrel				8/9-28	S. Dartmouth	1-2	A. + D. Morgan
8/22, 23	S. of Nantucket	16, 21	BBC Pelagic	8/10	Ipswich	3	N. Dubrow
Leach's Storm-Petrel				8/10	Duxbury	1	E. Corbett
7/13	Jeffries L.	2	MAS (D. Larson)	8/15	Wellfleet	2	G. d'Entremont
7/18	S. of Nantucket	196	BBC Pelagic	8/31	Eastham	12	B. Prescott
8/5	Stellwagen	1	J. Baldwin	Glossy Ibis			
8/12	Eastham	6	M. Faherty	7/6	P.I.	27	D. Williams
8/22, 23	S. of Nantucket	107, 54	BBC Pelagic	8/2	Newbury	70	MAS (D. Larson)
Band-rumped Storm-Petrel				Black Vulture			
7/18	Hydrographer	2	BBC Pelagic	6/23	Swansea	1	S. Davis

Black Vulture (continued)				8/31	Chatham (S.B.)	606	M. Malin
7/6	Hadley	2	L. Therrien	American Golden-Plover			
7/10	E. Brookfield	1	J. Bourget	7/29, 8/25	P.I.	1, 1	Bourget, Vale
8/22	Sandisfield	3	M. Lynch#	8/26	Squantum	1	A. Trautmann
Turkey Vulture				Semipalmated Plover			
8/15	Fitchburg	24	M. Larson#	7/29	P.I.	220	M. Lynch#
8/15	Lancaster	12	M. Larson#	8/1	Westport	60	P. Champlin
8/18	Mt. Wachusett	18	G. Gove#	8/4	Newbypt. H.	1500	R. Heil
8/22	Sandisfield	17	M. Lynch#	8/22	Longmeadow	4	S. Surner
Osprey				8/31	Chatham (S.B.)	755	M. Malin
7/11	P.I.	8	P. + F. Vale	Piping Plover			
8/15	Westport	73	M. Lynch#	7/10	Westport	25	P. Champlin
8/15	Acoaxet	23	M. Lynch#	7/14	Revere B.	18	R. Stymeist
Swallow-tailed Kite				7/14	Ipswich (C.B.)	33	M. Brengle
7/1-3	Nantucket	1 ph	R. Stevenson + v.o.	7/24	W. Tisbury	14	S. Whiting
Bald Eagle				7/25	Plymouth B.	17	SSBC (GdE)
8/10	Milton	2	G. Denton	8/10	Chatham (S.B.)	27	M. Malin
8/22	Deerfield	6	S. Kellogg	Killdeer			
8/26	Mt. Wachusett	3	Hawkcount (SO)	8/16	S. Quabbin	21	M. Lynch#
Northern Harrier				8/17	Waltham	21	C. Cook
8/16	P.I.	6	J. Berry	8/25	Lynn	22	R. Heil
8/26	S. Monomoy	3	B. Prescott#	8/26	Newbury	20	MAS (B. Gette)
8/28	Nantucket	4	L. Dunn#	American Oystercatcher			
Sharp-shinned Hawk				7/3	Edgartown	6	P. Gilmore
8/2	Athol	2	M. Lynch#	7/15	Winthrop	13	P. Peterson
8/22	Chatham	2	SSBC (GdE)	8/25	Eastham	11	K. Schopp
8/27	Mt. Wachusett	4	Hawkcount (SO)	8/28	Nantucket	25	L. Dunn#
8/30	Mt. Wataatic	3	Hawkcount (BR)	8/31	Chatham (S.B.)	23	M. Malin
Cooper's Hawk				American Avocet			
8/22	Woburn (HP)	3	M. Rines	7/25-8/8	P.I.	1	T. Walker + v.o.
Northern Goshawk				8/19-27	Orleans	1	A. Northrup + v.o.
7/12	Russell	1	S. Svec	Spotted Sandpiper			
7/12	Greylock	1	T. Gagnon	7/11	Sandisfield	13	M. Lynch#
8/26	Ware R. IBA	1 ad	M. Lynch#	7/23	Newbury	8	J. Hoye#
Red-shouldered Hawk				8/2	Winchester	6	R. LaFontaine
7/19	Ware R. IBA	2	M. Lynch#	8/17	Waltham	5	C. Cook
Broad-winged Hawk				8/25	Lynn	8	R. Heil
7/3	Quabbin (G10)	3	SSBC (GdE)	Solitary Sandpiper			
8/3	Sandisfield	6	M. Lynch#	8/3	Sandisfield	5	M. Lynch#
8/6	Waltham	4	J. Forbes	8/22	Lexington	5	J. Forbes
8/27	Wayland	4	B. Harris	8/22	W. Townsend	3	R. Templeton
8/29	Mt. Wataatic	20	Hawkcount (BR)	8/29	Cambridge	3	K. Hartel
Crested Caracara				8/29	Rockport	4	B. Harris
8/5	Lancaster	1 ph	S. Kirkorian	Greater Yellowlegs			
Clapper Rail				7/24	Nauset	70	M. Lynch#
7/1	Wellfleet	5 ad 6 yg	S. Broker	7/28	P.I.	100	T. Wetmore
8/8	Fairhaven	1	L. Waters#	8/2	Squantum	20	P. Peterson
Virginia Rail				8/30	Sterling	6	M. Lynch#
7/3	Konkapot	3	M. Lynch#	Willet			
7/5	GMNWR	13 ad	USFWS(S.Arena)	7/3	P.I.	93	R. Heil
7/21	Sudbury	3	G. Freedman	7/8	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	54	MAS (Buchsbaum)
Sora				7/30	Westport	56	P. Champlin
7/3	Konkapot	1	M. Lynch#	7/31	Chatham (S.B.)	60	N. Bonomo
7/5	GMNWR	1	USFWS (S. Arena)	Lesser Yellowlegs			
7/24	Belchertown	1	L. Therrien	7/15	E. Boston (B.I.)	14	P. Peterson
8/9	Squantum	1	G. d'Entremont	8/4	Newbypt	325	R. Heil
8/9	E. Boston (B.I.)	1	P. Peterson	8/7	Pittsfield	8	G. Hurley
8/9	N. Truro	1	T. Green	8/15	E. Boston (B.I.)	17	P. Peterson
Common Gallinule				8/29	Ipswich	15	J. Berry
7/1	Belchertown	1	L. Therrien	Upland Sandpiper			
7/4	Stockbridge	2	M. Lynch	7/8	Otis AFB	2	J. McCumber
7/5	GMNWR	1	USFWS (S. Arena)	8/22	Westport	1	H. Zimmerlin
8/25	P.I.	1	R. Heil	8/30	Hadley	1	L. Therrien
Sandhill Crane				Whimbrel			
7/thr	Worthington	1-5	v.o.	7/8	Essex	14	D. Brown
7/1-8/15	Burrage WMA	2	v.o.	7/30	Westport	23	P. Champlin
8/15	Essex	1	D. Brown	7/31	Eastham (F.E.)	17	T. Green
8/24	E. Bridgewater	2 ad	E. Giles	8/2	WBWS	32	F. Hareau
Black-bellied Plover				8/10	W. Chatham	24	M. Vogler
thr	P.I.	221 max	v.o.	8/29	P.I.	5	P. + F. Vale
7/23	Chatham	30	M. Lynch#	Long-billed Curlew			
8/15	Acoaxet	12	M. Lynch#	7/28, 31	S. Monomoy	1, 3 ph	R. Finer#

Hudsonian Godwit				Buff-breasted Sandpiper			
8/13	Chatham	3	R. Schain	8/29	P.I.	2	P. + F. Vale
8/27	P.I.	3	D. Adrien	8/30	Sandwich	1	J. LeClaire
Marbled Godwit				Ruff			
8/19-25	Plymouth	1	S. van der Veen	7/2-03	P.I.	1 f	v.o.
8/21-30	Westport	1	H. Zimmerlin	Short-billed Dowitcher			
8/27	P.I.	1	D. Adrien	7/6-8/16	P.I.	391 max	v.o.
Ruddy Turnstone				7/13	E. Boston (B.I.)	8	P. Peterson
8/2	Westport	8	P. Champlin	7/13	Duxbury B.	50	R. Bowes
8/7	Scituate	7	P. Peterson	7/31	Chatham (S.B.)	4750	N. Bonomo
8/15	Westport	12	M. Lynch#	8/30	Northampton	1	L. Therrien
8/22	Winthrop B.	4	S. Riley	Long-billed Dowitcher			
Red Knot				8/thr	P.I.	1-2	v.o.
8/19	Chatham	800	P. Trull	Wilson's Snipe			
8/21	Plymouth B.	4	L. Waters	7/4	P.I.	1	S. Heron
8/21	Revere (POP)	2	L. Ferraresso	8/22	ONWR	1	BBC (MacFarlane)
8/28	P.I.	5	S. Sullivan	American Woodcock			
Sanderling				7/16	Wayland	2	B. Harris
7/19	P.I.	35	T. Wetmore	7/17	ONWR	3	M. Lynch#
7/25	Plymouth B.	40	SSBC (GdE)	8/17	P.I.	7	D. Adrien
7/31	Chatham (S.B.)	1450	N. Bonomo	Wilson's Phalarope			
8/8	Westport	800	P. + J. Roberts	7/3	P.I.	2	S. Grinley
Semipalmated Sandpiper				8/2	Chilmark	1	L. McDowell#
7/14	Winthrop	45	R. Stymeist	Red-necked Phalarope			
7/24-8/31	P.I.	1500 max	v.o.	7/18	Nantucket Shoals	9	BBC Pelagic
7/31	Chatham (S.B.)	2050	N. Bonomo	8/13, 29	E. of Chatham	130, 55	B. Nikula#
8/8	Longmeadow	4	S. Kellogg	8/15	Stellwagen	10	P. Peterson
8/21	Plymouth B.	1150	L. Waters	8/16	off P'town	50	B. Nikula#
Western Sandpiper				8/21	P.I.	1	T. Wetmore
8/15	E. Boston (B.I.)	1	P. Peterson	8/22, 23	S. of Nantucket	153, 84	BBC Pelagic
8/20	Plymouth	1	J. Hoye#	Red Phalarope			
8/29	Rockport	1	B. Harris	7/1-8	P.I.	1	T. Wetmore#
8/30	Squantum	1	P. Peterson	8/23	S. of Nantucket	5	BBC Pelagic
8/30	P.I.	14	E. Nielsen	Black-legged Kittiwake			
Least Sandpiper				7/16	P'town	50	B. Nikula
7/6	P.I.	225	R. Heil	7/21	Vineyard Haven	1	T. Green
7/14	Winthrop	28	R. Stymeist	7/23	Stellwagen	18	M. Lynch#
8/19	Longmeadow	75	L. Richardson	8/2	E. of Chatham	1	B. Nikula#
8/26	Lexington	45	J. Forbes	Sabine's Gull			
White-rumped Sandpiper				8/4, 31	P'town 1 sub ad, 2 ad		B. Nikula
thr	P.I.	60 max	v.o.	8/30	Stellwagen	1 ad	T. Factor#
8/21	Plymouth B.	7	L. Waters	Bonaparte's Gull			
8/22	Winthrop B.	6	S. Riley	7/4	P.I.	66	S. Miller
8/28	Chatham	12	M. Faherty#	7/14	Ipswich (C.B.)	71	M. Brengle
8/29	Eastham	65	J. Trimble#	7/21	N Adams	1	C. Jones
Baird's Sandpiper				8/19	Revere B.	235	R. Stymeist
thr	P.I.	1-2	v.o.	Black-headed Gull			
8/8	Nantucket	1	D. Blatt	7/27	Wellfleet	1	J. Gamble
8/24	Longmeadow	1	S. Kellogg	Little Gull			
8/26	Nahant	1	J. Hoye#	7/4	P'town (R.P.)	1	P. Flood
8/26	S. Monomoy	1	B. Prescott#	7/6-13	P.I.	1 1S	R. Heil
8/27	Paxton	1	M. Lynch#	7/23	Ipswich (C.B.)	1	N. Dubrow
8/28	Quabbin (G43)	1	B. Kamp	7/24	Nauset	1 ad	M. Lynch#
Pectoral Sandpiper				8/8	P'town	1 imm	B. Nikula
thr	P.I.	1-2	v.o.	Laughing Gull			
8/1-5	Pittsfield	1	J. Pierce	7/26	E. of Chatham	400	B. Nikula#
8/2	Westport	3	P. Champlin	8/15	Westport	83	M. Lynch#
8/20	Rowley	5	G. Gove#	8/21	Plymouth B.	1360	L. Waters
8/30	Lexington	1	J. Forbes	8/27	Squantum	70	P. Peterson
8/31	Holden	1	B. Kamp	Lesser Black-backed Gull			
Dunlin				7/19	N. Truro	90	B. Nikula
7/1	P.I.	1	M. Goetschkes#	7/31	Chatham (S.B.)	74	N. Bonomo
7/9	Plymouth B.	1	J. Sender	8/2, 13	E. of Chatham	8, 12	B. Nikula#
Curlew Sandpiper				8/24	Pittsfield	1	J. Pierce
8/26	Duxbury B.	1 ph	R. Bowes	8/26	S. Monomoy	15	B. Prescott#
Stilt Sandpiper				Herring x Great Black-backed Gull			
7/9-8/31	P.I.	20 max	v.o.	7/6	Chatham (S.B.)	1	B. Nikula
8/2	Chilmark	5	L. McDowell#	Bridled Tern			
8/15	Truro	1	G. d'Entremont#	7/11	Nantucket	1 ph	L. Dunn
8/17	E. Boston (B.I.)	1	R. Stymeist	8/19	Tuckernuck	1 ph	L. Dunn
8/25	Squantum	3	P. Peterson	8/22	S. of Nantucket	1	BBC Pelagic

Least Tern				7/5	Newbypt. H.	1	S. Grinley#
7/13	Winthrop B.	120	S. Riley	7/8	P.I.	1	D. Adrien
7/25	Plymouth B.	60	SSBC (GdE)	7/26	Falmouth	1	G. Hirth
7/31	Chatham (S.B.)	250	N. Bonomo	8/24	Eastham	1	K. Schopp
8/11	P.I.	100	D. Adrien				
Caspian Tern					Sandwich Tern		
7/2	P.I.	1	S. Harvell	7/10	Eastham	1 ph	K. Schopp
7/8	Ipswich (C.B.)	1	D. Brown	8/16-19	Chatham	1 ph	D. Hollie
8/23, 27	Squantum	1, 4	Rawdon, Peterson	Black Skimmer			
Black Tern				7/6	Duxbury B.	2	R. Bowes
8/23	Quabbin Pk	1	L. Therrien	7/16	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	2	L. Miller-Donnelly
8/23	Westport	50	P. Champlin	7/18	Plymouth B.	2	J. Hoye#
8/25	Richmond	1	T. Collins	7/31	P'town	6	F. Hareau
8/26	S. Monomoy	25	B. Prescott#	8/15	Edgartown	9	R. Bierregaard#
8/27	Eastham (F.E.)	35	B. Nikula	8/23	Winthrop B.	1	M. Filosa
8/28	Nantucket	200	L. Dunn#	South Polar Skua			
8/31	Falmouth	35	G. Hirth	8/22	S. of Nantucket	1	BBC Pelagic
Roseate Tern				Pomarine Jaeger			
7/31	Chatham (S.B.)	120	N. Bonomo	7/18	Stellwagen	4	B. Nikula#
8/11	Rockport (A.P.)	16	R. Heil	7/28	Westport	1	P. Champlin
8/28	Nantucket	800	L. Dunn#	8/2, 13	E. of Chatham	10, 3	B. Nikula#
8/29	Eastham	380	J. Trimble#	8/22, 23	S. of Nantucket	2, 15	BBC Pelagic
Common Tern				8/27	P'town	2	B. Nikula
7/23	Eastham	200	M. Lynch#	Parasitic Jaeger			
7/31	Chatham (S.B.)	6000	N. Bonomo	7/1, 8/27	P'town	2, 15	B. Nikula
8/15	Westport	605	M. Lynch#	7/11	Stellwagen	3	J. Berry#
8/21	Plymouth B.	800	L. Waters	7/25, 8/28	E. of Chatham	1, 6	B. Nikula#
8/21	Medford	12	J. Layman	8/21	P.I.	1	T. Wetmore
8/27	P'town	2500	B. Nikula	8/23	Squantum	1	V. Zollo
Arctic Tern				Long-tailed Jaeger			
7/8	Westport	1	L. Waters	7/13	P'town	1	M. Keleher#
7/25	E. of Chatham	1	B. Nikula#	8/8, 11	P'town	1, 1	B. Nikula
8/25	P.I.	3	R. Heil	8/22	S. of Nantucket	1	BBC Pelagic
Forster's Tern				Common Murre			
8/20	Dennis	135	P. Flood	7/1	P.I.	1	R. Heil
8/25	P.I.	4	R. Heil	7/17	Stellwagen	1	C. Otto
8/26	S. Monomoy	25	B. Prescott#	Black Guillemot			
8/27	Eastham	11	K. Schopp	7/2	P'town	1	J. Nance
Royal Tern				8/28	W. Gloucester	1 imm	C. Haines
7/4	P'town (R.P.)	4	P. Flood	Atlantic Puffin			
				8/16	Brewster	1 imm	M. J. Foti

CUCKOOS THROUGH FINCHES

Tom Gagnon has manned a nighthawk watch in Northampton for 42 years. Starting on August 15 this year Tom recorded over 3200 birds. Last year he recorded his all-time high of 7791 birds. **Chuck-wills-widows** were noted in Falmouth and in Plymouth, and Eastern Whip-poor-wills were reported from four locations including two still calling on August 29 at Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge. Tom Gagnon logged 21 migrating Ruby-throated Hummingbirds during his nighthawk watch in Northampton from August 15 through the end of the month. A **Selasphorus hummingbird** was noted in Pepperell on August 18. The observer noticed the rufous sides and orangey coloring on the base of the tail when it was spread, but the bird disappeared before photos could be taken.

A **Red-headed Woodpecker** lingered in Ipswich from May, and a second was present for a month in Lexington. A one-day report from Williamstown could have concerned the same individual reported there in May. A pair of Monk Parakeets was reported from Belle Isle Marsh in East Boston.

A report of an Olive-sided Flycatcher at Turners Falls on August 8 was early for a migrant, but reports of two in Belchertown and two in Monterey at the end of August were in the typical migration window. A Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, another early fall migrant, was reported from Wachusett Reservoir on August 20. Other early migrants included a Philadelphia Vireo first reported on August 16, a Swainson's Thrush on August 13, four Tennessee Warblers in August, and a **Connecticut Warbler** from Nahant on August 29.

It was a good year for breeding birds especially Purple Martins. Mary Keleher reported from Mashpee that a total of 245 eggs were laid, and 196 martins hatched. On August 22 the last bird successfully fledged for a total of 176, the best year to date. The colony in Rehoboth had 94 pairs, 34 more than last year, and the two colonies on Plum Island successfully fledged 45 birds. Red-eyed Vireo, considered by many to be the most abundant bird in eastern deciduous forests, is doing well with over 140 reported from Sandisfield and 71 noted from Gate 10 at the Quabbin Reservoir. Some other impressive totals of resident birds came from the Ware River Important Bird Area: 32 Red-breasted Nuthatches, 38 Hermit Thrushes, 51 Ovenbirds, and 12 Scarlet Tanagers.

An early July survey of the salt marsh at Allen's Pond in South Dartmouth found a total of 51 Saltmarsh and 24 Seaside sparrows. It is important to note that southern New England has about 60% of the world's breeding population of Saltmarsh Sparrows (State of the Birds, 2013: <http://www.massaudubon.org/content/download/9511/156450/file/state-of-the-birds-2013-document.pdf>). Other noteworthy sparrow reports include a **Clay-colored** in Hadley, three reports of **Lark Sparrow**, and two reports of **Dickcissel**. Single Pine Siskins were noted from five locations scattered throughout the state, and there was one report of Red Crossbill. Evening Grosbeaks were found in Easton and Colrain.

R. Stymeist

Yellow-billed Cuckoo				Selasphorus species			
7/12	Wendell	1	M. Lynch#	8/18	Pepperell	1	M. Resch
7/22	Ipswich	2	J. Berry	American Kestrel			
8/8	Belchertown	1	L. Therrien	7/2	Somerville	pr, 1 juv	P. Bain
8/30	P.I.	1	D. Weaver	7/4	Medford	pr, 3 juv	J. Layman
Black-billed Cuckoo				7/7	Revere	2 fl	S. Riley
7/5	MSSF	1	G. d'Entremont	8/20-28	Mt. Wachusett	8	Hawkcount (SO)
7/10	Southwick	1	S. Kellogg	8/24	Leicester	4	M. Lynch#
7/12	Greylock	1	T. Gagnon	8/30	Saugus	4	S. Zende#
7/12	Wendell	2	M. Lynch	Merlin			
8/26	Ware R. IBA	1	M. Lynch#	7/2	Swansea	1	S. Davis
Barred Owl				7/25-31	Williamstown	1-3	C. Jones
thr	Medford	2	M. Rines	7/26	Nantucket	pr w 2 yg	T. Sackton#
Northern Saw-whet Owl				8/17	Falmouth	2	K. Fiske
8/15	Wayland	1	J. Hoye#	8/28	P.I.	2	S. Sullivan#
Common Nighthawk				Peregrine Falcon			
8/15-31	Northampton	3228	T. Gagnon	7/2	Haverhill	3	S. + J. Mirick
8/16	S. Hadley	100	S. Desrosier	7/21	Boston (Deer I.)	2	R. Stymeist#
8/21, 31	Southwick	155, 225	S. Kellogg	8/15	P.I.	2	P. + F. Vale
8/22	Amherst	140	H. Lappen	8/27	Mt.A.	2	S. Sullivan#
8/24	Leicester	122	M. Lynch#	8/28	Nantucket	3	L. Dunn#
8/25	Longmeadow	100	S. Kellogg	Monk Parakeet			
8/25-27	Mt.A.	205	R. Stymeist#	7/15	Revere	1	P. Peterson
8/27	Wayland	77	B. Harris	7/18	E. Boston (B.I.)	2	D. + T. Sullivan
Chuck-will's-widow				Red-headed Woodpecker			
7/3	Falmouth	1	T. Green#	thr	Ipswich	1	J. Berry
7/14	Plymouth	1	J. Barrett	7/1-8/3	Lexington	1	J. Williams
Eastern Whip-poor-will				8/27	Williamstown	1	C. Jones
7/6	P.I.	4	D. Williams	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			
7/20	MSSF	3	G. d'Entremont#	7/3	Quabbin (G10)	14	SSBC (GdE)
8/21	Quabbin Pk	3	L. Therrien	7/12	Wendell	12	M. Lynch#
8/29	ONWR	2	BBC (MacFarlane)	Hairy Woodpecker			
Chimney Swift				7/3	Quabbin (G10)	6	SSBC (GdE)
7/27	Newton	50	J. Forbes	7/19	Ware R. IBA	5	M. Lynch#
8/20	GMNWR	40	BBC (W. Martens)	Pileated Woodpecker			
8/23	Lowell	100	J. Forbes#	7/3	Quabbin (G10)	2	SSBC (GdE)
8/31	Cambridge	40	P. Roberts#	7/4	Ware R. IBA	4	M. Lynch#
Ruby-throated Hummingbird				7/24	Hamilton	3	J. Berry
8/2	Westport	9	P. Champlin	8/2	Athol	3	M. Lynch#
8/6	GMNWR	7	A. Bragg#	Olive-sided Flycatcher			
8/15-31	Northampton	21 migr	T. Gagnon	8/8	Turners Falls	1	J. Smith
8/22	Lexington (DM)	5	J. Forbes	8/28	Belchertown	2	L. Therrien
8/26	Ware R. IBA	6	M. Lynch#	8/29	Monterey	2	M. Lynch#

Eastern Wood-Pewee			Purple Martin			
7/3	Quabbin (G10)	11	SSBC (GdE)	7/4	Rehoboth 94 pr	R. Marr
8/14	Waltham	6	J. Forbes	7/18	Norfolk 8	J. Fecteau
8/14	Ipswich	11	J. Berry	8/16	P.I. 45 fl	S. McGrath
8/16	S. Quabbin	18	M. Lynch#	8/19	Lexington 2	J. Forbes
8/29	Medford	3	M. Rines#	8/21	Hadley 1	L. Therrien
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher				8/22	Mashpee 176 fl	M. Keleher
8/20	Wachusett Res.	1	M. Lynch#	Tree Swallow		
Alder Flycatcher				8/16	Wakefield 750	P. + F. Vale
7/4	Brewster	2	S. Finnegan	8/26	S. Monomoy 5000	B. Prescott#
7/11	Sandisfield	3	M. Lynch#	8/30	P.I. 20,000	J. Berry#
7/21	Wayland	3	B. Harris	Northern Rough-winged Swallow		
Willow Flycatcher				7/3	Belchertown 2	SSBC (GdE)
7/17	Bolton Flats	7	M. Lynch#	7/5	Huntington 4	M. Lynch#
7/23	GMNWR	7	M. Stone#	7/18	Wakefield 5	P. + F. Vale
8/4	P.I.	8	R. Heil	8/29	Agawam 5	S. Kellogg
Least Flycatcher				Bank Swallow		
7/3	Sheffield	17	M. Lynch#	7/5	Huntington 15	M. Lynch#
8/13	GMNWR	1	A. Bragg#	7/6	Duxbury B. 100	R. Bowes
8/14	Waltham	1	J. Forbes	7/6	P.I. 12	R. Heil
8/30	P.I.	1	B. Harris	8/8	Longmeadow 50	S. Kellogg
8/31	Lexington (DM)	1	M. Rines	8/22	Deerfield 50	S. Kellogg
Eastern Phoebe				Cliff Swallow		
8/25	DFWS	8	P. Sowizral	7/3	Konkapot 8	M. Lynch#
8/26	Ware R. IBA	41	M. Lynch#	7/22	Williamstown 7	C. Jones
8/27	P.I.	17	P. + F. Vale	7/23	Newbypt 3 n	D. Larson
Great Crested Flycatcher				8/2	P.I. 4	BBC (I. Girinuas)
7/17	ONWR	7	M. Lynch#	8/3	Sandisfield 2	M. Lynch#
7/29	N. Andover	4	J. Berry#	Barn Swallow		
8/2	Wompatuck SP	4	G. d'Entremont	7/5	Huntington 50	M. Lynch#
8/27	Woburn (HP)	1	M. Rines	7/13	P.I. 32	S. Miller
Eastern Kingbird				7/18	New Braintree 47	M. Lynch#
7/19	Burrage Pd WMA	10	R. Stymeist	7/30	GMNWR 220	K. Dia#
7/29	P.I.	23	D. Chickering	Red-breasted Nuthatch		
8/26	Ware R. IBA	13	M. Lynch#	7/5	W. Gloucester 5	J. + M. Nelson
8/30	P.I.	1	J. Berry#	7/25	Colrain 39	M. Lynch#
White-eyed Vireo				8/12	Ware R. IBA 32	M. Lynch#
7/5	Belchertown	1	L. Therrien	8/22	WBWS 2	SSBC (GdE)
7/18	Falmouth	2	J. Burr	8/29	Tyringham 3	M. Lynch#
Yellow-throated Vireo				Brown Creeper		
7/3	Sheffield	4	M. Lynch#	7/3	Quabbin (G10) 3	SSBC (GdE)
7/5	Rowley	2	J. Berry	7/12	Wendell 5	M. Lynch#
8/7	Wayland	1	J. Forbes	8/13	GMNWR 2	A. Bragg#
8/16	S. Quabbin	3	M. Lynch#	House Wren		
Blue-headed Vireo				7/29	N. Andover 7	J. Berry#
7/25	Colrain	9	M. Lynch#	8/28	Lexington (DM) 16	M. Rines
8/8	Ashburnham	8	M. Lynch#	8/29	Tyringham 6	M. Lynch#
Warbling Vireo				Winter Wren		
7/5	Rowley	6	J. Berry	7/11	Lincoln 1	J. Forbes#
7/12	Wakefield	10	P. + F. Vale	7/25	Colrain 9	M. Lynch#
8/27	Woburn (HP)	7	M. Rines	7/28	Sharon 1	V. Zollo
Philadelphia Vireo				8/2	Wompatuck SP 1	G. d'Entremont
8/16	P.I.	1 ph	S. Sullivan	Marsh Wren		
8/30	Cambr. (Daneyh)	1	K. Hartel	7/2	GMNWR 38	A. Bragg#
8/30	Saugus	1	S. Zende#	7/3	Konkapot 10	M. Lynch#
Red-eyed Vireo				7/5	Rowley 9	J. Berry
7/3	Quabbin (G10)	71	SSBC (GdE)	7/11	P.I. 10	D. + T. Swain
7/4	Otis	25	J. Forbes	7/19	Burrage Pd WMA 4	R. Stymeist
7/11	Sandisfield	148	M. Lynch#	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		
7/22	Quabbin (G40)	10	R. Stymeist#	7/17	Bolton Flats 6	M. Lynch#
Fish Crow				7/23	GMNWR 7	M. Stone#
7/20	Westport	3	M. Lynch#	7/23	Ipswich 3	J. Berry#
7/25	Plymouth	3	G. d'Entremont#	8/16	S. Quabbin 7	M. Lynch#
8/8	Gloucester	3	J. Forbes#	8/29	Medford 3	M. Rines#
8/8	Stoughton	10	G. d'Entremont	Eastern Bluebird		
Common Raven				7/29	N. Andover 12	J. Berry#
7/3	Sheffield	13	M. Lynch#	8/2	DFWS 14	P. Sowizral
8/12	P'town	2	J. Young	8/29	Tyringham 21	M. Lynch#
8/20	Newton	2	J. Forbes	Veery		
8/27	Mt. Wachusett	10	S. Olson	7/3	Sheffield 24	M. Lynch#
Horned Lark				7/3	Quabbin (G10) 21	SSBC (GdE)
7/25	Plymouth B.	2	SSBC (GdE)	7/4	Otis 4	J. Forbes

Veery(continued)				Mourning Warbler			
7/12 Wendell	59		M. Lynch#	7/4 Greylock	1	G. d'Entremont	
Swainson's Thrush				8/17 Pittsfield SF	1	M. Lynch#	
7/25 Colrain	1		M. Lynch	8/17 Northampton	1	T. Gagnon	
8/13 Sudbury	1		T. Spahr	8/18 Wayland	1	B. Harris	
Hermit Thrush				8/23 Burlington	1	M. Rines	
7/3 Quabbin (G10)	8		SSBC (GdE)	8/27 MNWS	1	L. Pivacek	
7/19 Ware R. IBA	38		M. Lynch#	8/30 Squantum	1	P. Peterson	
7/22 Ipswich	6		J. Berry	Common Yellowthroat			
8/30 P.I.	1		B. Harris	7/3 Quabbin (G10)	34	SSBC (GdE)	
Wood Thrush				7/3 Newbury	22	J. Berry#	
7/3 Quabbin (G10)	13		SSBC (GdE)	7/5 Huntington	61	M. Lynch#	
8/14 Ipswich	3		J. Berry	8/28 Lexington (DM)	25	M. Rines	
8/22 Woburn	1		M. Rines	8/29 Tyringham	31	M. Lynch#	
Gray Catbird				Hooded Warbler			
7/3 Sheffield	91		M. Lynch#	8/14-30 Nahant	1 m	J. Malone	
7/10 Ipswich	14		J. Berry	American Redstart			
Gray Catbird (continued)				7/3 Sheffield	11	M. Lynch#	
7/23 Ipswich	11		J. Berry#	7/3 P.I.	5	R. Heil	
8/4 P.I.	67		R. Heil	8/5 Waltham	2	J. Forbes	
Brown Thrasher				8/27 Westport	24	P. Champlin	
7/4 Westfield	3		M. Moore	8/29 Medford	6	M. Rines#	
7/14 Ipswich (C.B.)	3		M. Brengle	Cape May Warbler			
8/4 P.I.	11		R. Heil	8/28 P.I.	1	S. Sullivan	
American Pipit				8/29 Ashby	2	J. Forbes	
8/30 Saugus	3		S. Zende#	8/31 Wayland	1	B. Harris	
Cedar Waxwing				Cerulean Warbler			
7/29 N. Andover	21		J. Berry#	7/5 Mt Holyoke	1	L. Therrien	
8/22 Sandisfield	53		M. Lynch#	8/15 P.I.	1	S. Miller#	
Ovenbird				Northern Parula			
7/3 Quabbin (G10)	47		SSBC (GdE)	8/16 S. Quabbin	1	M. Lynch#	
7/4 Ware R. IBA	51		M. Lynch#	8/16 Bedford	1	K. Hartel	
8/16 P.I.	2		J. Keeley#	8/22 HRWMA	1	T. Pirro	
Worm-eating Warbler				8/28 Lexington (DM)	2	M. Rines	
7/5 Mt Holyoke	2		L. Therrien	8/29 Ashby	2	J. Forbes	
7/10 Wompatuck SP 1 ad, 2 fl			X. Wei	Magnolia Warbler			
8/18 MNWS	1		A. Robinson	7/3 Quabbin (G10)	1	SSBC (GdE)	
8/30 Woburn	1		M. Rines	7/4 Otis	2	J. Forbes	
Louisiana Waterthrush				8/29 Ashby	2	J. Forbes	
7/25 Colrain	2		M. Lynch#	8/29 P.I.	3	G. d'Entremont#	
7/30 Belmont	1		J. Forbes	Bay-breasted Warbler			
8/3 Sandisfield	6		M. Lynch#	8/31 Pittsfield	1	J. Pierce	
8/13 Southwick	1		S. Kellogg	Blackburnian Warbler			
8/17 Williamstown	1		M. Lynch#	7/3 Quabbin (G10)	8	SSBC (GdE)	
Northern Waterthrush				7/4 Otis	5	J. Forbes	
7/23 Ipswich	2		J. Berry#	7/4 Ware R. IBA	2	M. Lynch#	
8/2 Westport	14		P. Champlin	7/11 Sandisfield	7	M. Lynch#	
8/17 Nahant	2		R. Stymeist	8/29 Ashby	1	J. Forbes	
8/31 Lexington (DM)	2		M. Rines	Yellow Warbler			
Blue-winged Warbler				7/5 Huntington	23	M. Lynch#	
7/29 Lexington (DM)	1		J. Forbes	7/19 Burrage Pd WMA	10	R. Stymeist	
8/16 Weymouth	1		G. d'Entremont	7/20 Westport	10	M. Lynch#	
8/23 Burlington	3		M. Rines	8/4 P.I.	43	R. Heil	
8/23 Waltham	1		J. Forbes	Chestnut-sided Warbler			
Black-and-white Warbler				7/3 Quabbin (G10)	18	SSBC (GdE)	
7/12 Wendell	16		M. Lynch#	7/3 Newbury	3	J. Berry#	
8/2 Wompatuck SP	9		G. d'Entremont	7/4 Otis	4	J. Forbes	
8/23 Waltham	7		J. Forbes	7/11 Sandisfield	32	M. Lynch#	
8/29 Medford	3		M. Rines#	7/22 Quabbin (G40)	3	R. Stymeist#	
8/30 Arlington	3		K. Hartel	Blackpoll Warbler			
Tennessee Warbler				7/4 Greylock	1	G. d'Entremont	
8/13 Sudbury	1		T. Spahr	8/29 Ashby	1	J. Forbes	
8/27 Westport	1		P. Champlin	8/30 Ipswich	1	N. Dubrow	
8/31 Lexington (DM)	1		J. Forbes	Black-throated Blue Warbler			
8/31 Chatham	1		R. Schain	7/3 Quabbin (G10)	28	SSBC (GdE)	
Nashville Warbler				7/4 Otis	6	J. Forbes	
7/11 Sandisfield	2		M. Lynch#	7/12 Wendell	39	M. Lynch#	
8/28 Lexington (DM)	2		M. Rines	7/18 New Braintree	1	M. Lynch#	
8/30 P.I.	1		B. Harris	8/29 Ashby	5	J. Forbes	
Connecticut Warbler				Pine Warbler			
8/29 Nahant	1 imm		L. Pivacek	7/3 Quabbin (G10)	16	SSBC (GdE)	

Pine Warbler (continued)				White-throated Sparrow			
7/12 Wendell	26	M. Lynch#		thr Nantucket	1		T. Pastuszak
7/22 Ipswich	6	J. Berry		7/25 Colrain	7		M. Lynch#
7/22 Quabbin (G40)	7	R. Stymeist#		8/14 Wendell	2		M. Lynch#
Yellow-rumped Warbler				8/30 Boston (Fens)	1		R. Schain
7/3 Quabbin (G10)	5	SSBC (GdE)		Dark-eyed Junco			
7/12 Wendell	13	M. Lynch#		7/4 Otis	2		J. Forbes#
8/29 Ashby	1	J. Forbes		7/15 P.I.	1		T. Wetmore
Prairie Warbler				7/25 Colrain	7		M. Lynch#
7/3 Newbury	2	J. Berry#		8/17 Pittsfield SF	9		M. Lynch#
7/5 MSSF	2	G. d'Entremont		8/25 Mt. Wachusett	1		S. Olson
7/12 Wendell	4	M. Lynch#		Summer Tanager			
8/16 Weymouth	2	G. d'Entremont		8/16 Belchertown	1 m ad		L. Therrien
8/28 P.I.	2	S. Sullivan		Scarlet Tanager			
8/31 Chatham	18	R. Schain		7/3 Newbury	7		J. Berry#
Black-throated Green Warbler				7/3 Quabbin (G10)	15		SSBC (GdE)
7/3 Quabbin (G10)	11	SSBC (GdE)		7/4 Ware R. IBA	12		M. Lynch#
7/4 Otis	5	J. Forbes		8/2 Wompatuck SP	5		G. d'Entremont
7/5 Rowley	2	J. Berry		Rose-breasted Grosbeak			
7/11 Sandisfield	22	M. Lynch#		7/6 Marlboro	5		G. Gove
8/23 Burlington	3	M. Rines		7/29 N. Andover	4		J. Berry#
Canada Warbler				8/17 Belmont	9		C. Cook
8/12 Ware R. IBA	2	M. Lynch#		8/22 Lexington (DM)	10		J. Forbes
8/29 Medford	1	M. Rines#		Indigo Bunting			
8/29 P.I.	1	D. Chickering		7/3 Newbury	6		J. Berry#
Wilson's Warbler				7/5 Huntington	14		M. Lynch#
8/26 Nahant	1	M. Hipp		7/18 New Braintree	8		M. Lynch#
8/27 Woburn (HP)	1	M. Rines		7/19 Cumb. Farms	5		R. Stymeist
8/31 Pittsfield	1	J. Pierce		7/25 Colrain	9		M. Lynch#
Eastern Towhee				Dickcissel			
7/3 Quabbin (G10)	33	SSBC (GdE)		8/15 WBWS	1		K. Maley
7/29 N. Andover	17	J. Berry#		8/22 GMNWR	1		J. Forbes
8/2 Wompatuck SP	33	G. d'Entremont		Bobolink			
8/4 P.I.	25	R. Heil		7/3 P.I.	65		R. Heil
8/14 Wendell	58	M. Lynch#		8/15-31 Northampton	2323		T. Gagnon
8/23 Burlington	9	M. Rines		8/20 Wayland	173		B. Harris
Clay-colored Sparrow				8/29 ONWR	50		BBC (MacFarlane)
8/12 Hadley	1	M. Locher		8/30 Holden	31		M. Lynch#
Field Sparrow				Eastern Meadowlark			
7/1 P.I.	2	T. Wetmore		7/5 Weymouth	6		G. d'Entremont
7/3 Newbury	2	J. Berry#		7/12 Hanscom	1		R. Stymeist
7/17 Lancaster	5	M. Lynch#		7/25 Essex	1		J. Nelson
Vesper Sparrow				8/12 Newbury	1		MAS (D. Larson)
7/10 Hadley	4	L. Therrien		8/24 Leicester	1		M. Lynch#
7/17 Lancaster	3	M. Lynch#		Orchard Oriole			
Lark Sparrow				7/7 P.I.	3		T. Wetmore
8/27 P.I.	1 imm	S. Miller		7/10 Hadley	6		L. Therrien
8/28 Weston	1	J. Forbes		8/4 W. Roxbury (MP)	2		M. Iliff
8/28 Dennis	1	R. Debenham		8/12 Westboro	1		T. Spahr
Savannah Sparrow				Baltimore Oriole			
7/5 Weymouth	14	G. d'Entremont		7/5 Rowley	16		J. Berry
7/19 P.I.	4	T. Wetmore		8/16 S. Quabbin	14		M. Lynch#
8/29 Tyringham	13	M. Lynch#		8/27 Westport	20		P. Champlin
Grasshopper Sparrow				8/30 Wakefield	4		P. + F. Vale
7/17 Lancaster	5	M. Lynch#		Purple Finch			
8/23 Hadley	1	S. Chapke		7/3 Sheffield	4		M. Lynch#
Nelson's Sparrow				7/4 Ware R. IBA	4		M. Lynch#
7/22 Newbury	5	J. Drucker		8/29 Tyringham	6		M. Lynch#
Saltmarsh Sparrow				Red Crossbill			
7/3 P.I.	23	R. Heil		7/4 Quabbin	1		L. Therrien
7/8 Fairhaven	11	L. Waters		Pine Siskin			
7/8 S. Dart. (A.Pd)	51	MAS (Buchsbaum)		7/25 Colrain	1		M. Lynch
7/15 E. Boston (B.L.)	7	P. Peterson		7/29 Yarmouth Port	1		P. Bono
7/24 Barnstable	12	M. Lynch#		8/3-14 Westwood	1		E. Nielsen
Seaside Sparrow				8/24 Newbypt	1		S. Grinley
7/8 S. Dart. (A.Pd)	24	MAS (Buchsbaum)		8/31 Chatham	1		R. Schain
Swamp Sparrow				Evening Grosbeak			
7/3 Konkapot	22	M. Lynch#		7/25 Colrain	2		M. Lynch
7/9 GMNWR	10	A. Bragg#		8/29 Easton	1		E. Dalton
7/10 Ipswich	9	J. Berry					
7/12 Wakefield	7	P. + F. Vale					

ABBREVIATIONS FOR BIRD SIGHTINGS

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

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