

BIRD SIGHTINGS

January–February 2019

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Both January and February were warmer than normal with near average rainfall. Snowfall was just 13.7 inches in Boston, compared to the 26.1 inches during the same period in 2018. The new year of birding opened by welcoming birders with clear skies and a high of 37 degrees. The temperature for January averaged 31 degrees in Boston, 2 degrees above normal. The high temperature was 59 degrees on January 24, and the low was 5 degrees recorded on January 21 and 31. The first winter storm of the year hit on the night of January 19 and brought sleet, freezing rain, and snow throughout New England. Some areas north of Boston recorded up to 7 inches of snow and Berkshire County saw over 8 inches. Boston escaped with 1.6 inches of snow.

Punxsutawney Phil predicted an early spring this year. However, his counterpart in Massachusetts, Ms. G. who resides at Drumlin Farm, had a different take: she saw her own shadow and declared that we were set for six more weeks of winter. The average temperature for February was 34 degrees in Boston, 2 degrees above normal. Rainfall was 3.45 inches, slightly more than normal. Snowfall totaled 11.6 inches with measurable amounts falling on four days. The heaviest snow fell on February 18, Presidents' Day, coating southern New England with 5–6 inches of snow while Boston accumulated 3.6 inches. The high temperature for the month in Boston was an unseasonal 65 degrees on February 5, and the low was 10 degrees on February 1. Strong winds of 25–35 mph blasted through the state on February 25, knocking over trees and taking down power lines. Gusts up to 76 mph were recorded at Mount Tom in Holyoke.

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GEESE THROUGH HERONS

Ross's Goose was added to the state checklist 22 years ago, when two birds were found in the Sunderland/Hadley area. It's since been recorded from 11 counties in Massachusetts, missing only from Bristol, Plymouth, and Barnstable counties. The population of this species has increased almost exponentially since the 1990s and, together with a range expansion east, more of them are passing through or wintering in New England. With records this year in Salem (January) and Plum Island (February), Ross's Goose has been counted in the state every year now since 2008. A single **Greater White-fronted Goose** found in Rehoboth on February 16–17 was well below average for the period.

An adult **Trumpeter Swan** was present at Milford from January 28–February 13. This comes less than a year after the state's first accepted record of this species at Charlton, May 26–June 24, 2018. These birds presumably hail from the Great Lakes population, which now numbers around 10,000 swans. This population is entirely derived from birds brought from the Copper River in Alaska in the 1960s as part of a reintroduction program. After several generations the population is now considered wild and "countable." Massachusetts is not quite as far east as these birds have roamed. An immature was photographed in Nova Scotia in 2017, and the banding indicated it to be a wild bird from a nest in Cambridge, Ontario, just west of Toronto. As this population continues to expand we can probably expect our third record before not too long.

Tufted Ducks were reported from three counties. This species is almost annual to the

state and was only missed twice this century (2006, 2008). The northern *borealis* subspecies of Common Eider continues to be widely reported, no doubt due to a greater awareness among birders. The report from Bourne is the farthest south this taxon has been recorded this winter.

Hybrids were again the highlight of the duck news this period. The male Bufflehead x Common Goldeneye continued in Orleans from December until February 21. This hybrid taxon is rare; this year there are only five records across the country in California, New Mexico, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Massachusetts. The Orleans bird was first detected in April 2018 and is the only record for the state. The Common Goldeneye x Hooded Merganser from last period continued in Gloucester until January 26. Single Mallard x Northern Pintail hybrids were reported from Westport and Brookline and represent the first eBird records for Bristol and Suffolk Counties, respectively. The only other eBird records for this hybrid are from the Horn Pond area between 2015–2018.

An immature **Purple Gallinule** was found dead near a cattail marsh on the Cohasset golf course. There was no sign of injury and the finder speculated that the bird may have frozen to death. Purple Gallinules are an irregular visitor to the state, with adults being more common in the spring and immatures in the fall. This species is a renowned globe-trotting vagrant. From breeding populations in Florida, the Caribbean, and Central and South America, far-flung birds have managed to reach Iceland, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, and South Africa (more than 20 times). The Cohasset bird is one of only three birds reported north of Florida this year. **Common Gallinules** are rare winter visitors to the state. An immature continuing in Norfolk until January 10 may be the only winter record away from Nantucket and Cape Cod.

A couple of late shorebirds made the birding news this period. A Whimbrel present on Nantucket until January 23 is the first January record since 2000, and a Spotted Sandpiper at Harwich on January 3 is the third January record this century. These lingering shorebirds represent the most northerly records for the East Coast this winter.

The European **Mew Gull** (*Larus canus canus*) that was banded as a chick in Iceland in 2013 continued at Lynn Beach until early February. There are at least four European “Common” Gulls now wintering this side of the Atlantic: the adult Lynn bird (banded on the right leg), a Nova Scotia adult (unbanded), a Newfoundland adult (banded on the left leg), and a Newfoundland immature bird. The Lynn bird was joined by a second, unbanded adult Mew Gull on January 5. That bird looked a better candidate for the *kamtschatschensis* subspecies from the Russian Far East, with the caveat that this taxon is difficult to separate from the *heinei* subspecies of north Asia.

In other gull news, a hybrid adult Herring x Glaucous Gull flew past Gooseberry Neck on January 24 to become the first Bristol County record. This hybrid taxon was first described by Henry Henshaw in 1884. Henshaw was educated in Cambridge High School where he met William Brewster, founder of the Nuttall Ornithological Club and co-founder of the American Ornithologists’ Union (AOU). Henshaw named the gull *Larus nelsoni* after Mr. E. W. Nelson, an ornithologist from Alaska who collected the type specimen. Henshaw considered the gull to be a full species and the Pacific counterpart to Kumlien’s Gull (which he also considered to be a species but is now treated as a subspecies of Iceland Gull). It would take 40 years before the taxonomy was set straight. In 1925, Jonathan Dwight, who’d been a member of the AOU since its founding in 1883 and later became president in 1923, was worried that no breeding colonies of Nelson’s Gull had been discovered and that “no two of them are marked alike.” He suggested that the gull, which showed intermediate characteristics between Glaucous Gull and Herring Gull to be a hybrid between the two. He also questioned whether Kumlien’s was a true species.

Pacific Loons were photographed at Race Point and Falmouth. The latter is a rare inland

sighting, albeit from the brackish Salt Pond. This was the second record for Falmouth, after a report from Woods Hole in January 2003.

While Great Egrets head south for the winter, there has been a growing trend for some individuals to linger. This year there were at least four birds recorded in January, with one on Nantucket present until February 7. But that's about as far north as they come—there are no February records for birds north of Massachusetts.

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Snow Goose				1/1-2/28	Sandwich	1 f	M. Keleher#
1/1-1/19	Amherst	1	L. Therrien + v.o.	1/6	Edgartown	1 m	L. Johnson#
1/6	Chilmark	2	N. Houlihan#	2/2	Plymouth	1 f	B. Vigorito#
1/6	Rochester	1	J. Young	American Wigeon			
1/8-2/10	Middleton	1	P. + F. Vale + v.o.	2/9	Turner's Falls	7	P. Gagarin + v.o.
1/13	Saugus	3	S. Zende#	2/10	Plymouth	150	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)
1/21	Acushnet	2	A. Morgan	2/10	Swansea	58	M. Lynch#
1/22-2/3	New Bedford	1	B. King, C. Longworth	2/20-2/24	Pittsfield	1	G. Hurley + v.o.
1/23-2/5	Fairhaven	1	M. Bouchard + v.o.	American Black Duck			
2/8	DWWS	1	J. Norton#	1/1	Eastham	375	P. Trimble
2/18	Chatham	2	J. Trimble#	1/26	Westport	248	M. Lynch#
2/26	Nantucket	3	T. Pastuszak#	Northern Pintail			
Ross's Goose				1/1	PI	15	N. Landry
1/12	Salem	1 ph	C. Lapite#	1/4-2/28	Lee	1	J. Pierce + v.o.
2/10	PI	1 ph	S. Jones#	1/12	Barnstable	6	K. Fiske
Greater White-fronted Goose				1/13-2/25	Easthampton	3	T. Gessing + v.o.
2/16-2/17	Rehoboth	1 ph	D. Zimberlin + v.o.	1/29	Ipswich	14	J. Berry
Brant				2/7	Acton	8	W. Hutcheson
1/17	S. Boston	34	P. Peterson	2/16-2/20	Shrewsbury	2	T. Pirro + v.o.
1/31	PI	7	D. Prima	Mallard x Northern Pintail (hybrid)			
2/3	Fairhaven	772	M. Lynch#	1/15	Westport	1 m ph	R. Heil
2/16	W. Dennis	100	G. d'Entremont#	2/1-2/19	Brookline	1 m ph	M. McMahon + v.o.
2/18	Lowell	1	S. Sullivan	Green-winged Teal			
Cackling Goose				1/1-2/9	Pittsfield	1	G. Hurley
1/1-1/19	Turner's Falls	2 ph	J. Smith + v.o.	1/12	Fall River	3	H. Zimberlin
1/1-1/4	Sheffield/Egremont	2 max ph	G. Ward + v.o.	2/19	Salisbury	4	C. Blake
1/1-1/22	Dighton	1 ph	V. Zollo + v.o.	Canvasback			
1/7-1/17	Amherst	2 ph	Duncan, Zehnder+v.o.	1/6	Eastham	6	D. Bates
1/12-1/23	Brookline	1 ph	D. Bates + v.o.	1/6-1/10	Stockbridge	5	J. Pierce + v.o.
1/15	Rochester	1	N. Marchessault	1/23	W. Tisbury	2	P. Edmundson
1/19, 1/30	Middleton	1	S. Grinley#, R. Heil	1/29-2/16	Springfield	5	C. Roane
1/19	Sharon	1 ph	W. Sweet	Redhead			
1/21	Acushnet	1 ph	C. Longworth	1/1-1/29	Eastham	2	v.o.
1/23-1/30	New Bedford	1 ph	C. Longworth + v.o.	1/13-1/27	Cheshire	3	J. Pierce + v.o.
1/29	Ipswich	1	J. Berry	2/8	Turner's Falls	4	J. Rose + v.o.
2/13	Boston (FPK)	1 ph	S. Jones	Ring-necked Duck			
2/17	Rehoboth	1	A. Eckerson#	1/9	Southwick	4	D. Holmes
Mute Swan				1/14-1/19	Lee	3	J. Pierce + v.o.
2/10	Swansea	34	M. Lynch#	2/10	Plymouth	75	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)
Trumpeter Swan				2/12	Mashpee	225	M. Keleher#
1/28-2/13	Milford	1 ad ph	B. Robo + v.o.	2/22	Waltham	20	J. Forbes
Wood Duck				Tufted Duck			
1/1-1/2	Williamstown	4	M. Morales	1/1-2/23	Nantucket	1 m ph	v.o.
1/19	Sandwich	9	G. d'Entremont#	1/11-1/12	Andover	1 f ph	M. McCarthy + v.o.
1/25	Milton	15	P. Peterson	1/17-2/16	Harwich	1 m ph	M. Foti#
2/23	Stow	6	N. Tepper	Greater Scaup			
Blue-winged Teal				1/1-1/12	Clinton	39	J. Bourget, J. Johnson+v.o.
1/1-2/17	Barnstable	2	S. Matheny#	1/2	Haverhill	5	P. + F. Vale
Northern Shoveler				1/8	Falmouth	2000	P. Trimble
1/1	Chatham	2	F. Atwood	2/3	Fairhaven	1121	M. Lynch#
1/14	Fall River	2	A. Morgan	Lesser Scaup			
1/28-1/30	Sandwich	2	P. Kyle#	1/9	Gloucester (EP)	4	MAS (D. Moon)
2/23	Nantucket	9	J. Trimble#	2/8	Turner's Falls	4	J. Rose + v.o.
Gadwall				2/12	Mashpee	100	M. Keleher#
1/4	PI	22	T. Wetmore	2/26-2/27	Sharon	6	W. Sweet
2/3	Plymouth	75	G. d'Entremont#	King Eider			
2/3	Fairhaven	42	M. Lynch#	1/1-2/23	Bourne	1 ad m	M. Keleher#
Eurasian Wigeon				1/1-2/2	Sandwich	1 ad m	J. Johnson#
1/1-1/4	Somerset	1 m	J. Eckerson#	1/1-2/4	Gloucester (EP)	1 imm m	S. Williams + v.o.
1/1-2/3	Fairhaven	1 m	C. Longworth + v.o.	1/1-2/12	PI	1 ad T.	Wetmore + v.o.

King Eider (continued)

1/8-2/21	Hyannis	1 f	S. Matheny
1/15	Rockport (HPt)	1 f	J. Berry#
1/26	Boston H.	1 ad m	M. Mulqueen
2/14	Scituate	1 ad m	D. Peacock
2/19	Ipswich (CB)	3 m lad+2imm	H. Larsson

Common Eider

1/1	Crane B.	650	J. Berry#
1/12	Eastham	5000 SSBC	(W. Petersen)
1/19	Scusset B.	4000	G. d'Entremont#
2/3	Fairhaven	493	M. Lynch#
2/23	Nantucket	2200	J. Trimble#

Common Eider (Borealis)

1/1	Gloucester (EP)	1 f ph	S. Williams
1/1	Rockport (AP)	1 m ph	N. Dowling
2/23	Ipswich	1 m ph	S. Williams

Harlequin Duck

1/10	Nantucket	18	G. Andrews#
1/10	Yarmouth	7	P. Trimble
1/24	Westport	2	M. Iliff
2/10	N. Scituate	11	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)
2/14	Rockport	60	P. Peterson

Surf Scoter

1/18	Revere B.	7000	P. + F. Vale
2/3	Fairhaven	59	M. Lynch#

White-winged Scoter

1/26	Westport	41	M. Lynch#
2/23	Crane B.	200	J. Berry#

Black Scoter

1/18	Revere B.	5000	P. + F. Vale
2/23	Crane B.	1000	J. Berry#

Long-tailed Duck

1/3	Stockbridge	1	G. Ward, J. Pierce
1/4	Lee	3	J. Pierce + v.o.
2/3	Fairhaven	102	M. Lynch#
2/8	Ipswich	4	J. Berry

Bufflehead

1/3	Cheshire	1	L. Runaldue
2/3	Fairhaven	815	M. Lynch#
2/16	Falmouth	182	G. d'Entremont#

Common Goldeneye

thr	Turner's Falls	280 max	J. Layfield + v.o.
1/2	Mashpee	103	M. Keleher#
1/2-1/9	Stockbridge	3	J. Pierce
1/14	Wachusett Res.	66	M. Lynch#
2/3	Fairhaven	952	M. Lynch#

Bufflehead X Common Goldeneye (hybrid)

thr-2/21	Orleans	1 m ph	v.o.
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Common Goldeneye X Hooded Merganser (hybrid)

1/6-1/26	Gloucester	1	L. Ireland + v.o.
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Barrow's Goldeneye

1/12	Lowell	1	D. McDermott
1/16-1/29	E. Boston	1 m	J. Layman + v.o.
1/22-2/3	Fairhaven	2 m	M. Sylvia
2/8	Scituate	1	D. Peacock
2/18	W. Newbury	1 f	K. Wilmarth
2/27	Sharon	2	K. Ryan
2/28	Mashpee	2	P. Crosson

Hooded Merganser

1/1	Ipswich	35	J. Berry#
1/5	Arlington Res.	50	J. Guion
1/15	Barnstable	185	D. Furbish
1/16-2/27	Ware	36 max	L. Therrien
1/26	Acoaxet	19	M. Lynch#
2/17	Quabog IBA	57	M. Lynch#
2/23-2/26	Sharon	223	L. Waters + v.o.

Common Merganser

1/2	Stockbridge	228	J. Pierce
1/6	Quabog IBA	196	M. Lynch#
1/9	Southwick	287	D. Holmes
1/14	Medford	343	K. Dia
1/19	Harwich	250	S. Finnegan

Red-breasted Merganser

1/22	Quabbin Pk	1	L. Therrien
1/26	Acoaxet	47	M. Lynch#
2/9	Wachusett Res.	1	S. Williams
2/15	Waltham	1	J. Forbes
2/15-2/16	Sharon	1	W. Sweet

Ruddy Duck

1/1-2/11	Eastham	20 max	v.o.
1/15	Harwich	48	S. Finnegan
2/27	Orange	1	D. Small

Northern Bobwhite

1/2	Truro	1	D. Clapp#
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Ring-necked Pheasant

1/2	Worcester	1	J. Ferrie
1/19	Windsor	2	R. Wendell
2/4	Squantum	1	J. Hoye#

Ruffed Grouse

1/1	Charlemont	3	C. Hyytinen
1/19	Plymouth	1	L. Schibley#

Wild Turkey

1/3	Mattapan (BNC)	34	P. Peterson
1/5	Edgartown	82	J. Trimble#
1/5	Wellfleet	36	M. Faherty
1/26	Westport	80	G. d'Entremont
1/29	Wendell	45	J. Rose
2/22	Templeton	134	T. Pirro
2/23	Hadley	43	L. Therrien

Pied-billed Grebe

1/12	Eastham	1	SSBC (W. Petersen)
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Horned Grebe

1/2	Quabbin Pk	9	D. Marchant
1/13-2/24	Wachusett Res.	2	T. Pirro
2/3	Fairhaven	23	M. Lynch#

Red-necked Grebe

1/3	PI	8	T. Wetmore
1/22	Quabbin Pk	1	L. Therrien
1/23	P'town (RP)	30	A. Kneidel
2/9-2/27	Wachusett Res.	1	S. Williams + v.o.

Eared Grebe

1/1-1/26	P'town	1	phS. Schwenk + v.o.
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Virginia Rail

1/1-1/6	Northbridge	2	R. Jenkins + v.o.
1/1	Peabody	1	R. Heil
1/10	Swampscott	1	R. Heil
2/1	Marshfield	1	D. Peacock

Purple Gallinule

1/7	Cohasset	1	imm ph d S. Avery
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Common Gallinule

1/1-1/10	Norfolk	1	immM. Pierre-Louis
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American Coot

1/11-1/12	Fall River	1	E. Lipton + v.o.
1/13-1/16	Jamaica Plain	4	T. Bradford + v.o.
2/5	Wellesley	4	D. Hursh

Sandhill Crane

1/10	W. Newbury	5	C. Decker
1/14-2/16	E. Bridgewater	3	W. + A. Childs + v.o.

Black-bellied Plover

1/13-2/10	Westport	1	A. Eckerson + v.o.
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Killdeer

1/13	Beverly	1	D. Brewster#
2/15	Acton	1	W. Hutcheson
2/16	Falmouth	1	G. d'Entremont#
2/16	Shrewsbury	1	T. Pirro
2/17	Nantucket	1	R. Ouren
2/20-2/21	N. Dighton	1	J. Eckerson + v.o.

Whimbrel

1/1-1/23	Nantucket	1	v.o.
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Ruddy Turnstone

2/3	Fairhaven	18	C. Longworth
2/3	Quincy	5	S. Williams#

Dunlin

1/1	Eastham (FH)	790	F. Atwood
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Purple Sandpiper				2/13	BHI (Deer I.)	30	P. Peterson
1/6	Nantucket	35	T. Pastuszak#	2/14	Scituate	2	D. Peacock
1/15	Rockport	45	J. Berry#	2/17	Quabbin Pk	2	L. Therrien
1/25	Gloucester (BR)	53	P. + F. Vale	2/19	W. Newbury	5	K. Wilmarth
2/10	N. Scituate	50	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)	2/28	Taunton	2	K. Ryan
American Woodcock							
2/22	N. Dighton	2	A. Eckerson	thr	Turner's Falls	3 max	J. Smith + v.o.
2/23	Cumb. Farms	2	J. Young	2/17	Sharon	3 2ad+1imm	W. Sweet
Spotted Sandpiper							
1/3	Harwich	1	D. Gray				
Pomarine Jaeger							
1/5	Rockport (AP)	1	R. Heil				
Dovekie							
1/1, 2/6	Rockport (AP)	3,3	N. Dowling				
1/26	P'town (RP)	3	D. McQuade#				
2/14-2/22	Rockport (HPt)	1	C. Brown + v.o.				
2/23	Gloucester	1	Athol BC (E. LeBlanc)				
Common Murre							
1/5	Rockport (AP)	10	R. Heil				
1/6, 2/23	P'town (RP)	31,3	P. Flood, B. Nikula#				
2/23	Jeffreys L.	15	S. + J. Mirick				
Thick-billed Murre							
1/5	Rockport (AP)	7	R. Heil				
1/19	Rockport (HPt)	3	I. Pepper				
1/26	P'town (RP)	12	D. McQuade#				
2/20	Gloucester (EP)	4	K. Hochgraf				
Razorbill							
1/5, 1/27	Rockport (AP)	66,24	R. Heil, J. Keeley#				
1/6	PI	12	T. Wetmore				
1/15	Boston	27	N. Dorian#				
1/24	Westport	4	M. Iliif				
2/14	Scituate	18	D. Peacock				
Black Guillemot							
2/4	Rockport (AP)	3	B. Filemyr, C. Hitt				
2/17	P'town	3	L. Waters#				
Atlantic Puffin							
1/5	Rockport (AP)	5	R. Heil				
2/23	Jeffreys L.	1	S. + J. Mirick				
Black-legged Kittiwake							
1/5, 1/27	Rockport (AP)	68,24	R. Heil, J. Keeley#				
1/6	P'town (RP)	170	P. Flood				
Black-headed Gull							
1/24-2/15	Hyannis	2	P. Trimble#				
1/30-2/9	W. Dennis	1 ad ph	N. Villone#				
2/3	Wollaston	1 ad ph	S. Williams#				
Mew Gull (European)							
1/5-2/6	Lynn	1 ad b ph	S. Sullivan+v.o.				
Mew Gull							
1/5-2/4	Lynn	1 ad ph	S. Sullivan+v.o.				
Herring x Glaucous Gull (hybrid)							
1/24	Westport	1 ad ph	M. Iliif				
Iceland Gull							
1/1-1/12	Lunenburg	2	T. Pirro+v.o.				
thr	Turner's Falls	10 max	J. Smith + v.o.				
1/9	Gloucester	3	MAS (D. Moon)				
1/14-1/28	Lowell	2	D. McDermott + v.o.				
2/7	Sharon	3	W. Sweet				
2/10	P'town (RP)	38	B. Nikula#				
Lesser Black-backed Gull							
thr	Turner's Falls	3 max	J. Smith + v.o.				
2/17	Sharon	3 2ad+1imm	W. Sweet				
Glaucous Gull							
1/17	BHI (Deer I.)	2 1W	T. Bradford				
1/22-2/26	Turner's Falls	4 max	J. Smith + v.o.				
1/26	Lawrence	2 imm	R. Heil#				
Red-throated Loon							
1/26	Acoaxet	2	M. Lynch#				
2/9	Wachusett Res.	2	S. Williams				
Pacific Loon							
1/6-2/23	P'town (RP)	1 ph	P. Flood + v.o.				
1/30-1/31	Falmouth	1 ph	E. Dalton#				
Common Loon							
1/14	Wachusett Res.	4	M. Lynch#				
1/26	Westport	22	M. Lynch#				
2/8	Ipswich	17	J. Berry				
Northern Fulmar							
2/23	Jeffreys L.	42	S. + J. Mirick				
Northern Gannet							
1/5	Rockport (AP)	12	R. Heil				
1/6	PI	4	T. Wetmore				
2/16	Salisbury	6	A. Gurka#				
2/23	Jeffreys L.	4	S. + J. Mirick				
Double-crested Cormorant							
1/2	Ipswich	1 imm	J. Berry				
1/2-1/15	Cambridge	1	J. Thomas + v.o.				
1/4-1/11	Randolph	1	M. McMahon + v.o.				
1/8	Wayland	1	J. Forbes + v.o.				
1/9-1/11	Andover	1	M. McCarthy				
Great Cormorant							
1/1	Sandwich	27	R. Hodson				
1/1-1/3	Ware	1	C. Allen# + v.o.				
1/6	Cuttyhunk I.	52	M. Sylvia				
1/15	Rockport	15	J. Berry#				
1/26	Westport	11	M. Lynch#				
2/27-2/28	Medford	2	B. Lee + v.o.				
American Bittern							
1/2	N. Truro	1	P. Flood#				
2/2	Quincy	1	P. Syski#				
2/9	PI	1	N. Duncklee				
Great Blue Heron							
1/6	Worcester	5	P. Dufault				
2/8	Cambridge	8	K. Johnson				
Great Egret							
1/1	Westport	1	D. Hlousek				
1/1-2/7	Nantucket	1	T. Pastuszak#				
1/4-1/30	Barnstable	1	J. Rapp#				
1/6-1/17	Eastham	1	J. Wagner#				
Black-crowned Night-Heron							
1/5	Vineyard Haven	19	R. Bierregaard				
1/15	S. Dart. (APd)	1	J. Eckerson#				

VULTURES THROUGH DICKCISSEL

Raptor highlights during the period included continuing high numbers of Black Vultures, especially in southwestern Berkshire County, where as many as 68 were counted in Sheffield. This was an increase from last year's high count of 35 birds for the same period. Cumberland Farms has always been a traditional destination for winter raptors. High counts this year included 13 Northern Harriers, five Rough-legged Hawks, and three Short-eared Owls. A dead cow carcass in the farm fields of Montague attracted almost equal numbers of carrion feeders and birdwatchers. Up to 19 Bald Eagles were recorded there on February 15 together with 13 competing Common Ravens. An immature **Golden Eagle**, also drawn to the carcass, was present in the area for almost a month.

Perhaps the most notable bird of the period was Barred Owl. Many observers in Massachusetts and New England reported high numbers of the species, including Josh Rose, who encountered 49 birds mostly during the day in areas near his home in central Massachusetts. Tufts Wildlife Clinic in Grafton received over 100 Barred Owls that were brought to their facility for treatment, rehabilitation, and eventual release to the wild. Many appeared emaciated. A lack of sufficient food may have driven many to hunt along the roadways, where many were hit by cars.

A winter roost of crows is an impressive sight. In Lawrence, an estimated 20,000 American Crows roosted in early January. These communal roosts may return to a location for a few years or may shift to another place in response to changing conditions. The crow roost in Lawrence has been studied on many occasions. For further information, see “A History of Winter Crow Roosts and a Visit to a Roost in Lawrence, Massachusetts” by Dana Duxbury-Fox in the February 2018 issue of *Bird Observer* (Duxbury-Fox 2018).

The Truro Christmas Bird Count (CBC) on January 2 reported high counts of some lingering passerines including 29 Hermit Thrushes as well as an unusually high count of **497** Red-breasted Nuthatches. Among the vagrants this period was a **Varied Thrush** from Nantucket and some holdovers from December, including a cooperative **Le Conte’s Sparrow** in Lakeville and a not-so-cooperative **Painted Bunting**, which made brief appearances in a Verizon parking lot in Newtonville. Other noteworthy reports included a **Red-headed Woodpecker** in Pembroke and **Bohemian Waxwings** in Williamstown, Plymouth, and the Truro CBC.

Good numbers of winter finches continued during the period. **Pine Grosbeaks**, Evening Grosbeaks, and Red Crossbills were all reported in higher numbers during this period compared to the previous two months. In contrast, there were no confirmed reports of White-winged Crossbills in the state nor in much of New England.

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Black Vulture				Red-tailed Hawk			
1/1-2/9	Sheffield	68 max	T. Schaefer + v.o.	2/16	Montague	10	S. Zhang
1/15	S. Dart. (APd)	24	J. Eckerson#	2/23	Hardwick	13	M. Lynch#
2/18	Westfield	8	D. Scott	Rough-legged Hawk			
2/22	Wrentham	6	C. Caron	1/3-2/12	PI	3	T. Wetmore + v.o.
Turkey Vulture				1/14	Rowley	2 lt	J. Berry
1/15	Dartmouth	37	R. Heil	1/26-1/27	Hadley	2 dk+lt	J. Oliverio + v.o.
1/18	Blackstone	36	E. Kittredge	2/3-2/23	Cumb. Farms	5	E. Nielsen + v.o.
2/17	Westfield	29	D. Holmes	2/23	Salisbury	2	J. Smith
Bald Eagle				Golden Eagle			
1/19	Wachusett Res.	6 max	D. Dow	1/1	Ipswich	1 imm ph	N. Dubrow#
1/22-2/21	Montague	19 max	J. Rose + v.o.	1/6	Williamstown	1 imm ph	C. Jones
1/23	Ipswich	7	J. Berry	1/23-2/17	Montague	1 imm ph	D. Schell + v.o.
Northern Harrier				1/30	PI+Newbury	1 ph	MAS(D.Moon)#
1/4	Cumb. Farms	13	M. Sylvia	Barn Owl			
1/4-1/26	Ashley Falls	2 1m+1f	G. Ward + v.o.	thr	Nantucket	2 max	v.o.
1/30	PI	6	MAS (D. Moon)	1/5	Edgartown	1	J. Trimble#
2/5	Lynnfield	6	R. Heil	Eastern Screech-Owl			
Sharp-shinned Hawk				1/13	Cape Ann	4	B. Harris
thr	Indiv. reported from 25 locations			Great Horned Owl			
Cooper’s Hawk				1/1	PI	2	N. Landry
1/15	Rockport	2 1ad+1imm	J. Berry#	1/18	Boston (AA)	2	R. Mayer
Red-shouldered Hawk				1/25	Milton	2	P. Peterson
thr	Indiv. reported from 29 locations			2/3	Amherst	3	S. Zhang

Snowy Owl									
1/6	Penikese I.	2	M. Sylvia#						
1/30	Winthrop	3	P. Peterson						
2/5	PI	5	T. Graham						
2/5-2/23	Salisbury	2	T. Graham + v.o.						
2/18	Westport	2	R. Whittaker						
2/22	Nantucket	5	B. Balkind						
Barred Owl									
thr	1-2 birds reported from 43 locations								
1/2-thr	Deerfield	7	max D. Sibley + v.o.						
1/13-1/29	Montague	11	L. Pelland + v.o.						
2/10	Woburn (HP)	3	D. Littaur#						
2/23	Barnstable	2	S. Matheny						
Long-eared Owl									
1/1-1/27	Saugus	1	S. Zende# + v.o.						
1/20	E. Boston (BI)	1	J. Coleman#						
1/30	Marshfield	2	D. Peacock						
Short-eared Owl									
1/12	Nantucket	3	J. Wagner#						
2/10	PI	3	F. Morello						
2/16-2/23	Cumb. Farms	3	V. Zollo + v.o.						
Northern Saw-whet Owl									
2/9	Harvard	1	N. Tepper						
2/19	Pittsfield	1	Z. Adams						
Belted Kingfisher									
1/1	Sheffield	3	T. Schaefer						
1/1-2/2	Northampton	2	M. McKitrick + v.o.						
1/6	Quabog IBA	2	M. Lynch#						
1/12	Plymouth	2	G. d'Entremont#						
Red-headed Woodpecker									
2/3-2/10	Pembroke	1	immJ. Galluzzo + v.o.						
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker									
thr	Indiv. reported from 22 locations								
1/18	Ipswich	2	ad 1m+1f J. Berry#						
1/21	Boston (AA)	2	J. Young						
Hairy Woodpecker									
1/12, 2/3	PI	4	D. Adrien						
1/26	Harvard	8	N. Tepper						
Northern Flicker									
1/15	Uxbridge	6	D. Gauthier						
2/3	Fairhaven	9	M. Lynch#						
Pileated Woodpecker									
1/4	Wayland	3	B. Harris						
2/8	IRWS	3	J. MacDougall						
American Kestrel									
thr	Indiv. reported from 11 locations								
1/1	Saugus	2	S. Zende#						
2/3	Southwick	2	S. Kellogg						
Merlin									
thr	Indiv. reported from 31 locations								
Peregrine Falcon									
1/1	PI	2	N. Landry						
1/2	Arlington	2	P. Devaney						
1/9	W. Roxbury (MP)	2	M. Iliif						
1/15	Boston	2	N. Dorian#						
2/4	Woburn (HP)	2	B. Lee						
2/5	Wenham	2	A. Bailey						
Eastern Phoebe									
thr	Indiv. reported from 9 locations								
Northern Shrike									
thr	Indiv. reported from 15 locations								
thr-2/2	Windsor	2	S. Surner + v.o.						
1/18	Middleton	2	A. Bean						
American Crow									
1/4	Lawrence	20000	C. Gibson#						
Fish Crow									
1/6	Carver	200	SSBC (P. Jacobson)						
1/12	Blackstone	27	M. Lynch#						
1/15	Needham	75	J. Offermann						
1/26	Lawrence	50	J. Berry#						
2/17	Pittsfield	12	J. Jew + v.o.						
2/28	Fall River	21	L. Abbey						
Common Raven									
1/22-2/19	Montague	16	J. Rose + v.o.						
2/2	Dartmouth	5	A. Eckerson#						
2/16	Lexington (DM)	3	E. Nielsen						
2/17	Belchertown	8	D. Griffiths						
2/17	PI	4	T. Wetmore						
2/17	Quabbin	3	M. Lynch#						
Horned Lark									
1/1-1/10	Sheffield	126	C. Rathbun#						
1/4-1/17	Northampton	150	M. McKitrick + v.o.						
1/12	Eastham (FH)	30	SSBC (W. Petersen)						
1/26	PI	38	N. Landry						
1/27	Saugus	111	S. Zende#						
1/27	Wachusett Res.	29	J. Shea						
2/1	Duxbury B.	29	C. Whitebread#						
2/3	Deerfield	305	L. Waters						
2/10	Acton	70	C. Martone						
Red-breasted Nuthatch									
1/2	Truro	497	CBC (M. Faherty)						
1/7	Montague	10	J. Rose + v.o.						
1/8	Boston (AA)	10	P. Peterson						
1/17	Sharon	55	V. Zollo						
1/26	MSSF	12	A. Kneidel						
2/4	Easton	24	J. Sweeney						
Brown Creeper									
1/1-1/2	Boston (AA)	3	S. Jones						
1/3	GMNWR	4	Z. Casteel#						
2/16	Granville	5	B. O'Connell						
House Wren									
thr	Indiv. reported from 6 locations								
Winter Wren									
thr	1-2 birds reported from 37 locations								
1/15	Westport	4	R. Heil						
2/22	Reading	3	J. Keeley						
Marsh Wren									
thr	Indiv. reported from 6 locations								
1/15	S. Dart. (APd)	3	J. Eckerson#						
2/5	Nantucket	2	S. Kardell						
Carolina Wren									
1/15	Westport	25	R. Heil						
1/26	Westport	21	G. d'Entremont						
1/26	Acoaxet	16	M. Lynch#						
2/16	Falmouth	10	G. d'Entremont#						
Golden-crowned Kinglet									
1/26	Westport	4	M. Lynch#						
1/27	Hadley	6	C. Russell						
2/13	Lenox	4	K. Hanson						
Ruby-crowned Kinglet									
thr	Indiv. reported from 21 locations								
1/1	Uxbridge	2	R. Holden						
2/10	Seekonk	2	J. Knowlton#						
Eastern Bluebird									
1/2	Wellfleet	27	K. Yakola#						
1/5	Chappaquiddick	28	A. Kneidel						
1/6	Athol	16	G. Watkevich						
1/15	Westport	27	R. Heil						
1/26	Egremont	15	K. Hanson						
2/12	Amherst	21	S. Zhang						
Hermit Thrush									
1/2	Truro	29	CBC (M. Faherty)						
1/13	Cape Ann	5	B. Harris						
1/15	Westport	15	R. Heil						
2/3	Ellisville	3	G. d'Entremont#						
Varied Thrush									
2/17-2/28	Nantucket	1	ph T. Pastuszak#						
Gray Catbird									
thr-2/15	Williamstown	3	C. Jones + v.o.						
1/11	E. Bridgewater	3	J. Carlisle						
1/15	S. Dart. (APd)	16	J. Eckerson#						
2/16	Falmouth	3	G. d'Entremont#						
Brown Thrasher									
1/2	Truro	1	CBC (P. Flood)						

Brown Thrasher (continued)				1/29	Lee	150	J. Pierce
1/3	W. Newbury	1	R. Heil	2/2	P'town (RP)	100	P. Flood
1/15	S. Dart. (APd)	3	J. Eckerson#	2/3	Deerfield	220	L. Waters
2/2	Nantucket	1	S. Kardell	Eastern Towhee			
Bohemian Waxwing				1/15	S. Dart. (APd)	9	J. Eckerson#
1/2	Truro	1	P. Trimble#	2/16	Falmouth	3	G. d'Entremont#
1/12	Williamstown	1 ph	A. Hale	American Tree Sparrow			
1/31-2/3	Plymouth	1 ph	P. Jacobson	1/6	Westboro	65	T. Spahr
Cedar Waxwing				1/18	Longmeadow	58	C. Volker
1/19	Adams	240	K. Hansen	1/26-2/3	Hadley (Honeypt)	100 max	S. Zhang + v.o.
2/8	Hadley	135	J. Rose	Chipping Sparrow			
2/20	W. Boylston	200	B. Abbott	1/6	Waltham	5	J. Forbes
American Pipit				1/19	Medfield	3	J. Bock
1/1	Saugus	1	S. Zende#	1/28	Concord	9	D. Swain
1/3	Lakeville	15	C. Floyd#	Clay-colored Sparrow			
1/6	Penikese I.	2	M. Sylvia#	1/1-1/18	Brookline	1 ph	R. Doherty + v.o.
1/7	Eastham	2	K. Schopp	1/1-1/19	Ashley Falls	1 ph	G. Ward + v.o.
Evening Grosbeak				1/11-1/23	Northborough	1 ph	S. Miller + v.o.
thr	Reported from 31 locations			Field Sparrow			
1/1-2/4	Monterey	34 max	P. Banducci+v.o.	1/12	Bolton	3	N. Tepper
1/1-2/10	Orange	38 max	D. Small + v.o.	1/15	Westport	3	R. Heil
1/5-2/26	Royalston	125 max	E. LeBlanc+v.o.	1/19	Sandwich	10	P. Trimble
1/7	Medway	16	B. Roberts-Lee	1/19-2/5	Hadley	3 max	L. Therrien+v.o.
1/13	Wellfleet	43	P. Flood	1/26	Plymouth	28	L. Schibley#
1/18	Ipswich	63	A. Scholten	Vesper Sparrow			
1/26	Marshfield	15	L. Norton	1/3	Falmouth	1	G. Hirth#
2/20	Lexington (DM)	15	C. Gras	1/6	Lakeville	1	B. Vigorito#
Pine Grosbeak				1/16	Ashley Falls	1	G. Ward
1/1-2/6	Windsor	29 max	C. Johnson+v.o.	2/2	Nantucket	1	S. Kardell
1/7	Medway	2	B. Roberts-Lee	Savannah Sparrow			
1/11-2/19	Williamstown	16 max	M. Morales+v.o.	thr-2/24	Ashley Falls	8	G. Ward#
1/15-2/16	Gardner	8	T. Pirro + v.o.	1/15	S. Dart. (APd)	7	J. Eckerson#
1/31	Scituate	2	J. Frost	1/21-2/23	Hadley (Honeypt)	12 max	M. McKittrick+v.o.
2/7	Lenox	12	M. Caron	2/10	Cumb. Farms	5	J. Sweeney
Purple Finch				2/18	W. Boxford	5	T. Walker
1/4	Ipswich	5	M. Watson#	Savannah Sparrow (Ipswich Sparrow)			
1/5	Lexington (DM)	9	J. Young	1/27-2/4	Hadley (Honeypt)	1 ph	S. Zhang + v.o.
2/4	Boston (AA)	16	S. Jones#	2/14-2/15	Northampton	1 ph	B. Bieda, D. Schell
2/8	Wellfleet	16	P. Trimble	2/20	Northborough	1	S. Miller
2/10	Burrage Pd WMA13	SSBC (G. d'Entremont)		LeConte's Sparrow			
Common Redpoll				1/1-1/6	Lakeville	1 ph	V. Zollo + v.o.
1/2	Truro	25	M. Faherty#	Fox Sparrow			
1/31-2/27	Easthampton	104 max	M. McKittrick+v.o.	thr	Indiv. reported from 19 locations		
2/1	Burrage Pd WMA42		P. LoCicero	1/15	S. Dart. (APd)	2	J. Eckerson#
2/3	Lexington (DM)	42	N. Ulrich#	1/21, 2/20	Boston (AA)	2	J. Young, S. Jones
2/6	Pittsfield	40	Z. Adams + v.o.	Swamp Sparrow			
2/10	Deerfield	65	J. Eckerson	1/4-1/30	Amherst	3 max	M. McKittrick+v.o.
2/17	PI	100	S. Babbitt	1/15	Westport	6	R. Heil
2/27	Harvard	80	J. Flag	1/18	Ipswich	3	J. Eckerson#
Red Crossbill				1/26	Concord	3	T. Swain#
1/1	Sharon	23 Type 10	W. Sweet	2/3	Plymouth	6	N. Tepper
1/2	Truro	38	CBC (M. Faherty)	White-crowned Sparrow			
2/3	MSSF	24	N. Marchessault	thr	Ashley Falls	18 max	J. Drucker + v.o.
2/4	Easton	8	J. Sweeney	1/3-thr	Northampton	41 max	A. Hulsey
2/6	Chestnut Hill	8 Type 10	M. Iliff	2/10	Cumb. Farms	12	J. Sweeney
Pine Siskin				Dark-eyed Junco			
thr	Reported from 26 locations			1/19	Ashley Falls	100	G. Ward
1/1-1/5	Holden	39 max	D. Mahoney	1/19	Ipswich	45	J. Berry
1/1-1/4	Orange	20 max	L. Boudreau	1/27	Hadley (Honeypt)	100 max	S. Zhang + v.o.
1/2	Truro	107	CBC (M. Faherty)	2/23	Hardwick	48	M. Lynch#
1/7-1/25	Granville	100 max	D. Holmes	Yellow-breasted Chat			
2/1	Sharon	42	W. Sweet	thr	Indiv. reported from 14 locations		
2/3	Concord	45	T. Swain	1/15	Westport	2	R. Heil
2/10	Boston (AA)	16	M. Mulqueen	Eastern Meadowlark			
2/11	Middleton	20	L. Wagner	1/15	S. Dart. (APd)	21	J. Eckerson#
Lapland Longspur				2/2	DWWS	16	R. Timberlake
1/7-2/19	Northampton	5	J. Oliverio, A. Hulsey+v.o.	2/3	W. Newbury	9	C. Decker
1/22-2/8	Hadley (Honeypt)	3	M. Locher + v.o.	2/10	Cumb. Farms	5	E. Nielsen
1/25	Williamstown	2	M. Morales	2/23	Falmouth	6	R. Stymeist
2/2	Gill	4	J. Eckerson, L. Waters	Baltimore Oriole			
Snow Bunting				1/1	Orleans	1 ph	K. Yakola#
1/26	PI	87	P. + F. Vale	1/1-1/19	E. Brookfield	1 ph	C. McRae
				1/10	Barnstable	1 ph	P. Trimble

Brown-headed Cowbird thr	Amherst	166 max	S. Surner	1/17	Barnstable (SN)	1	E. Vacchino	
1/16	DWWS	30	J. Smith	1/17	Amherst	1	L. Therrien	
1/25	Wayland	47	B. Harris	1/19	Rockport	1	N. Dubrow#	
2/7	Sheffield	40	R. Wendell	Black-throated Blue Warbler	1/1-1/12	Brookline	1	P. Peterson + v.o.
Rusty Blackbird				1/1-1/18	Reading	1	D. Williams	
1/4	Ashley Falls	4	C. Blake	Palm Warbler				
1/13	Randolph	6	J. Meigs	1/1	Concord	1	S. Perkins	
1/15	New Braintree	2	R. Jenkins	1/2	Nantucket	3	R. Ouren	
1/16-2/10	Barnstable	3	D. Furbish#	1/7	Brewster	1	C. Bates	
1/30	Wayland	28	A. McCarthy#	1/15	Westport	2 western	R. Heil	
2/4	Lynnfield	13	C. Martone	1/25	Wareham	1	N. Marchessault	
Common Grackle				Pine Warbler				
1/3	Boston (FPk)	250	P. Peterson	1/1-1/5	Sherborn	1	K. Winkler	
1/6	Randolph	45	J. Young	1/15	Westport	1	R. Heil	
2/13	Millbury	100	D. Miles	1/21	Cumb. Farms	2	J. Sweeney	
Ovenbird				Yellow-rumped Warbler				
1/6	Barnstable	1	J. Trimble#	1/1	Ipswich	9	F. Hareau	
Northern Waterthrush				1/2	Truro	207	CBC (M. Faherty)	
1/13	Nantucket	1	S. Kardell	1/12	Medfield	8	J. Bock	
Orange-crowned Warbler thr	Indiv. reported from 10 locations			1/18-2/28	Uxbridge	5	N. Demers + v.o.	
Nashville Warbler				1/26	Plymouth	12	L. Schibley#	
1/19	E. Boston (BI)	1	J. Forbes	Painted Bunting				
Common Yellowthroat				1/1-1/4	Newton	1 m ph	J.Hesteman+v.o.	
1/1	Hadley	1	N. Kahn	Dickcissel				
1/1-1/9	Northfield	1	J. Smith	1/1-1/26	Georgetown	1	M. Watson + v.o.	
1/3	Newton	1	J. Forbes	1/2	Brookline	1	P. Peterson	
1/10	MSSF	1	E. Vacchino	1/7	Ipswich	1	F. Bouchard#	
1/15	S. Dart. (APd)	1	J. Eckerson#	1/21-1/27	Acton	1	H. Horton + v.o.	
				1/22-thr	Gloucester	1	P. Hackett	



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BYGONE BIRDS

Historical Highlights for January–February

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5 YEARS AGO

January–February 2014



A **Golden Eagle** spent the second half of February at the south end of Quabbin Reservoir. Elsewhere, the story was of lingering birds: a **Mew Gull** on Nantucket stayed until January 1, the **Harris's Sparrow** in Wenham lasted until January 11, and the long-staying **Bullock's Oriole** first discovered visiting feeders in Chelmsford on November 15 was last seen on January 25. A **Yellow-headed Blackbird** was reliable throughout the period in the Cumberland Farm fields, and **Western Tanagers** were reported from Gloucester and Truro.

Best sighting: The **Ross's Goose** found in Ipswich on Christmas Day 2013 stayed until New Year's Day, making it onto many birders' 2014 year lists.

10 YEARS AGO

January–February 2009



A **Pink-footed Goose** present at Sider's Pond in Falmouth from January 12–15 was the second record for the state, coming 10 years after the first in Dennis. **Pacific Loons** were one-day wonders at Wellfleet and Race Point. An **Eared Grebe** in Falmouth continued until January 16. A Slaty-backed Gull present at Turners Falls for a week in February was the first inland record for the state. White-winged Crossbills seemed to be everywhere, including more than 150 birds on Plum Island. Feeder birds included a continuing **Summer Tanager** in Orleans, and a **Yellow-headed Blackbird** in Salisbury.

Best sighting: an adult **Ivory Gull** was found on January 17 at Eastern Point, the first record since 1985. Three days later, a second adult was found at Plymouth.

20 YEARS AGO

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January–February 1999

A **Pink-footed Goose** discovered on a golf course in Dennis in mid-January was retroactively accepted almost 20 years later—making it the state first—after it was clear that these winter occurrences were almost certainly genuine vagrants not escapes. A **Greater White-fronted Goose** in Hadley was the second record for Western Massachusetts. **Tundra Swans** were reported from Westport, Worcester, and Lakeville and a **Tufted Duck** was at Wachusett Reservoir on January 1. Also seen on New Year’s Day was the Logan Airport **Gyr Falcon** originally found at the end of December. A **Crested Caracara** spent a week in Middleboro in early January. At the time the bird was assumed to be an escape. Since then a clear pattern of extralimital wandering has been established and this bird was later accepted as the state first. Seven **Red-headed Woodpeckers** wintered around the state.

Best sighting: an **Ancient Murrelet** at Rockport on February 5 was the third record for the state (the first and second coming in 1992 and 1998). Since then, there have been no further records.

40 YEARS AGO



JUNE, 1979
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January–February 1979

An adult **Tundra Swan** (or “Whistling Swan” as it was then called) continued in the Plum Island–Ipswich area until January 10. Four–five days after a report of a “purple bird with yellow legs” was received from Chatham, an adult **Purple Gallinule** was captured on Morris Island and later released at Felix Neck, Martha’s Vineyard. Also from Chatham was a Black Vulture found on December 19. An immature male **Black-headed Grosbeak** visited a feeder in Lexington during February.

Best sighting: the biggest **Great Gray Owl** incursion ever witnessed in the northeast (and the only one since the winter of 1890-91) continued with at least 15 individuals present in February. 🦉

ABBREVIATIONS FOR BIRD SIGHTINGS

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

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

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE BIRD SIGHTINGS TO *BIRD OBSERVER*

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