

BIRD SIGHTINGS

March–April 2019

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They say meteorological spring starts on March 1, but this year the month came in like a lion with a weekend storm bringing over a foot of snow to Boston. Despite the unseasonably cold weather and the subzero wind chills in the first eight days of the month, the average temperature for March ended up near average at 39 degrees. A high temperature of 70 degrees on the last day of the month coincided with a peak gust of 53 mph from the south. Rainfall in March totaled 2.95 inches, 1.37 inches below normal. Snowfall in Boston was 13.5 inches with most of that—12.6 inches—noted on the first weekend of the month.

The start of April was similarly unrepresentative of the coming month: a sunny start was followed by exceptionally dismal weather with 21 days of measurable precipitation, the highest for any month since recordkeeping began in 1872. The previous record was 19 days set in April 1912 and December 2007. Although the rain may have felt relentless, the actual amount did not break the April record: the total for the month was 6.52 inches, well below the high of 9.57 inches that fell in Boston in 2004. The temperature averaged 52 degrees, 4 degrees above normal. The high temperature of 77 degrees was recorded on April 19 during a stretch of warm weather from April 13–21 that averaged 68.6 degrees.

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GEESE THROUGH HERONS

A **Ross's Goose** was photographed on the western bank of the Connecticut River in mid-March. This has been a good winter for this diminutive goose, with records in January and February in Marblehead and Plum Island, respectively. In contrast, despite being reported in three counties in March, this has been a poor winter for **Greater White-fronted Goose**. The species was unrecorded in April for the first time since 2012.

Brant is a familiar visitor to our winter shores. The pale-bellied *hrota* subspecies breeds on Baffin Island and neighboring eastern Nunavut Province and winters on the Atlantic Coast south to the Carolinas. The less familiar *nigricans* or “Black Brant” breeds in northwestern Canada and Alaska and winters on the Pacific coast and is a rare visitor to Massachusetts. Black Brant has a much darker belly than *hrota* with a more prominent white neck collar. This year up to two birds were photographed between April 18–19 at Plymouth Beach. While currently a subspecies, Black Brant may be a future candidate for full species status. Genetic analysis suggests that *hrota* and *nigricans* are more distinct from each other than, for example, Ross's and Snow geese.

Flocks of adult **Tundra Swans** were reported in mid-March from Bridgewater and Turners Falls. The latter consisted of 19 birds, which appears to be a new high count for the spring. Historically, this species has been more numerous in the fall, with a high of 29 birds in Brimfield on November 20, 2010.

The Eurasian subspecies of Green-winged Teal, *Anas crecca crecca*, is annual to the state, typically appearing between January and April. This year the first sighting wasn't until March 17, when a single bird was photographed at Nine Acre Corner in Concord. Four days later a bird appeared in Harwich, Cape Cod. Considered by some authorities to be a separate species—Common Teal—the Eurasian form does interbreed with the American form, *A. c. carolinensis*,

and such intergrades are about as common here as the pure Eurasian form. Indeed, the same flock of Green-winged Teal in Concord that harbored the Eurasian form also held an intergrade.

This winter was a good one for unusual duck hybrids with most holding on until the beginning of this period. The Mallard x Northern Pintail hybrid, a first for Suffolk County, continued in Brookline until the first day of March and the male Bufflehead x Common Goldeneye hybrid was last seen in Orleans on March 3. Also on March 3, a Common x Barrow's Goldeneye hybrid was found in Newburyport Harbor.

For many species, spring migration this year was early to exceptionally early and this was particularly so for the goatsuckers (see Figure 1). Common Nighthawks are rarely reported in April, and this year's dual report of singles on Nantucket and Manomet on April 24 are the earliest records this century, beating the 2017 date of April 28. Historically, though, this species has been reported as early as March 14 in 1925 and 1966 (Veit and Petersen, 1998). Two Eastern Whip-poor-wills in Middleton on April 4 are also the earliest this century, beating the 2002 record of April 13 by over a week. With a previous early record of April 12, 1957, (Veit and Petersen, 1998) this year's record may also set a new state early date. Chimney Swifts arrived on April 15, three days earlier than average this century, and Ruby-throated Hummingbirds appeared the next day, eight days earlier than their average.

Common Gallinules were reported from four counties in April, which is well above average for the start of the breeding season. Common Gallinule is a rare breeder and uncommon migrant in the state, typically appearing around May 2. Sandhill Cranes were widely reported around the state, consistent with the recent range expansion of this species into the Northeast.

Most species of shorebird arrived early this year. On April 10, Semipalmated Plovers appeared 17 days ahead of the average arrival date this century. Other early-returning shorebird species included: Willet (9 days early on April 6), Solitary Sandpiper (7 days early on April 7), Spotted Sandpiper (6 days early on April 11), and Whimbrel (15 days early April 17). American Oystercatcher (March 15) and Pectoral Sandpiper (March 31), in contrast, were late by about a week.

A female **Ruff**, or Reeve, a nationally rare shorebird from Eurasia, was found at Newbury on March 30. Ruff is almost annual with spring birds typically appearing between mid-April and mid-May. This year's bird may have been the earliest record for the state, with only one other documented March record at Ipswich on March 31, 1999. Unusual for the period was a Buff-breasted Sandpiper, a shorebird that we normally see only on its return fall migration. In fact, there are only three previous records for spring birds: Newburyport, May 12–13, 1971, Bolton, April 28, 1984, and Monomoy, May 10, 2005. As does the Ruff, this year's Buff-breasted sets a new early date for the species in the state. A Marbled Godwit at Eastham on April 23–25 is the first April record for 12 years.

A spring pelagic trip out of Gloucester to Stellwagen Bank on March 9 produced two Dovekies and two Thick-billed Murres, together with double-digit numbers of Razorbills and Black Guillemots in offshore waters. A single Atlantic Puffin buzzed past Andrews Point on April 26, the first April sighting since 2013.

The larid highlight of the period was an adult **California Gull** found at Turners Falls on March 17. This is only the sixth record for the state, and the first since a second-winter bird was recorded on Nantucket on January 1, 2006. Like the Nantucket bird, this one was also a one-day wonder. California Gull was first recorded in Massachusetts in Newburyport on April 24, 1988, among a field of Herring and Ring-billed gulls. The more expected larid rarities were all hosted by Cape Cod. Up to three adult **Black-headed Gulls** were at Hyannis, and two adult **Little Gulls**

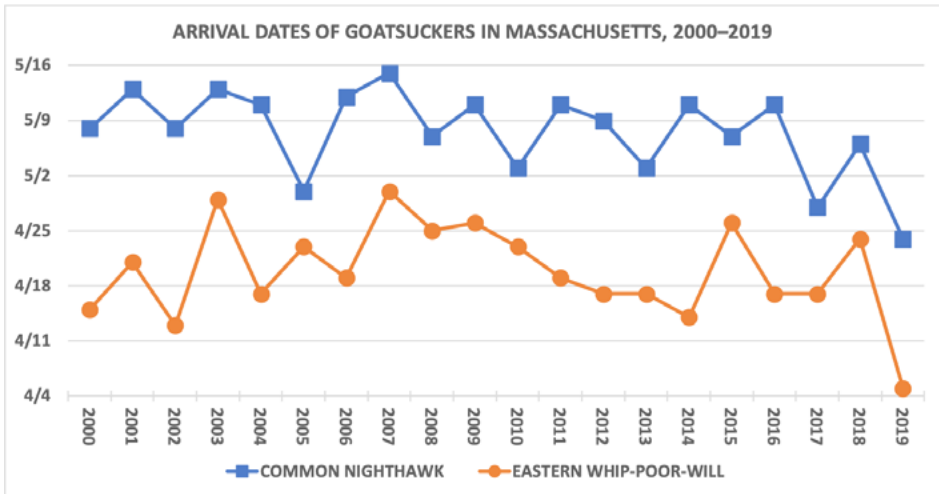


Figure 1. Arrival dates of Common Nighthawk and Eastern Whip-poor-will in Massachusetts, 2000–2019. Data from eBird.org.

and an adult **Mew Gull** were at Provincetown. A hybrid Herring Gull x Glaucous Gull (“Nelson’s Gull”) was seen at Cohasset, the third record for this taxon in Norfolk County this century.

Caspian Terns are regular but uncommon spring migrants through Massachusetts. A bird at Turners Falls on April 9 is the second earliest record for the state, after an April 6 record in 2002. The average arrival date this century is April 20. A Roseate Tern at Provincetown on April 14 appears to be the earliest record for the state, almost three weeks ahead of the average arrival date of May 3.

A **Little Egret** was found at Plum Island on April 25, thirty years after the first US record was discovered at the same location. Since then, Little Egret has been an irregular vagrant up and down the East Coast, although this is the first record for Massachusetts since June 2014. Two days after this year’s Plum Island sighting a Little Egret (presumably the same bird) was spotted at Gilsland Farm Audubon Center near Portland, Maine, an area that has hosted this species since 2011. Little Egrets are thought to have crossed the Atlantic at sub-Saharan latitudes, helped by northeast trade winds. The first continental records were in 1954 from Trinidad and subsequently Newfoundland. This southerly route across the Atlantic, followed by migration north, is similar to the route proposed for Cattle Egrets in their colonization of the Americas. Little Egrets banded in Spain have been recovered from islands in the Caribbean supporting such a model.

Great and Snowy egrets returned to the state about a day earlier than average, while a Least Bittern at Topsfield on April 23 was almost two weeks early.

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Snow Goose				3/17	Quabog IBA	105	M. Lynch#
3/3	Nantucket	4	T. Pastuszek#	Northern Pintail			
3/15	Sunderland	39 3blue	J. Rose + v.o.	3/1	Acoaxet	11	M. Lynch#
3/16	Northampton	87 3blue	S. Williams	3/3-3/17	Longmeadow	19 max	F. Morello
3/16-3/24	Bolton Flats	16 max	J. Bourget + v.o.	3/20	PI	22	S. Miller#
Ross's Goose				Green-winged Teal			
3/14-3/16	Easthampton	1 ph	S. Rasmussen + v.o.	3/17	Concord (NAC)	65	E. Nielsen
Greater White-fronted Goose				3/17	Bolton Flats	60	N. Dowling
3/16-3/21	Hadley area	2 ph	J. Oliverio + v.o.	3/31	W. Newbury	200	G. d'Entremont#
3/19-3/25	New Braintree	1 ph	B. Robo + v.o.	4/13	Topsfield	122	J. Berry#
3/23-3/24	Turners Falls	1 ph	S. Surner + v.o.	Green-winged Teal (Eurasian)			
Brant				3/17	Concord (NAC)	1	E. Nielsen#
3/17	Cohasset	154	D. Burton#	3/21-3/28	W. Harwich	1	P. Crosson#
3/20	Winthrop	115	P. + F. Vale	Canvasback			
3/30	Somerset	9	J. Eckerson#	3/3	Turners Falls	1	S. Surner + v.o.
4/11	PI	130	D. Adrien	4/7	Nantucket	18	T. Pastuszek#
4/18	Plymouth B.	645	S. Williams	4/7	Chestnut Hill	1	H. Miller
Brant (Black)				Redhead			
4/18-4/19	Plymouth B.	2 ph	max S. Williams + v.o.	3/1-3/28	Cheshire	1	J. Pierce, K. Hanson + v.o.
Cackling Goose				3/1	Edgemere	1 ad	C. Cook
3/1	Boston (FPk)	1 ph	S. Jones#	3/1	Shrewsbury	1	J. Shea + v.o.
3/1	Seekonk	1 ph	A. Eckerson#	3/12	Turners Falls	1	T. Gagnon + v.o.
3/15-3/19	Amherst area	1 ph	S. Williams + v.o.	Ring-necked Duck			
3/16	Turners Falls area	3 max ph	J. Layfield + v.o.	3/12-4/29	Cheshire	110 max	W. Haugh
3/16	Westfield	1 ph	D. Holmes	3/16	W. Bridgewater	105	G. d'Entremont#
3/16-3/21	Rochester	1 ph	C. Molander#	3/18-4/30	Orange	435 max	G. Watkevitch + v.o.
3/16-3/17	Lancaster	1 ph	B. Robo + v.o.	Tufted Duck			
Mute Swan				3/9-4/12	Nantucket	1 m ph	T. Pastuszek#
thr	Turners Falls	23	v.o.	Greater Scaup			
3/1	Acoaxet	66	M. Lynch#	3/1	Acoaxet	12	M. Lynch#
3/18	Worcester	19	M. Lynch#	3/9	Mattapoisett	551	M. Lynch#
4/19	Westboro	24	M. Lynch#	4/8	Wachusett Res.	10	M. Lynch#
Tundra Swan				4/13	Pittsfield	8	K. Dietlin
3/11-3/12	Turners Falls	19 ad ph	A. Haro + v.o.	Lesser Scaup			
3/16	Bridgewater	3 ad ph	M. Iliiff	3/19	Gloucester (EP)	12	M. Watson
Wood Duck				4/13	Turners Falls	21	J. Smith
3/15	Turners Falls	56	J. Rose	4/15-4/19	Pittsfield	5	J. Pierce
3/17	Middleton	74	L. Wagner	King Eider			
3/18	Hyde Park	22	J. Young	3/1	Hyannis	1 f ph	P. Trimble
3/20	Northampton	138	L. Therrien	3/1-4/16	PI	1 m ph	T. Wetmore + v.o.
3/20	Lancaster	84	M. Lynch#	3/9-3/20	Bourne	1 m	C. Molander#
3/28	GMNWR	22	A. Bragg#	3/9	Gloucester H.	1 m ph	C. Cook#
Blue-winged Teal				3/11, 3/28	P'town (RP)	1 imm m ph	P. Flood#
3/4	Marshfield	2	D. Peacock	4/7-4/11	Duxbury B.	1 m ph	R. Bowes
3/9	Barnstable	2	G. d'Entremont#	Common Eider			
3/13-4/4	E. Boston (BI)	2	S. Jones + v.o.	3/1	Westport	248	M. Lynch#
4/15	Sheffield	2	J. Pierce	3/9	Bourne	3000	C. Molander
4/15	Quabbin Pk	2	L. Therrien	Common Eider (<i>borealis</i>)			
4/19	IRWS	4	J. MacDougall	3/21-3/24	Sandwich	2 1m+1f ph	W. Sweet + v.o.
Northern Shoveler				3/30	Chatham	1 imm m ph	S. Williams + v.o.
3/1	Nantucket	5	R. Ouren	Harlequin Duck			
3/17	Bolton Flats	3	N. Dowling	3/1	Scituate	19	K. Rawdon#
3/19	E. Boston (BI)	4	P. Peterson	3/8	Rockport (HPt)	60	B. Hillman
4/11	PI	15	T. Wetmore	3/17	Cohasset	14	D. Burton#
4/26	N. Adams	10	C. Johnson, C. Jones	4/25	Eastham	2	K. Burke
Gadwall				Surf Scoter			
3/7	Quincy	16	P. Peterson	3/1	Westport	46	M. Lynch#
3/9	Mattapoisett	21	M. Lynch#	3/9	Mattapoisett	7	M. Lynch#
3/24	PI	112	R. Heil	3/27-4/14	Wachusett Res.	1	B. Robo#
3/26	E. Boston (BI)	5	S. Jones	4/6	E. Gloucester	55	J. Berry#
Eurasian Wigeon				4/8-4/9	Turners Falls	2 max	C. Stern + v.o.
3/3-3/21	Sandwich	1 f ph	v.o.	White-winged Scoter			
3/30-4/14	Somerset	1 m ph	J. Eckerson# + v.o.	3/1	Acoaxet	250	M. Lynch#
American Wigeon				4/6	E. Gloucester	40	J. Berry#
3/3-4/7	Longmeadow	33 max	J. Spanswick + v.o.	4/24	Pittsfield	2	R. Wendell
3/16	Plymouth B.	26	L. Schibley	4/30	Quabbin Pk	2	L. Therrien
3/31	PI	11	R. Heil	Black Scoter			
Mallard x Northern Pintail (hybrid)				4/6	Rockport	165	J. Berry#
3/1	Brookline	1 m ph	M. Iliiff	4/15	Brookfield	5	R. Jenkins
American Black Duck				4/15	Richmond	2	J. Pierce + v.o.
3/1	Acoaxet	510	M. Lynch#	4/15	Woburn (HP)	2	M. Rines
3/1	Westport	225	M. Lynch#	4/28	Ipswich (CB)	135	J. Berry
3/9	Mattapoisett	245	M. Lynch#				

Long-tailed Duck				Horned Grebe			
4/3	Gardner	6	T. Pirro	4/6	Manchester	100	D. Peloquin
4/6	E. Gloucester	80	J. Berry#	4/24	MBO	125	E. Lipton
4/8	Turners Falls	4	J. Smith + v.o.	4/30	Pittsfield	14	Z. Adams
4/26	Nbpt	800	J. Berry	4/30	Turners Falls	9	T. Gilliland + v.o.
4/27	Ashby	4	J. Forbes	Red-necked Grebe			
4/30	Pittsfield	11	G. Hurley + v.o.	4/7	Marblehead	14	J. Smith
Bufflehead				4/8	Cheshire	1	K. Hanson
3/1	Westport	146	M. Lynch#	4/13-4/15	Turners Falls	22	J. Layfield + v.o.
3/9	Mattapoisset	528	M. Lynch#	4/24	MBO	55	E. Lipton
4/6	E. Gloucester	95	J. Berry#	Common Nighthawk			
4/8	Wachusett Res.	18	M. Lynch#	4/24	Nantucket	1	T. Pastuszek#
4/30	Pittsfield	27	Z. Adams+S. Townsend	4/24-4/25	MBO	1	Alan Kneidel#
Bufflehead X Common Goldeneye (hybrid)				4/27	N. Truro	2	N. Bloom#
3/3	Orleans	1 m ph	K. Schopp	Eastern Whip-poor-will			
Common Goldeneye				4/4	Middleton	2	L. Wagner
3/thr	Turners Falls	165 max	J. Eckerson# + v.o.	4/19	Boston (RKG)	1 ph	K. Noba
3/1	Westport	296	M. Lynch#	4/21-4/25	Quabbin Pk	2 max	L. Therrien
3/9	Mattapoisset	103	M. Lynch#	4/23	PI	1	M. Stone
3/16	Wachusett Res.	48	M. Lynch#	4/27-4/29	MSSF	1	B. Vigorito
Common X Barrow's Goldeneye (hybrid)				Chimney Swift			
3/13	Nbpt H.	1 m ph	T. Gilliland	4/15	Sudbury	1	B. Harris
Barrow's Goldeneye				4/18	MtA	1	P. Gilmore
3/1	Westport	1 m	M. Lynch#	4/23	Lowell	80	L. de la Flor
3/13	Sharon	1	W. Sweet	Ruby-throated Hummingbird			
3/14	Turners Falls	1 f	T. Gagnon#	4/16	Plymouth	1	A. Kneidel
3/17	Cohasset	2 1m+1f	D. Burton#	4/19	Falmouth	1	P. Fang
3/17	Plymouth	2	J. Forbes	4/19	Milton	1	R. Mussey
3/23-4/10	Orange	2 1m+1f	J. Johnstone + v.o.	4/24	PI	2	T. Mara#
Hooded Merganser				Clapper Rail			
3/thr	Turners Falls	34 max	J. Eckerson# + v.o.	4/7-4/24	W. Harwich	2 max	P. Crosson + v.o.
3/17	Quabog IBA	89	M. Lynch#	4/9-4/14	Brewster	1	S. Finnegan
3/18	Sharon	173	W. Sweet	4/30	Fairhaven	6	H. Zimmerlin
3/20	PI	25	T. Wetmore	Virginia Rail			
Common Merganser				3/21-3/24	Stockbridge	2 max	K. Hanson, J. Jew
3/1-4/12	Turners Falls	170 max	J. Eckerson# + v.o.	4/23	Quabog IBA	6	M. Lynch#
3/1	Westport	152	M. Lynch#	4/23	Topsfield	4	J. Berry
3/15	Medford	530	P. Roberts	4/24	Marshfield	4	D. Peacock
3/23	Stoughton	22	G. d'Entremont#	4/28	GMNWR	7	B. Lee
4/5	W. Newbury	36	P. + F. Vale	4/29	Monson	3	M. Lynch#
Red-breasted Merganser				Sora			
3/1	Acoaxet	66	M. Lynch#	4/7-4/30	Indiv. reported from	9	locations
4/6	E. Gloucester	60	J. Berry#	4/13	Stow	2	N. Tepper
4/8-4/10	Turners Falls	4 max	J. Smith + v.o.	4/23	Brookfield	2	R. Jenkins
4/15	Pittsfield	4	J. Pierce	4/28	GMNWR	2	B. Lee
4/27	P'town (RP)	2000	B. Nikula#	Common Gallinule			
Ruddy Duck				4/10	Bolton Flats	1	J. Hoye#
3/16	Pembroke	9	SSBC (W. Petersen)	4/15-4/19	Hatfield	2 max	ph D. Peake-Jones+v.o.
4/9	Shutesbury	8	K. Yakola, I. Brovsky	4/23-4/29	Pittsfield	2 max	ph Hanson+Townsend#
4/28	W. Newbury	10	P. + F. Vale	4/24	Marshfield	1	D. Peacock
4/30	Chestnut Hill	9	R. Doherty	4/27-4/30	Longmeadow	1 ph	S. Burk + v.o.
Northern Bobwhite				4/29	Lee	1	J. Pierce, Z. Adams
4/23	Eastham (FH)	2	M. Waters#	American Coot			
Ring-necked Pheasant				3/1-3/26	Brookline	1	J. Weinberg + v.o.
thr	Inv. reported from	6	locations	3/12	Longmeadow	1	L. Richardson + v.o.
4/20	S. Dartmouth	2	M. Iliff	3/24-4/13	PI	2 max	T. Wetmore+v.o.
Ruffed Grouse				4/7	Richmond	1	S. Townsend#
4/6	Royalston	1 f	G. d'Entremont#	4/21	GMNWR	1	J. Young
4/7	W. Barnstable	3	S. Matheny	4/29	Pittsfield	1	S. Townsend + v.o.
4/7	Mashpee	2	K. Miller#	Sandhill Crane			
4/7	Holden	1	M. Lynch#	3/14-4/29	Lancaster	7 max	B. Robo + v.o.
4/15	Florence	1	M. McKittrick	3/14	Uxbridge	2	S. Williams#
4/22	Monterey	3	P. Banducci	3/16	Newbury	2	C. Bergin
Wild Turkey				3/19	Lancaster	7	E. Kittredge
3/9	Great Barrington	67	J. Pierce	3/23	E. Bridgewater	4	E. Giles
3/24	JBCC	67	P. Trimble	3/23	Lenox	2	G. Dimmig, Z. Adams+v.o.
4/9	Ipswich	18	J. Berry#	3/23-4/28	Burrage Pd WMA	2	J. Offermann + v.o.
4/12	Rutland	51	M. Lynch#	3/24-3/30	Worthington	2	B. Finney
Pied-billed Grebe				3/30	Royalston	10	E. LeBlanc#
4/18-4/30	Indiv. reported from	20	locations	3/30-4/14	Hardwick	2	C. Buelow + v.o.
4/14-4/17	PI	2	D. Adrien + v.o.	4/4	Quabbin Pk	2	L. Therrien
4/21	Fairhaven	2	C. Longworth	4/6	Harwich	2	B. Nikula
4/30	Woburn (HP)	2	M. Rines	4/12	Barre	3	J. Smith

Sandhill Crane (continued)				3/31	Concord	9	W. Hutcheson
4/12	P'town (RP)	2	S. Paul	4/7-4/18	Lancaster	61	max K. Bourinot# + v.o.
4/28	New Braintree	2	M. Lynch#	4/7	Burrage Pd WMA	24	J. Carlisle
American Oystercatcher				4/13	Fairhaven	7	C. Longworth
3/15	Yarmouth	1	D. Taylor	4/15	Sheffield	6	J. Pierce
3/20, 4/3	Winthrop	1,11	P. + F. Vale	Spotted Sandpiper			
3/29	BHI (Sarah I.)	2	D. Peacock	4/11	GMNWR	1	K. Dia#
4/14	Quincy	3	C. Whitebread#	4/15	Quabbin Pk	3	L. Therrien
4/21	Hingham	4	G. d'Entremont	4/15	Cheshire	2	L. Waters
Black-bellied Plover				4/15	Westboro	2	T. Spahr
4/23	BHI (Snake I.)	8	T. Martin	4/26	Medfield	4	E. Nielsen
4/27	Essex	16	M. Watson	Solitary Sandpiper			
4/27	PI	5	G. d'Entremont#	4/7	Hardwick	1	M. Lynch#
American Golden-Plover				4/12	Topsfield	4	L. Ferraresso
4/19	P'town (RP)	1	T. Bradford	4/14	Arlington Res.	1	B. Lee#
4/28-4/30	Orange Airport	1	J. Johnstone + v.o.	Lesser Yellowlegs			
Semipalmated Plover				3/22-3/23	Ipswich	2	N. Dubrow
4/10	Hyannis	1	S. Matheny	4/5	PI	3	T. Wetmore
4/13	PI	1	J. Kovner#	4/12	Hatfield	4	M. McKittrick + v.o.
Piping Plover				Willet			
3/15, 4/27	P'town (RP)	1,15	T. Bradford, P. Flood#	4/6	PI	2	B. Rusnica#
4/10	Scituate	11	B. Howard	4/14	Chatham	1	M. Kaufman
4/11	PI	24	D. Adrien	4/30	Nbpt H.	8	R. Heil
Killdeer				Greater Yellowlegs			
3/26	Ipswich	110	J. Berry#	3/14	Fairhaven	6	A. Morgan#
3/27	Acton	20	D. McDermott	3/15	Sunderland	1	J. Rose
3/28	Nantucket	16	S. Kardell	4/17	Plymouth	16	D. Furbish
4/5	Deerfield	36	D. Maxcy	4/22	Fairhaven	18	S. Walas
4/12	Lancaster	37	M. Lynch#	4/28	Essex	23	J. Nelson
Upland Sandpiper				Parasitic Jaeger			
4/17	Westover AFB	1	W. Laffley	4/20, 4/27	P'town (RP)	1,7	M. Harris, P. Flood#
4/18-4/20	Chicopee	3	max L.&A. Richardson+v.o.	4/27	Westport	2	M. Iliff
4/25	Concord	2	W. Hutcheson	Dovekie			
Whimbrel				3/9	Stellwagen Bank	2	max ph v.o.
4/17	Nantucket	3	L. Buck	Common Murre			
4/17	W. Harwich	1	M. Plato#	3/3, 3/9	Gloucester (Jodrey)	1	M. Goetschkes& S.Grinley
Marbled Godwit				3/11, 4/27	P'town (RP)	14,2	P. Flood#
4/23-4/25	Eastham (FH)	1	M. Waters#	4/26	Rockport (AP)	18	R. Heil
Ruddy Turnstone				Thick-billed Murre			
3/1	Scituate	8	K. Rawdon#	3/9	Stellwagen Bank	2	R. Buchsbaum
3/11	Fairhaven	21	J. Sweeney	3/26	PI	1	T. Wetmore#
3/17	Revere B.	5	P. Peterson	Razorbill			
Ruff				3/9	Gloucester waters	27	C. Cook
3/30-4/3	Newbury	1	f ph M. Watson + v.o.	3/11	P'town (RP)	145	P. Flood#
Sanderling				3/14	PI	5	T. Wetmore
4/28	Ipswich (CB)	150	J. Berry	3/16	Rockport (AP)	9	N. Dowling
Dunlin				Black Guillemot			
3/16	Plymouth B.	177	L. Schibley	3/9	Gloucester waters	27	Seabird Cruise
3/24	PI	180	T. Wetmore	3/9	Stellwagen Bank	24	J. Smith#
3/31	Duxbury B.	458	R. Bowes	4/26	Rockport (AP)	2	R. Heil
4/12-4/13	Hatfield	1	S. Surner + v.o.	Atlantic Puffin			
4/28	Ipswich (CB)	60	J. Berry	4/26	Rockport (AP)	1	R. Heil
Purple Sandpiper				Bonaparte's Gull			
3/1	Scituate	30	K. Rawdon#	4/15	Pittsfield	10	J. Pierce
3/13	Gloucester	20	MAS (D. Larson)	4/18	Turners Falls	44	M. Fairbrother + v.o.
4/18	PI	25	C. Marchant	4/23	Wachusett Res.	32	J. Lawson#
4/30	MBO	3	T. Lloyd-Evans#	4/27	P'town (RP)	1200	P. Flood#
Buff-breasted Sandpiper				Black-headed Gull			
4/25	MV	1	ph L. McDowell	3/1-4/13	Hyannis	3	max ad ph P. Trimble
Pectoral Sandpiper				Little Gull			
3/31	Lancaster	1	N. Tepper	4/27-4/28	P'town (RP)	2	ad ph B. Nikula#
4/15-4/20	Sheffield	2	J. Pierce + v.o.	Laughing Gull			
4/25	Fairhaven	2	C. Molander	3/30, 4/27	P'town (RP)	5,850	P. Flood
Short-billed Dowitcher				4/11	Jamaica Plain	1	T. Bradford
4/30	Wareham	2	C. Molander	4/20	Plymouth	25	P. + F. Vale
American Woodcock				4/21	Kingston	120	A. Kneidel
3/19	PI	5	R. John	Mew Gull			
3/20	Burlington	12	M. Rines	4/7	P'town (RP)	1	ad ph P. Flood
3/25	Burrage Pd WMA	10	T. Bradford#	California Gull			
4/2	Amherst	21	S. Zhang	3/17	Turners Falls	1	ad ph D. Sibley
Wilson's Snipe				Herring X Glaucous Gull (hybrid)			
3/22	Ipswich	11	N. Dubrow	3/17	Cohasset	1	D. Burton#
3/30-4/7	Orange	5	G. Watkevitch				

Iceland Gull				4/14	GMNWR	2	W. Hutcheson
3/1-3/24	Turners Falls	7 max	J. Eckerson# + v.o.	4/23	Brookfield	2	R. Jenkins
3/2	W. Newbury	5	A. Steenstrup	4/24	Bolton Flats	4	J. Johnson
3/3	Lowell	2	D. McDermott	Least Bittern			
3/9	Gloucester H.	2	C. Cook#	4/23	Topsfield	1	J. Berry
3/10	P'town (RP)	40	B. Nikula#	4/24	Marshfield	1 au	D. Peacock
3/15	BHI (Deer I.)	7	L. Holmes	Great Blue Heron			
4/1-4/30	P'town (RP)	30 max	B. Nikula#	3/30	Lynnfield	21 n	P. + F. Vale
4/14	Stellwagen Bank	2	D. Spector	4/7	Richmond	18	G. Ward
Lesser Black-backed Gull				4/28	Burrage Pd WMA60		N. Marchessault
thr	Indiv. reported from	14	locations	Great Egret			
4/28	P'town (RP)	5	B. Nikula#	3/15	Harwich	1	S. Finnegan
Glaucous Gull				3/16	E. Boston (BI)	1	S. Riley#
3/3	Lowell	1	D. McDermott	3/26	Essex	8	S. Grinley#
4/13	W. Newbury	1 imm	K. Wilmarth	3/29	BHI (Sarah I.)	28	D. Peacock
4/14	Stellwagen Bank	1	D. Spector	4/21	Hingham	25	G. d'Entremont
4/14	PI	1	D. Williams#	4/25	PI	14	P. + F. Vale
4/24	MBO	1	E. Lipton	Little Egret			
Caspian Tern				4/25	PI	1 ph	M. Watson, A. Bean + v.o.
4/9, 4/14	Turners Falls	1,5	D. Sibley, J. Smith	Snowy Egret			
4/12	Pittsfield area	3	K. Hanson + v.o.	3/26-3/31	Essex	1	S. Grinley + v.o.
4/24	Carver	4 ph	E. Vacchino	3/31	Duxbury	2	E. Duane
4/24	PI	1	T. Mara#	4/1	W. Harwich	4	M. Heintz
4/27	Burrage Pd WMA	3	B. Vigorito	4/14	E. Boston (BI)	3	A. McDermott
Roseate Tern				4/21	Ipswich	27	D. Walters
4/14	P'town (RP)	1	P. Flood	4/28	Essex	15	J. Nelson
4/27	Westport	6	M. Iliff	Little Blue Heron			
Common Tern				4/12	Cohasset	1	B. Howard
4/25	Burrage Pd WMA	1	P. McGovern	4/15, 4/27	Gloucester	1,2	S. Hedman, C. Lapite
4/27	Westport	57	M. Iliff	4/20	W. Harwich	1	D. Gray
4/28	PI	1	W. Tatro#	Tricolored Heron			
4/30	Wareham	2	C. Molander	4/23	W. Harwich	1	L. Briggs
Red-throated Loon				4/24	Westport	1	M. Iliff
4/9	Southwick	1	D. Holmes	Cattle Egret			
4/21	N. Truro	130	B. Nikula	4/23	Dartmouth	1 ph	B. Glover
4/27	P'town (RP)	115	P. Flood#	4/24	Harwich	1	W. Forward#
4/27	Westport	46	M. Iliff	4/24	Fairhaven	1	M. Iliff#
4/28	N. Scituate	26	G. d'Entremont	4/26-4/29	Nantucket	2	A. Hansen
Pacific Loon				4/27	Essex/Ipswich	1 ph	S. Grinley#
3/10-4/21	P'town (RP)	2 max ph	v.o.	4/27-4/29	Norfolk	1	M. Noisoux + v.o.
Common Loon				4/30	Orleans	1	J. Harris#
3/9	Mattapoisett	9	M. Lynch#	Green Heron			
4/6	Rockport	35	J. Berry#	4/12	Williamstown	1	M. Morales
4/13	Wachusett Res.	14	M. Lynch#	4/13	Chestnut Hill	1	M. Kaufman
4/24	Westport	52	A. Eckerson	4/13	Sturbridge	1	E. Dalton
Sooty Shearwater				4/20	Westwood	2	E. Nielsen
4/27	P'town (RP)	154	P. Flood#	4/22	W. Roxbury (MP)	2 1pr	M. Iliff
Manx Shearwater				4/24	Northboro	2	S. Beattie
4/1, 4/7	Revere B.	1,13	P. Peterson, V. Zollo#	4/26	Medfield	3	E. Nielsen
4/9	Nahant	4	L. Pivacek	Black-crowned Night-Heron			
4/14, 4/27	P'town (RP)	1,9	B. Nikula, P. Flood#	3/18	Gloucester (EP)	1	P. Hackett
4/20	Quincy	5	D. Burton	3/29	BHI (Sarah I.)	6	D. Peacock
Northern Gannet				3/30	Dorchester	6	P. Peterson
4/25	MBO	148	M. Gray	4/17	Watertown	13 max	T. Michel
4/27	P'town (RP)	950	P. Flood#	4/24	Nbpt	3	S. Grinley#
4/27	Westport	843	M. Iliff	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron			
Double-crested Cormorant				4/6	Quincy	1	J. Jacobik
4/13	Turners Falls	55	J. Smith	4/16	Barnstable	1	J. Rapp
4/23	Barre	51	HawkCount (J. Emerton)	4/21	Edgartown	1	R. Price
4/25	Medford	138	M. Rines	Glossy Ibis			
4/27	Pittsfield	74	R. Wendell	3/25	Rowley	1	M. Goetschkes#
Great Cormorant				4/20	Bolton Flats	26	J. Bourget
3/1	Westport	27	M. Lynch#	4/21	Ipswich	57	D. Walters
3/9	Gloucester	9	P. + F. Vale	4/22	Wakefield	14	B. Lee
3/10	Medford	7	J. Kovner	4/25	PI	19	P. + F. Vale#
4/23-4/24	Manomet	4	M. Gray + v.o.	4/28	Newbury	23	P. + F. Vale
American Bittern							
4/7-4/30	Indiv. reported from	17	locations				

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Parking lot 1 at Plum Island is one of a number of traditional hawkwatch sites where volunteers monitor spring raptor migration. This year hawkwatchers reported good numbers of Turkey Vultures from mid-March. During the month of April, 132 Northern Harriers and 48 Sharp-shinned Hawks were tallied passing over Plum Island. American Kestrel is perhaps the most anticipated species at this coastal hawkwatch, where this year a total of 341 were logged. Broad-winged Hawk migration was well under way in the state in mid-April, although numbers are typically much lower than in the fall. The hawkwatch at Barre Falls, in Central Massachusetts, tallied over one hundred Broadwinged on April 23. Other noteworthy reports included sightings of **Golden Eagle** in Barre, Newbury, and Ipswich. Photographs of the Ipswich and Newbury birds suggest they were the same individual. A pair of Bald Eagles took up residency in Brewster. This was the first documented nest found on Cape Cod since the last known breeding Bald Eagles in Sandwich in 1905.

Barred Owls continued to be reported from many locations during the day with sightings from over 40 localities. There were reports of nesting Great Horned Owls in several towns. The last reported Snowy Owl was a bird at Logan Airport on April 16.

March and April signal the start of migration, although this year's birders were frustrated with the weather; there was only one weekend during the period free from precipitation. Swallows started showing up in small numbers in mid-March and were back in full force by mid-April. By late March the woods were alive with the songs of Winter Wrens and Brown Creepers, soon joined by the Eastern Phoebes and Blue-headed Vireos. Spring had arrived!

The first migrant fallouts of the season occurred on the mornings of April 9 and April 14 with numerous reports from across the state of Blue-gray Gnatcatchers, Ruby-crowned Kinglets, Hermit Thrushes, Chipping and Savannah sparrows, and Pine and Palm warblers. At Plum Island on April 9 there were 37 Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers, 76 Northern Flickers, 27 Eastern Phoebes, and 8 Winter Wrens. A warm spell from April 13–24 held many migrants in place as a cold front lingered to our south. A major fallout on the evening of April 23 opened the floodgates with birders across the state reporting significant movement. The banding station on Plum Island was busy with 12 Blue-headed Vireos and 14 Hermit Thrushes, while Manomet processed 30 Chipping Sparrows and two male **Summer Tanagers**. Other high counts noted on April 24 included 93 Chipping Sparrows in Blackstone, 50 Savannah Sparrows in Westport, 45 Purple Finches in Deerfield, and a big push of Yellow-rumped Warblers, with 200 individuals reported from Plum Island and 135 from Deerfield. Rarities that day included **Golden-winged Warblers** from Orleans and Longmeadow, a **Summer Tanager** at Plum Island, a Blue Grosbeak at Mount Auburn Cemetery, and an early Cape May Warbler photographed in Brookline.

The mega highlight of the period was a state first: a **Black-whiskered Vireo** at the Edgartown Golf Club on Martha's Vineyard on April 21. This is the seventh record north of Florida and only the second north of Virginia, after a bird last year at Sakonnet Point, Rhode Island, on May 21. Intriguingly, since Edgartown is only 35 miles as the vireo flies from Sakonnet Point, this may be the same returning individual.

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Black Vulture					Eastern Screech-Owl				
3/thr	Cape Ann	1	P. Peterson + v.o.		3/12	Arlington	1		R Stymeist
3/14	Easthampton	5	D. McLain		3/20	Lancaster	2		M. Lynch#
3/24	Norfolk	5	D. Williams		Great Horned Owl				
3/24	Ipswich (CB)	3	N. Dubrow#		3/19	Stoughton	2		G. d'Entremont
3/29	S. Deerfield	12	D. Selman		3/20	Lancaster	3		M. Lynch#
4/3	Millbury	5	D. Miles		3/29	Jamaica Plain	2 1pr n		S. Jones#
4/19	N. Truro	1	J. Sweeney		4/5	Cambr. (FP)	2		J. Trimble
					4/19	Rowley	2 1ad+1juv		P. + F. Vale
Turkey Vulture					4/23	Georgetown	3 1ad+2juv		J. McLaughlin
3/18	Lowell	58	D. McDermott		4/28	Burrage Pd WMA	2		N. Marchessault
4/4-4/29	PI	28	Hawkcount (P. Roberts)		Snowy Owl				
4/11	PI	17	Hawkcount (T. Mara)		3/1-4/6				Indiv. reported from 6 locations
4/17	N. Truro	61	D. Manchester		3/3	Duxbury B.	2		R. Bowes
Osprey					3/12	PI	2		T. Wetmore
3/11	Milton	1	S. Baird		3/17	Chatham	2		B. Nikula#
4/5-4/29	PI	16	Hawkcount (P. Roberts)		3/19	Boston (Logan)	1 d		MassDOT
4/19	S. Dart. (APD)	10	A. Eckerson#		4/5	Salisbury	1		J. Nathan
Bald Eagle					4/16	Boston (Logan)	1		H. Johnson#
3/14	Medford	8	P. Roberts		Barred Owl				
3/16	Turners Falls	10	C. Lawlor#		thr				Indiv. reported from 33 locations
3/24	PI	4	Hawkcount (P. Roberts)		3/1	New Braintree	2		W. Howes
4/20	Brewster	2 1pr n	v.o.		3/2	Leicester	3		J. Lawson#
4/23	Barre	5	HawkCount (J. Emerton)		4/7	Mashpee	2		M. Keleher
Northern Harrier					4/7	Hamilton	2		J. Berry
3/3	Cumb. Farms	6	A. Kneidel		4/11	Pepperell	2		M. Resch
4/thr	PI	132	Hawkcount (P. Roberts)		4/21	Concord	2		C. Winstanley
4/10	Turners Falls	4	J. Smith		4/21	Petersham	2		M. Lynch#
4/11	PI	40	Hawkcount (T. Mara)		4/28	Wompatuck SP	2		BBC (G. d'Entremont)
Sharp-shinned Hawk					Long-eared Owl				
4/13-4/29	PI	48	Hawkcount (P. Roberts)		thr	Suffolk County	11 max		Anon.
4/23-4/24	Barre Falls	18	Hawkcount (D. Schilling)		3/3	Saugus	2		C. Cook#
4/28	PI	16	Hawkcount (B. Rusnica)		Short-eared Owl				
Cooper's Hawk					3/9	DWWS	1		G. d'Entremont#
3/1	Westport	2	M. Lynch#		3/14	E. Bridgewater	1		J. Carlisle
4/17	N. Truro	6	D. Manchester		3/19	Ipswich (CB)	1		J. Berry#
Northern Goshawk					3/24	PI	3		P. Miliotis
3/9	Windsor	1 ph	S. Townsend#		3/24	Duxbury B.	1		J. McDonald
4/5	Gloucester	1	P. Brown		3/25	Burrage Pd WMA	1		S. Jones#
4/23	Barre	2	HawkCount (J. Emerton)		Northern Saw-whet Owl				
Red-shouldered Hawk					3/3	Wayland	1		A. McCarthy#
3/16	Pembroke	2	SSBC (W. Petersen)		3/5	Great Barrington	1		C. Blake
3/19	Topsfield	2 1pr	A. Prazar		3/12	Nantucket	6		N. Tepper
3/20	Newton	2	K. Sejkora		3/21	Boston (RKG)	1		I. Vicari#
3/20	W. Roxbury (MP)	2	G. Fenton		Belted Kingfisher				
3/24, 4/24	PI	1,1	Hawkcount (P. Roberts)		3/30	Somerset	2		J. Eckerson#
3/30	Dighton	7	J. Eckerson		4/9	Easton	2 1pr		K. Ryan
4/1	Carlisle	2 1pr	A. Ankers		4/17	Plymouth	3		D. Furbish
4/6	Petersham	2	G. d'Entremont#		4/20	New Braintree	3		W. Howes
4/17	N. Truro	4	D. Manchester		Red-headed Woodpecker				
4/19	Canton	2	W. Lackey		4/12	Ipswich	1		A. Steenstrup
4/28	Boxford (CP)	2	P. Brown		4/14	Pepperell	1		M. Resch
Broad-winged Hawk					Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				
4/15	N. Dighton	4	J. Eckerson		3/13	Wellfleet	2		P. Trimble
4/17	Boston	5	T. Kimbis		4/8	Scituate	6		D. Peacock
4/19	Southwick	57	HawkCount (S. Kellogg)		4/9	PI	37		R. Heil
4/20	Wompatuck SP	5	J. Offermann		4/10	Boston (McW)	3		S. Jones
4/23	Barre	116	HawkCount (J. Emerton)		4/21	Petersham	12		M. Lynch#
4/23	Granville	18	HawkCount (S. Kellogg)		4/24	Quabbin Pk	12		L. Therrien
4/24, 4/28	PI	1,1	Hawkcount (T. Mara)		Hairy Woodpecker				
Red-tailed Hawk					4/6	PI	4		N. Landry
4/23	Barre	8	HawkCount (J. Emerton)		4/14	Orange	4		M. Lynch#
Rough-legged Hawk					4/21	Wompatuck SP	4		G. d'Entremont
3/1	Westport	1 lt	M. Lynch#		Northern Flicker				
3/3	Cumb. Farms	5	A. Kneidel		4/9	PI	76		R. Heil
3/9	Westport	1	D. Tobias		4/14	Cape Ann	92		B. Harris
3/11	Holland	1	J. Athearn		4/21	Petersham	14		M. Lynch#
3/16-3/24	PI	2	T. Wetmore + v.o.		Pileated Woodpecker				
4/19	PI	1	Hawkcount (P. Roberts)		3/17	S. Hamilton	4		D. Walters
Golden Eagle					4/21	Petersham	2		M. Lynch#
3/20	Newbury	1 ph	A. Bean		4/23	Topsfield	3		J. Berry
3/24-3/25	Ipswich	1 ph	J. Sender + v.o.		4/27	Quabog IBA	2		M. Lynch#
4/23	Barre	1	HawkCount (J. Emerton)						

Pileated Woodpecker (continued)				3/19	Needham	45		M. Iloff
4/28	Wompatuck SP	2	1pr	BBC (G. d'Entremont)				R. Heil
American Kestrel				3/30	Danvers	35		G. d'Entremont
3/29-4/9	Hadley	4	max	L. Beltran	4/2	MSSF	75	J. Smith
4/thr	PI	341		Hawkcount (P. Roberts)	4/15	Turners Falls	12	
4/15	Hanscom	20		M. Rines	Common Raven			
4/17	N. Truro	19		D. Manchester	3/11	MtA	2	R. Stymeist
4/19	PI	61		Hawkcount (P. Roberts)	3/17	Medford	3	C. Cook
4/22	Leicester	6		M. Lynch#	3/18	PI	3	B. Berg
4/23	Barre	4		HawkCount (J. Emerton)	3/30	Royalston	6	E. LeBlanc#
4/24	DWWS	7		P. Fang	4/11	Sharon	5	K. Ryan
4/25	Danvers	9		R. Heil	Horned Lark			
Merlin					3/1-4/14	Northampton	80	max S. Surner + v.o.
thr	Indiv. reported from	13	locations		3/3	Saugus	100	C. Cook#
4/4-4/29	PI	60		Hawkcount (P. Roberts)	3/21	PI	16	S. Miller
4/4	Easthampton	2		D. Allard	3/27	Acton	20	D. McDermott
4/29	PI	10		Hawkcount (P. Roberts)	Purple Martin			
Peregrine Falcon					4/12, 4/30	PI	2,23	S. McGrath#, R. Heil
3/10	Brockton	2	1pr	K. Ryan	4/12, 4/16	Norfolk	1,7	N. Crosby, D. Williams
3/18	Woburn	2	1pr	J. Nathan	Tree Swallow			
4/17-4/28	PI	4		Hawkcount (P. Roberts)	3/12-3/15	Longmeadow	30	max K. Oscar + v.o.
Least Flycatcher					3/28	Lakeville	110	M. Sylvia
4/24	Great Barrington	1		G. & C. Ward	4/4	GMNWR	250	A. Bragg#
4/29	Sheffield	2		M. Caron	4/14	Seekonk	65	J. Eckerson#
Eastern Phoebe					4/22	Lowell	100	L. de la Flor
4/7	Hardwick	29		M. Lynch#	4/23	Topsfield	150	J. Berry
4/9	PI	27		R. Heil	4/27	Quabog IBA	280	M. Lynch#
4/14	Nahant	12		C. Dalton	4/28	Northfield	160	G. Watkevich
4/14	Amherst	11		L. Therrien	4/30	PI	450	R. Heil
4/29	Monson	18		M. Lynch#	Northern Rough-winged Swallow			
Great Crested Flycatcher					3/12	Longmeadow	2	B. Finney
4/24	Dover	1		E. Nielsen	4/14	Uxbridge	12	M. Ess-Why
4/24	MBO	1		E. Lipton	4/17	Plymouth	10	D. Furbish
4/25	Easthampton	1		D. Allard	4/21	Gloucester (EP)	23	R. Heil
4/29	Ipswich	1		J. Berry	Bank Swallow			
Eastern Kingbird					4/13	Turners Falls	1	J. Smith
4/4	PI	1		T. Wetmore	4/20	Sheffield	3	K. Schopp
4/19-4/21	S. Dartmouth	1		B. King#	4/29	Manomet	3	L. Schibley
4/24	Marshfield	2		D. Peacock	Cliff Swallow			
4/28	Burrage Pd WMA	2		N. Marchessault	4/5	Wayland	1	B. Harris
Northern Shrike					4/12	Hatfield	1	M. McKittrick
3/1-4/11	Indiv. reported from	12	locations		4/24-4/25	Rowe	16	C. Hyytinen, M. Silver
White-eyed Vireo					Barn Swallow			
4/20-4/21	Dartmouth	1		B. King	3/18	Blackstone	4	D. Miles
4/23	Falmouth	1		W. Sweet	3/31	Westminster	1	T. Pirro
4/29	Nantucket	1		T. Pastuszak	4/20	Richmond	30	K. Hanson
Yellow-throated Vireo					4/30	PI	55	R. Heil
4/24-4/29	PI	1		A. Perko + v.o.	Red-breasted Nuthatch			
3/16	Turners Falls	10		C. Lawlor#	3/2	Montague	25	J. Eckerson
4/25	Gloucester (EP)	1		J. Nelson	3/9	Sharon	25	P. Peterson
4/25	Reading	1		P. Humphries	3/9	Mashpee	4	G. d'Entremont#
4/29	Amherst	1		M. McKittrick	3/21	Plymouth	5	E. Vacchino#
Blue-headed Vireo					4/2	Ipswich	5	P. + F. Vale
4/12	Peabody	2		C. Martone	4/14	MtA	4	C. Cook
4/21	Petersham	9		M. Lynch#	Brown Creeper			
4/24	PI	12		P. + F. Vale	3/30	Taunton	9	A. Kneidel
4/24	Deerfield	11		D. Sibley	4/7	Hardwick	5	M. Lynch#
4/24	MNWS	6		L. Ferrareso	4/12-4/25	PI	24	b B. Fleder#
Warbling Vireo					4/14	Boston (McW)	7	P. Peterson
4/20	New Salem	1		R. & S. Cloutier	4/14	Sudbury	6	J. Forbes
4/28	Concord	3		D. Swain	4/17	P'town	12	B. Nikula#
4/29	Cohasset	2		S. Avery	4/28	Wompatuck SP	8	BBC (G. d'Entremont)
Red-eyed Vireo					House Wren			
4/21	Quincy	1		A. Trautmann	4/22	Scituate	8	D. Peacock
4/23	Falmouth	1		W. Sweet	4/23	N. Dighton	3	M. Eckerson
4/24-4/30	P'town	2	max	v.o.	4/24	Blackstone	10	M. Lynch#
4/27	MtA	1		M. Peirce	4/29	Monson	14	M. Lynch#
Black-whiskered Vireo*					4/30	Belmont	5	R. Stymeist
4/21	Edgartown	1	ph	K. Magnuson	Winter Wren			
Fish Crow					3/12	Dedham	2	J. Young
3/2	Worc.	20		M. Lynch#	3/31	Boxford	2	m J. Berry#
3/12	Dedham	25		J. Young	4/9	PI	8	R. Heil
3/18	Hyde Park	40		J. Young	4/13	Lexington (DM)	2	C. Cook
					4/18	N. Dighton	2	J. Eckerson

Winter Wren (continued)				3/13	Scituate	14	D. Peacock
4/20	Wompatuck SP	5	J. Offermann	3/13	W. Newbury	13	C. Decker
4/22, 4/24	PI	1,1 b	B. Flemer#	3/22	Hinsdale	12	C. Tanguay
4/28	HRWMA	2	T. Pirro	3/23	Ipswich	40	N. Smith
Marsh Wren				3/29	Marshfield	11	K. Rawdon#
3/9, 4/28	GMNWR	1,6	M. Gooley, B. Lee	4/6	Royalston	60	E. LeBlanc
3/30	Somerset	1	J. Eckerson#	4/18	Winchendon	16	J. Nyman
4/28	PI	8	M. Goetschkes#	4/19	Wompatuck SP	14	D. Furbish#
Carolina Wren				4/19	Hinsdale	10	K. Dietlin
3/1	Acoaxet	10	M. Lynch#	4/27	Scituate	18	D. Peacock
4/9	PI	3	R. Heil	4/30	Plympton	13	T. Lloyd-Evans
4/24	Blackstone	17	M. Lynch#	Purple Finch			
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				3/3	Jamaica Plain	6	L. Nichols
4/13	Yarmouth	1	P. Trimble	4/8	Uxbridge	12	N. Demers
4/13	PI	1	S. Miller	4/9-4/15	Granville	15	D. Holmes
4/14	Sheffield	4	J. Pierce#	4/12	Peabody	9	C. Martone
4/20	Wompatuck SP	11	J. Offermann	4/14	Seekonk	5	J. Eckerson#
4/20	N. Dighton	6	M. Eckerson	4/18	Milton	15	P. Peterson
4/20	P'town	5	B. Nikula#	4/19	Hinsdale	20	K. Dietlin
4/21-4/24	Quabbin Pk	14 max	L. Therrien	4/22	PI	8	T. Wetmore
4/21	GMNWR	8	C. Cook	4/24	Deerfield	45	D. Sibley
Golden-crowned Kinglet				Common Redpoll			
4/7-4/17	PI	30 b	B. Flemer#	3/1-4/23	Worthington	25 max	S. Lewis
4/10	Cambr. (FP)	12	R. Jilek	3/2	Ipswich (CB)	17	H. Levy#
4/10	Boston (McW)	11	S. Jones	3/4-3/24	Montague	30 max	J. Jorgensen#+v.o.
4/19	P'town	24	W. Klockner	3/9	Groton	114	T. Murray
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				3/16	Worcester	20	E. Kittredge + v.o.
4/7-4/24	PI	37 b	B. Flemer#	3/18	Lowell	45	D. McDermott#
4/14	Cape Ann	36	B. Harris	Red Crossbill			
4/14	Quincy	9	C. Whitebread#	3/14	Lexington (DM)	22	K. Hartel#
4/14	MtA	7	C. Cook	3/21	Plymouth	10	E. Vaccino#
4/17	P'town	12	B. Nikula#	3/28-4/5	Ipswich	20 max	G. d'Entremont#+v.o.
Eastern Bluebird				4/12	Dennis 12 Type	10	M. J. Foti
3/9	Westport	8	D. Tobias	4/17	Westwood11 Type	10	E. Nielsen
3/15	Hardwick	8	W. Howes	4/20	Boston	6	R. Schain
3/19	IRWS	7	J. Smith	Pine Siskin			
4/7	Hardwick	10	M. Lynch#	3/2	Easton	10	K. Ryan
Veery				3/12-3/21	Montague	25 max	J. Jorgensen#+v.o.
4/25	MBO	1 ad bT.	Lloyd-Evans#	3/13	Sharon	12	W. Sweet
Hermit Thrush				4/2	Boxford	7	T. Martin
4/9	PI	71	R. Heil	4/9	Granville	45	D. Holmes
4/12-4/25	PI	19 b	B. Flemer#	Lapland Longspur			
4/14	Boston (McW)	12	S. Jones#	3/1-3/15	Northampton	5	J. Oliverio, A. Hulsev#+v.o.
4/21	Petersham	11	M. Lynch#	3/1-3/2	Ashley Falls	1	G. Hurley + v.o.
Wood Thrush				3/6	Salisbury	4	C. Morgan
4/22-4/23	Boston (RKG)	1	A. Laquidara + v.o.	3/12	Newbury	6	T. Wetmore
4/23	Boylston	2	G. Deyo	Snow Bunting			
Varied Thrush				3/1-3/2	Northampton	100 max	L. Therrien+v.o.
3/13-3/30	Nantucket	1	T. Pastuszak#	3/1	Salisbury	17	M. Watson
Gray Catbird				3/3-3/20	Wachusett Res.	25 max	J. Forbes + v.o.
3/2	Woburn (HP)	2	J. Thomas	3/6-3/14	Montague	44 max	S. Griesemer
4/21	Westport	3	J. Eckerson#	3/12	PI	45	T. Wetmore
4/21	Westboro	2	A. de Blocq	3/20	Winthrop B.	42	P. + F. Vale
4/28	Burrage Pd WMA	5	N. Marchessault	3/20	Boston (Logan)	15	N. Dorian
Brown Thrasher				Eastern Towhee			
4/24	Blackstone	2	M. Lynch#	4/14	Seekonk	6	J. Eckerson#
4/29	Hanscom	2	M. Rines	4/21-4/24	Quabbin Pk	31	L. Therrien
4/30	PI	6	R. Heil	4/22	PI	33	T. Wetmore
Bohemian Waxwing				4/28	Hardwick	17	M. Lynch#
3/14	Deerfield	1 ph	D. Sibley	4/29	Monson	18	M. Lynch#
4/9	E. Boston (BI)	3	DCR (S. Riley)	American Tree Sparrow			
Cedar Waxwing				3/thr-4/19	Pittsfield	12 max	S. Townsend
3/7	Turners Falls	165	J. Rose	3/19	Ipswich (CB)	4	J. Berry#
4/13	Wachusett Res.	4	M. Lynch#	3/24	New Braintree	3	M. Lynch#
American Pipit				4/21	Cumb. Farms	3	J. Sweeney
3/14	Lancaster	1	B. Robo	Chipping Sparrow			
4/4	Topsfield	2	A. Sanford#	3/1	Medford	1	A. Trautmann
4/12	Lancaster	16	M. Lynch#	3/12	Brewster	1	D. Clapp#
4/13	Fairhaven	3	C. Longworth	4/14	MtA	20	C. Cook
Evening Grosbeak				4/14	Medfield	14	J. Bock
3/1-4/6	Windsor	44 max	K. Simon	4/14	Boston (McW)	12	S. Jones#
3/11	Wellfleet	20	S. Matheny	4/20	N. Dighton	14	M. Eckerson
3/13	Ware R. IBA	25	M. Lynch#	4/21-4/24	Quabbin Pk	58 max	L. Therrien

Chipping Sparrow (continued)			4/23	Shutesbury	7	K. Weir	
4/24	Blackstone	93		4/28	Wayland	2	A. Loveless
4/24	MBO	30	M. Lynch#				
4/29	Monson	58					
Clay-colored Sparrow				3/3	Cumb. Farms	11	A. Kneidel
4/9-4/16	Medford	1 ph	B. Burke	3/16-3/17	Easthampton	10	B. Finney + v.o.
Field Sparrow				3/24	New Braintree	7	M. Lynch#
3/1	Westport	5	M. Lynch#	4/28	Amesbury	10	H. Burns
4/9	Stow	3	N. Tepper				
4/11	Sharon	3	W. Sweet	4/22-4/28	Hadley	1	S. Walas
4/14	Lancaster	6	G. d'Entremont	4/23	Boston (AA)	1	A. Hulse + v.o.
4/20	PI	7	T. Wetmore	4/24	Blackstone	1 m	P. Peterson
4/21	Abington	5	D. O'Brien				M. Lynch#
Vesper Sparrow				Baltimore Oriole			
3/1	Ashley Falls	1	C. Blake	4/17	Shrewsbury	1	T. Andrews
4/9	Hadley (Honeypot)	3	L. Therrien	4/19	Northampton	1	D. Oakley
4/12	PI	1	T. Wetmore	4/21	Westport	2	B. King#
4/12	Boston (FPk)	1	S. Baird	4/21	Merrimac	1	B. + B. Buxton
4/14	Medfield	1	J. Bock				
4/22	Fairhaven	1	S. Walas	Brown-headed Cowbird			
4/27-4/29	W. Roxbury (MP)	2	R. Doherty + v.o.	3/14	Uxbridge	20	S. Williams#
Savannah Sparrow				3/16-3/20	Northampton	20	maxS. Williams+v.o.
3/4	Cumb. Farms	21	J. Sweeney	3/30	Concord	22	C. + C. Winstanley
3/29	PI	10	P. Hackett	4/7	Rutland	40	M. Lynch#
4/14	Northampton	46	A. Hulse + v.o.				
4/14	E. Boston (BI)	26	B. Burke	Rusty Blackbird			
4/17	Newbury	17	T. Martin	3/15	Pittsfield	50	K. Hanson#
4/24	Westboro	50	T. Spahr	3/16	Milford	20	N. Demers
Savannah (Ipswich) Sparrow				3/31	Wayland	31	B. Harris
3/18	Duxbury B.	4	R. Bowes	4/14	Lynnfield	323	C. Martone
3/19	PI	2	T. Wetmore	4/18	W. Roxbury (MP)	22	J. Young
4/18	Eastham	1	K. Burke	4/23	IRWS	30	C. Lapite
4/24	Westport	1	M. Iliif	4/30	Lexington	20	C. Floyd
Saltmarsh Sparrow				Common Grackle			
4/18	Nantucket	2	S. Kardell	3/16-3/20	Northampton	625	maxS. Williams+v.o.
4/23	Salisbury	1	P. Laufer	3/16	Sterling	150	M. Lynch#
Seaside Sparrow				3/20	Lancaster	900	J. Hoye#
4/18-4/23	Eastham (FH)	1	J. Harris#	3/24	Bolton Flats	2000	C. Cook#
4/29	PI	1	T. Wetmore	Ovenbird			
Fox Sparrow				4/20	N. Dighton	1	M. Eckerson
3/15	Pittsfield	7	K. Hanson#	4/21, 4/28	Wompatuck SP	1,11	G. d'Entremont
3/18	Hyde Park	5	J. Young	4/21	W. Newbury	1	E. Labato
3/26	Montague	6	J. Moran	4/23	N. Dighton	5	M. Eckerson
3/30	Southampton	6	K. Carragher	4/28	Burrage Pd WMA	6	N. Marchessault
4/3	Rockport (HPt)	7	W. Freedberg	Worm-eating Warbler			
4/9	PI	18	R. Heil	4/18, 4/29	Nantucket	1,1	S. Kardell, T. Pastuszak
Lincoln's Sparrow				4/21-4/24	Westport	1	B. King + v.o.
4/23	Boston (AA)	1	P. Peterson	Louisiana Waterthrush			
4/24	Boston (McW)	1	S. Jones#	4/8-4/13	W. Boylston	1	B. Robo
4/29	Amherst	1	M. McKittrick	4/10	Hadley	1	M. Locher
Swamp Sparrow				4/11	Gill	1	J. Smith
3/1, 4/28	Burrage Pd WMA	3,45	J. Sweeney, N. Marchessault	4/14	Ashby	2	G. d'Entremont
3/3	Boston (AA)	1	M. Kaufman	4/14	Lowell	2	K. Poetzl
4/14	Amherst	11	L. Therrien	4/14	Petersham	2	M. Lynch#
4/15	Lexington	14	C. Cook	4/19	Wompatuck SP	3	D. Furbish#
4/17	W. Roxbury (MP)	10	P. Peterson	Northern Waterthrush			
4/20	Quabog IBA	34	M. Lynch#	4/17	Fall River	1	L. Abbey
4/21	GMNWR	24	C. Cook	4/17	IRWS	1	S. Babbitt
4/24	W. Newbury	8	P. + F. Vale	4/19	Sharon	3	W. Sweet
White-crowned Sparrow				4/20	Dighton	3	M. Eckerson#
3/1	Ashley Falls	2	C. Blake	4/21	Middleboro	5	H. + J. Levesque
3/1-3/2	Northampton	2	L. Therrien + v.o.	4/28	Burrage Pd WMA	8	N. Marchessault
3/20-3/28	Nantucket	4	T. Pastuszak#	Golden-winged Warbler			
3/30	Cumb. Farms	3	L. Schibley#	4/24	Orleans	1 ph	N. Tepper
Dark-eyed Junco				4/24	Longmeadow	1	M. Moore
4/7	Hardwick	56	M. Lynch#	Blue-winged Warbler			
4/8	PI	1000	T. Wetmore#	4/21	Westport	1	J. Eckerson#
4/9	Salisbury	80	P. + F. Vale	4/24	Deerfield	1	D. Sibley
4/9	Granville	55	D. Holmes	4/25	Waltham	1	J. Forbes
4/17	P'town	40	B. Nikula#	Black-and-white Warbler			
4/19	Shelburne Falls	75	E. DeVoto	4/17	Fall River	1	L. Abbey
Bobolink				4/19	Nahant	1	L. Pivacek
4/22-4/27	Wayland	1 ph	K. Quackenbush+v.o.	4/19	Boston (FPk)	1	R. Mayer
				4/21-4/24	Quabbin Pk	23 max	L. Therrien
				4/24-4/25	PI	6 b	B. Flemer#
				4/24	MBO	2 b	T. Lloyd-Evans#

Black-and-white Warbler (continued)	4/30	PI	1	R. Heil
4/28 Burrage Pd WMA11	N. Marchessault	Pine Warbler	3/30	Taunton 7
Prothonotary Warbler			4/7	Hardwick 9
4/27 P'town 1	M. Forist#		4/13	Wachusett Res. 32
Orange-crowned Warbler			4/21	Wompatuck SP 24
3/9 Harwich 1	A. Curtis		4/24	Quabbin Pk 21
4/25-4/30 MtA 1	S. Williams + v.o.		4/25	Boxford 20
4/28 Boxford (CP) 1	A. Steenstrup#	Yellow-rumped Warbler	4/21	Petersham 162
4/29 MBO 1	m bT. Lloyd-Evans#		4/21-4/24	PI 90 b
Nashville Warbler			4/24	PI 200
4/21 Northampton 1	F. Bowrys		4/24	Deerfield 135
4/24 Westport 1	A. Eckerson		4/24	MBO 14 b
4/25 IRWS 1	W. Tatro		4/25	IRWS 300
Kentucky Warbler			4/25	P'town 50
4/27 PI 1 b	B. Flemer#		4/28	Northfield 92
4/28-4/29 P'town 1 ph	M. Forist#		4/28	DWMA 50
Common Yellowthroat		Yellow-throated Warbler	4/23-4/25	WBWS 1 ph
4/21 Westport 2	A. Eckerson#		4/23	Chestnut Hill 1 ph
4/21 Great Barrington 1	D. Abrams		4/24	Brewster 1
4/21 GMNWR 1	W. Hutcheson		4/26-4/28	Nantucket 1 ph
Hooded Warbler			4/29	Wenham 1
4/17 P'town 1	B. Nikula#	Prairie Warbler	4/23	Falmouth 1
4/21 MNWS 1 f	J. Offermann#		4/24	Westboro 1
4/21 Nantucket 1	S. Kardell		4/27	Williamstown 1
4/23 MBO 1	E. Lipton	Black-throated Green Warbler	4/13	Wellfleet 2
4/24-4/30 Falmouth 1	G. Hirth#		4/19	Barre 1
4/24 Westport 1	A. Eckerson		4/24	Ipswich 5
4/28 N. Truro 1	J. Young		4/28	HRWMA 4
4/30 Yarmouth 1	S. Finnegan#	Summer Tanager	4/24-4/29	Nantucket 2 ph
4/30 Belmont 1 f	R. Stymeist		4/24-4/29	PI 1 ph
American Redstart			4/25	MBO 2 m b
4/25 Quabbin Pk 1	L. Therrien		4/30	Hyde Park 1 ph
Cape May Warbler		Scarlet Tanager	4/19	Bolton 1
4/24 Brookline 1 ph	J. Weinberg		4/21	Bourne 1
Northern Parula			4/23	PI 1
4/14 Plymouth 1	D. Furbish	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	4/11	Nantucket 1
4/19 Florence 1	K. Webler		4/18	Brewster 1
4/19 Canton 1	W. Lackey		4/21	Ipswich 1 m
4/21 Edgartown 3	L. Johnson	Blue Grosbeak	4/21	Eastham (FH) 1
Bay-breasted Warbler			4/22	MBO 1
4/21 Westport 1	B. King#		4/22	Manomet 1
Blackburnian Warbler			4/23	Nantucket 2
4/25 Nantucket 1	T. Pastuszek#		4/24	MtA 1
Yellow Warbler			4/27-4/30	P'town 2 max
4/14 MtA 1	K. Noboa#		4/27-4/30	DWMA 1
4/19 Brookline 1	J. Weinberg		4/28	E. Bridgewater 1
4/19 Boston 1	M. Sinclair	Indigo Bunting	4/21	Eastham (FH) 2
4/28 Burrage Pd WMA15	N. Marchessault		4/21	Gloucester (EP) 1
Black-throated Blue Warbler			4/21	Wompatuck SP 1
4/25 Andover 1	J. Kamerud		4/25	Nantucket 5
4/25 PI 1 b	B. Flemer#	Dickcissel	3/1-3/21	Gloucester 1
4/29 N. Dighton 1	M. Eckerson		3/2	Acton 1
Palm Warbler			3/21	Essex 1
3/31 Belchertown 3	L. Therrien			
4/2 Hardwick 4	W. Howes			
4/9 Wakefield 14	D. Williams			
4/12 Arlington Res. 15	J. Thomas			
4/14-4/25 PI 37 b	B. Flemer#			
4/17 IRWS 45	S. Babbitt#			
4/24 MBO 2 b	T. Lloyd-Evans#			
4/28 Boxford (CP) 24	P. Brown			
Palm Warbler (Western)				
4/25 Danvers 1	R. Heil			
4/28 Ludlow 1 ph	T. Gilliland			
4/29 P'town 1 ph	N. Villone			

BYGONE BIRDS

Historical Highlights for March–April

Neil Hayward

5 YEARS AGO



March–April 2014

At least two **Pink-footed Geese** were present in Western Massachusetts in March and a **Barnacle Goose** spent 11 days in Mendon. A **Ross's Goose** was found on Nantucket on April 4. A **Tundra Swan** spent a week in Sheffield. A **White Ibis** was spotted flying over Concord on April 4. There were probably five individual **Swallow-tailed Kites** reported during the period from Cape Cod and Wareham. **Ruffs** were reported from Newburyport Harbor and Nantucket. A **Western Tanager** was photographed in Auburn, and two **Yellow-headed Blackbirds** were in West Bridgewater and at Cumberland Farms.

Best sighting: **Zone-tailed Hawk**, Chappaquiddick Island, April 25. This was a first record for Massachusetts, and only the third east of the Mississippi River.

10 YEARS AGO



March–April 2009

A flock of 17 **Greater White-fronted Geese** at the Bear Creek Sanctuary in Saugus in March beat the previous state high count of six. An **American White Pelican** was seen in Westport on April 15. An early **Black-necked Stilt** was at Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary on April 25. Nantucket hosted a **Black-backed Woodpecker** at the end of April. Passerine highlights included: a **Townsend's Warbler** at Chestnut Hill Reservoir in Brighton from April 14–19, a **Golden-crowned Sparrow** in South Natick on April 18–19, a **Painted Bunting** at a feeder in Whately on the last day of April, and a **Varied Thrush** in Palmer.

Best sighting: an “invasion” of **Ross's Geese**. Prior to 2009 there had only been three records, all single birds. This year there were seven birds in Ipswich on March 15, eight birds in Easthampton the next day, two in Haverhill on March 19, and a single bird on Plum Island on March 22.

20 YEARS AGO

BIRD OBSERVER



March–April 1999

Record high numbers of American Kestrels were counted migrating past Plum Island with 297 recorded on April 7. A male **Ruff** was found in Ipswich on the early date of March 31. A total of 343 Common Snipe in two fields in West Bridgewater represented the second-highest count ever recorded in the state. A **Lark Sparrow** that had been visiting a feeder in Salisbury during the winter remained until April 3. Another feeder bird—a **Yellow-headed Blackbird**—continued in Nantucket throughout March.


Best sighting: the state's first **Pink-footed Goose** that was found in Dennis in mid-January continued until April 11.

40 YEARS AGO



March–April 1979

Cattle Egrets were reported from Martha's Vineyard and seven locations on Cape Cod at the end of March. A Whimbrel of the white-rumped, European subspecies, *phaeopus*, was on Nantucket between April 29–30. An adult **Mew (Common) Gull** was found in a flock of 250+ Ring-billed Gulls in East Bridgewater on April 1. At least six **Great Gray Owls** lingered into early March, including a bird at Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary in Topsfield that stayed until March 28. A **Boreal Chickadee** was found at Essex on April 25. The **Varied Thrush** from the previous period remained at a Chelmsford feeder until March 4 and an immature **Harris's Sparrow** spent five weeks in Peabody.

Best sighting: some 2,000 Red-necked Grebes were packed along the bay shore between Wellfleet and Provincetown on April 4 and set a high-count record for New England and perhaps the entire country. 

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
AthBC	Athol Bird Club	PR		Pinnacle Rock, Malden
B.	Beach	P'town		Provincetown
Barre FD	Barre Falls Dam	R.		River
BBC	Brookline Bird Club	Res.		Reservoir
BHI	Boston Harbor Islands	RKG		Rose Kennedy Greenway, Boston
BI	Belle Isle, E. Boston	RP		Race Point, Provincetown
BMB	Broad Meadow Brook, Worcester	SB		South Beach, Chatham
BNC	Boston Nature Center, Mattapan	SN		Sandy Neck, Barnstable
BR	Bass Rocks, Gloucester	SP		State Park
BRI Co. seas	Bristol County, offshore	SRV		Sudbury River Valley
Cambr.	Cambridge	SSBC		South Shore Bird Club
CB	Crane Beach, Ipswich	TASL	Take A Second Look, Boston Harbor	Census
CCBC	Cape Cod Bird Club	WBWS		Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
CGB	Coast Guard Beach, Eastham	WE		World's End, Hingham
Corp. B.	Corporation Beach, Dennis	WMA		Wildlife Management Area
CP	Crooked Pond, Boxford	WMWS		Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary
Cumb. Farms	Cumberland Farms, Middleboro	Wompatuck SP	Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate,	Norwell
DFWS	Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary	Worc.		Worcester
DM	Dunback Meadow	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	!	subject to MARC review	
FH	Fort Hill, Eastham	ad	adult	
FP	Fresh Pond, Cambridge	au	heard / recorded	
FPk	Franklin Park, Boston	b	banded	
G#	Gate #, Quabbin Res.	br	breeding	
GMNWR	Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge	cy	cycle (3cy = 3rd cycle)	
H.	Harbor	d	dead	
HCB	Herring Cove Beach, Provincetown	dk	dark (morph)	
HP	Horn Pond, Woburn	f	female	
HPt	Halibut Point, Rockport	fl	fledgling	
HRWMA	High Ridge WMA, Gardner	imm	immature	
I.	Island	inj	injured	
IBA	Important Bird Area	juv	juvenile	
IRWS	Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary	lt	light (morph)	
JBBC	Joint Base Cape Cod	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	
McD	McLaughlin Woods	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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