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May had near-normal temperatures, was very cloudy, and had slightly less precipitation — though with an excess of rainy days. The mercury averaged 58.9° in Boston, just 0.4° above normal, but 3.8° warmer than the very cold May of last year. The high in Boston was 89° on May 15, and the low was 40° on May 5. There were fourteen days with measurable amounts of rain during May, totaling 3.08 inches for Boston. The weather was ideal for the birding community: lots of southerly winds, with some adverse weather in between that grounded migrants for a few days. Southwest winds, those most favorable during spring migration, were noted on May 1, 2, 6, 9, 14, and 15. From May 16 through May 23 the winds were predominantly out of the east or northeast, and grounded migrants persisted at many locations due to the inclement weather.

The month of June was cool with the temperature average of 66.5° in Boston, 1.5° below normal. There were only two warm spells, June 8-9 and June 15-17; the high in Boston was 93° on June 9. Total rainfall was just 1.95 inches in Boston, 1.27 inches below average.

WATERFOWL THROUGH ALCIDS

Snow Geese are occasionally observed in Massachusetts during May, with over 20 records during the last 10 years. This year, one Snow Goose was observed in Pittsfield on May 15, and three were found earlier in the month in Dalton. Interestingly, there are three June records and a single July record for Massachusetts.

A Tundra Swan was discovered on the first of May at Quabbin Reservoir. This represents the latest spring record, and first May record, for Massachusetts. Tundra Swans have been observed at least a few times through the third week of April but are rare after March. Redheads are nearly as unusual in Massachusetts this late in the spring. One was seen in Braintree through May 4. There are only three previous May records, although there is a single June record from Nantucket on June 5, 1998. Another interesting late Aythya was a Ring-necked Duck recorded on June 11 in Wellesley, a species that has been confirmed nesting in Massachusetts fewer than five times.

The two King Eiders observed in early May at Nantucket and Salem were interesting, but not atypical of the season. The male Harlequin Duck found at Rockport on the late date of June 18 is another story. There are only three previous summer records for this species in Massachusetts. For the fifth summer in a row, a female Common Goldeneye spent the early summer at Turners Falls. This year she was joined briefly by a male, and the two were actually observed mating. Although Common Goldeneye nest as far south as central Maine, there are no breeding records for Massachusetts. Beyond the observed copulation, there was no other evidence that these birds were nesting.

A few Red-throated Loons lingered into the beginning of June. The most interesting loon sighting of the period involved the Pacific Loon that was discovered on May 23 at Chappaquiddick on Martha’s Vineyard. It is always nice to hear of breeding Common Loons in Massachusetts. A pair was discovered in Princeton with two young on June 27.
An American White Pelican was observed in Duxbury on June 14. Unfortunately, it proved restless and was not seen after that day. American White Pelican is a casual visitor to Massachusetts. There are over twenty-five records in the last twenty years. Interestingly, this is the first June record for Massachusetts, although there are a number of May and July records.

American Bitterns were well-reported throughout the state this spring and into the breeding season. There were at least nine Least Bitterns seen during the period, including three at Plum Island on May 31. Plum Island, and in particular the North Pool, has historically been a very important breeding area for this, and other, freshwater marsh species. They have declined significantly over the last few decades, so a sighting of more than one bird at a known breeding locality is promising.

A White Ibis was found in Mashpee on May 29. This southeastern species has only been observed in Massachusetts eighteen times previously, the last sighting being April 27- May 4, 2003, at Allen’s Pond in South Dartmouth.

Mississippi Kites have become fairly routine, or at least annual, on Cape Cod over the last few years. Up to nine were found throughout the period this year, all from outer Cape Cod, except for one that was seen along the Cape Cod Canal and a second spotted for three consecutive days from Chickatawbut Hill in Quincy. Mississippi Kites rarely linger in migration, so the Quincy bird was exceptional, not only for its off-Cape location, but for its three-day stay.

A pair of Northern Harriers lingered in Windsor from the middle of May until mid-June, leading to speculation of breeding, but no evidence was forthcoming. Three Rough-legged Hawks were encountered during early May in northeastern Massachusetts. These are the first May records for Massachusetts, although they are routinely observed at hawk watches through mid-April.

Plum Island, and in particular the North Pool, proved to be an excellent site for more than just Least Bitterns during the late spring and early summer, as it has in many past years. As many as four King Rails, two Sora, and two Common Moorhens were also seen there during the period. All of the species rely on freshwater marshes that are becoming increasingly difficult to find in Massachusetts. There is no other site in Massachusetts with such a concentration of these rare species. Single Sandhill Cranes were observed a few days apart in Petersham and New Marlboro and may have represented the same bird.

Although quite common in fall migration, the western subspecies of Willet (Catoptrophorus inornatus) is very rare during the spring in Massachusetts. One such individual spent almost the whole month of June on North Monomoy Island in Chatham. A rare visitor to Massachusetts, there are only about two dozen previous records of Bar-tailed Godwit. There are two subspecies of Bar-tailed Godwit. The nominate subspecies (Limosa lapponica lapponica) breeds in northern Europe, while L.l. baueri breeds in eastern Siberia and western Alaska. The majority of records for Massachusetts involve the nominate subspecies. In fact, there are only two previous records of baueri for the state, one from Monomoy in August 1988 and another from May 4, 2002 on Martha’s Vineyard. An amazing three Bar-tailed Godwits were found in Chatham during this report period! The first bird, in alternate plumage, was discovered on North Monomoy on May 9 and was determined to be of the Alaskan subspecies, L.l. baueri. Unfortunately, this individual was only observed for a single day. However, three days later, another alternate-plumaged Bar-tailed Godwit of the nominate subspecies was found on North Monomoy. If things couldn’t get more exciting, yet another Bar-tailed Godwit, this bird in basic plumage, was seen on June 5 in the same area. Chatham rounded out its shorebird rarities for the season with an alternate-plumaged Curlew Sandpiper seen at the end of June.
An adult Pomarine Jaeger put on an impressive show in Osterville. It hung out near a boat ramp for nearly a week, giving birders an unusual opportunity to leisurely study one of these impressive birds. One of the most exciting records of the season was the Black-tailed Gull that was reported from Lynn Beach on June 11. If accepted by the Massachusetts Avian Records Committee (MARC), this would represent the first state record for this Asiatic gull in Massachusetts. This species has been turning up at many localities throughout North America and has recently occurred in several nearby states, including Rhode Island and New York. The Sandwich Tern found a week earlier was also an exciting find. Massachusetts came very close to an Atlantic alcid sweep for the month of May, missing only Thick-billed Murre and Dovekie, an impressive feat considering the time of year.

J. Trimble

### Tundra Swan

- **5/1** Quabbin (G33) - 1 M. Lynch
- **5/5** Springfield area - 86 Allan Club
- **5/20** Holton Flats - 1 S. Uttman
- **6/19** Pittsfield - 16 BBC (d’Entremont)
- **2/25** Lancaster - 14 (2w yg) C. Buick
- **6/25** Wakefield - 27 P. + F. Vale

### American Wigeon

- **5/1** Newburyport H. - 4 S. Uttman

### Blue-winged Teal

- **5/5** Newburyport - 2 pr M. A. (Weaver)
- **5/8** Newburyport - 2 pr M. Lynch
- **5/20** Monomoy - 1 M. Anderson
- **6/5** Newburyport - 5, 8 D. Brown

### Northern Shoveler

- **5/13, 6/12** P.I. - 1 Gove, W. T."Wetmore"
- **5/27** Monomoy - 6 S. Perkins
- **5/28, 6/9** Rowley - pr J. Berry

### Northern Pintail

- **5/27** S. Monomoy - 3 S. Perkins
- **5/5** Concord (NAC) - 12 S. Perkins
- **5/11** Longmeadow - 1 L. Therrian
- **5/15** Ware R. IBA - 2 M. Lynch
- **5/21** HRWMA - 2 T. Pirro
- **6/5, 6/29** P.I. - 2, 3 R. Heil
- **6/13** Ipswich - 2 D. Brown

### Green-winged Teal

- **5/2** W. Harwich - 10 B. Nikula
- **5/8** Harwichport - 2 pr M. Lynch

### Redhead

- **5/1-4** Brantree - 1 pr G. d’Entremont

### Greater Scaup

- **5/3** Northborough - 1 W. Lailey

### Lesser Scaup

- **5/7** Monomoy - 2 S. Perkins

### Ring-necked Duck

- **5/9** Nantucket - 1 imm E. Ray

### Ring-necked Duck

- **5/11** Wellesley - 1 m C. Ever
Red-breasted Merganser (continued)

5/20 N. Tru
t
5/25 Wachusett Res. 2 M. Lynch
5/27 Gloucester J. Berry
5/27 S. Monomoy 15 S. Perkins
5/2 Pemboke G. d’Entremont
5/27 S. Monomoy 9 S. Perkins
6/18 Melrose 1 D. J. Jewel
Ruffed Grouse
5/1 Quabbin (G33) 4 M. Lynch
5/7 Peterham 2 M. Lynch
5/14 Chicopee 2 T. Gagnon
5/14-15 E. Quabbin Area 2 C. Buelow
5/15 Ware R. IBA 5 M. Lynch
5/28 Hardwick 2 ad + 1 yg C. Buelow
6/5 Little River IBA 5 Allen Club

Red-throated Loon
5/9 Acxoxet 1 M. Lynch
5/13 WBS 1 pr G. d’Entremont
5/14 Cummaquid 1 D. Silverstein
5/18 N. Tru
t 1 D. Manchester
6/16 Eastham (F.H.) 3 CBBC (Silverstein)
6/17 Quabbin (G33) 1 B. Laffey
6/19 Wellfleet 5 F. Vale

Red-throated Diver
5/15 Wareham 2 M. Lynch
5/18 P. I.
5/24 Rockport 4 R. Heil
5/27 S. Monomoy 1 S. Perkins
6/10 N. Monomoy 1 B. Nikula
6/11 13 m E. of Rockport 1 J. Wallius

Common Loon
5/23 Chappaquiddick 1 A. Keith

California Loon
5/16 Quabbin Pk 12 M. Lynch
5/17 Nantucket Sound 156 F. Gaio
5/17 N. Tru
t 117 D. Manchester
5/24, 6/30 Cape Ann 18, 5 R. Heil
5/25 Wachusett Res. 16 M. Lynch
5/27 S. Monomoy 18 S. Perkins
6/5, 18 Buzzards Bay 26, 18 R. Farrell
6/7 P’town (R.P.) 10 M. Garvey
6/20 Rutland pr M. Lynch
6/21 P.I. 20 T. Weimore
6/27 Princeton pr 2 yg T. Pirro

Pied-billed Grebe
5/15-6/13 Ipswich 2-3 J. Berry
5/1 Southampton 1 T. Swochak
5/14 Spencer pr M. Lynch
5/14 Plainfield 1 R. Packard
5/15 Northampton 1 R. Packard
6/13 Stockbridge 1 M. Lynch

Horned Grebe
5/14 Plymouth 2 R. Danca
5/15 Marblehead 2 R. Stymeist
6/7-9 Rockport 1 br pl R. Heil

Red-necked Grebe
5/ N. Scituate 7 G. d’Entremont
5/12 Chilmark 1 A. Keith
5/15 Nahant 1 R. Stymeist

Great Blue Heron
5/15 Westboro 4 active nests M. Lynch
6/11 13 m E. of Rockport 1 J. Wallius

Greater Shearwater
5/15 Ware R. IBA 17 nests/21 ind M. Lynch
6/11 Chatham (S.B.) 18 P. Flood
6/15 Wellfleet (Marconi) 10 B. Nikula

Booby Shearwater
5/25 off Gay Head 1 A. Keith
6/1 Chappaquiddick
6/7 P’town (R.P.) 2 M. Garvey
6/7, 29 Gloucester 1 J. Wallius
6/11 13 m E. of Rockport 1 J. Wallius
6/11 Chatham (S.B.) 100+ P. Flood
6/15 Wellfleet (Marconi) 25 B. Nikula

Wilson’s Storm-Petrel
5/15 Quabbin (G33) 4 M. Lynch
6/1 P’town 15+ B. Nikula
6/7 Vineyard Sound 100+ V. Larr

Great Cormorant
5/15 southampton 205 M. Lynch
6/2 P’town 250+ M. Lynch
6/11 Buzzards Bay 100+ M. Lynch
6/23 Wachusett Res. 250+ M. Lynch
6/30 Newburyport 135 M. Lynch

American White Pelican (no details) *
6/14 Duxbury 1 F. Bygate

Double-crested Cormorant
5/7 Vineyard Sound 350+ M. Lynch
5/8 N. Truro 2000+ P. Flood
5/20 P. I. 50 S. Perkins
5/24 Cape Ann 81 S. Perkins
6/7 P’town (R.P.) 25 M. Garvey
6/11 Chatham (S.B.) 30+ P. Flood
6/11 13 m E. of Rockport 15 J. Wallius
6/15 Wellfleet (Marconi) 8+ B. Nikula
6/30 Newburyport MAS (Larsen)
6/16 Pittsfield 11 nests w/33 yg M. Lynch

Northern Gannet
6/13 Rockport 1 ad J. Wallius
6/16 Newburyport 900+ B. Nikula
6/18 Newburyport 2000+ P. Flood
6/18 Wachusett Res. 1400+ M. Lynch
6/24 Chatham 1700+ M. Lynch
6/26 Wellfleet (Marconi) 1400+ M. Lynch
6/28 Chatham (S.B.) 4+ P. Flood
6/30 Newburyport 1 MAS (Larsen)

Great Shearwater
5/15 Ware R. IBA 17 nests/21 ind M. Lynch
6/11 Chatham (S.B.) 220 active nests M. Lynch
6/12 Pittsfield 11 nests w/33 yg M. Lynch
6/16 Middleton 20 pr n J. Berry

Manx Shearwater
5/24 Gloucester 1 R. Heil
6/7 P’town (R.P.) 2 M. Garvey
6/7, 29 Gloucester 1 J. Wallius
6/11 13 m E. of Rockport 1 J. Wallius
6/11 Chatham (S.B.) 100+ P. Flood
6/15 Wellfleet (Marconi) 25 B. Nikula

Large shearwater species
5/24 Gloucester 1 R. Heil
6/7 P’town (R.P.) 2 M. Garvey
6/7, 29 Gloucester 1 J. Wallius
6/11 13 m E. of Rockport 1 J. Wallius
6/11 Chatham (S.B.) 100+ P. Flood
6/15 Wellfleet (Marconi) 25 B. Nikula

Pacific Loon (no details) *
6/18 P’town 900+ B. Nikula
6/15 P’town 15+ B. Nikula
6/5 Rockport 135+ B. Nikula

American White Pelican (no details) *
6/14 Duxbury 1 F. Bygate

Double-crested Cormorant
5/3 Turners Falls 30 W. Laffey
5/8 P. I. 167+ P. + F. Vale
5/15 Springfield area 75 Allen Club
5/24 Chatham 950+ B. Nikula
5/25 Wachusett Res. 230 M. Lynch
5/31 Essex Co. islands est. 1250 pr n J. Berry
5/10 Monomoy 600 B. Nikula

Great Cormorant
5/8 Medford 1 A. Gurka
5/15 N. Scituate 10 SSBC (Peacock)
5/24 Plymouth B. 3 A. Brissette
5/31 Marblehead 2 imm J. Berry
5/5 Ledyard 2 M. Lynch
6/7 Monomoy 1 ad G. Grove
6/27 Salisbury 1 E. Morris
6/29 Cape Ann 3 R. Heil
6/7 P’town (R.P.) 30 M. Garvey
6/12 Brookfield 2 M. Lynch
6/13 Stockbridge 4 M. Lynch

Least Bittern
5/15 Sudbury 1 N. Dane
5/14 Brookfield 1 M. Lynch
5/1 P.I. 3 T. Wetmore
5/31 P.I. 3 T. Wetmore
6/10 DWWS 1 SSBC (D. Clapp)
6/13 Ipswich 1 D. Brown

No records of the species reported in 2003.
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5/6 GMNWR 2 S. Perkins#
5/6 Black-bellied Plover 4 S. Perkins#
6/2 New Marlboro 1 via R. Laubach

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Northern Goshawk 5/31 Petersham 1 M. Lynch#
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Bar-tailed Godwit

Spotted Sandpiper

Western Willet

Red knot

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Willet

5/2 Scituate 12 S. Maguire

5/7, 6/29 P.I. 60, 75 Grunley, Heil

5/9 Westport 24 M. Lynch#

5/15, 6/21 N. Monomoy 100, 140 B. Nikula

5/6 Hadley 1 H. McQueen

5/7, 6/27 Essex 17 ad D. Brown#

Western Willet

6/5–21 N. Monomoy 1 B. Nikula

5/9 Newbury 7 P. + F. Vale#

5/13, 24 Arlington Res. 10, 8 M. Rines

5/16 Chatham (S.B.) 1000, 450 B. Nikula

5/15 Geighton 5 M. Lynch#

5/16 Dennis (Corp. B.) 80 J. Berry#

5/15 Ipswich R. 10 J. Berry#

5/24 Cape Ann 182 R. Heil

5/15 Springfield area 27 Allen Club

5/24, 31 Plymouth B. 20, 8 Brissette, d’Entremont

5/28 Thompson’s L. 4 R. Stymiest#

5/13 Salmon River 35 B. Pericival#

Upland Sandpiper

5/23 Scituate 3 A. Jones

5/23, 28 Chatham (S.B.) 1, 2 B. Nikula

Bar-tailed Godwit (details submitted)*

5/9 N. Monomoy (alt. baueri) 1 B. Nikula

5/12–15 N. Monomoy 1 ph B. Nikula# Chatham (S.B.) 1 basic B. Nikula

Marbled Godwit

5/9 N. Monomoy 1 B. Nikula

Red Knot

5/7 Duxbury B. 1 L. Cleveland#

5/19 Hingham 1 R. Carroll

5/24 Plymouth B. 60 A. Brissette#

5/27, 6/13 N. Monomoy 350, 22 B. Nikula

6/5 P.I. 4 S. Mirick#

6/27 Scituate 2 S. Maguire#

6/27 Essex 1 D. Brown#

Sanderling

5/24 Plymouth B. 290 A. Brissette#

5/27, 6/13 N. Monomoy 600, 100 B. Nikula

7 Semipalmated Sandpiper

5/12 Longmeadow 1 L. LaPonte

5/17 Hadley 2 P. Yeskie

5/29, 6/24 P.I. 100, 8 T. Wetmore

5/24 Plymouth B. 143 A. Brissette#

5/25, 6/12 N. Monomoy 650, 40 B. Nikula

5/24 GMWNR 1 S. Perkins#

5/29 S. Hanson 6 K. Anderson#

5/29 Scituate 48 S. Maguire

Least Sandpiper

5/1, 19 Scituate 25, 270 S. Maguire

5/5, 13, 24 Arlington Res. 15, 45, 21 M. Rines

5/7, 25 P.I. 50, 60 R. Heil

5/9 Acacoxet 138 M. Lynch#

5/9 Wellfleet 52 B. Nikula

5/13 Topsfield 120 J. Center

5/14 W. Harwich 425 B. Nikula

5/15 Longmeadow 66 M. + K. Conway

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5/15 Springfield area 77 Allen Club

5/18 Newbury 1600 R. Heil

White-rumped Sandpiper

5/7, 18 Newbury 3 Spalding, Heil

5/15, 6/5 N. Monomoy 10, 45 B. Nikula

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5/24 Plymouth B. 3 A. Brissette#

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5/24, 6/9 Lynn 2 J. Quigley

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Laughing Gull (continued) 6/29 Essex 10+ R. Heil
5/24, 6/7 Cape Ann 3, 1 imm R. Heil
5/25, 6/29 P.I. 1 ad R. Heil
5/19, 6/7 P.I. 1 Marion (Bird I.) 800 J. Hatch
5/9 Acoaxet 51 M. Lynch
6/19 Eastham 10 L. Ferraro 5/11, 6/29 P.I. 60, 80 R. Heil
5/19 Torres Falls 1 M. Fairbrother
21 N. Monomoy 250+ B. Nikula
Little Gull
5/19, 6/7 Lynn 1 J. Quigley 6/20 Nantucket 200 E. Ray
6/19 Edgartown 61 V. Laux 6/11 Chatham (S.B.) 3000+ P. Flood
5/19 Turners Falls 1 M. Fairbrother
6/21 N. Monomoy 1 E. Ray 6/29 Essex 70+ R. Heil
Little Gull 6/25 Chatham (S.B.) 1 (1s) B. Nikula
6/26 P.I. 1 1st yr T. Pirro 5/17 Nantucket Sound 1 F. Gallo
Bonaparte’s Gull 5/30 Plymouth H. pr M. Faherty
5/12 Katama Flats 950+ V. Laux 6/12-28 Plymouth B. 4 pr C. Dalton
5/17 Newburyport 60+ P. + F. Vale 6/23 Chatham (S.B.) 2 IS B. Nikula
6/7 Plymouth 8 G. Gove 5/19 Newbury H. 2 v.o.
6/8 Chatham (S.B.) 2 B. Nikula 5/18 P.I. 2 P. + F. Vale
6/12 Wachusett Res. 1 imm S. Sutton
6/24 Hadley 1 C. Gentes
6/26 P.I. 26 T. Pirro 5/9 Westport 13 M. Lynch
6/28 Lynn 10 J. Quigley 5/19, 6/10 Scituate 150, 41 pr S. Maguire
Black-tailed Gull (details submitted) *
6/11 Lynn B. 1 ad J. Quigley 6/29 Essex 30+ R. Heil
6/29 P.I. 30+ R. Heil
Iceland Gull 5/4, 8 N. Truro 1, 2 Manchester, Flood
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Lesser Black-backed Gull
5/13 Lynn 12S J. Quigley 5/20 Nantucket 1 E. Ray
5/20-6/3 Tisbury 1 ph V. Laux 5/22 S. Egremont 1 D. Lynch
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5/25, 6/28 Chatham (S.B.) 1 ad, 4 1S B. Nikula 5/26 Turners Falls 1 A. Richards
5/27 S. Monomoy 1 S. Perkins 6/3 Gay Head 1 A. Fischer
Glaucous Gull
5/8 Gloucester 1 L. Kusik 6/25 P.I. 1 MAS (B. Gette)
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6/3 Chappaquiddick 11W A. Keith 5/14 Ipswich-Salem 1, 1 A. Smith
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5/6-12 Plymouth B. 1 C. Dalton 5/21 Chilmark 1 E. Carroll
6/9, 21 Lynn B. 1, 2 J. Quigley 5/5 8 m ESE of Rockport J. Wallius
5/22 Lynn (Breed’s Pd.) 1 J. Quigley 5/8 Black Guillemot
Royal Tern 5/6-12 Plymouth B. 1 C. Dalton 5/9 Nantucket 2 V. Laux
6/5-12 Plymouth B. 1 C. Dalton 5/12 Manchester-Salem 39 J. Berry
6/3 Edgartown 1 A. Keith 5/14 Ipswich 1 m A. Smith
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YOUNG GREAT HORNED OWL BY SANDY SELENSKY
DOVES THROUGH FINCHES

Many observers noted how satisfactory this year’s migration was; in fact, the weather cooperated this spring with winds from the south on eight of the first fifteen days of May. The first two days recorded temperatures 14º degrees above average, with moderate southwest winds. This May was similar to last year, with periods of southerly winds to bring up the migrants, followed by periods of northerly winds to ground them, allowing birders more time to enjoy the migration.

Nineteen species of warblers were recorded on May 2 at Mt. Auburn, with similar results at Marblehead Neck early in the month. A really nice wave of migrants was noted the morning of May 7. The winds the previous day were out of the southwest, and the temperature was in the 80º range throughout the state, a good 13º above the average.

One of the best areas in the state to witness the diurnal migration in spring is from the first mile and a half of the Parker River national Wildlife Refuge on Plum Island. Rick Heil, who has on many occasions seen these fallouts, tells us: “Perhaps the easiest and most accessible spot for viewing is in front of the restroom/visitor center at lot number one. Strong southwest, west, or northwest winds will push migrating birds out to the island, and such winds consistently produce the best flights, some of which are comprised of many thousands of northbound birds streaming along the dunes.” Rick witnessed two major fallouts this spring, the first on May 7, which included sixteen species of warblers. The big surprise of that morning was the count of 654 migrating American Goldfinches in just over two hours. Flock after flock, sometimes as many as 25-45 individuals in each, passed northward along the dunes and over lot one. On May 11, another massive fallout included 71 Ruby-throated Hummingbirds, 93 Eastern Kingbirds, 132 Blue Jays, and 17 warbler species, including 15 Northern Parula, 62 Yellow, and 2 Cape May warblers. There were 77 Bobolinks, 5 Orchard and 24 Baltimore Orioles, 2 Pine Siskins, and even a Dickcissel, an unusual spring migrant. Truly amazing was the goldfinch flight that occurred between 8:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., resulting in a total tally of 2415. Flock after flock (100+ individuals in several flocks) passed over every few minutes. This morning’s count not only eclipsed the count on May 7, but also a previous, daylong tally Rick made here of 522 migrants on May 10, 2002.

On May 12, a fallout occurred at the Beech Forest in the National Seashore in Provincetown, with 20 species of warblers and a good assortment of other migrants, including a Summer Tanager, noted. Generally the lower Cape gets its best migration late in May. On May 24, the other cape — Cape Ann — hosted excellent numbers of late spring migrants, including 8 Yellow-bellied Flycatchers, a Philadelphia Vireo, 64 Magnolia, 33 Black-throated Green, 26 Blackpoll, 27 Redstart, 10 Canada, and 6 Mourning warblers.

On May 25, the inclement weather grounded hoards of migrants along the coast and at inland locations as well. In Worcester the weather was cool and foggy, and the ground was saturated from the numerous storms the night before. Mark Lynch noted that migrants were singing, providing one of the more unusual dawn choruses he has heard in the city. As many as nine Swainson’s and one Gray-cheeked thrush sang throughout the morning, and a Philadelphia Vireo was heard as well in the Newton Hill Park. At Plum Island, it was flycatcher day on May 25. Rick Heil recorded 2 Olive-sided, 12 Pewees, 16 Yellow-bellied, 6 Alder, 5 Willow, 6 “Traill’s,” 8 Least, 15 Empidonax, and 10 kingbirds.

The cold rains associated with this last grounding of migrants persisted for several days and apparently had an ill effect on some birds: several martins perched by Stage Island Pool (far from the colony) were nearly moribund. Birders were able to approach these birds very closely.
Two long-term migration surveys, the census of Hampden County by the Allen Bird Club and the Essex County Ornithological Club survey of the Ipswich River, provide us with continuing data to show us the trends and fluctuations of bird populations. On May 15, the members of the Allen Bird Club conducted the 42nd annual census of birds in Hampden County. Some of the highlights included: 137 Red-bellied Woodpeckers (all-time high for this survey), 39 Eastern Wood-Pewees, 67 Great Crested Flycatchers, 133 Warbling and 138 Red-eyed vireos, 230 Wood Thrushes, 52 Blue-winged Warblers, 259 Yellow, and 68 Black-and-white warblers, 147 Ovenbirds, 120 Common Yellowthroats, 110 Scarlet Tanagers, 110 Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, and 324 Baltimore Orioles. Seth Kellogg reported lower than normal counts this year for Black-capped Chickadee and Eastern Bluebird, while Brown Thrasher, at only nine individuals, was at an all-time low. The Essex County Ornithological Club held its 98th annual mid-May canoe trip on May 15, with perfect conditions but surprisingly disappointing results. The trip covered over ten miles of river edge with good numbers of many species: Warbling Vireo, 15; Yellow Warbler, 27; Common Yellowthroat, 42; and Baltimore Oriole, 55. The misses included Veery, Ovenbird, and Swamp Sparrow, and there were low numbers for Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (3), Black-throated Green Warbler (1) and Scarlet Tanager (5).

Since 1987 Glenn d’Entremont has conducted a Whip-poor-will survey of Myles Standish State Forest in Plymouth, a major breeding area for this species in Massachusetts. He tallied 32 this year, but noted that many of these were well away from the road, and in previous years might have been drowned out by birds calling closer to the census site. He attributes this change to the growth of the trees near the road, eliminating their habitat.

One of the more unusual reports this period was the fourth Martha’s Vineyard record of White-winged Dove; this bird was photographed in Chilmark from May 13-15. Another White-winged Dove showed up at a feeder on Morris Island in Chatham on June 8-9. Monk Parakeets are still very scarce in the state: the only report was of three individuals from South Dartmouth. Barn Owl sightings in Massachusetts are generally restricted to their breeding territory on the islands south of Cape Cod, so an individual flushed from a pine grove on the Salisbury State Beach Reservation on May 1 was exceptional. A Chuck-will's-widow returned to the White Cedar Swamp area of the National Seashore in Wellfleet for the eighth year in a row, and others were noted from Marblehead, West Gloucester, Holyoke and Chesterfield. Common Ravens continued their incursion east and successfully nested in Manchester, and two pairs of ravens nested in Milton: one at Fowl Meadow and the other in the Blue Hills. The Manchester ravens are a first breeding record for Essex County. Other unusual raven sightings were in Medford and Sudbury.

Among the 35 warbler species reported during the period were 4 Golden-winged, 2 Orange-crowned, 2 Yellow-throated, 4 Prothonotary, 8 Kentucky, 9 Hooded, and a Yellow-breasted Chat. Unusual sparrows included reports of 5 Clay-colored Sparrows and 2 Nelson’s Sharp-tailed Sparrows, both from Martha’s Vineyard. Four Blue Grosbeaks and two Dickcissels were noted, and a number of reports of Pine Siskins and Evening Grosbeaks were noted, as well as two Red Crossbills.

R. Stymeist

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### Great Crested Flycatcher

- 6/7-20 Dalton: 1 B. Wood
- 6/15 Mt. Greylock: D. St. James
- 5/17-6/5 Reports of indiv. from 24 locations

### Eastern Wood-Pewee

- 5/10 Hadley: 1 P. Yeskie
- 5/12, 22 Wompatack SP: 1, 6 V. Vale, Keleher
- 5/13, 23 Medford: 2, 6 M. Rines
- 5/15 2 Spring R. IBA: 3 S. Kellogg
- 5/24 Cape Ann: 11 R. Heil
- 5/25 P.t.: 12 R. Heil
- 6/5 Little River IBA: 50 Allen Club
- 6/5 Quabbin (G37): 12BBc (d’Entremont)
- 6/12 Lakeville: 17 S. Kellogg

### Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

- 5/13 MNWS: 1
- 5/15, 6/13 Westport: 6, 2 G. d’Entremont

### Acadian Flycatcher

- 5/22-5 Quabbin (G15): 1-3 v.o.
- 5/23 Boston: 1 J. Young

### Alder Flycatcher

- 5/14-5 E. Quabbin Area: 4 C. Buelow
- 5/15 27 Ware R. IBA: 5, 7 S. Kellogg
- 5/22 HRWMA: 3 G. d’Entremont
- 5/24 Cape Ann: 6 R. Heil
- 5/24 Gloucester: 3 R. Heil
- 5/25 Worcester: 2 M. Lynch
- 5/25 P.t.: 16 R. Heil
- 5/27 Gardner: 1 T. Pirro

### Eastern Kingbird

- 5/15 Ipswich R.: 17 J. Berry

### Blue-headed Vireo

- 5/11 P.town: 6 B. Nikula

### Yellow-throated Vireo

- 5/15 27 Ware R. IBA: 5, 7 S. Kellogg

### Warbling Vireo

- 5/2, 26 Woburn: 19, 25 M. Rines

### Red-eyed Vireo

- 5/15 27 Ware R. IBA: 5, 7 S. Kellogg

### Least Flycatcher

- 5/1 Quabbin (G33): 2 M. Lynch
- 5/2 Hardwick: 4 C. Buelow

### Least Flycatcher (continued)

- 5/7, 25 P.t.: 4, 8 R. Heil
- 5/10 Medford: 7 M. Rines
- 5/14-15 E. Quabbin Area: 21 C. Buelow
- 5/15, 6/27 Ware R. IBA: 19, 23 M. Lynch
- 6/5 Little River IBA: 15 Allen Club
- 6/13 Stockbridge: 9 M. Lynch
- 6/13 Sheffield: 9 M. Lynch

### Eastern Phoebe

- 5/15 Springfield area: 48 Allen Club

### Great Crested Flycatcher

- 5/1 Salem: 6 L. de la Flor
- 5/15 Medford: 3, 5 M. Rines
- 5/15 Springfield area: 67 Allen Club
- 5/15 Ipswich R.: 17 J. Berry
- 5/24 Cape Ann: 6 R. Heil
Fish Crow (continued)
5/15 Peabody 1 R. Stymeist# 6/20 Rutland 11 M. Lynch#
5/19 Scituate 8 D. Furnish 6/21 Montague 6 R. Packard
Brown Creeper
6/27 Carver 20 A. Brissette#
Common Raven
Milton 2 pr n + 7 yr N. Smith
5/1-6/11 Manchester pr + 3 yr R. Heil + v.o.
5/15, 6/27 Ware R. IBA 13, 20 M. Lynch#
5/20 Hardwick 1 C. Buelow 6/12 IRWS 3 BBC (D. Oliver)
5/3 Medford 1 F. Vale 6/21 Montague 5 R. Packard
5/15 Ware R. IBA 3 M. Lynch# 6/27 Ware R. IBA 20 M. Lynch#
5/16 Shutesbury 1 M. Lynch# 6/15 Wormsley 2 M. Lynch#
5/16 Quabbin Pt pr + 1 yr M. Lynch# 5/9 Acoaxet 18 M. Lynch#
5/23 Leicester 1 M. Lynch# 5/15 Springfield area 15 Allen Club
6/10 Sudbury 1 S. Arena 5/24 Cape Ann 11 R. Heil
13
6/13 Stockbridge 2 M. Lynch# 5/15 Salem 8 L. de la Flor
6/25 Petersham 3 C. Buelow 5/1 Medford 12 M. Rines#

Cliff Swallow
5/12 Manchester-Salem 8+ J. Berry# 5/10 GMNWR 7 + F. Vale
5/15 Springfield area 57 Allen Club 5/14 Brookfield 7 M. Lynch#
5/23 Deerfield 8 R. Packard 5/15 Holyoke 2 D. McLain
5/24 Cape Ann 8 R. Heil 6/30 Marshfield 12 SSBC (D. Clapp)
5/25 Ware R. IBA 10+ M. Lynch# 6/12 IRWS 22 BBC (D. Oliver)

Bank Swallow
5/12 Hadley 29 H. Allen 5/15 Holyoke 2 D. McLain
5/16 Bolton Flats 160 S. Sutton# 5/15 Windsor 2 R. Packard
5/22 Haverhill 100 J. Hoye# 6/5 Blandford 1 T. Swochak
5/23 Wachusett Res. 100+ M. Lynch# 6/20 October Mt. 3BBC (d’Entremont)
5/26 GMNWR 800 S. Perkins# 6/27 Falmouth
6/13 N. Monomoy 12 B. Nikula 5/1-7 M.T.A. 6, 2 + F. Vale
5/15 Ware R. IBA 4 M. Lynch# 5/11 Medford 5, 1 M. Rines#
5/15 Quabbin (G33) 3 M. Lynch# 5/1 Quabbin (G33) 3 M. Lynch#
5/8, 27 P.I. 7, 1 Vale, Wetmore
5/10 Amherst 1 L. Therrian

Cliff Swallow
5/1 Truro 2 B. Nikula# 5/15 Holyoke 2 D. McLain
5/5-6/30 Newbury 6-20 v.o. 5/2 Longmeadow 15 S. Kellogg
7, 1 Vale, Wetmore
5/7, 11, 25 P.I. 2, 4, 1 R. Heil 5/5/2 Longmeadow 15 S. Kellogg
5/10 Amherst 1 L. Therrian

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
5/16 Palmer 8 D. Specter 5/1-6/12 Hardwick 6, 6 C. Buelow
5/15 T. Gagnon 6/20 october mt. 14, 28 C. Buelow
5/15 Goshen 3 M. Lynch# 5/15 Holyoke 2 D. McLain
5/15 P.I. 650 migr R. Heil 5/16, 27 Ware R. IBA 13, 51 M. Lynch#

Red-breasted Nuthatch
5/1 Quabbin (G33) 17 M. Lynch# 5/15, 6/27 Ware R. IBA 30, 25 M. Lynch#
5/6 Boxford (C.P.) 6 J. Berry 6/12 LENOX 24 M. Lynch#
5/8 Peterham 26 M. Lynch# 6/12 LENOX 24 M. Lynch#
5/15, 6/27 Ware R. IBA 30, 25 M. Lynch# 6/12 IRWS 10 BBC (D. Oliver)
5/15 Springfield area 12 Allen Club 6/12 Stockbridge 27 M. Lynch#
6/5 Mashpee 6 M. Kelcher 6/6 Ipswich 14 M. Lynch#
6/5 Little River IBA 11 Allen Club 6/20 October Mt. 18BBC (d’Entremont)
6/12 Oakham 4 C. Buelow
Gray-cheeked Thrush
5/17-27 Mt. A. 1 v.o.
5/18-26 Boston 1-2 Tepke, Hunneman 5/1 Medford 1 M. Rines#
5/25 Worcester 1 M. Lynch#
Bicknell’s Thrush
5/17 Worcester 1 M. Lynch#
Gray-cheeked/Bicknell’s Thrush
5/2 P.I. 1 T. Wetmore 5/14-15 E. Quabbin Area 21 C. Buelow
5/5 Mt. A. 1 J. Offermann# 5/15 Springfield area 52 Allen Club
5/15 Ware R. IBA 1 M. Lynch# 5/15 Ware R. IBA 13 M. Lynch#
5/15 Agawam 1 S. Kellogg 5/22 Hingham 6 CCBC (M. Keleher)
5/15 Hampden 2 D. Morrison 5/23 Leicester 10 M. Lynch#
Swanson’s Thrush
5/1 Westfield 1 J. Hutchison 6/12 Wenham 71 BBs (P. + f. vale)
5/5 Hingham 1 C. Nims 5/28 Ipswich 40+ N. Berry
5/12, 25 Boston 1, 7 G. Tepke 5/12 Boston (A.A.) 1 f L. Ferreccarro
5/14, 25 Worcester 1, 9 M. Lynch# 5/12, 15 Medford 1, 1 m Miller, LaFontaine
5/15 Ware R. IBA 3 M. Lynch# 5/14 P’town 1 f L. Bostrom
5/15 Springfield area 11 Allen Club 5/15 Ware R. IBA 1 M. Lynch#
5/16, 27 P.I. 3, 3 T. Wettemore 5/8 W. Newbury 1 Sa. Miller#
5/23 MLA 3 P. + F. Vale 5/29 S. Hanson 1 K. Anderson#
5/24 Cape Ann 5 R. Heil 5/15 Ware R. IBA 1 M. Lynch#
6/19 Mt. Greylock 5 J. Hutchison
Hermit Thrush
5/8, 31 Petersham 11, 9 M. Lynch#
5/15, 6/7 Ware R. IBA 33, 54 M. Lynch# 5/2, 4 Mt. A. 1, 2 Stymeist, Trimble
5/16 Quabbin (G15) 5 M. Lynch# 5/5 Longmeadow 17 J. Hutchison
5/20-31 Sherborn 4 E. Taylor 5/7 Amherst 1 H. Allen
6/5 Little River IBA 28 Allen Club 5/9 Nantucket 1 E. Ray
6/5 Dover 4 J. O’Connell 5/10 Worcester 1 M. Lynch#
6/19 Mt. Greylock 6 BBC (d’Entremont) 5/10-17 Medford 2 M. Rines
6/21 Montague 10 R. Packard 5/13 Agawam 2 J. Hutchison
6/23 Plymouth (MSF) 14 G’ d’Entremont 5/14 P.I. 1 S. Sutton#
6/27 Wompatack SP 11 G’ d’Entremont
Wilson’s Thrush
5/1 Brimfield 5 I. Lynch 5/28 Thompson’s I. 55 R. Stymeist#
5/7, 1 Medford 1, 12 M. Rines# 5/1 Ware R. IBa 3 M. Lynch#
5/7 Acoaxet 12 M. Lynch# 5/20 Montague 6 R. Packard
5/10 Boxford (C.P.) 10 J. Berry 5/12 P’town 1 f L. Bostrom
5/12 Hadley 9 G’ d’Entremont# 5/24 Rockport 1 R. Heil
5/15 Springfield area 230 Allen Club 5/27 Boston 1 D. Hunneman
Orange-crowned Warbler
5/1 Ware R. IBA 1 M. Lynch# 5/23 Williamsburg 1 L. Therrian
5/20 Wompatack SP 9 C. Nims 5/15, 6/14 Medford 17 max 5/7 M. Rines#
5/31 Petersham 8 M. Lynch# 5/2, 4 Mt. A. 8 J. Trimble
6/5 Little River IBA 46 Allen Club 5/7 P.I. 8 R. Heil
6/12 Mt. Greylock 11 M. Lynch# 5/8 Marshfield 5+ E. Giles
6/20 Rutland 8 M. Lynch# 5/10 Marblehead 8 K. Haley
Gray Catbird
5/9 Westport 101 M. Lynch# 5/12 Montague 6 R. Packard
5/11 Marshfield 37 G’ d’Entremont 5/24 Cape Ann 7 R. Heil
5/14 Brookfield 62 M. Lynch# 6/13 Raynham 2 G’ d’Entremont
5/2 Cape Ann 118 R. Heil 5/1 Northern Parula
5/28 Thompson’s I. 55 R. Stymeist# 5/1, 5/12 Medford 9, 91 M. Rines#
5/12 IRWS 68 BBC (D. Oliver) 5/1-29 P.I. 62 max 5/11 R. Heil
6/12 IRWS 68 BBC (D. Oliver) 5/5 Longmeadow 13 J. Hutchison
6/12 Acoaxet 36 R. Stymeist 5/7, 15 M. Lynch# 5/7 Mt. A. 15 P. + F. Vale#
6/19 Medford 31 A. Gurka# 5/7 Marblehead 20+ K. Haley
6/27 Wompatack SP 31 G’ d’Entremont 5/10 Brookeville 10 F. Buchbinder
5/12 P’town 20 B. Nikola 5/12 Cape Ann 6/19 Silver Spring field # (C.P.) 1 m J. Berry
Yellow Warbler
5/1 Amherst 7 S. Surner 5/15 Springfield area 16 Allen Club
5/2 Woburn 9 M. Rines 5/15 Springfield area 16 Allen Club
5/19 Scituate 2 pr D. Furbush 5/2, 26 Woburn 11, 37 M. Rines
5/24 Cape Ann 3 R. Heil 5/7, 14 Wayland 14, 35 G. Long
5/29 Burlington 3 M. Rines 5/7, 25 P.I. 38, 190 R. Heil
6/14 Montague 5 R. Packard 5/9 Westport 102 M. Lynch#
American Pipit
5/7, 11 P.I. 4, 1 R. Heil 5/19 Watertown 40 BBC (C. Cook)
5/7, 11 P.I. 4, 1 S. Magazine 5/28 Thompson’s L. 50 R. Stymeist#
5/15 Longmeadow 1 T. Gagnon 6/5 Little River IBA 47 Allen Club
5/15 Longmeadow 1 T. Gagnon 6/5 Little River IBA 47 Allen Club
Cedar Waxwing
5/19 Medford 250 M. Rines 5/1 Lexington 2 M. Rines
5/24 Cape Ann 55+ R. Heil 5/7-21 Medford 7 max 5/10 M. Rines
5/28 Ipswich 40+ N. Berry 5/15, 6/27 Ware R. IBA 61, 39 M. Lynch#
6/12 Wenham 71 BBS (P. + F. Vale) 5/15 Springfield area 23 Allen Club

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Yellow-throated Warbler
5/3 Medford 1 M. Lynch#
5/5 Worcester 1 M. Lynch#

Black-throated Green Warbler
8/12 Newport 1 M. Lynch#
8/10 Montauk 1 R. Heil
8/12 P.I. 1 R. Heil
8/10 Montauk 1 R. Heil

American Redstart
5/1 Mashpee 24 M. Keleher
5/15, 6/27 Ware R. IBA 34 M. Lynch#
5/15, 6/27 Ware R. IBA 34 M. Lynch#
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5/15 Springfield area 47 Allen Club
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Black-throated Blue Warbler
5/15, 6/27 Ware R. IBA 11 SSBC (Anderson)
5/15 Lakeville 11 SSBC (Anderson)
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American Redstart (continued)

5/16, 29 Quabbin PK. 35, 39 M. Lynch
5/24 Cape Ann 27 R. Heil
5/27 Thompson’s I. 16 R. Stymeist
6/5 Little River IBA 133 Allen Club
6/12 Mt. Greylock 42 M. Lynch
6/12 Lenox 18 M. Lynch

Prothonotary Warbler

5/13 Tunctuck 1 E. Andrews
5/23-30 Amherst 1 S. Satin
5/26-27 Woburn (H.P.) 1 M. Rines + v.o.

Worm-eating Warbler

5/2, 6/27 Wompatuck SP 2, 8 Nims, d’Entremont
5/7-9 Medford 5 total M. Rines
5/7-21 East Hampton 1-3 v.o.
5/15 Holyoke 4 D. McLain
5/hr Reports of indiv. from 15 locations
6/4 Westfield 1 J. Hutchison
6/5 Granville 1 J. Wojtanowski
6/13 Palmer 1 F. Swochak

Ovenbird

5/12 Wompatuck SP 69 max 5/20 C. Nims
5/12 Boxford (C.P.) 32 J. Berry
5/15, 6/27 Ware R. IBA 92, 91 M. Lynch
5/15 Springfield area 147 Allen Club
5/20 N. Andover 23 m J. Berry
6/5 Quabbin (G37) 40 M. Lynch
6/5 Little River IBA 255 Allen Club
6/12 Wenham 26 BBS (P + F. Vale)
6/12 IRWS 43 BBC (D. Oliver)
6/12 Petersham 25 C. Buelow
6/19 Mt. Greylock 25 BBC (d’Entremont)
6/20 October Mt. 26 BBC (d’Entremont)

northern Waterthrush

5/25 P.I. 7 max 5/7 S. Grinley
5/hr Wompatuck SP 3 max 5/22 C. Nims
5/6 Bridgewater 5 R. Finch
5/7-24 Medford 6 max 6/5 M. Rines
5/12 North Easton 6 B. Nikula
5/14 Wayland 3 G. Long
5/15 Ware R. IBA 3 M. Lynch
5/17 Essex area 4 m J. Berry
5/18 MNWS 4 P + F. Vale
5/29 S. Hanson 5 K. Anderson
6/13 Ipswich 4 m J. Berry

Louisiana Waterthrush

5/12 Brimfield 2 I. Lynch
5/6 Wompatuck SP 1, 2 C. Nims
5/1, 6/12 Hardwick 1, 2 C. Buelow
5/3 Boxford (C.P.) 2 P. Brown
5/7 Berlin 2 S. Sutton
5/15 Springfield area 16 Allen Club
5/15 Ware River IBA 4 M. Lynch
5/6-21 Concord pr J. O’Connell
6/13 Stockbridge 2 M. Lynch
5/13 MNWS 1 v.o.
5/8 S. Boston 2 R. Donovan
5/10-11 M.A. 1 Y. Young + v.o.
5/14-5 P.I. 1 S. Sutton + v.o.
5/15-18 Wompatuck SP 2 m D. Peacock + v.o.
5/15 WBWS 1 D. Reynolds
5/16 Northampton 1 S. Turner
5/19-31 Sudbury 1 m T. Spahr

Kentucky Warbler

5/15-6/27 Ware R. IBA 27, 26 M. Lynch
5/15 Mt. Airy 1 B. Krisler
5/15 Springfield area 91 Allen Club
5/22-23 Medford 2 M. Rines
5/24 Rockport 5 R. Heil
5/25 P.I. 2 B. Nikula
6/12 Woburn 2 m Rimes
5/27 Boxton 2 D. Hunneman
5/28 Thompson’s I. 2 R. Stymeist
6/12 Washington 4 M. + K. Conway
6/19 Mt. Greylock 2 BBC (d’Entremont)
6/20 October Mt. 2 BBC (d’Entremont)

Common Yellowthroat

5/1, 12 ONWR 2, 27 Sutton, Lockwood
5/1, 12 Medford 1, 27 M. Rines
5/7, 25 P.I. 12, 77 R. Heil
5/15, 6/27 Ware R. IBA 55, 67 M. Lynch
5/15 Ipswich R. 42 M. Lynch
5/15 Springfield area 120 Allen Club
6/5 Little River IBA 117 Allen Club
6/12 IRWS 62 BBC (D. Oliver)

Hooded Warbler

5/12 Wompatuck SP 1 m N. Samson + v.o.
5/1 MT.A 1 R. Stymeist
5/9 Westport 1 m M. Lynch
5/10 Boston 1 D. Hunneman
5/11 Brockton 1 m M. Fahey
5/12 MNWS 1 f R. Haley
5/12 Nahant 1 L. Privecek
5/14 PI. 1 B. Krisler
5/19 Mattapoissett 1 M. LaBossiere

Wilson’s Warbler

5/16 Pitsfield 1 D. St. James
5/7-9/1 P.I. 13 max 5/25 R. Heil
5/10-23 Medford 9 max 5/18 M. Rines
5/12, 26 Mt. A. 4, 6 Stymeist, Spahr
5/13 MNWS 4 BBC (R. Haley)
5/8 Cape Ann 4 R. Heil
5/27 S. Monomoy 2 S. Perkins
5/14 PI. 1 B. Krisler
5/20-27 Woburn 1 m R. Farrel

Canada Warbler

5/6 Hatfield 1 H. Allen
5/7 MT.A 1 L. Ferrarese
5/8 Petersham 1 R. Heil
5/11, 25 P.I. 1, 13 R. Heil
5/12, 23 Medford 5, 8 M. Rines
5/15, 6/27 Ware R. IBA 3, 7 M. Lynch
5/15 Springfield area 10 Allen Club
5/24 Cape Ann 10 R. Heil
5/13-6/12 Ware R. 16 Allen Club
5/12 Little River IBA 16 Allen Club
5/13-6/12 Ware R. IBA 16 Allen Club
5/6 Stymeist, Spahr
5/15, 16/29 Ware R. IBA 35, 39 M. Lynch
5/15 Ware River 4 M. Lynch
5/18 MBW 1 C. Nims
5/21 P.I. 1 S. Sutton
5/26 Ware R. IBA 66 Allen Club
6/12 Milton (Blue Hills) 12 BBC (A. Joslin)
6/12 Woburn 1 m M. Lynch
6/17 Ipswich 1 m J. Berry
5/18 MBW 1 C. Nims
5/14-5 P.I. 1 S. Sutton
5/15-18 Wompatuck SP 2 m D. Peacock + v.o.
5/15 WBWS 1 D. Reynolds
5/16 Northampton 1 S. Turner
5/19-31 Sudbury 1 m T. Spahr
5/15-27 Ware R. IBA 27, 26 M. Lynch
5/15-6/27 Ware R. IBA 21, 16 M. Lynch
5/15-16/29 Ware R. IBA 35, 39 M. Lynch
5/15-16/29 Ware R. IBA 21, 16 M. Lynch
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5/15-16/29 Ware R. IBA 35, 39 M. Lynch
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5/15-27 Ware R. IBA 21, 16 M. Lynch
5/15-16/29 Ware R. IBA 35, 39 M. Lynch
5/15-16/29 Ware R. IBA 21, 16 M. Lynch
5/15-27 Ware R. IBA 21, 16 M. Lynch
Purple Finch (continued)
6/27 Ware R. IBA 4 M. Lynch# 5/28 Amherst 2 J. Marcum
Red Crossbill
5/15 Ware R. IBA 2 M. Lynch# 6/7 Goshen 1 R. Packard
Pine Siskin
5/6 Granby 1 L. Rogers 5/15 Ware R. IBA 2 M. Lynch#
5/12 Scituate 1 L. Burbank 5/15 Ware R. IBA 2 M. Lynch#
5/15 Lenox 1 T. Collins 5/22 New Salem 3 M. Lynch#
5/15 Wompatuck SP 1 SSBC (Peacock)
5/27 New Salem 2 W. Lafley

ABBREVIATIONS FOR BIRD SIGHTINGS


Abbreviations
ABC = Allen Bird Club
A.P. = Andrews Point, Rockport
A.Pd = Allen's Pond, Dartmouth
B. Be = Beach, Beavertown
Barre FD = Barre Falls Dam
B. I. = Belle Isle, Boston
B.R. = Bass Rocks, Gloucester
BBC = Brookline Bird Club
BMB = Broad Meadow Brook, Worcester
C.B. = Crane Beach, Ipswich
CGB = Coat Guard Beach, Eastham
C.P. = Crooked Pond, Belford
Cambr. = Cambridge
CCBC = Cape Cod Bird Club
Cumb. Farms = Cumberland Farms, Middleboro
DFWS = Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary
DWMA = Delaney WMA
E.P. = Eastern Point, Gloucester
EMHW = Eastern Mass. Hawk Watch
F.E. = First Encounter Beach, Eastham
F.P. = Fresh Pond, Cambridge
F.Pk = Franklin Park, Boston
G40 = Gate 40, Quabbin Res.
GMNWR = Great Meadows NWR
H. H = Harbor
H. P. = Halfway Point, Rockport
HRWMA = High Ridge WMA, Gardner
I. Island = Ipswich River WS
IRWS = Ipswich River WS
L. L = Lodge
M.V. = Martha's Vineyard
MAS = Mass. Audubon Society
MBWMA = Martin Burns WMA, Newbury
MNWS = Marblehead Neck WS
MSIF = Myles Standish State Forest
MLA = Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge
NAC = Nine Acre Corner, Concord
Newhpyt = Newburyport

Other Abbreviations
ad = adult
alt = alternate
b = banded
br = breeding
ck = dark (morph)
f = female
fl = fledgling
fm = maximum
m = male
mm = immature
n = nesting
ph = photographed
pl = plumage
pr = pair
S = summer (1S = 1st summer)
v.o. = various observers
W = winter (2W = second winter)
Y = young

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