

**BIRD LIST OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS
1931-2010**

This list is a revised version of *Robert C. Bradbury's Bird List of Worcester County, Massachusetts (1992)*. It contains bird species recorded in Worcester County since the Forbush Bird Club began publishing *The Chickadee* in 1931.

Included in Appendix A, and indicated in bold face on the Master List are bird Species which have been accepted by the Editorial Committee of *The Chickadee*, and have occurred either fewer than 10 times overall, or have appeared fewer than 5 times or fewer in the last 20 years in Worcester County.

The Editorial Committee has established the following qualifying criteria for any records to be considered of any Review Species, as well as any previous record not accepted on the Master List :

- 1) 1) a recognizable specimen
- 2) 2) a recognizable photograph or video
- 3) 3) a sight record corroborated by 3 experienced observers

Included in Appendix B are records considered problematic. Problematic species either do not meet at least one of the qualifying criteria listed above, are considered likely escaped captive birds, have arrived in Worcester County by other than self-powered means, or are species not yet recognized as a countable species by the Editorial Committee of *The Chickadee*.

Species names in English and Latin follow the American Ornithologists' Union Checklist of North American Birds, 7th edition, 51st supplement, rev. 2010. I'd like to thank the following people for their reviews and comments: Bradford G. Blodget, Rodney S. Jenkins, Barton Kamp, Mark Lynch, Francis X. McMenemy, Thomas Pirro, and Joan Zumpfe.

DUCKS. GEESE and SWANS

Fulvous Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>
Barnacle Goose	<i>Branta leucopsis</i>
Greater White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser albifrons</i>
Snow Goose	<i>Chen caerulescens</i>
Brant	<i>Branta bernicla</i>
Cackling Goose	<i>Branta hutchinsii</i>
Canada Goose	<i>Branta Canadensis</i>
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>
Tundra Swan	<i>Cygnus columbianus</i>
Wood Duck	<i>Aix sponsa</i>
Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>
Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>
American Wigeon	<i>Anas americana</i>
American Black Duck	<i>Anas rubripes</i>
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>
Blue-winged Teal	<i>Anas discors</i>

Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>
Green-winged Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>
Canvasback	<i>Aythya valisineria</i>
Redhead	<i>Aythya americana</i>
Ring-necked Duck	<i>Aythya collaris</i>
Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>
Greater Scaup	<i>Aythya marila</i>
Lesser Scaup	<i>Aythya affinis</i>
King Eider	<i>Somateria spectabilis</i>
Common Eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>
Surf Scoter	<i>Melanitta perspicillata</i>
White-winged Scoter	<i>Melanitta fusca</i>
Black Scoter	<i>Melanitta americana</i>
Long-tailed Duck	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>
Bufflehead	<i>Bucephala albeola</i>
Common Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>
Barrow's Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala islandica</i>
Common Merganser	<i>Mergus merganser</i>
Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>
Ruddy Duck	<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>

PARTRIDGES, GROUSE, TURKEYS and OLD WORLD QUAIL (PHASIANIDAE)

Ring-necked Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i> * considered viable until 2009
Ruffed Grouse	<i>Bonasa umbellus</i>
Wild Turkey	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>

NEW WORLD QUAIL (ODONTOPHORIDAE)

Northern Bobwhite	<i>Colinus virginianus</i> *viability undetermined
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LOONS (GAVIIDAE)

Red-throated Loon	<i>Gavia stellata</i>
Common Loon	<i>Gavia immer</i>

GREBES (PODICIPEDIAE)

Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>
Horned Grebe	<i>Podiceps auritus</i>
Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegana</i>
Eared Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>

SHEARWATERS and PETRELS (PROCELLARIIDAE)

Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>
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STORM-PETRELS

Leach's Storm-Petrel	<i>Oceanodroma leucorhoa</i>
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BOOBIES and GANNETS (SULIDAE)

Northern Gannet *Morus bassanus*

CORMORANTS (PHALACROCORACIDAE)

Double-crested Cormorant *Phalacrocorax auritus*

Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*

BITTERNs, HERONS, and allies (ARDEIDAE)

American Bittern *Botaurus lentiginosus*

Least Bittern *Ixobrychus exilis*

Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias*

Great Egret *Ardea alba*

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea*

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*

Green Heron *Butorides striatus*

Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron *Nyctanassa violacea*

IBISES and SPOONBILLS (THRESKIORNITHIDAE)

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*

STORKS (CICONIIDAE)

Wood Stork *Mycteria Americana*

NEW WORLD VULTURES (CATHARTIDAE)

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*

OSPREY (PANDIONIDAE)

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

HAWKS, KITES, EAGLES and ALLIES (ACCIPITRIDAE)

Bald Eagle *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*

Northern Harrier *Circus cyaneus*

Sharp-shinned Hawk *Accipiter striatus*

Cooper's Hawk *Accipiter cooperi*

Northern Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis*

Red-shouldered Hawk *Buteo lineatus*

Broad-winged Hawk *Buteo platypterus*

Swainson's Hawk *Buteo swainsoni*

Red-tailed Hawk *Buteo jamaicensis*

Rough-legged Hawk *Buteo lagopus*

Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetus*

CARACARAS and FALCONS (FALCONIDAE)

American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>
Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>
Gyr Falcon	<i>Falco rusticolus</i>
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>

RAILS, GALLINULES, and COOTS (RALLIDAE)

King Rail	<i>Rallus elegans</i>
Virginia Rail	<i>Rallus limicola</i>
Sora	Porzana Carolina
Purple Gallinule	<i>Porphyrio martinica</i>
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
American Coot	<i>Fulica Americana</i>

CRANES (GRUIDAE)

Sandhill Crane	<i>Grus Canadensis</i>
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LAPWINGS and PLOVERS (CHARADRIIDAE)

Black-Bellied Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>
American Golden-Plover	<i>Pluvialis dominica</i>
Semipalmated Plover	<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>
Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferous</i>

SANDPIPERS, PHALAROPES, and allies (SCOLOPACIDAE)

Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularia</i>
Solitary Sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>
Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>
Willet	<i>Catoptrophorus semipalmatus</i>
Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>
Upland Sandpiper	<i>Bartramia longicauda</i>
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>
Hudsonian Godwit	<i>Limosa haemastica</i>
Marbled Godwit	<i>Limosa fedoa</i>
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>
Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>
Semipalmated Sandpiper	<i>Calidris pusilla</i>
Western Sandpiper	<i>Calidris mauri</i>
Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>
White-rumped Sandpiper	<i>Calidris fuscicollis</i>
Baird's Sandpiper	<i>Calidris bairdii</i>
Pectoral Sandpiper	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpine</i>
Stilt Sandpiper	<i>Calidris himantopus</i>
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	<i>Tryngites subruficollis</i>
Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>

Short-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus griseus</i>
Long-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus scolopaceus</i>
Wilson's Snipe	<i>Gallinago delicata</i>
American Woodcock	<i>Scolopax minor</i>
Wilson's Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus tricolor</i>
Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>
Red Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus fuscicarius</i>

GULLS, TERNS and SKIMMERS (LARIDAE)

Laughing Gull	<i>Larus atricilla</i>
Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>
Bonaparte's Gull	<i>Larus philadelphia</i>
Ring-billed Gull	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>
Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>
Iceland Gull	<i>Larus glaucoides</i>
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>
Glaucous Gull	<i>Larus hyperboreus</i>
Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>
Black-legged Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>
Sooty Tern	<i>Sterna fuscata</i>
Caspian Tern	<i>Sterna caspia</i>
Black Tern	<i>Chidonias niger</i>
Roseate Tern	<i>Sterna dougallii</i>
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>
Black Skimmer	<i>Rynchops niger</i>

AUKS, MURRES and PUFFINS (ALCIDAE)

Dovekie	<i>Alle alle</i>
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PIGEONS and DOVES (COLUMBIDAE)

Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>
White-winged Dove	<i>Zenaida asiatica</i>
Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>

LORIES, PARAKEETS, MACAWS and PARROTS (PSITTACIDAE)

Monk Parakeet	<i>Myiopsitta monachus</i>
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CUCKOOS, ROADRUNNERS, and ANIS (CUCULIDAE)

Yellow-billed Cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>
Black-billed Cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus erythrophthalmus</i>

BARN-OWLS (TYTONIDAE)

Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>
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TYPICAL OWLS (STRIGIDAE)

Eastern Screech-Owl	<i>Megascops asio</i>
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Great Horned Owl

Snowy Owl

Barred Owl

Great Gray Owl

Long-eared Owl

Short-eared Owl

Boreal Owl

Northern Saw-whet Owl

Bubo virginianus

Bubo scandiacus

Strix varia

Strix nebulosa

Asio otus

Asio flammeus

Aegolius funereus

Aegolius acadicus

GOATSUCKERS (CAPRIMULGIDAE)

Common Nighthawk

Chuck-will's-widow

Eastern Whip-poor-will

Chordeiles minor

Caprimulgus carolinensis

Caprimulgus vociferous

SWIFTS (APODIDAE)

Chimney Swift

Chaetura pelagica

HUMMINGBIRDS (TROCHILIDAE)

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Rufous Hummingbird

Archilochus colubris

Selasphorus rufus

KINGFISHERS (ALCEDINIDAE)

Belted Kingfisher

Megaceryle alcyon

WOODPECKERS (PICIDAE)

Red-headed Woodpecker

Red-bellied Woodpecker

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Downy Woodpecker

Hairy Woodpecker

American Three-toed Woodpecker

Black-backed Woodpecker

Northern Flicker

Pileated Woodpecker

Melanerpes erythrocephalus

Melanerpes carolinus

Sphyrapicus varius

Picoides pubescens

Picoides villosus

Picoides dorsalis

Picoides arcticus

Colaptes auratus

Drycopus pileatus

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS (TYRANNIDAE)

Olive-sided Flycatcher

Eastern Wood-Pewee

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

Acadian Flycatcher

Alder Flycatcher

Willow Flycatcher

Least Flycatcher

Eastern Phoebe

Say's Phoebe

Great Crested Flycatcher

Contopus cooperi

Contopus virens

Empidonax flaviventris

Empidonax virescens

Empidonax alnorum

Empidonax traillii

Empidonax minimus

Sayornis phoebe

Sayornis saya

Myiarchus crinitus

Western Kingbird
Eastern Kingbird
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

Tyrannus verticalis
Tyrannus tyrannus
Tyrannus forficatus

SHRIKES (LANIIDAE)

Loggerhead Shrike
Northern Shrike

Lanius ludovicianus
Lanius excubitor

VIREOS (VIREONIDAE)

White-eyed Vireo
Yellow-throated Vireo
Blue-headed Vireo
Warbling Vireo
Philadelphia Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo

Vireo griseus
Vireo flavifrons
Vireo solitarius
Vireo gilvus
Vireo philadelphicus
Vireo olivaceus

JAYS and CROWS (CORVIDAE)

Gray Jay
Blue Jay
American Crow
Fish Crow
Common Raven

Persoreus canadensis
Cyanocitta cristata
Corvus brachyrhynchos
Corvus ossifragus
Corvus corax

LARKS (ALAUDIDAE)

Horned Lark

Eremophila alpestris

SWALLOWS (HIRUNDINIDAE)

Purple Martin
Tree Swallow
Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Bank Swallow
Cliff Swallow
Barn Swallow

Progne subis
Tachycineta bicolor
Stelgidopteryx serripennis
Riparia riparia
Petrochelidon pyrrhonta
Hirundo rustica

CHICKADEES and TITMICE (PARIDAE)

Black-capped Chickadee
Boreal Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse

Poecile atricapilla
Poecile hudsonica
Baeolophus bicolor

NUTHATCHES (SITTIDAE)

Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch

Sitta Canadensis
Sitta carolinensis

CREEPERS (CERTHIIDAE)

Brown Creeper

Certhia americana

WRENS (TROGLODYTIDAE)

Carolina Wren
House Wren
Winter Wren
Sedge Wren
Marsh Wren

Thryothorus ludovicianus
Troglodytes aedon
Troglodytes troglodytes
Cistothorus platensis
Cistothorus palustris

KINGLETS (REGULIDAE)

Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Regulus satrapa
Regulus calendula

GNATCATCHERS (POLIOPTILIDAE)

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

Poliptila caerulea

THRUSHES (TURDIDAE)

Northern Wheatear
Eastern Bluebird
Mountain Bluebird
Townsend's Solitaire
Veery
Gray-cheeked Thrush
Bicknell's Thrush
Swainson's Thrush
Hermit Thrush
Wood Thrush
American Robin
Varied Thrush

Oenanthe oenanthe
Sialia sialis
Sialia curruoides
Myadestes townsendi
Catharus fuscescens
Catharus minimus
Catharus bicknelli
Catharus ustulatus
Catharus guttatus
Hylocichia mustelina
Turdus migratorius
Ixoreus naevius

MOCKINGBIRDS and THRASHERS (MIMIDAE)

Gray Catbird
Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher

Dumetella carolinensis
Mimus polyglottos
Toxostoma rufum

STARLINGS (STURNIDAE)

European Starling

Sturnus vulgaris

WAGTAILS and PIPITS (MOTACILLIDAE)

American Pipit
Sprague's Pipit

Anthus rubescens
Anthus spragueii

WAXWINGS (BOMBYCILLIADAE)

Bohemian Waxwing
Cedar Waxwing

Bombycilla garrulus
Bombycilla cedrorum

LONGSPURS and ALLIES (CALCARIIDAE)

Lapland Longspur

Calcarius lapponicus

Snow Bunting

Plectrophenax nivalis

WOOD WARBLERS (PARULIDAE)

Blue-winged Warbler
Golden-winged Warbler
Tennessee Warbler
Orange-crowned Warbler
Nashville Warbler
Northern Parula
Yellow Warbler
Chestnut-sided Warbler
Magnolia Warbler
Cape May Warbler
Black-throated Blue Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Black-throated Green Warbler
Blackburnian Warbler
Yellow-throated Warbler
Pine Warbler
Prairie Warbler
Palm Warbler
Bay-breasted Warbler
Blackpoll Warbler
Cerulean Warbler
Black-and-white Warbler
American Redstart
Prothonotary Warbler
Worm-eating Warbler
Ovenbird
Northern Waterthrush
Louisiana Waterthrush
Kentucky Warbler
Connecticut Warbler
Mourning Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
Hooded Warbler
Wilson's Warbler
Canada Warbler
Yellow-breasted Chat

Vermivora cyanoptera
Vermivora chrysoptera
Oreothlypis peregrina
Oreothlypis celata
Oreothlypis ruficapilla
Parula americana
Dendroica petechia
Dendroica pensylvanica
Dendroica magnolia
Dendroica tigrina
Dendroica caerulescens
Dendroica coronata
Dendroica virens
Dendroica fusca
Dendroica dominica
Dendroica pinus
Dendroica discolor
Dendroica palmarum
Dendroica castanea
Dendroica striata
Dendroica cerulean
Mniotilta varia
Setophaga ruticilla
Protonotaria citrea
Helmitheros vermivorum
Seiurus aurocapillus
Parkesia noveboracensis
Parkesia motacilla
Oporonis formosus
Oporonis agilis
Oporonis philadelphia
Geothlypis trichas
Wilsonia citrina
Wilsonia pusilla
Wilsonia canadensis
Icteria virens

NEW WORLD SPARROWS (EMBERIZIDAE)

Eastern Towhee
American Tree Sparrow
Chipping Sparrow

Pipilo erythrophthalmus
Spizella arborea
Spizella passerine

Clay-colored Sparrow
Field Sparrow
Vesper Sparrow
Lark Sparrow
Savannah Sparrow
Grasshopper Sparrow
Henslow's Sparrow
Nelson's Sparrow
Fox Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Harris's Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow
Golden-crowned Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco

Spizella pallida
Spizella pusilla
Poocetes gramineus
Chondestes grammacus
Passerculus sandwichensis
Ammodramus savannarum
Ammodramus henslowii
Ammodramus nelsoni
Passerella ilacea
Melospiza melodia
Melospiza lincolni
Melospiza georgiana
Zonotrichia albicollis
Zonotrichia querula
Zonotrichia leucophrys
Zonotrichia atriapilla
Junco hyemalis

CARDINALS, SALTATORS and allies (CARDINALIDAE)

Summer Tanager
Scarlet Tanager
Northern Cardinal
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Black-headed Grosbeak
Blue Grosbeak
Indigo Bunting
Painted Bunting
Dickcissel

Piranga flava
Piranga olivacea
Cardinalis cardinalis
Pheucticus ludovicianus
Pheucticus melanocephalus
Passerina caerulea
Passerina cyanea
Passerina ciris
Spiza Americana

BLACKBIRDS (ICTERIDAE)

Bobolink
Red-winged Blackbird
Eastern Meadowlark
Yellow-headed Blackbird
Rusty Blackbird
Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird
Orchard Oriole
Bullock's Oriole
Baltimore Oriole

Dolichonyx oryzivorus
Agelaius phoeniceus
Sturnella magna
Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus
Euphagus carolinus
Quiscalus quiscula
Molothrus ater
Icterus spurius
Icterus bullockii
Icterus galbula

CARDUELINE FINCHES and allies (FRINGILLIDAE)

Pine Grosbeak
Purple Finch
House Finch
Red Crossbill

Pinicola enucleator
Carpodacus purpureus
Carpodacus mexicanus
Loxia curvirostra

White-winged Crossbill
Common Redpoll
Hoary Redpoll
Pine Siskin
American Goldfinch
Evening Grosbeak

Loxia leucoptera
Carduelis flammea
Carduelis hornemanni
Carduelis pinus
Carduelis tristis
Coccothraustes vespertinus

OLD WORLD SPARROWS (PASSERIDAE)

House Sparrow

Passer domesticus

REVIEW SPECIES

Barnacle Goose

March 29-30, 2005 Bolton Flats 1 (Kamp #) in company of an apparent Barnacle X Canada hybrid (Lynch & Carroll, McMenemy #) arrived and departed with migratory Canada Geese, origin not definitively determined. Dec 4-13, 2008 Charlton (French, #)

Branta bernicla

Fulvous Whistling-Duck

*December 8-10, 1979 Uxbridge 2 (FBC #)

Dendrocygna bicolor

Tundra Swan

More than 10 historical records exist. Shown here are records from the last 20 years

*April 12 (Mungeon) – May 29, 1995 Auburn 1 (Lynch & Carroll) bird of questionable origin * November 12, 1998 Sturbridge 16 (Cormier #) * January 1 – 7, 1999 Worcester 1 (v.o) * January 4 – 10, 1999 Sterling (Wachusett Res.) 2 imm. (McMenemy & Zumpfe)

Cygnus columbianus

Eurasian Wigeon

*May 8-13, 1992 Uxbridge 1 (Knapik # fide BO) * February 27, 1993 Milford 1 m. (Hildreth) * November 4, 2000 Southboro 1m. (Lynch & Carroll) * April 14, 2001 Boylston 1 m. (McMenemy #) *April 21, 2007 Bolton 1 (Kamp)

Anas Penelope

Tufted Duck

*January 26, 1995 – January 5, 2003, single male visited both spring and fall into winter, associating with flock of Greater Scaup. Most frequently found at Wachusett Reservoir in West Boylston and Lake Washacum in Sterling.

Aythya fuligula

King Eider

*November 23, 1997 (2nd winter m.) Worcester (Indian Lake) 1 (McMenemy, Zumpfe #)

Somateria spectabilis

Common Eider

*May 3-21, 1980 Charlton 1 imm. m. (Meservey #) * May 7, 1986 Gilbertville 1 m. (R. Jenkins, Nelson)

* November 2, 1991 Clinton 1 m. (Nielson #) * November 26, 1992 Lancaster 1 f. (T. Poole #)

Somateria mollissima

Eared Grebe

* May 19-24, 1980 Clinton 1 ad. (Blodget #)

Podiceps nigricollis

Northern Fulmar

December 29, 1938, Worcester 1 light phase, found dead (Browne, Parker, Green) September 27, 1985 Boylston 1 light phase (McMenemy)

Fulmaris glacialis

Leach's Storm-Petrel

*September 21, 1932, Worcester 1*October 31, 1971, Petersham 1 (Albertine #)*August 20, 1991, Clinton 1 (Lynch & Carroll, Kamp), and another found dead in Worcester on same date (Salvadore identified by R. Jenkins). * October 15, 1994 Clinton 1 (Kamp)

Oceanodroma leucorhoa

Northern Gannet

*November 2, 1986, Boylston 1 ad. (FBC)

Morus bassanus

Wood Stork

*August 24-September 7, 2003, Barre 4 (Huntington, Buelow fide BO, photo, also Carrolan 1 (fide BO)

Mycteria americana

Swainson's Hawk

*October 18, 1997, Wachusett Mt. summit 1 light phase imm. (P. Roberts, N. Soulette #)

Buteo swainsoni

Gyr Falcon

*February 21, 1982, Hardwick 1 (D. Brown # fide R. Forster)

Falco rusticolus

Purple Gallinule

*July 4-17, 1976, Bolton 1 (McMenemy # ph) * October 25, 2000, Westboro 1 imm. found dead (Blodget)

Porphyryla martinica

Willet

*August 20, 1947 Spencer 1 (Crompton) * October 2, 1970 Dana 1 (Clark) * October 4, 1997 Lake Quabog 1 (R. Jenkins) * June 2, 2000, Clinton 1 (McMenemy, Zumpfe, Kamp)* May 13, 2006, Petersham 1 (Lynch & Carroll, Small)

Tringa semipalmata

Whimbrel

*July 19, 1972, Hardwick 1 (Gagnon, Orzulak) * September 23, 1983, Princeton 9 (Kamp, Roberts #) * August 27, 1988, Dana 1 (Small, Labrie, Johnstone) * July 25 and August 25, 2010, Petersham 1, 1 (Lynch & Carroll)

Numenius phaeopus

Hudsonian Godwit

*October 10-16, 1965, E. Brookfield 2 (W. Wetherbee, McMenemy, Comer) *May 25-26, 1978, Bolton 1 (Merriman #) *September 4-13, 1981, Westboro 1 (McMenemy #), October 6, 1984, Clinton 1 (Meservey) *October 17-18, 1993, Brookfield 1 (FBC)

Limosa haemastica

Marbled Godwit

*September 24, 1974 Worcester 1 (Mierzejewski) *August 10-14, 1997, Holden (Quinapoxet Reservoir) 1 (Bradbury, photo, #)

Limosa fedoa

Red Knot

*August 27, 1983, Westboro 1 (Blodget, McMenemy, Kamp) * August 21, 1988, Dana 1 (Blodget, Lynch & Carroll)

Calidris canutus

Western Sandpiper

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* August 10-13, 1994, Princeton 1 (Bradbury #)

Calidris mauri

Ruff

*April 19-20, 1971, Bolton 1 m. (V. Crompton #) * April 8-28, 1973, Bolton 1 m. (FBC) * May 2-5, 1982, Bolton 1 f. (Blodget #), * August 22, 1999 Quinapoxet Res. (Bradbury & Kamp)

Philomachus pugnax

Long-billed Dowitcher

*September 24, 1950 Worcester 1 (Crompton #) * September 26-29, 1971 Sterling 1 (Bloget #) * August 10, 1983 Westboro 1 (Kamp, Obers) * September 27-October 1, 1997 Brookfield 1 (R. Jenkins #) * September 9, 2001 Dana 1 seen and heard (R. Jenkins #) * September 21, 2002 Dana 1 seen and heard (R. Jenkins)

Limnodromus scolopaceus

Wilson's Phalarope

More than 10 historical records exist. Shown here are records from past 20 years
* July 22, 1994 Holden 1 (Blodget) * May 26, 2007 Bolton Flats 1 (Kamp) * August 18, 2010 Sterling Peat (Pirro #)

Phalaropus tricolor

Red-necked Phalarope

More than 10 historical records exist. Shown here are records from past 20 years
*May 24, 2001 Grafton 1 f. (Kamp) *October 4, 2002 Wachusett Reservoir 1 (Kamp) * May 13-14, 2006 Bolton 1-2 (Sutton *fide* BO, Kamp)

Phalaropus lobatus

Red Phalarope

*September 22, 1947 Spencer 1 (Crompton) * November 6, 1983 Southboro 1 (Blodget, Meservey, Merriam) *May 13-14, 2006 Clinton 11 (Pirro, Meleski, Kamp, Lynch & Carroll, Shea) * May 15, 2006 Bolton 1 (Pirro)

Phalaropus fulicarius

Laughing Gull

*Late August, 1949 East Brookfield 1 (Allen) * May 9, 1950 Blackstone 3 (Crompton) * May 13, 1979 Boylston 2 ad. (Blodget) *July 12, 1994 Wachusett Reservoir-Clinton 1 (2nd summer) (Bradbury) * September 17, 1999 Wachusett Reservoir 1 (Lynch & Carroll, Perkins, Rines) * May 30, 2007 Lancaster 1 adult flying (Sutton *fide* Massbird)

Larus atricilla

Black-legged Kittiwake

*March 22, 1987 E. Brookfield 1 ad. (McMenemy, Allen, Robert, Babbitt, V. Crompton #)

Rissa tridactyla

Roseate Tern

*August 31, 1954 West Brookfield “some” (Conkey) * August 25, 1961 West Brookfield 1 imm. (Conkey)*August 29, 1971 Sterling 1 (R. Jenkins) * November 2, 1997 Worcester-Indian Lake 1 (Lynch & Carroll #)

Sterna dougallii**Sooty Tern**

*September 6, 1979 Brookfield 1 ad. (R. Jenkins) * September 7, 1979 Spencer 1 ad. found dead (R. Jenkins) * September 8, 1979 Dana 1 found dead (Lamontagne *fide* O’Reagan)

Sterna fuscata**Black Skimmer**

*March 14, 1993 Auburn 1 found exhausted and starved, expired the next day (Grocia #)

Rynchops niger**Dovekie**

Historically, inland wrecks of this species have been documented in Massachusetts
Records as follows: 1950: November 26 Princeton 1 (Davis), November 28 Worcester 1 (Gordon) 1962: November 3 Oxford (Hubbard, photo), December 7 Fitchburg (O. E. Hendrickson), also reported in Clinton, Westminster, and Princeton, December 21 Spencer Browning Pond 1967: December 4, Grafton 1 died (L. Jenkins) 1968: December 5-6 Clinton 1 (Naughton, D. Crompton) 1969: November 3 Barre 1 (Miner), November 9 Fitchburg (*fide* Hanley) 1974: December 2 following NE gale (*fide* Worcester Telegram)

White-winged Dove

*December 14, 2009 – January 21, 2010 Sturbridge 1 (Ian Lynch #)

Monk Parakeet

*1995 Blackstone 2 (Hildreth #) *February 11, 1996 Blackstone 2 (Vokle *fide* BO) * August 7, 1998 Worcester Leesville Pond 1 seen and heard (Lynch & Carroll) * June 6, 2005 Fitchburg 1 (probable escaped cage bird) (Boissy *fide* Massbird, photo)

Myiopsitta monachus**Barn Owl**

*February 28, 1936 Lancaster 1 found dead (Greenleaf) * May 4, 1967 Athol 1 (Allison) * April 15, 1972 Athol 1 (Gilguts, Clark #) * October 12, 1984 Mendon-Millville 1 (Quinlan #) * February 29, 1996 Brookfield (Lynch & Carroll) * December 15, 1997-January 4, 1998 Athol 1 (Fregeau, Arena #)

Tyto alba**Snowy Owl**

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*November 21, 1996 West Boylston 1 found dead (Blodget) * February 7, 2006 Sterling 1 found dead (Spedding) * November 1, 2008 Ashburnham 1 (Pirro) *Late November, 2008 Worcester Airport, unknown observer

Bubo scandiacus**Great Gray Owl**

*February 25, 1979 Hardwick 1 (Gregory #) * March 3, 1979 West Brookfield 1 (Caverley #) * March 4-8, 1979 Wilkinsonville 1 (Oliver #) * January 29-March 4, 1980 Oakham 1 (Sampson # photo)*February 22, 1984 Sterling 1 found dead (Berry *fide* Blodget)

Strix nebulosa

Boreal Owl

*March 3, 1940, Worcester 1 found dead (fide D. Wetherbee)

Aegolius funereus

Chuck-will's Widow

*May 20, 1996 Boylston 1 heard (Newcomb) * May 11, 2001 Royalston, Birch Hill Dam 1 heard
(D. Small #)

Rufous Hummingbird

*October 2 – December 18, 2010 Worcester 1 (B. Humphrey, fide Lynch & Carroll, banded A. Hill)

Selasphorus rufus

Selasphorus sp.

*October 29-November 17, 1998 Leicester 1 (Gardner, McMenemy, Lynch & Carroll, #) *
October 7- November 23, 2000 Worcester 1 (Pax, Lynch & Carroll, McMenemy) * October 9-
October 30, 2001 Worcester 1 (Pax via BO) * October 13-14, 2002 Princeton 1 (Van Dusen) *
October 13-19, 2002 Athol 1 (Pirro, photo) * October 8, 2008 Leicester 1 (M. Rowden photo)

American Three-toed Woodpecker

*April 23-24, 1956 Athol 1 m. (Allison) * October 27, 1960 Hardwick 1 (Hunt) * January 8-11,
1963 Boylston 1 (L. Down, M. Down) * March 24, 1968 Hardwick 1 (Clark, Small) * January
15-April 27, 1975 Harvard 1 m. (Perry #, photo)

Picoides dorsalis

Black-backed Woodpecker

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* March 18, 1998 Uxbrige 1 m. (Kimball fide BO) * November 1, 2006 Dana (Blodget,
Spedding)

Picoides arcticus

Say's Phoebe

*October 20, 1985 Dana 1 (Lynch & Carroll #) * October 13, 2004 Lunenburg 1 (R. Brown
photo)

Sayornis saya

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

*May 19-21, 1970 Westminster 1 (Richards #) * August 11-12, 1987 Bolton Flats 1 (Salmella #)
* May 1, 2010 Barre 1 (B. Kamp & D. Grant)

Tyrannus forficatus

Loggerhead Shrike

More than 10 historical records exist. Shown here are records from past 20 years
* April 6, 1992 Bolton 1 photo (Quinlan) * September 14, 1993 Brookfield 1 (R. Jenkins *April
2, 2000 Sterling 1 (Lynch & Carroll)

Larius ludovicianus

Gray Jay

More than 10 historical records exist. Shown here are records from past 20 years
* December 30, 1995 Petersham 1 (Moore and Vokle) * November 11, 2001 Barre heard and
seen (R. Jenkins) * November 12, 2001 Petersham Quabbin Gate 40 1 or 2 (Offerman via

Persioreus canadensis

Central Mass Bird Listserv) * October 21 (Hill fide Pirro) through at least November 24 (v.o.), 2007, Mt. Watatic, Ashburnham

Northern Wheatear

*September 5-8, 1994 Fitchburg 1 (T. Mongeon #, Pirro fide BO) * September 17-18, 1994 Miford 1 (Hildreth, Bradbury, Lynch & Carroll) * September 16-18, 1995 Petersham 1 (J. Baird #) * May 16-17, 2001 Petersham 1 (J. Baird #)

Oenanthe oenanthe

Mountain Bluebird

*May 29, 1994 Rutland 1 (T. and G. Mann, photo)

Sialia currucoides

Townsend's Solitaire

*December 25, 1957 Worcester 1 (published in Mass Audubon Society Bulletin, pg. 92)
*December 23-24 Gardner 1 (Pirro #)

Myadestes townsendi

Sprague's Pipit

*October 26-November 3, 1991 Clinton 1 (Blodget # photo)

Anthus spragueii

Yellow-throated Warbler

*May 12, 1956 Hubbardston 1 (Murdock) * June 20, 1959 Boylston 1 m. (McAllister) * May 9, 1984 Brookfield 1 m. (Blodget, Meservey) * May 8-10, 1985 Brookfield 1 (Meservey #) * May 7-8, 1986 Brookfield 1 (Nelson, R. Jenkins) * May 12, 1988 Petersham 1 m. (Johnstone, Small, #)* May 5, 2004 Worcester 1 (Lynch & Carroll)

Dendroica dominica

Prothonotary Warbler

More than 10 historical records exist. Shown here are records from past 20 years
* May 16, 1992 Northbridge 1 (Hildreth) * May 3, 2009 Westboro 1 (Paulsons)

Protonotaria citrea

Summer Tanager

*May 17-21, 1946 Petersham 1 (Coolidges) * September 1, 1954 Worcester 1 (Mills fide Crompton) * September 26, 1976 Worcester 1 f. or imm. (R. Jenkins) * April 19-27, 1993 East Brookfield 1 (1st yr. m) (Cormier, Mills, Rasku, photo #) * April 17-May 3, 1994 Spencer 1 ad. m. (Meservey) * May 13-17, 1996 Boylston 1 (Newcomb, photo) * May 18, 1997 Worcester (Phillips fide BO) *May 2, 2004 Upton 1 (Paulsons)* May 5, 2004 Worcester 1 (Lynch & Carroll)

Piranga rubra

Lark Sparrow

More than 10 historical records exist. Shown here are records from past 20 years
* September 19, 2003 Barre Falls Dam 1 (Lynch & Carroll) * December 19, 2007- April 18, 2008 Millbury (Berard #) * December 15, 2010 Devens 1 (Bourinot)

Chondestes grammacus

Henslow's Sparrow

More than 10 historical records exist. Shown here are the last 3 records
* October 21, 1989 Northbridge 1 (Wheelock) * October 19, 1991 Milford 1 (Hildreth) * October 5-7, 2003 Bolton 1 (Lynch & Carroll, Paulsons)

Ammodramus henslowii

Harris's Sparrow

*December 26, 1963-May 2, 1964 Warren 1 imm. (Shuttleworths #) * October 12-19, 1985 Bolton 1 m. (Quinlan #)

Zonotrichia querula

Golden-crowned Sparrow

*April 26, 2006 Sturbridge 1 ad. (Cormier #)

Zonotrichia atricapilla

Black-headed Grosbeak

*October 14, 1958 S. Lancaster 1 m. (Daniels fide L. Jenkins) * November 2, 1974-January 6, 1975 Worcester 1 (Quinlan #) * November 15-19, 1978 Rutland 1 f. (Sargent fide Blodget) * August 23-September 11, 1984 Worcester 1 imm. (Cromptons)

Pheucticus melanocephalus

Painted Bunting

*December 31, 1971-January 6, 1972 Barre 1 (Dorsey #) * January 11-February 5, 2004 Shrewsbury 1 m. (E. Surette fide BO, #)

Passerina ciris

Yellow-headed Blackbird

*April 2-11, 1961 Holden 1 m. (Spring) * April 14-15, 1961 Auburn 1 m. (Cox fide L. Jenkins) * February 19, 1981 Royalston 1 f. (Coyle #) * March 7, 2004 Bolton Flats 1 m. (Lynch & Carroll) * November 3, 2006 Millbury 1 (Berard fide Massbird) * Apr 9, 2010 Bolton Flats 1 (Morlock)

Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus

Bullock's Oriole

*November 24, 1957 North Brookfield 1 (Alcorn) *November 11, 1998-February 15, 1999 Sterling 1 m. (Tosi, McMenemy, Lynch & Carroll, #)

Icterus bullockii

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Whooper Swan

*April 11, 1998 Fisherville Pond, Grafton 1 (McMenemy & Zumpfe), February 27, 1999 Milford 1 (Hildreth)

Cygnus cygnus

Pacific Loon

*November 5, 1949 Sterling 1 (Crompton, Eliot) * April 4, 1950 Southboro 1 (Crompton) * October 30, 1952 East Brookfield 2 (Crompton) * October 8, 1958 Boylston 2 (McAlister)

Gavia pacifica

Magnificent Frigatebird

*May 14, 1959 Dudley 1 (Hubbard)

Fregata magnificens

White Ibis

*March 20, 1948 Oakham 1 (Mower fide Eliot)

Eudocimus albus

White-faced Ibis

*July 25-27 Holden 1 breeding plumage (Blodget, Byrne)

Plegadis chihi

Black-shouldered Kite

*July 7, 1935 Spencer 1 (Heywood)

Elanus caeruleus

Mississippi Kite

*May 14, 1993 East Brookfield 1 (Blodget)

Ictinia mississippiensis

Yellow Rail

*September 30, 1984 Bolton 1 (Lynch & Carroll) * April 29, 1986 Bolton 1 (Salmela) * October 17, 1991 West Brookfield 1 heard (R. Jenkins)

Coturnicops noveboracensis

Wilson's Plover

*November 1, 1943 Lake Quabog 1 (Fleming, Harrison)

Charadrius wilsonia

*September 6, 1979 Brookfield 1 (R. Jenkins) (probable Pomarine Jaeger)

Stercorarius sp.

Gull-billed Tern

*August 20, 1991 Clinton 1 (Bradbury, Lynch)

Sterna nilotica

Forster's Tern

*September 17, 1999 Wachusett Reservoir 1 (:Lynch & Carroll)

Sterna forsteri

Black Guillemot

*January 2, 1934 West Brookfield 2 (Ekblaw)

Cephus grille

Northern Hawk-Owl

*February 17, 1964 Petersham 1 (Patterson fide Crompton)

Surnia ulua

Gray Kingbird

*August 31, 1945 Worcester 2 (K. and O. Wetherbee)

Tyrannus dominicensis

Black-billed Magpie

*February 7-18, 1959 W. Sterling 1 (Wilders, Flemings, Allen and Cromptons), presumed released birds *March 3, 1966 Dana 1 (Swedberg photo), presumed released bird

Pica pica

Western Tanager

*November 20, 1953 Fitchburg 1 f. (Lawrence fide Bruce) * October 28, 1954 Worcester 1 (Thayer) * December 11-24, 1984 Gardner 1 (Cobbs # fide Williams)

Piranga ludoviciana

Leconte's Sparrow

*September 6-7, 1958 Spencer 5 (Alcorn) * September 15, 1984 Hardwick 1 (R. Jenkins, Ricker)

Ammodramus leconteii

European Goldfinch

*May 14, 1968 S. Athol 1 (Coyle #) *April 11, 1969 Athol 1 m. (Coyle #) * April 21, 1971 Holden 1 m. (R. Jenkins) *March 29-31, 1987 Athol 1 m. (Herberts # fide Coyle), all presumed escaped cage birds.

Carduelis carduelis

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