

BIRD LIST OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS 1931-2019

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 10 times or fewer overall, or have appeared fewer than 5 times 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 record not accepted on the Master List:

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

In addition, any Review Species with at least one accepted record must pass review of the Editorial Committee of *The Chickadee*. Any problematic records which pass review by the Chickadee Editorial Committee, but not meet the three first record rules above, will be carried into the accepted records of the given species. 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*.

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DUCKS, GEESE and SWANS

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck

Fulvous Whistling-Duck

Snow Goose

Ross's Goose

Greater White-fronted Goose

Pink-footed Goose

Brant

Barnacle Goose

Cackling Goose

Canada Goose

Mute Swan

Trumpeter Swan

Tundra Swan

Wood Duck

Dendrocygna autumnalis

Dendrocygna bicolor

Anser caerulescens

Anser rossii

Anser albifrons

Anser brachyrhynchus

Branta bernicla

Branta leucopsis

Branta hutchinsii

Branta canadensis

Cygnus olor

Cygnus buccinator

Cygnus columbianus

Aix sponsa

Blue-winged Teal
 Northern Shoveler
 Gadwall
Eurasian Wigeon
 American Wigeon
 Mallard
 American Black Duck
 Northern Pintail
 Green-winged Teal
 Canvasback
 Redhead
 Ring-necked Duck
Tufted Duck
 Greater Scaup
 Lesser Scaup
King Eider
Common Eider
 Surf Scoter
 White-winged Scoter
 Black Scoter
 Long-tailed Duck
 Bufflehead
 Common Goldeneye
 Barrow's Goldeneye
 Hooded Merganser
 Common Merganser
 Red-breasted Merganser
 Ruddy Duck

Spatula discors
 Spatula clypeata
 Mareca strepera
 Mareca penelope
 Mareca americana
 Anas platyrhynchos
 Anas rubripes
 Anas acuta
 Anas crecca
 Aythya valisineria
 Aythya americana
 Aythya collaris
 Aythya fuligula
 Aythya marila
 Aythya affinis
 Somateria spectabilis
 Somateria mollissima
 Melanitta perspicillata
 Melanitta fusca
 Melanitta americana
 Clangula hyemalis
 Bucephala albeola
 Bucephala clangula
 Bucephala islandica
 Lophodytes cucullatus
 Mergus merganser
 Mergus serrator
 Oxyura jamaicensis

NEW WORLD QUAIL (ODONTOPHORIDAE)

Northern Bobwhite *Colinus virginianus** viability undetermined

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

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

GREBES (PODICIPEDIAE)

Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps*
 Horned Grebe *Podiceps auritus*
 Red-necked Grebe *Podiceps grisegana*
Eared Grebe *Podiceps nigricollis*

PIGEONS and DOVES (COLUMBIDAE)

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia*
White-winged Dove *Zenaida asiatica*

Mourning Dove

Zenaida macroura

CUCKOOS, ROADRUNNERS, and ANIS (CUCULIDAE)

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

Coccyzus americanus

Black-billed Cuckoo

Coccyzus erythrophthalmus

GOATSUCKERS (CAPRIMULGIDAE)

Common Nighthawk

Chordeiles minor

Chuck-will's-widow

Caprimulgus carolinensis

Eastern Whip-poor-will

Caprimulgus vociferous

SWIFTS (APODIDAE)

Chimney Swift

Chaetura pelagica

HUMMINGBIRDS (TROCHILIDAE)

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Archilochus colubris

Rufous Hummingbird

Selasphorus rufus

RAILS, GALLINULES, and COOTS (RALLIDAE)

King Rail

Rallus elegans

Virginia Rail

Rallus limicola

Sora

Porzana carolina

Purple Gallinule

Porphyrio martinicus

Common Moorhen

Gallinula galeata

American Coot

Fulica Americana

CRANES (GRUIDAE)

Sandhill Crane

Antigone canadensis

LAPWINGS and PLOVERS (CHARADRIIDAE)

Northern Lapwing

Vanellus vanellus

Black-bellied Plover

Pluvialis squatarola

American Golden-Plover

Pluvialis dominica

Semipalmated Plover

Charadrius semipalmatus

Killdeer

Charadrius vociferous

SANDPIPERS, PHALAROPES, and allies (SCOLOPACIDAE)

Upland Sandpiper

Bartramia longicauda

Whimbrel

Numenius phaeopus

Hudsonian Godwit

Limosa haemastica

Marbled Godwit

Limosa fedoa

Ruddy Turnstone

Arenaria interpres

Red Knot

Calidris canutus

Ruff

Calidris pugnax

Stilt Sandpiper

Calidris himantopus

Sanderling

Calidris alba

Dunlin
Baird's Sandpiper
Least Sandpiper
White-rumped Sandpiper
Buff-breasted Sandpiper
Pectoral Sandpiper
Semipalmated Sandpiper
Western Sandpiper
Short-billed Dowitcher
Long-billed Dowitcher
American Woodcock
Wilson's Snipe
Spotted Sandpiper
Solitary Sandpiper
Lesser Yellowlegs
Willet
Greater Yellowlegs
Wilson's Phalarope
Red-necked Phalarope
Red Phalarope

AUKS, MURRES and PUFFINS (ALCIDAE)

Dovekie

GULLS, TERNS and SKIMMERS (LARIDAE)

Black-legged Kittiwake

Bonaparte's Gull
Black-headed Gull
Laughing Gull
Franklin's Gull
Ring-billed Gull
Herring Gull
Iceland Gull
Lesser Black-backed Gull
Glaucous Gull
Great Black-backed Gull
Sooty Tern
Caspian Tern
Black Tern
Roseate Tern
Common Tern
Black Skimmer

LOONS (GAVIIDAE)

Red-throated Loon
Common Loon

Calidris alpine
Calidris bairdii
Calidris minutilla
Calidris fuscicollis
Calidris subruficollis
Calidris melanotos
Calidris pusilla
Calidris mauri
Limnodromus griseus
Limnodromus scolopaceus
Scolopax minor
Gallinago delicata
Actitis macularia
Tringa solitaria
Tringa flavipes
Tringa semipalmata
Tringa melanoleuca
Phalaropus tricolor
Phalaropus lobatus
Phalaropus fudicarius

Alle alle

Rissa tridactyla
Chroicocephalus philadelphia
Chroicocephalus ridibundus
Leucocephalus atricilla
Leucophaeus pipixcan
Larus delawarensis
Larus argentatus
Larus glaucoides
Larus fuscus
Larus hyperboreus
Larus marinus
Onychoprion fuscata
Hydroprogne caspia
Chidonias niger
Sterna dougallii
Sterna hirundo
Rynchops niger

Gavia stellata
Gavia immer

STORM-PETRELS (HYDROBATIDAE)

Leach's Storm-Petrel *Oceanodroma leucorhoa*

SHEARWATERS and PETRELS (PROCELLARIIDAE)

Northern Fulmar *Fulmarus glacialis*

STORKS (CICONIIDAE)

Wood Stork *Mycteria americana*

BOOBIES and GANNETS (SULIDAE)

Northern Gannet *Morus bassanus*

CORMORANTS (PHALACROCORACIDAE)

Double-crested Cormorant *Phalacrocorax auritus*

Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*

PELICANS (PELECANIDAE)

Brown Pelican *Pelecanus occidentalis*

BITTERNS, HERONS, and allies (ARDEIDAE)

American Bittern *Botarus 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*

White-faced Ibi *Plegadis chihi*

NEW WORLD VULTURES (CATHARTIDAE)

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*

OSPREY (PANDIONIDAE)

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

HAWKS, KITES, EAGLES and ALLIES (ACCIPITRIDAE)

Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetus*

Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk
Northern Goshawk
Bald Eagle
Mississippi Kite
Red-shouldered Hawk
Broad-winged Hawk
Swainson's Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Rough-legged Hawk

Circus cyaneus
Accipiter striatus
Accipiter cooperi
Accipiter gentilis
Haliaeetus leucocephalus
Ictinia mississippiensis
Buteo lineatus
Buteo platypterus
Buteo swainsoni
Buteo jamaicensis
Buteo lagopus

BARN-OWLS (TYTONIDAE)
Barn Owl

Tyto alba

TYPICAL OWLS (STRIGIDAE)

Eastern Screech-Owl
Great Horned Owl
Snowy Owl
Barred Owl
Great Gray Owl
Long-eared Owl
Short-eared Owl
Boreal Owl
Northern Saw-whet Owl

Megascops asio
Bubo virginianus
Bubo scandiacus
Strix varia
Strix nebulosa
Asio otus
Asio flammeus
Aegolius funereus
Aegolius acadicus

KINGFISHERS (ALCEDINIDAE)
Belted Kingfisher

Megaceryle alcyon

WOODPECKERS (PICIDAE)

Lewis' Woodpecker
Red-headed Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
American Three-toed Woodpecker
Black-backed Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker

Melanerpes lewis
Melanerpes erythrocephalus
Melanerpes carolinus
Sphyrapicus varius
Picoides dorsalis
Picoides arcticus
Dryobates pubescens
Dryobates villosus
Colaptes auratus
Drycopus pileatus

CARACARAS and FALCONS (FALCONIDAE)

Crested Caracara
American Kestrel

Caracara cheriway
Falco sparverius

Merlin
Gyr Falcon
Peregrine Falcon

Falco columbarius
Falco rusticolus
Falco peregrinus

LORIES, PARAKEETS, MACAWS and PARROTS (PSITTACIDAE)

Monk Parakeet

Myiopsitta monachus

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS (TYRANNIDAE)

Great Crested Flycatcher
Western Kingbird
Eastern Kingbird
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
Olive-sided Flycatcher
Eastern Wood-Pewee
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
Acadian Flycatcher
Alder Flycatcher
Willow Flycatcher
Least Flycatcher
Eastern Phoebe
Say's Phoebe

Myiarchus crinitus
Tyrannus verticalis
Tyrannus tyrannus
Tyrannus forficatus
Contopus cooperi
Contopus virens
Empidonax flaviventris
Empidonax virescens
Empidonax alnorum
Empidonax traillii
Empidonax minimus
Sayornis phoebe
Sayornis saya

SHRIKES (LANIIDAE)

Loggerhead Shrike
Northern Shrike

Lanius ludovicianus
Lanius excubitor

VIREOS (VIREONIDAE)

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

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

JAYS and CROWS (CORVIDAE)

Canada 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

Progne subis

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

Tachycineta bicolor
Stelgidopteryx serripennis
Riparia riparia
Petrochelidon pyrrhonta
Hirundo rustica

CHICKADEES and TITMICE (PARIDAE)

Black-capped Chickadee
Boreal Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse

Poecile atricapillus
Poecile hudsonicus
Baeolophus bicolor

NUTHATCHES (SITTIDAE)

Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch

Sitta canadensis
Sitta carolinensis

CREEPERS (CERTHIIDAE)

Brown Creeper

Certhia americana

WRENS (TROGLODYTIDAE)

House Wren
Winter Wren
Sedge Wren
Marsh Wren
Carolina Wren

Troglodytes aedon
Troglodytes hiemalis
Cistothorus platensis
Cistothorus palustris
Thryothorus ludovicianus

GNATCATCHERS (POLIOPTILIDAE)

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

Poliophtila caerulea

KINGLETS (REGULIDAE)

Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Regulus satrapa
Regulus calendula

OLD WORLD FLYCATCHERS (MUSCICAPIDAE)

Northern Wheatear

Oenanthe oenanthe

THRUSHES (TURDIDAE)

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

Sialia sialis
Sialia curucoides
Myadestes townsendi
Catharus fuscescens
Catharus minimus
Catharus bicknelli
Catharus ustulatus
Catharus guttatus
Hylocichla mustelina
Turdus migratorius

Varied Thrush

Ixoreus naevius

MOCKINGBIRDS and THRASHERS (MIMIDAE)

Gray Catbird

Dumetella carolinensis

Brown Thrasher

Toxostoma rufum

Northern Mockingbird

Mimus polyglottos

STARLINGS (STURNIDAE)

European Starling

Sturnus vulgaris

WAXWINGS (BOMBYCILLIDAE)

Bohemian Waxwing

Bombycilla garrulus

Cedar Waxwing

Bombycilla cedrorum

OLD WORLD SPARROWS (PASSERIDAE)

House Sparrow

Passer domesticus

WAGTAILS and PIPITS (MOTACILLIDAE)

American Pipit

Anthus rubescens

Sprague's Pipit

Anthus spragueii

CARDUELINE FINCHES and allies (FRINGILLIDAE)

Evening Grosbeak

Coccothraustes vespertinus

Pine Grosbeak

Pinicola enucleator

House Finch

Haemorhous mexicanus

Purple Finch

Haemorhous purpureus

Common Redpoll

Acanthis flammea

Hoary Redpoll

Acanthis hornemanni

Red Crossbill

Loxia curvirostra

White-winged Crossbill

Loxia leucoptera

Pine Siskin

Spinus pinus

American Goldfinch

Spinus tristis

LONGSPURS and ALLIES (CALCARIIDAE)

Lapland Longspur

Calcarius lapponicus

Snow Bunting

Plectrophenax nivalis

NEW WORLD SPARROWS (PASSERELLIDAE)

Eastern Towhee

Pipilo erythrophthalmus

American Tree Sparrow

Spizelloides arborea

Chipping Sparrow

Spizella passerina

Clay-colored Sparrow

Spizella pallida

Field Sparrow

Spizella pusilla

Vesper Sparrow

Pooecetes gramineus

Lark Sparrow

Chondestes grammacus

Savannah Sparrow

Passerculus sandwichensis

Grasshopper Sparrow
Henslow's Sparrow
LeConte'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

CHATS (ICTERIIDAE)
Yellow-breasted Chat

BLACKBIRDS (ICTERIDAE)
Yellow-headed Blackbird
Bobolink
Eastern Meadowlark
Orchard Oriole
Bullock's Oriole
Baltimore Oriole
Black-backed Oriole
Red-winged Blackbird
Brown-headed Cowbird
Rusty Blackbird
Common Grackle

WOOD WARBLERS (PARULIDAE)
Ovenbird
Worm-eating Warbler
Louisiana Waterthrush
Northern Waterthrush
Golden-winged Warbler
Blue-winged Warbler
Black-and-white Warbler
Prothonotary Warbler
Tennessee Warbler
Orange-crowned Warbler
Nashville Warbler
Connecticut Warbler
Mourning Warbler
Kentucky Warbler
Common Yellowthroat

Ammodramus savannarum
Ammodramus henslowii
Ammodramus leconteii
Ammodramus nelsoni
Passerella ilacea
Melospiza melodia
Melospiza lincolnii
Melospiza georgiana
Zonotrichia albicollis
Zonotrichia querula
Zonotrichia leucophrys
Zonotrichia atricapilla
Junco hyemalis

Icteria virens

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

Seiurus aurocapilla
Helmitheros vermivorum
Parkesia motacilla
Parkesia noveboracensis
Vermivora chrysoptera
Vermivora cyanoptera
Mniotilta varia
Protonotaria citrea
Oreothlypis peregrina
Oreothlypis celata
Oreothlypis ruficapilla
Oporonis agilis
Geothlypis philadelphia
Geothlypis formosa
Geothlypis trichas

Hooded Warbler
 American Redstart
 Cape May Warbler
 Cerulean Warbler
 Northern Parula
 Magnolia Warbler
 Bay-breasted Warbler
 Blackburnian Warbler
 Yellow Warbler
 Chestnut-sided Warbler
 Blackpoll Warbler
 Black-throated Blue Warbler
 Palm Warbler
 Pine Warbler
 Yellow-rumped Warbler
Yellow-throated Warbler
 Prairie Warbler
 Black-throated Green Warbler
 Canada Warbler
 Wilson's Warbler

Setophaga citrine
 Setophaga ruticilla
 Setophaga tigrina
 Setophaga cerulea
 Setophaga americana
 Setophaga magnolia
 Setophaga castanea
 Setophaga fusca
 Setophaga petechia
 Setophaga pensylvanica
 Setophaga striata
 Setophaga caerulescens
 Setophaga palmarum
 Setophaga pinus
 Setophaga coronata
 Setophaga dominica
 Setophaga discolor
 Setophaga virens
 Cardellina canadensis
 Cardellina pusilla

CARDINALS, SALTATORS and allies (CARDINALIDAE)

Summer Tanager

Scarlet Tanager

Western Tanager

Northern Cardinal

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Black-headed Grosbeak

Blue Grosbeak

Indigo Bunting

Painted Bunting

Dickcissel

Piranga rubra

Piranga olivacea

Piranga ludoviciana

Cardinalis cardinalis

Pheucticus ludovicianus

Pheucticus melanocephalus

Passerina caerulea

Passerina cyanea

Passerina ciris

Spiza americana

REVIEW SPECIES

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck

*June 21, 2014 Southbridge 1 photographed and noted present for 2 weeks prior (Brooks)

Demdrocygna autumnalis

Fulvous Whistling-Duck

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

Dendrocygna bicolor

Ross's Goose

*February 23-24, 2017 Northbridge 1 (Kittredge, v.o.), March 12-13, 2017 Southborough 1 (Lynch & Carroll, Garvey), and March 28-30, 2017 Westborough 1 (Robo, Furbish, Peacock)

Anser rossii

Pink-footed Goose

Anser brachyrhynchus

*Dec 17-18, 2011 Rutland 1 (Bourinot #)

Barnacle Goose

Branta bernicla

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, #) * Mar 2-11, 2014 Mendon 1 (Ezell fide Bird Obs.)

Cackling Goose

Branta hutchinsii

*March 28 - May 9, 1995 Auburn 1 (Ricci #, reported as Richardson's subspecies of Canada Goose) *October 25-26 and November 5-8, 2005 Millbury 1 (Berard, photo) *October 10, 2006 Barre 1 (B. Kamp) * December 16, 2008 Brookfield 1 (Jenkins, Kamp, McMenemy, & Zumpfe) *Dec 21, 2012 Brookfield 1 (Jenkins) *November 26, 2016 Lake Quinsigamond 1 and December 8-16, 2016 Wachusett Res. 1 (both by Lynch & Carroll) * Oct 14, 2018 Moose Hill WMA, Paxton a flyover with migratory Canada Geese (Abbott & Jenkins) * March 16-17, 2019 Dexter Drumlin, Lancaster 1 (Lynch & Carroll) * Oct. 26, 2019 Lake Whalom, Lunenburg 1 (Robo #) * Nov. 23, 2019 Wachusett Reservoir 1 (Lynch & Carroll).

Trumpeter Swan

Cygnus buccinator

*May 26 - June 24, 2018 Orlando's Farm, Charlton 1 (Lusignan #) many observers were able to see this bird associating with Canada Geese * Jan. 28-Feb. 13, 2019 Milford 1 (Robo#)

Tundra Swan

Cygnus columbianus

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

* January 1 – 7, 1999 Worcester 1 (v.o) * January 4 – 10, 1999 Sterling (Wachusett Res.) 2 imm. (McMenemy & Zumpfe * Dec 3, 2018 Douglas 4 (Lynch & Carroll)

Eurasian Wigeon

Anas penelope

*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) * November 8, 2017 Southborough 1f. (Lynch & Carroll)

Tufted Duck

Aythya fuligula

*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 * May 14-15, 2017 Princeton 1 (Pirro, v.o.)

King Eider

Somateria spectabilis

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

Common Eider

Somateria mollissima

*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 #) *Oct 28, 2012 Quabbin Res, Petersham (FBC)

Eared Grebe

* May 19-24, 1980 Clinton 1 ad. (Blodget #) * Nov 15-21, 2014 Quaboag Pond, Brookfield (Young, #)

White-winged Dove

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

Chuck-will's Widow

*May 20, 1996 Boylston 1 heard (Newcomb) * May 11, 2001 Royalston, Birch Hill Dam 1 heard (D. Small #) * June 1, 2019 1 banded and photographed Lancaster 1 (Vitz)

Rufous Hummingbird

*October 2 – December 18, 2010 Worcester 1 (B. Humphrey, fide Lynch & Carroll, banded A. Hill) * Mid Oct – Nov 7, 2011 Lunenburg 1 (Andellus fide Lynch & Carroll, banded A. Hill) *October 7-29, 2016 Westborough 1 (Williams, v.o.) * Dec. 15, 2019 Grafton 1 immature banded (Hill fide Bird Observer)

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) *early Oct-at least Nov 24, 2013 Barre 1 (Meredith fide Lynch & Carroll)

Purple Gallinule

*July 4-17, 1976, Bolton 1 (McMenemy # ph) * October 25, 2000, Westboro 1 imm. found dead (Blodget) *October 21-22, 2015 Westborough WMA (Lawson, v.o.)

Porphyryula martinica

Northern Lapwing

*April 27-29, 2013, Bolton 1 (Arena & O'Neill fide Massbird)

Vanellus vanellus

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) * July 31, 2011, Petersham 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) * August 28, 2011 Fitchburg Airport (Pirro#)

Limosa haemastica

Marbled Godwit

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

Limosa fedoa

Red Knot

Calidris canutus

*August 27, 1983, Westboro 1 (Blodget, McMenemy, Kamp) * August 21, 1988, Dana 1 (Blodget, Lynch & Carroll) * August 28, 2011, Fitchburg Airport 8 (Pirro#), and Wachusett Res. 1 (Paulson)

Ruff

Philomachus pugnax

*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)

Stilt Sandpiper

Calidris himantopus

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*Sep 7, 2002 Dana Flats 1 (Jenkins) * Sep 5 to Sep 10, 2010 Sterling Peat up to 5 (Kamp, Sowizral) * Sep 7, 24, 2015 Quinapoxet Res. 1 (Bourget, Kamp#, Lawson) * Sep. 17, 2019 Delaney WMA 1 (Tepper)

Western Sandpiper

Calidris mauri

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*Sep 11, 1988 Milford 1 (Hildreth) * August 10-13, 1994, Princeton 1 (Bradbury #) * August 28, 2011, Wachusett Res. 1 (Paulson)

Long-billed Dowitcher

Limnodromus scolopaceus

*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)

Willet

Tringa semipalmata

*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) * May 22, 2011, Bolton Flats (Jenkins #)

Wilson's Phalarope

Phalaropus tricolor

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* July 22, 1994 Holden 1 (Blodget) * May 26, 2007 Bolton Flats 1 (Kamp) * August 18, 2010 Sterling Peat (Pirro #)

Red Phalarope

Phalaropus fulicarius

*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) * July 30, 2011 Clinton 1 (Bourinot and B. Kamp)

****Stercorarius spp.***

*September 6, 1979 Brookfield 1 (R. Jenkins) (probable Pomarine Jaeger) *August 28, 2011 Fitchburg Airport 1 (Pirro photograph)

Dovekie

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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)

Black-legged Kittiwake

Rissa tridactyla

*March 22, 1987 E. Brookfield 1 ad. (McMenemy, Allen, Robert, Babbitt, V. Crompton #)*Sept, 2012, Upton, found dead following Hurricane Sandy

Laughing Gull

Leucophaeus atricilla

*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) * August 7-September 5, 2016 Wachusett Res. 1 imm. (Bourinot, v.o.) * September 6, 2017 Westborough 1 (Spahr) * May 20, 2018 Worcester 3 flyover (FBC) * Oct. 17, 2019 Westborough WMA 1 (Spahr)

Franklin's Gull

Leucophaeus pipixcan

*May 29, 2013 Bolton Flats 1 (Lawson & Johnson#)

Sooty Tern

Onychoprion fuscata

*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)

Roseate Tern

Sterna dougallii

*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 #)

Black Skimmer

Rynchops niger

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

Leach's Storm-Petrel

Oceanodroma leucorhoa

*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) * October 2, 2015, Sterling 1 (Paulson, v.o.) * Sep. 30, 2019 1 Quaboag Pond (Lynch & Carroll#)

Northern Fulmar

Fulmaris glacialis

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

Wood Stork

Mycteria americana

*August 24-September 7, 2003, Barre 4 (Huntington, Buelow fide BO, photo, also Carrolan 1 (fide BO) * Nov. 3, 2019 Sutton 1 photographed (Sutton Animal Control Officer)

Northern Gannet

Morus bassanus

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

Brown Pelican

Pelecanus occidentalis

*September 18, 2015, Southborough 1 (F. Perry, v.o.) a juv. was found underneath a tractor trailer in Southborough. It was brought to Tufts in Westborough where it died 11 days later.

White-faced Ibis

Plegadis chihi

*Oct 19-21, 2019 Muddy Pond, Sterling (Decker#) for first official record. Another was observed July 25-27, 1990 Holden 1 (Blodget and Byrne) but did not meet 3 observer rule and was not photographed.

Mississippi Kite

Ictinia mississippiensis

*May 14, 1993 East Brookfield 1 (Blodget) *May 26, 2011, Warren 1 (Pearson)* Sept. 5, 2012, Phillipston 1 (Williams) * May 23, 2015, Westborough 1 (subadult) (Arena, photo)

Swainson's Hawk

Buteo swainsoni

*October 18, 1997 Wachusett Mt. summit 1 light phase imm. (P. Roberts, N. Soulettte #)
* September 20, 2016 Mt. Wachusett summit 1 (Park and Roberts, #)

Barn Owl

Tyto alba

*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 #)

Great Gray Owl

Strix nebulosa

*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)

Boreal Owl

Aegolius funereus

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

Lewis's Woodpecker

Melanerpes lewis

May 27, 2013 Lunenburg (J. Mills fide Massbird)

American Three-toed Woodpecker

Picoides dorsalis

*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)

Black-backed Woodpecker

Picoides arcticus

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*continuing bird from previous year until Jan 7, 1991 (v.o.) * March 18, 1998 Uxbridge 1 m. (Kimball fide BO) * November 1, 2006 Dana (Blodget, Spedding)

Crested Caracara

Caracara cheriway

*August 5, 2015, Lancaster 1 (Krikorian, photo)

Gyr Falcon

Falco rusticolus

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

Monk Parakeet

Myiopsitta monachus

*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)

Western Kingbird

Tyrannus verticalis

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*Oct 3, 1999 Bolton Flats 1 (Lynch & Carroll) * Oct 4, 2000 N. Brookfield 1 (Jenkins) * Oct 5, 2006 Sutton 1 (Berard) * Sep. 25, 2019 Mt. Wachusett 1 (Ryan)

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

Tyrannus forficatus

*May 19-21, 1970 Westminster 1 (Richards #) * August 11-12, 1987 Bolton Flats 1 (Salmella #) * May 1, 2010 Barre 1 (B. Kamp & D. Grant) * Aug. 23-Aug. 28, 2019 Quaboag Pond, East Brookfield 1 (Cuadra#)

Say's Phoebe

Sayornis saya

*Oct 20, 1985 Dana 1 (Lynch & Carroll #) * Oct 13, 2004 Lunenburg 1 (R. Brown photo) * Oct 12-13, 2018 Barre 1 (O'Hare#)

Loggerhead Shrike

Larius ludovicianus

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* April 6, 1992 Bolton 1 photo (Quinlan) * September 14, 1993 Brookfield 1 (R. Jenkins *April 2, 2000 Sterling 1 (Lynch & Carroll)

Canada Jay

Persioerus canadensis

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* November 11, 2001 Barre heard and seen (R. Jenkins) * November 12, 2001 Petersham Quabbin Gate 40 1 or 2 (Offerman via Central Mass Bird Listserv) * October 21 (Hill fide Pirro) through at least November 24 (v.o.), 2007, Mt. Watatic, Ashburnham * Nov 4-Nov 16, 2014 Petersham 1 (Lynch & Carroll#)

Northern Wheatear

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*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 #) * October 1-6, 2015 Wachusett Res. 1 (Lawson, v.o.)

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, 2010 Gardner 1 (Pirro #)

Myadestes townsendi

Varied Thrush

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*Feb 7-Mar 22, 1998 Oakham 1f (C. Graham *fide Bird Obs.*) * mid-Jan - Mar 10, 2005 Mendon

1 (Christensen# *fide Bird Obs.*) *January 1-3, 2016 Rutland 1 (Robblee, v.o.)

Sprague's Pipit

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

Anthus spragueii

Lark Sparrow

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* September 19, 2003 Barre Falls Dam 1 (Lynch & Carroll) * December 19, 2007- April 18, 2008 Millbury (Berard #) * December 15, 2010 – January 29, 2011 Devens 1 (Bourinot #) * May 16, 2019 North Brookfield 1 photographed (Lusignan)

Chondestes grammacus

Henslow's Sparrow

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*October 21, 1989 Northbridge 1 (Wheelock) * October 19, 1991 Milford 1 (Hildreth) * October 5-7, 2003 Bolton 1 (Lynch & Carroll, Paulsons)

Ammodramus henslowii

****Leconte's Sparrow***

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

* October 16-22, 2017 Bolton Flats 1 (Grossman, v.o.)

Ammodramus leconteii

Harris's Sparrow

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

Bolton 1 m. (Quinlan #) * October 26-November 7, 2016 Westborough 1 (Robo, v.o.)

Zonotrichia querula

Golden-crowned Sparrow

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

Zonotrichia atricapilla

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) *Mar. 17, 2013 Lancaster 1 (Lynch & Carroll)

Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus

Bullock's Oriole

Icterus bullockii

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

Black-backed Oriole

Icterus abeillei

*May 7-8, 2017 Sutton 1 (Bowden) bird not accepted by MARC, but same bird accepted by Pennsylvania Avian Records Committee and ABA in 2018. The Chickadee Committee voted to accept the bird in 2018.

Prothonotary Warbler

Protonotaria citrea

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* May 16, 1992 Northbridge 1 (Hildreth) * May 3, 2009 Westboro 1 (Paulsons) * May 19-21, 2018 Hodges Village Dam ACE, Oxford 1 (Lawson#)

Yellow-throated Warbler

Setophaga dominica

*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) *Apr. 21 and 22, 2013 Princeton 1 (Cassie, # fide Bird Obs.)

Summer Tanager

Piranga rubra

*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) * May 8, 2015 Warren 1 (Zajda fide Bird Obs.)

Western Tanager

Piranga ludoviciana

*Nov 20, 1953 Fitchburg 1 (Lawrence) * Oct 28, 1954 Worcester 1 (Thayer) * Dec 11-24, 1984 Gardner 1 (Cobb) * Apr 27-May 2, 2014 Auburn 1 photographed (Stokes)

Black-headed Grosbeak

Pheucticus melanocephalus

*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)

Painted Bunting

Passerina ciris

*December 31, 1971-January 6, 1972 Barre 1 (Dorsey #) * January 11-February 5, 2004 Shrewsbury 1 m. (E. Surette fide BO, #) * May 25, 2017 Sterling 1m. (McDermott)

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Whooper Swan

Cygnus cygnus

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

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

Black-shouldered Kite

*July 7, 1935 Spencer 1 (Heywood)

Elanus caeruleus

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

Gull-billed Tern

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

Gelochelidon nilotica

Forster's Tern

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

Sterna forsteri

Arctic Tern

*June 26, 2018 Gate 8, Wachusett Reservoir, Boylston 1 bird was associating with Common Tern. Ebird accepted record, but Chickadee Committee felt bird was too distant to make definitive identification.

Sterna paradisaea

Black Guillemot

*January 2, 1934 West Brookfield 2 (Ekblaw)

Cepphus 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

European Goldfinch

Carduelis carduelis

*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.

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