**Forbush Bird Club 2007 Trip Reports**

The following are highlights of selected 2007 field trips of the Forbush Bird Club, listed in reverse chronological order:

**11/18/07 -- Salisbury and vicinity**

Trip Leader: Paul Meleski.

Observers: 6.

Weather: sunny with light winds temps in low-mid 40's.

Highlights: Cattle Egret, Eurasian Wigeon, Redhead, American Golden Plover, Purple Sandpiper, Northern Shrike and Snow Bunting.

Forbush members enjoyed the following 61 species of birds:

Red-throated Loon

Common Loon

Red-necked Grebe

Horned Grebe

Double-crested Cormorant

Northern Gannet

American Bittern

Great Blue Heron

Cattle Egret

Canada Goose

Snow Goose

Mallard

American Black Duck

Gadwall

Northern Pintail

American Wigeon

Eurasian Wigeon

Green-winged Teal

Redhead

Common Eider

Long-tailed Duck

White-winged Scoter

Common Goldeneye

Bufflehead

Hooded Merganser

Red-breasted Merganser

Turkey Vulture

Northern Harrier

Cooper's Hawk

Red-tailed Hawk

American Kestrel

Black-bellied Plover

American Golden Plover

Greater Yellowlegs

Purple Sandpiper

Dunlin

Bonaparte's Gull

Ring-billed Gull

Herring Gull

Great Black-backed Gull

Mourning Dove

Rock Pigeon

Northern Shrike

Blue Jay

American Crow

Tufted Titmouse

Black-capped Chickadee

American Robin

Northern Mockingbird

European Starling

Pine Warbler

Northern Cardinal

American Tree Sparrow

White-throated Sparrow

Song Sparrow

Snow Bunting

Red-winged Blackbird

House Finch

Common Redpoll

American Goldfinch

House Sparrow

(trip report from Paul Meleski).

**11/4/07 -- Gate 35, Quabbin Reservoir**

Nine Members of the Forbush Bird Club walked the approx. 5 mile round trip from Gate 35 on Old North Dana Road along the eastern edge of North Quabbin Reservoir between 8AM and 1PM. The start was cool and calm, but the temperature rose nicely and so did the wind to a stiff 15MPH NW under mostly sunny skies. Land birding was poor but we did well on Common Loons, Red-necked and Horned Grebes, a few Buffleheads and a nice single female Ruddy Duck. We saw Bald Eagles perched and in flight (4 adults and 1 Juvenile). Most dramatic, was an adult that caught a large fish and had to swim the catch into shore. We watched for 5+ minutes as the eagle slowly "stroked" toward an island to haul out the 2 foot fish. It was soon joined by another adult and youngster trying to edge their way to a free meal. I have a few distant and grainy [images on my blog](http://tpirro.blogspot.com/). Another highlight was a distant Black-bellied Plover seen both feeding on a distant island and in flight.

Here is the list, broken down by towns (New Salem in Franklin County and Petersham in Worcester County).

New Salem section:

American Black Duck (2)

Mallard (2)

Common Loon (2)

Bald Eagle (3)

Red-tailed Hawk (2)

Downy Woodpecker (1)

 Blue Jay (14)

American Crow (4)

Common Raven (2)

Black-capped Chickadee (7)

Tufted Titmouse (4)

Red-breasted Nuthatch (1)

White-breasted Nuthatch (1)

Golden-crowned Kinglet (1)

American Robin (1)

American Goldfinch (2)

Petersham section:

Bufflehead (2)

Common Merganser (1)

Ruddy Duck (1)

Common Loon (5)

Horned Grebe (4)

Red-necked Grebe (5)

Bald Eagle (4) (I think there were 5 combined total),

Black-bellied Plover (1)

Ring-billed Gull (15)

Pileated Woodpecker (1)

American Crow (37)

Blue Jay (12)

Common Raven (2)

Black-capped Chickadee (4)

Tufted Titmouse (8)

White-breasted Nuthatch (3)

Yellow-rumped Warbler (1)

Golden-crowned Kinglet (2)

White-throated Sparrow (1)

Dark-eyed Junco (20)

American Goldfinch (17)

(trip report from Tom Pirro).

**10/27/07 -- Wachusett Reservoir and vicinity**

The Forbush Bird Club held a trip on Sunday, October 27, 2007 at Wachusett Reservoir and vicinity in the towns of Boylston, West Boylston, Clinton and Sterling. Trip Leader was Francis X. McMenemy and 17 members attended. It was a very pretty day with colorful foliage, a sunny sky and crisp fresh air. The temperatures in the mid 60's occasionally felt colder due to a 10 to 20 mph NW wind. Some highlights were a Palm Warbler, White-winged Scoter, Long-tailed Ducks and an adult Bald Eagle.

The following 30 species were observed:

 Canada Goose 14

 Mute Swan 1

 Mallard 5

 Greater Scaup 26

 White-winged Scoter 1 drake

 Long-tailed Duck 25

 Common Merganser 40

 Ruddy Duck 2

 Common Loon 7

 Double-crested Cormorant 12

 Great Blue Heron 2

 Turkey Vulture 2

 Bald Eagle 1

 Northern Harrier 1

 Cooper's Hawk 1

 Ring-billed Gull 10

 Rock Pigeon

 Mourning Dove

 Belted Kingfisher

 Red-bellied Woodpecker

 Downy Woodpecker

 Blue Jay

 American Crow

 Black-capped Chickadee

 Red-breasted Nuthatch 1

 American Robin

 European Starling

 Palm Warbler

 Yellow-rumped Warbler

 American Goldfinch

(trip report from Joan Zumpfe).

**10/21/07 -- Lake Quaboag, Brookfield, and vicinity**

The Forbush Bird Club held a trip on Sunday, October 21, 2007 at Lake Quaboag, Brookfield and vicinity. The Trip Leader was Rodney Jenkins and there were 10 Observers. It was Sunny with a light S.W. Wind. The temperature ranged from 48 to 65 degrees.

The following 62 species were observed:

Canada Goose (16)

Wood Duck (2)

American Black Duck (4)

Mallard (16)

Ring-necked Duck (13)

Greater Scaup (3)

White-winged Scoter (2)

Pied-billed Grebe (1)

Rock Pigeon

Mourning Dove (18)

Great Blue Heron (3)

Turkey Vulture (5)

Osprey (1)

Bald Eagle (1)

Northern Harrier (1)

Sharp-shinned Hawk (2)

Northern Goshawk (1)

Red-tailed Hawk (2)

Golden Eagle (1 Immature)

Ring-billed Gull (1)

Red-bellied Woodpecker (1)

Downy Woodpecker (3)

Hairy Woodpecker (1)

Northern Flicker (7)

Pileated Woodpecker (2)

Eastern Pheobe (2)

Blue Jay

American Crow

Common Raven (1)

Black-capped Chickadee

Tufted Titmouse

Red-breasted Nuthatch (1)

White-breasted Nuthatch (3)

Carolina Wren (2)

Golden-crowned Kinglet (1)

Ruby-crowned Kinglet (6)

Eastern Bluebird (11)

Hermit Thrush (1)

American Robin

European Starling

American Pipit (22)

Cedar Waxwing (6)

Yellow-rumped Warbler (7)

Palm Warbler (3)

Chipping Sparrow (4)

Field Sparrow (3)

Savannah Sparrow (31)

Fox Sparrow (2)

Song Sparrow (71)

Lincoln's Sparrow (2)

Swamp Sparrow (18)

White-throated Sparrow (137)

White-Crowned Sparrow (9)

Dark-eyed Junco (101)

Northern Cardinal (5)

Red-winged Blackbird (15)

Rusty Blackbird (3)

Common Grackle (10)

Purple Finch (6)

House Finch (4)

American Goldfinch (36)

House Sparrow (6)

(trip report from Rodney Jenkins).

**10/7/07 -- Winimusset Meadows Wildlife Management Area, New Braintree**

The Forbush Bird Club held a trip to Winimusset Meadows Wildlife Management Area in New Braintree on October 07, 2007 with 13 members attending and former Club President Rodney Jenkins leading. It was cloudy most of the morning and in the mid 60's at first. When the wind shifted and came from the north it felt much cooler requiring additional clothing to be put on. The following 62 bird species were observed as well as many unshorn sheep, enormous adult pigs, sleek horses and various breeds of cows; cornfields, pumpkins waiting to be harvested and beautifully colored trees.

 Great Blue Heron 1

 Turkey Vulture 18

 Canada Goose 246

 Wood Duck 24

 Mallard 2

 BLUE-WINGED TEAL 1

 Green-winged Teal 7

 Hooded Merganser 68 seen flying

 Osprey 5

 Northern Harrier 2

 Sharp-shinned Hawk 7

 Cooper's Hawk 3

 Red-tailed Hawk 3

 American Kestrel 1

 VIRGINIA RAIL 1

 Killdeer 30

 American Woodcock 1

 Ring-billed Gull 30

 Rock Pigeon

 Mourning Dove

 Belted Kingfisher 1

 Red-bellied Woodpecker 1

 Downy Woodpecker 1

 Hairy Woodpecker 2

 Northern Flicker 13

 Pileated Woodpecker 1

 Eastern Phoebe 11

 Blue-headed Vireo 5

 Blue Jay (very Numerous)

 American Crow

 COMMON RAVEN 1

 Black-capped Chickadee

 Tufted Titmouse

 White-breasted Nuthatch

 Ruby-crowned Kinglet 3

 American Robin

 Gray Catbird 3

 European Starling

 AMERICAN PIPIT 60

 Cedar Waxwing 60

 Yellow-rumped Warbler 8

 Black-throated Green Warbler 1

 Pine Warbler 1

 Palm Warbler 3

 Common Yellowthroat 7

 Chipping Sparrow 114

 Field Sparrow 6

 Savannah Sparrow 45

 Song Sparrow 25

 Lincoln Sparrow 3

 Swamp Sparrow 65

 White-throated Sparrow 45

 White-crowned Sparrow 7

 Dark-eyed Junco 11

 Northern Cardinal

 Indigo Bunting 1

 Bobolink 2

 Red-winged Blackbird 80

 Common Grackle 3

 Purple Finch 34

 House Finch

 American Goldfinch 25

(trip report from Joan Zumpfe).

**9/16/07 -- Bolton Flats, Bolton**

The Forbush Bird Club held a trip on Sunday, September 16, 2007 at Bolton Flats. Eric Salmela was the trip leader for the 5 members attending. The temperature had dropped to the high 30's overnight but we were very comfortable due to the calm air and the warm bright sun. The sky was a clear and bright blue. We all especially enjoyed an extended view of a Question Mark butterfly as it sat on a leaf with its wings spread out.

The following 32 bird species were also enjoyed:

 Great Blue Heron

 Turkey Vulture

 Northern Harrier

 Sharp-shinned Hawk

 Cooper's Hawk

 Red-tailed Hawk

 Mourning Dove

 Ruby-throated Hummingbird

 Downy Woodpecker

 Northern Flicker

 Eastern Phoebe

 Warbling Vireo

 Red-eyed Vireo

 Blue Jay

 American Crow

 Black-capped Chickadee

 Tufted Titmouse

 White-breasted Nuthatch

 American Robin

 Gray Catbird

 Northern Mockingbird

 European Starling

 Yellow-rumped Warbler

 American Redstart

 Common Yellowthroat

 Savannah Sparrow

 Song Sparrow

 Lincoln Sparrow

 Swamp Sparrow

 Indigo Bunting

 Common Grackle

 American Goldfinch

(trip report from Joan Zumpfe).

**9/9/07 -- Plum Island**

The Forbush Bird Club held a trip to the Parker River National Wildlife Sanctuary on Plum Island on Sunday, September 9, 2007. John Shea had a successful debut as our trip leader and there were 7 of us attending. Even though the weather often looked ominous, the rain held off till noon and that was only for a brief shower. Temperatures were only in the 60's and the easterly 10 to 15 mph wind was quite chilly. There were many shorebirds that we were able to study closely.

We observed the following 51 species:

 Common Loon

 Pied-billed Grebe

 Double-crested Cormorant

 Great Blue Heron

 Great Egret

 Snowy Egret

 Canada Goose

 Gadwall

 American Black Duck

 Mallard

 Blue-winged Teal

 Northern Pintail

 Green-winged Teal

 Osprey

 Northern Harrier

 Merlin

 Peregrine Falcon

 Black-bellied Plover

 Semipalmated Plover

 Killdeer

 Greater Yellowlegs

 Lesser Yellowlegs

 Spotted Sandpiper

 Whimbrel

 Hudsonian Godwit

 Semipalmated Sandpiper

 Western Sandpiper

 Least Sandpiper

 White-rumped Sandpiper

 Baird's Sandpiper

 Dunlin

 Dowitcher species

 Ring-billed Gull

 Herring Gull

 Lesser Black-backed Gull

 Great Black-backed Gull

 Mourning Dove

 Downy Woodpecker

 Eastern Phoebe

 Blue Jay

 American Crow

 Tree Swallow

 Barn Swallow

 Black-capped Chickadee

 American Robin

 Gray Catbird

 Northern Mockingbird

 Cedar Waxwing

 Yellow Warbler

 Eastern Towhee

 American Goldfinch

(trip report from Joan Zumpfe).

**9/8/07 -- Wachusett Meadows Sanctuary, Princeton**

The Forbush Bird Club held a trip to Massachusetts Audubon's Wildlife Sanctuary Wachusett Meadow in Princeton on Saturday, September 8, 2007. It was a very warm day in the 80's with a warm breeze and a partly cloudy sky. Designated trip leader Joan Zumpfe observed the area around the headquarters and was assisted by Barton Kamp who led the other 7 members attending on several trails.Highlights included migrating warblers and raptors as well as many Monarch butterflies.

The following 40 species were noted:

 Great Blue Heron

 Green Heron

 Turkey Vulture

 Wood Duck

 Mallard

 Hooded Merganser

 Cooper's Hawk

 Northern Goshawk (being chased by Crows)

 American Kestrel

 Merlin (also being chased by Crows)

 Wild Turkey (seen in Sterling on route 140 in Sterling)

 Mourning Dove

 Ruby-throated Hummingbird

 Belted Kingfisher

 Downy Woodpecker

 Hairy Woodpecker

 Least Flycatcher

 Eastern Phoebe

 Eastern Kingbird

 Red-eyed Vireo

 Blue Jay

 American Crow

 Common Raven

 Black-capped Chickadee

 Tufted Titmouse

 Red-breasted Nuthatch

 White-breasted Nuthatch

 American Robin

 European Starling

 Cedar Waxwing

 Magnolia Warbler (hatching year)

 Black-throated Blue Warbler female

 Yellow-rumped Warbler

 Black-throated Green Warbler

 Eastern Towhee

 Northern Cardinal

 Rose-breasted Grosbeak (young male)

 Common Grackle

 American Goldfinch

 House Sparrow

(trip report from Joan Zumpfe).

**8/14/07 -- South Beach, Chatham**

Leader: Ed Banks - 20 Observers

Highlights: Curlew Sandpiper, American Pipit, Marbled Godwit, Little Blue Heron

A co-sponsored birding trip to South Beach in Chatham with the

Forbush and Cape Cod Bird Clubs on Tuesday produced the following:

Canada Goose - 10

Black Scoter - 1

Common Eider - 3

Double-crested Cormorant - 26

Snowy Egret - 2

Little Blue Heron - 1

Osprey - 1

Black-bellied Plover - 2000+

Semipalmated Plover - 1500+

Piping Plover - 9

American Oystercatcher - 22

Greater Yellowleg - 200+

Lesser Yellowleg - 6

Willet -Eastern 200+ , Western - 14

Whimbrel - 20

Hudsonian Godwit - 56

Marbled Godwit - 2

Ruddy Turnstone - 150+

Red Knot - 800+

Sanderling - 900+

Semipalmated Sandpiper - 1500+

Least Sandpiper - 60+

White-rumped Sandpiper - 32

Dunlin - 4

Short-billed Dowitcher - 1400+

Long-billed Dowitcher - 3

Lauging Gull - 80+

Herring Gull - 100+

Lesser Black-backed Gull - 1

Great Black-backed Gull - 200+

Roseate Tern - 1

Common Tern - 2000+

Forsters Tern - 1

Least Tern - 10

Mourning Dove - 2

Am Crow - 20

Tree Swallow - 10

Barn Swallow - 30+

American Pipit - 1

Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow - 3

Northern cardinal - 2

Red-winged Blackbird - 4

American Goldfinch - 3

Curlew Sandpiper - 1

(trip report from Ed Banks).

**8/4/07 -- Route 56 Overlook, Leicester**

Dolores Price led seventeen participants on a joint Forbush Bird Club / Massachusetts Butterfly Club trip to the fields on the Route 56 side of Worcester Airport from 9 AM to Noon on August 4, 2007. The weather was fair, with temperatures rising from 74 to 80 degrees. Twenty species of butterflies were found. Thanks to Dave Grant for recording the birds observed.

Wild Turkey (7)

Turkey Vulture

Cooper's Hawk (1)

American Kestrel (2)

Mourning Dove

Red Bellied Woodpecker

Eastern Phoebe

Eastern Kingbird

American Crow

Tree Swallow

Barn Swallow (many)

American Robin

Gray Catbird

Northern Mockingbird

Savannah Sparrow

Indigo Bunting (2)

Bobolink (22)

Eastern Meadowlark

Common Grackle

American Goldfinch (9)

(submitted by Donna Schilling)

**7/25/07 -- Night Heron Walk (Institute Park, Worcester)**

A group of 15 observers attended on a very warm summer evening.

Highlights:

 Breeding Swans with young

Other Birds:

 Mallard

 Great Blue Heron

 Killdeer

 Least Sandpiper

 Mourning Dove

 Chimney Swift

 Downy Woodpecker

 Eastern Kingbird

 American Robin

 Gray Catbird

 Cedar Waxwing

 Song Sparrow

 American Goldfinch

Lowlights:

 First time in 17 years - no Black-Crowned Night-Heron seen.

Trip Leader: Bob Aiello

(report from Bob Aiello).

**6/16/07 -- Oxbow NWR, Harvard**

This Saturday, June 16, I led a Forbush trip to Oxbow NWR in Harvard, with 8 participants. At the start of the walk, it was mostly cloudy and 60 degrees F.

Here is a list of 53 species that we saw and heard.

Canada Goose

Mallard

Great Blue Heron

Green Heron

Turkey Vulture

Red-tailed Hawk

Mourning Dove

Chimney Swift

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Red-bellied Woodpecker

Downy Woodpecker

Hairy Woodpecker

Northern Flicker

Eastern Wood-Pewee

Alder Flycatcher

Eastern Phoebe

Great Crested Flycatcher

Eastern Kingbird

Yellow-throated Vireo

Warbling Vireo

Red-eyed Vireo

Blue Jay

American Crow

Tree Swallow

Black-capped Chickadee

Tufted Titmouse

White-breasted Nuthatch

House Wren

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

Veery

Wood Thrush

American Robin

Gray Catbird

Northern Mockingbird

Cedar Waxwing

Yellow Warbler

Pine Warbler

Black-and-white Warbler

Ovenbird

Common Yellowthroat

Scarlet Tanager

Chipping Sparrow

Song Sparrow

Swamp Sparrow

Northern Cardinal

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Bobolink

Red-winged Blackbird

Common Grackle

Brown-headed Cowbird

Baltimore Oriole

House Finch

American Goldfinch

Our most interesting sighting was a pair of waxwings building a nest. (trip report from Jeffrey Roth).

**6/3/07 -- Rutland State Park and Barre Falls Dam**

Forbush Bird Club trip report:

Trip Leaders: Dick and Peg Knowlton

Observers: 12

Weather: Cool and overcast

Species recorded: 66

Mallard

Great Blue Heron

Broad-Winged Hawk (pair)

Mourning Dove

Ruby-Throated Hummingbird

Belted Kingfisher

Red-Bellied Woodpecker

Hairy Woodpecker

Northern Flicker

Eastern Wood-Pewee

Alder Flycatcher

Willow Flycatcher

Least Flycatcher

Eastern Phoebe

Eastern Kingbird

Blue-Headed Vereo

Warbling Vireo

Red-Eyed Vireo

Blue Jay

American Crow

Common Raven

Tree Swallow

Northern Rough-Winged Swallow

Black-capped Chickadee

Tufted Titmouse

Red-Breasted Nuthatch

White-Breasted Nuthatch

Brown Creeper

House Wren

Eastern Bluebird

Verry

Hermit Thrush

Wood Thrush

American Robin

Gray Catbird

European Starling

Cedar Waxwing

Nashville Warbler

Yellow Warbler

Yellow-Rumped Warbler

Black-throated Green Warbler

Blackburnian Warbler

Pine Warbler

Prairie Warbler

Chestnut-sided Warbler

Black-and-White Warbler

American Redstart

Ovenbird

Northern Waterthrush

Common Yellowthroat

Scarlet Tanager

Eastern Towhee

Chipping Sparrow

Savannah Sparrow

Song Sparrow

Swamp Sparrow

White-Throated Sparrow

Northern Cardinal

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Bobolink

Red-winged Blackbird

Common Grackle

Brown-Headed Cowbird

Baltimore Oriole

Purple Finch

American Goldfinch

(trip report from Dick Knowlton)

**5/24/07 -- Bolton Flats, Bolton**

The Forbush Bird Club held a trip at Bolton Flats from 7:30 to 9:40 p.m. on May 24, 2007, under fair skies with temperatures in the high-70's. Barton Kamp led 8 club members on this annual walk in search of Whip-poor-wills and Common Nighthawks. Two distant Whip-poor-wills were heard at about 9:30 p.m., after some participants had left. Everyone enjoyed watching a handsome Leopard Frog and hearing a Beaver tail-slapping.

30 species were observed:

Canada Goose

Wood Duck

American Black Duck

American Bittern

Great Blue Heron

Green Heron

American Woodcock

Eastern Screech Owl

Barred Owl

COMMON NIGHTHAWK (2);

WHIP-POOR-WILL (2);

Chimney Swift

Downy Woodpecker

Willow Flycatcher

Great Crested Flycatcher

Eastern Kingbird

Tree Swallow

Barn Swallow

House Wren

American Robin

Gray Catbird

European Starling

Yellow Warbler

Chestnut-Sided Warbler

Common Yellowthroat

Song Sparrow

Swamp Sparrow

Northern Cardinal

Red-winged Blackbird

Baltimore Oriole

(report from Donna Schilling fide Joan Gallagher).

**5/20/07 -- Sylvester Street (near Worcester Airport), Leicester**

 Leader: Susan LaBree. Observers: 8

 Weather: Cloudy, cool - sprinkling by end of trip.

 Species: 50

 Ruffed Grouse 1

 Wild Turkey 2

 Double-crested Cormorant 1

 Turkey Vulture 1

 Broad-winged Hawk 1

 Red-tailed Hawk 1

 Mourning Dove 8

 Red-bellied Woodpecker 1

 Downy Woodpecker 3

 Eastern Phoebe 3

 Blue-headed Vireo 1

 Red-eyed Vireo 3

 Blue Jay 5

 American Crow 12

 Tree Swallow 12

 Northern Rough-winged Swallow 4

 Black-capped Chickadee 8

 Tufted Titmouse 6

 White-breasted Nuthatch 2

 House Wren 1

 Winter Wren 1

 Ruby-crowned Kinglet 3

 Hermit Thrush 1

 Wood Thrush 1

 American Robin 5

 Gray Catbird 4

 Blue-winged Warbler 3

 Yellow Warbler 4

 Chestnut-sided Warbler 2

 Yellow-rumped Warbler 6

 Black-throated Green Warbler 2

 Pine Warbler 3

 Palm Warbler 1

 Black-and-White Warbler 4

 American Redstart 2

 Ovenbird 8

 Common Yellowthroat 4

 Scarlet Tanager 3

 Eastern Towhee 1

 Chipping Sparrow 6

 Savannah Sparrow 2

 Song Sparrow 5

 Northern Cardinal 4

 Rose-breasted Grosbeak 1

 Bobolink 6

 Red-winged Blackbird 4

 Common Grackle 6

 Brown-headed Cowbird 4

 Baltimore Oriole 4

 American Goldfinch 4

(trip report from Susan LaBree).

**5/19/07 -- Princeton and Gardner**

No Report - Trip was canceled because of heavy rain. (submitted by Francis McMenemy).

**5/13/07 -- Mt Auburn, Forbush Bird Club**

This morning I led a group of four Forbush Bird Club members around Mt Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge. We had a great morning with nice weather, nice foliage (except when it got in the way of the birds), nice company (our group and all others present) and some nice sightings. We started around 7:30 and ended just before 11 and recorded 91 species.

(NOTE ADDED 2016 – the links below no longer seem to work….)

Here are some photo highlights:

[Cape May Warbler (male)](http://upload.pbase.com/dberard/image/78709197)

[Black-throated Blue Warbler](http://upload.pbase.com/dberard/image/78709196)

[Northern Parula](http://upload.pbase.com/dberard/image/78709199)

[Swainson's Thrush](http://upload.pbase.com/dberard/image/78709201)

[Yellow-billed Cuckoo](http://upload.pbase.com/dberard/image/78709202) (this guy earned himself a standing ovation: most people were already standing but still...)

Here is the total list:

Canada Goose - 2

Mute Swan - 1

Mallard - 3

Common Loon - 1 (migrating adult);

Double-crested Cormorant - 3 (flyover);

Great Blue Heron - 2 (flyovers);

Turkey Vulture - 3

Red-tailed Hawk - 4

Killdeer - 1 (Halycon);

Ring-billed Gull - 5+ (flyovers);

Herring Gull - 1 (flyover);

Great Black-backed Gull - 3 (flyovers);

Rock Pigeon - 7

Mourning Dove - 15+

Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 1 (seen well by several groups);

Chimney Swift - 10+

Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 5 (4m1f);

Belted Kingfisher - 1f (flyover);

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 3

Downy Woodpecker - 5+

Hairy Woodpecker - 1f

Northern Flicker ~ 5

Willow Flycatcher - 1 (Dry Dell);

Least Flycatcher - 8

Eastern Phoebe - 5

Great Crested Flycatcher - 1

Eastern Kingbird - 1

Yellow-throated Vireo - 1 (Dell);

Blue-headed Vireo - 2

Warbling Vireo - 7

Red-eyed Vireo - 1

Blue Jay - 20+

American Crow - 2

Tree Swallow ~ 10

Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 5

Barn Swallow - 2

Black-capped Chickadee ~ 8

Tufted Titmouse - 1

White-breasted Nuthatch ~ 5

Brown Creeper - 1

Carolina Wren - 3

House Wren - 2

Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 1

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 2

Veery - 2

Swainson's Thrush - 3

Hermit Thrush - 1

Wood Thrush - 1

American Robin - 30+ (several nests);

Gray Catbird - 5+

Northern Mockingbird - 1

Brown Thrasher - 1

European Starling - 2

Blue-winged Warbler - 1

Nashville Warbler - 7

Northern Parula - 20+

Yellow Warbler - 1

Chestnut-sided Warbler - 2

Magnolia Warbler - 10+

Cape may Warbler - 2 m/f (both Indian Ridge);

Black-throated Blue Warbler - 20+

Yellow-rumped Warbler - 50+ (we started to block them out after an hour);

Black-throated Green Warbler - 10+

Blackburnian Warbler - 2 (one was in the same bino view as a male tanager);

Pine Warbler - 5+

Prairie Warbler - 2

Palm Warbler - 1

Blackpoll Warbler - 6

Black-and-white Warbler - 15+

American Redstart - 8 (1f);

Ovenbird - 10+ (nice looks at one low on a crab apple tree);

Common Yellowthroat - 1

Wilson's Warbler - 1 (eye level views at Spectacle: pun not intended but

appreciated);

Canada Warbler - 5+

Scarlet Tanager - 3

Eastern Towhee - 1

Chipping Sparrow - 20+

Field Sparrow - 1

Song Sparrow - 1

White-throated Sparrow - 1

Northern Cardinal - 10+

Rose-breasted Grosbeak - 3

Indigo Bunting - 3

Red-winged Blackbird - 20+

Common Grackle - 15+

Brown-headed Cowbird - 20+

Orchard Oriole - 2 (parking circle and near Spectacle);

Baltimore Oriole - 18+

Purple Finch - 2

House Finch - 1

American Goldfinch - 5+

House Sparrow ~ 10

Not many butterflies around but we saw: Cabbage White ~ 5; Clouded Sulphur - 1; Red Admiral - 1; Mourning Cloak - 1. And several Photuris fire flies. (trip report from Dan Berard).

**5/12/07 -- Tower Hill Botanic Garden**

On Saturday, May 12, 2007, Jim & Kathie Hogan led the Forbush Bird Club on a walk at the Tower Hill Botanic Garden (THBG) in Boylston, Ma. Between 6 AM and 10:30 AM the 13 club members recorded 43 species. The day began cool and mostly overcast reducing both insects and warblers. By 9 AM the sun broke through, but was accompanied by a steady light breeze. The species highlights of the day were abundant male and female Baltimore orioles, male and female Scarlet tanagers, excellent views of a perching Ovenbird and a Great crested flycatcher. Throughout the day club members enjoyed several encounters with 7 Wild turkeys. The walk ended with a great sighting of a flying Pileated woodpecker.

Forbush Bird Club Tower Hill walk. 5.12.07 6 - 10:30 AM.

Leaders: Jim & Kathie Hogan

Trip List

Great blue heron (1)

Canada geese (2)

Sharp-shinned hawk (1)

Red-tailed hawk (2)

Broad-winged hawk (1)

Wild turkey (7)

Rock pigeon (1)

Mourning dove (a)

Chimney swift (2)

Ruby-throated hummingbird (2)

Pileated woodpecker (1)

Great-crested flycatcher (2)

Eastern phoebe (2)

Tree swallow (a)

Blue jay (a)

American crow (a)

Black-capped chickadee (a)

Tufted titmouse (2)

House wren (3)

Gray catbird (5)

American robin (a)

Eastern bluebird (3)

Hermit thrush (1)

Blue-headed vireo (1)

Warbling vireo (1)

Black & white warbler (1)

Yellow warbler (1)

Black-throated green warbler (2)

Pine warbler (1)

Ovenbird (a)

House sparrow (2)

Red-winged blackbird (a)

Baltimore oriole (a)

Common grackle (a)

Brown-headed cowbird (2)

Scarlet tanager (2)

Northern cardinal (5)

Rose-breasted grosbeak (a)

Purple finch (2)

House finch (a)

American goldfinch (a)

Chipping sparrow (a)

Song sparrow (a)

(submitted by Joan Gallagher).

**5/6/07 -- Quabbin Reservoir auto trip**

Eight (8) Forbush Bird Club members attended the annual "drive through" in the east Quabbin watershed, lead by Tom Pirro. Cool/windy conditions made hearing and finding birds somewhat difficult, at times, but none the less it was a very enjoyable sunny day. Highlights included a long distance look at a single Black Vulture, good numbers of singing Ruby-crowned Kinglets, a nesting Cooper's Hawk, many Common Loons and 12 species of Wood Warblers for a total of 69 species.

Canada Goose 6

Wood Duck 6

Mallard 4

Hooded Merganser 4

Common Merganser 7

Ruffed Grouse 2

Wild Turkey 1

Common Loon 14

Double-crested Cormorant 4

Great Blue Heron 2

Black Vulture 1 Seen from Grave's Landing

Turkey Vulture 12

Bald Eagle 1

Cooper's Hawk 1 Calling from potential nesting sight

Red-shouldered Hawk 1

Broad-winged Hawk 2

Red-tailed Hawk 4

Ring-billed Gull 12

Belted Kingfisher 1

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 5

Downy Woodpecker 5

Northern Flicker 2

Pileated Woodpecker 2

Least Flycatcher 5

Eastern Phoebe 5

Eastern Kingbird 2

Blue-headed Vireo 21

Blue Jay 15

American Crow 2

Common Raven 1

Tree Swallow 64

Barn Swallow 2

Black-capped Chickadee 32

Tufted Titmouse 4

Red-breasted Nuthatch 7

White-breasted Nuthatch 6

Brown Creeper 5

House Wren 1

Winter Wren 1

Ruby-crowned Kinglet 26

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 10

Veery 1

Hermit Thrush 5

American Robin 26

Gray Catbird 1

Cedar Waxwing 1

Yellow Warbler 1

Chestnut-sided Warbler 1

Yellow-rumped Warbler 34

Black-throated Green Warbler 12

Blackburnian Warbler 5

Pine Warbler 25

Prairie Warbler 1

Palm Warbler 8

Black-and-white Warbler 12

American Redstart 4

Ovenbird 8

Common Yellowthroat 1

Eastern Towhee 15

Chipping Sparrow 31

Song Sparrow 7

Swamp Sparrow 5

White-throated Sparrow 9

Red-winged Blackbird 8

Common Grackle 4

Brown-headed Cowbird 16

Purple Finch 8

American Goldfinch 19

(submitted by Joan Gallagher fide Tom Pirro).

**5/5/07 -- Buck Hill, Spencer**

Leader: Susan LaBree. Observers: 11

Weather: Sunny, cool early, seasonable by the end of the trip.

Species: 39

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Canada Goose 2

Ruffed Grouse 2

Turkey Vulture 5

Broad-winged Hawk 4

Mourning Dove 2

Red-bellied Woodpecker 1

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1

Downy Woodpecker 4

Hairy Woodpecker 2

Pileated Woodpecker 1

Eastern Phoebe 2

Blue-headed Vireo 6

Blue Jay 12

American Crow 5

Tree Swallow 22

Black-capped Chickadee 10

Tufted Titmouse 8

Red-breasted Nuthatch 1

White-breasted Nuthatch 3

Brown Creeper 5

Ruby-crowned Kinglet 3

Hermit Thrush 1

American Robin 2

Northern Parula 1

Yellow-rumped Warbler 22

Black-throated Green Warbler 12

Pine Warbler 5

Palm Warbler 5

Black and White Warbler 6

Ovenbird 4

Common Yellowthroat 1

Chipping Sparrow 4

Song Sparrow 3

White-throated Sparrow 14

Northern Cardinal 3

Red-winged Blackbird 6

Common Grackle 7

Brown-headed Cowbird 4

American Goldfinch 4

(trip report from Susan LeBree)

**4/29/07 -- Forbush Hodges Village Dam ACE walk**

14 Forbush Bird club members enjoyed the following birds at Hodges Village ACE in Oxford. The weather was comfortable, rising into the upper 50's, and there was no rain or signifigant wind.

Mute Swan (pair);

Canada Goose

Wood Duck (including 2 f in nest boxes);

Mallard

American Black Duck (pr);

Hooded Merganser (pr);

Double-crested Cormorant

Great Blue Heron

Turkey Vulture

Sharp-shinned Hawk (2);

Cooper's Hawk (1);

Red-tailed Hawk

American Kestrel

Ruffed Grouse (3); (1 drumming);

SANDHILL CRANE (2); : Joan Zumpfe managed to see these flyovers flying W-E

Killdeer

Ring-billed Gull (flyover);

Rock Pigeon

Mourning Dove

Chimney Swift (2);

Belted Kingfisher (pr);

Northern Flicker

Downy Woodpecker

Pileated Woodpecker (1 heard calling);

Eastern Phoebe (pair investingating nest site);

Eastern Kingbird (1);

Blue-headed Vireo (1);

Warbling Vireo (1);

Blue Jay

American Crow

Common Raven (pr flying together);

Tree Swallow

Northern Rough-winged Swallow (1 small colony at gravelpit, 1 colony at dam

spillway);

Barn Swallow

Tufted Titmouse

Black-capped Chickadee

Brown Creeper

White-breasted Nuthatch

House Wren

Carolina Wren

Golden-crowned Kinglet

Ruby-crowed Kinglet

Eastern Bluebird (2 pair at nest boxes);

American Robin

Brown Thrasher (3);

Northern Mockingbird

European Starling

Yellow-rumped Warbler

Black-and-white Warbler (1);

Black-throated Green Warbler (2 singing);

Pine Warbler

Palm Warbler (4);

Yellow Warbler (2);

Northern Waterthrush (2 singing);

Eastern Towhee

Chipping Sparrow

Song Sparrow

Swamp Sparrow

White-throated Sparrow

Dark-eyed Junco ( pr);

Northern Cardinal

Red-winged Blackbird

Common Grackle

Brown-headed Cowbird

House Finch

American Goldfinch

House Sparrow

66 Species

Water from River still unusually high with some trails and bridges still flooded. ACE have had to hold water back to prevent flooding downstream. (trip report from Paul Meleski).

**4/28/07 -- Westboro Wildlife area, Westboro**

Forbush Bird Club Trip to Westboro Wildlife area on 4/28/07. Ann Boover led 14 participants from both the Forbush Bird Club and the Westboro Land Trust. The day started out cool, overcast and damp but by midday turned sunny and warm. 48 species of birds were noted including:

Great Blue Heron;

Turkey Vulture;

Canada Goose;

Wood Duck;

Mallard;

Greater Scaup;

Hooded Merganser;

Red-tailed Hawk;

American Kestrel;

Killdeer;

Ring-billed Gull;

Herring Gull;

Great Black-backed Gull;

Mourning Dove;

Belted Kingfisher;

Red-bellied Woodpecker;

Downy Woodpecker;

Hairy Woodpecker;

Northern Flicker;

Eastern Phoebe;

Blue Jay;

American Crow;

Tree Swallow;

Black-capped Chickadee;

Tufted Titmouse;

Red-breasted Nuthatch;

White-breasted Nuthatch;

Ruby-crowned Kinglet;

Eastern Bluebird;

American Robin;

Brown Thrasher;

Northern Mockingbird;

Pine Warbler;

Palm Warbler;

Common Yellowthroat;

Eastern Towhee;

Chipping Sparrow;

Savannah Sparrow;

Song Sparrow;

Swamp Sparrow;

White-throated Sparrow;

Northern Cardinal;

Red-winged Blackbird;

Common Grackle;

Brown-headed Cowbird;

House Finch;

American Goldfinch;

House Sparrow;

(trip report from Ann Boover).

**4/1/07 -- Bolton Flats and Wachusett Reservoir**

Temp. 28 - 55 deg., clear and calm, twelve participants, 52 species were observed. Conditions at the flats were much dryer than normal for this time of year. The small amounts of water that were in the fields were covered by a thin layer of ice. There was not a single duck seen as we walk in the length of the access road. There were some Killdeer and a half dozen Wilson Snipe around the frozen pools. As we walked back out, a flock of ducks, consisting of about a dozen Mallards and several Green-winged Teal, flew out of the center of the weed cover field. While we were wondering what had flush the ducks, some one saw a Coyote running in the weeds. A snipe was also heard winnowing over head. Across from the parking lot on Rt. 117 a Red-tailed Hawk was seen on the ground with a fresh kill.

Canada Goose

Wood Duck

American Black Duck

Mallard

Green-winged Teal

Ring-necked Duck

Greater Scaup

Hooded Merganser

Common Merganser

Wild Turkey

Common Loon

Pied-billed Grebe

Red-necked Grebe

Double-crested Cormorant

Great Blue Heron

Turkey Vulture

Bald Eagle

Northern Harrier

Red-tailed Hawk

Killdeer

Wilson's Snipe

Ring-billed Gull

Herring Gull

Rock Pigeon

Mourning Dove

Belted Kingfisher

Downy Woodpecker

Hairy Woodpecker

Northern Flicker

Eastern Phoebe

Blue Jay

American Crow

Tree Swallow

Black-capped Chickadee

Tufted Titmouse

Red-breasted Nuthatch

White-breasted Nuthatch

Golden-crowned Kinglet

American Robin

Northern Mockingbird

European Starling

Pine Warbler

American Tree Sparrow

Song Sparrow

White-throated Sparrow

Dark-eyed Junco

Northern Cardinal

Red-winged Blackbird

Common Grackle

Brown-headed Cowbird

American Goldfinch

House Sparrow

(trip report from Francis McMenemy).

**3/25/07 -- Forbush Bird Club Trip to Brookfields**

The Forbush Bird Club held a trip on Sunday, March 25, 2007 in the towns of Brookfield, West Brookfield and Warren. Lake Quaboag was still mostly ice-covered except near the East Brookfield River. Rodney Jenkins led 8 members from the Lake to Slab City, Brookfield Station, Lake Wickaboag, Warren and West Brookfield Station. It was calm, cloudy and cool with temperatures ranging from 34\* F to 44\* F. Highlights included 295 Ring-necked Ducks, 7 American Wigeon, a pair of Greater Scaup, 3 Bald Eagles (one of which had a radio transmitter on its back), 2 Eastern Phoebes and 1 Yellow-rumped Warbler. The major non-avian highlight was a BOBCAT sauntering through a field near Coy Brook in West Brookfield.

The following 45 species were observed:

Canada Goose 82

Wood Duck 11

American Wigeon 7

American Black Duck 7

Mallard 14

Ring-necked Duck 295

Greater Scaup 2

Hooded Merganser 25

Common Merganser 11

Great Blue Heron 4

Bald Eagle 3

Red-tailed Hawk 2

Ring-billed Gull 69

Herring Gull 2

Rock Dove 6

Mourning Dove 28

Red-bellied Woodpecker 1

Downy Woodpecker 2

Hairy Woodpecker 2

Northern Flicker 2

Eastern Phoebe 2

Blue Jay 19

American Crow 28

Common Raven 1

Black-capped Chickadee 16

Tufted Titmouse 6

White-breasted Nuthatch 1

;Brown Creeper 1

Eastern Bluebird 2

American Robin 53

Northern Mockingbird 1

European Starling 40

Yellow-rumped Warbler 1

American Tree Sparrow 2

Fox Sparrow 2

Song Sparrow 9

White-throated Sparrow 3

Dark-eyed Junco 16

Norther Cardinal 17

Red-winged Blackbird 67

Common Grackle 84

Brown-headed Cowbird 2

House Finch 1

American Goldfinch 6

House Sparrow 12

(trip report from Joan Zumpfe).

**3/18/07 -- Salisbury/Plum Island**

The Forbush Bird Club held a trip to Salisbury Beach and Plum Island in Newburyport on Sunday, March 18, 2007. Only one other birder joined trip leader Ann Boover. The trip followed a severe snow storm that ended less than 24 hours before. It was a cold and windy day that barely reached the mid 30's when the sun made an appearance. The ice-covered trees were worth seeing after the long drive from central Mass as they gave Ann the feeling she was in an Ice Palace. Highlights were Brant, Bald Eagle, Rough-legged Hawk, Horned Grebe, Horned Lark and Snow Bunting.

The following 46 species were observed:

Canada Goose

Brant 21

Gadwall 6

American Wigeon 2

American Black Duck

Mallard

Common Eider

White-winged Scoter;Common Goldeneye

Hooded Merganser

Red-breasted Merganser

Wild Turkey 2

Common Loon

Horned Grebe 1

Double-crested Cormorant 1

Great Blue Heron 1

Turkey Vulture 2

Bald Eagle 4 (an adult perched over Ann's car and watched her)

Northern Harrier 3

Red-tailed Hawk

Rough-legged Hawk 1 (spectacular looks at it hovering overhead)

Killdeer

Ring-billed Gull

Herring Gull

Great Black-backed Gull

Rock Pigeon

Mourning Dove

Blue Jay

American Crow

Horned Lark

Black-capped Chickadee

Tufted Titmouse

American Robin

Northern Mockingbird

European Starling

American Tree Sparrow 2

Song Sparrow

Swamp Sparrow

White-throated Sparrow

Dark-eyed Junco

Northern Cardinal

Snow Bunting 7

Red-winged Blackbird (hundreds)

Common Grackle (hundreds)

Brown-headed Cowbird

House Sparrow

(trip report from Joan Zumpfe, fide Ann Boover).

**1/1/07 -- Worcester**

The Forbush Bird Club held a shortened trip on New Year's Day, 2007 that began at noon and ended at 3:00 p.m. Weather conditions were nasty (raw and wet). Precipitation varied from mist to drizzle and finally rain with fog diminishing visibility at many stops. Temperatures ranged from the mid 30's to the low 40's. Three members joined Francis X. McMenemy who substituted as leader due to scheduled leader Joan Zumpfe's absence. This report was prepared from notes provided by Fran and Alan Marble. Highlights were the Northern Pintails and Redheads.

The following 23 species were observed:

Canada Goose

Mute Swan

Wood Duck 2

Mallard 45

Northern Pintail 3

Green-winged Teal 3

Redhead 3 ( 1 drake, 2 female)

Greater Scaup 1 (1st year male)

Hooded Merganser 9

Great Blue Heron 3

Ring-billed Gull 30

Herring Gull 3

Rock Pigeon

Downy Woodpecker 1

American Crow

Black-capped Chickadee 5

American Robin 1

European Starling 30

American Tree Sparrow 1

Song Sparrow 12

White-throated Sparrow 5

Dark-eyed Junco 15

House Sparrow 2

(trip report from Joan Zumpfe).