**Forbush Bird Club 2015 Trip Reports**

The following are highlights of the 2015 field trips of the Forbush Bird Club, listed in reverse chronological order

**October 25 Lake Quaboag and vicinity**

Rodney Jenkins led this trip in light rain and fog. The temp was 48 degrees and no other members participated.

The following 48 species were recorded:

Common Loon-1

Double-crested Cormorant-1

Great Blue Heron-5

Canada Goose-75

Wood Duck-2

American Black Duck-245

Northern Pintail-2

Ring-necked Duck-4

Hooded Merganser-21

Common Merganser-5

Ruddy Duck-48

Sharp-shinned Hawk-1

Wild Turkey-28

Killdeer-8

Greater Yellowlegs-6

Ring-billed Gull-110

Herring Gull-1

Rock dove 25

Mourning Dove-12

Belted Kingfisher-2

Red-bellied Woodpecker-1Downy Woodpecker-1

Northern Flicker-1

Pileated Woodpecker-1

Eastern Phoebe-1

Blue Jay-10

American Crow-15

Black-capped Chickadee-6

Tufted Titmouse-1

White-breasted Nuthatch-1

Golden-crowned Kinglet-1

Eastern Bluebird-2

Hermit Thrush-1

American robin-20

European Starling-40

American Pipit-75

Yellow-rumped Warbler-6

Savannah Sparrow-4

Song sparrow-30

Swamp sparrow-8

White-throated Sparrow-35

Northern Cardinal-2

Red-winged Blackbird->250

Rusty Blackbird-2

House finch-4

American Goldfinch-6

(trip report from Rodney Jenkins)

**October 18, 2015 Wachusett Reservoir**

This afternoon, 10 members of the Forbush Bird club held our yearly birding trip around the Wachusett Reservoir IBA. Locations included River Road/Thomas Basin, Sterling Peat, West Waushacum Lake, The Quag, rail trail (Sterling center entrance), East Waushacum Lake, Gates 36, 39, Mile Hill Road overlook, Gate 8, Gate 17, and gate 25.

Despite the low temps (starting at 38F), high winds, and occasional snow fall, we had an excellent trip. We had a few pockets of (non-yellow-rumped) migrant warblers, and yesterday's cold front definitely "put down" down some migrants on the body of the reservoir.

57 species

Canada Goose (72)

Wood Duck (11)

American Black Duck (2)

Mallard (58)

Green-winged Teal (4)

Ring-necked Duck (6)

White-winged Scoter (4 - 3m, 1f)

Black Scoter (96) One skittish raft in the North. Taking off, flying around, and landing again.

Ruddy Duck (2)

Common Loon (22)

Horned Grebe (4)

Red-necked Grebe (2)

Double-crested Cormorant (31)

Great Blue Heron (3)

Turkey Vulture (5)

Osprey (1)

Bald Eagle (3)

Red-tailed Hawk (7)

Killdeer (16)

Bonaparte's Gull (1)

Ring-billed Gull (62)

Herring Gull (1)

Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon) (1)

Mourning Dove (5)

Belted Kingfisher (1)

Red-bellied Woodpecker (4)

Downy Woodpecker (6)

Hairy Woodpecker (1)

Northern Flicker (2)

Eastern Phoebe (2)

Blue Jay (17)

American Crow (25)

Black-capped Chickadee (16)

Tufted Titmouse (11)

White-breasted Nuthatch (6)

Brown Creeper (2)

Golden-crowned Kinglet (3)

Eastern Bluebird (15)

American Robin (36)

Northern Mockingbird (1)

European Starling (252)

American Pipit (16)

Blackpoll Warbler (1)

Palm Warbler (9)

Yellow-rumped Warbler (54)

Black-throated Green Warbler (1)

Field Sparrow (1)

White-throated Sparrow (12)

Savannah Sparrow (3)

Song Sparrow (8)

Swamp Sparrow (1)

Northern Cardinal (5)

Red-winged Blackbird (7)

Common Grackle (9)

House Finch (6)

American Goldfinch (8)

House Sparrow (5)

(trip report from Kevin Bourinot)

**September 24, 2015 Bolton Flats WMA**

On Sunday, September 20th a great group of 8 Forbush Bird Club members birded Bolton Flats WMA. We started at the 117 entrance where we witnessed flights of American Robins and red-winged blackbirds leaving roosts. The weather was clear but windy at times, and overall landbird diversity was noticeably low compared to previous years. The BBC trip to Oxbow had a similar situation on this day. Sparrow numbers aren't up yet and negative on shorebirds as the fields are not turned. We did have many Eastern Phoebes with the majority seen from the red barn entrance off route 110, and hawks were migrating throughout mid-morning.

Species: 43

Canada Goose (4)

Wood Duck (6)

Mallard (31)

Double-crested Cormorant (2)

Turkey Vulture (2)

Osprey (1)

Sharp-shinned Hawk (4)

Cooper's Hawk (4)

Broad-winged Hawk (4)

Red-tailed Hawk (5)

Mourning Dove (3)

Belted Kingfisher (1)

Red-bellied Woodpecker (2)

Downy Woodpecker (3)

Hairy Woodpecker (1)

Northern Flicker (8)

Pileated Woodpecker (2)

American Kestrel (3)

Eastern Phoebe (24)

Blue Jay (29)

American Crow (14)

Black-capped Chickadee (8)

Tufted Titmouse (1)

White-breasted Nuthatch (2)

House Wren (2)

Eastern Bluebird (6)

American Robin (151)

Gray Catbird (14)

European Starling (12)

Cedar Waxwing (5)

Common Yellowthroat (17)

Palm Warbler (11)

Chipping Sparrow (1)

Savannah Sparrow ( 8)

Song Sparrow (32)

Lincoln's Sparrow (5)

Swamp Sparrow (16)

Northern Cardinal (6)

Indigo Bunting (1)

Bobolink (15)

Red-winged Blackbird (470)

Common Grackle (36)

American Goldfinch (29)

 (trip report from Kevin Bourinot)

**September 15, 2015 Eklaw Sanctuary, Paxton**

This was a new trip for the club. This property is owned by Forbush Bird Club that consists of trails abutting Moore State Park in Paxton, Ma. There were four participants and 25 species were recorded.

Species: 25

Great Blue Heron-1

Wood Duck-27

Mallard-6

Blue-winged Teal-2

Ruffed Grouse-1

Mourning Dove-6

Great Horned Owl-2

Red-bellied Woodpecker-1

Downy Woodpecker-1

Hairy Woodpecker-1

Pleated Woodpecker-1

Eastern Pheobe-1

Yellow-throated Vireo-1

Red-eyed Vireo-1

Blue Jay-4

Black-capped Chickadee-6

Tufted Titmouse-4

White-breasted Nuthatch-2

American Robin-2

Chestnut-sided Warbler-1

Chipping Sparrow-4

Northern Cardinal-2

American Goldfinch-6

House Sparrow-15

 (trip report from Rodney Jenkins)

**September 5, 2015 Wachusett Meadows Wildlife Sanctuary, Princeton**

Leader: Joan Gallagher. Observers: 12, Weather: Sunny, 60 degrees to start ending with a sunny high of 78 degrees. Highlights: Good close looks at two young Common Ravens, an immature Broad-winged Hawk that was a challenge to identify but luckily Donna & Dave were there. Eastern Phoebes were everywhere and a young porcupine slowly ascended a nearby tree.

Species: 35

Wild Turkey

Turkey Vulture

Broad-winged Hawk

Mourning Dove

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Belted Kingfisher

Red-bellied Woodpecker

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Downy Woodpecker

Hairy Woodpecker

Northern Flicker

Eastern Wood-pewee

Eastern Phoebe

Red-eyed Vireo

Blue Jay

American Crow

Common Raven

Black-capped Chickadee

Tufted Titmouse

White-breasted Nuthatch

House Wren

American Robin

Gray Catbird

European Starling

Cedar Waxwing

Ovenbird

Common Yellowthroat

Eastern Towhee

Chipping Sparrow

Song Sparrow

Northern Cardinal

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Brown-headed Cowbird

American Goldfinch

House Sparrow

 (trip report from Joan Gallagher)

**August 16, 2015 Forbush Bird Club Whale Watch Cruise**

Leaders - Dan Berard and Dick Knowlton

Sailed on Captain John's boat, from Plymouth

Weather - Excellent weather, clear skies, high visibility and calm waters.

Species list includes only birds seen from the boat either while docked and en route to Stellwagen -

Mallard

White-winged Scoter

Cory's Shearwater

Great Shearwater

Sooty Shearwater

Manx Shearwater

Wilson's Storm-Petrel

Northern Gannet

Double-crested Cormorant

Great Blue Heron

Osprey

Red-tailed Hawk

Black-bellied Plover

Semipalmated Plover

American Oystercatcher

Greater Yellowlegs

Ruddy Turnstone

Sanderling

Semipalmated Sandpiper

Least Sandpiper

Laughing Gull

Ring-billed Gull

Herring Gull

Great Black-backed Gull

Roseate Tern

Common Tern

Forster's Tern

Least Tern

Jaeger sp

Rock Pigeon

Mourning Dove

Blue Jay

American Crow

Fish Crow

Tree Swallow

Bank Swallow

Barn Swallow

White-breasted Nuthatch

American Robin

European Starling

Cedar Waxwing

House Finch

House Sparrow

Mammals -

Humpback Whale

Atlantic White-sided Dolphin

Also...

Monarch

Common Mola

 (trip report from Dan Berard)

**August 12, 2015 Night Heron Trip, Notre Dame Cemetery, Worcester, MA**

Eleven members enjoyed a pleasant warm evening with clear skies on this trip. Dave Grant led the walk.

The following species were recorded:

Great blue Heron 1

Canada goose 12

Mute Swan 1

Mallard 4

Mourning Dove 8

Rock Pigeon 22

Chimney Swift 27

Eastern Wood Peewee 2

Hairy Woodpecker 1

Northern flicker 1

American Crow 4

Kingbird 1

Tree Swallows 4

Barn Swallow 6

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 1

Tufted Titmouse 3

American Robin 6

Gray Catbird 1

Cedar Waxwing 7

Carolina Wren 1

Black & White Warbler 1

Song Sparrow 1

House finch 1

American Goldfinch 5

House Sparrow 7

 (trip report from Dave Grant)

**July 19, 2015 Leicester -- Birds & Butterflies with Massachusetts Butterfly Club**

Leader: Dolores Price

Eight members of the Forbush Bird Club and the Massachusetts Butterfly Club shared a very hot, sunny morning in Leicester on Sunday, July 19. Highlights included Cooper's Hawk, Broad-winged Hawk, American Kestrel, and Bobolinks. Many thanks to Dave Grant for keeping the bird list.

Butterfly highlights included 30 Great Spangled Fritillaries, 1 Aphrodite Fritillary, 2 Monarchs, 2 Common Sootywings, and 1 Little Glassywing (complete list below).

20 bird species were recorded:

Cooper's Hawk 1

Broad-winged Hawk 1

Mourning Dove 3

Chimney Swift 2

American Kestrel 1

Red-eyed Vireo 2

Blue Jay 3

American Crow 3

Tree Swallow 21

Tufted Titmouse 1

Veery 1

Gray Catbird 3

Common Yellowthroat 2

Eastern towhee 2

Savannah Sparrow 1

Song Sparrow 3

Bobolink 26 (a few adults with many fledged young)

Red-winged Blackbird 1

Common Grackle 1

American Goldfinch 6

23 butterfly species were recorded:

Black Swallowtail 6

Eastern Tiger Swallowtail 7

Cabbage White 6

Clouded Sulphur 15

Orange Sulphur 4

American Copper 1

Eastern Tailed-Blue 15

Summer Azure 2

Great Spangled Fritillary 30

Aphrodite Fritillary 1

Pearl Crescent 38

Mourning Cloak 1

Little Wood Satyr 1

Common Wood Nymph 11

Monarch 2

Silver-spotted Skipper 22

Common Sootywing 2

Crossline Skipper 3

Northern Broken Dash 4

Little Glassywing 1

Dun Skipper 3

Red-spotted Purple 1

Viceroy 2

(trip report from Donna Schilling {birds} and Dolores Price {butterflies})

**June 6, 2015 Barre Falls Dam and Rutland State Park**

Leaders: Donna Schilling & Dave Grant

Weather: Cloudy to partly sunny, 55 to 68 degrees. Winds were light N/NE at the start, gusting to 20 mph by mid-morning.

Fifteen participants enjoyed a morning trip through a portion of the Ware River Watershed IBA. Locations visited were the Army Corps of Engineers property north of Barre Falls Dam, Brigham Road at the river's West Branch, Coldbrook Road, Reuben Walker Road at Stevens Brook, Prison Camp Road, and Intervale Road at Longmeadow Brook.

Highlights included a Brown Thrasher, Black-billed Cuckoo, and the Barre Falls Common Ravens. Ten species of breeding warblers were observed.

54 species were recorded:

Great Blue Heron 2

Turkey Vulture 3

Broad-winged Hawk 2

Mourning Dove 3

Black-billed Cuckoo 1

Chimney Swift 1

Ruby-throated Hummingbird 2

Belted Kingfisher 1

Downy Woodpecker 1

Northern Flicker 1

Eastern Wood-Pewee 1

Willow Flycatcher 1

Least Flycatcher 4

Eastern Phoebe 2

Great Crested Flycatcher 1

Eastern Kingbird 3

Blue-headed Vireo 2

Red-eyed Vireo 14

Blue Jay 2

Common Raven 2

Tree Swallow 12

Tufted Titmouse 1

White-breasted Nuthatch 1

Brown Creeper 1

Veery 2

Hermit Thrush 1

Wood Thrush 5

American Robin 8

Gray Catbird 1

Brown Thrasher 1

Cedar Waxwing 8

Ovenbird 16

Blue-winged Warbler 1

Common Yellowthroat 5

American Redstart 3

Yellow Warbler 3

Chestnut-sided Warbler 5

Pine Warbler 2

Yellow-rumped Warbler 1

Prairie Warbler 1

Black-throated Green Warbler 2

Eastern Towhee 2

Chipping Sparrow 6

Song Sparrow 3

Northern Cardinal 3

Rose-breasted Grosbeak 1

Indigo Bunting 3

Bobolink 6

Red-winged Blackbird 2

Common Grackle 3

Brown-headed Cowbird 9

Baltimore Oriole 1

Purple Finch 2

American Goldfinch 2

 (trip report from Donna Schilling)

**May 24, 2015 Upton State Forest**

More than 14 participants joined trip leader Nick Paulson for a walk in Upton State Forest.

47 Species were recorded.

Mallard (Anas platyrhynchos) 2

Cooper's Hawk (Accipiter cooperii) 1

Broad-winged Hawk (Buteo platypterus) 1

Red-tailed Hawk (Buteo jamaicensis) 1

Mourning Dove (Zenaida macroura) 1

Yellow-billed Cuckoo (Coccyzus americanus) 2

Chimney Swift (Chaetura pelagica) 2

Ruby-throated Hummingbird (Archilochus colubris) 1

Red-bellied Woodpecker (Melanerpes carolinus) 2

Downy Woodpecker (Picoides pubescens) 2

Hairy Woodpecker (Picoides villosus) 1

Eastern Wood-Pewee (Contopus virens) 2

Great Crested Flycatcher (Myiarchus crinitus) 4

Eastern Kingbird (Tyrannus tyrannus) 3

Warbling Vireo (Vireo gilvus) 1

Red-eyed Vireo (Vireo olivaceus) 8

Blue Jay (Cyanocitta cristata) 4

Tree Swallow (Tachycineta bicolor) 6

Black-capped Chickadee (Poecile atricapillus) 14

Tufted Titmouse (Baeolophus bicolor) 10

Brown Creeper (Certhia americana) 10

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (Polioptila caerulea) 2

Veery (Catharus fuscescens) 7

Hermit Thrush (Catharus guttatus) 4

Wood Thrush (Hylocichla mustelina) 3

American Robin (Turdus migratorius) 16

Gray Catbird (Dumetella carolinensis) 6

Cedar Waxwing (Bombycilla cedrorum) 3

Ovenbird (Seiurus aurocapilla) 24 Very low.

Common Yellowthroat (Geothlypis trichas) 8

American Redstart (Setophaga ruticilla) 1

Northern Parula (Setophaga americana) 1

Magnolia Warbler (Setophaga magnolia) 1

Yellow Warbler (Setophaga petechia) 6

Pine Warbler (Setophaga pinus) 5

Canada Warbler (Cardellina canadensis) 2

Eastern Towhee (Pipilo erythrophthalmus) 2

Chipping Sparrow (Spizella passerina) 16

Song Sparrow (Melospiza melodia) 5

Swamp Sparrow (Melospiza georgiana) 2

Scarlet Tanager (Piranga olivacea) 8

Red-winged Blackbird (Agelaius phoeniceus) 24

Common Grackle (Quiscalus quiscula) 18

Brown-headed Cowbird (Molothrus ater) 3

Baltimore Oriole (Icterus galbula) 6 Nest

House Finch (Haemorhous mexicanus) 3

American Goldfinch (Spinus tristis) 2

 (trip report from Nick Paulson)

**May 17, 2015 Buck Hill, Spencer**

Three participants joined trip leader Susan LaBree on a nice sunny day with the temperature at 59 degrees.

Species: 63

Hawk, Broad-winged 1

Dove, Mourning 6

Cuckoo, Black-Billed 1

Owl, Barred 1

Hummingbird, Ruby-throated 5

Woodpecker, Red-bellied 2

Woodpecker, Downy 7

Woodpecker, Hairy 4

Wood peewee, Eastern 5

Flicker, Northern 2

Flycatcher, Least 5

Phoebe, Eastern 6

Flycatcher, Great Creasted 1

Kingbird, Eastern 2

Vireo, Blue-headed 5

Vireo, Yellow-throated 4

Vireo, Warlbing 3

Vireo, Red Eyed 5

Jay, Blue 6

Crow, American 4

Swallow, Tree 4

Swallow, Barn 2

Chickadee, Black-capped 12

Titmouse, Tufted 6

Nuthatch, White-breasted 4

Creeper, Brown 3

Wren, House 2

Wren, Winter 1

Gnatcatcher, Blue-gray 6

Veery 6

Thrush, Hermit 2

Thrush, Wood 4

Robin, American 10

Catbird, Gray 8

Warbler, Blue-winged 5

Warbler, Nashville 2

Parula, Northern 3

Warbler, Yellow 8

Warbler, Chestnut-sided 10

Warbler, Black-throated Blue 7

Warbler, Yellow-rumped 12

Warbler, Black-throated Green 7

Warbler, Blackburnian 2

Warbler, Pine 6

Warbler, Prairie 1

Redstart, American 6

Warbler, Black and White 5

Ovenbird 22

Yellowthroat, Common 12

Tanager, Scarlet 7

Towhee, Eastern 4

Sparrow, Chipping 4

Sparrow, Song 5

Cardinal, Northern 2

Grosbeak, Rose-breasted 6

Bunting, Indigo 2

Bobolink 6

Blackbird, Red-winged 4

Grackle, Common 8

Cowbird, Brown-headed 8

Oriole, Baltimore 10

Goldfinch, American 8

Sparrow, House 6

(trip report from Susan LaBree)

**May 16, 2015 Millbury/Sutton**

Ten Forbush Members participated in a morning field trip with 3 basic stops: the Millbury Bike Path, Oakhurst Rd, Sutton and the Brierly Pond Conservation Area in Millbury. The day was overcast with temperatures in the 60's. The trip leader was Alan Marble.

Highlights of the trip were: Black-billed Cuckoo, Eastern Meadowlarks, Pileated Woodpecker, Grasshopper Sparrows and Orchard Orioles.

Species: 59 seen or heard

Canada Goose 2

Mallard 6

Common Loon 1

Great Blue Heron 2

Turkey Vulture 1

Red-tailed hawk 1

Ring-billed Gull 4

Rock Pigeon 3

Mourning Dove 11

Black-billed Cuckoo 1

Chimney Swift 6

Ruby-throated Hummingbird 1

Red-bellied Woodpecker 2

Northern Flicker 1

Pileated Woodpecker 1

Eastern Wood Pewee 1

Least Flycatcher 1

Eastern Phoebe 1

Great Crested Flycatcher 1

Eastern Kingbird 2

Blue-headed Vireo 1

Warbling Vireo 3

Red-eyed Vireo 2

Blue Jay 7

American crow 11

Tree Swallow 5

Barn Swallow 4

Black-capped Chickadee 3

Tufted Titmouse 4

American Robin 11

Gray Catbird 10

Brown Thrasher 2

Northern Mockingbird 2

European Starling 4

Ovenbird 7

Blue-winged Warbler 6

Black-and-white Warbler 3

Common Yellowthroat 3

American Redstart 6

Magnolia Warbler 1

Yellow Warbler 5

Chestnut-sided Warbler 2

Yellow-rumped Warbler 1

Prairie Warbler 2

Eastern Towhee 5

Field Sparrow 3

Savannah Sparrow 1

Grasshopper Sparrow 2

Song Sparrow 6

Scarlet Tanager 4

Northern Cardinal 4

Rose-breasted Grosbeak 4

Red-winged Blackbird 7

Eastern Meadowlark 2

Common Grackle 5

Orchard Oriole 2

Baltimore Oriole 3

American Goldfinch 3

House Sparrow 7

 (trip report from Alan Marble)

**May 10, 2015 Mt. Auburn Cemetery**

27 Participants enjoyed Mother's Day with clear skies and 65 degree weather.

Species: 72

Canada Goose - 1

Mallard - 3

Wild Turkey - 3

Double-crested Cormorant - 1

Great Blue Heron - 1

Turkey Vulture - 1

Northern Harrier - 1

Cooper's Hawk - 1

Red-tailed Hawk - 2

Herring Gull - 7

Rock Pigeon - 3

Mourning Dove ~ 6

Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 1

Black-billed Cuckoo - 1

Great Horned Owl - 1

Chimney Swift ~ 6

Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 2

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 2

Downy Woodpecker - 4

Northern Flicker - 1

Eastern Wood-Pewee - 1

Least Flycatcher - 1

Eastern Phoebe - 3

Great Crested Flycatcher - 3

Eastern Kingbird - 1

Yellow-throated Vireo - 1

Blue-headed Vireo - 1

Warbling Vireo - 5

Red-eyed Vireo - 2

Blue Jay ~ 6

American Crow ~ 4

Fish Crow - 1

Black-capped Chickadee ~ 10

Tufted Titmouse ~ 3

White-breasted Nuthatch - 3

House Wren - 3

Carolina Wren - 1

American Robin ~ 20

Gray Catbird ~ 5

European Starling - 5

Ovenbird - 2

Black-and-white Warbler - 5

Common Yellowthroat - 2

American Redstart - 3

Northern Parula - 7

Magnolia Warbler - 2

Bay-breasted Warbler - 1

Blackburnian Warbler - 1

Yellow Warbler - 3

Chestnut-sided Warbler - 1

Blackpoll Warbler - 2

Black-throated Blue Warbler - 1

Palm Warbler - 1

Pine Warbler - 1

Yellow-rumped Warbler - 23

Black-throated Green Warbler - 3

Canada Warbler - 1

Wilson's Warbler - 1

Chipping Sparrow ~ 12

Song Sparrow - 1

White-throated Sparrow - 4

Scarlet Tanager - 1

Northern Cardinal - 7

Rose-breasted Grosbeak - 1

Indigo Bunting - 1

Red-winged Blackbird ~ 6

Common Grackle ~ 10

Brown-headed Cowbird ~ 5

Orchard Oriole - 3

Baltimore Oriole ~ 8

House Finch - 2

American Goldfinch - 5

House Sparrow - 2

 (trip report from Dan Berard)

**May 9, 2015 Mt. Wachusett, Westminster**

Ten participants joined trip leader Susan LaBree on this overcast but clearing day.

Species: 83

Vulture, Turkey 4

Goose, Canada 4

Hawk, Coopers 1

Hawk, Broad-winged 1

Hawk, Red-tailed 3

Turkey, Wild 1

Killdeer 2

Dove, Rock 14

Dove, Morning 5

Swift, Chimney 4

Hummingbird, Rubythroat 4

Woodpecker, Red-bellied 3

Sapsucker, Yellow-bellied 2

Woodpecker, Downy 5

Woodpecker, Hairy 2

Flicker, Northern 2

Wood-Pewee, Eastern 3

Flycatcher, Least 4

Phoebe, Eastern 6

Flycatcher, Great Crested 2

Kingbird, Eastern 2

Vireo, Blue-headed 4

Vireo, Yellow-throated 1

Vireo, Warlbing 1

Vireo, Red-Eyed 4

Blue Jay 6

Crow, American 4

Swallow, Tree 8

Swallow, Barn 4

Chickadee, Black-capped 12

Titmouse, Tufted 8

Nuthatch, Red-breasted 1

Nuthatch, White-breasted 4

Creeper, Brown 4

Wren, Carolina 1

Wren, House 2

Wren, Winter 3

Kinglet, Ruby-Crowned 4

Gnatcatcher, Blue-Gray 2

Bluebird, Eastern 1

Thrush, Hermit 2

Thrush, Wood 2

American Robin 12

Gray Catbird 7

Mockingbird, Northern 1

Starling, European 6

Warbler, Blue-winged 1

Warbler, Nashville 3

Northern Parula 3

Warbler, Yellow 6

Warbler, Chestnut-sided 8

Warbler, Magnolia 1

Warbler, Black-throated Blue 8

Warbler, Yellow-rumped 7

Warbler, BlacthroatedGreen 8

Warbler, Blackburnian 2

Warbler, Pine 3

Warbler, Prairie 1

Warbler, Black and White 12

Redstart, American 4

Ovenbird 13

Waterthrush, Northern 4

Yellowthroat, Common 8

Warbler, Canada 1

Tanager, Scarlet 4

Towhee, Eastern 6

Sparrow, Chipping 10

Sparrow, Savannah 3

Sparrow, Song 3

Sparrow, Swamp 2

Junco, Dark-eyed 6

Cardinal, Northern 4

Grosbeak, Rose-breasted 2

Bunting, Indigo 2

Bobolink 6

Red-winged Blackbird 8

Grackle, Common 8

Cowbird, Brown-headed 10

Oriole, Baltimore 7

Finch, Purple 2

Finch, House 4

Goldfinch, American 12

Sparrow, House 10

(trip report from Susan LaBree)

**May 4, 2015 East Quabbin**

Eight Forbush Bird Club members enjoyed an auto tour of East Quabbin. We drove from gate 35 in New Salem through North Dana, Dana Center, the shoreline in what was once Greenwich, Ma. onto gate 43 and eventually exited at gate 45. Among 66 species the highlights were Common Loons, Bald Eagles, many Wood Thrushes, 12 species of wood warblers, and a Moose.

(trip report from Tom Pirro)

**May 1, 2015 Hodges Village**

Six birders enjoyed the following species on a sunny day, temperatures warming to the 60's and no wind.

Species: 54

Mute Swan 1

Canada Goose

Wood Duck 4

Mallard

Green-winged Teal 2

Green Heron 1

Osprey 1

Broad-winged Hawk 4

Red-tailed Hawk 1

Killdeer 3

Greater Yellowlegs 3

Rock Pigeon

Mourning Dove

Belted Kingfisher

Red-bellied Woodpecker

Northern Flicker

Downy Woodpecker

Eastern Phoebe

Eastern Kingbird 1

Blue Jay

American Crow

Common Raven

Tree Swallow

Barn Swallow

Northern Rough-winged Swallow

Tufted Titmouse

Black-capped Chickadee

White-breasted Nuthatch

House Wren 1

American Robin

European Starling

Yellow-rumped Warbler

Black-and-white Warber 1

Black-throated Green Warbler 3

Pine Warbler

Palm Warbler 6

Yellow Warbler 5

Ovenbird 2

Northern Waterthrush 2

Eastern Towhee 3

Chipping Sparrow

Savannah Sparrow

Song Sparrow

Swamp Sparrow

White-throated Sparrow

Northern Cardinal

Red-winged Blackbird

Common Grackle

Brown-headed Cowbird

Baltimore Oriole 2

House Finch

Purple Finch 2

American Goldfinch

House Sparrow

 (trip report from Paul Meleski)

**April 25, 2015 Sylvester Street, Worcester Airport**

Five participants joined trip leader Susan LaBree on a sunny, windy and cold day for this walk. (In future years the location for this trip will probably have to change, as the city of Worcester is closing access to Sylvester Street for watershed protection reasons.)

46 species observed.

Double-crested Cormorant 1

Canada Geese 6

Wood Duck 1

Ring-necked Duck 2

Mallard 6

Common Merganser 14

Wild Turkey 3

Great Blue Heron 1

Peregrine Falcon 1

Solitary Sandpiper 1

Killdeer 1

Mourning Dove 5

Red-bellied woodpecker 1

Downy woodpecker 4

Hairy woodpecker 3

Northern Flicker 3

Eastern Phoebe 3

Blue Jay 4

American Crow 2

Tree Swallow 22

Barn Swallow 2

Rough-winged Swallow 1

Black-capped Chickadee 8

Tufted Titmouse 5

White-breasted Nuthatch 5

Brown Creeper 2

House Wren 3

Ruby-crowned Kinglet 3

American Robin 10

Yellow-rumped Warbler 10

Pine Warbler 8

Eastern Towhee 3

Chipping Sparrow 3

Field Sparrow 2

Savannah Sparrow 2

Song Sparrow 4

Dark-eyed Junco 2

Northern Cardinal 2

Red-winged Blackbird 4

Eastern Meadowlark 3

Common Grackle 6

Brown-headed Cowbird 16

American Goldfinch 5

Purple Finch 1

House Finch 3

Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher 2

 (trip report from Susan LaBree)

**April 22, 2015 Shrewsbury Parks Earth Day walk**

Seven birdwatchers joined the Earth Day walk in Shrewsbury Parks led by Mike Bellows.

Species seen included these:

Spotted Sandpiper

Coopers Hawk

Redbellied Woodpecker

Phoebe

Chipping Sparrow

Pine Warbler

Yellow-rumped Warbler

Osprey

Great Blue Heron

 (trip report from Mike Bellows)

**April 10, 2015 Westborough WMA Woodcock walk**

Six members and friends gathered on Friday evening, April 10, for our annual Woodcock Walk at the Westboro Wildlife Management Area led by Laura Lane. With the construction now complete on the new MassWildlife Headquarters, we met at the new building. The weather was in the 50's and overcast with a few sprinkles; but the rain held off. As the darkness fell the spring peepers, Woodcock and Killdeer filled the spring air with sound. Highlights included a newly arrived Eastern Phoebe, a beaver and our target bird, the American Woodcock.

18 species

Canada Goose 6

Wood Duck 4

Ring-necked Duck 4

Hooded Merganser 1

Red-tailed Hawk 1

Killdeer 10

American Woodcock 8 Performing mating flights

Belted Kingfisher 1 heard

Downy Woodpecker 1

Northern Flicker 1

Eastern Phoebe 1

American Robin X

Northern Mockingbird 1

European Starling 5

Song Sparrow 5

Northern Cardinal 1

Red-winged Blackbird X

Common Grackle X

(trip report from Laura Lane)

**April 4, 2015 Lake Quaboag and vicinity**

This field trip had 4 participants that recorded 44 species.

Great blue Heron-3

Turkey Vulture-2

Canada Goose-250

Wood Duck-18

American Black duck-45

Mallrd-26

ring-necked Duck-82

Bufflehead-2

Goldeneye-2

Hooded Merganser-12

Common Merganser-12

Red-tailed Hawk-2

Killdeer-1

Ring-billed Gull-18

Herring Gull-2

Rock Dove-30

Mourning Dove-12

red-bellied Woodpecker-2

Downy Woodpecker-4

Northern Flicker-1

Eastern Phoebe-4

Blue Jay-3

American Crow-15

Tree Swallows->75

Black-capped Chickadee-2

Tufted Titmouse-1

White-breasted Nuthatch-2

Carolina Wren-1

American robin-12

European Starling-40

American Tree Sparrow-2

Fox Sparrow-2

Song Sparrow-12

Swamp Sparrow-1

White-throated Sparrow-1

Dark-eyed Junco-2

Northern Cardinal-4

Red-winged Blackbird-8

Common Grakle-25

Brown-headed Cowbird-2

Amercian Goldfinch-2

House sparrow-6

 (trip report from Rodney Jenkins)

**January 1, 2015 Worcester and vicinity**

On 1/1/15 John Shea lead 15 members on a trip around Worcester. We saw 22 species including one weird goose. Some highlights: 1 Peregrine Falcon, 1 Red Tail and 2 Gadwall. We saw a bird on the ice at Leesville Pond that looked like a Canada goose with a Snow Goose head and neck.

Canada Geese 147

Mute Swan 7

Gadwall 2

Black Duck 1

Mallard 98

Hooded Merganser 12

Common Merganser 6

Great Blue Heron 1

Red-tailed Hawk 1

Peregrine Falcon 1

Ring-billed Gull 20

Great Black-backed Gull 1

Pigeon 25

Downy Woodpecker 1

Blue Jay 4

Black-capped Chickadee 5

White-breasted Nuthatch 4

Starling 36

American Tree Sparrow 5

Dark-eyed Junco 22

House Sparrow 15

 (trip report from John Shea)