**Forbush Bird Club 2018 Trip Reports**

The following are highlights of the 2018 field trips of the Forbush Bird Club, listed in reverse chronological order.

**Nov. 17, 2018 Salisbury Beach and Plum Island**

Participants - 4 including the leaders.    weather - mostly cloudy to partly cloudy: temps upper 40's and breezy. Redpolls were definitely the highlight of the trip.  Good looks at Snow buntings and Horned larks and N harrier.  Species missed: Short-eared owl, A bittern, N shrike, Rough-legged hawk.

Species seen or heard (48 total):

Red-necked grebe(4)(very poor views)

Horned grebe

Double-crested cormorant

Mute Swan

Canada Goose

A. widgeon

Gadwall

Green-winged teal

Mallard

A. black duck

Northern pintail

Common eider

White-winged scoter

Bufflehead

Hooded merganser

Common merganser

Red-breasted merganser

Great blue heron

Northern harrier

Cooper's hawk

Red-tailed hawk

Merlin

A. coot

Sanderling

Purple sandpiper (4 or 5-poor looks)

Ring-billed gull

Great black-backed gull

Herring gull

Laughing gull(2)

Razorbill(1-very poor look)

Red-throated loon(many)

Common loon

Rock pigeon

Downy woodpecker(1 heard)

Blue jay

A. crow

A. robin

Northern mockingbird (2)

E. starling(very large flock)

Black-capped chickadee

Tufted titmouse

Horned lark(6)

A. goldfinch

COMMON REDPOLL(8)

Snow bunting

Song sparrow

Dark-eyed junco

Northern cardinal

(trip report from Peg and Dick Knowlton)

**Sept 30, 2018 Wachusett Meadow IBA**

The Forbush Bird Club had a great morning trip through the Wachusett Reservoir IBA. Locations included Thomas Basin, Sterling Peat, East Waushacum, Coachlace Pond, and Wachusett Gates 36, 40, Scar Hill, and South Bay. The weather was perfect and although we didn’t have a great number of waterfowl (this trip is a few weeks earlier than usual), we had some nice mixed pockets of migrant passerines.

Complete list:

8 Canada Goose

4 Mute Swan

20 Mallard

9 Common Merganser

3 Wild Turkey

1 Red-necked Grebe

7 Mourning Dove

1 Spotted Sandpiper

31 Ring-billed Gull

26 Common Loon

42 Double-crested Cormorant

4 Great Blue Heron

2 Turkey Vulture

4 Sharp-shinned Hawk

1 Cooper's Hawk

2 Bald Eagle

5 Red-tailed Hawk

4 Belted Kingfisher

7 Downy Woodpecker

3 Hairy Woodpecker

1 Pileated Woodpecker

3 Northern Flicker

1 Merlin

3 Eastern Phoebe

2 Blue-headed Vireo

1 Red-eyed/Chivi Vireo

66 Blue Jay

21 American Crow

32 Black-capped Chickadee

22 Tufted Titmouse

4 Red-breasted Nuthatch

12 White-breasted Nuthatch

1 House Wren

2 Carolina Wren

1 Golden-crowned Kinglet

3 Ruby-crowned Kinglet

5 Eastern Bluebird

8 American Robin

15 Gray Catbird

1 Brown Thrasher

1 Northern Mockingbird

4 European Starling

2 Cedar Waxwing

12 Purple Finch

26 American Goldfinch

38 Chipping Sparrow

11 White-throated Sparrow

4 Savannah Sparrow

17 Song Sparrow

5 Swamp Sparrow

1 Eastern Towhee

2 Black-and-white Warbler

7 Common Yellowthroat

2 Northern Parula

1 Magnolia Warbler

4 Blackpoll Warbler

1 Palm Warbler

2 Pine Warbler

42 Yellow-rumped Warbler

13 Northern Cardinal

5 House Sparrow

(trip report from Kevin Bourinot)

**Sept 23, 2018 Bolton Flats WMA**

The Forbush Bird Club had a great morning  trip to Bolton Flats WMA along with some of our friends from the Brookline Bird Club. We walked into the 117 north entrance to the “T” and then on a bit along the trail to the west. Some shorebirds are around, but not visible until they flush. Highlights were Sora, Northern Waterthrush, female Indigo Buntings, Lincoln’s Sparrows and everything else we saw. Temps 45F - 60F clear skies.

Complete list:

32 Canada Goose

1 Wood Duck

43 Mallard

1 Virginia Rail

1 Sora

4 Killdeer

1 Pectoral Sandpiper

14 Wilson's Snipe

1 Solitary Sandpiper

5 Greater Yellowlegs

1 Great Blue Heron

1 Northern Harrier

1 Sharp-shinned Hawk

2 Red-shouldered Hawk

2 Belted Kingfisher

3 Red-bellied Woodpecker

4 Downy Woodpecker

2 Hairy Woodpecker

2 Northern Flicker

1 American Kestrel

7 Eastern Phoebe

34 Blue Jay

6 American Crow

12 Black-capped Chickadee

2 White-breasted Nuthatch

1 Eastern Bluebird

8 American Robin

16 Gray Catbird

12 American Goldfinch

9 Savannah Sparrow

19 Song Sparrow

4 Lincoln's Sparrow

45 Swamp Sparrow

350 Red-winged Blackbird

1 Northern Waterthrush

14 Common Yellowthroat

9 Yellow-rumped Warbler

2 Northern Cardinal

3 Indigo Bunting

(trip report from Kevin Bourinot)

**Sept 1, 2018 Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary, Princeton**

Leader: Joan Gallagher.  Observers: 10.  Weather:  Sunny, 58 degrees to start ending with a sunny high of 76 degrees. Highlights: Green Heron seen at the pond during the drive in along the road. The majority of the birds were heard and seen dashing about from the parking lot near the bird feeders and the nearby trees; including a stunning and brightly colored European Starling posing atop a tree in the sunlight, an American Redstart and Scarlet Tanager. Young Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were feeding in a tree located off the field in back of the parking lot. And like last year, we found a Monarch caterpillar sitting on a milkweed plant and Porcupines were seen in the trees.

Species:  38

Wood Duck

Wild Turkey

Double-crested Cormorant

Green Heron

Turkey Vulture

Cooper’s Hawk

Red-tailed Hawk

Mourning Dove

Black-billed Cuckoo

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Belted Kingfisher

Red-bellied Woodpecker

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Downy Woodpecker

Northern Flicker

Eastern Wood-pewee

Eastern Phoebe

Great Crested Flycatcher

Red-eyed Vireo

Blue Jay

American Crow

Black-capped Chickadee

Tufted Titmouse

White-breasted Nuthatch

House Wren

Eastern Bluebird

Gray Catbird

Northern Mockingbird

European Starling

American Redstart

Scarlet Tanager

Eastern Towhee

Chipping Sparrow

Field Sparrow

Northern Cardinal

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

American Goldfinch

House Sparrow

(trip report from Joan Gallagher)

**August 23, 2018 Rte 56 overlook**

On 8/23/18 John Shea lead 10 members on a Common Night Hawk trip to the RT 56 overlook. We saw 68 Night hawks. We had clear blue sky, light wind and temps in the 70s.

We saw 15 species:

2 Killdeer

10 Morning Dove

68 Common Night Hawks

3 Chimney Swifts

8 Blue Jay

3 A. Crows

9 Barn Swallows

1 Starling

3 Savannah Sparrows

37 Bobolinks

3 Red-wing Blackbirds

2 Eastern Meadowlark

1 Brown headed Cowbird

5 Northern Orioles

5 A. Goldfinch

(trip report from John Shea)

**July 21, 2018 Wachusett Reservoir IBA**

The Forbush Bird Club had a nice trip around the Wachusett Reservoir IBA on Saturday 7/21. We did our yearly hike into Gate 35 in Sterling to observe the recently fledged Bald Eagles and Common Loons. Unfortunately, it looks like the Bald Eagle nest has fallen down during the recent storms. However, there were two very healthy looking fledglings perched in a nearby pine.  We located a pair of Common Loons with 2 fledglings in the northeast portion of the reservoir. We did not have time to check locations in the south. Other highlights included 2 recently fledged Barred Owls, 2 Bonaparte’s Gulls, and an Eastern Wood-Pewee on its tiny nest in the middle of a tree branch.

Species observed:

36 Canada Goose

1 Mallard

1 Wild Turkey

11 Common Loon

17 Double-crested Cormorant

1 Turkey Vulture

4 Bald Eagle

1 Red-tailed Hawk

1 Killdeer

2 Spotted Sandpiper

2 Bonaparte's Gull

34 Ring-billed Gull

4 Mourning Dove

2 Barred Owl

8 Chimney Swift

1 Ruby-throated Hummingbird

1 Belted Kingfisher

1 Red-bellied Woodpecker

7 Downy Woodpecker

3 Hairy Woodpecker

1 Northern Flicker

8 Eastern Wood-Pewee

1 Great Crested Flycatcher

6 Eastern Kingbird

18 Red-eyed Vireo

21 Blue Jay

11 American Crow

1 Common Raven

12 Tree Swallow

8 Barn Swallow

11 Black-capped Chickadee

8 Tufted Titmouse

12 White-breasted Nuthatch

3 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

3 Wood Thrush

2 American Robin

7 Gray Catbird

2 Northern Mockingbird

6 Cedar Waxwing

1 Common Yellowthroat

9 Pine Warbler

9 Chipping Sparrow

1 Savannah Sparrow

6 Song Sparrow

8 Eastern Towhee

7 Scarlet Tanager

5 Northern Cardinal

1 Rose-breasted Grosbeak

2 Baltimore Oriole

4 Red-winged Blackbird

13 American Goldfinch

2 House Sparrow

(trip report from Kevin Bourinot)

**July 15, 2018 - Birds & Butterflies with Massachusetts Butterfly Club, Leicester**

Leader: Dolores Price.

Weather: Mostly sunny, 73-83 degrees, light variable wind.

Ten participants enjoyed a beautiful summer morning for our annual Forbush Bird Club / Massachusetts Butterfly Club field trip in Leicester. Locations visited were Route 56 west of Worcester Airport, the path from Mulberry Street to the Friends Cemetery (“Spider Gates”), and the Mulberry Street field.

Many thanks to Andy Wojcikowski for keeping the bird list.

Number of species observed:

Birds: 29

Butterflies: 20

(Highlights: Silver-bordered Fritillary, Common Sootywing)

Mourning Dove 1

Downy Woodpecker 1

American Kestrel 1

Eastern Wood-Peewee 2

Red-eyed Vireo 2

Blue Jay 1

American Crow 2

Barn Swallow 1

Tree Swallow 1

Black-capped Chickadee 2

Tufted Titmouse 1

Veery 2

American Robin 1

Gray Catbird 2

Blue-winged Warbler 1

Common Yellowthroat 4

Yellow Warbler 1

Chestnut-sided Warbler 1

Prairie Warbler 1

Black-throated Green Warbler 1

Eastern Towhee 2

Chipping Sparrow 1

Field Sparrow 3

Song Sparrow 4

Scarlet Tanager 1

Northern Cardinal 1

Bobolink 14 (minimum; at fields along Rt. 56)

Red-winged Blackbird 40 (estimate; flyover flock))

American Goldfinch 3

(trip report from Donna Schilling)

**June 2, 2018 Ware River Watershed IBA (Barre Falls Dam & Rutland State Park)**

Leaders: Donna Schilling and Dave Grant

Weather: Mostly sunny and humid, 72 to 79 degrees; north wind 4 MPH gusty at times

Seventeen participants enjoyed a summer-like morning at 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 twelve species of breeding warblers, two baby Wood Ducks, and the Barre Falls Common Ravens. Surprisingly, no raptors were observed. One Field Sparrow, heard singing from the upper field at the Dam, is the first recorded on this trip over the past six years.

Many thanks to everyone for help finding and identifying the birds!

Species: 57

Wood Duck 2

Mallard 2

Great Blue Heron 3

Turkey Vulture 1

Yellow-billed Cuckoo 2

Ruby-throated Hummingbird 3

Downy Woodpecker 2

Northern Flicker 1

Eastern Wood Pewee 1

Alder Flycatcher 1

Least Flycatcher 3

Eastern Phoebe 1

Great-crested Flycatcher 1

Eastern Kingbird 2

Warbling Vireo 2

Red-eyed Vireo 19 (minimum)

American Crow 1

Common Raven 2

Tree Swallow 7

Northern Rough-winged Swallow 1

Barn Swallow 2

Black-capped Chickadee 3

Tufted Titmouse 1

Red-breasted Nuthatch 2

Brown Creeper 2

Eastern Bluebird 4

Veery 2

American Robin 6

Gray Catbird 3

Cedar Waxwing 11

Ovenbird 20 (minimum)

Blue-winged Warbler 2

Black-and-white Warbler 3

Common Yellowthroat 14

American Redstart 3

Yellow Warbler 7

Chestnut-sided Warbler 12 (minimum)

Black-throated Blue Warbler 3

Pine Warbler 9

Yellow-rumped Warbler 1

Prairie Warbler 3

Black-throated Green Warbler 4

Eastern Towhee 6

Chipping Sparrow 11

Field Sparrow 1

Song Sparrow 4

Scarlet Tanager 7

Northern Cardinal 1

Rose-breasted Grosbeak 4

Indigo Bunting 2

Bobolink 8

Red-winged Blackbird 10

Common Grackle 7

Brown-headed Cowbird 5

Baltimore Oriole 4

Purple Finch 1

American Goldfinch 5

(trip report from Donna Schilling)

**May 20, 2018 Worcester Cemeteries**

Leader: Susan LaBree

Weather: Cloudy, Cool Observers: 7 Tough lighting, but great birds!

Species: 74

Canada Geese 12

Mute Swan 8

Wood Duck 4

Mallard 4

Great Blue Heron 3

Bald Eagle (adult) 1

Great Blue Heron 1

Red-tailed Hawk 2

Killdeer 3

Spotted Sandpiper 2

Laughing Gull (fly by) 3

Rock Pigeon 14

Mourning Dove 10

Black Billed Cuckoo 1

Chimney Swift 12

Belted Kingfisher 2

Red-bellied woodpecker 2

Downy woodpecker 3

Hairy woodpecker 1

Northern Flicker 3

Eastern Wood Pewee 3

Eastern Phoebe 3

Great Crested Flycatcher 3

Eastern Kingbird 4

Blue-headed Vireo 2

Warbling Vireo 6

Red-Eyed Vireo 4

Blue Jay 4

American Crow 7

Tree Swallow 9

N Rough Wing Swallow 2

Barn Swallow 5

Black-capped Chickadee 8

Tufted Titmouse 5

Barn Swallow 3

Black-capped Chickadee 8

Tufted Titmouse 6

White brstd Nuthatch 3

Caroline Wren 2

House Wren 1

Wood Thrush 1

American Robin 22

Gray Catbird 8

No. Mockingbird 5

Brown Thrasher 2

European Starling 18

Cedar Waxwing 26

Blue-winged Warbler 1

Black & White Warbler 4

Tennessee Warbler 2

Nashville Warbler 2

C Yellowthroat 6

No, Parula 5

Bay-breasted Warbler 4

Blackburnian Warbler 3

Yellow Warbler 8

Chestnut Sided 6

Blackpoll Warbler 5

Black-throated Blue 2

Yellow-rumped Wblr 4

Black Throat Green 2

Eastern Towhee 2

Chipping Sparrow 20

Song Sparrow 10

Swamp Sparrow 1

Scarlet Tanager 2

No Cardinal 4

Red-winged Blckbrd 12

Common Grackle 8

Brown-headed Cowbird 6

Baltimore Oriole 8

House Finch 8

American Goldfinch 5

House Sparrow 20

(trip report from Susan LaBree)

**May 13, 2018 Mt. Auburn Cemetery**

Protocol: Traveling 3.362 mile(s)

Annual Forbush Bird Club Mother’s Day Mt Auburn Walk

Leader: Dan Berard Participants:26  
  
Overcast conditions but lots of birds and some excellent looks!

Species: 74

Canada Goose  4  
Mallard (Northern)  3  
Wild Turkey  1  
Common Loon  2     Flyovers, together  
Double-crested Cormorant  1     Flyover  
Great Blue Heron  1  
Red-tailed Hawk  2  
Herring Gull  15     Estimate  
Rock Pigeon  4  
Mourning Dove  8  
Black-billed Cuckoo  1     Heard at different locations but presuming the same bird  
Chimney Swift  2  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird  3  
Red-bellied Woodpecker  1  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  1     Near Tower  
Downy Woodpecker (Eastern)  2  
Northern Flicker (Yellow-shafted)  1  
Least Flycatcher  2  
Eastern Phoebe  1  
Great Crested Flycatcher  2  
Eastern Kingbird  2  
Blue-headed Vireo  4  
Warbling Vireo  4  
Red-eyed Vireo  3  
Blue Jay  6  
American Crow  1  
Common Raven  2  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow  4  
Tree Swallow  8  
Black-capped Chickadee  4  
Tufted Titmouse  1  
White-breasted Nuthatch (Eastern)  2  
House Wren  1  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher  1  
Ruby-crowned  1  
Wood Thrush  1  
American Robin  10     Estimate  
Gray Catbird  6     Estimate  
European Starling  1  
Cedar Waxwing  2  
Ovenbird  3  
Northern Waterthrush  1     Halcyon Lake  
Black-and-white Warbler  18     Best estimate; males and females numerous in every feeding flock as well as lone birds. Heard constantly from all directions all morning  
Tennessee Warbler 1     Indian Ridge  
Nashville Warbler 2     Dry Dell/Indian Ridge and base of Tower  
Common Yellowthroat 2  
American Redstart 10     Estimate  
Cape May Warbler 2     \* rare; briefly seen together, one very bright and strongly marked the other slightly dull. Singing consistently. Seen best from Dell.  
Northern Parula 25     \* best estimate; seems high but likely more, one of the more abundant and ubiquitous birds of the day (not a complaint). Multiple birds singing from each ‘active’ tree and each feeding flock contained 6+ individuals.  
Magnolia Warbler 15     \* best estimate. Singing and viewable throughout the morning, some giving fantastic views  
Bay-breasted Warbler 1     Dell  
Blackburnian Warbler 4     Possibly more; three together at Dell and one at Indian Ridge  
Yellow Warbler (Northern) 6     Estimate  
Chestnut-sided Warbler 1     Heard throughout the morning, finally seen at Dell. Presumably the same bird moving around a bit  
Blackpoll Warbler 4     Possibly more  
Black-throated Blue Warbler 7     Seen and heard throughout the morning with 4 in a tree at once at Dell  
Palm Warbler (Yellow) 1     \* getting late and seemingly absent for a while.  
Pine Warbler 2  
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle) 40     Estimate, prob more.  
Black-throated Green Warbler 9     Possibly more, fairly obvious throughout the morning. Three in a tree at once in Dell  
Chipping Sparrow 12     Estimate  
Song Sparrow 4  
Scarlet Tanager 2  
Northern Cardinal 6     Estimate  
Rose-breasted Grosbeak 2  
Indigo Bunting 2  
Orchard Oriole 4  
Baltimore Oriole 10     Estimate  
Red-winged Blackbird  10     Estimate  
Brown-headed Cowbird 3  
Common Grackle  20     Estimate  
House Finch  3  
American Goldfinch  2  
House Sparrow 6     Estimate

(trip report from Dan Berard)

**May 12, 2018 Mt. Wachusett**

Leader: Susan LaBree Participants: 5

Weather: Overcast, Cold, Raining

Species: 59

Goose, Canada 7

Mallard 1

Wild Turkey 4

Vulture, Turkey 4

Red-Tailed Hawk 3

Killdeer 1

Rock Pigeon 4

Mourning Dove 4

Red-bellied Woodpecker 2

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 3

Downy Woodpecker 3

Hairy Woodpecker 1

Northern Flicker 1

Pileated Woodpecker 2

Phoebe, Eastern 1

Great Crested Flycatcher 3

Blue Headed Vireo 3

Warbling Vireo 2

Red-Eyed Vireo 4

Blue Jay 4

American Crow 3

Common Raven 1

Tree Swallow 4

Barn Swallow 2

Black-capped Chickadee 6

Tufted Titmouse 6

White-breasted Nuthatch 1

Brown Creeper 1

House Wren 3

Winter Wren 4

Eastern Bluebird 1

Hermit Thrush 1

American Robin 10

Gray Catbird 2

European Starling 6

Cedar Waxwing 4

Ovenbird 10

Waterthrush, Northern 4

Warbler, Black and White 5

Common Yellowthroat 4

Yellow Warbler 1

Black-Throated Blue Warbler 3

Pine Warbler 1

Yellow-rumped Warbler 7

Black-Throated Green Warbler 3

Eastern Towhee 2

Chipping Sparrow 5

Song Sparrow 3

Swamp Sparrow 1

Scarlet Tanager 3

Northern Cardinal 3

Bobolink 5

Red-winged Blackbird 5

Common Grackle 4

Brown-headed Cowbird 3

Purple Finch 1

House Finch 2

American Goldfinch 6

Sparrow, House 10

(trip report from Susan LaBree)

**May 5, 2018 Oxford, Dudley & Vicinity**

Leder: Paul Meleski

Weather: Sunny, breezy, and temps in the 50's.

Participants: 7 members enjoyed the following species.

Species: 61

Canada Goose 17

Mute Swan 1

Wood Duck 3

Mallard 11

Great Blue Heron 2

Green Heron 1

Turkey Vulture 4

Osprey 2

Red-shouldered Hawk 1

Broad-winged Hawk 1

Solitary Sandpiper 1

Mourning Dove 8

Chimney Swift 2

Red-bellied Woodpecker 2

Downy Woodpecker (Eastern) 4

Hairy Woodpecker (Eastern) 1

Northern Flicker (Yellow-shafted) 5

Great Crested Flycatcher 4

Eastern Kingbird 3

Warbling Vireo (Eastern) 4

Blue Jay 8

American Crow 3

Northern Rough-winged Swallow 12

Tree Swallow 12

Barn Swallow (American) 2

Black-capped Chickadee 8

Tufted Titmouse 8

White-breasted Nuthatch 2

Brown Creeper 1

House Wren 5

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 1

Ruby-crowned Kinglet 3

Eastern Bluebird 2

American Robin 13

Gray Catbird 10

Ovenbird 12

Northern Waterthrush 1

Black-and-white Warbler 6

Nashville Warbler 2

Common Yellowthroat 11

Cape May Warbler 1

seen fairly well by entire group

Northern Parula 6

Yellow Warbler 3

Chestnut-sided Warbler 1

Palm Warbler 3

Pine Warbler 9

Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle) 22

Prairie Warbler 2

Black-throated Green Warbler 2

Chipping Sparrow 4

Field Sparrow 3

Song Sparrow 11

Swamp Sparrow 5

Eastern Towhee 13

Northern Cardinal 6

Rose-breasted Grosbeak 4

Baltimore Oriole 8

Red-winged Blackbird 32

Brown-headed Cowbird 5

Common Grackle (Bronzed) 12

American Goldfinch 9

Additional species seen by Edward Kittredge:

Buteo sp. 2

(trip report from Paul Meleski)

**April 29, 2018 High Ridge WMA Westminster/Gardner**

Leader - Tom Pirro. Forbush Bird Club trip: 8 observers, weather was light rain, temp in the mid 40's, calm wind. Highlights were , Great Blue Heron nesting colony with 15 occupied nests, nice views of Blue-headed Vireo, Brown Thrasher, and an early Bobolink. Overall migration would seem to be slightly behind schedule, low wood warbler diversity and missing a few expected species for the date such as House Wren.

Species seen and or heard by others, but not me were American Kestrel 1, and Eastern Towhee 1.

Species: 49.

Canada Goose 4

Wood Duck 4

Hooded Merganser 3

Common Merganser (North American) 5

Common Loon 1 ...distant bird calling, likely in flight

Great Blue Heron (Blue form) 20 ..15 active nests

Broad-winged Hawk 1

Red-tailed Hawk 1

Virginia Rail 1 calling kiddick...kiddick, later a few grunting calls

Mourning Dove 2

Red-bellied Woodpecker 2

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1 heard only

Downy Woodpecker (Eastern) 5

Hairy Woodpecker (Eastern) 4

Northern Flicker (Yellow-shafted) 4

Pileated Woodpecker 2

Eastern Phoebe 2

Blue-headed Vireo 3 nice looks

Blue Jay 10

American Crow 5

Northern Rough-winged Swallow 4

Tree Swallow 35

Barn Swallow (American) 3

Black-capped Chickadee 5

Tufted Titmouse 6

White-breasted Nuthatch (Eastern) 3

Brown Creeper 1

Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1

Eastern Bluebird 5

Hermit Thrush 2

American Robin 20

Brown Thrasher 1

European Starling 2

Louisiana Waterthrush 1

Pine Warbler 16

Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle) 7

Chipping Sparrow 8

Field Sparrow 3

White-throated Sparrow 1

Song Sparrow 8

Swamp Sparrow 4

Northern Cardinal 8

Bobolink 1

Red-winged Blackbird (Red-winged) 8

Brown-headed Cowbird 3

Common Grackle 11

American Goldfinch 2

(trip report from Tom Pirro)

**April 28, 2018 Mulberry Street, Muir Meadow**

Trip leader: Susan LaBree. 11 participants. Weather: Sunny, 50 degrees.

Species: 59

Green Heron 1

Great Blue Heron 3

Canada Goose 3

Killdeer 4

Mallard 3

Sharp-shinned Hawk 1

Cooper’s Hawk 3

Wild Turkey 1

Killdeer 4

Mourning Dove 6

Northern Flicker 2

Eastern Phoebe 2

Barred Owl 1

Belted Kingfisher 1

Red Bellied Woodpecker 2

Downy Woodpecker 6

Hairy Woodpecker 2

Northern Flicker 1

Pileated Woodpecker 2

Eastern Phoebe 3

Blue Jay 6

American Crow 8

Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1

Eastern Bluebird 3

Tree Swallow 8

Black capped Chickadee 12

Tufted Titmouse 4

White breasted nuthatch 2

Black capped Chickadee 12

Carolina Wren 1

House Wren 1

Ruby Crowned Kinglet 3

Eastern Bluebird 2

Ruby Crowned Kinglet 3

Hermit Thrush 1

American Robin 6

Brown Thrasher 1

European Starling 8

Northern Parula 2

Black throated Blue 2

Yellow Rumped 60+

Pine Warbler 1

Palm Warbler 12

Black & White 2

Common yellowthroat 1

Eastern Meadowlark 2

Common Grackle 6

Eastern Towhee 8

Chipping Sparrow 4

Field Sparrow 10

Savannah Sparrow 6

Song Sparrow 8

Red-winged Blackbird 6

Eastern Meadowlark 2

Common Grackle 4

Brown-headed Cowbird 4

House Finch 4

American Goldfinch 24

House Sparrow 16

(trip report from Susan LaBree)

**April 8, 2018 Bolton Flats**

Leader:  Kevin Bourinot. Observers:  13. Weather:  26°F low, 44°F High. Cold with clear skies with low wind. We walked in the north and south side of 117 entrances. Highlights:  Northern Pintail, Green-winged Teal, Pied-billed Grebe, Bald Eagle, Osprey carrying nesting material, Wilson's Snipe, Lesser Yellowlegs, and large flocks of Common Grackles and Red-winged Blackbirds.

Species: 32

Canada Goose  28

Wood Duck  16

Mallard  28

American Black Duck  12

Northern Pintail  4

Green-winged Teal  6

Pied-billed Grebe  1

Osprey  2     One carrying nesting material.

Cooper's Hawk  1

Bald Eagle  1

Red-tailed Hawk  1

Killdeer  7

Wilson's Snipe  1

Lesser Yellowlegs  2

Ring-billed Gull  65

Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)  15

Red-bellied Woodpecker  3

Northern Flicker  1

American Kestrel  2

Blue Jay  4

American Crow  8

Tree Swallow  15

Black-capped Chickadee  1

Tufted Titmouse  1

White-breasted Nuthatch  2

Eastern Bluebird  3

American Robin  10

Song Sparrow  20

Northern Cardinal  3

Red-winged Blackbird  500

Common Grackle  900

American Goldfinch  12

(trip report from Kevin Bourinot)

**April 6, 2018 Woodcock Walk**

Leader: Laura Lane

The weather was drizzly and chilly, so no one showed up for the walk. The leader stayed about 30 minutes and following birds were recorded.

Species: 13

Osprey 1

Killdeer 1

Northern Flicker 1

Eastern Phoebe 1

Tufted Titmouse 1

Eastern Bluebird 2

American Robin 8

European Starling 5

Pine Warbler 2

Song Sparrow 3

Northern Cardinal 2

Red-winged Blackbird 4

Common Grackle 2

(trip report from Laura Lane)

**March 24, 2018 Lake Quaboag and the Brookfields**

Leader: Rodney Jenkins 9 people incl. leader. Weather: Partly sunny 34-42 degrees. Calm. Despite a very nice day for birding, land birds were very quiet and scarce. More like a mid-winter day of birding. No sign of any spring migrants such as Tree Swallow, Phoebe, etc.

Species: 40

Red-necked Grebe 1 (Quabog)

Great Blue Heron 3

Turkey Vulture 4

Canada Goose 33

Mute Swan 2

Wood Duck 9

Black Duck 1

Mallard 12

Ring-necked Duck 69

Bufflehead 4

Common Goldeneye 8

Hooded Merganser 14

Common Merganser 146

Red-breasted Merganser 2 (Lake Lashaway)

Bald Eagle 2 imm.

Red-tailed Hawk 2

Ring-billed Gull 52

Herring Gull 1

Rock Dove 12

Mourning Dove 14

Downy Woodpecker 4

Hairy Woodpecker 1

Blue Jay 4

American Crow 12

Black-capped Chickadee 2

Tufted Titmouse 8

White-breasted Nuthatch 2

Eastern Bluebird 1

Robin 6(only)

Mockingbird 2

Starling 12

Song Sparrow 3

White-throated Sparrow 1

Dark-eyed Junco 3

Cardinal 10

Red-winged Blackbird 15

Common Grackle 10

House Finch 3

Goldfinch 1

House Sparrow 10.

(trip report from Rodney Jenkins)

**February 10, 2018 Cape Ann**

It was a cloudy, balmy day for our annual Cape Ann Trip led by Dan Berard. Sixteen members and friends participated and others joined us along the way to enjoy our highlights. Our best bird was Atlantic Puffin but the variety of alcids seen was memorable. The Snowy Owl perched on the roof of the hotel across the street from the Puffin find was special also.

eBird Checklist Summary for: Feb 10, 2018

Number of Checklists: 10 Number of Taxa: 50

Checklists included in this summary:

(1): Eastern Point Wildlife Sanctuary & Dog Bar

Date: Feb 10, 2018 at 8:08 AM

(2): Jodrey State Fish Pier

Date: Feb 10, 2018 at 8:51 AM

(3): Gloucester--Fisherman's Monument

Date: Feb 10, 2018 at 9:34 AM

(4): 51–57 Eastern Point Blvd, Gloucester US-MA (42.5929,-70.6558) Date: Feb 10, 2018 at 10:36 AM

(5): Eastern Point Wildlife Sanctuary & Dog Bar

Date: Feb 10, 2018 at 10:50 AM

(6): Bass Rocks, Gloucester

Date: Feb 10, 2018 at 11:38 AM

(7): Rockport Harbor

Date: Feb 10, 2018 at 12:55 PM

(8): Granite Pier, Rockport

Date: Feb 10, 2018 at 1:29 PM

(9): Cathedral Ledge

Date: Feb 10, 2018 at 1:58 PM

(10): Andrews Point, Rockport

2 Brant (Atlantic) -- (4)

1 Canada Goose -- (5)

4 Gadwall -- (1),(5)

27 Mallard (Northern) -- (1),(2),(5),(7),(9)

25 American Black Duck -- (1),(5),(7),(8),(9)

1 Mallard x American Black Duck (hybrid) -- (7) 2 Northern Pintail -- (7)

59 Greater Scaup -- (3)

490 Common Eider -- (1),(2),(5),(8),(10)

399 Common Eider (Dresser's) -- (3),(4),(6),(7),(9),(10)

33 Harlequin Duck -- (8),(9),(10)

137 Surf Scoter -- (1),(2),(3),(4),(5),(6),(8),(9),(10)

184 White-winged Scoter (North American) -- (1),(2),(3),(5),(6),(8),(9),(10) 28 Black Scoter -- (6),(8),(9),(10)

152 Long-tailed Duck -- (1),(2),(3),(5),(6),(8),(9),(10)

82 Bufflehead -- (1),(2),(3),(4),(5),(6),(7),(8),(9),(10)

47 Common Goldeneye -- (1),(2),(3),(4),(5),(6),(8),(9),(10)

80 Red-breasted Merganser -- (1),(2),(3),(4),(5),(6),(8),(9),(10)

2 Red-throated Loon -- (6),(8)

35 Common Loon -- (1),(2),(3),(4),(5),(6),(8),(9),(10)

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17 Horned Grebe -- (3),(5),(6),(8),(9),(10)

2 Red-necked Grebe -- (6)

14 Great Cormorant (North Atlantic) -- (6),(7),(8),(9)

1 Cooper's Hawk -- (1)

24 Purple Sandpiper -- (1),(6)

2 Dovekie -- (9)

1 Thick-billed Murre -- (6)

1 Razorbill -- (6)

3 Black Guillemot -- (6)

1 Atlantic Puffin -- (6)

1 Black-legged Kittiwake -- (1)

6 Ring-billed Gull -- (1),(2),(4),(5)

109 Herring Gull -- (1),(2),(5)

93 Herring Gull (American) -- (3),(4),(6),(7),(8),(9),(10)

2 Iceland Gull (kumlieni) -- (9),(10)

51 Great Black-backed Gull -- (1),(2),(3),(5),(6),(8),(9),(10) 60 Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon) -- (3)

1 Mourning Dove -- (1)

1 Snowy Owl -- (6)

1 Blue Jay -- (7)

25 American Crow -- (1),(2),(3),(5),(6)

4 Black-capped Chickadee -- (5),(6),(8)

1 Golden-crowned Kinglet -- (4)

1 American Robin -- (6)

1 Northern Mockingbird -- (7)

30 European Starling -- (7),(8)

3 Song Sparrow -- (1),(4),(5)

3 Northern Cardinal -- (5)

6 House Finch -- (2),(4)

33 House Sparrow -- (2),(3),(4)

(trip report from Dan Berard and Deb Berard)

**January 1, 2018 Worcester**

On 1/1/2018 John Shea lead 5 hardy birders on a short trip in Worcester. It was 7 degrees out with below 0 wind chill. There was no open water anywhere, not many birds around.

Species (7):

Red tail Hawk 2

Peregrine Falcon 2

Blue Jay 4

White Breasted Nuthatch 2

Pigeon 5

Mourning Dove 1

Starling 15

(trip report from John Shea)