

Seasonality

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spring

March - May

S

summer

June - August

F

fall

September - November

W

winter

December - February

Front image:

Ruddy Turnstone

by Aaron Maizlish

* Detected during **National Park Service Northeast Temperate Network (NETN)** volunteer coastal breeding bird surveys or past evidence of nesting in park.

† Expected to occur in park but no recent detections.

‡ Vagrant/Accidental: Far outside expected breeding, wintering or migrating range or otherwise unexpected in the park.

Chances of Detection:

A - Abundant: Occurs in moderate to large numbers and easily found in appropriate habitat.

C - Common: Found in moderate numbers and usually easy to find in appropriate habitat.

U - Uncommon: Small numbers and usually, but not always, found with some effort in appropriate habitat.

R - Rare: Occurs annually in very small numbers or in restricted habitat. Can be difficult to find.

O - Occasional/Accidental: Observed some years, but years can pass without being detected.

Blank spaces either indicate species absence or insufficient data.

Important Note: detection chances based on eBird data and may not reflect actual bird populations in the park.

# seen	Species	S	S	F	W
	Swans, Geese, and Ducks				
	Snow Goose			O	
	Brant	C		R	C
	Canada Goose*	U	C	U	C
	Mute Swan	U	U	R	U
	Wood Duck	O		O	
	American Wigeon ‡			O	O
	American Black Duck*	U	R	C	C
	Mallard*	R	R	U	U
	Blue-winged Teal			O	
	Northern Shoveler	O		O	
	Northern Pintail				O
	Green-winged Teal	R	R	R	
	White-winged Scoter	U	R	U	C
	Black Scoter	R		R	U
	Greater Scaup	U			A
	Lesser Scaup	R		R	R
	King Eider	O		O	O
	Common Eider*	C	C	C	A
	Harlequin Duck	O			O
	Surf Scoter	U		C	C
	White-winged Scoter	U	R	C	C
	Long-tailed Duck	U		U	U
	Bufflehead	C		C	C
	Common Goldeneye	R			C
	Barrow's Goldeneye ‡				R
	Hooded Merganser	O		O	O
	Common Merganser			R	R
	Red-breasted Merganser	C		U	C
	Ruddy Duck			O	O
	New World Quail				
	Northern Bobwhite †				
	Partridges, Grouse, and Turkeys				
	Ring-necked Pheasant	O		O	
	Ruffed Grouse †				
	Wild Turkey	R	R	R	R
	Grebes				
	Pied-billed Grebe	O		O	
	Horned Grebe	U		U	U
	Red-necked Grebe	R		R	R
	Pigeons and Doves				
	Rock Pigeon*	R	R	U	U
	Mourning Dove*	R	R	R	R
	Cuckoos				
	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	R	O	O	
	Black-billed Cuckoo	R	R		

# seen	Species	S	S	F	W
	Swifts				
	Chimney Swift	R	R	R	
	Hummingbirds				
	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	R	R	R	
	Rails, Gallinules, and Coots				
	Clapper Rail			O	
	American Coot			O	
	Oystercatchers				
	American Oystercatcher*	R	U	O	
	Lapwings and Plovers				
	Black-bellied Plover	U	R	U	O
	American Golden Plover †			O	
	Semipalmated Plover	O	C	R	
	Killdeer*	R	R	R	
	Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies				
	Whimbrel	O	O		
	Hudsonian Godwit		O		
	Marbled Godwit ‡		O		
	Ruddy Turnstone	R	R	R	O
	Red Knot †				
	Sanderling	O	R	R	O
	Dunlin	O		O	O
	White-rumped Sandpiper †				
	Pectoral Sandpiper			O	
	Semipalmated Sandpiper	O	C	O	
	Western Sandpiper ‡		O		
	Short-billed Dowitcher		U	O	
	Long-billed Dowitcher ‡				
	Wilson's Snipe	O		O	
	American Woodcock	O	O	O	
	Spotted Sandpiper*	R	R	R	
	Solitary Sandpiper	O	O	O	
	Greater Yellowlegs	R	U	U	O
	Willet*	O	O	O	
	Lesser Yellowlegs	R	R	R	
	Red-necked Phalarope ‡				
	Auks, Murres, and Puffins				
	Thick-billed Murre ‡				O
	Razorbill	O			R
	Black Guillemot	O			R
	Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers				
	Black-legged Kittiwake ‡			O	O
	Bonaparte's Gull	O	O	R	R
	Black-headed Gull ‡			O	
	Laughing Gull		U	C	
	Ring-billed Gull	U	U	C	C
	Herring Gull*	C	A	A	A

Species compiled using NETN coastal breeding bird monitoring data, eBird, and NPSpecies information as of 10/2017. For more about breeding bird monitoring in the Boston Harbor Islands, see <https://www.nps.gov/im/netn/boha.htm>.

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Potential bird encounters in the islands throughout the calendar year.



Bird Checklist

# seen	Species	S	S	F	W
	Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers (cont.)				
	Iceland Gull	O			O
	Lesser Black-backed Gull	O	O	R	R
	Glaucous Gull	O			O
	Great Black-backed Gull*	C	C	C	C
	Least Tern	R	U		
	Caspian Tern			R	
	Black Tern		O		
	Roseate Tern		O		
	Common Tern*	R	C	R	
	Arctic Tern		O		
	Forster's Tern		O	O	
	Royal Tern ‡		O		
	Loons				
	Red-throated Loon	R		U	U
	Common Loon	U	R	R	U
	Cormorants				
	Double-crested Cormorant*	U	C	A	O
	Great Cormorant	R	R	R	U
	Pelicans				
	American White Pelican		O		
	Brown Pelican		O		
	Bitterns, Herons, and Allies				
	American Bittern		O		
	Great Blue Heron	U	C	A	O
	Great Egret*	U	R	R	
	Snowy Egret *	R	R	R	
	Little Blue Heron	O	O	O	
	Tricolored Heron ‡		O		
	Green Heron*	O	O		
	Black-crowned Night-Heron*	U	R	O	
	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	O			
	Ibises and Spoonbills				
	Glossy Ibis*	R	R		
	New World Vultures				
	Turkey Vulture	R	R	R	O
	Ospreys				
	Osprey	R	R	R	
	Hawks, Kites, Eagles, and Allies				
	Bald Eagle	R	R	R	R
	Northern Harrier	R	R	R	R

American Oystercatcher
by Kelly Colgan Azar



# seen	Species	S	S	F	W
	Hawks, Kites, Eagles, and Allies (cont.)				
☐	Sharp-shinned Hawk	R	R	R	R
☐	Cooper's Hawk*	R	R	R	R
☐	Northern Goshawk		O		O
☐	Red-shouldered Hawk	O		O	
☐	Broad-winged Hawk	O	O	O	
☐	Red-tailed Hawk	R	R	R	R
☐	Rough-legged Hawk				O
	Barn Owls				
☐	Barn Owl			O	
	Typical Owls				
☐	Eastern Screech-Owl	O	O	R	R
☐	Great Horned Owl*	R	R	O	R
☐	Snowy Owl			O	R
☐	Barred Owl			O	O
☐	Northern Long-eared Owl				O
☐	Short-eared Owl	O			O
	Kingfishers				
☐	Belted Kingfisher*	R	R	R	O
	Woodpeckers and Allies				
☐	Red-bellied Woodpecker*	R	R	U	R
☐	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	O		R	R
☐	Downy Woodpecker*	U	R	U	R
☐	Hairy Woodpecker	R	R	R	R
☐	Northern Flicker*	U	R	R	R
☐	Pileated Woodpecker	O		O	
	Falcons				
☐	American Kestrel	R	O	R	O
☐	Merlin	O	O	R	R
☐	Peregrine Falcon	R	R	R	R
	Tyrant Flycatchers				
☐	Olive-sided Flycatcher	O			
☐	Eastern Wood-Pewee	R	R	O	
☐	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher		O	O	
☐	Alder Flycatcher		O		
☐	Willow Flycatcher*	R	R		
☐	Least Flycatcher	O		O	
☐	Eastern Phoebe*	U	R	U	
☐	Great Crested Flycatcher	R	R	O	
☐	Tropical Kingbird ‡			O	
☐	Eastern Kingbird*	R	R	O	
	Shrikes				
☐	Northern Shrike				O
	Vireos				
☐	White-eyed Vireo	O	O	O	
☐	Yellow-throated Vireo		O		
☐	Blue-headed Vireo	R		R	
☐	Philadelphia Vireo			O	
☐	Warbling Vireo*	R	R	O	
☐	Red-eyed Vireo*	R	R	R	
	Jays and Crows				
☐	Blue Jay*	U	R	C	C
☐	American Crow*	C	U	C	U
☐	Fish Crow	R	O	R	O
☐	Common Raven	O		O	O
	Larks				
☐	Horned Lark			O	O
	Swallows				
☐	Purple Martin		O		
☐	Tree Swallow*	U	C	A	
☐	Northern Rough-winged swallow*	R	U		
☐	Bank Swallow	O	R		
☐	Barn Swallow*	U	C	R	
	Chickadees and Titmice				
☐	Black-capped Chickadee*	U	R	C	C
☐	Tufted Titmouse*	U	R	C	U
	Nuthatches				
☐	Red-breasted Nuthatch	O	O	R	R
☐	White-breasted Nuthatch*	R	R	U	U
	Creepers				
☐	Brown Creeper	O		R	O

Name _____

Date _____ Time _____

☐ Entered into eBird ?

The Boston Harbor Islands have been setup as many “hotspots” in eBird - a real-time online checklist program. Become a citizen scientist and enter your checklist on their website. Doing so will improve this list and give the park a more complete picture of bird usage among its islands. See more at www.ebird.org

# seen	Species	S	S	F	W
	Wrens				
☐	House Wren*	R	R	R	
☐	Winter Wren	O	O	R	O
☐	Sedge Wren			O	
☐	Marsh Wren	O		O	
☐	Carolina Wren*	R	R	R	O
	Gnatcatchers				
☐	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	R	O	O	
	Kinglets				
☐	Golden-crowned Kinglet	R		U	O
☐	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	R		U	
	Thrushes				
☐	Eastern Bluebird*	R	R	R	R
☐	Townsend's Solitaire			O	
☐	Veery		O	O	
☐	Swainson's Thrush	O		O	
☐	Hermit Thrush	R		R	R
☐	Wood Thrush		O		
☐	American Robin*	C	C	C	C
	Mockingbirds and Thrashers				
☐	Gray Catbird*	U	C	U	O
☐	Brown Thrasher*	R	R	R	O
☐	Northern Mockingbird*	R	R	R	U
	Starlings				
☐	European Starling*	C	C	C	A
	Waxwings				
☐	Bohemian Waxwing				O
☐	Cedar Waxwing*	R	U	U	U
	Old World Sparrows				
☐	House Sparrow*	U	U	U	U
	Wagtails and Pipits				
☐	American Pipit	O		R	R
	Fringilline and Cardueline Finches				
☐	House Finch*	R	R	U	U
☐	Purple Finch	O		R	
☐	Common Redpoll			O	O
☐	Red Crossbill				O
☐	White-winged Crossbill			O	R
☐	Pine Siskin	O		R	O
☐	American Goldfinch*	R	U	U	R
	Longspurs and Snow Buntings				
☐	Snow Bunting			U	U
	Wood-Warblers				
☐	Ovenbird	R	O	O	
☐	Worm-eating Warbler	O			
☐	Louisiana Waterthrush	O			
☐	Northern Waterthrush	O	O	O	
☐	Golden-winged Warbler			O	
☐	Blue-winged Warbler	O	R	O	
☐	Black-and-white Warbler	R	O	R	
☐	Tennessee Warbler	O		O	
☐	Orange-crowned Warbler			O	O
☐	Nashville Warbler	R		R	
☐	Connecticut Warbler ‡			O	
☐	Mourning Warbler	O		O	
☐	Common Yellowthroat*	U	R	R	O
☐	Hooded Warbler ‡	O			
☐	American Redstart*	R	R	R	
☐	Cape May Warbler			O	



Common Yellowthroat
by Andrew Reding

# seen	Species	S	S	F	W
	Wood-Warblers (cont.)				
☐	Cerulean Warbler ‡	O			
☐	Northern Parula	R		R	
☐	Magnolia Warbler	R		R	
☐	Bay-breasted Warbler	O			
☐	Blackburnian Warbler	R		O	
☐	Yellow Warbler*	C	R	R	
☐	Chestnut-sided Warbler	R		O	
☐	Blackpoll Warbler	R		R	
☐	Black-throated Blue Warbler	R		O	
☐	Palm Warbler	R		R	O
☐	Pine Warbler	R	O	O	
☐	Yellow-rumped Warbler	U	O	C	R
☐	Yellow-throated Warbler ‡		O		
☐	Prairie Warbler	O		O	
☐	Black-throated Green Warbler	R		R	
☐	Canada Warbler	O	O	O	
☐	Wilson's Warbler	R		R	
☐	Yellow-breasted Chat ‡			O	
	Emberizids				
☐	Eastern Towhee*	R	R	R	R
☐	American Tree Sparrow	R		R	R
☐	Chipping Sparrow*	R	R	U	
☐	Clay-colored Sparrow ‡			O	
☐	Field Sparrow	O	R	R	
☐	Vesper Sparrow			O	
☐	Lark Sparrow ‡				O
☐	Savannah Sparrow*	R	O	R	O
☐	Saltmarsh Sparrow*	O	O	O	
☐	Fox Sparrow	R		O	O
☐	Song Sparrow*	C	C	C	C
☐	Lincoln's Sparrow	O		O	
☐	Swamp Sparrow*	R	O	R	R
☐	White-throated Sparrow	U	O	C	U
☐	White-crowned Sparrow	O		R	
☐	Dark-eyed Junco	R		U	U
	Cardinals, Piranga Tanagers and Allies				
☐	Scarlet Tanager	R	O	O	
☐	Northern Cardinal*	U	R	U	C
☐	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	O	O	O	
☐	Blue Grosbeak ‡	O			
☐	Indigo Bunting	O	O	O	
☐	Painted Bunting ‡				O
☐	Dickcissel ‡	O		O	
	Blackbirds				
☐	Bobolink*	U	R	R	
☐	Red-winged Blackbird*	A	A	R	R
☐	Eastern Meadowlark	O		O	
☐	Rusty Blackbird			O	
☐	Common Grackle*	A	C	R	
☐	Brown-headed Cowbird	U	R		
☐	Orchard Oriole	R	R		
☐	Baltimore Oriole*	U	R	O	