

Worcester County Checklist and Reporting Form

This checklist is based on the second revision of a list originally developed by David K. Wetherbee (1950) as an annual reporting form for the Forbush Bird Club. The first revision was done by Jenkins, Blodget & McMenemy in 1974. The second revision was done in 1993 by Francis X. McMenemy and Bradford G. Blodget.

Estimated arrival and departure dates are indicated by numbers for the months and by letters A-D for the weeks of each month. For example, the Palm Warbler (4A-5B, 9A-11A) should be looked for from the first week of April through the second week of May in the spring and the first week of September through the first week of November in the fall. Breeding species appear in bold face type and the following abbreviations and symbols are used:

- + scattered reports during the winter
- * rare and/or local breeder
- ** erratic or infrequent breeder
- P.R. permanent resident or present throughout the year

Nomenclature and taxonomic order employed in this check-list follow the seventh edition of the *Check-list of North American Birds* (American Ornithologists' Union 1998) as revised through the 49th Supplement (2008).

Note that the checklist is structured for recording spring arrival and last fall dates for terminal migrants as well as for noting in and out dates in both spring and fall for passing migrants. Qualify localities, such as "Quabbin" or "Wachusett Reservoir," with the name of the town in which an observation was made. Sightings of species not included in the checklist ("write-ins") and extraordinary date records should be accompanied with full particulars, either attached or in the space provided. Email completed checklists to *The Chickadee* editor caronenv@aol.com by January 25 of the following year.

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