

**Seasonality**

<b>S</b>	spring	March - May
<b>S</b>	summer	June - August
<b>F</b>	fall	September - November
<b>W</b>	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.**

**Boston Harbor Islands**

U.S. Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Recreation Area  
Massachusetts



Potential bird encounters in the islands throughout the calendar year.



**Bird Checklist**

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>.

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

American Oystercatcher  
by Kelly Colgan Azar



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

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



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

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



Common Yellowthroat by Andrew Reding

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