

## **BBC PELAGIC 11.13.05**

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BBC PELAGIC BOAT TRIP: HYANNIS to NANTUCKET SHOALS, GREAT SOUTH CHANNEL, and

area EAST of MONOMOY I. (0630-1500 hrs.)

Weather: Mostly clear, S winds 10-15 mph, 50-56 F; seas: 2-4 feet, water temp: 51 F.

The weather and seas were about as placid as one might hope for at this time of the year. Some seventy birders on this Brookline Bird Club pelagic enjoyed almost continuous exciting action and excellent views amidst masses of shearwaters, gannets, and kittiwakes. Numbers of Pomarine Jaegers, several affording jaw-dropping views almost at arms length, and a couple of very close fulmars, were among the highlights. An added bonus on the return was a beachfront cruise along South Monomoy where we had a close encounter with more than twelve-hundred Gray Seals hauled out sunbathing on the beach.

Snow Goose (15): Incl. 2 "blue morph": Dropped in to S. Monomoy.

Canada Goose (30)-Hyannis.

Am. Black Duck (12)-S. Monomoy.

Common Eider (1000)-Nantucket Sound.

Surf Scoter (2100)-Nantucket Sound.

White-winged Scoter (130)-Nantucket Sound.

Black Scoter (120)-Nantucket Sound.

scoter sp. (800+)-Nantucket Sound.

Oldsquaw (1800)-Nantucket Sound.

Bufflehead (25)-Hyannis.

Red-breasted Merganser (35)-Nantucket Sound.

Red-throated Loon (9)

Common Loon (140)

Northern Fulmar (2-3 lt. morph)

Greater Shearwater (1100)

Sooty Shearwater (1)

Manx Shearwater (4)

Northern Gannet (2400)

Double-crested Cormorant (40): Most Hyannis.

Great Cormorant (1)

Great Blue Heron (1)-S. Monomy.

Northern Harrier (1)-S. Monomoy.

Pomarine Jaeger (12): Several aged: 2-3 'winter adults', and several immatures.

jaeger sp. (11): Although more distant, all believed likely POJA's.

Laughing Gull (6 ads.)  
Bonaparte's Gull (35)  
Ring-billed Gull (30)-Nantucket Sound.  
Herring Gull (2400+)  
Lesser Black-backed Gull (5): 3 ads.,1-3W, 1-1W.: all offshore.  
Great Black-backed Gull (500+)  
Black-legged Kittiwake (2300): Estimated 5% 1W.  
Common Tern (5)-Nantucket Sound.  
Sterna sp. (1)  
Razorbill (31): 9-Nantucket Sound.  
large alcid sp. (9)  
swallow sp. (7): 1-Hyannis, 6-S. Monomoy: All too distant!  
Pine Siskin (1): Approched the boat, about 20 miles offshore.

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Humpback Whale (10+)  
dolphin sp. (15+)  
Harbor Seal (1)  
Gray Seal (1200+): Hauled out in single herd on S. Monomoy.