

PREVIEWS

Now that the spring migration is over, we have time to rest and catch up on some of the birds that slipped by during May. There are many places to visit that can be rewarding in June and July.

The best area to visit is Mount Greylock in North Adams, Massachusetts. This Berkshire mountain is the highest in the state and has a large number of breeding birds. Along with hawks, Turkey Vultures can be seen soaring over the peaks at various places. Barred Owls call all night at the campground, Pileated Woodpeckers and Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers can also be found nearby. The "Hic-three beers" call of the Olive-sided Flycatcher can be heard in the hemlock woods halfway up the mountain road from North Adams. If you are energetic, a hike along Saddle Ball Trail could produce nesting Yellow-bellied Flycatcher and a Bicknell's Gray-cheeked Thrush. The early morning chorus of thrushes is well worth the trip. There are many nesting warblers, notably Mourning, which prefers the slopes near the summit; a tape recorder helps however. A side trip to Pleasant Valley Sanctuary or Tanglewood in Lenox makes this venture even more enjoyable.

Closer to home, Plymouth Beach hosts nesting Terns (Common, Arctic, Roseate and Least). Though it's only a three hour hike out to the tip, bring a lunch and spend the day.

Shorebirds start to return in July, and Monomoy Island off Chatham can be rewarding. Boats can take you over from the town landing; the cost is \$5.00 per person and \$3.00 to North Beach: See Art Gould Ferrys at Andrew Hardings Lane.

Southern specialities can be found in the Westport-South Dartmouth area. White-eyed Vireos and Hooded Warblers nest along River Road in Westport, and in the river Ospreys can be seen on their nests. There are Carolina Wrens throughout the area; again a tape recorder can be helpful. In the South Dartmouth area a visit to Demerest Lloyd State Forest will be rewarding: Grasshopper Sparrow in the scrub in back of the resthouse and nesting Sharp-tailed and Seaside Sparrows at Allens Pond. But ticks abound in the marsh so wear long pants. Another hazard of this area is Horseneck Beach, but try to do this early in the morning to avoid the massive beach crowd.

Good birding!

BIRD OBSERVER - is thinking about a fall two- or three-day weekend at sea. The trip would be limited to 40 persons. If there is sufficient interest, we will pursue this venture further. Contact immediately Robert Stymeist, 54 Banks St., Cambridge, Mass. 02138.

