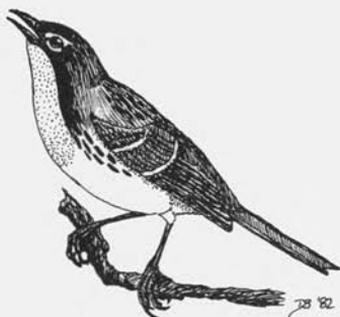


# Field Records:

## May 1982



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May 1982 was not exactly filled with good weather for spring migration. There was only one day, May 19, with southwest winds, those most favorable for migration, and only eight other days of south or southeast winds. May was a little on the cool side; the temperature averaged 57.8°, 2.6° cooler than May 1981. This was the coolest May since 1974 (54.7°); the highest temperature was 84° on the 20th, after the only southwest wind of the month. The low degree mark was 44° on the 3rd and 12th. Rain totaled 2.58 inches, the most in any day was 0.70 inch on May 29. The most depressing weather news for migration watchers was the frequency of easterly winds. In the past the strongest daily winds have had an easterly component on an average of only thirteen days, ranging from six days in 1956 to twenty days in 1948. This May set a new record of twenty-three days! This had the effect of depressing the daily maximum temperatures at Boston and contributed to the month's below normal temperatures. In fact, some inland suburbs had a warmer than normal May; and this also probably contributed to a better migration in the Connecticut Valley of Massachusetts. R.H.S.

### LOONS THROUGH HERONS

Common Loons were observed migrating especially during the last two weeks of the month from various locations including inland points. Breeding-plumage Red-necked and Horned grebes were noted early in the month, but only two Pied-billed Grebes were reported. A few Great Cormorants were found lingering in North Scituate and Plymouth as late as May 23.

Heron reports were scattered and not very noteworthy. Birders had trouble finding Cattle Egrets and Little Blue and Louisiana herons at their traditional haunts. Black-crowned Night Herons, however, continued to show an increase as shown by the number of reports received. At least twenty-five nests were found near Stage Island Pool at Parker River N.W.R., and many were found nesting on Monomoy. R.H.S.

<u>SPECIES/DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OBSERVERS</u>
Common Loon:			
2	SRV, Nant. Sound	2, 16	SSBC, D. Briggs#
20;22	Mt.A.; SRV, Hingham	3, 1, 9	R.Stymeist#; R.Walton, SSBC
22,30	Stellwagen, Monomoy	11, 14	W.Petersen#, SSBC
30,31	Pocasset	20 mig., 40 mig.	P. Hallowell
Red-throated Loon:			
11	Ipswich	2-3	J.Berry
Red-necked Grebe:			
6	Marblehead	1 br. pl.	R.Heil
Horned Grebe:			
16	Lynn	1 br. pl.	R.Stymeist#
Pied-billed Grebe:			
1	P.I.	2	BBC
Sooty Shearwater:			
30,31	Nantucket	35+, 2	C.Faunce, E.+C.Andrews
Wilson's Storm-Petrel:			
20,22	off Plymouth, Stellwagen	12, 350	B.Cassie, W.Petersen
30	Nantucket	100-150	C.Faunce

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Gannet:			
2,21	Nantucket Sound	10, 25	D.Briggs#, F.Bouchard
22	P.I., Stellwagen	1, 25	R.Heil, W.Petersen#
Great Cormorant:			
8,15,23	N.Scituate	5+, 20, 3	W.Petersen#
22	Plymouth	1	W.Petersen#
Double-crested Cormorant:			
2,4,15	SRV, P.I., Ipswich	13, 290, 95+	SSBC, D.Spencer, J.Berry
16,26	Mt.A.;Cat I.(Salem Harbor)	50; 1400	L.Robinson; J.Nove, S.Ingalls
Great Blue Heron:			
2,6	SRV, Rockport	4, 7	SSBC, P.Stangel
11,12	Mt.A.	7, 3	M.Greenwald, J.Berry
Green Heron:			
Reports of 1-7 individuals from various locations during the month			
Little Blue Heron:			
thr.	P.I.	1-3 (incl. 1 pied pl.)	v.o.
1,7	Squibnocket, S.Peabody	1, 1 ad.	V.Laux#, R.Heil
9,16,22	Marshfield	1	S.Smith# + v.o.
Cattle Egret:			
9,12	Marshfield, Beverly	6, 7	S.Smith, N.Claflin
16,22	Ipswich	1	R.Stymeist#, R.Heil#
26	Eagle I. (Salem)	12	J.Nove, S.Ingalls
Great Egret:			
thr.	Squantum	2-5	v.o.
4,8,9	P.I., Sandwich, E.Boston	1, 1, 1	D.Spencer, R.Pease, C.Jackson
16,28	Marshfield, Chappaquiddick	2, 2	BBC, BBC
Snowy Egret:			
thr.	P.I., Monomoy	max. 29, 30 prs.	nesting v.o., A.French
28,31	Chappaquiddick I.	25	BBC
Louisiana Heron:			
9,19	E.Boston, P.I.	1, 1	C.Jackson, A.Blaisdell
26,29	Monomoy, Chappaquiddick	1, 1	B.Nikula, BBC
Black-crowned Night Heron:			
thr.	P.I.	max. 60 ind. 25+ nests	R.Heil + v.o.
thr.	Monomoy	max. 70 ind. (nesting)	A.French#
26,27	Eagle I.(Salem), Belmont	21, 31	J.Nove#, L.Robinson
Yellow-crowned Night Heron:			
9,late May	W.Newbury, Duxbury	1 ad., 1	R.Stymeist#, K.Parsons
Least Bittern:			
22	Marshfield, P.I.	3, 1	D.Clapp, BBC
23	Wayland	2	R.Walton
American Bittern:			
4,8,18	P.I.	1, 2, 1	D.Spencer, BBC, BBC
4,5	Woburn, SRV	1, 3	G.Gove, R.Walton
11,16	Lynnfield, Ipswich	3, 1	W.VanCor#, D.Alexander
Glossy Ibis:			
thr.	P.I., Squantum	max. 19, max 20+	v.o., v.o.

#### WATERFOWL

Good numbers of Brant were noted all month at Squantum, Newburyport, East Boston, and Plymouth where about two hundred were still present as late as May 23. The staff at the Parker River N.W.R. continues to census the waterfowl on Plum Island and their counts are included in the tabulation below. The American Wigeon may be breeding on Plum Island; they were seen all month, but no young were observed. Oldsquaw numbered over a thousand in Newburyport Harbor and a few lingered at month's end. Late reports included a Bufflehead on May 30 and continued reports of good numbers of summering eiders and scoters. Harlequin Ducks were reported from Martha's Vineyard and East Orleans, and two King Eiders were noted at Squibnocket on Martha's Vineyard for nine days.

Most interesting is the report of a female Common Eider with two young seen in the outer Boston Harbor islands. This constitutes the first confirmed breeding of this species in Boston. R.H.S.

<u>SPECIES/DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBERS</u>	<u>OBSERVERS</u>
Mute Swan:			
2,22	Westport, Ipswich	150, pr. w 5 cygnets	G.Gove#, R.Stymeist#

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Canada Goose: 4	P.I.	447 incl. 2 broods of 7 & 5	D.Spencer
Brant: thr. 9,23	Squantum, P.I. E.Boston, Plymouth	max 335, max. 500+ 450, 200	v.o. C.Jackson, W.Petersen
Mallard: 4,26	P.I.	128, 139	D.Spencer
Black Duck: 4,26	P.I.	883, 280	D.Spencer
Gadwall: 4,26;16	P.I.; Ipswich	101, 87; 66	D.Spencer; BBC
Pintail: 1;4,26	P.I.	8; 2, 5	BBC; D.Spencer
Green-winged Teal: 4	P.I.	109	D.Spencer
Blue-winged Teal: 4,26	P.I.	30, 31	D.Spencer
American Wigeon: 4	P.I.	2	D.Spencer
Northern Shoveler: thr.	P.I.	3-5	v.o.
Wood Duck: 11	Lynnfield	14	BBC
Ring-necked Duck: 1,2	Sterling, SRV	15, 2	H.Merriman, SSBC
Common Goldeneye: 8	N.Scituate	1	W.Petersen#
Bufflehead: 8,16,30	Lincoln,Nahant,Plymouth	4, 2, 1	R.Stymeist#
Oldsquaw: 11,23	Newburyport	1000+, 10	R.Heil, BBC
Harlequin Duck: 1,2	Squibnocket, E.Orleans	4, 2	W.Manter, A.Williams
Common Eider: 22,26 late May	Scituate, Salem Outer Boston Harbor	250+, 425 <u>1 f. w/2 yg.</u>	SSBC, J.Nove# J.Hatch
King Eider: 11-19	Squibnocket	2	W.Manter, V.Laux, A.Brown
White-winged Scoter: 2,16	Nantucket Sound, Lynn	2000+, 350+	D.Briggs#, R.Stymeist#
Surf Scoter: 15,22 28	Plymouth, Lynn Squibnocket, Oak Bluff	250, 2 6, 1	W.Petersen#, R.Stymeist# A.Brown#
Black Scoter: 16,22 28	Lynn, Scituate Squibnocket	28, 75 150	R.Stymeist#, SSBC A.Brown#
Ruddy Duck: thr.	P.I.	max. 13	v.o.
Common Merganser: 16,22	Ipswich, Newburyport	2 m., 1 m.	J.Berry, R.Veit
Red-breasted Merganser: 1,18	P.I.	40, 25+	BBC, J.Berry

#### RAPTORS THROUGH GALLINULES

A Mississippi Kite was observed in Littleton on May 16. This constitutes the sixth record for Massachusetts, five in the last seven years. Bald Eagles were noted at Provincetown, Sandwich, and Newburyport. Ospreys totaled at least forty-two individuals in the Westport area with increasing numbers also noted on Martha's Vineyard, where many platforms for encouraging Ospreys to nest have been built. There was a good Broad-winged Hawk flight reported from Cape Cod but only fair numbers from Wachusett and Watatic all spring. Eight Peregrines, at least five of which were adults, were noted during the month.

A King Rail was well observed in Lynnfield and others were heard calling there at various times during the month. A Virginia Rail with two young was noted at West Harwich at month's end. A Purple Gallinule visited a family in Falmouth where it was photographed walking on the cars in their driveway!

R.H.S.

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<u>Turkey Vulture:</u>			
thr.,2	M.V., Dover	5, 2	W.Manter + v.o., C.Carruthers
5,9	P'Town, W.Newbury	5, 3	B.Nikula#, J.Heywood#
16	Ipswich, Milton	1, 4	BBC, SSBC
18	Westminster, Rowley	12, 2	R.Lawrence, D.Alexander
<u>Mississippi Kite:</u>			
16	Littleton	1	J.Baird
<u>Goshawk:</u>			
5,9	Winchester, Framingham	1 imm., 2	G.Gove, E.Morrier
<u>Sharp-shinned Hawk:</u>			
1;2,22	Dedham; Boxford, P.I.	1, 1; 2, 1	J.Marshall, P.Alden#; P.Roberts, BBC
8,18	N.Scituate, Wellesley	1, 1	W.Petersen, K.Winkler
<u>Cooper's Hawk:</u>			
7	Sandwich	1	R.Pease
<u>Red-tailed Hawk:</u>			
thr.	Ipswich	nest w/3 yg.	J.Berry + v.o.
<u>Red-shouldered Hawk:</u>			
1,2 on	Boxford, E.Middleboro	1, 1-2	P.Alden#, K.Anderson
16,20	Easton, Carlisle	2, 1	K.Ryan, R.Walton
<u>Broad-winged Hawk:</u>			
1	Wachusett, Eastham	74, 21	E. Mass. Hawk Watch
1	Lancaster, Boxford	15, 4	L.Taylor#, P.Alden#
16,18,21	Wellfleet, Sandwich, M.V.	100, 26+, 14	C.Goodrich, R.Pease, V.Laux#
<u>Bald Eagle:</u>			
16,18	P'Town, Sandwich	1 imm., 1 ad.	B.Nikula#, R.Pease
22	Newburyport	1 imm.	R.Veit # + v.o.
<u>Osprey:</u>			
thr.,2	Lakeville, Westport	pr nesting, 42	W.Petersen, G.Gove#
28-31,29	M.V., W.Newbury	12, 1	BBC, H.Weissberg#
<u>Peregrine Falcon:</u>			
2,6	P.I., Harwich	1 ad., 1 ad.	P.Roberts#, R.Heil
8,11+15	Monomoy, P.I.	1, 1 ad.	D.Folger, R.Heil + BBC
13,22	Ipswich, Newburyport	1, 1 ad.	R.Ferren, v.o.
20,31	Plymouth, Middleboro	1, 1 ad.	B.Cassie#, D.Briggs
<u>Merlin:</u>			
2,4,8	P.I.	3, 1, 1	P.Roberts, D.Spencer, BBC
5,9,22	Winchester, Newbypt, Rowley	1, 1, 1	C.Jackson, G.Gove#, R.Stymeist#
<u>King Rail:</u>			
12,15	Lynnfield (2 loc.)	1, 1 (seen)	J.Berry, J.Heywood#
Several reported heard on other dates in May at Lynnfield.			
<u>Clapper Rail:</u>			
22	Newburyport	1	R.Heil#
<u>Virginia Rail:</u>			
11,16	Lynnfield	12, 15	W.VanCor#, R.Stymeist#
14,29	S.Hanson, W.Harwich	5, pr w/2 yg.	W.Petersen, v.o.
<u>Sora:</u>			
11,22	Lynnfield, SRV	6, 4	BBC, R.Walton
<u>Common Gallinule:</u>			
8,16	P.I., Lynnfield	1, 4	BBC, R.Stymeist#
<u>Purple Gallinule:</u>			
16-31	Falmouth	1 ad. (ph.)	L.Hurwitch family#

#### SHOREBIRDS THROUGH ALCIDS

Oystercatchers may be extending their breeding range north in Massachusetts as two or three were reported at Plymouth Beach and were seen flying back and forth to Duxbury Beach from the 15th on. Five Piping Plover chicks were found on Plymouth Beach on the 30th and they appeared to have just recently hatched. Individual Golden Plovers were reported from Plum Island on the 2nd and the 19th; a rare Spring migrant, they have generally appeared during the last week of the month. Ruddy Turnstones apparently hit their migration peak at the end of the month.

Apparently some woodcock survived the April blizzard; adults with four chicks each were seen in Concord and in Abington. A Common Snipe was seen and heard winnowing over a wet meadow in West Newbury indicating possible nesting. This species has been a local breeder in the past. A total of NINETY-NINE Spotted Sandpipers was recorded on a field trip from Marshfield to North Scituate, an unprecedented number to be counted in one day.

A pair of Willets provided an impressive display of courtship climaxing in copulation, behind the Catholic Church at Plum Island, as reported by a group of voyeurs. Twenty Willets were counted on Monomoy on the 30th. Purple Sandpipers were still present in impressive numbers late in the month. Pectoral Sandpipers were reported in unimpressive numbers compared to the spring of 1981. Very rare in spring, a high-plumaged Long-billed Dowitcher was seen and heard calling repeatedly in Newburyport on May 11. Stilt Sandpipers, another rare spring migrant, were reported at three locations. A Western Sandpiper, also rare in spring with only twelve reports in twenty years (Bailey), was seen at Nahant and details were provided. Ruffs continued to be reported with at least five individuals seen. One in breeding plumage was very dark with a black iridescent head and a chestnut and black ruff.

Iceland and Glaucous gulls were present throughout the month with the latter species being reported on May 31. A Lesser Black-backed Gull, a second year bird, was present at Plymouth Beach in the latter half of the month and was possibly the same bird seen there the past winter. According to the description provided by W. Petersen, "this bird had a medium gray back with wing coverts containing lots of brown. The bill was basally light yellow with a dark tip and the legs were neutral in color. The size was slightly smaller than a Herring Gull." A Forster's Tern on Monomoy constitutes an unusual spring record although they are regular in late summer and fall. Five pairs of Arctic Terns were in the colony at Plymouth Beach and three "portlandica" Arctic Terns were seen on Monomoy. A Royal Tern was reported on Nantucket and six Caspian Terns were reported from three locations on May 2. A Thick-billed Murre at Provincetown was late as were Black Guillemots although later spring dates exist. G.W.G.

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American Oystercatcher:			
15-30	Plymouth Beach	max. 3	v.o.
19,23	Nantucket, N.Scituate	2, 2	F.Bouchard, W.Petersen#
28-31,30	M.V., Monomoy	7, 14 + 3 chicks	BBC, SSBC
Semipalmated Plover:			
18,26	P.I.	65, 128	BBC, D.Spencer#
19	SRV	2	R.Walton
Piping Plover:			
2,11	S.Dartmouth, Ipswich	2, 2	G.Gove#, J.Berry
16,26	P.I.	1, 4	T.Lawrence#, D.Spencer#
28,30	Plymouth	10, 4+5 chicks	W.Cornwell, R.Stymeist#
28-31,30	M.V., Nashawena	3, 2	BBC, P.Hallowell
Killdeer:			
2;15,29	SRV; W.Newbury	5; 6, 8	SSBC; BBC
Lesser Golden Plover:			
2,19	P.I.	1, 1	P.Alden, L.Robinson
15,21,22	Newburyport	1 ad., 1, 1	S.Denison#,A.Williams,BBC
Black-bellied Plover:			
1,18	Newburyport	40, 2200	BBC, R.Heil
9,14	Squantum	18, 50	C.Jackson#, S.Smith
22,26	Scituate, P.I.-PRNWR	100+, 50	SSBC, D.Spencer#
30	Monomoy	600	SSBC
Ruddy Turnstone:			
8,14	Newburyport, Squantum	2, 20	G.Gove, S.Smith
29,30	Plymouth	300, 60	W.Cornwell, G.Gove#
23,30	N.Scituate, Monomoy	45, 250	W.Petersen, SSBC
27,28-31	P.I., M.V.	1, 21	H.Wiggins#, BBC
American Woodcock:			
6;14,15	Lexington; Ipswich	6; 2, 1	BBC; J.Berry, D.Alexander
13	Concord	1 ad. + 4 yg.	R.Walton
15,18	Middleboro, Abington	5, 1 f.+ 4 yg.	W.Petersen
16	P.I.	3	R.Stymeist#
Common Snipe:			
2,11	SRV, Lynnfield	11, 2	SSBC, BBC
11	W.Newbury	1-2	R.Heil
Whimbrel:			
8,30	Monomoy, Westport	2, 1	D.Folger, BBC
Upland Sandpiper:			
1-2,20-21	Nantucket, M.V.	1, 1	D.Briggs, W.Manter#
8	Belmont, Eastham	1, 1	M.Reinstein#, B.Nikula
15-22	Newburyport	max. 3	v.o.
1,16	W.Newbury, P.I.	4, 1	BBC, R.Stymeist#
22	Marshfield	1	SSBC

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<u>Spotted Sandpiper:</u>			
1-14,17	Wenham, SRV	max. 7, 8	J. Berry, R. Walton
15;20,23	Orleans; N.Scituate	15;21,15	R. Prescott; J. Nichols#, W. Petersen#
20	N.Scituate to Marshfield	99	B. Cassie + K. Winkler
22	N.Scituate	23	SSBC
1 to 4 individuals from 11 locations.			
<u>Solitary Sandpiper:</u>			
1,3	M.V., Boxford; Natick	3, 1; 1	V. Laux#, BBC; C. Johnson
12,18	Topsfield, Medfield	6, 6	J. Berry, K. Ryan
1 to 4 individuals reported from 10 locations.			
<u>Willet:</u>			
4,19	P.I.	1, 3	D. Spencer#, L. Robinson
22	Newburyport	pr. copulating	R. Stymeist#
9,15	Squantum, Plymouth	1, 1	S. Smith, W. Petersen
28-31	Chappaquiddick	2	BBC
20,29	Nantucket, N.Scituate	2, 1	BBC, J. Nichols
30	Monomoy, Westport	20, 1	SSBC, BBC
<u>Greater Yellowlegs:</u>			
1,15,18	Newburyport	250, 45, 75	BBC
4,26	P.I.-PRNWR	41, 8	D. Spencer#
2	SRV, S.Natick	5, 1	SSBC, F. Hamlen
5,9	Weymouth, Squantum	6, 35	G. Wilson, C. Jackson
<u>Lesser Yellowlegs:</u>			
1;4,26	Newbypt; P.I. - PRNWR	30; 7, 2	BBC; D. Spencer#
<u>Red Knot:</u>			
9,15	Squantum, Newburyport	1, 2	C. Jackson, BBC
<u>Purple Sandpiper:</u>			
2;16,22	Westport; Lynn	35; 48, 118	G. Gove#; R. Stymeist#
8,15,23	N.Scituate	150+, 100+, 75	W. Petersen
2,9	Sandwich, Gloucester	12, 14	R. Pease, BBC
26	Salem	115	J. Nove#
<u>Pectoral Sandpiper:</u>			
1;22	P.I.; Newburyport, Topsfield	5; 2, 3	BBC; BBC, H. Wiggin#
<u>White-rumped Sandpiper:</u>			
16-22	P.I.	max. 10	v.o.
18,23;26	Newburyport	15, 4; 15+	BBC; R. Heil
22,23,27	Topsfield, Scituate, Plymouth	1, 1, 3	H. Coolidge#, D. Brown#, W. Petersen
<u>Least Sandpiper:</u>			
4,8	P.I.-PRNWR, Newburyport	53, 200	D. Spencer#, G. Gove#
12,17,18	Duxbury, Easton, Medfield	9, 10, 12	K. Ryan
12,16	Topsfield, W. Harwich	7, 200	J. Berry, B. Nikula
22	Scituate, Newbypt, Topsfield	150+, 150, 15	SSBC, BBC, H. Wiggin#
<u>Dunlin:</u>			
1,18,23	Newburyport	150, 65, 30	BBC
<u>Short-billed Dowitcher:</u>			
1;18,20;23	Newburyport	10; 5, 1; 8	BBC; J. Berry; BBC
26	Clinton	13	H. Merriman
<u>Long-billed Dowitcher:</u>			
11	Newburyport Harbor	1 high-pl.	R. Forster#
<u>Stilt Sandpiper:</u>			
1-2,4	P.I., WBWS	3, 1	P. Alden, W. Bailey
16,26	Topsfield, P.I.-PRNWR	1, 1	R. Stymeist, D. Spencer#
<u>Semipalmated Sandpiper:</u>			
18,19	Newburyport	60, 250	BBC
<u>Western Sandpiper:</u>			
17	Nahant	1 (details)	R. Heil
<u>Ruff:</u>			
2	Bolton Flats	1 f.	B. Blodget#
1,2	Newburyport	2, 2 f.	BBC(P. Alden), P. Roberts#
8	Newburyport	3 f., 1 m.*	C. Floyd#, G. Gove#
*Ruff in breeding plumage, very dark, black iridescent head, chestnut and black ruff.			
18	Newburyport	1 f.	R. Heil
<u>Sanderling:</u>			
15,26	Plymouth, P.I.-PRNWR	225, 250	W. Petersen#, D. Spencer#
<u>Wilson's Phalarope:</u>			
11-31	P.I.	max. 4	v.o.
7,22-24;16	Wayland; Topsfield	1 f., 1; 1 f.	B. Howell, R. Walton; R. Stymeist#

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Northern Phalarope:			
30	Monomoy	16	SSBC (W.Petersen)
Parasitic Jaeger:			
8,30	P'town, Monomoy	4, 1	R.Ferren, SSBC
22,27	Stellwagen	3, 2	W.Petersen#
Glaucous Gull:			
31	P'town	1 imm.	B.Nikula, N.Stabins
Iceland Gull:			
11;16,19	Newburyport; P'town	3 imm.; 1 imm., 1 ad.,	R.Heil; B.Nikula#
11,12	Clinton	1	H.Merriman
Great Black-backed Gull:			
4,26	P.I.-PRNWR	37, 80	D.Spencer
Lesser Black-backed Gull:			
15-30	Plymouth	1 2d yr.	W.Petersen + v.o.
Herring Gull:			
26	P.I.-PRNWR	125	D.Spencer#
Ring-billed Gull:			
4,26	P.I.-PRNWR	20, 10	D.Spencer#
Bonaparte's Gull:			
1,15,22	Newburyport	40, 40, 6	BBC
20,26	Ipswich, P.I.-PRNWR	19 imm., 15	J.Berry, D.Spencer
12	Clinton	13	H.Merriman
Laughing Gull:			
2,8	Westport, Newburyport	1, 1	R.Stymeist#, R.Heil#
15,28-31	N.Scituate, M.V.	2, 1	W.Petersen, BBC
Little Gull:			
22	Revere	1 imm.	C.Jackson
Black-legged Kittiwake:			
8,22,27	P'town; Stellwagen	3; 2, 1	R.Ferren; W.Petersen
Forster's Tern:			
26	Monomoy	1 imm.	B.Nikula
Common Tern:			
2	Westport, Hyannis	25, 30	R.Stymeist#, D.Briggs#
6,8	Marblehead, Newburyport	200, 7	R.Heil, BBC
18-31	P.I.	max. 45	v.o.
15,20	Ipswich	40, 10	J.Berry
7,14	Squantum	2, 3	C.Jackson, S.Smith
24,25	Clinton	4, 1	H.Merriman
29-31	M.V.	125	BBC
Arctic Tern:			
23-31	Plymouth	5 pair	R.Stymeist#, W.Petersen
28-31,30	M.V., Monomoy	2, 5 (portlandica)	BBC, W.Petersen
Roseate Tern:			
15,30	Plymouth	6	W.Petersen#, R.Stymeist#
15;20,28-31	P.I.; M.V.	1; 92, 50	H.Wiggin#; V.Laux, BBC
Least Tern:			
2	off Hyannis, S.Dartmouth	8, 2	D.Briggs, J.Heywood#
15-31	P.I.	max. 60	v.o.
9,22	Squantum, Scituate	2, 12	C.Jackson#, SSBC
28-31,30	M.V., Dartmouth	100, 5	BBC
Royal Tern:			
17	Nantucket	1	fide. E.Andrews
Caspian Tern:			
2	Scituate, Kingston, P.I.	4, 1, 1	J.Bird, B.Sorrie, P.Roberts
12	Plymouth	2	MBO Staff
Black Tern:			
15,24	P.I., Clinton	1, 1	BBC(W.Drummond),H.Merriman
20,21	Stellwagen, P'town	1, 1	R.Prescott, B.Nikula
30	Plymouth	1 ad.	J.Heywood#
Thick-billed Murre:			
5	P'town	1	R.Prescott
Black Guillemot:			
5,8	P'town	1, 3	R.Prescott, R.Ferren
8	N.Scituate	1	W.Petersen

#### CUCKOOS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

Although no Common Cuckoos were reported this May, there were more Yellow-billed and Black-billed cuckoos than last year. At least twenty-five Yellow-billed were

noted as compared to thirteen last May, likewise twenty-five Black-billed Cuckoos were recorded.

Barn Owls were reported on Monomoy and Martha's Vineyard. The Great Horned Owl at Mount Auburn Cemetery was seen daily by hundreds of birdwatchers who were really trying to find a wave of warblers! Two Short-eared Owl nests each containing five eggs were found on Monomoy. Outside of eastern Massachusetts, a Burrowing Owl was found in Northampton on May 4 (T. Gagnon); this is only the third state record for this species. The most recent record was a bird that spent the summer on Martha's Vineyard in 1980.

Chuck-will's-widows returned to Chappaquiddick where three were heard at month's end. Other Chucks were noted at Manomet where one was banded on May 18 and another (or the same bird) was found at nearby Scituate on May 22. Nighthawks arrived on city streets a little later than usual.

A Ruby-throated Hummingbird was banded at Manomet on the 12th and eighteen were counted on Plum Island on May 31. Red-bellied Woodpeckers were nesting in West Tisbury, and another was found in Boxford. Sapsuckers were few and far between with a late report on May 21. R.H.S.

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<u>Yellow-billed Cuckoo:</u>			
3,9	Milton, ONWR	2 (pr.), 1	M.Reinstein#, M.Lynch#
15,16;21	Holliston; Braintree	1, 1; 1	F.Hamlen,T.Raymond;G.d'Entremont
23,26	ONWR, Newburyport	8, 3	BBC (S.Carroll), R.Heil
26	SRV	3	R.Walton
27;29,30	Wellesley; Mt.A.	3; 1	K.Winkler, R.Stymeist
28	Lexington	1	J.Andrews
<u>Black-billed Cuckoo:</u>			
7,8,9	Marshfield,Whitman,Winchester	1, 1, 1	D.Clapp, W.Petersen, G.Gove
15,16,29	Waltham,Hopedale,W.Newbury	2, 2, 2	L.Taylor, T.Lipsky, BBC
16 individuals from 15 other locations.			
<u>Barn Owl:</u>			
6	Monomoy	2 (flushed in lighthouse)	A.French#
28-31	M.V.	2	BBC (R.Culbert)
<u>Screech Owl:</u>			
8	Wellesley	2	K.Winkler
<u>Great Horned Owl:</u>			
thr.	Mt.A.	1	everybody
2,4	E.Orleans, Lexington	2,2ad.+ 1yg.	A.Williams,L.Bogart(fide J.Andrews)
12,17	E.Middleboro, Weston	1, 1	K.Anderson, J.Carter
<u>Burrowing Owl:</u> (Outside eastern Massachusetts area.)			
4	Northampton	1	T.Gagnon#
<u>Barred Owl:</u>			
15,27	Middleboro, Dover	2, 1	W.Petersen, J.O'Connell
16	Boxford, IRWS	2, 1	T.Lawrence, D.Alexander#
<u>Short-eared Owl:</u>			
12,30	Monomoy (2 nests w/5 eggs each)	1, 2 pr.	SSBC, A.French#
<u>Chuck-will's-widow:</u>			
4,5;28-31	Chappaquiddick	1; 3	V.Laux, W.Manter#; BBC (R.Culbert)
18	MBO	1 b.	MBO Staff
22	Scituate	1 f.	J.Nichols + K.Jones
<u>Whip-poor-will:</u>			
2,6	E.Orleans, Manomet	1, 1	A.Williams, MBO Staff
15,16	Middleboro, Newburyport	10, 1	W.Petersen#, BBC
28-31	M.V.	5	BBC
<u>Common Nighthawk:</u>			
15;16	Brookline;Ipswich,Wellesley	1; 1, 1	R.Stymeist; BBC, K.Winkler
2,20,25	W.Tisbury	1	V.Laux#
21,26	Boston	1-2	J.Berry
26	Dover, Mt.A.	2, 5	F.Hamlen, BBC
<u>Chimney Swift:</u>			
1	Dover,W.Newbury,Waltham	1, 1, 8	F.Hamlen,BBC,J.Rufo
2	Mt.A., SRV	3, 8	BBC, SSBC
11,18	W.Newbury, Newburyport	65+, 100+	R.Heil
31	GMNWR	25	E.Porter
<u>Rudy-throated Hummingbird:</u>			
2,14	Wellfleet, MNWS	1, 1	A.Williams, M.Martinek
15	Mt.A., Newburyport, Manchester	1, 1, 1	BBC
12	Manomet	1 b.	MBO Staff

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Ruby-throated Hummingbird (continued):			
10;18,26	Mt.A.	1; 1, 1	F.Bouchard; L.Robinson
22	Nahant	1 m. in courting	flight H.Coolidge#
27	Wellesley, Cape Cod Bay	2, 3 migrating	K.Winkler, W.Petersen
28-31	M.V.	2	BBC
29,31	P.I.	5, 18	G.Gove, R.Stymeist#
30,31	4 individuals from 4 locations.		
Belted Kingfisher:			
2,3,15,21	Mt.A.	1	BBC
9;15	Gloucester;Newburyport,Winchester,Manchester	1; 1, 1, 1	BBC
Pileated Woodpecker:			
5,6	Sudbury, Wellesley	1, 1	R.Hale, K.Winkler
8,14,15	W.Medway,Wenham,Manchester	1, 1, 1	B.Hull, J.Berry, BBC
16	Boxford, IRWS	1, 1	BBC, D.Alexander
12,31	GMNWR	1, 1	E.Porter, J.Carter
23	Milton	1	D.Brown#
Red-bellied Woodpecker:			
thr.	W.Tisbury	pr. nesting	V.Laux#
8	Boxford	1 m.	L.Robinson
Red-headed Woodpecker:			
1-5	Woburn	1 ad. there since 11/27/81 as imm.	G.Gove
8	W.Newbury	1 ad.	D.Briggs + D.Davis
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:			
1,21	Newburyport, Mt.A.	1, 1	BBC, J.Barton

#### FLYCATCHERS THROUGH VIREOS

Other than the single report of good numbers along the Mashua River, few phoebes were seen. This is clear indication of significant mortality as a result of the April blizzard. The count of three hundred Barn Swallows at West Harwich was quite a bit above reports from the preceding few years. Cliff Swallows were seen regularly throughout the month at Plum Island, with a maximum of sixteen individuals, typical of recent years. There was a quite noticeable northward migration of Blue Jays, as all reports were of numbers in the hundreds. Interestingly, the movement encompassed a time span of over three weeks. Fish Crows which inexplicably have been absent from Cape Cod for the last fifty years were sighted in Provincetown.

Swainson's Thrush numbers at Manomet peaked during the last week of the month when FIFTY-ONE were banded in one day. Only a few reports were received of breeding bluebirds. Also observed were several single bluebird wanderers late in the month. A very well documented report of the western, "plumbeus" form of Solitary Vireo was received from Newton. The most noticeable mark of this bird was the total lack of yellow coloration. It had very distinct wingbars and a gray back and rump.

This spring's warbler migration showed good diversity, with a total of thirty-nine species reported including some juicy rarities. Similarly to last year, there were few if any good "wave" days with high counts of any species. This lack of numbers may have been the result of the prevalent east winds keeping most migrants well to the west of our reporting area.

In a situation such as the Prothonotary Warbler reports from two sites in Quincy separated by a time span of three days, one has to speculate as to whether this was a single individual. Worm-eating Warblers occurred in typical numbers this spring, but three in one day at a Weston site is a recent high. A BBC party heard lots of Tennessee Warbler song in Essex County, contributing a surprising count of sixty individuals in one day. For some reason, probably not weather-related, May 17 was the day for Cerulean Warbler. Interestingly, all Cerulean reports were concentrated in a five-day period.

The Louisiana Waterthrushes at Boxford were breeders, with some of the six birds seen on May 22 being recently fledged young. Initially two Kentucky Warblers, both singing males, were reported from the Carlisle conservation land site. Only one remained beyond the first day, that one for the rest of the month and into the summer. A very detailed report of a possible Connecticut Warbler was received from the Middlesex Fells on May 27. This species is almost unknown in our region in spring, and the individual was apparently not in a typical plumage. Thus, due to lack of a photograph or specimen, this bird must go into the records under the catagory Oporornis species.

A Swainson's Warbler was observed by many at the Provincetown Beech Forest for three days after its discovery on May 4. The bird was well seen and heard. This is a long-awaited first state record and is the subject of a detailed report elsewhere in this issue.

Shortly after entering Mount Auburn Cemetery on May 8, William and Barbara Drummond stopped to investigate what was undoubtedly THE warbler excitement of the season. They had heard a Parula Warbler song. What they (and many others over the next four to five hours) saw seemed closest to the field guide plates for Yellow-throated or Grace's warbler. Attempts were made to photograph the bird, but given the height at which it was foraging and the lighting there, good results are not expected. There was much discussion and some disagreement among the viewers. It is hoped that further details will be submitted. It is probably most equitable to consider this warbler a hybrid closely resembling a "Sutton's" Warbler, a bird known only from two West Virginia specimens and a handful of sightings. L.E.T.

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Eastern Kingbird:			
1	Sudbury, Lancaster	1, 1	R.Walton, G.Gove#
15,23	P.I.	16, 30	BBC
22,28-31	Mt.A., M.V.	8, 21	BBC
Great-crested Flycatcher:			
2	Saugus, Mt.A.	1, 1	BBC
9,15	Saugus, Manchester	3, 3	BBC
28-31,29	M.V., Newburyport	12, 8	BBC
Eastern Phoebe:			
1	Lancaster	12	R.Stymeist#
16	Ipswich, Milton	3, 3	BBC, SSBC
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:			
23, 26	Mt. A., P.I.	1, 1	L.Taylor#, R.Heil
27,31	MNWS, P'town	2, 2	C.Blasczak, B.Nikula
25-31	5 locations.	7 individuals	v.o.
Acadian Flycatcher:			
22,26	P.I., Milton	1, 1	H.Wiggin#, D.Brown
21,26;27	P'town; M.V.	1, 1; 2	B.Nikula; V.Laux#
Willow Flycatcher:			
18	Belmont, W.Newbury	1, 1	L.Robinson, J.Berry
22,23	Lynnfield, Harvard	6, 5	H.Wiggin#, BBC
29,31	Newburyport, P.I.	5, 4	BBC, R.Stymeist#
Alder Flycatcher:			
15,23	Lancaster, Harvard	1, 2	H.Merriman, BBC
27,31	Dedham, Bolton	1, 6	T.Raymond, B.Parker
Least Flycatcher:			
9	Mt.A., Harvard	2, 2	v.o., M.Lynch#
10-30	9 locations	23 individuals	v.o.
23,31	Harvard, MNWS	5, 5	BBC, C.Blasczak
Eastern Wood Pewee:			
15,16	Manchester, Hopedale	1, 2	BBC, T.Lipsky
16-31	9 locations	19 individuals	v.o.
28-31, 30	M.V., Westport	8, 11	BBC
Olive-sided Flycatcher:			
20,22	P'town, P.I.	1, 1	B.Nikula, M.Argue
26-31,31	6 locations, Bolton Flats	8 singles, 2	v.o., B.Parker
Horned Lark:			
20,22	P.I., N.Scituate	2 m., 3	J.Berry, SSBC
28-31	M.V.	15	BBC
Tree Swallow:			
5,9	Duxbury, Gloucester	50, 35	K.Ryan, BBC
22,28-31	P.I., M.V.	150+, 25	BBC
Bank Swallow:			
2,15-17	SRV, Rowley	1, 120	SSBC, BBC
18-30,30	Medfield, Wellesley	60, 20	K.Ryan#, K.Winkler
31	Bolton Flats	6	B.Parker
Rough-winged Swallow:			
1,7	Ayer, MNWS	15, 2	R.Stymeist#, C.Blasczak
15	Rowley, Mt. A.	4, 2	BBC
20,21	Ipswich, N.Scituate	4, 6	J.Berry, B.Cassie#
28-31	M.V.	5	BBC
Barn Swallow:			
6,28-31	W.Harwich, M.V.	300, 50	B.Nikula#, BBC
29,30	P.I., Westport	63, 30	BBC

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Cliff Swallow:			
8,8-29	N.Scituate, P.I.	1, 16 max.	W.Petersen#, v.o.
14,16	Medford, Marshfield	1, 1	C.Jackson, BBC
16-31	M.V.	2	v.o.
Purple Martin:			
thr.,3	P.I., Newton	125 max., 1	v.o., N.+O. Komar
15,21	Middleboro, Hull	20, 1	W.Petersen#, B.Cassie
28-31,30	M.V., Monomoy	4, 1	BBC, SSBC
Blue Jay:			
2,8	SRV, N.Scituate	200, 200+	SSBC, W.Petersen
20,26	P.I.	130+,120+ (all migrants)	B.Perron#,R.Heil
Fish Crow:			
thr.,1	Mt.A., Lexington	3, 2	v.o., F.Bouchard
2,8	Saugus, N.Scituate	2, 2	BBC, W.Petersen#
14,16	Middlesex Fells, <u>P'town</u>	2, 2+	P.Roberts, B.Nikula#
Red-breasted Nuthatch:			
thr.	E.Middleboro	2+	K.Anderson
thr.	9 locations	15 individuals	v.o.
Brown Creeper:			
1,2	Boxford, SRV	1, 2	BBC, SSBC
5,11	Waltham, Ipswich	3, pr.	J.Rufo, J.Berry
House Wren:			
1	Waltham, Boxford	2, 2	J.Rufo, P.Alden#
9	Saugus, Winchester	4, 4	BBC
15;30	Manchester,Medford;Westport	8, 8; 8	BBC
Winter Wren:			
1-3,15	Dover, Manchester	1, 1	F.Hamlen, BBC
Carolina Wren:			
15,22	Wayland, Marshfield	1, 1	H.Parker, SSBC
28-31,30	M.V., Westport area	5, 4	BBC
Marsh Wren:			
8,11	Newburyport area, Lynnfield	3+, 3	BBC
22,23-29	Marshfield, P.I.	5, 30 max.	SSBC, BBC
Gray Catbird:			
1	Dover, Mt.A.	1, 2	F.Hamlen, F.Bouchard
8,9	P.I., Saugus	15+, 12	BBC
16	Marshfield, Ipswich	50+, 16	BBC
Brown Thrasher:			
2,2-22	Brookline, Mt.A.	2, 4 max.	D.Arvidson#, v.o.
8,18-22	MNWS, P.I.	3, 6 max.	C.Blaszczak, v.o.
Wood Thrush:			
3,8	Winchester, Ipswich	1, 2	G.Gove, J.Berry
9-10,16	Mt.A., Milton	3 max., 6	v.o., SSBC
28-31, 30	M.V., Westport area	25, 14	BBC
Hermit Thrush:			
1	MNWS, Mt.A.	2, 2	BBC, F.Bouchard
8	P.I., Waltham	2, 2	BBC, J.Rufo
14,27	Duxbury, Dover	2, 2	K.Ryan, J.O'Connell
Swainson's Thrush:			
8,9-28	Mt.A.	1, 5 max.	N.Mueller#, v.o.
14,27	S.Peabody, P'town	9, 20	R.Heil, B.Nikula#
27,31	Wollaston, W.Roxbury	15, 1	W.Cornwell, R.Stymeist
27	MBO	<u>51 b.</u>	MBO Staff
Gray-checked Thrush:			
14,16	S.Peabody, Cambridge	2, 3	R.Heil, T.Lawrence
29	Mt.A.	3	R.Stymeist
Veery:			
7,8	Newton, Newburyport	1, 1	N.+O. Komar, BBC
9,26	Mt.A., P'town	3, 4	L.Taylor#, B.Nikula#
27,31	MNWS, Natick	4, 5	C.Blaszczak, BBC
26	MBO	12	MBO Staff
Eastern Bluebird:			
thr.,8	WBWS, S.Hanson	1-2 pr., 1 pr.	W.Bailey#, W. Petersen
8,18	Worcester, Middleboro	2, 1 m.	M.Lynch#, J.+E.McNeill
20,30	Rockport, Mt.A.	1 f., 1 f.	P.Stangel, R.Stymeist#
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:			
1	W.Newbury, Dighton	6, 1 pr.(+nest)	BBC, D.Emerson
6,5-19	MNWS, P'town	4, 7 max.	C.Blaszczak, B.Nikula#
16	Milton, Boxford	5, 10	SSBC, BBC
23	Lakeville	1 m. (territorial)	B.Sorrie#

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<b>Ruby-crowned Kinglet:</b>			
1	Boxford, MNWS	8, 3	BBC
2,8	Mt.A., P.I.	15, 6	L.Taylor, BBC
18,22	Newbypt, P.I.	4, 1	BBC
<b>Water Pipit:</b>			
1-2,5	Bolton, Brookline	30, 1	H.Merriman, R.Stymeist#
15,18	SRV, P.I.	8, 1	R.Walton, BBC
<b>Cedar Waxwing:</b>			
19,21	P.I., Mt.A.	20, 30+	L.Robinson, v.o.
27,29	Rockport, Mt.A.	50, 100	P.Stangel, R.Stymeist
31	P'town	30	B.Nikula
<b>White-eyed Vireo:</b>			
3,6-7	Newton, MNWS	1, 1	N.+O.Komar, C.Blaszczak
8,9	Whitman, Dedham	1, 1	W.Petersen#, J.Marshall
9,15-17	Nahant, Waltham	1, 1	T.Lawrence#, J.Rufo
15-29,15-16	N.Scituate, IRWS	1, 1	v.o., D.Alexander
22,30	Ipswich, Dartmouth	pr. (+nest), 3	J.Berry#, BBC
<b>Yellow-throated Vireo:</b>			
14-23,15	ONWR, Andover	6 max., 2	S.Carroll#, BBC
16;18	Newbypt.;Hopedale,Brookline	1; 2, 1	C.Floyd#; T.Lipsky, H.Wiggin
18-31	6 locations	6 singles	v.o.
<b>Solitary Vireo:</b>			
1,2-20	Boxford, Mt.A.	5, 8 max. (5/16)	BBC, v.o.
6	Newton 1 (plumbeous subspecies well described)		N.Komar
15,16	Newburyport, Milton	6, 7	BBC, SSBC
29,30	P'town, Chatham	2, 1	B.Nikula, W.Petersen
<b>Red-eyed Vireo:</b>			
9,10	SRV, Braintree	1, 3	R.Walton, G.d'Entremont#
12-22,28-31	Mt.A., M.V.	7 max. (5/20), 75	v.o., BBC
30,31	Westport area, MNWS	27, 16	BBC, C.Blaszczak
<b>Philadelphia Vireo:</b>			
14,26	Braintree, WBWS	1, 1	G.d'Entremont#, C.Goodrich
<b>Warbling Vireo:</b>			
8	Cambridge, Newburyport	6, 5	M.Reinstein#, C.Floyd#
11,14	Belmont, Halifax	4, 2	L.Robinson#, W.Petersen
16,22	Milton, Lynnfield-Newbury	2, 6	SSBC, H.Wiggin#
<b>Black-and-white Warbler:</b>			
1,2-31	Wenham, Mt.A.	11, 17 max.(5/8)	J.Berry, v.o.
6,16	MNWS, Marshfield	17, 12	C.Blaszczak, BBC
27,31	Dover, Annisquam	1, 1	J.O'Connell, H.Wiggin
<b>Prothonotary Warbler:</b>			
2,5	Wollaston, Squantum	1, 1	D.Brown
27-31	Sharon	1 m.	M.Shannon# + v.o.
<b>Swainson's Warbler:</b>			
4-6	P'town	1	J.Young# + v.o.
<b>Worm-eating Warbler:</b>			
2,8-9	Boxford, Mt.A.	1, 1	L.Robinson, BBC (Komars)
9,13	Dorchester, Ipswich	1, 1	K.Winkler, R.Ferren
16-19,16	Hopedale, Dover	1, 1	T.Lipsky, T.Raymond#
18,23	P'town, Weston	1, 1 m.	C.Goodrich, R.Walton
13	Weston	3	L.+D.Stokes
<b>Golden-winged Warbler:</b>			
2,9	Dover, Framingham	1, 1	F.Hamlen, E.Morrier
15-26,17	W.Newbury, Rowley	3 max., 1	v.o., R.Alexander#
20,23	MNWS, Norwell	1, 1 m.	C.Blaszczak, D.Clapp#
<b>Blue-winged Warbler:</b>			
4,8-29	Winchester, W.Newbury	1, 16 max. (5/16)	G.Gove, v.o.
6-15,9	Mt.A., Framingham	5 max., 3	v.o., E.Morrier
23,28-31	ONWR, M.V.	1, 4	BBC
30	Dartmouth	2	BBC
<b>"Brewster's" Warbler:</b>			
8	Worcester (airport), W.Newbury	1, 1 m.	M.Lynch#, R.Heil
16,27	W.Newbury, Milton (FM)	2, 1	v.o., T.Raymond#
<b>Tennessee Warbler:</b>			
10,11-31	Mt.A.	2, 15 max. (5/20)	F.Bouchard, v.o.
14,15	Medford, Waltham	3, 4	P.Roberts, L.Taylor
16,18	Essex County,Newburyport	60, 5	BBC, J.Berry
28-31,29	M.V., N.Scituate	1, 1	BBC, J.Nichols
<b>Orange-crowned Warbler:</b>			
16	P'town	1	B.Nikula

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<b>Nashville Warbler:</b>			
6,7-21	Waltham, Mt.A.	1, 9 max. (5/11)	L.Taylor, v.o.
14,15-18	Medford, W.Newbury	5, 6 max. (5/15)	P.Roberts, v.o.
16	Marshfield, Milton	6, 3	BBC, SSBC
31	Newton	1	O.Komar
<b>Northern Parula:</b>			
2,2-22	Brookline, Mt.A.	1, 18 max. (5/10)	D.Arvidson#, v.o.
6-18,10	P'town, Braintree	35 max (5/16), 6	B.Nikula, G.d'Entremont#
8-22,14	Newburyport, S.Peabody	12 max. (5/22), 21+	v.o., R.Heil
16,29	Milton, W.Newbury	15, 3	SSBC, BBC
<b>Yellow Warbler:</b>			
1,8-22	SRV, P.I.	15, 33 max. (5/19)	R.Walton, v.o.
9,16	Saugus, Ipswich	16, 30	BBC
22,28-31	Bolton Flats, M.V.	24, 100	B.Parker, BBC
<b>Magnolia Warbler:</b>			
9,9-29	Gloucester, Mt.A.	3, 7 max. (5/20)	BBC, v.o.
15-31, 31	P.I., MNWS	40 max. (5/31), 35	v.o., C.Blaszcak
31	P'town	15	B.Nikula
<b>Cape May Warbler:</b>			
5,8-22	Mt.A.	1, 4 max. (5/17)	v.o.
8,9	Topsfield, Gloucester	1 m., 7	J.Berry, BBC
21,29	P.I., Newburyport	7, 1	H.Merriman, BBC
30	Westport	1	BBC
<b>Black-throated Blue Warbler:</b>			
1,2	MNWS, Dover	1, 1	C.Blaszcak, F.Hamlen
6,8-21	Waltham, Mt.A.	3, 7 max. (5/15)	L.Taylor, v.o.
8-22,15	Newburyport, Milton	3 max. (5/8), 10	v.o., W.Petersen#
<b>Yellow-rumped Warbler:</b>			
2	SRV, Mt.A.	40, 38	SSBC, BBC
6,14	P'town, Braintree	100, 7	B.Nikula, G.d'Entremont#
21	Mt.A.	2	L.Robinson
<b>Black-throated Green Warbler:</b>			
1,10-21	Boxford, Mt.A.	4, 10 max. (5/18)	BBC, v.o.
15,16	Milton, P'town	10, 25+	W.Petersen#, B.Nikula
17,21	Boxford, P.I.	12, 10	J.Berry, H.Merriman
27	E.Middleboro	1 m.	K.Anderson
<b>Cerulean Warbler:</b>			
14,17	Sandwich, P'town	1 m., 1 f.	R.Pease, B.Nikula#
17,17-18	Wellesley, Dorchester	1 m., 1 m.	K.Winkler+v.o., K.Winston
<b>Blackburnian Warbler:</b>			
6,9-31	Waltham, Mt.A.	1, 7 max. (5/15)	L.Taylor, v.o.
15-29, 19	Newburyport, MNWS	10 max. (5/22), 7	v.o., C.Blaszcak
26,29	P'town, N.Scituate	10, 2	B.Nikula, J.Nichols
30,31	Chatham, Newton	3, 1	W.Petersen, O.Komar
<b>Yellow-throated Warbler:</b>			
2,5	P'town, M.V.	1, 1	C.Goodrich, D.Brown#
<b>Hybrid warbler sp. resembling "Sutton's" Warbler:</b>			
8	Mt.A.	1	W.+ B.Drummond + v.o.
<b>Chestnut-sided Warbler:</b>			
8	Wenham, Weston	4 m., 2	J.Berry, R.Stymeist#
9-21,15-18	Mt.A., W.Newbury	4 max. (5/21), 4	v.o., BBC
16,19	Ipswich, MNWS	6, 5	BBC, C.Blaszcak
23	Marshfield, Hamilton	1, 2 m.	K.Ryan, J.Berry
<b>Bay-breasted Warbler:</b>			
9	Brookline, Dedham	1, 1	H.Wiggin, J.Marshall
15-31	Mt.A.	5 max. (5/26)	v.o.
26	P.I., P'town	13+, 10	R.Heil, B.Nikula
31	MNWS	7	C.Blaszcak
<b>Blackpoll Warbler:</b>			
6,8	MNWS, W.Newbury	1 m., 1	R.Heil, G.Gove#
8	Dover, Newburyport	1, 1	P.Hallowell, BBC
9-31,14	Mt.A., Braintree	15 max. (5/15), 5	v.o., G.d'Entremont#
16	Rockport, Milton	6, 4	P.Stengel, SSBC
23	P.I.-Newburyport	10	BBC
<b>Pine Warbler:</b>			
1,2	Lancaster, Saugus	3, 1	R.Stymeist#, BBC
14,15	Duxbury, Manchester	1, 2	BBC
16,21-27	Boxford, E.Middleboro	1, 1 m.	BBC, K.Anderson
28-31,30	M.V., Westport	5, 3	BBC

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<b>Prairie Warbler:</b>			
1,5	MNWS, Lexington	2, 2	C.Blasczak, J.Andrews
9,14	Saugus, Medford	3, 8	BBC, P.Roberts
14,15-19	S.Peabody, W.Newbury	12±, 4 max.(5/18)	R.Heil, v.o.
28-31,30	M.V., Dartmouth	25, 9	BBC
<b>Palm Warbler:</b>			
1,2-12	MNWS, Mt.A.	4, 3 max. (5/5)	BBC, v.o.
5,8	Braintree, Waltham	2, 3	G.d'Entremont#, J.Rufo
15	Ipswich, P.I.	1, 1	D.Alexander#, BBC
<b>Ovenbird:</b>			
4-15,8	Mt.A., Wenham	5 max. (5/10), 18	m. v.o., J.Berry
12,15	Braintree, W.Newbury	6, 6	G.d'Entremont#, BBC
16,17	Rockport, Boxford	8, 17±	P.Stangel, J.Berry
18,28-31	MNWS, M.V.	9, 20	C.Blasczak, BBC
<b>Northern Waterthrush:</b>			
1-26,2	Mt.A., SRV	2 max., 2	v.o., R.Walton
8,15	Wenham, Newburyport	2, 2	J.Berry, BBC
16	Braintree, Milton (FM)	2, 6	G.d'Entremont#, R.Connaughton
17,18	Weston, W.Newbury	1, 1 m.	J.Carter, J.Berry
<b>Louisiana Waterthrush:</b>			
1-22,14	Boxford, Medford	6 max. (5/22), 1	v.o., P.Roberts
15-23	Blue Hills	2 max.	v.o.
<b>Kentucky Warbler:</b>			
16,16-31	Braintree, Carlisle	1,2 m. max.(5/16)	G.d'Entremont#, K.Harte + v.o.
18,30	Wollaston, Westport	1, 1	D.Brown, BBC (D.Davis)
<b>Oporornis sp.:</b>			
27	Middlesex Fells	1	C.Jackson
<b>Mourning Warbler:</b>			
14,20-31	Braintree, Mt.A.	1, 2 max. (5/30)	G.d'Entremont#, v.o.
31,25-31	MNWS, 7 locations	4, 11 individuals	S.Garrett#, v.o.
<b>Common Yellowthroat:</b>			
4,5-18	SRV, Mt.A.	2, 4 max. (5/17)	R.Walton, v.o.
8,9	Newburyport, Saugus	15+, 20	BBC
16,17	Milton (FM), SRV	40, 18	SSBC, R.Walton
23,28-31	P.I., M.V.	20, 100	BBC
<b>Yellow-breasted Chat:</b>			
15,26	Yarmouth, MNWS	1, 1	L.Lawson, C.Blasczak
<b>Hooded Warbler: (from April)</b>			
1,3	Squantum, MNWS	1, 1 f.	D.Brown, R.Heil#
6,9	MNWS, Brookline	1, 1	C.Blasczak, H.Wiggin
15-31,15	Milton, P.I.	1 pr.(territorial), 1	D.Brown + v.o., I.Giriuinas#
19,23-28	Lincoln, Carlisle	1, 1 m. singing	P.Swift, K.Harte
<b>Wilson's Warbler:</b>			
8,9	P.I., Brookline	1, 1	J.Grugan, H.Wiggin
9,10-28	Gloucester, Mt.A.	1, 3 max. (5/18)	BBC, v.o.
31	P.I., MNWS	25, 13	R.Stymeist#, C.Blasczak
<b>Canada Warbler:</b>			
6,9-31	Waltham, Mt.A.	1, 4 max. (5/21)	L.Taylor, v.o.
21,26	P.I., Newburyport	12, 21.	H.Merriman, R.Heil
31	MNWS, P'town	20, 15+	C.Blasczak, B.Nikula
<b>American Redstart:</b>			
7,9-31	MNWS, Mt.A.	1, 9 max. (5/10)	C.Blasczak, v.o.
22-31,31	P.I.-Newburyport, P'town	51 max. (5/29), 25	v.o., B.Nikula

#### BLACKBIRDS THROUGH SPARROWS

There was a great flight of Bobolinks during mid-May with reports of large flocks from many locations. Yellow-headed Blackbirds were reported on Chilmark and Nantucket. Orchard Orioles were seen at many locations with fifteen noted in Cape Cod Communities. Two Western Tanagers were reported, one each at Mount Auburn and Nantucket. Thirteen Summer Tanagers were noted during the month, one of which caused quite a stir of speculation at Mount Auburn! Only three were reported in May 1981, and six of the thirteen were immature birds. Blue Grosbeaks were noted on Nantucket and at Rockport and a Painted Bunting visited a feeder at West Tisbury, Martha's Vineyard.

Pine Siskins continued throughout the month at a number of locations where nesting was confirmed or suspected. Interesting are the reports of Red Crossbills and a pair of White-winged Crossbills visiting a feeder in Beverly. A Lark Bunting was found at a feeding station on Nantucket where it remained for four days. A Seaside Sparrow was found at Nahant Thicket and a late Tree Sparrow was well observed in Peabody on May 2.

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Bobolink:			
2,4+22	Mt. A., Bolton	1, 1 + 26	M.Greenwald#, B.Parker
8;9	Newbypt;Squantum,Framingham	10+;20,4	G.d'Entremont;S.Smith,E.Morrier
14	GMNWR,Middlesex Fells,Rockport	50,150,47	E.Porter,P.Roberts,P.Stangel
15	Easton,W.Newbury,Mt.A.	25, 60, 50	K.Ryan,W.Drummond#,v.o.
15,16	Lynnfield, Topsfield	400+, 200+	G.Gove#, R.Stymeist#
20,22	Marshfield	150, 50+	M.Martinek, SSBC
Eastern Meadowlark:			
thr.	Newburyport	4-6	v.o.
Yellow-headed Blackbird:			
21-24,24	Chilmark, Nantucket	1 m., 1 m.	P.Huntington + v.o.,N.McCleave
Orchard Oriole:			
1;2,12,17	Harvard; W.Tisbury, M.V.	1; 1-3	R.Hale; W.Manter#
4,6 on	Braintree, S.Peabody	1, 6	G.d'Entremont#, R.Heil
8 on	Cape Cod	15+	R.Pease + v.o.
15	W.Newbury, Rowley	4, 2	R.Stymeist#, G.Gove#
Other reports of 1-3 individuals from many locations.			
Northern Oriole:			
5 on	Mt.A.	max. 15 (5/17)	v.o.
15	Middlesex Fells, W.Newbury	12, 8	R.Clayton#, W.Drummond#
16	Milton, Marshfield, Ipswich	7, 8, 24	R.Connaughton, BBC, BBC
22	Newburyport, SRV	12, 12	BBC, R.Walton
Rusty Blackbird:			
2	SRV	4	SSBC (R.Forster)
Western Tanager:			
7,21	Mt.A., Nantucket	1, 1	R.Stymeist# + v.o.,J.Dennis
Details submitted on both records			
Scarlet Tanager:			
1,6,14	Ayer, GMNWR, Wenham	1, 1, 3	R.Stymeist#, E.Porter, J.Berry
15	Ipswich, Middlesex Fells, Mt.A.	1,3,4	D.Alexander,R.Clayton#,L.Robinson
16	Milton, Wellesley	6, 3	SSBC, K.Winkler
17,18	Boxford, Mt.A.	8+, 6	J.Berry, R.Stymeist#
Summer Tanager:			
8,9	Lincoln, P'town	1, 1 imm. m.	fide R.Forster,B.Nikula
9	Wellfleet, Chatham	1 imm. m., 1	A.Lyford, H.Rich
17	Mt.A., P'town	1 imm. m., 1 imm. m.	v.o., B.Nikula
18,20	P'town, Mt.A.	2 (1 ad,1 f),1 imm.m.	B.Nikula#,S.+S.Denison#
21,25	Nantucket, Malden	2 (1 ad,1 imm.), 1	F.Bouchard#, C.Jackson
30	Newburyport	1	J.Leverich
Rose-breasted Grosbeak:			
2,5,7	Mt.A., SRV, W.Newbury	1, 1, 3	L.Taylor#, R.Walton, D.Briggs#
13,15,16	SRV, Fells, Milton	5, 3, 4	R.Walton, BBC, SSBC
16,20,22	Wellesley, Mt.A., Rockport	4, 7, 6	K.Winkler,S.+S.Denison,P.Stangel
Blue Grosbeak:			
20,22	Nantucket, Rockport	1 imm. m.,1 m. molting	F.Bouchard#,P.Stangel
Indigo Bunting:			
9,10,11	Mt.A.	4, 8, 4	L.Taylor#,D.Arvidson#,R.Stymeist#
Painted Bunting:			
16-19	W.Tisbury M.V.	1 m. at feeder	E.Waldron + v.o.
Evening Grosbeak:			
1,5	W.Newbury, Carlisle	10, 4	S.Grinyer#, D.+L.Stokes
13,15,16	SRV, Manchester, Mt.A.	21, 2, 4	R.Walton, BBC, L.Taylor
16	Boxford, Ipswich	2, 1	R.Stymeist#, I.Girionas
Purple Finch:			
8	Topsfield, P.I.	6-8, 14	J.Berry, G.d'Entremont#
15	Mt.A.	10	B.Nickerson#
House Finch:			
May	Annisquam	5 prs. nesting on house	H.Wiggin
Pine Siskin:			
1-15,1-27	Mt.A., P'town	max. 6, max. 20+	v.o., B.Nikula
16	Boxford, W.Newbury	2, 1	R.Stymeist#, W.Petersen
28	Carlisle	2	K.Harte
Red Crossbill:			
16,18+20	P'town, W.Tisbury	4+, 2	B.Nikula, W.Manter
26	Mt.A.	1 f.	R.Veit
White-winged Crossbill:			
thr.,15	Beverly, Lakeville	pr., 3	G.Soucy#, W.Petersen#
Rufous-sided Towhee:			
28-31	M.V.	150	BBC (R.Culbert)

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<u>Lark Bunting:</u> 22-25	Nantucket	1 f. (at feeder)	P.Gardner
<u>Savannah Sparrow:</u> 6,15	Rockport	9, 13	P.Stangel
<u>Grasshopper Sparrow:</u> 28-31	M.V.	4	BBC (R.Culbert)
<u>Sharp-tailed Sparrow:</u> 16,27	Rockport, MBO	1, 2 b.	P.Stangel, MBO Staff
<u>Seaside Sparrow:</u> 17	<u>Nahant Thicket</u>	1	R.Heil
28	Newburyport	3	N.+O.Komar + v.o.
<u>Vesper Sparrow:</u> 20,22	P.I., Plymouth	1, 3	B.Perna#, W.Petersen#
22	Plymouth (Myles Standish)	nest w/4 eggs found	W.Petersen#
<u>Dark-eyed Junco:</u> 8	P.I.	1	G.d'Entremont#
<u>Tree Sparrow:</u> 2	Peabody	1 well described	J.Misner
<u>Chipping Sparrow:</u> 2,9,10	SRV, Gloucester, Mt.A.	12, 9, 12	SSBC, BBC, BBC
<u>Field Sparrow:</u> 30	Westport - Dartmouth	13	BBC (D.Davis)
<u>White-crowned Sparrow:</u> 6,10,11	MNWS, Stoneham, Brookline	1, 1, 1	R.Heil, M.Martinek, B.Rielly
12,15,16	Mt.A., Marshfield, P.I.	2, 1, 1	J.Berry,W.Petersen,G.Gove#
<u>White-throated Sparrow:</u> 1-11,16	Mt.A., Boxford	max. 23 (5/2), 6	v.o., R.Stymeist#
18	Newburyport	11	BBC (J.Nove)
<u>Lincoln's Sparrow:</u> 9,10+15	W.Newbury, Lancaster	1, 1	W.Drummond, H.Merriman
15,16,22	Milton, Rockport, Nahant	1, 1, 1	W.Petersen, P.Stangel, R.Heil
25;30,31	Mt.A.,; Manomet, P.I.	2; 1, 2	F.Bouchard; R.Stymeist#
<u>Song Sparrow:</u> 8,16	SRV, Milton	17, 20	R.Walton, SSBC

Corrigendum to Field Records: March 1982

The summary paragraph under FLYCATCHERS THROUGH SNOW BUNTING should read:

One or possibly two Common Ravens continued this month to be seen near the Quabbin Reservoir baffle dams and fishing area, with access via Gate 43 in Hardwick. This is one of very few eastern Massachusetts occurrences of this species, the most recent previous records dating from the spring of 1980. At about mid-month, Yellow-rumped Warblers in small numbers started to drift back into the region. Reports had been unusually low for most of the winter. . . .

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Hoary Redpoll:  
18 Haverhill 1 at feeder ph. W.Drummond

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