

Field Records: September 1982



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Temperatures were near normal during September, averaging 64.1°, with no very hot or cold spells. The high mark was 87° on the 10th; the low was just 50° on the 18th, a very mild low for September. Rain totaled only 1.57 inches, slightly under half the 3.16 inches normal for the month. Fog was frequent, noted on 18 days; six days recorded heavy fog. No thunderstorms were heard in the Boston area, but on the 23rd a severe thunderstorm was recorded in northeastern Massachusetts causing some locally damaging wind and hail and in Rowley a funnel cloud was observed. Winds were out of the northwest on only four days during the month; heavy hawk migration was noted on the 17th and 19th, two days with a northwesterly flow.

LOONS THROUGH WATERFOWL

Twenty-three Common Loons were observed migrating over Mount Wachusett on the 17th, the best count day for migrating Broad-winged Hawks. Pied-billed Grebes were reported from many locations with as many as six individuals reported from Great Meadows during the latter part of the month.

Certainly the highlight of the month was a White-faced Storm-Petrel, well observed on September 2 near Hydrographer's Canyon on the edge of the Continental Shelf by an organized bird-tour sponsored by Wings, Inc., led by Will Russell, Kevin Powers, and Dick Veit. The White-faced Storm-Petrel has occurred about twenty-five times during the period mid-August through early October off the east coast of North America, including a specimen collected near the Nantucket Shoals on August 18, 1953, but this was the first time that this species was recorded on an organized birding trip. The Wings trip on their two day journey also recorded the following species: 85 Cory's, 300 Sooty, 6 Manx, and 2 Audubon's shearwaters; 500+ Wilson's, and 2 Leach's Storm-Petrels.

As many as eighteen Little Blue Herons were still present at Plum Island on the 18th, and fifteen Cattle Egrets remained nearly all month at the Maplecroft Farm in Ipswich. A total of nine Yellow-crowned Night-Herons were reported. Least Bitterns disappeared and increased reports of American Bitterns were recorded from six widely scattered locations.

Fifty-two Wood Ducks were reported from Hingham on the 18th and Ring-necked Ducks were building up to sixty individuals in Lakeville. The first fall report of Redhead was a single bird from the Vineyard on the 24th. R.H.S.

<u>SPECIES/DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OBSERVERS</u>
Common Loon:			
17,18	SRV, P.I.	1, 2	R.Walton, BBC
17,26	Mt. Wachusett	23, 1	P.Roberts#
Pied-billed Grebe:			
3,5	Harwich, Monomoy	2, 1	W.Petersen
6-26, 11-12	Wellesley, Nantucket	1-3, 4	K.Winkler, R.Stymeist#
11,24	GMNWR	4, 6	L.Robinson, G.Gove
18,19	P.I., S.Dartmouth	3, 3	BBC, T.Raymond#
Cory's Shearwater:			
2-3	off Nantucket etc.	max. 85	W.Russell, R.Viet# + v.o.
26,29	off Chatham,Barnstable (SN)	2, 1	BBC, R.Pease
Greater Shearwater:			
2-3	off Nantucket etc.	max. 300+	W.Russell, R.Viet# + v.o.
25,26	Stellwagen, off Chatham	500, 50	T.Raymond#, BBC
Sooty Shearwater:			
2-3	off Nantucket etc.	15+	W.Russell, R.Viet#, + v.o.

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Sooty Shearwater (continued):			
25	Stellwagen	10	T. Raymond#
Manx Shearwater:			
2-3	off Nantucket etc.	max. 6	
25,29	Stellwagen, Barnstable (SN)	20, 2	W. Russell, R. Veit + v.o. T. Raymond#, R. Pease
Audubon's Shearwater:			
2	off Nantucket (Hydrographer Canyon)	2	R. Veit# + v.o.
Wilson's Storm-Petrel:			
2-3	off Nantucket etc.	max. 500+	
6	off Chatham	75+	W. Russell, R. Veit# + v.o. W. Harrington
White-faced Storm-Petrel:			
2	off Nantucket (Hydrographer Canyon)	1	W. Russell, R. Veit# + v.o.
Leach's Storm-Petrel:			
2	off Nantucket	2	
22,29	Barnstable (SN)	1, 4	W. Russell, R. Veit + v.o.
29	Annisquam	1	R. Pease H. Wiggin
Northern Gannet			
26	off Chatham	5	BBC
Great Cormorant:			
25	Salisbury	5	O.+N. Komar
Double-crested Cormorant:			
7,12	Canton, Scituate	237, 150	R. Titus, SSBC
18,19,25	P.I., Monomoy, P.I.	200±, 500, 850±	J. Berry, B. Nikula#, R. Stymeist#
Great Blue Heron:			
thr., 5	Saugus, P.I.	max. 6, 7	
18	Eastham	39	J. Berry, BBC M. Lynch, S. Carroll
Green Heron:			
1,4	WBWS, Scituate	6, 4	
19	S. Dartmouth	2	R. Forster, D. Clapp T. Raymond#
Little Blue Heron:			
6,12;11	Scituate; P.I.	1 ad., 2 ad.; 1	W. Petersen; BBC
11,19	M.V., P.I.	1 imm., 18	W. Manter, W. Petersen#
Cattle Egret:			
1-27,5-6	Ipswich, Marshfield	15, 1	v.o., D. Clapp
Great Egret:			
1,3	Eastham, Woburn	2, 2	
1,5	Chatham, Monomoy	8, 1	R. Forster, G. Gove
11,18	P.I., Squantum	4, 3	J. Aylward#, W. Petersen
19,26	S. Dartmouth, E. Boston	15, 2	BBC, D. Brown T. Raymond#, K. Winkler
Snowy Egret:			
1-25	P.I.	max. 187 9/5	
thr., 12	Saugus, Scituate	13, 20	G. Gove + v.o. J. Berry, SSBC
Black-crowned Night-Heron:			
5,12	P.I., Hingham	20, 10	BBC, R. Titus
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron:			
1,5,6	WBWS, P.I., Nantucket	1 imm., 1 imm., 2 imm.	R. Forster, W. Smith#, K. Harte#
12,18	Nantucket, Monomoy	1 imm., 2 imm.	R. Stymeist#, MBO (BAT)
18-19,30	Squantum, P.I.	1 ad., 1 ad.	D. Brown, M. Baird
American Bittern:			
3,6	P.I., W. Newbury	1, 1	M. Lynch#, S. Carroll#
11-26,12	GMNWR, Barnstable (SN)	max. 3, 1	G. Gove# + v.o., M. Greenwalt#
12,23	Hingham, S. Peabody	1, 2	R. Titus, R. Heil
Glossy Ibis:			
thr., 7	M.V., P.I.	1, 2	A. Brown + v.o., F. Bouchard
18,19,24	Monomoy, Rowley, Hingham	6, 2, 1	T. Raymond#, W. Petersen#, L. Mallers
Snow Goose:			
19	Milton	8	E. Taylor
Northern Pintail:			
25	GMNWR	15	R. Forster
Green-winged Teal:			
18	P.I.	50±	J. Berry
Blue-winged Teal:			
3,21	Harwich, Lexington	40, 1	W. Petersen, J. Andrews
Northern Shoveler:			
5;25	Monomoy; GMNWR, P.I.	13; 4, 8	W. Petersen#; R. Forster, BBC
Wood Duck:			
18	Hingham	52	SSBC
Redhead:			
24	M.V.	1	A. Brown

<u>SPECIES/DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OBSERVERS</u>
Ring-necked Duck: 18,19	Lakeville, W.Newbury	60, 1	W.Petersen
Oldsquaw: 2	Chatham (Morris I.)	1 (on beach)	M.Lynch#
Common Eider: 12	Scituate	75	SSBC
Ruddy Duck: 5	P.I.	5	BBC
Hooded Merganser: 4	P.I.	2 f.	G.Gove

RAPTORS THROUGH RAILS

A Mississippi Kite was found with a broken leg in North Eastbn on September 1. The bird was captured and taken to the Trailside Museum and is now recovering at Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary in Lincoln. This was the seventh record for Massachusetts, the most recent being observed in Littleton on May 16, 1982.

The New England Hawk Watch, organized by Paul Roberts, reported good numbers of raptors from Mt. Wachusett. The best day for the big Broad-winged Hawk movement was September 17, when 3,077 were recorded, closely followed by 2,477 on the 19th; both days reported northwest winds. The reports from Mt. Wachusett also included: 81 Turkey Vulture, 4 Northern Goshawks, 572 Sharp-shinned, 12 Cooper's, 35 Red-tailed, 9 Red-shouldered, and 6,964 Broad-winged hawks, 29 Northern Harriers, 133 Osprey, and 89 American Kestrels.

A Golden Eagle was seen flying over Littleton on the 19th and Peregrine reports continue to increase, with at least 16 individuals noted this September.

Clapper Rails were found in Eastham on three occasions during the month.

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Turkey Vulture:

1,5	P'town, S.Dartmouth	1, 1	J.Aylward, T.Raymond
5,9,11,12	Mt. Wachusett	15, 9, 11, 13	P.Roberts# + v.o.
17,19,25,26	Mt. Wachusett	9, 9, 13, 2	P.Roberts# + v.o.
19	Ipswich, S.Dartmouth	1, 1	W.Petersen, T.Raymond

Mississippi Kite:

1	N.Easton	1 imm.	N.Smith
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Northern Goshawk:

9,12,17	Mt. Wachusett	1, 1, 2	P.Roberts# + v.o.
18	P.I.	1	BBC (I.Giriunas)

Sharp-shinned Hawk:

5,9,11,12	Mt. Wachusett	2, 33, 15, 18	P.Roberts# + v.o.
17,19,24	Mt. Wachusett	63, 123, 89	P.Roberts# + v.o.
25,26	Mt. Wachusett	198, 32	P.Roberts# + v.o.
26,27,28	M.V., Littleton, Marblehead	12, 18, 6	V.Laux#, J.Baird, R.Heil

Cooper's Hawk:

17,19,25	Mt. Wachusett	5, 3, 4	P.Roberts# + v.o.
19;24	Chatham, ONWR; SRV	1, 1 ad., 1	H.Coolidge#, M.Lynch; R.Walton

Red-tailed Hawk:

5-26	Mt. Wachusett	35 (total)	P.Roberts# + v.o.
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Red-shouldered Hawk:

11,17,19,25	Mt. Wachusett	1, 3, 3, 2	P.Roberts# + v.o.
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Broad-winged Hawk:

5,6,9	Mt. Wachusett	104, 117, 105	P.Roberts# + v.o.
11,12,17	Mt. Wachusett	219, 11, 3077	P.Roberts# + v.o.
19,24,25,26	Mt. Wachusett	2477, 624, 227, 3	P.Roberts# + v.o.

Golden Eagle:

19	Littleton	1	J.Baird
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Bald Eagle:

17,26,29	Plymouth, Monomoy, MBO	1 imm., 1 imm., 1 imm.	MBO, BBC, MBO
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Northern Harrier:

5-27	Mt. Wachusett	29 (total)	P.Roberts# + v.o.
5,6	Rowley, P.I.	6, 4 imm.	D.Brown#, P.Roberts#
18	Marshfield, Bridgewater	4, 2	SSBC

Osprey:

5,6,9	Mt. Wachusett	3, 16, 3	P.Roberts# + v.o.
11,12,17,19	Mt. Wachusett	3, 1, 34, 45	P.Roberts# + v.o.
24,25,26	Mt. Wachusett	12, 14, 2	P.Roberts# + v.o.

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Osprey (continued):			
17,30;19	SRV; Lexington	3, 7; 3	R.Walton; J.Andrews
	other reports of 12 individuals from 8 locations.		
Peregrine Falcon:			
4 on	P.I.	reports of 7 individuals	v.o.
5,6	Newbury, Yarmouth	1, 1 ad.	M.Lynch#, J.Aylward
12,15	Scituate, Nantucket	1, 1	SSBC, N.Waldron
17,19	Squantum, Monomoy	1, 1 ad.	D.Brown, B.Nikula#
25,26,27	GMNWR, Truro, S.N.	1 ad., 1, 1	R.Forster, R.Comeau, R.Pease
Merlin:			
6,11	Ipswich, P.I.	1-2, 1	BBC
18	P.I., Truro, S.Shore	3, 2, 4	P.Roberts#, H.Wiggin#, SSBC
23-25,25	Framingham, GMNWR	3, 1	R.Forster
25;26	P.I.; Newton, M.V.	4; 1, 1	G.Gove; O.Komar#, V.Laux#
American Kestrel:			
5,9,11,12	Mt. Wachusett	5, 3, 6, 1	P.Roberts# + v.o.
17,19,24	Mt. Wachusett	6, 12, 10	P.Roberts# + v.o.
25,26	Mt. Wachusett	28, 18	P.Roberts# + v.o.
Clapper Rail:			
2,6,12	Eastham	2, 2, 1	M.Lynch#, D.Brown#, S.Carroll#
Sora:			
6,19,23	Rowley, GMNWR, S.Peabody	4, 3, 3	M.Lynch#, G.Gove, R.Heil
Common Moorhen:			
3	P.I., Harwich	16 imm., 1	R.Heil, W.Petersen
19,25	GMNWR, P.I.	5, 3	T.Raymond#, O.+N.Komar

SHOREBIRDS

American Oystercatchers continued into the month at Monomoy and Nantucket as did Piping Plovers on Monomoy with a maximum of 22 reported. Lesser Golden-Plovers were noted at 14 locations through mid-month with high counts of 55 on M.V. and 54 in West Bridgewater. An American Woodcock was seen displaying in Ipswich. Whimbrels continued into September as did Upland Sandpipers and Willets. Solitary Sandpipers were noted from 18 locations. Red Knot numbers were still not impressive although more were counted than last year at this time. Three Purple Sandpipers were seen on the early date of 9/18 in Scituate; 13 were seen there on 9/13 last year. Bailey gave an early date of 10/1 and said that it is usually late October or early November when they first arrive. Baird's and Buff-breasted sandpipers were scarce this fall, particularly the former. The number of Stilt Sandpipers peaked on the third with 33 at P.I. Western Sandpipers were noted at nine coastal locations and five Marbled Godwits were reported with two continuing at Monomoy and one present in East Boston for most of the month. Three Ruffs in as many locations provided some late dates in mid-month. A Wilson's Phalarope continued into the month at WBWS and Red-necked Phalaropes were reported in numbers from two pelagic trips. Two adults were also present at Squantum.

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American Oystercatcher:			
2,18	Monomoy	4, 14	B.Cassie#, H.Wiggin#
11-12	Nantucket	5	R.Stymeist#
Semipalmated Plover:			
2,4	Monomoy, Scituate	200, 150	B.Cassie#, D.Clapp
11,30	W.Bridgewater, SRV	8, 1	W.Petersen, R.Walton
Piping Plover:			
2-15	Monomoy	max. 22	v.o.
4,18	Chatham, S.Dartmouth	9, 3	W.Petersen, T.Raymond#
Killdeer:			
10,11	W.Bridgewater, P.I.	26, 8	D.Clapp, BBC
18	Quincy to Lakeville	58	SSBC
Lesser Golden-Plover:			
3-12,5-12	P.I., Nantucket	max. 17(9/12), max. 31(9/12)	v.o.
6-12,2-18	Scituate, Monomoy	2, max. 37(9/2)	v.o.
9-11,13-26	W.Bridgewater, Boston Harbor	max. 54(9/9), max. 5(9/17)	v.o.
thr.	M.V.	max. 55(9/5)	V.Laux, A.Brown
thr.	1-5 individuals from seven locations.		
Black-bellied Plover:			
2,4	Monomoy, Chatham	500, 450	B.Cassie#, W.Petersen
4,30	Scituate, Wollaston	500+, 125	D.Clapp, H.Mallers

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Ruddy Turnstone:			
2,5,6	Monomoy,P.I.,Revere	3, 10,2	B.Cassie#,BBC,D.Gibson
12	Scituate, Marshfield	6, 60	SSBC
18	Duxbury, Plymouth	10, 12	SSBC
American Woodcock:			
18	Bridgewater, Nantucket	1, 1	W.Petersen, G.Gove#
19,24	ONWR, Marshfield	1, 1	M.Lynch#, W.Petersen
20,21	Ipswich	2, 1	J.Berry
Common Snipe:			
6,22	Milton, Andover	5, 1	BBC, C.Melander
24	SRV	3	R.Walton
Whimbrel:			
1,2	WBWS, Eastham	17, 7	R.Forster
5-25	P.I.	max. 6	v.o.
5,6	Monomoy	max. 20	v.o.
18,25	M.V., Squantum	25, 5	A.Brown, L.Robinson
Upland Sandpiper:			
1	Newton, WBWS	1, 1	N.+O.Komar#,R.Forster
5,6	P.I., Monomoy	1, 1	BBC, B.Nikula#
5,9	Chatham, Newburyport	1, 1	B.Nikula#, F.Hamlen#
18,25	M.V., Nantucket	1, 1	W.Manter, B.Nikula#
Spotted Sandpiper:			
6,18	Ipswich, Manchester	2, 1	BBC
30	SRV	1	R.Walton
Solitary Sandpiper:			
thr.	Chatham	max. 5	B.Nikula#
3,4	Woburn, Marshfield	4, 3	G.Gove, W.Smith#
6,8	Milton, Baldwinville	5, 3	BBC, J.O'Regan
11-12	Nantucket	5	R.Stymeist#
16;18	SRV;Halifax;Hingham,Marshfield	10; 2; 2, 4	R.Walton;W.Petersen#;SSBC
21,23	Lexington, S.Peabody	3, 7	J.Andrews, R.Heil
26	M.V.	4	V.Laux#
	plus 5 individuals from 5 locations.		
Willet:			
2,18	Monomoy	1, 2	J.Kricher#, H.Coolidge#
5-7,17-18	P.I., Squantum	1, 1	v.o., v.o.
18,19	Duxbury, Chatham	1, 8	SSBC, T.Vose#
Greater Yellowlegs:			
21,26	E.Boston	94, 70	S.Zendeh, K.Winkler
Lesser Yellowlegs:			
18,19	P.I., Newburyport	300, 200	J.Berry, W.Petersen#
Red Knot:			
2,4	Monomoy, Scituate	150, 325	B.Cassie#, D.Clapp
12,18	Scituate	75, 200	BBC, SSBC
Purple Sandpiper:			
18	Scituate	3	SSBC
Pectoral Sandpiper:			
9-11	P.I.	max. 4	BBC
18	Bridgewater, Hingham	20, 2	SSBC
19	Monomoy	30	B.Nikula#
White-rumped Sandpiper:			
thr.	P.I.	max. 10	v.o.
6,12	Scituate, E.Boston	3, 30	H.Mallers, S.Zendeh
18	Hingham, Bridgewater	3, 1	SSBC
26	GMNWR	1	R.Walton
Baird's Sandpiper:			
4,5	P.I.	1	v.o.
4-11	Scituate	1	v.o.
5-19	Monomoy	max. 2(9/18)	v.o.
12,18	Gloucester, Squantum	1, 1	C.+K.Leahy, D.Brown
Least Sandpiper:			
2,18	Monomoy, Scituate	50, 300	B.Cassie#, SSBC
Dunlin:			
18	Scituate	30	SSBC
Short-billed Dowitcher:			
9-25	P.I.	max. 120(9/18)	v.o.
6;12,26	Revere; E.Boston	6; 14, 18	D.Gibson;S.Zendeh,K.Winkler
18	Marshfield, Plymouth	8, 7	SSBC

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Long-billed Dowitcher:			
thr.	P.I.	max. 60(9/3)	v.o.
5-18	Monomoy	1-2	v.o.
Stilt Sandpiper:			
1-25	P.I.	max. 33(9/3)	v.o.
17-19,19	Squantum, Wenham	2, 2	D.Brown, W.Petersen
Semipalmated Sandpiper:			
2,9	Monomoy, P.I.	100, 60	B.Cassie#, F.Hamlen#
30	Wollaston	37	H.Mallers
Western Sandpiper:			
thr.	P.I. + Newburyport	max. 6(9/3)(1 ad. + 5 juv.)	v.o.
1,2	WBWS, Monomoy	1, 5	R.Forster, B.Cassie#
4-12	Scituate	max. 5(9/12)	v.o.
6,12	Revere, E.Boston	2, 15	D.Gibson, S.Zendeh
18	W.Falmouth;Hingham,Duxbury	1; 1, 1	P.Hallowell; SSBC
Buff-breasted Sandpiper:			
4-11	P.I.	max. 7(9/11)	v.o.
2,12	Monomoy, M.V.	1, 4	P.O'Neil#, V.Laux
11-12	Nantucket	5	R.Stymeist#
Marbled Godwit:			
5,11-12	Monomoy South,Nantucket	2, 1	W.Petersen#, L.Jodrey#
12-30,26	E.Boston, M.V.	1, 1	S.Zendeh+v.o., V.Laux#
Hudsonian Godwit:			
thr.	P.I.-Newburyport	max. 8(9/6)	v.o.
2,18	Monomoy	8, 1	B.Cassie#, T.Raymond#
21-26	E.Boston	2	v.o.
Ruff:			
14,15,18	Plymouth,Scituate,Squantum	1, 1, 1 f.	M.Forman#,S.Kellog,D.Brown
Sanderling:			
2,12	Monomoy, Scituate	400, 25	B.Cassie#, SSBC
Wilson's Phalarope:			
1-2	WBWS	1	R.Forster
7-18	P.I.	max. 4(9/11)	v.o.
Red-necked Phalarope:			
5,6	P.I.,Chatham (8 mi. E.)	1, 31	BBC (P.Arrigo), W.Harrington#
5,18	M.V., Squantum	1, 2 ad.	W.Manter, D.Brown
25,26	Stellwagen, Chatham	450+, 1	T.Raymond#, BBC

JAEGERS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

A pelagic trip to the Continental Shelf produced a number of rarities, as noted here and elsewhere in the records, including a Long-tailed Jaeger, a South Polar Skua and four late Arctic Terns. Eleven Lesser Black-backed Gulls were reported from six locations, including one from an inland site, and details on one of the birds were submitted. Submission of details on rare, uncommon or extralimital birds is always a good idea, particularly with the seemingly increasing numbers of such reports. These reports should include weather, observation conditions and methods, habitat, size relative to other birds present and as many details on structure, markings and color as possible. If a camera is available, photos would be useful.

Other larids reported included 220 Laughing Gulls sitting on the roof of the Jordan Marsh building in Squantum and a Sabine's Gull on Plymouth Beach. Most records of Sabine's Gulls frequently occur in late August and early September. Groups of Common Terns totalling 1175 individuals were noted flying south past Chatham on the 2nd. An Arctic Tern, identified by voice and observation, was reported on the late date of the 18th from Monomoy. Two Sandwich Terns were reported with details being provided on the Barnstable observation. Royal and Caspian Terns are represented and eleven Black Terns were seen at Nantucket.

The Marbled Murrelet reported captured and killed by a cat is bizarre and extraordinary; see the account of this record elsewhere in this issue.

Yellow-billed and Black-billed Cuckoos were still reported through the third week of the month but late dates extend into the 2nd week of October. The South Shore Bird Club found 13 individuals of three species of owls and, in Rutland State Park, six Barred Owls and a Saw-whet were found; obviously a good spot for these two species.

The Common Nighthawk migration continued between the 1st and 10th with 305 seen in Brookline between those dates after the 2395 counted there last month. The late date

was 9/25. Many reports of migrating Ruby-throated Hummingbirds were received this month compared to only three last year. Many were seen on the Mt. Wachusett Hawk Watch with a maximum of 13 on the 5th and 9 and 10 were seen at Marblehead Neck on the 2nd and 9th; how many slipped through between those dates is open to conjecture. Bailey in Birds of Massachusetts said "a top of 35 was recorded at Worcester on 9/13/49..."; this month's reports total over 60 but not on one date at one location; the highest total was 26 at Mt. Wachusett. The South Shore Bird Club counted 34 Belted Kingfishers on the 18th along with 97 Northern Flickers. Pileated Woodpeckers were represented in this month's records as were Red-headed Woodpeckers and sapsuckers.

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<u>Pomarine Jaeger:</u>			
2;18	Hydrographers Canyon;Plymouth	2; 1	W.Russell,R.Veit#;SSEC
25,26	Stellwagen, E. of Chatham	3, 2	T.Raymond#, BBC
<u>Parasitic Jaeger:</u>			
2	Hydrographers Canyon	4	W.Russell, R.Veit#
7,29	Plymouth, Barnstable	3, 7	MBO Staff, R.Pease
25,26	Stellwagen, E. of Chatham	5, 1	T.Raymond#, BBC
<u>Long-tailed Jaeger:</u>			
2	Hydrographers Canyon	1	W.Russell, R.Veit#
<u>South Polar Skua:</u>			
2	Hydrographers Canyon	1	W.Russell, R.Veit#
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull:</u>			
2,11,18	Monomoy 1(3-4W,details), 2(3-4W), 1(3W)		K.Winkler#,R.Heil#,T.Lloyd-Evans
6,7	Scituate, Nantucket Sd.	1 ad.(ph.), 1(3W)	W.Petersen, K.Harte
19,30	Plymouth	1, 1	T.Lloyd-Evans,D.Evared#
26	E. of Chatham	2	BBC
29	Clinton	1	D.Crompton#
<u>Laughing Gull:</u>			
4,18	Scituate, Squantum	12, 220	W.Smith, D.Brown
<u>Bonaparte's Gull:</u>			
18	Newburyport	200	BBC
<u>Little Gull:</u>			
thr.	Newburyport	1 ad.	v.o.
<u>Sabine's Gull:</u>			
7	Plymouth	1	D.Evared, M.Forman
<u>Black-legged Kittiwake:</u>			
18,26	Monomoy, E. of Chatham	1, 3	MBO Staff, BBC
<u>Forster's Tern:</u>			
4,19	Chatham, Hyannis	6, 2	W.Petersen, J.Heywood#
2,11,18	Monomoy	7, 25, 3	B.Cassie#,R.Heil,T.Raymond#
6,11	S.Dartmouth, Nauset	1, 30	T.Raymond, R.Heil
16,18;26	Plymouth; E.of Chatham	2, 1; 3	D.Evared#,SSEC;BBC
<u>Common Tern:</u>			
2	Chatham	1175	M.Lynch + S.Carroll
4,18	P.I., Newburyport	40, 76	BBC
11-18	Nantucket	1200+	R.Stymeist#
<u>Arctic Tern:</u>			
2	Hydrographer's Canyon	4	W.Russell, R.Veit#
18	Monomoy	1 calling & seen	H.Wiggin + H.Coolidge
<u>Roseate Tern:</u>			
2,11-12	Hydrographer's Canyon,Nantucket	20, 50	W.Russell,R.Veit#,R.Stymeist#
8,11;12	Nauset,Monomoy;Barnstable	500, 300+; 100	B.Nikula#; N.Komar#
18	Plymouth, Scituate	4, 1	SSBC
<u>Least Tern:</u>			
4,5;18	P.I.; Scituate	6, 1; 1	BBC; SSBC
<u>Royal Tern:</u>			
3,12	Chatham, Nantucket	1, 1	R.Forster#, G.Gove#
<u>Sandwich Tern:</u>			
12,16	Barnstable, Plymouth	1, 1	O.+N.Komar#, D.Evared#
<u>Caspian Tern:</u>			
5,29	Nantucket Sd., Squantum	1, 2	K.Harte,R.Emery+G.Wilson
27,30	Newburyport, P.I.	2, 1	H.D'Entremont#, M.Baird#
<u>Black Tern:</u>			
5;12	P.I.;Nantucket,Barnstable	1; 11, 1	BBC;E.Andrews#,O.Komar#
18,25	N.Weymouth,Stellwagen	5, 1	D.Brown, T.Raymond#
<u>Marbled Murrelet:</u>			
17	Middleboro	1	Harrison - fide K.Anderson
	(See details in this issue)		

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Yellow-billed Cuckoo:			
2,19	Annisquam, ONWR	1, 1	H.Wiggin, M.Lynch#
Black-billed Cuckoo:			
5,6	Chatham, Milton	1, 1	D.Brown#, W.Petersen#
12;18	Truro;Marshfield,Plymouth	1; 1, 1	S.Carroll#; SSBC
19,20,26	ONWR,Rockport,Lexington	1, 1, 1	M.Lynch#,V.Albee#,J.Andrews
Eastern Screech-Owl:			
8,18	Annisquam;Hingham,Bridgewater	1; 4, 2	B.Reilly; SSBC
18	Marshfield, Plymouth	1, 1	SSBC
Great Horned Owl:			
18	Hingham, Marshfield	2, 2	SSBC
18,19	Chatham, W.Yarmouth	1, 1	S.Carroll#, H.Coolidge#
Barred Owl:			
17,18	Rutland, Middleboro	6, 1	M.Lynch#, W.Petersen
Long-eared Owl:			
18	Middleboro	1	SSBC
Short-eared Owl:			
5,18	Monomoy	1, 3	W.Petersen#, T.Raymond#
Northern Saw-whet Owl:			
17	Rutland	2	S.Carroll#
Whip-poor-will:			
8,13	E.Middleboro	1 calling	K.Anderson
Common Nighthawk:			
1	E.Orleans, Newton	3, 100	D.Williams, O.Komar#
2,3,7	Brookline	127, 108, 70	R.Stymeist + J.Heywood
3;6	Woburn;Wellesley,Lexington	80; 7, 6	G.Gove;K.Winkler,J.Andrews
6,10	Yarmouthport, SRV	7, 14	J.Aylward, R.Walton
11,14	Sandwich, Newton	3, 8	R.Pease, N.Komar#
23,24	Framingham, Brookline	2, 2	R.Forster, R.Stymeist
25	Wayland, Framingham	1, 1	R.Forster
Chimney Swift:			
3,12	Annisquam,Mt.Wachusett	6, 3	H.Wiggin, BBC
18	Scituate, Hingham	1, 1	W.Petersen, SSBC
Ruby-throated Hummingbird:			
5-19	Mt.Wachusett	max. 13(9/5)	P.Roberts#
2,9	MNWS	9, 10	R.Heil
4,6,8	Wellesley,Milton,Lexington	1, 1, 1	K.Winkler,D.Brown#,J.Carter
13	Easton	1	K.Ryan
18	Duxbury, Truro	2, 5	SSBC, M.Lynch#
26	Brookline	1	N.Hubbard
Belted Kingfisher:			
thr.	Beverly to Revere on RR	max. 4	J.Berry
18	7 locations on South Shore	34 total	SSBC
Northern Flicker:			
3,8	Annisquam, SRV	5, 8	H.Wiggin, R.Walton
18	P.I., 7 locales on South Shore	9, 97* total	J.Berry, SSBC
Pileated Woodpecker:			
4;19	Wellesley;Sturbridge,Framingham	2;1,1	K.Winkler;F.Bouchard,R.Forster
Red-headed Woodpecker:			
5;11	P.I., M.V.;Nantucket	1, 1imm;1	NWR Staff,V.Laux#;G.Soucy#
12,19	Truro, Wellfleet	1 ad, 1	M.Lynch#, T.Lloyd-Evans
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:			
11,18	Scusset, P.I.	1, 1	M.Argue, BBC
21,24	Framingham, Milton	1, 1	R.Forster, R.Campbell#
25,27	P.I., Littleton	1 imm., 1	BBC, J.Baird

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH SHRIKES

The September phase of fall passerine migration produced few noteworthy events. All Winter Wren reports were concentrated in a two day period, beginning on the 18th. This constitutes a surprisingly time-peaked migratory pulse. Towards the end of September, Blue Jays were conspicuously migrating. In past years, such jay movements have been correlated with poor wild food crop situations, particularly acorn crop failures. During the last weekend of the month, numbers of catbirds, thrashers, and Golden-crowned Kinglets on Plum Island indicated a major migratory movement.

The South Shore Bird Club's fall Roundup on September 18 produced high counts for quite a number of species, particularly jays, chickadees and catbirds. Eastern Blue-bird reports were generally scarce for the month, providing continuing evidence of the

disastrous effects of this year's April snowstorm. Common Raven is apparently becoming more so in the eastern part of the state. Of particular note is the sighting on Plum Island, the only known recent record from a lowland coastal Massachusetts location.

Rarities were dominated by the well-described occurrence of a Fork-tailed Flycatcher on Nantucket. This nearly unmistakable South/Central American vagrant was in good plumage, with a full-length tail. A single Sedge Wren report has become a September tradition, but occurrence of this species is always noteworthy. This year's individual was discovered because of its distinctive chip note. It was subsequently well observed, along a small Framingham stream flanked by grasses and sedge. A Loggerhead Shrike, never common in this region, turned up at Marshfield on September 4, an average date based on previous late summer and fall records. L.E.T.

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Eastern Kingbird:			
1,6	Eastham, Ipswich	11, 10+	R.Forster, BBC
11,18	Belmont, Hingham	11, 1	L.Taylor, SSBC
19,20	P.I., Littleton	1, 1	W.Petersen#, J.Baird
Great Crested Flycatcher:			
4,5,11	P.I., Monomoy, MNWS	6, 1, 1	BBC, W.Petersen#, BBC
Fork-tailed Flycatcher:			
16 & 18	Nantucket	1	Holt (fide E.Andrews)
Eastern Phoebe:			
18,28	S.Shore (6 locations), Framingham	13, 7	SSBC, R.Forster
Empidonax species:			
2,6	MNWS, Milton	15, 4	R.Heil, D.Brown#
12,18	Scituate, P.I.	1, 1	SSBC, BBC
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:			
2,4	MNWS, Chatham	4, 1	R.Heil, W.Petersen
5,7	Lexington, Milton	1 imm., 1	J.Andrews, R.Titus
8,12	MNWS, Nantucket	3, 1	R.Heil, R.Stymeist#
Least Flycatcher:			
2	MNWS	1 calling	R.Heil
Eastern Wood-Pewee:			
11,19	P.I., Mt.Watatic	1, 4	BBC, L.Taylor
Olive-sided Flycatcher:			
1,8,11	MNWS	2, 1, 1	R.Heil
4,5	Wellesley, Chatham	2, 1	K.Winkler, B.Nikula#
7-12	3 locations	4 individuals	v.o.
12,18	Nantucket	1, 1	R.Stymeist#
Tree Swallow:			
1,4-18	GMNWR, P.I.	100+, 600 max.	L.Taylor, v.o.
18,23	S.Shore, Sandwich	426, 3000+	SSBC, J.Aylward
26	Monomoy	30	BBC
Bank Swallow:			
1,5	GMNWR, P.I.	30, 10	L.Taylor, BBC
18	Plymouth	1	SSBC
Barn Swallow:			
1,18	GMNWR, S.Shore (4 locations)	40, 21	L.Taylor, SSBC
Cliff Swallow:			
1,2	GMNWR, Monomoy	8, 1	L.Taylor, B.Cassie#
Purple Martin:			
4,5,11	P.I.	60, 10, 2	BBC
18	Milton, P.I.	1, 1	SSBC, MBO
Blue Jay:			
18	Wellesley, S.Shore (8 locations)	30 migrants, 690	K.Winkler, SSBC
21,24	Cambridge, SRV	35, 85	F.Bouchard, R.Walton
24,28	Chatham, Belmont	250, 21	B.Nikula, L.Robinson
Common Raven:			
4-6,5-26	P.I., Mt. Wachusett	1, 3 max.	R.Stymeist#+v.o., P.Roberts#
19	Mt. Watatic	1	L.Taylor
American Crow:			
18,30	S.Shore (7 locations), SRV	399, 161	SSBC, R.Walton
Fish Crow:			
1,14	Whitman, Newton	1, 5	W.Petersen, O.Komar
18	Halifax	1	W.Petersen#
Black-capped Chickadee:			
18	S.Shore (8 locations)	587	SSBC

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Tufted Titmouse:			
18	S.Shore (7 locations)	78	SSBC
Red-breasted Nuthatch:			
3	Cambridge, Annisquam	1, 1	F.Bouchard, H.Wiggin
18	Bridgewater, Quincy	7, 1	SSBC
Brown Creeper:			
8,11	MBO, Wellesley	1 b., 1	MBO Staff, K.Winkler
18,25	S.Shore (3 locations), P.I.	7, 5	SSBC, BBC
House Wren:			
3-19	8 locations	9 individuals	v.o.
Winter Wren:			
18	S.Shore(3 locations), Waltham	3,1	SSBC,L.Taylor
18,19	WBWS, Nantucket	1, 2 b.	D.Reynolds, E.Andrews#
Carolina Wren:			
18	Marshfield	1	SSBC
Marsh Wren:			
18,24	Marshfield, GMNWR	15, 18	SSBC, G.Gove
<u>Sedge Wren:</u>			
25	Framingham	1	R.Forster
Northern Mockingbird:			
18	S.Shore (8 locations)	85	SSBC
Gray Catbird:			
1,7	Eastham, P.I.	26, 25	R.Forster, F.Bouchard
18,25	S.Shore (8 locations), P.I.	165, 63	SSBC, R.Stymeist#
Brown Thrasher:			
18,25	S.Shore(3 locations), P.I.	11, 10	SSBC, P.Roberts#
Wood Thrush:			
18,19	Marshfield, ONWR	2, 1	SSBC, M.Lynch#
19	Whitman	3	W.Petersen
Hermit Thrush:			
2	MNWS	1	R.Heil
Swainson's Thrush:			
5,6	Wellesley, Milton	1, 1	K.Winkler, D.Brown#
8-26	6 locations	8 individuals	v.o.
19	ONWR, MNWS	4, 5	S.Carroll#,W.Petersen#
Gray-cheeked Thrush:			
11,13	Nantucket, MBO	1, 1 b.	E. Fisk, MBO Staff
Veery:			
1,2;19	MNWS	10, 5; 3	R.Heil; W.Petersen#
4,18	Wellesley, S.Shore	2, 3	K.Winkler, SSBC
Eastern Bluebird:			
20	Middleboro	pair	J.McDonald#
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:			
2,4	MNWS, Chatham	3, 2	R.Heil, W.Petersen
6	Annisquam	1	H.Wiggin
Golden-crowned Kinglet:			
11,25	P.I.	1, 35+	BBC, v.o.
12,24	Nantucket, Annisquam	2, 1	R.Stymeist, H.Wiggin
28,30	MNWS, MBO	4, 1 b.	R.Heil, MBO Staff
Ruby-crowned Kinglet:			
6,18	Ipswich, S.Shore (5 locations)	1, 10	BBC, SSBC
11-25	3 locations	7 individuals	v.o.
Water Pipit:			
9-25,18	P.I., S.Shore (2 locations)	13 max., 2	v.o., SSBC
21,25	SRV, Salisbury	12, 13	R.Walton, BBC
Cedar Waxwing:			
2,5	Annisquam, Marshfield	220, 75	H.Wiggin, D.Clapp
8,18	SRV, Belmont	12, 40+	R.Walton, L.Taylor
Loggerhead Shrike:			
4	Marshfield	1	D.Clapp#

VIREOS THROUGH BLACKBIRDS

The expected six species of vireo passed through in September in typical numbers and with approximately normal timing. A Golden-winged Warbler which was banded at Manomet had lingered almost a month beyond regular departure dates. Yellow-throated Warblers occur regionally at an average rate of one per fall season, usually at southeastern coastal locations. This year's individual was at Marblehead Neck.

Bobolink counts of over 500 have been uncommon, at least in recent years. The 800+ Newton count was the result of intensive (all-day) efforts by the observers. Yellow-headed Blackbirds have been occurring frequently enough during fall migrations lately

to have attained "expected" status. The 1982 count of five individuals is about typical, as are the extreme southeastern Massachusetts locations. L.E.T.

<u>SPECIES/DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OBSERVERS</u>
White-eyed Vireo:			
5,6	MNWS, S.Dartmouth	1, 3	W.Smith#, T. Raymond
11,25	P.I.	1, 1	R.Emery#, M.Lynch#
26	Nantucket	1 b.	E.Fisk
Yellow-throated Vireo:			
5,6	MNWS	1, 2	v.o.
6-19	11 locations	12 individuals	v.o.
20,24	Sandwich, MBO	1, 1 b.	R.Pease, MBO Staff
Solitary Vireo:			
12,13	Chatham, MBO	2, 1 b.	S.Carroll#, MBO Staff
18-25	5 locations	7 individuals	v.o.
27,30	Littleton, SRV	3, 1	J.Baird, R.Walton
Red-eyed Vireo:			
2,8;19	MNWS	30, 50+; 25	R.Heil; W.Petersen
6,18	Milton, Duxbury	5, 23	BBC, SSBC
Philadelphia Vireo:			
2,6,19,28	MNWS	2, 5, 3, 3	R.Heil#
3-27	11 locations	17 individuals	v.o.
7,30	MBO	1 b., 1 b.	MBO Staff
18	Duxbury	4	SSBC
Warbling Vireo:			
2,4,5	MNWS	2, 3, 2	R.Heil#
4-21	14 locations	25 individuals (several singing)	v.o.
23,29	S.Peabody, Sandwich	2, 1	R.Heil, R.Pease
Black-and-white Warbler:			
2,4-19	MNWS, Nantucket	21, 12 b.	R.Heil, E.Andrews
4-18	3 locations	6 individuals	v.o.
18,25	Duxbury, Milton	6, 2	SSBC, R.Campbell#
Worm-eating Warbler:			
5	M.V.	1	V.Laux#
Golden-winged Warbler:			
4,6	MNWS, MBO	1 ad. m., 1 b.	J.Berry, MBO Staff
18,30	Plymouth Beach, MBO	1, 1 b.	MBO Staff
Blue-winged Warbler:			
2,3-6	MNWS, 3 locations	1, 3	R.Heil, v.o.
14,18	Nantucket, Nahant	1 b., 1	E.Andrews#, W.Petersen#
Tennessee Warbler:			
4,5-18	Chatham, Nantucket	6, 11 b.	W.Petersen, E.Andrews
6-18,16	4 locations, MBO	5, 5 b.	v.o., MBO Staff
25	Wellesley	3	K.Winkler
Orange-crowned Warbler:			
11,16-19	Hingham, 4 locations	1, 4	R.Titus, v.o.
24,25	Milton (F.M.), Lexington	1, 1	G.D'Entremont#, J.Andrews
Nashville Warbler:			
4-18	5 locations	7 individuals	v.o.
Northern Parula:			
5,8-25	Wellesley, 5 locations	2, 9	K.Winkler, v.o.
11,18	SRV, S.Shore (3 locations)	5, 11	R.Walton, SSBC
Yellow Warbler:			
1,4-11	GMNWR, P.I.	1, 2 max.	L.Taylor, v.o.
5,11	Monomoy, Belmont	2, 1	W.Petersen#, L.Robinson
Magnolia Warbler:			
1-15,6-25	Nantucket, 4 locations	5 b., 8	E.Andrews, v.o.
Cape May Warbler:			
1-19,4-24	Nantucket, 7 locations	13 b., 15	E.Andrews, v.o.
Black-throated Blue Warbler:			
1-25,6	6 locations, Mt.Wachusett	7, 12	v.o., T.Lipsky
Yellow-rumped Warbler:			
4,25	P.I.	6, 15	BBC, N.+O.Komar
25,28	Wellesley, Belmont	60, 11	K.Winkler, L.Robinson
Black-throated Green Warbler:			
3-18	4 locations	7	v.o.
Blackburnian Warbler:			
5,18;11-19	P.I.; Nantucket	1, 1; 5 b.	BBC; E.Andrews
18	Chatham, Marshfield	1, 1	M.Lynch#, SSBC

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<u>Yellow-throated Warbler:</u>			
28	MNWS	1	R.Heil
<u>Chestnut-sided Warbler:</u>			
1,4	Newton, Annisquam	1, 1	O.Komar#, H.Wiggin
6-18,26	4 locations, Wellesley	7, 1	v.o., K.Winkler
<u>Bay-breasted Warbler:</u>			
1-19,1-30	Nantucket, MBO	10 b., 6 b.	E.Andrews, MBO Staff
2,1-24	MNWS, 5 locations	35+, 5	R.Heil, v.o.
<u>Blackpoll Warbler:</u>			
4-12,11-19	4 locations, Nantucket	21, 15 b.	v.o., E.Andrews
18,23	S.Shore (7 locations), S.Peabody	69, 75	SSBC, R.Heil
<u>Pine Warbler:</u>			
1,4-19	Newton, E.Middleboro	1, 2	O.Komar#, K.Anderson
11,12	MNWS, Barnstable	2, 1	BBC, O.Komar#
<u>Prairie Warbler:</u>			
25	P.I.	1	N.Komar
<u>Palm Warbler:</u>			
5,18;18	P.I.; S.Shore (2 locations)	1, 1; 4	v.o.; SSBC
13,20	Newton	2, 3	N.+O.Komar
<u>Ovenbird:</u>			
4,17-19	Wellesley, Nantucket	1, 4 b.	K.Winkler, E.Andrews
25	Salisbury	1	N.Komar#
<u>Northern Waterthrush:</u>			
2,4-14	MNWS, 3 locations	10, 3	R.Heil, v.o.
16-19,18	Nantucket, S.Shore (3 locations)	8 b., 4	E.Andrews, SSBC
<u>Connecticut Warbler:</u>			
4,5	Annisquam, MNWS	1, 1	H.Wiggin, R.Heil
5	M.V., S.Dartmouth	1, 1	V.Laux, T.Raymond
6-25,24	6 locations, MBO	8, 1 b.	v.o., MBO Staff
10,11	Nantucket	1 b., 1 b.	E.Fisk, E.Andrews
<u>Mourning Warbler:</u>			
2,6;5	MNWS; Chatham	1, 1; 1	R.Heil; J.Aylward
4,18,24	Nantucket	1 b., 1 b., 1 b.	E.Andrews
6,18	Milton (F.M.), Truro	1, 1	D.Brown#, D.Reynolds#
<u>Common Yellowthroat:</u>			
1-19,4	Nantucket, Wellesley	51 b., 4	E.Andrews, K.Winkler
<u>Yellow-breasted Chat:</u>			
1,5;12	MNWS; Truro	1, 1; 1	R.Heil; S.Carroll#
4,19;24	Nantucket; M.V.	1 b., 1 b.; 1	E.Andrews; V.Laux
25,27	Nahant, Lexington	1, 1	L.Pivacek, A.Williams
<u>Wilson's Warbler:</u>			
5-18,12	3 locations, Scituate	4, 4	v.o., SSBC
18,25	S.Shore (3 locations), P.I.	4, 1	SSBC, N.Komar#
<u>Canada Warbler:</u>			
2,4	MNWS, Wellesley	9, 2	R.Heil, K.Winkler
4-19	5 locations	5	v.o.
<u>American Redstart:</u>			
1-19,2	Nantucket, MNWS	17 b., 65	E.Andrews, R.Heil
11-15,11	Nantucket, MNWS	15 b., 10	E.Fisk, BBC
<u>Bobolink:</u>			
1,4,13;1	Newton; MNWS	320, 829, 120; 100	N.+O.Komar#; R.Heil
5,6;8	Lincoln; SRV	200, 600; 216	I.C.T.Nisbet; R.Walton
10-18,25	W.Bridgewater, Nantucket	150 max., 80+	v.o., B.Nikula#
<u>Yellow-headed Blackbird:</u>			
5	Monomoy Pt., M.V.	2 imm. m., 2	B.Nikula#, V.Laux
11	Nantucket	1 ad. m.	N.Claflin fide R.Stymeist
<u>Northern Oriole:</u>			
12,13	Truro, Newton	6, 1	M.Lynch, N.Komar
<u>Rusty Blackbird:</u>			
6,18	Milton (F.M.), Wellesley	3, 1 m.	D.Brown#, K.Winkler
<u>Common Grackle:</u>			
18,21	Marshfield, Cambridge	4000, 60	SSBC, F.Bouchard
<u>Brown-headed Cowbird:</u>			
18	Bridgewater	100	SSBC
<u>Scarlet Tanager:</u>			
6-25	4 locations	7	v.o.

GROSBEAKS THROUGH SPARROWS

Blue Grosbeaks were reported from the traditional locations on the Vineyard, Nantucket and Corn Hill, Truro. A pair of American Goldfinches were observed feeding five young at a nest found at Fresh Pond in Cambridge. Nesting time of goldfinches normally is correlated with maturing thistles, with seeds used for food and thistle down for nest building. The latest date on record is September 25 nationwide. C.W. Townsend (Birds of Essex County, Massachusetts, 1920, pg. 140-supplement) said that once in early October he found young goldfinches only a few days old.

A sparrow, thought to resemble a Le Conte's was observed at Plum Island on September 12. Although details were submitted by the observers, the possibility of the Acadian race of the Sharp-tailed Sparrow should not be overlooked. The clear buffy-yellow or straw colored throat of the Le Conte's Sparrow was not mentioned; in fact the observers noted a complete lack of yellowish color. The time period is within the height of the Sharp-tailed Sparrow migration; note the report of 45 in the Plum Island area on the 18th. Lark Sparrows were noted from the Vineyard, Nantucket and Salisbury. A Clay-colored Sparrow was found on Plum Island and well described. The first white-throats were reported on the 11th and Lincoln's Sparrow was well represented. R.H.S.

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Rose-breasted Grosbeak:			
2,6-24	MNWS, Annisquam	6, total of 8	R.Heil, H.Wiggin
12,18	Sharon, W.Newbury	6, 2	H.Mallers, BBC
Blue Grosbeak:			
11,18,26	Nantucket	1, 1, 2	G.Soucy, R.Stymeist#, B.Nikula#
24,26	Gay Head, Truro	1, 3	V.Laux, R.Comeau
Indigo Bunting:			
11,14	Nantucket, Lincoln	4, 2	R.Stymeist#, L.Taylor
16,18	SRV, Halifax	5, 7	R.Walton, W.Petersen#
20,26	Concord, Belmont	15, 3	R.Walton, L.Taylor
Purple Finch:			
5,6	P.I., Ipswich	10, 3	BBC
American Goldfinch:			
3	Cambridge (Fresh Pond)	2 ad. feeding 5 yg at nest	F.Bouchard
6,18	Milton, Nantucket	20, 110+	D.Brown#, R.Stymeist#
Rufous-sided Towhee:			
6,8	Milton, SRV	8, 5	D.Brown#, R.Walton
25	Stellwagen	1	T.Raymond#
Savannah Sparrow:			
10,12	W.Bridgewater, Scituate	6, 4	D.Clapp, SSBC
18	Marshfield, Duxbury, Bridgewater	10, 12, 6	SSBC
20	Concord	65	R.Walton
Grasshopper Sparrow:			
11,26	Nantucket	1, 1	G.Soucy#, B.Nikula#
Sharp-tailed Sparrow:			
12,18	Barnstable(SN), P.I. (Including Plum Bush)	12, 45+	M.Greenwald#, J.Berry
18,25	Scituate, Salisbury	6, 10	SSBC, BBC
Seaside Sparrow:			
18	Squantum, Scituate	1, 2	D.Brown, W.Petersen#
18,25	Eastham, Newburyport	1, 1	M.Lynch#, BBC (Gove)
Vesper Sparrow:			
12,18	Wellfleet, Truro	1, 1	M.Lynch, S.Carroll
Lark Sparrow:			
1,5	Squibnocket (M.V.)	1, 1	W.Manter, V.Laux
19,26	Salisbury, Nantucket	1, 1	W.Petersen#, B.Nikula#
Dark-eyed Junco:			
11,23	SRV, Framingham	1, 1	R.Walton, R.Forster
26,29	Marshfield, Cambridge	8, 11	D.Clapp, F.Bouchard
Chipping Sparrow:			
5,6	P.I., Milton (F.M.)	10, 30	BBC, D.Brown#
<u>Clay-colored Sparrow: (details on file)</u>			
19	P.I.	1	W.Petersen#
White-crowned Sparrow:			
18	Lexington	3 ad.	J.Andrews
Field Sparrow:			
3,8;5	Annisquam; Milton	1, 3; 5	H.Wiggin; D.Brown#
White-throated Sparrow:			
11;18	Wellesley; P.I., SRV	1; 2, 7	K.Winkler; BBC, R.Walton

SPECIES/DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS
Lincoln's Sparrow:			
6,14	Milton, Newton	2, 1	D.Brown#, O.Komar#
18	Truro,Duxbury,N.Weymouth	1, 1, 1	M.Lynch#,SSBC,D.Brown
18	Wellesley, Framingham	1, 2	K.Winkler, R.Forster
19,20	Lexington, Concord	4, 3	J.Andrews, R.Walton
20,21,26,30	Newton	2, 4, 3, 4	N.+O.Komar
23	S.Peabody, Framingham	7, 4	R.Heil, R.Forster
25,26	P.I., Wellesley	1, 1	R.Stymeist, K.Winkler
Song Sparrow:			
6	Milton (F.M.)	40	D.Brown
18	S.Shore (8 locations)	139	SSBC
20,30	Cambridge, SRV	20, 18	F.Bouchard, R.Walton

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ad.	adult	F.M.	Fowl Meadow, Milton
alt.	alternate (plumage)	gr.	greater as in Gr.Boston area
b.	banded	I.	Island
br.	breeding	M.V.	Martha's Vineyard
dk.	dark (phase)	Mt.A.	Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge
f.	female	Nant.	Nantucket
fl.	fledge	Newbypt	Newburyport
imm.	immature	ONWR	Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge
ind.	individuals	P.I.	Plum Island
loc.	locations	P'town	Provincetown
lt.	light (phase)	R.P.	Race Point, Provincetown
m.	male	S.N.	Sandy Neck, Barnstable
max.	maximum	Stellw.	Stellwagen (Bank)
migr.	migrating	ABC	Allen Bird Club
ph.	photographed	BBC	Brookline Bird Club
pl.	plumage	BOEM	Bird Observer of Eastern Massachusetts
pr.	pair	CBC	Christmas Bird Count
thr.	throughout	DFWS	Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary
v.o.	various observers	FBC	Forbush Bird Club
W	winter (2W = second winter)	GBBEC	Greater Boston Breeding Bird Census
w/	with	GMNWR	Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge
yg.	young	IRWS	Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary
#	additional observers	MAS	Massachusetts Audubon Society
A.A.	Arnold Arboretum	MBO	Manomet Bird Observatory
A.P.	Andrews Point, Rockport	MNWS	Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary
Buzz.	Buzzards (Bay)	NBBC	Newburyport Breeding Bird Census
C.Cod	Cape Cod	SSBC	South Shore Bird Club
E.P.	Eastern Point, Gloucester	TASL	Take a Second Look (BOEM project)
F.E.	First Encounter Beach, Eastham	WBWS	Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
F.H.	Fort Hill, Eastham	WMWS	Wachusett Meadows Wildlife Sanctuary

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