



# Field Records

## May 1983

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May 1983 was extraordinarily cloudy and rainy though not far from normal in temperature and total precipitation. The temperature averaged  $58.2^{\circ}$ , just  $0.3^{\circ}$  below normal. The first eight days averaged over  $8^{\circ}$  above normal, and the high was  $81^{\circ}$  on May Day,  $17^{\circ}$  above average. Cool weather predominated the rest of the month with a low of  $40^{\circ}$  on the tenth. The greatest deficit was  $12^{\circ}$  below average on the twenty-seventh.

The wet weather failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the hundreds of birders who monitored the migration at Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge. Rainfall totaled only 2.94 inches; however rain was excessively frequent, with measurable amounts on eighteen days, leaving only seven days with no rain. This year's accumulation now stands at 29.55 inches, 10.53 inches over normal and the sixth wettest for the period in 166 years! Thunder was heard on three days, one day more than average. Fog was excessively frequent in the middle and latter parts of the month. Southwest winds were frequent, noted on twelve days as compared with just one during May 1982. Last May, you may remember, set a record of twenty-three days with easterly winds whereas only two days with east winds were recorded this May.

R.H.S.

### LOONS THROUGH HERONS

The Scituate Western Grebe that was in the Third Cliff area since November 1982 finally decided to move on and was last reported there on May 8. Apparently the same bird made it to Nahant where it was found feeding on May 15. A Pied-billed Grebe at Mount Auburn was unusual especially because of the late date it was recorded. A White Pelican was seen flying over the Belle Isle Marsh in East Boston on May 15. Soheil Zende reported seeing the bird heading north; indeed observers noted a White Pelican in Brunswick, Maine, and one was seen later in Rumford (fide Peter Vickery).

The big news of the season didn't make the headlines until July - a strange heron appeared on Nantucket but remained unidentified until July 11, 1983. The Western Reef Heron (Egretta gularis) is included in the tabulation below and was also inserted in April's BOEM.

Snowy Egret nests totaled 82 on Monomoy. This is only the second year that the Snowy Egrets took up residence on Monomoy. Only 20-25 nests were recorded in 1982. Tricolored Herons were reported from five locations with off and on sightings throughout the month at Plum Island. An adult Yellow-crowned Night-Heron was noted at Great Meadows, the only one noted this past May.

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<u>SPECIES/DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OBSERVERS</u>
Red-throated Loon:			
28,30	P.I., Woods Hole	9, 1	R.Stymeist#,H.D'Entremont
Common Loon:			
9,11	Nantucket Sound	10+, 10+	J.Berry
14,23	Stellwagen, Newton	6, 1	W.Petersen#,N.Komar
25,28	Mt.A., P.I.	3, 3	J.Heywood#,T.Walsh#
28,30	Monomoy, Lakeville	4 migrants, 8	W.Petersen#
Pied-billed Grebe:			
thr.,18+29	P.I., Monomoy	1-2, 1+2	R.Emery#&v.o.,B.Nikula#&v.o.
28	Mt.A.	1	F.Bouchard&v.o.
Horned Grebe:			
21	Lynn	1	C.Floyd,G.Gove,R.Stymeist
Red-necked Grebe:			
25	P.I.	1	F.Bouchard

<u>SPECIES/DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OBSERVERS</u>
<u>Western Grebe:</u>			
1-8	Scituate (Third Cliff)	1 from Nov.	T.Leverich#,H.Mallers#
15	Nahant	1	J.Heywood,R.Stymeist
<u>Northern Fulmar:</u>			
14,29	Stellwagen	3, 1	W.Petersen,C.Leahy
<u>Northern Gannet:</u>			
7,10	Truro, Nantucket	1000, 600+	B.Nikula#,J.Berry
14,30	Stellwagen, Scituate	25, 1	W.Petersen#
<u>White Pelican:</u>			
15	E.Boston (Belle Isle)	1 ad.	S.Zendeh,C.Jackson
<u>Great Cormorant:</u>			
9	Nantucket	3 imm.	J.Berry
30	Lakeville (Little Quittacus)	1 imm.	W.Petersen
<u>Double-crested Cormorant:</u>			
thr.	Mt.A.	149 migrants	v.o.
15	Nahant (Egg Rock)	1000+	J.Heywood,R.Stymeist
<u>American Bittern:</u>			
1,8;5,7	GMNWR; Lynnfield	1, 1; 2, 1	A.Williams
6-21,18	P.I., Milton (FM)	max 3, 1	v.o.,R.Titus
19,21	Newton, Wellesley	1, 1	K.Winkler
<u>Least Bittern:</u>			
21,28,29	P.I.	3, 2, 2	M.Noland#,R.Stymeist#,F.Bouchard#
21	Lynnfield	1	H.Wiggin#
<u>Great Egret:</u>			
1;2	Truro, P.I.;Saugus	1, 2; 1	R.Titus,I.Giriunas#;J.Berry
21,22	Squantum, Westport	2, 7	S.Smith#,D.Davis#
Other reports of single individuals from 8 locations.			
<u>Snowy Egret:</u>			
2,8	Saugus, Squantum	9, 12	J.Berry,C.Wilson
15	P.I., Essex	8, 27	D&D.Oliver#,I.Giriunas#
27	Monomoy	<u>82 nests</u>	D.Holt,J.Lortie
<u>Little Blue Heron:</u>			
thr.	Marshfield	1-2 ad.	v.o.
thr.	P.I.	1-3	v.o.
19,21	GMNWR, Winthrop	1, 1	R.Walton,C.Jackson
<u>Tricolored Heron:</u>			
9,15,28	P.I.	1	J.Gruga#&v.o.
20,22	Duxbury, Plymouth	1, 1	C.Wood,S.Van Etten
28,30	Monomoy, Scituate	2, 1	W.Petersen#
<u>Western Reef Heron:</u>			
thr.	Nantucket	1	E&C.Andrews#
<u>Cattle Egret:</u>			
1,3	Lakeville, E.Orleans	6, 3	K.Holmes,A.Williams
15	Marshfield, Ipswich	3, 6	BBC
19	Middleboro, Concord	3, 1	K.Holmes,J.Bertrand#
<u>Green-backed Heron:</u>			
15,21	P.I., Wellesley	6, 8	BBC,K.Winkler#
Other reports of 1-2 individuals from various locations.			
<u>Black-crowned Night-Heron:</u>			
30	Hingham	11	H.Mallers#
<u>Yellow-crowned Night-Heron:</u>			
26	GMNWR	1 ad.	J.Barton
<u>Glossy Ibis:</u>			
3,24	Squantum, Ipswich	30, 11	S.Smith,R.Forster#

#### WATERFOWL

A Cinnamon Teal reported from Martha's Vineyard is an interesting report although the origin of this individual is still unknown. Brant continued at various locations throughout the month with good numbers present at mid-month. A "Common" Teal was noted at Plum Island and a Bufflehead found Halcyon Pond at Mount Auburn Cemetery to his liking. Other highlights included three Harlequin Ducks in East Orleans, and large numbers of scoters at Nahant and Lynn. R.H.S.

<u>Mute Swan:</u>			
5	Wayland	1	Gregory
<u>Brant:</u>			
thr.	Newburyport Harbor	275-37	v.o.
12,13	E.Boston, Squantum	140, 150+	S.Zendeh,C.Wilson#

<u>SPECIES/DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OBSERVERS</u>
Brant (continued):			
15	Duxbury, Scituate	350, 75	S.Higginbotham,W.Petersen
30	N.Scituate, Scituate	28, 8	W.Petersen
Wood Duck:			
21	Wellesley, Lynnfield	15, 8	K.Winkler#,H.Coolidge#
21	Middleboro	18	W.Petersen
"Common" Teal:			
6	P.I.	1	A.Williams
Northern Pintail:			
18,29	Monomoy	3, 3	D.Holt#
Cinnamon Teal: (no details)			
12	M.V.	1	V.Laux
Northern Shoveler:			
thr.	P.I.	max. 4	v.o.
18, 29	Monomoy	2, 2	B.Nikula#
Northern Gadwall:			
thr.	P.I.	max. 20+	v.o.
American Wigeon:			
18	P.I., Monomoy	2, 3	BBC,D.Holt#
Greater Scaup:			
1	Newburyport	12	BBC(Giriunas)
Common Eider:			
15,30	Nahant, Scituate	40, 5	R.Stymeist#,R.Titus#
Harlequin Duck:			
3	E.Orleans	2 m., 1 f.	A.Williams
Oldsquaw:			
thr.	Newburyport Harbor	max. 200+	v.o.
Surf Scoter:			
4, 11	Scituate,Nantucket Sound	87, 200+	R.Emery#,J.Berry
White-winged Scoter:			
9	Nantucket Sound	450+	J.Berry
15	Nahant-Lynn	400+	R.Stymeist#
Bufflehead:			
6,7	Mt.A., Lakeville	1 m., 3	v.o., W.Petersen
14,22	Newburyport, Squantum	1, 1	N.Komar,SSBC
Red-breasted Merganser:			
28	P.I., Monomoy	11, 2	R.Stymeist,W.Petersen
Ruddy Duck:			
thr.	P.I.	max. 10	v.o.

#### RAPTORS

A Black Vulture, American Swallow-tailed Kite, and a Mississippi Kite made Cape Cod the raptor mecca of Massachusetts this May. The Mississippi Kite was the seventh record for the state, the most recent being September 1, 1982 when a call came into Massachusetts Audubon about an injured hawk in someone's yard in North Easton. (See Roger Everett's photograph of this year's individual in this issue). The American Swallow-tailed Kite was the fifth recent Massachusetts record; the last report of this species was a bird seen in Marion on June 11, 1980, and presumably the same bird was reported again in Sandwich on June 12, 1980. The Black Vulture, by no means common in Massachusetts, has appeared much more regularly though there were no reports published in 1982. The last reports were of an individual seen on the outer Cape and on Nantucket in September and October 1981.

Osprey nests were found in Marion and Lakeville. Over thirty active nests were located along the Westport River and its branches, and Ospreys continue to increase on Martha's Vineyard. There was no significant hawk movement reported with the exception of 100+ Sharp-shinned Hawks from Chatham on May 6 and 125+ and 130+ at Truro on May 7 and 8. A well described light phase Rough-legged Hawk was noted from the Sudbury River Valley on the late date of May 7.

A sighting of a possible Black-shouldered Kite (White-tailed Kite) at Mount Auburn Cemetery on May 8 is indeed interesting. Written reports of this observation were received from three different birders, all with enough details to confuse anyone, most of all this reporter. I was present at the cemetery at the time of all this excitement but didn't get "on" the bird. Many other birders were able to catch a glimpse and all these reports leave this report where it belongs - up in the air! R.H.S.

SPECIES/DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS
<u>Black Vulture:</u>			
21	P'town (no details)	1	W&P.Bailey,C.Goodrich
<u>Turkey Vulture:</u>			
1,2	W.Newbury, Middleboro	2, 1	BBC,K.Holmes
10,21,28	SRV, P'town, Wellfleet	1, 1, 1	R.Walton,W.Bailey#,L.Taylor#
<u>Osprey:</u>			
thr.	Lakeville, Marion	active nest at both sites	W.Petersen,C.Gove
thr.	Westport	30+active nests	v.o.
15	E.Boston,N.Scituate,Newbypt.	3, 1, 1	S.Zendeh,W.Petersen,R.Stymeist
27-30	M.V.	12	BBC (R.Culbert)
<u>American Swallow-tailed Kite:</u>			
8	Chatham	1	J.Barabe
<u>Mississippi Kite:</u>			
6	Chatham	1	D.Folger,W.Bailey
7	Truro	1	B.Nikula,D.Reynolds photographed by R.Everett
<u>Bald Eagle:</u>			
7	Truro	1 imm.	B.Nikula,D.Reynolds
<u>Northern Harrier:</u>			
10	Lynnfield, Nantucket	2, 8	BBC,J.Berry
<u>Sharp-shinned Hawk:</u>			
1	P.I., Mt.A.	30, 8	BBC,R.Stymeist
6	Chatham	100+	D.Folger,W.Bailey#
7,8	Truro	125+, 130+	B.Nikula,D.Reynolds#
<u>Cooper's Hawk:</u>			
6;7	Chatham; E.Middleboro, Truro	1; 1, 1	W.Bailey#;K.Anderson,B.Nikula#
8,11,14	Truro, Concord, W.Newbury	3, 1, 1	B.Nikula#,R.Walton,G.Gove#
<u>Northern Goshawk:</u>			
6,17	Middleboro, Lancaster	1, 1 imm.	D.Briggs,A.Williams
<u>Red-shouldered Hawk:</u>			
thr.,1	E.Middleboro, Hingham	2, 1	K.Anderson,SSBC
15+28,23 on	Boxford, Norwell	pair, nesting pair	R.Stymeist#,fide W.Petersen
22, 25	Milton, Sharon	1, 1 ad.	J.Leverich#,R.Titus
<u>Broad-winged Hawk:</u>			
1,6	Mt.A., Chatham	10, 23	R.Stymeist#,D.Holt#
7,8	Truro	40+, 50+	B.Nikula#
8,26	Canton, P'town	8, 85	R.Titus,M.Mello
<u>Red-tailed Hawk:</u>			
thr.	Ipswich	pr. nesting	J.Berry#&v.o.
<u>Rough-legged Hawk:</u>			
7	SRV	1 (light phase)	R.Walton
<u>Merlin:</u>			
1,3	Mt.A., Middlesex Fells	1, 1	R.Stymeist,C.Jackson
6,14	P.I.	1, 1	Athol Bird Club,G.Gove#
<u>Peregrine Falcon:</u>			
1-18	Monomoy	at least 3 individuals	D.Holt,J.Lortie#
15	E.Boston,Newburyport	1, 1 ad.	S.Zendeh#,J.Heywood#
23	MNWS	1	R.Heil,J.Smith#

#### WILD TURKEY THROUGH AMERICAN COOT

Northern Bobwhite were heard calling in Cambridge and Belmont, and Wild Turkeys were noted as far east as Winchendon. A Purple Gallinule was seen and heard at Fowl Meadow in Canton at mid month. King Rails were noted at three locations. R.H.S.

<u>Wild Turkey:</u>			
May	Winchendon	4	J.O'Regan
<u>Northern Bobwhite:</u>			
14,15	Cambridge, Whitman	1, 3	L.Taylor,W.Petersen
24-26	Belmont	1	L.Taylor
<u>King Rail:</u>			
21,25	P.I., Lynnfield	1, 1	J.Barton#,H.Coolidge#
28	Milton (FM)	1	R.Abrams
<u>Virginia Rail:</u>			
thr.	Lynnfield	7-8 reported most of the month.	v.o.
<u>Sora Rail:</u>			
thr.	Lynnfield	3-4 reported most of the month.	v.o.
<u>Purple Gallinule:</u>			
17,18	Canton (FM)	1	D.Brown,R.Titus#

SPECIES/DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS
Common Moorheh: 8	GMNWR	2	A. Williams
American Coot: 28	GMNWR	1	C. Johnson

#### SHOREBIRDS

Black-bellied Plover numbers increased toward the end of the month at coastal locations. Three Lesser Golden-Plover reports from Plymouth Beach were received; whether this was one bird or three is problematical although one report noted that the bird was in breeding plumage. A report of a Wilson's Plover from the same location provided no details. In the BOEM records, 1973-1983, there have been six previous reports with one in the month of April, two in May and three in June. The May 3 record of Semipalmated Plover is an early date as there have been only three April records in the past eleven years and this is the second earliest May report. American Oystercatchers were noted in Boston Harbor and at the more usual coastal locations with a maximum of twenty on Monomoy where four nests were found. A Black-necked Stilt spent five days in Ipswich and was well seen by many observers. According to Sanctuary, the MAS monthly newsletter, there have been only ten records of this bird in Massachusetts this century. Five of these have occurred in the BOEM record period with one bird in the month of April, two in May and three in June, the same pattern as noted above for Wilson's Plover. American Avocet, noted in Duxbury, has been recorded sixteen times and, unlike the above patterns, most of the records are July through October, indicating post-breeding dispersal rather than spring migration overshoot which is probably the explanation in the former cases.

A total of fourteen Solitary Sandpipers were counted in the Sudbury River Valley on May 6, and Upland Sandpipers were noted from eight locations including three inland. Remarkably, no Whimbrels were reported this month, the first May since 1973 with no reports of this species. Two Hudsonian Godwits were seen flying over Stellwagen Bank on May 29; only four of the previous ten years had May reports of this species and these were of single birds. For an excellent discussion of this species' known migration patterns, see the article by J.A. Hagar in the March 1983 Sanctuary.

A Bar-tailed Godwit in breeding plumage was seen in Squantum on the afternoon of May 23. The light underwing linings and the barring on the tail were well seen by the fortunate observers. There have been seven previous records since 1973 of this Eurasian species with only one other in May. The fifty Red Knots at Monomoy on the twenty-eighth constitutes a high count for May, and Least Sandpipers seen on May 1 were the first reported this year. Purple Sandpipers were still present throughout the month which is not unusual, but there are no previous records for June. The Stilt Sandpiper report from Monomoy is early. Ruffs continued to mid-month at Newburyport with at least two individuals and possibly five or six being seen. G.W.G.

#### Black-bellied Plover:

7-31	Newburyport	max. 2000 (5/29)	v.o.
3,12	Plymouth, Winthrop	50, 100	B.Harrington#, S.Zendeh
15,30	Scituate	80, 35	W.Petersen, R.Titus#
27-30,28	M.V., Monomoy	200, 1300	BBC, SSBC

#### Lesser Golden-Plover:

3,8,21	Plymouth	1, 1 (br. pl.), 1	W.Smith#, J.Leverich#, W.Petersen#
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#### Wilson's Plover:

3	Plymouth	1 (no details)	B.Harrington#
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#### Semipalmated Plover:

3,4	Plymouth, SRV	1, 1	B.Harrington#, R.Walton
15	P.I., Scituate, Essex	150+, 45, 15	J.Heywood#, W.Petersen, BBC
21,22	Halifax, Bolton	1, 8	K.Anderson, BBC

#### Piping Plover:

3,8,12	Plymouth, Scituate, Winthrop	2,2,1	B.Harrington#, H.Mallers#, S.Zendeh
15;29	Scituate; M.V., P.I.	4; 3, 4	W.Petersen; BBC, F.Bouchard

#### Killdeer:

1,15;18	Newburyport, P.I.; Lincoln	3, 4; pr. nesting	BBC; J.Carter
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#### American Oystercatcher:

chr.	Monomoy	max. 20 (5/28)	v.o.
15-22	Thompson's I. & Squantum	1	v.o.
10,27-30	Nantucket, M.V.	pr., 10	J.Berry, BBC

#### Black-necked Stilt:

24-29	Ipswich	1	R.Meyer+B.Valentine+v.o.
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#### American Avocet:

13-14	Duxbury	1	C.Wood
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<b>Greater Yellowlegs:</b>			
1,29	Newburyport-P.I.	26, 10	BBC,G.Gove
3-11,12	Squantum, Winthrop	max. 100 (5/11), 165	C.Wilson#,S.Zendeh
23,24	Dover, SRV	2, 6	F.Hamlen,R.Walton
<b>Lesser Yellowlegs:</b>			
1,7	Newburyport-P.I.	6, 20	BBC
3,10	Squantum, Halifax	1, 1	S.Smith,W.Petersen
12,17	Winthrop, SRV	1, 1	S.Zendeh,R.Walton
<b>Solitary Sandpiper:</b>			
1,6	SRV, Manomet; SRV	1, 1; 14	R.Walton,T.Lloyd-Evans;R.Walton
14,25	Chatham, P'town	4, 4	B.Nikula#
21	Halifax,Marshfield;Wellesley	2, 2; 3	W.Petersen;K.Winkler#
7-31	Individuals from 14 locations		
<b>Willet:</b>			
thr.	Newburyport-P.I.	max. 5 (5/7)	v.o.
3, 21	Plymouth	1, 1	B.Harrington#,W.Petersen#
17,21	Squantum	1, 2	D.Brown,W.Petersen#
15,24	Ipswich	1, 2	BBC,D.Alexander
12, 27-30	Winthrop, M.V.	1, 2	S.Zendeh,BBC
<b>Spotted Sandpiper:</b>			
1	P.I., Hingham	1, 1	BBC,SSBC
12;21	Winthrop;Wellesley,South Shore	6;8,16	S.Zendeh;K.Winkler#,W.Petersen#
5-31	1-2 from each of 13 locations		
<b>Upland Sandpiper:</b>			
1,7	Newburyport	1, 3	BBC, J.Berry#
8;10	P'town, Truro; Halifax	1, 1; 3	B.Nikula#;W.Petersen#
18,19;27-29	Middleboro; Lincoln	1; 2	K.Holmes;J.Carter
22,29	Easton, Marshfield	3, 1	R.Titus,R.Abrams
<b>Hudsonian Godwit:</b>			
29	Stellwagen Bank	2	C.Leahy
<b>Bar-tailed Godwit:</b>			
23	Squantum	1 (br. pl.)	T.deBoor,H.D'Entremont
<b>Ruddy Turnstone:</b>			
3,8	Plymouth	2, 4	B.Harrington#,G.Gove#
12,15	Winthrop, Squantum	12, 25	S.Zendeh,SSBC
27-30,28	M.V., Monomoy	13, 50	BBC,SSBC
<b>Red Knot:</b>			
27-30, 28	M.V., Monomoy	10, 50	BBC,SSBC
<b>Sanderling:</b>			
3;15,21	Plymouth; Nahant	30; 100, 50	W.Smith#;R.Stymeist,H.Wiggin#
28	Monomoy	800+	SSBC
<b>Semipalmated Sandpiper:</b>			
3,7	Plymouth, P.I.	4, 1	B.Harrington#,BBC
12,15	Winthrop, Scituate	4, 12	S.Zendeh,W.Petersen
27-30,28	M.V., Monomoy	35, 200	BBC,SSBC
<b>Least Sandpiper:</b>			
1,3	P.I., Plymouth	14, 50	BBC,B.Harrington#
7,14;7	Topsfield; Newburyport	20, 125; 500	G.Gove
10,15	Halifax, Scituate	150, 225	W.Petersen
18,24	Newburyport, Ipswich	300, 20	J.Berry
<b>White-rumped Sandpiper:</b>			
thr.	Newburyport-P.I.	max. 8 (5/7)	v.o.
12;15,28	Winthrop;Scituate,Monomoy	6; 1, 6	S.Zendeh;W.Petersen
<b>Pectoral Sandpiper:</b>			
1,3	P.I., SRV	1, 2	BBC,R.Walton
10,14	Halifax, Essex	3, 10	W.Petersen,BBC
29	Marshfield	4	R.Abrams
<b>Purple Sandpiper:</b>			
1-24	Marblehead	max. 12	J.Smith#
8,15	Gloucester, Lynn	45, 15	BBC,R.Stymeist#
15,30	Scituate	200, 40	W.Petersen
<b>Dunlin:</b>			
3,7	Plymouth, P.I.	30, 55	W.Smith#,BBC
12,18	Winthrop,Newburyport	150, 20	S.Zendeh,J.Berry
27-30,28	M.V.,Monomoy	10, 175	BBC,SSBC
<b>Stilt Sandpiper:</b>			
17	Monomoy	1	D.Holt&J.Lortie
<b>Ruff:</b>			
1,7,18	Newburyport	1, 1, 1	BBC,D.Skeels#,N.Komar#
9,14	Newburyport	1 F, 1 M & 1 F	J.Grujan

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Short-billed Dowitcher:			
1,7;3	P.I.; Plymouth	2, 6; 5	BBC,H.Wiggin;W.Smith#
12,22	Winthrop, Squantum	3, 5	S.Zendeh,SSBC
Common Snipe:			
5,7	Lynnfield, Newburyport	2, 1	J.Berry
American Woodcock:			
1,24	Ipswich, Hamilton	3, 7	J.Berry
	Individuals from 4 locations		
Wilson's Phalarope:			
thr.	P.I.	max. 5 (5/15)	v.o.
8	P'town	1	B.Nikula#
Red-necked Phalarope:			
14	Stellwagen Bank	6	W.Petersen#

#### JAEGER THROUGH TERNS

An adult Franklin's Gull (Larus pipixcan) in summer plumage was found on the shorebird flats of Monomoy (North Island) on May 28. The following is excerpted from the details provided by the observer. Attention was first drawn to the bird as it flew ahead, and the extensive white trailing edges of its wings, pale gray mantle and the conspicuous white-tipped primaries and transverse pale stripe just behind the wing tips were noted. The bird landed among Black-bellied Plovers, and its small size and short legs were evident. Readily obvious marks as it stood were the prominent white orbital crescents, short reddish bill and legs, medium gray mantle coloration as compared to nearby Laughing Gulls, small size with a stubby-winged appearance and the extensive white wing tips. The complete black hood did not extend as far down the nape as on a Laughing Gull, and the hood configuration produced the effect of a very wide white collar between the back of the hood and the gray mantle. This was the third Franklin's Gull seen in Massachusetts by the observer, the last also a spring record almost exactly two years ago.

An adult Common Black-headed Gull in breeding plumage was seen defending territory in the Laughing Gull colony on Monomoy. One wonders when this species will be found breeding in the state. Iceland and Glaucous gulls continued throughout the month and Great Black-backed Gulls were seen feeding on herring in Lakeville.

Individual Caspian Terns were noted from Scituate and Plum Island, and a Sandwich Tern was seen at Plymouth Beach. Only a single Roseate Tern was observed at Monomoy, leading to speculation that this species will not use that location as a breeding area this year. A total of twenty-eight Arctic Terns was seen there on the same date including eight "portlandicas." Black Terns were reported from four locations throughout the month with a high count of ten at Monomoy on May 28. One Black Skimmer was seen on the Vineyard on the thirtieth.

G.W.G.

#### Parasitic Jaeger:

14	Stellwagen Bank	2	W.Petersen#
29,30	Monomoy, P'town	2, 1	W.Bailey#,B.Nikula#
Laughing Gull:			
8,21	Newburyport	1, 2	R.Stymeist, H.Wiggin#
27-30	M.V.	2	BBC
<u>Franklin's Gull:</u> (details)			
28	Monomoy	1	W.Petersen#
Little Gull:			
14,22,29	Newburyport	3 ad. & 4 imm., 1 imm., 1	G.Gove#,W.Petersen#,F.Bouchard
14-31	Monomoy	max. 2	B.Nikula#
Common Black-headed Gull:			
thr.	Monomoy	1 ad.	D.Holt#
Bonaparte's Gull:			
18,28	Newburyport, Monomoy	52, 4	J.Berry, W.Petersen#
Ring-billed Gull:			
18,21,25	Newbypt,Plymouth,Ipswich	250, 175, 25	J.Berry,W.Petersen#,J.Berry
Iceland Gull:			
14;14,28	Newbypt,Stellwagen,Monomoy	1 (1S); 2, 1	E.Nielsen#; W.Petersen#
Glaucous Gull:			
14,25	Newburyport, P.I.	1 (1S), 1	E.Nielsen#, F.Bouchard#
Great Black-backed Gull:			
7	Lakeville	150	W.Petersen#
Black-legged Kittiwake:			
10,12	P'town, Winthrop	1, 1 imm.	A.Williams, S.Zendeh
28	Monomoy	2	W.Petersen#

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Caspian Tern: 7-11,15	N.Scituate, P.I.	2, 1	v.o.,BBC
<u>Sandwich Tern:</u> 22	Plymouth	1	S.van Etten
Roseate Tern: 8-31	Plymouth	6	v.o.
27-30,28	M.V., Monomoy	2, 1	BBC,SSBC
Common Tern: thr.	Plymouth	max. 250	v.o.
15	P.I., Ipswich	6, 6	BBC
27-30	M.V.	220	BBC
Arctic Tern: 21,28	Plymouth, Monomoy	2, 28	W.Petersen#
Least Tern: 15	P.I., Ipswich; Marshfield, Scituate	4, 4; 2, 2	BBC;SSBC
22,28	Westport, Monomoy	25, 50	BBC,SSBC
27-30	M.V.	200	BBC
Black Tern: 12, 15-18	Mt. A., GMNWR	1, 1	BBC,R.Walton
17,28	Monomoy	3, <u>10</u>	D.Holt#,W.Petersen#
29,31	M.V., GMNWR	3, 3	BBC,S.Sweet
Black Skimmer: 30	M.V.	1	BBC

#### DOVES THROUGH WOODPECKERS

Black-billed and Yellow-billed cuckoos were well represented with high counts of four for the former and five for the latter species. Six species of owls were reported with two adult and two young Barn Owls seen together at Martha's Vineyard. Five Short-eared Owls were noted on Monomoy where a nest with six young and three eggs was found. A Northern Saw-whet Owl was present from April to at least mid-month in Chatham. A group of 106 Common Nighthawks was seen circling, feeding, and drifting northwest on the evening of May 31 in Sudbury. A Chuck-will's-widow was flushed from the yews in the Dell at Mt. Auburn. It landed on a branch at eye level for a few observers where it provided a brief look before flying off. It was described as large, Merlin size, and a tawny brown in color. Two days later, a Whip-poor-will was seen on the ground at the same location, and it provided contrast to the former bird, being smaller and gray rather than brown. An estimated 3500 Chimney Swifts were seen circling to roost in a small chimney of a church in Haverhill. Local residents said the birds had been coming there for years and that their numbers increase through September. Ruby-throated Hummingbirds were seen in good numbers on migration and four were seen flying north at Stellwagen Bank.

A pair of Red-bellied Woodpeckers was seen at a nest on Martha's Vineyard. Remarkably, there are two reports of Black-backed (three-toed) Woodpecker from the Cape, one being described as a male and the other as a female. This would mean that there were two individual birds which would seem to be an unprecedented occurrence, particularly at that location and this time of year in a non-flight year. The last May record was in 1975; from 1955-1975, this species was recorded more than 160 times with at least ten May records and one in June. G.W.G.

Mourning Dove: thr.	Brookline, Newton	11, 8	H.Wiggin,N.&O.Komar
Black-billed Cuckoo: 4,7	Wellesley, Lexington	1, 1	K.Winkler,J.Andrews
15,21	W.Newbury, Newton	2, 2	BBC, N.Komar
22,28	Westport, Boxford	2, 4	BBC,J.Heywood#
	14 individuals from 14 locations		
Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 3-18,8	Mt.A., Canton	1, 1	v.o.,R.Abrams
21,22	Wellesley, Newton	3, 5	K.Winkler,N.& O.Komar
26,29	Lincoln	3	J.Carter,R.Stymeist#
	14 individuals from 14 locations		
Common Barn Owl: 26,29	Chatham, M.V.	1, 2 ad. & 2 yg.	D.Holt,BBC
Eastern Screech-Owl: thr.	W.Newbury, Mt.A.	3, 1 (gray)	R.Stymeist#,v.o.
8-12,10	Saugus, P'town	1, 1	C.Jackson,A.Williams
27-30	M.V.	2	BBC
Great Horned Owl: 22,31	Lexington, Hamilton	1, 1	J.Andrews,J.Berry

SPECIES/DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS
Barred Owl:			
thr.	Belmont	1	fide R.Stymeist
21,28	Topsfield, Boxford	1, 2	C.Floyd#, R.Stymeist#
Short-eared Owl:			
18,27-30	Monomoy, M.V.	5+, 1	D.Holt#, BBC
Northern Saw-whet Owl:			
6-13	Chatham	1	B.Nikula#
Common Nighthawk:			
8,9	Brookline, Newburyport	1, 1	R.Hamburger, J.Grugan
19,21	Canton, P.I.	8, 15	R.Titus#, R.Stymeist#
31	Lincoln, SRV	15, 106	J.Carter, R.Walton
Chuck-will's-widow:			
4	Mt.A.	1	G.Gove, H.Wiggin, L.Heron#
Whip-poor-will:			
2,6,11;8	Mt.A; E. Middleboro	1, 1, 1; 1	v.o.; K.Anderson
7,14	W. Newbury	3, 7	G.Gove
24,27-30	Hamilton, M.V.	3, 5	J.Berry, BBC
Chimney Swift:			
thr.	Newton	13	N&O.Komar
1,2	Brookline, Baldwinville	6, 20	H.Wiggin, J.O'Regan
8,15	Gloucester, W. Newbury	12, 10	BBC
26	Haverhill	3500+	R.Stymeist&J.Heywood
Ruby-throated Hummingbird:			
thr.	Mt.A.	max. 5 (5/14)	v.o.
11,19	Newton, Manchester	2, 6	N&O.Komar, BBC
21	Salisbury, Wellesley	3, 3	J.Grugan, K.Winkler
22,23	Stellwagen, P.I.	4, 4	K.Holmes, v.o.
27-30	M.V.	3	BBC
	10 individuals from 10 locations		
Belted Kingfisher:			
1,30	Newburyport, Scituate	2, 1	BBC, R.Titus#
Red-headed Woodpecker:			
1,19-23	Middleboro, Hingham	1 m., 1	M.Rice-Braun, J.Leonard
22,27-30	Lowell, M.V.	1, 1	A.Blaissdell, BBC
Red-bellied Woodpecker:			
8,15	Gloucester, MNWS	1, 1	BBC, J.Grugan
11-12,21	Ipswich, Newton	1, 1	M.Pendergast, O&N.Komar
28	M.V.	pair at nest	BBC
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:			
1-14,21	Mt.A., Wellesley	max. 5 (5/1), 1	v.o., B.Cassie#
Downy Woodpecker:			
thr.	Newton	10	N&O.Komar
Hairy Woodpecker:			
thr.	Newton	4	N&O.Komar
Black-backed Woodpecker: (no details)			
8,16	Wellfleet, Eastham	1m, 1f	S.McNair, P.Goodrich, (fide B.Nikula)
Northern Flicker:			
thr.	Newton	12	N&O.Komar
21	Wellesley	63	K.Winkler
Pileated Woodpecker:			
7,21	Canton, Milton	1, 1	R.Abrams, W.Petersen#
28	Hamilton	pair	J.Berry

#### FLYCATCHERS THROUGH VIREOS

For the first year since 1980, most area observers were treated to a strong spring passerine migration. Heavy movement began early, as evidenced in the April records (Bird Observer, June 1983). The relation of this April pulse to weather patterns is described by Chris Leahy in the field notes of the July/August Sanctuary [12(9): 16-17]. There followed somewhat of a lull in migration during early and mid-May. Then during the period of May 18-25 large numbers of birds came in on the prevailing warm southwest winds. The nineteenth and twenty-fifth were days of particularly high counts. Some idea of the breadth of this year's migration can be derived from the compiled data for the Bird Observer Field Studies Committee's Spring Migration Watch project. Of ten sites reporting for the second consecutive year, nine logged more warbler species, most by significant margins.

The Common Raven at Chatham from April remained through the first few days of May. A very good count of twelve Blue-gray Gnatcatchers on May 8 was received from Truro, a new site for significant numbers of this species. This count is only exceeded during

the last five years by a report of twenty at Provincetown in 1979. Sighting of a Loggerhead Shrike towards the end of May (the twenty-fourth) is noteworthy for being extraordinarily late. Red-eyed Vireo, in spite of the early pioneer bird at Mt. Auburn in April, was reported in low numbers during this year's migration, with the only good counts received for May 21. The 45 Warbling Vireos recorded in Wellesley constituted a remarkable count for a single town, and were the result of a careful censusing effort.

Several quite interesting reports of breeding activity were received during May, a time when most attention and expectation are turned towards migration. Horned Larks with young were seen at both coastal and inland sites. A Brown Creeper nest was discovered in Saugus. An active Golden-crowned Kinglet nest in Lakeville constituted one of the few breeding records for that species in Plymouth County. Yellow-throated Vireo nesting reports from any site other than the regular Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge are uncommon. Thus the pair building a nest in Wayland was significant for recent times.

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SPECIES/DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS
Olive-sided Flycatcher:			
17,18	Bolton, Boston	1, 1	A.Williams,R.Langley
18,21-31	Mt.A., 8 locations	1, 12 total	v.o.
Eastern Wood-Pewee:			
8 on	Middleboro	2+	D.Briggs#
8,11	Milton, Waltham	1, 1	R.Abrams,L.Taylor
18,21	Mt.A., Wellesley	4, 10	R.Stymeist#,K.Winkler#
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:			
18,21	Mt.A., Wellesley	1, 1	v.o.,C.Quinlan#
22-28,31	Newburyport, MNWS	1, 1	v.o.,C.Blaszcak
31	MBO	1 b.	staff
Acadian Flycatcher:			
26	MBO, Westport	1 b., 1	staff,E.Cutler
Alder Flycatcher:			
22,23	Bolton, Bridgewater	1, 1	BBC,K.Holmes
25-26,27	Newton, W.Newbury	1, 1	n.Komar,N.Clayton#
29,31	Annisquam, Lincoln	1, 1	H.Wiggin,J.Carter
Willow Flycatcher:			
21,22	3 locations, Milton	4, 3	v.o.,R.Stymeist#
22,28-29	Bolton, P.I.	3, 3	BBC,v.o.
Least Flycatcher:			
2,3	Boxford, Mt.A.	2, 1	W.Drummond#,T.Leverich#
13-25,18-22	Mt.A., Newton	10 total, 2 max.(5/18)	v.o.,N&O.Komar
21,22	MNWS, Bolton	4, 3	C.Blaszcak,BBC
Eastern Phoebe:			
21,26	Wellesley, GMNWR	11, 2 ad. +3 yg.	K.Winkler#,B.Porter
Great-crested Flycatcher:			
thr.,3-23	Mt.A., Newton	1-2 daily, 1-2	v.o.,N&O.Komar
8,21	Saugus, Wellesley	5, 17	BBC,K.Winkler#
22,27-30	Westport, M.V.	4, 6 total	BBC
Eastern Kingbird:			
thr.,3	Mt.A., Woburn	1-3 daily w/ max. 6,	4 v.o.,G.Gove
21,27-30	Wellesley, M.V.	59, 20	K.Winkler,BBC
Horned Lark:			
27,28	Lincoln, P.I.	2 ad. +1 yg., 9 ad. + 1 yg.	J.Carter,R.Stymeist#
Purple Martin:			
1-18,3	P.I., Mt.A.	75 max.(5/7), 1	v.o.,K.Winkler
10-18,28-29	Newton, Wellesley	3 singles, 14	N&O.Komar,K.Winkler#
Tree Swallow:			
1-18,13	P.I., N. Scituate	500 max.(5/7), 250	v.o.,H.Mallers
15,24	S.Hanson, Ipswich	200+, 50+	W.Petersen,J.Berry
Northern Rough-winged Swallow:			
thr.,21	12 locations, Wellesley	1-5, 11	v.o.,K.Winkler#
Bank Swallow:			
11-21,14	Wellesley, W.Newbury	50 max., 10	K.Winkler,D.McHale
21,27-30	Rowley, M.V.	50+, 25	J.Berry#,BBC
Cliff Swallow:			
11-28,15-26	Wellesley, P.I.	7 max., 25 max.	K.Winkler,R.Emery#
17-18,27-30	GMNWR,M.V.	8 max., 4	R.Walton#,BBC
Barn Swallow:			
1-15,11	P.I.,Wellesley	50 max., 50	v.o.,K.Winkler#
5,15	W.Harwich, S. Hanson	250, 100	B.Nikula#,W.Petersen
Blue Jay:			
6,21	Newton, Wellesley	36 migrants, 131	N&O.Komar,K.Winkler#

<u>SPECIES/DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OBSERVERS</u>
American Crow: 21	Wellesley	197	K.Winkler#
Fish Crow: thr., 1 5-31, 15 21-30	Mt. A., Lexington Newton, W. Roxbury Scituate	pair nesting, 2 4 max. (5/21), 2 2 max. (5/30)	v.o., J. Andrews N&O. Komar, BBC W. Petersen
Common Raven: from April-2	<u>Chatham</u>	1 ph.	R. Clem#
Red-breasted Nuthatch: 8-30, 28	8 locations, Hamilton	9 total, pair	v.o., J. Berry
Brown Creeper: 7, 8	Mt. A., Saugus	1, nesting pair	H. Wiggin#, C. Jackson
Carolina Wren: 28, 30	M.V., Middleboro	pair nesting, 1	BBC, W. Petersen
House Wren: 2, 6 21	Boxford, Newton Wellesley	4, 8 24	B. Drummond#, N. Komar K. Winkler#
Winter Wren: 1	Wellesley, Hingham	1, 1	K. Winkler, SSBC
Marsh Wren: 1-28, 5	P.I., Lynnfield	40 max. (5/28), 10	v.o., J. Berry
Golden-crowned Kinglet: 6, 28 30	Newton, Hamilton Lakeville	1, 1 2 ad. + 1 yg. in nest	N. Komar, J. Berry W. Petersen
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 3, 2-10 19, 22	Mt. A., Newton Manchester, Squantum	17, 15 total 3, 1	v.o., O&N. Komar BBC, C. Jackson#
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: thr. 8, 15 21, 29	Bridgewater, Provincetown Truro, Belmont Wellesley, W. Newbury	6 max. (5/6), 8 max. (5/7) 12, pair 4, 1	K. Holmes, B. Nikula# B. Nikula#, R. Stymeist K. Winkler#, T. Leverich
Eastern Bluebird: thr., 15 18	WBWS, Tyngsboro W. Newbury	1 pair, 2 1 m.	D. Reynolds#, BBC BBC
Veery: 1, 9 14, 18 21, 25	Brookline, Newton MNWS, Mt. A. Wellesley, P'town	1, 3 9, 16 9, 15	H. Wiggin, O. Komar C. Blaszczak, v.o. K. Winkler#, B. Nikula#
Gray-cheeked Thrush: 18-21 22, 25	4 locations Mt. A., MBO	6 3, 3 b.	v.o. v.o., staff
Swainson's Thrush: 18, 22, 25; 21 22, 25 25	Mt. A., Wellesley Newburyport, MNWS Provincetown	40, 30, 18; 6 10, 10 6	v.o.; K. Winkler# W. Petersen, J. Paputseanos B. Nikula
Hermit Thrush: 3-15, 21 23, 25; 30	Newton, Wellesley Mt. A.; Middleboro	8, 1 1, 1; 1	N&O. Komar, Cloutiers M. Noland, v.o.; W. Petersen
Wood Thrush: 3, 5 7, 15 21	Newton, Winchester Milton, MNWS Wellesley	3, 5 12, 11 28	O. Komar, G. Gove R. Abrams, C. Blaszczak K. Winkler#
American Robin: 21, 22	Wellesley, Westport	184, 77	K. Winkler#, BBC
Gray Catbird: 15, 19 21, 25 22, 27-30	P.I., Newton Wellesley, Mt. A. Westport, M.V.	25, 28 191, 14 27, 100	BBC, N. Komar K. Winkler#, v.o. BBC
Brown Thrasher: 3, 4 21, 27-30	Newton, Mt. A. Wellesley, M.V.	5, 6 6, 1	N. Komar, v.o. K. Winkler#, BBC
Water Pipit: 1, 5 10-21, 24 24	Lincoln, SRV 4 locations, Hanover W. Dennis	1, 1 4 singles, 1 1	R. Forster, R. Walton v.o., W. Petersen J. Bryant
Cedar Waxwing: 2, 10 15, 25	Newton, MBO Lexington, Mt. A.	13, 12 14, 125	N. Komar, staff J. Andrews, F. Bouchard#
Loggerhead Shrike: 24	W. Dennis	1	J. Bryant

SPECIES/DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS
White-eyed Vireo:			
1-18,15-29	MNWS, 7 locations	3 max., 7 singles	J.Smith#,v.o.
Solitary Vireo:			
3,14	Mt.A.	10, 3	v.o.
25,30	Provincetown	8, 2	B.Nikula#
Yellow-throated Vireo:			
2-23,2-17	Mt.A., 7 locations	5 singles, 7 singles	v.o.
21-26,22	4 locations, ONWR	4 singles, 4	v.o.,BBC
28	Wayland, Boxford	2(nest-building), 1	R.Walton#,C.Floyd#
Warbling Vireo:			
1,9	Wellesley, Newton	1, 4	K.Winkler, N.Komar
15,21	Cambridge, Wellesley	3, 45	L.Taylor,K.Winkler#
30	Chatham, Lakeville	1, 1	B.Nikula#,W.Petersen
Philadelphia Vireo:			
21	W.Newbury	1	BBC
22,23-24	Westport, MNWS	3, 1	BBC,C.Blaszczak#
Red-eyed Vireo:			
4-31,21	Mt.A.,Newburyport	5 max.(5/18), 6	v.o.,BBC
21	Newton, Wellesley	8, 69	N&O.Komar,K.Winkler#

#### WARBLERS

The total count of warbler species and hybrids for the May 1983 period was 36, below the average (surprisingly) for the previous four years which generated 35, 38, 39, and 37, respectively. Numbers of individuals were significantly up for most warbler species, however, but particularly noticeable in the rarer species.

Eight reports of Orange-crowned Warbler are remarkable when compared to the typical May counts of 1-2 with a maximum of 4 since 1979. May 25 was a very late date for the large numbers of Yellow-rumped Warblers (300) moving at Provincetown. The total of four Yellow-throated Warblers was slightly above the mean for recent Mays. All occurred early in the month, as is typical, and provided nice excitement factors during the general migration lull. Cerulean Warbler reports totalled nine individuals, with three seen in a single day at the Newburyport cemetery. This may be compared to an average of four individuals for the region during May for each of the last four years. For the third straight month, Prothonotary Warbler was reported from Cape Cod. Ten individual Kentucky Warblers were reported for the month, more than double the recent average of four. Hooded Warbler numbers were similarly up, with the 1983 count of thirteen compared to a recent average of eight. L.E.T.

Blue-winged Warbler:			
1-22,3-21	Mt.A., W.Newbury	6 max.(5/5). 7 max.(5/15)	v.o.
8-22	Milton	7 max. (5/22)	v.o.
Golden-winged Warbler:			
1-24,12-28	Mt.A., 5 locations	4 total, 5 singles	v.o.
14-28,15-28	W.Newbury, Ipswich	1, 2 max.	v.o.
"Brewster's" Warbler:			
9-15,25	W.Newbury, Hingham	1, 1	v.o.,S.Smith#
26-31	Lincoln	1	H.Ellis
Tennessee Warbler:			
1-31,21	Mt.A., Newton	15 max.(5/22), 9	v.o.,N&O.Komar
21,22	Wellesley, Newburyport	41, 20+	K.Winkler#,W.Petersen
25,27-30	Provincetown, M.V.	40, 20	B.Nikula#,BBC
Orange-crowned Warbler:			
6	Middleboro	1	D.Briggs
8-28,15	Mt.A., Marshfield	2 max., 1	v.o.,BBC
19,21	Brookline, Newburyport	1, 1	R.Stymeist,BBC
23	P.I., Newton	1, 1	D.Alexander#,N.Komar
Nashville Warbler:			
thr.,14	Mt.A., Newton	9 max.(5/18), 6	v.o.,O.Komar
16,25	Milton, Provincetown	3, 10	S.Higginbotham,B.Nikula#
Northern Parula:			
thr.,15	Mt.A., P.I.	25 max.(5/14), 12	v.o.,BBC
21	Newton, MNWS	10, 13	N&O.Komar,C.Blaszczak
23-25,27-30	Provincetown,M.V.	15, 1	B.Nikula#,BBC
Yellow Warbler:			
3,7	W.Newbury, P.I.	26, 50	R.McHale,BBC
8,18	Gloucester, Newton	24, 19	BBC,N&O.Komar
21,27-30	Wellesley, M.V.	170, 80	K.Winkler#,BBC

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Chestnut-sided Warbler:			
3,24	Mt.A.	2, 8	F.Bouchard#,v.o.
7-18,15	W.Newbury, Ipswich	4 max., 8	v.o.,BBC
15,31,22	MNWS; Westport	7, 2; 4	C.Blaszczak; BBC
25,27-30	Provincetown, M.V.	4, 2	B.Nikula,BBC
Magnolia Warbler:			
1	Mt.A., Provincetown	1, 1	v.o.,B.Nikula#
21	MNWS, Wellesley	55, 49	C.Blaszczak,K.Winkler#
23,25	P.I., Provincetown	25, 40+	R.Emery#,B.Nikula
Cape May Warbler:			
2,4,14	Mt.A.	1, 1, 6	v.o.
18,19	Newburyport, Newton	3, 2	J.Crugan,O.Komar
21,23	Wellesley, P.I.	2, 2	K.Winkler,R.Emery#
27-30	M.V.	1	BBC
Black-throated Blue Warbler:			
1,3,15,15	Mt.A.; P.I.	2, 3, 7; 8	v.o.;BBC
20,21	MNWS, Wellesley	7, 5	C.Blaszczak,K.Winkler#
25	Provincetown	3	B.Nikula
Yellow-rumped Warbler:			
3,24,28	Mt.A.	90, 18, 3	v.o.
13,25,21	Provincetown; Newburyport	400, 300; 40	B.Nikula#;BBC
Black-throated Green Warbler:			
11,22,15	Mt.A.; MNWS	6, 28; 12	v.o.;C.Blaszczak
21	Provincetown, Newburyport	20+, 36	B.Nikula#,BBC
21,27-30	Wellesley, M.V.	8, 8	K.Winkler#,BBC
Blackburnian Warbler:			
2,22,18	Mt.A.; Newburyport	1, 17; 20	v.o.;J.Crugan
21,25	Wellesley, Provincetown	11, 40+	K.Winkler#,B.Nikula#
27-30,31	M.V.,MNWS	8, 6	BBC,C.Blaszczak
Yellow-throated Warbler:			
1	Wellesley, Provincetown	1, 1	K.Winkler,B.Nikula
5-6,6	Mt.A., Newton	1, 1	v.o.,O&N.Komar
Pine Warbler:			
1,10	Mt.A., Provincetown	2, 6	v.o.,A.Williams
28-29,30	M.V., Lakeville	7, 6	BBC,W.Petersen
Prairie Warbler:			
8,14	Saugus, W.Newbury	9, 3	BBC,R.McHale
22,27-30	Westport, M.V.	9, 10	BBC
Palm Warbler:			
1,11;1	Mt.A.; Boston	8, 1; 7	v.o.;F.Bouchard
7	Provincetown, Milton	5, 5	B.Nikula,R.Abrams
14	MNWS	1	C.Blaszczak
Bay-breasted Warbler:			
4-5;5,22	Middleboro; Mt.A.	1; 1, 8	K.Holmes#;v.o.
21;21,25	Wellesley; Provincetown	15; 20+, 20+	K.Winkler#;B.Nikula#
25,31	Waltham, MNWS	12, 5	L.Taylor,C.Blaszczak
Blackpoll Warbler:			
5;5,23,25	Newton; Mt.A.	1; 1,20, 17	N&O.Komar;v.o.
21,25	Wellesley, Provincetown	28, 25	K.Winkler#,B.Nikula#
27-30,31	M.V., MNWS	20, 6	BBC,C.Blaszczak
Cerulean Warbler:			
7	P.I., Provincetown	1, 1	M.Barnett#,B.Nikula#
17-21,21	Mt.A., Newburyport	1, 3	m.ob.,J.Crugan#
22,23	Uxbridge, MNWS	1, 1	M.Lynch#,R.Hell
23-26	Millis	1	B.Cassie
Black-and-white Warbler:			
2,14;3	Mt.A.; Newton	25, 5; 15	v.o.;N&O.Komar
15,21	P.I., Provincetown	25, 15	BBC,B.Nikula
23	MNWS	9	C.Blaszczak
American Redstart:			
21	MNWS, Wellesley	25, 100	C.Blaszczak,K.Winkler#
22,25	Mt.A., Provincetown	25, 20+	v.o.,B.Nikula#
26,31	Chatham, MNWS	20+, 12	R.Taylor#,C.Blaszczak
Prothonotary Warbler:			
8,18-19	Mt.A.	1m, 1f.	G.Gove#,J.Barton#
29	Provincetown	1	A.Lyford
Worm-eating Warbler:			
1-28,6-8	Mt.A., Bridgewater	4 max.(5/7), 1	v.o.,K.Holmes
3;4,20	Dover; MBO	1; 1, 1b.	F.Hamlen; MBO staff
2,16;12-13,24	WBWS; Boxford	1, 1; 1, 1	D.Reynolds#;v.o.

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Worm-eating Warbler (continued):			
22-29	Canton	pair	C.Floyd#
Ovenbird:			
thr.,21	Bridgewater, Newton	20+, 17	D.Briggs#,N&O.Komar
21,22	Wellesley, Westport	21, 12	K.Winkler#,BBC
27-30	M.V.	25	BBC
Northern Waterthrush:			
21	MNWS, Newton	6, 7	C.Blaszczak,N.Komar
21,28	Wellesley, M.V.	22, 1	K.Winkler#,BBC
Louisiana Waterthrush:			
3,17	SRV, Ashburnham	2, pair	R.Walton,B.Sorrie
18	Boxford	3	J.Berry
Kentucky Warbler:			
2,6	Chatham, Newton	1, 1	D.Holt,O.Komar
14-31,15	Canton, Manomet	1m., 1m.	R.Abrams#,B.Sorrie#
16-18,17	MNWS, Bridgewater	1, 1	J.Smith#,K.Holmes
19,21	Brookline, Milton	1m., 1	R.Stymeist#,W.Petersen#
21,22	Marshfield, Westport	1, 1	W.Petersen#,BBC
Mourning Warbler:			
19,21	Waltham, Salisbury	1, 1	L.Taylor,J.Grugan
23-25,24	Mt.A.,WBWS	1-2, 1	M.Reinstein#,D.Reynolds
24	Brookline, MBO	1; 1m. b., 1f. b.	H.Wiggin,staff
25-26,25	Newton, Nahant	1, 1	N.Komar,H.Coolidge
25,26	Wellesley, Chatham	1m, 1	D.Flood,R.Taylor
29,31	P.I., MNWS	1, 2	D.Brown#,C.Blaszczak
Common Yellowthroat:			
3,15	W.Newbury, P.I.	45, 45	R.McHale,BBC
19,21	MNWS, Wellesley	30, 97	C.Blaszczak,K.Winkler#
27-30	M.V.	80	BBC
Hooded Warbler:			
1,9-12,13-31	Mt.A.	1m. ph., 1f., 3m. + 1f.	J.Grugan#,v.o.,v.o.
4,7	Brookline, Newton	1, 1	D.Arvidson#,O.Komar#
18,19-20	WBWS, Wellesley	1, 1m	R.Reynolds#,K.Winkler
21,23-24	Provincetown, MNWS	1, 1	C.Goodrich#,R.Heil#
25,25-27	Bridgewater, Braintree	1, 2	K.Holmes,R.Campbell
Wilson's Warbler:			
9,22;21	Mt.A.; Wellesley	1, 5; 13	v.o.;K.Winkler#
25,31	Provincetown, MNWS	20, 3	B.Nikula,C.Blaszczak
Canada Warbler:			
3,22;21	Mt.A.; MNWS	1, 15; 14	v.o.; C.Blaszczak
21, 25	Wellesley, Provincetown	34, 40	K.Winkler#,B.Nikula#
Yellow-breasted Chat:			
21,27	Canton, Westport	1, 1	C.Hess, E.Cutler

#### SUMMER TANAGER THROUGH EVENING GROSBEEK

At least thirteen Summer Tanagers were reported during May, exactly the same number recorded during May 1982. This was a good year for numbers of Rose-breasted Grosbeaks reported; note the high counts at Mount Auburn Cemetery, Newton, Wellesley, and Provincetown. The maximum number reported last year in any one location was but seven individuals. A very interesting report of a possible female Black-headed Grosbeak on a nest in Uxbridge created quite a stir, but no photographs were obtained, and a comparison of grosbeak skins at Massachusetts Audubon Society revealed sufficient variation in the amount of breast streaking and coloring in female Rose-breasted to question the identification of this bird as a Black-headed Grosbeak. The mate of this nesting grosbeak (two young) was a full-plumaged Rose-breasted male. Four Blue Grosbeaks were noted with three seen together at Mount Auburn Cemetery. There were just two reported last May. High numbers of Indigo Buntings were noted with twenty and twenty-five individuals counted at Mount Auburn on May 12 and May 14, respectively. A female Painted Bunting was reported with full convincing details by Jim Barton at Mount Auburn on May 12, but unfortunately the bird was not seen again. Last year a male Painted Bunting visited a feeder at West Tisbury, Martha's Vineyard.

A Clay-colored Sparrow, rare in Massachusetts in spring, was discovered on the outskirts of Fowl Meadow Reservation in Canton on May 21, where it remained until May 29. The last spring records were in May 1981 when one was banded in Rockport, and another was found at Mount Auburn Cemetery. Only four Vesper Sparrows were noted during May, but good numbers of Chipping Sparrows were recorded. A Grasshopper Sparrow was found in Newton, an unlikely location, and other reports indicate they have returned to Medfield again this year. There were many reports of Lincoln Sparrows and about the usual numbers of spring White-crowned Sparrows reported.

A Yellow-headed Blackbird was noted at Orleans on May 11; two were reported last year. Orchard Orioles were well reported with at least twenty-six individuals noted. The highlight of the month was the banding of a Eurasian Siskin at Rockport on May 5. A full report including photographs was published in BOEM 11 (3): 172-173, June 1983. R.H.S.

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<u>Summer Tanager:</u>			
2-2,25	Mt.A.	1 imm. m, 1 m. in heavy molt	J.Barton+v.o.,M.Noland
3	Newton, Marshfield	1, 1	O&N.Komar,D.Clapp
10,18	Manomet	1 f., 1 m.	T.Lloyd-Evans+v.o.
14,18-19,20-23	Marblehead	1, 1, 1	J.Smith + v.o.
19-22,25;25	P'town; Boston (AA)	2 at feeder,1;1	M.Mello,B.Nikula#;R.Langley
<u>Scarlet Tanager:</u>			
5,7	Winchester, Dover	1 f., 1	G.Gove,F.Hamlen
7-25,21	Newton, Wellesley	max. 10, 29	N&O.Komar,K.Winkler#
8-31	Mt.A.	max. 6 on 5 days after 5/18	v.o.
<u>Rose-breasted Grosbeak:</u>			
thr.	Mt.A.	max. 20 (5/14)	v.o.
3-26	Newton	17 max., 10 (5/21)	N&O.Komar
21,23	Wellesley, MNWS	56, 12	K.Winkler,C.Blaszcak
25	P'town, Waltham	35, 7	B.Nikula,L.Taylor
<u>Blue Grosbeak:</u>			
8-26,14-22	WBWS,Mt.A.	1, 1-3	N.Stabins#,v.o.
28	M.V.	1 ad.	BBC(R.Culbert,H.D'Entremont)
<u>Indigo Bunting:</u>			
thr.	Mt.A.	max 20(5/12), max. 25(5/14)	E.Nielsen#+v.o.
21	Wellesley	14	K.Winkler
<u>Rufous-sided Towhee:</u>			
1	P.I., Brookline	4, 1	I.Giriunas#,H.Wiggin
thr.,27-30	Newton, M.V.	max. 14, 150	N&O.Komar,BBC
<u>Chipping Sparrow:</u>			
thr.	Mt.A., Newton	max. 20(5/4), 12	v.o.,N&O.Komar
1,15,21	Boston,P.I.,Wellesley	6, 4, 76	F.Bouchard,BBC,K.Winkler
<u>Clay-colored Sparrow:</u>			
21-29	Canton(FM)	1 m.	R.Vernon +v.o.
<u>Field Sparrow:</u>			
thr.	Newton	10	N.Komar
1;5	Brookline;Lynnfield,Lexington	1; 2, 4	H.Wiggin;A.Williams,J.Andrews
2,21	Newton, Wellesley	7, 3	N.Komar,C.Quinlan#
<u>Vesper Sparrow:</u>			
10,12,21	Eastham, Newton, Plymouth	1, 1, 3	A.Williams,N.Komar,W.Petersen#
<u>Savannah Sparrow:</u>			
7;14	Wellesley, P.I.; Medford	16, 8; 8	K.Winkler,J.Berry;C.Jackson
15,19	Essex, Newton	4, 4	J.Berry,N.Komar
27-30	M.V.	30	BBC
<u>Grasshopper Sparrow:</u>			
22,29	Newton, Medfield	1 (details), 1 m.	N.Komar,R.Emery#
<u>Sharp-tailed Sparrow:</u>			
14,28	Quincy, Monomoy	2, 8	R.Abrams,SSBC
<u>Seaside Sparrow:</u>			
28	P.I.	1 m.	T.Walsh#
<u>Song Sparrow:</u>			
1,21	Saugus, Wellesley	20, 172	BBC,K.Winkler#
<u>Lincoln's Sparrow:</u>			
5,18	Lynnfield, Newton	1, 3	A.Williams,N.Komar
14,15,18,21,22	Mt.A.	1, 1, 1, 2, 2	v.o.
17-23,25	MNWS,P'town	1-3, 3	R.Heil#,B.Nikula#
15-29	individuals from 13 locations		
<u>Swamp Sparrow:</u>			
1,5	Saugus, Lynnfield	4, 3 m.	BBC,J.Berry
thr.	Newton	3	N.Komar
<u>White-throated Sparrow:</u>			
1,2	Boston, Rockport	12, 25 banded	F.Bouchard,O.Norris
thr.	Mt.A.	max. 60(5/3)	v.o.
16,26	Milton, MNWS	35, 1	S.Higginbotham,A.Williams
<u>White-crowned Sparrow:</u>			
5-6,10-15	Mt.A.	1, 2-3	v.o.
15,17,23	P.I.,SRV, Rowley	3, 2, 2	BBC,R.Walton,R.Emery
7-30	individuals from 9 locations		

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Dark-eyed Junco:			
1-4,8	Mt.A.	12-6, 1	v.o.,C.Floyd#
8,14,21	Saugus, Boston, Wellesley	3, 1, 2	BBC,R.Stymeist#,B.Cassie#
Bobolink:			
3+7,7	W.Newbury, Rowley	2+30, 20+	R.McHale+D.Resnick,J.Berry#
8,8-26	N.Scituate, Newton	5, 15	H.Mallers#,N&O.Komar
15	Mt.A., Duxbury-Marshfield	12, 50+	v.o.,BBC(R.Timberlake)
18,23;21	Bridgewater;SRV	104, 60; 65+	K.Holmes;R.Walton
20,21	Middleboro, Wellesley	100+, 32	D.Briggs,K.Winkler#
Red-winged Blackbird:			
21	Wellesley	424	K.Winkler#
Eastern Meadowlark:			
17	Lincoln	nest w/4 young	J.Carter#
Yellow-headed Blackbird:			
11	Orleans	1 m.	fide D.Reynolds
Orchard Oriole:			
1,2,3,5,6,18	Mt.A.	1, 2, 3, 2, 4, 1	v.o., fide R.Stymeist
3,4-6	Woburn, Wellesley	3, 2	G.Gove#,K.Winkler
5-10,8	Newton, Lexington	1, 1	N.Komar,J.Andrews
5,7	Ipswich, WBWS	1, 4	J.Berry,v.o. fide B.Nikula
12 on,14	Boston (AA), Lynnfield	2, 1	M.Dickey+v.o.,G.Gove#
15,16	Whitman, Hingham	1, 2	W.Petersen,L.Mallers
21	S.Weymouth;Halifax,Scituate	1; 1, 1	S.Smith;W.Petersen#
Northern Oriole:			
thr.	Mt.A., Newton	max. 20(5/15)), 27	v.o.,N&O.Komar
15,18	Ipswich, Methuen	14, 10-15	BBC,J.Berry
Purple Finch:			
1,2-23	P.I., Newton	6, 15	BBC,N&O.Komar
Eurasian Siskin:	(See Boem 11 (3): 172-173.)		
5	Rockport	1 b,	R.Norris
Evening Grosbeak:			
3,4	Newton, MNWS	1, 4	O.Komar, J.Smith



Mississippi Kite  
Pilgrim Heights, Truro, May 7, 1983

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