

# Field Records

## August 1983



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August 1983 was hot; the temperature averaged 73.6°, 1.7° above normal. This was the hottest August only since 1980 (at 74.2°). The high mark was 97° on the twentieth, the highest August reading since 102° in 1975. The high of 96° on the eighth broke the old record for that date of 95°, last noted in 1949. The 92° mark on the nineteenth tied the record from 1906, and the 74° minimum on the twentieth was a record high minimum, tying with 1937. Days with temperatures above 90° totaled six, double the average; this brings the year total of days above 90° to twenty-four days, second only to twenty-eight days in 1955. This was the most in August since ten in 1973. In spite of the abundance of hot days, some days were very cool. The low mark was 55° on the thirteenth. The maximum was only 64° on the twelfth, and for the four days of August 11-14, the mercury never exceeded 70°.

Rainfall totaled 3.28 inches, 0.40 inch less than normal. The most rain in any twenty-four hours was 1.53 inches on the eleventh to twelfth. Above normal amounts were reported in suburban areas. A station in Natick reported over eight inches. R.H.S.

### LOONS THROUGH CORMORANTS

The pelagic trip to Hydrographer Canyon along the continental shelf was most successful with many specialities being observed at close range. [See "Where We Went: Pelagic Trip to Georges Bank" elsewhere in this issue.] The highlights were three Audubon's Shearwaters, all clearly seen with both flight and structural characters noted by all on board. Two White-faced Storm-Petrels were well observed and photographed, and also noted were twelve Leach's Storm-Petrels among over one thousand Wilson's Storm-Petrels.

Strong northeast gales blew late in the afternoon of August 12, 1983, setting up ideal conditions for a watch along Sandy Neck in Barnstable, First Encounter Beach in Eastham, and Andrews Point in Rockport. Leach's Storm-Petrels, rare inshore this early in the season except under these conditions, were seen at all of the above locations.

A Great Cormorant was found on a sand bar at Monomoy with a young Double-crested nearby for direct comparison. It is very unusual to find this species on the cape in summer; no doubt the great increase in the number of summering cormorants may be the factor. R.H.S.

<u>SPECIES/DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OBSERVERS</u>
Common Loon:			
20,27	Monomoy, P.I.	2, 2	B.Schlinger#, P.W. Smith
Pied-billed Grebe:			
thr., 5&15	P.I., Woburn	2-3, 1	v.o., G.Gove
23,27	W.Newbury, GMNWR	3, 1	R.Heil, BBC
Cory's Shearwater:			
22-23	Georges Bank	4	BOEM (W.Petersen#)
Greater Shearwater:			
6&14, 22-23	off Cape Ann, Georges Bank	50 & 2, 20	T.Raymond, BOEM
Sooty Shearwater:			
6, 22-23	off Cape Ann, Georges Bank	1, 7	T.Raymond, BOEM
Manx Shearwater:			
1, 12	Stellwagen, A.P.	2, 5	R.Heil
12, 22-23	S.N., Georges Bank	1, 9	W.Petersen, BOEM
Audubon's Shearwater:			
22	Georges Bank	3 ph.	BOEM(W.Petersen#)
Wilson's Storm-Petrel:			
1, 26	Stellwagen	2500, 24	R.Heil, C.Hubbard#
6, 14	off Cape Ann	1000, 800	P.Hallowell, T.Raymond
12	A.P., Nantucket	30, 346	R.Heil, K.Harte

<u>SPECIES/DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OBSERVERS</u>
<u>Wilson's Storm-Petrel (continued):</u>			
13	Sandwich, Eastham	300, 12	P.Hallowell, A.Williams
22-23	Georges Bank & Stellw.	1000	BOEM(W.Petersen)
<u>White-faced Storm-Petrel:</u>			
22	Georges Bank	2 ph.	BOEM(W.Petersen)
<u>Leach's Storm-Petrel:</u>			
12	A.P., Nantucket	2, 1	R.Heil, K.Harte
12,13	S.N.	2, 30	W.Petersen#, R.Pease#
22,23	Georges Bank, Stellw.	10, 2	BOEM(W.Petersen)
<u>Northern Gannet:</u>			
13,14	Eastham, Barnstable	7, 1 imm.	B.Nikula, J.Berry
14	off Cape Ann	1 imm.	T.Raymond
<u>Great Cormorant:</u>			
13	Monomoy	1 imm.	W.Petersen#

#### HERONS THROUGH HAWKS

The Western Reef-Heron continued at Quaise Marsh, Nantucket. Over one thousand observers signed in the guest book provided by hosts Edith and Clint Andrews. Other heron highlights include reports from Monomoy of nine Little Blue and a Tricolored Heron. A total of sixty-one Cattle Egrets was counted at Appleton Farm in Ipswich; where they all came from is a mystery, but this is a record count for this north shore farm.

The Fulvous Whistling-Ducks photographed on the south island of Monomoy on August 7 constitute the fifteenth record for this species in the state, the first being a bird that was shot at Chilmark, Martha's Vineyard, on December 22, 1962, the specimen stored at the Peabody Museum. Records for this species have been reports of one to ten birds seen mostly in the summer and fall. The August ducks were also "shot" by photographer Roger Everett and then identified by Jim Baird from slides contributed by Mr. Everett to the slide collection at Massachusetts Audubon Society.

Two Brant summered in Wellfleet, probably injured individuals. A Ring-necked Duck was noted in Lakeville on August 25. From observations at Lakeville over the last few years, the Ring-necked Duck is known to be regular in small numbers by mid-to-late August. A King Eider continued to summer off the Chatham-Monomoy area.

Two immature Bald Eagles were noted, one each from Newbury and Wayland. Early migrants included eighteen Broad-winged Hawks at Mt. Watatic on August 28. A Peregrine Falcon was noted at Nauset on August 10. R.H.S.

<u>American Bittern:</u>			
thr.	GMNWR	max. 4	8/26 J.Carter & v.o.
<u>Least Bittern:</u>			
1-13, 7	P.I., Monomoy	1, 1	v.o., R.Prescott
<u>Great Blue Heron:</u>			
thr.	GMNWR	max. 60	8/23 B.Phillips# & v.o.
23,27,30	P.I., Monomoy, Marshfield	16, 4, 23	BBC, W.Petersen#, D.Clapp
<u>Great Egret:</u>			
1-15, 3-10	Lakeville, Saugus	1-2, 1	D.Briggs, J.Berry
7,23,26	Monomoy, Lincoln, Middleboro	1, 2, 1	BBC, J.Carter, E.Akens
<u>Western Reef-Heron:</u>			
thr.	Nantucket	1	E.Andrews & v.o.
<u>Snowy Egret:</u>			
thr., 1	Saugus, Whitman	max. 49	8/11, 1 J.Berry, W.Petersen
7	Nant. (Quaise), Brookline	45, 1	E.Andrews, R.Stymeist
20,27,30	Monomoy, P.I., Marshfield	35, 200+, 65	D.Lange#, J.Berry, D.Clapp
<u>Little Blue Heron:</u>			
thr.	Nantucket	1 ad.	N.Claflin & v.o.
7,13	Marshfield, Acoaxet	1 imm., 2	J.Carter, P.Swift
13	Monomoy, E.Orleans	1 ad., 1 imm.	W.Petersen, A.Williams
20	Monomoy, Squantum	2 imm., 1 imm.	B.Schlinger#, J.Murphy
<u>Tricolored Heron:</u>			
13	Monomoy	1	W.Petersen#
<u>Cattle Egret:</u>			
thr.	Ipswich (Appleton Farm)	max. 61	8/28 J.Berry
<u>Green-backed Heron:</u>			
thr., 30	GMNWR, Marshfield	max. 5, 5	v.o., D.Clapp
<u>Black-crowned Night-Heron:</u>			
8,22	Eastham (Hem. Landing)	74, 89	B.Nikula# & v.o.
13	GMNWR, P.I.	30, 30	BBC

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Yellow-crowned thr., 22	Night-Heron: P.I., Eastham	1-2 imm., 2 imm.	v.o., B.Nikula#
Glossy Ibis: thr. 13,21	Monomoy, P.I. Acoaxet, Woburn	max. 20, max. 7 6, 1	v.o., v.o. P.Swift, C.Gove
Fulvous Whistling-Duck: 7	Monomoy (S. Island)	2 ph.	R.Everett
Mute Swan: 28	Ipswich (Clark Pond)	2 ad & 8 yg.	J.Berry
Brant: 8 25	Wellfleet (2 locations) Wellfleet (same birds?)	2 2	B.Sorrie D.Reynolds, B.Nikula
Canada Goose: thr.	Sherborn	400	E.Taylor
Wood Duck: 6,13 20 23	Ipswich, GMNWR Wayland, Brookline W.Newbury	7, 40+ 8, 7 20	J.Berry, BBC(R.Clayton) B.Howell#, R.Stymeist# R.Heil
Gadwall: 16	Monomoy	40	B.Nikula#
American Wigeon: 13	P.I.	1	C.Floyd
Ring-necked Duck: 25	Lakeville	1	W.Petersen
King Eider: 21-30	Chatham	1 imm. m.	J.Hines & v.o.
Surf Scoter: 14,21	E.Orleans, Orleans	1 m., 1	A.Williams, T.Raymond
White-winged Scoter: 27	Marblehead	3	J.Berry
Hooded Merganser: 14	Cambridge (Mt.A.)	1	A.Bennett
Red-breasted Merganser: 8	Wellfleet (2 locations)	2 f.	B.Sorrie
Turkey Vulture: 3,27 28	Middleboro, S.Dartmouth Mt.Watatic	3, 1 5	E.Parks, T.Raymond L.Taylor
Osprey: 17,19 25,28;26,28	Winchester, Lincoln E.Orleans; GMNWR	1, 1 1, 2; 1	R.Stymeist#, R.Forster A.Williams,D.Williams;G.Gove#
Bald Eagle: 5,8	Newbury, Wayland	1 imm., 1 imm.	J.MacDougall,D.Gould
Northern Harrier: thr. 20,21	P.I. Monomoy, E.Orleans	max. 9 8/27 4, 2	P.W.Smith# & v.o. B.Schlinger,D.Williams
Northern Goshawk: 6;7,26	N.Carver, GMNWR	1 ad.; 1 imm., 1 imm.	K.Anderson;W.Petersen,G.Gove
Broad-winged Hawk: 28	Mt.Watatic	18 migrants	L.Taylor
Peregrine Falcon: 10	Nauset	1	B.Nikula

#### RAILS THROUGH GOATSUCKERS

A Clapper Rail was noted in Newburyport as were six Virginia Rails and six Soras at Great Meadows where an adult Purple Gallinule provided brief glimpses from the first through the ninth of the month. This is the fourth year in a row that this species has been seen at Great Meadows, and the sequence has been immature, adult, immature, and adult. So at least two birds are involved.

Shorebirds continued their southward migration with numbers of the common species increasing throughout the month. Of the resident birds, Piping Plover numbers were low at Monomoy, and American Oystercatcher numbers were high there possibly indicating a successful breeding season. An American Avocet was present at Plum Island at midmonth for the nineteenth BOEM record. The highest count on record, 190 Whimbrel, was noted at Monomoy this month, and one hundred were seen at Wellfleet. "Western" Willets were present at Monomoy where 156 Hudsonian Godwits were present. Thirty-two of these birds were seen on the causeway to Mashnee Island in Bourne constituting a new, or at least a previously unreported, stopping area for this species. A Marbled Godwit was noted in South Dartmouth. Red Knots were present in good numbers at Monomoy and Scituate

where many were banded and marked by MBO. Stilt Sandpipers at Plum Island numbered 62 which is the third highest total on record. A Buff-breasted Sandpiper on Marblehead Neck provided Benton Basham his 681st species for the year in North America, number 680 being the White-faced Storm-Petrel seen on the BOEM Hydrographer Canyon pelagic trip. Also on that excursion, a Whimbrel was seen flying over Georges Bank as were two Baird's Sandpipers.

One observer noted an extraordinary number of Great Black-backed Gulls in Newburyport Harbor - "the greatest concentration in twenty-five years" - in his experience. The birds may have been feeding on bait fish that had been chased into the harbor by bluefish. Individual Sabine's Gulls were seen on two occasions at Stellwagen Bank. Three individual Royal Terns were observed and 2500 Roseate Terns were counted at Monomoy where fifteen "portlandica" Arctic Terns were seen along with as many as twenty Forster's Terns. A Bridled Tern was reported from fifty miles south of Martha's Vineyard, but no details were provided. Black Terns were present throughout the month with a maximum of twenty on the vineyard, and eight were seen on the BOEM pelagic trip. Ten Black Skimmers were reported from various locations.

Three individual alcids were noted including one Thick-billed Murre with badly injured legs (it later died) possibly due to an attack by bluefish. Common Nighthawks were migrating and a total of 1795 were counted between August 13 and 30 in Brookline.

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Clapper Rail:			
7	Newbypt	1	W.Petersen#
Virginia Rail:			
thr.	GMNWR	max. 6 8/28	v.o.
Sora:			
thr.	GMNWR	max. 6 8/28	v.o.
Purple Gallinule:			
1-9	GMNWR	1	T.Billings, D.Arvidson#
Common Moorhen:			
thr.	GMNWR	max. 6	v.o.
13,23	P.I.	2	BBC
Black-bellied Plover:			
13,27	P.I.	200, 1500	BBC
14-28	Monomoy	max. 1000 8/20	v.o.
20,30	Squantum, Scituate	120, 350	R.Abrams, W.Petersen
Lesser Golden-Plover:			
6,7;20	P.I.; Chatham	1 ad., 1; 1	W.Petersen#, G.Gove#; G.d'Entremont
26	GMNWR	1	J.Carter
Semipalmated Plover:			
thr.	P.I.	max. 600 8/23	v.o.
thr.	Monomoy	max. 2000 8/20	v.o.
11,14	Scituate	350	W.Petersen, L.Taylor
6,13	Ipswich, Marblehead	50, 100	J.Berry
Piping Plover:			
thr.	Monomoy	max. 15 8/3	v.o.
13,23	P.I.	1	BBC, A.Bennett
20,30	Plymouth, Scituate	1, 6	D.Briggs, W.Petersen#
Killdeer:			
thr.	Woburn, P.I.	4, max. 8	G.Gove, BBC
13,23	Halifax, Lincoln	85, 13	W.Petersen#
31	Newton	25	O. & N. Komar
American Oystercatcher:			
thr.	Monomoy	max. 45 8/20	v.o.
American Avocet:			
11-18	P.I.	1	S.Mirek & v.o.
Greater Yellowlegs:			
thr.,7	P.I., Monomoy	max. 100, 25	v.o., BBC
20	Squantum	40	R.Abrams
Lesser Yellowlegs:			
thr.	Newbypt-P.I., Woburn	max. 600 8/6, max. 12	v.o., G.Gove
14,20	Halifax, Monomoy	7, 45	K.Anderson, G.d'Entremont
Solitary Sandpiper:			
12,13	S.Peabody, Halifax	10, 3	R.Heil, W.Petersen
20,26	Monomoy, P'town	1, 2	G.d'Entremont, W.Petersen
21,23;24,28	Lincoln; GMNWR	1, 2; 3, 2	J.Carter; BBC
Willet:			
thr.	Monomoy	max. 50 8/2	B.Nikula & v.o.
11,30;23	Scituate; P.I.	2; 3	W.Petersen; A.Bennett

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Willet (continued):			
13,27	Acoaxet, S.Dartmouth	1, 7	P.Swift, T.Raymond
"Western" Willet:			
thr.	Monomoy	max. 15	v.o.
Spotted Sandpiper:			
thr.	Woburn	max. 6	G.Gove
23,26	Lincoln	5, 7	J.Carter
Upland Sandpiper:			
2,5	Lincoln, Bridgewater	5, 2	J.Carter, W.Petersen
20	MNWS, Chatham, WBWS, Nant.	1, 1, 1, 1	R.Heil, B.Nikula, D.Williams, E.Andrews#
23,27	Newbypt	2	A.Bennett, BBC
Whimbrel:			
thr.	Monomoy, P.I.	max. 190 8/2, max. 6	B.Nikula & v.o., v.o.
15	WBWS	100	B.Nikula#
21,27	MNWS, S.Dartmouth	3, 1	R.Forster, T.Raymond
22	Flying over Georges Bank	1	BOEM
Hudsonian Godwit:			
thr.	Newbypt-P.I., Monomoy	max. 34 8/27, max. 156 8/6	v.o., J.Lortie#
18	Bourne	32	R.Bushnell
Marbled Godwit:			
27	S.Dartmouth	1	T.Raymond
Ruddy Turnstone:			
3,7	Monomoy	200, 150	R.Heil, BBC
13-28	P.I.	max. 15	v.o.
13,14	Marblehead, Scituate	28, 50	J.Berry, G.Gove#
Red Knot:			
14-30	Scituate	max. 1000 8/14	v.o.
thr.	Monomoy	max. 575 8/2	v.o.
Sanderling:			
thr.	Monomoy	max. 1600 8/2	v.o.
25,27	Revere, Scituate	95, 100	K.Durham, SSBC
Semipalmated Sandpiper:			
thr.	Monomoy, Woburn	max. 2500, max. 65	v.o., G.Gove
13-27	P.I.	max. 1000 8/13	BBC
6,7,13	Ipswich, Nauset, Wenham Lake	135, 1500, 200	J.Berry, B.Nikula, J.Berry
23	Lincoln	125	J.Carter
Western Sandpiper:			
15,23	P.I.	1, 1 juv.	A.Williams, R.Heil
18,20;20,27	WBWS; Monomoy	1; 1, 2	D.Williams; G.d'Entremont, W.Petersen#
19,27-30	Squantum, Marblehead	1, 1	R.Abrams, R.Heil#
30	Scituate	5	W.Petersen
Least Sandpiper:			
8, 20	Woburn, Monomoy	7, 1000 (many juvs.)	G.Gove#
23,24	Lincoln, Concord	50, 27	J.Carter
20,27	P.I.	20	J.Berry
White-rumped Sandpiper:			
7-28	P.I.	max. 20 8/7	v.o.
22	Nantucket	1	E.Andrews
Baird's Sandpiper:			
20,27	Monomoy	1, 1	G.d'Entremont#, W.Petersen#
22,28	Georges Bank, P.I.	2, 1	BOEM(W.Petersen), G.Gove#
Pectoral Sandpiper:			
thr.	Woburn	max. 8 8/8	G.Gove
13-27	P.I.	max. 6 8/27	v.o.
5,14;26	Halifax; GMNWR	6; 3	K.Anderson; J.Carter
Dunlin:			
11,13	Scituate, Monomoy	1, 1	W.Petersen#
Stilt Sandpiper:			
thr.	P.I.	max. 62 8/7	v.o.
Buff-breasted Sandpiper:			
21-31	Marblehead	1	R.Heil & v.o.
21,27	Nantucket, P.I.	1, 2	C.Andrews, BBC
27,31	Monomoy, Newton	1, 1	B.Nikula, O. & N.Komar
Short-billed Dowitcher:			
6-27	Newbypt-P.I.	500-30	v.o.
7-20	Monomoy	100-20	v.o.
20	Plymouth	10	D.Briggs#
Long-billed Dowitcher:			
3-28	Monomoy	1	v.o.
6-27	P.I.	max. 55 8/16	v.o.
19,30	Squantum, Scituate	4, 2	R.Abrams, W.Petersen

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Common Snipe:			
13,15,28	Halifax, Woburn, GMNWR	2, 1, 2	W.Petersen#, G.Gove, BBC
Wilson's Phalarope:			
thr.	P.I.	max. 6	v.o.
7,20	Monomoy	1	BBC, B.Nikula#
18,21	WBWS, Nauset	1,1	D.Williams, B.Nikula
Red-necked Phalarope:			
13,27;13	P.I.; Eastham	1, 2; 65	BBC; B.Nikula
21,22	Cape Cod Bay, Georges Bank	2, 20	S.Smith, BOEM (W.Petersen)
Red Phalarope:			
22	Georges Bank	15	BOEM(W.Petersen)
Pomarine Jaeger:			
22	Georges Bank	4	BOEM(W.Petersen)
Parasitic Jaeger:			
1,26	Stellwagen Bank	1, 3	R.Heil, C.Hubbard#
12,23	Rockport, Stellw.	1, 6	R.Heil, BOEM (W.Petersen)
Laughing Gull:			
4,25	Scituate, Revere	18, 4	W.Petersen, K.Durham
20,23	P.I., Newbypt	6, 25	BBC, R.Heil
7,20	Monomoy	400, 100	BBC
Little Gull:			
13,20,28	Newbypt-P.I.	2, 1 ad. & 1(2S), 2	BBC, R.Forster, C.Floyd#
Common Black-headed Gull:			
20	P.I.	1 ad.	R.Forster
Bonaparte's Gull:			
20-31	Newbypt	max. 280 8/20	v.o.
25	Revere	175	K.Durham
Sabine's Gull:			
26,30	Stellwagen Bank	1, 1	C.Hubbard, T.Rumage
Royal Tern:			
6,20,25	Rockport, P'town, Nant.	1, 1, 1,	J.Berry, D.Briggs#, E.Andrews
Roseate Tern:			
3,26	Monomoy, Nauset	2500, 800	R.Heil, B.Nikula
Common Tern:			
thr.	Monomoy	max. 1000 8/7	BBC
20	Newbypt, Squantum	100, 40	J.Berry, R.Abrams
Arctic Tern:			
3	Monomoy	15	R.Heil
Forster's Tern:			
14-31	Monomoy	max. 20	v.o.
6-27	P.I.	max. 10 8/23	v.o.
20	P'town	14	D.Briggs#
Least Tern:			
13,27;14	P.I.; Monomoy	20, 2; 50	BBC
<u>Bridled Tern:</u>	(no details)		
7	50 miles S of M.V.	1 ad.	V.Laux
Black Tern:			
7-31	Monomoy	max. 20	v.o.
17,20	Nantucket, P'town	1, 2	E.Andrews#, D.Briggs#
22 & 23	Georges Bank	8	BOEM (W.Petersen)
Black Skimmer:			
14-31	Monomoy	max. 2 ad. & 4 imm.	v.o.
16-31	E.Dennis	2 imm.	G.Adami
12-31	Nauset	1 imm.	B.Nikula#
27	S.Dartmouth	2 imm.	T.Raymond
Alcid, sp.			
12	Rockport (A.P.)	1	R.Heil
<u>Thick-billed Murre:</u>			
19	Truro	1	D.Reynolds
Black Guillemot:			
23	P.I.	1 partial br.pl.	R.Heil
Barred Owl:			
15	Sherborn	1	E.Taylor
Short-eared Owl:			
thr.	Monomoy	5+	D.Holt & v.o.
Common Nighthawk:			
8,13	Framingham, Lincoln	1, 1	R.Forster
13-16	Brookline (Lars Anderson)	98	R.Stymeist, J.Heywood
20-25	Brookline (Lars Anderson)	1413	J.Heywood, D.Arvidson#
26-30	Brookline (Lars Anderson)	284	R.Stymeist, J.Heywood#
17,18	Lincoln, Haverhill	6, 9	P.Swift, R.Stymeist#
23,30	P.I., Yarmouthport	12+, 5	R.Heil, J.Aylward

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Whip-poor-will: 13,14	E.Orleans	1	A.Williams
<u>CHIMNEY SWIFT THROUGH VIREOS</u>			
A roost of Chimney Swifts was discovered, appropriately enough, in the chimney of a church in Haverhill during midsummer. On August 18, a count taken at dusk as the birds entered the chimney tallied just over 300 individuals. Area residents indicated that this roost was of annual occurrence and that numbers usually peaked at even higher levels around the first week in September. Some twenty Fish Crows, adults based on the presence of molt, were observed going to roost in Whitman. This is a very high count for this season in Plymouth County. As in the late spring months, a Common Raven was seen on Cape Cod, this time in West Harwich. It seems likely that this is the same individual that frequented Chatham in April and May. L.E.T.			
Chimney Swift:			
18,20	Haverhill, P.I.	302 (roost), 6 migr.	R.Stymeist#, R.Forster
Ruby-throated Hummingbird:			
10,13	Lakeville, E.Orleans	1, 1	D.Briggs, A.Williams
24,27	Carver, Framingham	1, 1	T.Akers, R.Forster
Belted Kingfisher:			
9,30	GMNWR, Marshfield	2; 2	A.Williams, D.Clapp
Pileated Woodpecker:			
24	Littleton	1	J.Baird
Olive-sided Flycatcher:			
21	P.I.	1	G.Gove#
Eastern Wood-Pewee:			
20,27	Wayland, P.I.	2, 1	BBC
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:			
20,22	Annisquam, MBO	2, 1 b.	H.Wiggin, MBO staff
Alder Flycatcher:			
4,9	Concord, Lincoln	1, 1	A.Williams
Willow Flycatcher:			
10-15,13	Lincoln, GMNWR	2 ad. & 2 yg., 1	J.Carter, BBC
Least Flycatcher:			
4,13	Lexington, MBO	1, 1 b.	J.Carter, MBO staff
Eastern Kingbird:			
13-28,13-27	GMNWR, P.I.	7 max. 8/13, 25 max. 8/27	BBC
27	Scituate	20	SSBC
Purple Martin:			
1-23,31	P.I., Newton	100 max. 8/7, 2	v.o., O. & N.Komar
Tree Swallow:			
1,27	P.I.	3000, 15000	BBC, v.o.
Bank Swallow:			
13	GMNWR	2	BBC
Cliff Swallow:			
1	P.I.	35	BBC
Barn Swallow:			
1,20	P.I., MNWS	200, 200+	BBC, R.Heil
Fish Crow:			
10-25, 31	Whitman	1, 21	W.Petersen
Common Raven:			
7	W.Harwich	1	E. & P.Bates#
Red-breasted Nuthatch:			
15-31	7 locations	13 total	v.o.
Brown Creeper:			
13,21	GMNWR, Sherborn	1, 1	L.Taylor#, E.Taylor
Carolina Wren:			
20	Chatham	1	G.d'Entremont#
Marsh Wren:			
13-28,27	GMNWR, P.I.	25 max. 8/13, 3	BBC
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:			
16,17	Annisquam, MBO	1, 1 b.	H.Wiggin, staff
22	Framingham	1	R.Forster
Eastern Bluebird:			
1-6,27	Middleboro, Hingham	pr., 5	D.Briggs, S.Smith#
Veery:			
20	Waltham	1	L.Taylor
Swainson's Thrush:			
19	MNWS	1	R.Heil
Wood Thrush:			
27	Marshfield	1	SSBC

SPECIES/DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS
Gray Catbird: 27	P.I.	20	BBC
Water Pipit: 20	Annisquam	1	H.Wiggin
Cedar Waxwing: 13,18	GMNWR, Marshfield	8, 16	v.o., D.Clapp
White-eyed Vireo: 17	MBO	1 b.	MBO staff
Solitary Vireo: 13,28	P.I., Princeton	1, 1	R.Stymeist, D.Lange#
Warbling Vireo: 17,20	MBO, Wayland	1 b., 2	MBO staff, BBC
Philadelphia Vireo: 25,28	MBO, Princeton	1 b., 1	MBO staff, D.Lange#
Red-eyed Vireo: 17,28	MBO, GMNWR	1 b., 1	MBO staff, BBC

#### WARBLERS THROUGH AMERICAN GOLDFINCH

Southern warblers were well represented in this year's August migration/dispersal. The single Yellow-throated Warbler was consistent with the past record of about one individual every other August. Three Prothonotary Warblers is also about average for this month but seems a good count compared to the total absence of this species during August 1982. Individuals of both Kentucky and Hooded warblers turned up rather early in the month.

One of the Dickcissels reported in the region was a somewhat early arrival; total number for the month was about average. Two Yellow-headed Blackbirds turned up at coastal sites as has come to be expected in the early part of the fall movement. This year's birds were both immatures, in contrast to the adults seen in 1982.

Excitement was provided during the period of August 22-27 by a Sudan Golden Sparrow (*Passer luteus*) on Plum Island. This African native is commonly kept in pet shops and parlors. Thus this individual must go into the record as an escape and not as the second African vagrant in eastern Massachusetts for the year! L.E.T.

Blue-winged Warbler: 7,7-28	W.Newbury, MNWS	4, 6 max. 8/19	W.Petersen, R.Heil#
17	MBO	1 b.	MBO staff
Golden-winged Warbler: 6-23	W.Newbury	1	v.o.
Tennessee Warbler: 6,11	W.Newbury, MBO	1, 1 b.	W.Petersen, MBO staff
23,28	MNWS, Princeton	5, 3	R.Forster, J.Pfortner#
Nashville Warbler: 10	MBO	1 b.	MBO staff
Yellow Warbler: 17,28	MBO, GMNWR	1 b., 3	MBO staff, BBC
Chestnut-sided Warbler: 26	MBO	1 b.	MBO staff
Magnolia Warbler: 28,30	Princeton, MBO	2, 1 b. (first)	D.Lange#, MBO staff
Cape May Warbler: 16,20	MBO, Annisquam	1 b., 16	MBO staff, H.Wiggin
23	P.I., MNWS	3, 4	A.Bennett, R.Forster
Black-throated Blue Warbler: 22	Lexington	1	J.Carter
Yellow-rumped Warbler: 11,28	Halifax, Ashby	1, 3	W.Petersen, L.Taylor
Black-throated Green Warbler: 13,28	P.I., Princeton	1, 2	BBC, J.Pfortner#
Blackburnian Warbler: 13,28	P.I., Princeton	1, 3	BBC, D.Lange#
Yellow-throated Warbler: 14	Gloucester	1	C.Leahy#
Bay-breasted Warbler: 6,23	MNWS, MBO	1, 1 b.	R.Heil, MBO staff
22,23	Lexington, MNWS	4, 8	J.Carter, R.Forster
Blackpoll Warbler: 23,27	MNWS, Scituate	1, 1	R.Forster, SSBC
28,30	GMNWR, MBO	4, 1 b.	BBC, MBO staff
Black-and-white Warbler: 4,28	GMNWR, Princeton	1, 3	A.Williams, D.Lange#

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American Redstart:			
1,16	P.I., MBO	1, 4 b.	BBC, MBO staff
23,28	MNWS, Princeton	6, 16	R.Forster, J.Pfortner#
Prothonotary Warbler:			
14,15	Nantucket, MBO	1 m., 1 b.	E.Andrews, MBO staff
24	Chatham	1 m.	D.Holt#
Ovenbird:			
16,27	MBO, P.I.	1 b. (first), 1	MBO staff, BBC
Northern Waterthrush:			
9,10	GMNWR, MBO	1, 1 b.	A.Williams, staff
Louisiana Waterthrush:			
7	WBWS	1 b.	E.Fisk
Kentucky Warbler:			
11-22	MNWS	1	J.Smith#
Mourning Warbler:			
20	P.I., MNWS	1, 1	R.Forster, R.Heil
23	MNWS	1	R.Heil
Hooded Warbler:			
4-5,19	Chatham, MNWS	1 m., 1	R.Clem#, R.Heil
Canada Warbler:			
16,23	MBO, MNWS	1 b. (first), 2	MBO staff, R.Forster
Yellow-breasted Chat:			
23,25;25	MBO; Nantucket	1 b., 1 b.; 1	MBO staff; E.Andrews
27,30	Scituate, MNWS	1, 1	SSBC, R.Heil
Rose-breasted Grosbeak:			
19,20	Annisquam, Wayland	4, 5	H.Wiggin, BBC
Dickcissel:			
5,20	Whitman, MNWS	1, 1	W.Petersen, J.Smith#
20,21	Nantucket	1	E.Andrews#
Chipping Sparrow:			
28	Monomoy	1	W.Petersen#
Field Sparrow:			
3	MNWS	1	J.Smith
Savannah Sparrow:			
24	GMNWR	1	R.Forster
Sharp-tailed Sparrow:			
7-14,13-27	Monomoy, Newbypt	6, 30 max. 8/27	BBC, J.Berry
14,25	E.Orleans, MBO	3, 1 b.	A.Williams, MBO staff
Seaside Sparrow:			
20	Monomoy	3	G.Gove#
White-throated Sparrow:			
7	MNWS	1	J.Smith
Bobolink:			
2,27	GMNWR, Newbypt	6, 10	G.Gove, BBC
Yellow-headed Blackbird:			
20	P.I., Monomoy	1 imm., 1 imm.	J.Berry#, B.Nikula#
Brown-headed Cowbird:			
24	Concord	90+	J.Carter
Purple Finch:			
27	P.I.	2	BBC
House Finch:			
6,12	Ipswich, S.Peabody	150+, 75+	J.Berry, R.Heil
American Goldfinch:			
13,27	GMNWR, Marshfield	40+, 12	BBC, SSBC

CORRIGENDUM: June 1983 FIELD RECORDS

<u>Curlew Sandpiper:</u>			
29,30	P.I.	1 ad. br. pl.	H.Weissberg & v.o.
		should read	
<u>Curlew Sandpiper:</u>			
29,30	P.I.	1 ad. br. pl.	E.Pyburn, S.Garrett & v.o.

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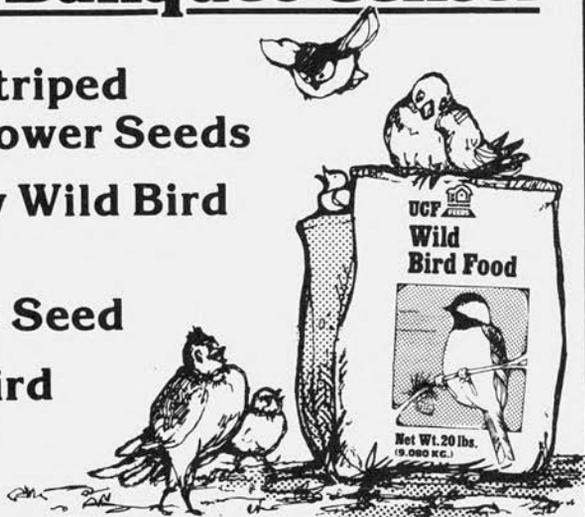


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