

Field Records

November 1983



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November 1983 was a bit warmer than normal and unusually wet. The temperature averaged 46.1°, 0.9° above normal. The high mark was 69° on the ninth and a 63° reading came as late as November 25. The lowest temperature was 28° on November 14. Rainfall totaled 8.89 inches, 4.68 inches more than normal, and the most for November since 8.94 inches in 1878, 105 years ago. This was the wettest month since June 1982. Snow on the other hand was just a trace with the first flakes of the season on November 14.

LOONS THROUGH HERONS

A good flight of loons was noted off Rockport on November 5 when the wind was out of the northeast and gusting. In just a short time as many as 224 Red-throated and 340 Common loons were counted. Also during this storm at least 2400 Greater Shearwaters, over 1000 Northern Gannets and a Leach's Storm-Petrel were noted passing Andrews Point. Horned Grebes outnumbered Pied-billed Grebes at the Lakeville ponds, where a Red-necked Grebe was reported, unusual for inland locations. Another Red-necked Grebe was carefully identified in the Cambridge Reservoir in Waltham. Other highlights included a Cory's Shearwater during a northwest wind at First Encounter Beach, Eastham, on the last day of the month. Late heron reports included a Little Blue Heron on November 27 at Plum Island and a Cattle Egret on the last day of the month at Nantucket. This same bird was found dead during the first week of December 1983. R.H.S.

<u>SPECIES/NOVEMBER</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OBSERVERS</u>
Red-throated Loon:			
5,11	Rockport	224, 55	R.Heil,G.Gove#
19	Plymouth,Boston Harbor	40, 118	W.Smith#,TASL
Arctic Loon:			
5	Quincy (Hough's Neck)	1 (no details)	D.Brown
Common Loon:			
5,11	Rockport	340, 45	R.Heil,F.Bouchard
19,20	Plymouth,PI	70, 40	W.Smith,BBC
Pied-billed Grebe:			
thr	Lakeville	max 19 (11/5)	W.Petersen#+v.o.
12,17	Cambridge,Wayland	4, 3	F.Bouchard,R.Forster
Horned Grebe:			
thr	Lakeville	max 32 (11/5)	W.Petersen#+v.o.
7,13	Jam.Plain,S.Quabbin	1, 5	R.Stymeist#,M.Lynch#
19	Boston Harbor,Cape Ann	403, 12	TASL,R.Heil#
19,25	Plymouth,Quincy	25, 350	W.Smith,R.Abrams
Red-necked Grebe:			
5,5-6	Lakeville,Waltham	1, 1	W.Petersen#,J.Hines
11,13	Rockport,S.Quabbin	3, 1	F.Bouchard,M.Lynch
19	Boston Harbor	16	TASL
Northern Fulmar:			
16	Rockport	2	R.Forster,R.Heil
Cory's Shearwater:			
30	Eastham(F.E.)	1	B.Nikula,P.Grant
Greater Shearwater:			
5,13,16	Rockport	2400, 1, 200	R.Heil,T.Walsh,R.Heil
13,14	Nantucket Sound,P'town	2, 50+	H.D'Entremont#
Manx Shearwater:			
5,30	Rockport,P'town	1, 1	R.Heil,B.Nikula

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Leach's Storm-Petrel:			
5	Rockport	1	R.Heil
Northern Gannet:			
5,11,19	Rockport	1000, 18, 2	R.Heil,F.Bouchard,R.Heil
12	PI, Chatham	6, 30+	BBC,D.Briggs#
26	Eastham,Barnstable,Manomet	50, 25, 200	R.Abrams
Great Cormorant:			
5-12	Lakeville	1 imm	W.Petersen#+v.o.
19	Boston Harbor	233	TASL
Double-crested Cormorant:			
3;5	E.Boston;Ipswich,Lakeville	105; 11, 12	S.Zendeh;BBC,SSBC
19,27	Boston Harbor,Gloucester	70, 3	TASL,BBC
American Bittern:			
5-10,6	GMNWR,PI	1, 1	R.Walton#+v.o.,P.Roberts
13,26	E.Boston, PI	1, 1	S.Zendeh,C.Ewer
Great Blue Heron:			
1-17	Saugus	max 8 (11/10)	J.Berry
5,9	GMNWR	5, 4	R.Walton
13,27	Westport,Weymouth	15, 11	R.Stymeist#,G.d'Entremont
Snowy Egret:			
14	PI	1	J.Grugan
Little Blue Heron:			
12-27	PI	2 imm	v.o.
Cattle Egret:			
30	Nantucket	1	S.Joyce
	(Note: This bird was found dead during the first week of December.)		
Black-crowned Night-Heron:			
19,27	Boston Harbor,Weymouth	6, 1	TASL, G.d'Entremont

WATERFOWL

Tundra Swans were seen at three locations, and a Greater White-fronted Goose remained all month in a cornfield in Rochester. This bird with its very dark dorsal color, its extensive belly markings, and its pinkish-orange bill was a typical example of the Greenland race *flavirostris*. As usual a large flock of Brant was found in Boston Harbor, with the high count of 1755 noted on the TASL census of November 19. Other interesting totals of that count included 912 Greater Scaup, 9129 Common Eider, 1122 White-winged Scoter, 2776 Bufflehead, 2 Barrow's Goldeneye, and 2851 Red-breasted Merganser.

Other interesting waterfowl reports included Eurasian Wigeon at Nantucket and Ipswich, Harlequin Ducks at four locations, and 6000 Oldsquaw and 8500 Red-breasted Mergansers from Andrews Point, Rockport, during a nor'easter. A very high concentration of Red-breasted Mergansers was noted off Provincetown most of the month. R.H.S.

Tundra Swan:			
27	Nant.,Nauset,Gloucester	6-16, 2, 4	S.Perkins,H.Whitlock,W.Russell
Mute Swan:			
12,13	Plymouth,Westport	63, 65	SSBC,R.Stymeist#
<u>Greater White-fronted Goose:</u>			
thr	Rochester	1 ad	D.Cosman+v.o.
Snow Goose:			
thr	PI	max 22	v.o.
7,19	Brookline,Braintree	1 imm (injured), 1 imm	R.Stymeist#,R.Abrams
"Blue Goose ":			
thr	PI	1 ad	v.o.
Brant:			
12,13	Chatham,Westport	50+, 180	D.Briggs#,G.Gove#
19	Boston Harbor,Plymouth	1755, 400	TASL,W.Smith
Canada Goose:			
9,13	GMNWR,Ipswich	600, 1000+	A.Williams,BBC
27	Rochester	375-400	D.Cosman
Wood Duck:			
5	Lakeville,GMNWR	5, 17	W.Petersen#,R.Walton
Green-winged Teal:			
5,6	Wakefield,GMNWR	48, 74	D.Williams#,R.Walton
Northern Pintail:			
thr	Yarmouthport	max 60	J.Aylward
6	Nantucket,GMNWR	2, 18	E.+ C.Andrews,R.Walton
12	PI	200	BBC(R.Prybis)

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Northern Shoveler:			
6,26	GMNWR, Concord	16, 4	R. Walton
12,27	PI	12, 22	BBC
Gadwall:			
6,13	Plymouth, Ipswich	8, 10	W. Petersen, BBC
19,26	Gloucester, Concord	12, 31	BBC, R. Walton
Eurasian Wigeon:			
5-13,8	Nantucket, Ipswich	1 m, 1 f	E.+ C. Andrews#, D. Taylor
American Wigeon:			
5	Nantucket (Madaket)	126	E. Andrews#
5,6	Ipswich, GMNWR	46, 15	BBC
13	Westport, Ipswich	48, 150	R. Stymeist#, BBC
Canvasback:			
thr	Cambridge (F. Pond)	max 194 (11/20)	D. Flood#+v.o.
6,9	Nantucket (Madaket), Lakeville	52, 65	E. Andrews#, P. Hallowell
13,26	Westport, Braintree	117, 35	G. Gove#, R. Abrams
Redhead:			
5,13,27	Nantucket, Westport, Cambridge	71, 2, 3	E. Andrews#, G. Gove#, J. Barton
Ring-necked Duck:			
5,6	Lakeville, Acton	1075, 200+	SSBC, H. Harvey
12,27	Cambridge, Braintree	42, 40	F. Bouchard, G. Wilson
Greater Scaup:			
19,27	Boston Harbor, Cambridge	912, 12	TASL, J. Barton
Lesser Scaup:			
5,14	Lakeville, PI	100+, 4	W. Petersen#, J. Grugan
27	Gloucester, Cambridge	5, 5	BBC, J. Barton
Common Eider:			
10	Plymouth-Manomet	1600	SSBC
19	Boston Harbor	9129	TASL
19	Plymouth Beach	25,000±	W. Smith
King Eider:			
19,20	Rockport, S. Dartmouth	2, 1	R. Heil, SSBC
Harlequin Duck:			
19, 19-30	Hull, E. Orleans	1, 5	W. Petersen#, v.o.
19	Gloucester, Rockport	2, 1	R. Heil
Oldsquaw:			
5	Lakeville, Rockport	2, 6000	W. Petersen#, R. Heil
13	Nantucket Sound	2000	H. D'Entremont#
Black Scoter:			
5,9	Lakeville, Eastham	1, 120	W. Petersen, G. Gove
19	Cape Ann, Plymouth Beach	70, 75	BBC, W. Smith
Surf Scoter:			
5	Rockport	12,000	R. Heil
White-winged Scoter:			
19	Boston Harbor	1122	TASL
19,20	Plymouth, Westport	750, 250	W. Smith, SSBC
Common Goldeneye:			
5	Lakeville	7	W. Petersen
19	Boston Harbor	354	TASL
Barrow's Goldeneye:			
19	Boston Harbor	2 m	TASL
Bufflehead:			
1,5	Newburyport, Lakeville	40, 56	G. Gove, SSBC
13	Westport River	200+	J. Heywood#
19	Boston Harbor	2776	TASL
Hooded Merganser:			
4,5	Ipswich, Lakeville	5, 7	J. Nove, W. Petersen#
5,6;20	Waltham (Camb. Res.)	33; 27	J. Hines; R. Forster
26,27	Braintree, Weymouth	16, 7	R. Abrams, G. d'Entremont
	Other reports of 1-4 individuals from a wide area.		
Common Merganser:			
5,6;20	Waltham (Camb. Res.)	51; 75	J. Hines; R. Forster
13;19,26	Braintree	16; 60, 119	J. Paputseanos; R. Abrams
20,27	Wayland, Weymouth	4, 20	R. Forster, G. d'Entremont
Red-breasted Merganser:			
4,5	Barnstable Harbor, Ipswich	1000, 720	J. Aylward, BBC
5	Rockport (AP)	8500	R. Heil
14,20	P'town	2000±, 6000±	H. D'Entremont#, B. Nikula#
19	Boston Harbor	2851	TASL

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Ruddy Duck:			
1,5	Lakeville	150+, 70	D.Briggs,W.Petersen#
5+6;20	Waltham(Camb. Res.)	26; 31	J.Hines;R.Forster
6	Melrose,Monomoy	34, 275+	R.Parks,W.Harrington#
20,26	Cambridge,Braintree	20, 50	D.Flood,R.Abrams

TURKEY VULTURE THROUGH RUFFED GROUSE

November is late for reports of Ospreys; nevertheless there were at least five individuals sighted this month with the latest being on the twenty-seventh. A Turkey Vulture was seen feeding on a rabbit carcass in Scituate. A total of four immature Bald Eagles was reported from Monomoy, which would indicate young birds moving south--a good sign. All of the accipiters are represented with a total of four Cooper's and six Goshawks. A dark phase Gyrfalcon was seen at Plymouth Beach on November 27, perhaps a forerunner of the bird or birds seen at Plum Island later. G.W.G.

Turkey Vulture:			
24	Scituate	1	E.Burbank#
	Feeding on dead rabbit.		
Osprey:			
3,4;3	Woburn;GMNWR	1, 1; 1	G.Gove
11,14	Petersham,Nantucket	1, 1	G.Gove,P.Gardner
27	Concord	1	R.Walton
Bald Eagle:			
6,19	Monomoy	1 imm, 3 imm	W.Harrington#,R.Prescott#
13	Quabbin	2 imm + 1 ad	M.Lynch#
Northern Harrier:			
5,14	Bridgewater,PI	2-3, 6	SSBC,J.Grugan
19,27	Boston Harbor,Salisbury	8, 3	TASL,BBC
Sharp-shinned Hawk:			
chr	Middleboro	1	D.Briggs
5,6	Lakeville,Marshfield	1, 1	W.Petersen,G.d'Entremont
13,27	Nantucket,E.Middleboro	3, 1 ad	H.d'Entremont,K.Anderson
Cooper's Hawk:			
10,11	Middleboro	1, 1	K.Anderson,D.Briggs
14,27	PI,Brookline	1 ad, 1 ad	J.Grugan,H.Wiggin
Northern Goshawk:			
3,5	GMNWR,Halifax	1 ad, 2 ad	G.Gove,W.Petersen
11-13,13	E.Middleboro,Rochester	1 imm, 1	K.Anderson,G.d'Entremont#
13	E.Orleans	1 imm	B.Nikula
Red-shouldered Hawk:			
6	E.Middleboro	1	K.Anderson
Red-tailed Hawk:			
5	Bridgewater,Halifax	4, 2	SSBC,K.Anderson
13,19	Ipswich,Boston Harbor	4, 4	BBC,TASL
27,30	Salisbury,Sudbury	2, 6	BBC,R.Forster
	9 individuals at other locations.		
Rough-legged Hawk:			
1,14	PI	4, 6	P.Hallowell,J.Grugan
13	Ipswich+PI	6	BBC
27	Salisbury	3	BBC
American Kestrel:			
3,19	E.Boston,Boston Harbor	2, 4	S.Zendeh,TASL
20	PI-Newburyport-Salisbury	7	BBC
Merlin:			
2,9	Newton,Lakeville	1, 1	O.Komar,P.Hallowell
14,20	Woods Hole,PI	1, 1	R.Forster#,P.Trull
Peregrine Falcon:			
2,19,20	Monomoy,Nauset,P'town	2, 1, 1 imm	B.Nikula#
6,27	PI,Nantucket	1, 1	J.Grugan,E.Andrews#
<u>Gyrfalcon:</u>			
27	Plymouth Beach	1 dk phase	J.Bryant
Ruffed Grouse:			
13	Quabbin,E.Middleboro	8, 3	M.Lynch#,K.Anderson

RAILS THROUGH PHALAROPES

American Coot numbers seem to be very low for the fall prompting one observer to wonder if something is happening to this species. Others have noted the same trend. Perhaps

it's a cyclical phenomenon or perhaps these birds have changed their migration patterns. The BOEM records could be examined for the past eleven years to determine if this is a reality.

The total American Oystercatchers reported this month exceed the total for the past ten years, but wait until you see next month's records. Two reports of Spotted Sandpiper this month are extraordinary with only three previous November records and one December/January report in 1975. The Whimbrel in Orleans is only the second November record in BOEM also. Godwits of the proper species are commonplace in November. Two or three Marbled Godwits spent the month; one at Newburyport until midmonth and two at Chatham from the third week. Red Knot numbers are low for this month.

The report, with details, of the Least Sandpiper is unprecedented in the BOEM records for November. This was a bird with only one leg, which was observed at close range. The Baird's Sandpiper from Monomoy constitutes the only November record also.

The November 19 TASL Boston Harbor census recorded many birds among which were a high count for this month of 287 Laughing Gulls. G.W.G.

Virginia Rail:			
12,20	Middleboro	1, 4	K.Holmes
American Coot:			
5,6	Lakeville,GMNWR	50, 43	W.Petersen#,R.Walton
13	Westport;Braintree	29; 35	G.Gove#;J.Paputseanos
20,26	Acoaxet,Braintree	35, 48	SSBC,R.Abrams
Black-bellied Plover:			
5,10	Ipswich, Wollaston	92, 200	BBC,K.Ryan
19	Plymouth;Boston Harbor	100;309	W.Smith;TASL
26	Eastham	12	R.Abrams
Lesser Golden-Plover:			
3,13	Nantucket	3, 1	E.Andrews,H.D'Entremont
Semipalmated Plover:			
6,13,19	Scituate,PI,Boston Harbor	8, 1, 2	W.Petersen,BBC,TASL
Killdeer:			
6,9	Lakeville,Boston	15, 9	BBC,J.Carter
12,19	Newburyport,Cape Ann	7, 6	J.Berry,BBC
American Oystercatcher:			
6,19	Chatham,Nantucket	2, 3	B.Nikula#,H.D'Entremont
Greater Yellowlegs:			
3,19	E.Boston	77, 6	S.Zendeh#
5,12	Ipswich,PI	1, 3	BBC
Lesser Yellowlegs:			
5,6	Halifax,Lakeville	1, 2	SSBC,BBC
Spotted Sandpiper:			
14-18	Nantucket	1	E.+ C.Andrews
19	Woburn	1	C. Gove
Whimbrel:			
27	Orleans	1	B.Nikula+H.Stabins
Hudsonian Godwit:			
1,27	Newburyport	8, 1	G.Gove,J.Grugan
Marbled Godwit:			
1-13	Newburyport	1 (from Oct.)	v.o.
19-23	Chatham	2	W.Bailey#
Ruddy Turnstone:			
19	Boston Harbor	1	TASL
Red Knot:			
12	PI	1	W.Smith
Sanderling:			
19	Plymouth	100	W.Smith
Semipalmated Sandpiper:			
2	Monomoy	40	B.Nikula
5,19	Bridgewater,Plymouth	1, 2	W.Petersen,W.Smith
Western Sandpiper:			
5,19	Orleans	10,2	B.Nikula
Least Sandpiper:			
5	Halifax	1 (details)	W.Petersen
White-rumped Sandpiper:			
2,6	North Monomoy, South Monomoy	15, 15	B.Nikula#,W.Harrington
6,19	Scituate,Orleans	12, 7	W.Petersen,B.Nikula
Baird's Sandpiper:			
6	Monomoy	1	W.Harrington

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Pectoral Sandpiper:			
3,5	Nantucket,Wakefield	2, 4	E.Andrews,S.Zendeh#
5,6	Ipswich,GMNWR	18, 7	BBC
6	Bridgewater,Middleboro	5, 5	BBC
Purple Sandpiper:			
5,13	Salisbury,Rockport	20, 100	D.Alexander#,T.Walsh
13,19	Scituate, Rockport	100, 120	D.Clapp,BBC
Dunlin:			
2;7,12	Monomoy,PI	1500; 950, 3000	B.Nikula;G.Gove,W.Smith
10,13	Wollaston,Scituate-Duxbury	250, 700	K.Ryan,D.Clapp
19,20	Boston Harbor,Westport	656, 500	TASL,SSBC
27	Eastham,PI	600, 250	B.Nikula#,BBC
Long-billed Dowitcher:			
1,3	Newburyport,E.Boston	40, 1	G.Gove,S.Zendeh#
Common Snipe:			
5	Bridgewater, Halifax	6, 4	W.Petersen
13,20	Westport,Bourne	1, 10	J.Heywood#,D.Briggs#
27	Braintree	1	G.d'Entremont
American Woodcock:			
2-5,14	E.Middleboro,MV	1, 1	K.Anderson,R.Stymeist
Red Phalarope			
5	Rockport	17	R.Heil

GULLS THROUGH ALCIDS

A Mew Gull (*L. canus*) at Provincetown on November 30 was well-described. For a description of this sighting, see the article, "On Records of Birds," elsewhere in this issue. Lesser Black-backed Gulls are certainly becoming more common in the state with at least five adults reported this month. This makes one wonder how many juveniles have been missed. Common and Forster's terns in November are not unusual but Black Terns are.

Alcids were seen just offshore in the gales and northeasters which hit the coast this month. Also blown in on these winds were Pomarine and Parasitic jaegers. Any good coastal location was the place to be to see good numbers of pelagic birds carried in toward shore by these November northeasters. G.W.G.

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Pomarine Jaeger:			
5,6	Rockport	4, 4	R.Heil,T.Walsh
26	Eastham	8+	B.Nikula
Parasitic Jaeger:			
5	Rockport	3	R.Heil
jaeger sp:			
6;26,30	Eastham	1; 6+, 2	M.Lynch#;B.Nikula
Laughing Gull:			
3,10	E.Boston,Wollaston	18, 80	S.Zendeh#,K.Ryan
13,19	Westport,Boston Harbor	18, 287	G.Gove#,TASL
Little Gull:			
26,30	Newburyport,Eastham	9, 1(2W)	W.Russell,P.Grant#
Common Black-headed Gull:			
3,19	E.Boston	1, 1	S.Zendeh#
20,26,27	Newburyport,Annisquam,Wellfleet	1, 1(ad), 1(1W)	BBC,S.Carroll#,W.Petersen
Bonaparte's Gull:			
6,12	Lakeville	1 (1W), 7	BBC,W.Petersen
12,19	Ipswich,Boston Harbor	90, 763	J.Berry,TASL
20,26	Westport,Cape Ann	125, 50	SSBC,BBC
Mew Gull (Good details submitted):			
30	P'town	1 ad.	P.Grant+B.Nikula
Ring-billed Gull:			
2	Halifax (following plows in cornfields)	200	K.Anderson
6	Bridgewater	1000	BBC
21	E.Middleboro	100+	K.Anderson
Iceland Gull:			
6,25	Needham,Quincy	1, 2	O.Komar,R.Abrams
19	Gloucester	1	BBC
Lesser Black-backed Gull:			
13	Westport,Nantucket	1 ad, 1 ad	R.Stymeist#,H.D'Entremont#
16,25	Gloucester	1, 1 ad	R.Heil#,G.Gove
19,27	Monomoy,Hingham	1 ad, 1 ad	R.Prescott#,R.Fox

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Glaucous Gull:			
19	Hull	1 ad	TASL
Black-legged Kittiwake:			
5,11,16	Rockport	3000, 180, 3000	R.Heil,F.Bouchard,R.Heil
26	Eastham (F.E.)	2000	B.Nikula
Common Tern:			
12,13	Ipswich	1	J.Berry,BBC
12,13	Eastham, Nantucket	2, 1	D.Briggs#,H.D'Entremont
Forster's Tern:			
5,6	Rockport,Chatham	11, 45+	R.Heil,W.Harrington#
13	Nantucket	1	H.D'Entremont
Black Tern:			
6,19	Chatham	2, 1	B.Nikula#
Dovekie:			
5;6,13	Rockport	61; 61, 1	R.Heil;T.Walsh
6,26	Marshfield,Barnstable	1, 1	D.Clapp,R.Abrams
Common Murre:			
16	Rockport	1	R.Heil#
Thick-billed Murre:			
19	Quincy	1	TASL
Razorbill:			
16,20	Rockport,P'town	30, 30+	R.Heil,B.Nikula
17,26,30	Eastham	23, 100, 100	B.Nikula
Black Guillemot:			
13;16,19	Rockport	1; 6, 1	T.Walsh;R.Heil#
Large unidentified alcids:			
17,30	Eastham	61, 200	B.Nikula#
20	P'town	25+	B.Nikula#

MOURNING DOVE THROUGH WOODPECKERS

The amazing story here is that of the Boreal Owl, which spent about a week roosting in some lindens at 55 St. Germain Street in the Back Bay area of Boston. The bird at first was thought to be a Saw-whet Owl, but subsequent examination of photos of the bird proved it to be a Boreal Owl. The last Boreal Owl to be seen in Massachusetts was on December 31, 1978 at Salisbury State Park. That was the same year that Great Gray Owls invaded New England. The most recent records prior to 1978 were two in 1942.

Another unusual November bird was a Chimney Swift seen November 5 and 6 at Cumberland Farms in Bridgewater, scene of the famous McCown's Longspur sighting. The note from Wayne Petersen, who first saw the swift, said "incredible record of a probable reverse migrant" and went on to describe the bird. The description pointed to Chimney Swift "despite hopes for a Vaux's." The bird was actively hawking and feeding, flying low over the pasture and manure pile behind the barn. G.W.G.

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Mourning Dove:			
3,8	Rowley,Sudbury	100, 300 (in one field)	D.Alexander,R.Forster
Eastern Screech-Owl:			
13	Westport,Randolph	1, 1	J.Heywood#,G.d'Entremont
19,20	Quincy,Westport	1, 1	TASL,SSBC
Great Horned Owl:			
1	Belmont	1	F.Bouchard
12,19	Middleboro	1, 1	K.Holmes,D.Briggs
Snowy Owl:			
14,26	Salisbury,P'town	1, 1	J.Grugan,R.Prescott#
26	Rockport,Gloucester	1, 1	BBC
Barred Owl:			
13	E.Middleboro	1	K.Anderson
<u>Boreal Owl:</u>			
2,8	Boston(Back Bay)	1 ph	P.Thayer,fide R.Forster
Northern Saw-whet Owl:			
2,19	MBO,Magnolia	1 banded, 1 (road kill)	T.Lloyd-Evans,R.Heil
Chimney Swift:			
5,6	Bridgewater	1, 1	W.Petersen,BBC
Belted Kingfisher:			
3,27	Rowley,Cambridge	1, 1 f	D.Alexander#,D.Flood

<u>SPECIES/NOVEMBER</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OBSERVERS</u>
Red-headed Woodpecker:			
4	Middleboro	1 ad	D.Briggs#
Red-bellied Woodpecker:			
2	Worcester	1	M.Lynch#
Hairy Woodpecker:			
4,22	E.Middleboro	1, 1	K.Anderson
Northern Flicker:			
19	Framingham	2	R.Forster
Pileated Woodpecker:			
12	Weston	1	R.Stymeist#

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH WARBLERS

As the fall passerine migration winds down, those of us who enjoy the unusual can look forward to discovering stragglers. November produced quite a few records in this category. Among the flycatchers, virtually none of which may be expected this month, both an Empidonax and a Great-crested lingered into the first week, in Lincoln and Marblehead, respectively. Blue-gray Gnatcatchers, normally September migrants, were seen early in November in Belmont (site of November records in previous years), and even later at Woods Hole. Warblers of four species, Nashville, Prairie, Black-and-White, and Wilson's, came through more than a month beyond the normal time schedule, with the Prairie on Martha's Vineyard probably winning any prize for tardiness.

This year's fall chickadee migration, as detected with the banding nets at Manomet, totaled some 2800 individuals, the largest count since 1971. Along with the multitude of Black-capped individuals, two Boreal Chickadees were banded there. The movement ended abruptly, following big days on November 1 and 2. Later on in the month, four other individual Boreal Chickadees were encountered, at three coastal sites.

A remarkable group totaling at least five Bohemian Waxwings was seen in Provincetown at mid month. These birds are more typically encountered as singles or pairs in our region. By far the most unusual record for the month was of a flycatcher of the genus Myiodynastes seen for two days only on Martha's Vineyard. This genus includes Sulphur-bellied and Streaked flycatchers. The Vineyard individual had been tentatively identified as the latter, although final determination awaits inspection of the photographs by recognized authorities. Fork-tailed Flycatchers, the Variegated Flycatcher of Maine, and possibly the Brown-chested Martin constitute a similar situation of South American species that migrate north in the austral winter from southern to northern South America and overshoot. The possibility exists that the Myiodynastes is such a South American vagrant if it proves to be a Streaked Flycatcher. In that case, it would constitute a first United States record.

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<u>SPECIES/NOVEMBER</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OBSERVERS</u>
<u>Empidonax</u> sp.:			
from Oct-2	Lincoln	1	R.Forster
Great Crested Flycatcher:			
2	MNWS	1	J.Smith
<u>Myiodynastes</u> sp.:			
12,13	MV	1 ph	W.Manter#
Western Kingbird:			
6-12,6	Rockport,PI	1, 1	v.o.,S.Zendeh#
12,19	Nantucket,Middleboro	2, 1	E.Andrews#,D.Briggs
20,24	Dartmouth,Orleans	1, 1	SSBC,R.Everett
Horned Lark:			
12,13	PI,Ipswich	27, 50	BBC
Tree Swallow:			
13,14	S.Dartmouth,MV	2, 125+	R.Stymeist#,B.Nikula#
Barn Swallow:			
10	Everett	1	O.Komar
American Crow:			
2,13	E.Middleboro,Ipswich	100, 300	K.Anderson,BBC
Black-capped Chickadee:			
1,2	MBO	359 b, 275 b	Staff
Boreal Chickadee:			
2,3	MBO	1 b, 1 b	Staff
10,13-23	Rockport,Newburyport	1 b, 2	R.Norris,v.o.
13	E.Orleans	1	B.Nikula#
Red-breasted Nuthatch:			
1-20,5	PI,Lakeville	8 max, 6	v.o.,BBC

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Brown Creeper: 16,8-27	Duxbury,6 locations	3, 7 singles	D.Clapp,v.o.
Carolina Wren: 13,14	Westport, Woods Hole	7, 5	R.Stymeist#, R.Forster
House Wren: 12	Plymouth	1	SSBC
Winter Wren: 9,14	E.Middleboro,Truro	1, 1	K.Anderson,H.D'Entremont
14,19	Woods Hole,Cape Ann	3, 1	R.Forster,BBC
Marsh Wren: 6	Marshfield,GMNWR	1, 2	G.d'Entremont,BBC
Golden-crowned Kinglet: 6,13	Cambridge,PI	8, 3	F.Bouchard,BBC
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 1-4,14	Woburn,Woods Hole	1, 1	G.Gove,R.Forster
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 3,14	Belmont,Woods Hole	1, 1	L.Robinson,R.Forster
Hermit Thrush: 13	PI,Westport	3, 4	BBC,R.Stymeist#
26	PI	1	G.d'Entremont
American Robin: 6,20	GMNWR,Westport	15, 45	BBC,SSBC
Gray Catbird: 13,14	Westport,MV	4, 6	J.Heywood#,R.Stymeist
Brown Thrasher: 4	Rockport	1	D.Alexander#
Water Pipit: 3	PI,E.Boston	5, 1	D.Alexander#,S.Zendeh#
5	Bridgewater,Halifax	40, 25	SSBC
11,30	Millis,E.Middleboro	16, 12	B.Cassie,K.Anderson
<u>Bohemian Waxwing:</u> 18	Provincetown	5+	K.Shea#
Cedar Waxwing: 5,25	GMNWR,Middleboro	46, 2	R.Walton,D.Briggs
Northern Shrike: 13,14-30	IRWS,Provincetown	1, 2 max	v.o.,D.Reynolds#
20	Truro,PI	1, 1	B.Nikula#,P.Trull
22,29	Littleton,Nantucket	1, 1	J.Baird,F.Reed
Red-eyed Vireo: 2	Belmont	1	L.Robinson
Tennessee Warbler: 6	PI	1	J.Bertrand
Orange-crowned Warbler: 11,13	Yarmouthport,MV	1, 1	J.Aylward,fide V.Laux
13,28	Westport,Nantucket	1, 1	J.Heywood#,E.Andrews
Nashville Warbler: 17-30,22	Stoneham,Belmont	1, 1	M.Martinek,L.Robinson
Cape May Warbler: 6,12	PI,Yarmouthport	1, 1	J.Grugan,J.Aylward
Pine Warbler: 29	Wellesley	1	C.Ewer
Prairie Warbler: 14	MV	1	W.Drummond
Palm Warbler: 1,27	PI,Weymouth	2, 2	G.Gove,G.d'Entremont
Blackpoll Warbler: 4,5	Lincoln,Rockport	1, 1	R.Forster,R.Emery#
1,13	Quincy,Nantucket	1, 2	M.Lynch#,E.Andrews
Black-and-white Warbler: 11	Brookline	1	J.Paputseanos
Ovenbird: 9	MNWS	1	J.Smith
Common Yellowthroat: 6,13-26	PI,7 locations	1, 7 singles	J.Grugan,v.o.
27	Braintree,Weymouth	1, 1	G.d'Entremont
Wilson's Warbler: 1,13	PI,S.Dartmouth	1, 1m	B.Nickerson#,J.Heywood#
Yellow-breasted Chat: 26	PI	1	C.Ewer

SCARLET Tanager THROUGH EVENING GROSBEEK

One individual each of the never-common Grasshopper and Henslow's sparrows was seen during November, both at coastal sites. Fox Sparrows moved through our region for the first three weeks of the month in small numbers at all sites except the Dunback Meadow conservation land in Lexington. There, remarkably large Fox Sparrow counts were made on widely separated dates, by two parties.

Northern Orioles lingered in good numbers on Nantucket at least until the third week of November. Winter finch species including Pine Grosbeak, Common Redpoll, and Pine Siskin appeared in relatively small numbers, and surprisingly, mostly on the South Shore. No crossbills were reported, continuing the scarcity for the last few years. L.E.T.

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Scarlet Tanager: 8	Rockport	1	D.Taylor
Northern Cardinal: 6	Monomoy	1 m	W.Harrington#
Rufous-sided Towhee: 13,14	Westport,Woods Hole	15, 4	R.Stymeist#,R.Forster
25-27	E.Orleans	1	E.Williams
American Tree Sparrow: 1,20	Sudbury,PI	4, 30	R.Forster,BBC
Chipping Sparrow: 8	Sudbury	1	R.Forster
Field Sparrow: 1,30	PI,Halifax	3, 10	A.Williams,K.Anderson
Vesper Sparrow: 6	Middleboro	2	BBC
"Ipswich" Sparrow: 20	Westport	2	SSBC
Grasshopper Sparrow: 13	E.Orleans	1	B.Nikula
Henslow's Sparrow: 1	PI	1	J.Barton#
Sharp-tailed Sparrow: 3	E.Boston	1	S.Zendeh#
Fox Sparrow: 12,22	Lexington	28, 13	R.Stymeist#,A.Williams
1-21	8 locations	15 total	v.o.
Lincoln's Sparrow: 19	Boston	1	TASL
Swamp Sparrow: 6,13	Concord,Randolph	5, 5	BBC,G.d'Entremont
22	Belmont	1	L.Robinson
Dark-eyed Junco: 1,12	Belmont,PI	55, 50	F.Bouchard,BBC
Lapland Longspur: 2,6	Monomoy,PI	25+, 6	B.Nikula,J.Grugan
Snow Bunting: 3-27,6	PI,Newton	100 max, 65	v.o.,O.Komar
20,26	Provincetown,Halifax	300, 50	B.Nikula#,W.Petersen
Red-winged Blackbird: 6,19	GMNWR,Woburn	400, 13	BBC
Eastern Meadowlark: 13,30	Ipswich,E.Middleboro	20, 10	BBC,K.Anderson
Rusty Blackbird: 8,11	Framingham,Gloucester	2, 3	R.Forster,C.Gove#
Common Grackle: 19	Woburn	1	BBC
Brown-headed Cowbird: 12,13	Bridgewater,Ipswich	500+, 72	W.Petersen,BBC
21	E.Middleboro	200± (all m)	K.Anderson
Northern Oriole: 19-30;19,20	Marblehead;Nantucket	1; 5, 3	J.Smith;E.Andrews#
Pine Grosbeak: 13	Hardwick	2	v.o.
Purple Finch: 12	Lakeville	24±	K.Holmes

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House Finch: thr,7	Middleboro,Marshfield	35±, 30+	D.Briggs,D.Clapp
Common Redpoll: 13	Scituate	1	D.Clapp
Pine Siskin: 6,11	Lakeville,Hingham	90, 8	K.Ryan,W.Petersen
24-30	Middleboro	36±	D.Briggs
Evening Grosbeak: 15-31,20	Middleboro,Salisbury	35±, 50	D.Briggs,G.d'Entremont

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	CEC	Christmas Bird Count
thr.	throughout	DFWS	Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary
v.o.	various observers	FBC	Forbush Bird Club
W	winter (2W = second winter)	GBBBC	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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COLOR-MARKED HAWKS

Information is sought on Red-tailed Hawks that have been marked with yellow patagial markers. If you seen marked birds, please report the age class, marker number, and which wing is marked to Bird Banding Office, Laurel, MD 30708; and to David Jennings, University of Georgia, Institute of Ecology, Athens, GA 30602.