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Field Records

April 1984

April 1984 was very cloudy, cool, and wet. The temperature averaged 46.1°, 2.6° less than normal and was the coolest since 45.1° in 1975. The high was 84° on the thirtieth and the low mark was 29° on the ninth. No records were broken. Rain totaled 4.43 inches, 0.70 inch more than normal. The most in any twenty-four hours was 1.51 inches on the twenty-third. Three days had more than an inch. The traditional April showers were replaced by prolonged periods of nearly continuous rain and drizzle. Snow was just a trace and melted as it fell. The seasonal total was 43.0 inches, only 1.0 inch more than normal. A southwest wind on the last day of the month finally brought many migrants to our area.

LOONS THROUGH WATERFOWL

Two Western Grebes were found at the end of the month, one at Revere and the other on Nantucket. The last good-sized flocks of Red-necked Grebes and of Great Cormorants were noted during the first week of the month. The latter were replaced by newly-arrived Double-crested Cormorants with a fresh southwest flow on April 6 and 7. Herons arrived in general by the second week of the month, though Green-backed Herons were few until the end of the month. The highlight of the month was the discovery of a White-faced Ibis in Essex on April 24. (See R.Forster "White-faced Ibis Sighting in Essex Massachusetts" elsewhere in this issue.) This was an adult bird in breeding plumage with a distinctive broad white facial outline. Both the White-faced and Glossy ibis are very similar in appearance and it's only during the breeding season that separation can even be attempted. Palmer in the Handbook of North American Birds (1:115) considers the Glossy and White-faced ibis a single species, but the current A.O.U. list gives them separate species status. Where the two species overlap in range in Louisiana, interbreeding has been recorded. The lesson learned by most birders who looked for this bird was that Glossy Ibis show a wide variation in the amount of white about the face. In fact, for a time it seemed that there were no Glossy Ibis around Essex that weekend - just possible White-faced Ibis!

Waterfowl highlights included a Tundra Swan in Rutland, a Green-winged "Eurasian" Teal in West Bridgewater as well as good numbers of Brant, Snow Geese, six King Eiders and eight Harlequin Ducks. Migrant waterfowl included increasing numbers of Wood Duck, Green- and Blue-winged teal, and lingering Ring-necked Ducks at month's end. R.H.S.

<u>SPECIES/DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OBSERVERS</u>	<u>APRIL 1984</u>
Red-throated Loon: 22,24	Scituate, Barnstable (SN)	1, 1	R.Abrams, S.Higginbotham	
Common Loon: 7,14	Scituate, P.I.	12+, 24	BBC (Harrington, Albee)	
Pied-billed Grebe: 4	Wayland, Raynham	2, 2	T.Walsh, S.Higginbotham	
Horned Grebe: 7,8	Scituate, S.Dartmouth	10+, 10	BBC(Harrington), R.Stymeist#	
8,17	P.I.	24, 46	J.Grugan	
Red-necked Grebe: 1,7	Dennis, Gloucester	20, 47	J.Aylward, C.Floyd#	
17,29	N.Scituate	7, 1	W.Petersen	
28	Marshfield, Revere	5, 1	SSBC(D.Clapp), R.Stymeist#	
Western Grebe: 25-27,26	Revere, Nantucket	1, 1	M.Vaughan# + v.o., E.+ C.Andrews	
Northern Gannet: 8,15	P.I., P'town	6, 150+	J.Grugan, R.Laubach	
20,22	Nantucket Sound,N.Scituate	30, 2	M.Litchfield	
24,28	Barnstable, Stellwagen	5, 60	S.Higginbotham,W.Petersen	

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Great Cormorant:				
1	Plymouth, N.Scituate	70, 101	W.Smith, G.d'Entremont#	
7,8	Scituate, E.Boston	80, 8	BBC, S.Zendeh	
19,21	E.Orleans, Newburyport	5, 6	A.Williams, E.Nielsen	
Double-crested Cormorant:				
7;14,21	Newburyport	20; 100, 100	T.Walsh; BBC	
17,27,28	Lincoln	156, 40, 30	R.Forster	
21	SRV	90	R.Forster	
22,30	Belmont, Framingham	62, 95	L.Taylor, R.Forster	
American Bittern:				
4,14	Raynham, Millis	1, 1	S.Higginbotham, T.Walsh	
14,21,22,29	P.I.	1, 1, 2, 3	v.o.	
19,25	Lancaster, Bolton	1, 1	H.Merriman	
Great Blue Heron:				
1	P.I., GMNWR	1, 3	SSBC, R.Walton	
7,13	Marshfield, Lincoln	2, 2 mig.	BBC, R.Forster	
14	Bridgewater, P.I.	5, 6	W.Petersen, M.Argue#	
17	Newburyport	8 mig.	M.Murphy#	
Great Egret:				
6-30,9-23	Manchester, Westport	1, 2	P.Parsons,R.Laubach# + v.o.	
7,23	Marshfield, Yarmouthport	1, 1	BBC, J.Aylward	
25,28	Halifax, P.I.	1, 5	K.Anderson, BBC	
Snowy Egret:				
thr.	P.I., Squantum	max 10 (4/14),	max 10 (4/15) v.o., v.o.	
6 on, 7 on	Nantucket, E.Boston	max 19, max 10	E.+ C.Andrews, S.Zendeh	
28	Essex	32	R.Stymeist#	
Little Blue Heron:				
8,20	Chilmark, Manchester	1, 1	W.Mantor#, P.Parsons	
21,26	E.Boston, Nantucket	1, 1	S.Zendeh, E.Andrews	
28	Marshfield	1	D.Clapp	
Tricolored Heron:				
22,29	Chilmark, W.Dennis	1, 1	W.Mantor, V.Sprong	
Cattle Egret:				
6-7,8	Nantucket, Bridgewater	2, 1	E.Andrews, G.d'Entremont#	
17,18	Concord, Monomoy	1, 1	J.Greene, B.Nikula	
20-31,21	P'town, E.Boston	2, 4	v.o., S.Zendeh	
29	Hamilton (Meadowbrook Farm)	6	G.d'Entremont#	
Green-backed Heron:				
7,29	Concord, Saugus	1, 1	J.Kenneally, C.Jackson	
30	Randolph, Sudbury	1, 1	G.d'Entremont, R.Forster	
Black-crowned Night-Heron:				
13,17	P.I.	48, 35	J.Smith, M.Murphy	
22,25	Watertown	45, 48	M.Hall	
Glossy Ibis:				
7,12 on	Marshfield, E.Boston	14, 1	BBC(W.Harrington),S.Zendeh	
14 on	P.I.	max 21 (4/22)	F.Bouchard# + v.o.	
17 on	Squantum	max 18 (4/25)	K.Ryan + v.o.	
21,27	Lynnfield, Essex	1, 10	J.Paputseanos, B.Cassie	
White-faced Ibis:				
24	Essex	1 ad.	R.Forster	
25,27	Essex	1, 1	V.+ J.Kousky, R.Hamburger	
Tundra Swan:				
2	Rutland	1	M.Lynch, S.Carroll	
Mute Swan:				
1-17,8	P.I., Westport	2, 70	v.o., R.Stymeist#	
28	Belmont	2	L.Taylor	
Snow Goose:				
1-29,4	P.I., Squantum	max 400 (4/14), 6	v.o., G.Wilson#	
"Blue Goose":				
28-29	Newburyport	6	W.Petersen, H.Merriman	
Brant:				
thr.	Plymouth	max 800 (4/1)	W.Smith + v.o.	
thr.	P.I.- Newburyport	max 600 (4/28)	v.o.	
thr.	Squantum	max 300 (4/28)	v.o.	
7,14	E.Boston, Scituate	300, 110	S.Zendeh, M.Litchfield	
Wood Duck:				
thr.	Carver, Middleboro	20+, 16	M.+ M.Brufee, D.Briggs	
1,7	SRV	15, 15	R.Walton, R.Forster	
Green-winged Teal:				
14	Wayland, W.Bridgewater	16, 30	R.Forster, W.Petersen	
14,15,19	Halifax, P.I., Millis	35, 56, 156	W.Petersen,BBC,B.Cassie	
25	Lancaster	63	H.Merriman	

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Green-winged "Eurasian" Teal:				
13-22	W.Bridgewater	1	G.d'Entremont + v.o.	
Northern Pintail:				
7,8	Marshfield, Westport	1, 6	BBC, G.Gove	
Blue-winged Teal:				
thr.	P.I.	max 32 (4/15)	v.o.	
	Most reports of 2-6 individuals.			
Northern Shoveler:				
1, thr;	Monomy, P.I.	8, max 7	J.Lortie# + v.o., v.o.	
8,28	Carver, Marshfield	2, 2	D.Briggs, SSBC	
Gadwall:				
1	Monomy	15	J.Lortie# + v.o.	
1,7,12	Ipswich (Normans Pond)	38, 39, 48	J.Berry	
10;15,28	P.I.	13; 40, 24	A.Williams; BBC	
American Wigeon:				
26,27	E.Boston, Lancaster	2, 1	S.Zendeh, H.Merriman	
Canvasback:				
7,8	Newburyport, Lakeville	1, 1	T.Walsh, G.d'Entremont#	
8	Westport	4	C.Floyd#	
Ring-necked Duck:				
1	Clinton, Wayland	22, 15	H.Merriman, E.Morrier	
25,29	P.I., Waltham	4, 2	A.Blaisdell, R.Stymeist#	
Greater Scaup:				
10,17	Newburyport, W.Newbury	60, 100	A.Williams, J.Grugan	
Lesser Scaup:				
22,22-27	Lakeville, Sterling	55, 3	D.Briggs#, H.Merriman	
King Eider:				
1-12	N.Scituate	4-1	G.d'Entremont# + v.o.	
1,23	Dennis, Marion	1 imm. m., 1 f.	J.Aylward#, R.Forster	
Harlequin Duck:				
1-28,17	N.Scituate, E.Orleans	8, 4	v.o., A.Williams	
Oldsquaw:				
7-21, 20	Newburyport, Nantucket	max 600, 2500+	v.o., M.Litchfield	
Black Scoter:				
12	N.Scituate	60	M.Litchfield	
Surf Scoter:				
23,29	Marion, Newburyport	5, 1	R.Forster, H.Merriman	
Common Goldeneye:				
8-17,3	Newburyport, GMNWR	max 125, 5	v.o., A.Williams	
Barrow's Goldeneye:				
1-8,1	Newburyport, N.Scituate	max 3, 1 m.	v.o., R.Campbell#	
Bufflehead:				
7,22	Newburyport, Sterling	125, 12	M.Hall, H.Merriman	
Hooded Merganser:				
8	Lakeville	8	SSBC	
Common Merganser:				
3,19	GMNWR, Wayland	5, 8	A.Williams, R.Forster	
Red-breasted Merganser:				
1,27	P.I., Clinton	90, 11	SSBC, H.Merriman	
Ruddy Duck:				
1,14	GMNWR, P.I.	2, 4	I.Girunas, BBC	

VULTURE THROUGH RUFFED GROUSE

This is the month for hawk migration, and many were noted doing just that. Turkey Vultures were seen at various locations, and three appeared in Ipswich. They might be breeding as two to three were seen during the summer there last year. Ospreys were at nests in Lakeville, the Vineyard, and in Westport where up to 48 birds were noted. The accipiters were represented with Sharp-shins migrating along the coast and inland. A Cooper's Hawk was seen carrying what appeared to be a rodent in Westport, and Goshawks were noted from several locations. Red-shouldered Hawks were migrating and probably on territory in Boxford and East Middleboro. A late Rough-legged Hawk remained in the Newburyport area at least through April 21. A sub-adult Golden Eagle was seen sitting on the dike behind the impoundments at Hellcat on Plum Island by a group on a BBC trip. A female Merlin flew into a flock of starlings feeding in the marsh in Newburyport Harbor. She pounced on one but, unable to make a kill right away, let go of the starling, which attempted to run away. She pounced again, killing it, and then flew off a hundred feet or so, alighting on a tussock in the marsh to feed. Seven Peregrines were reported. Ruffed Grouse were seen budding and heard drumming. G.W.G.

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Turkey Vulture:				
1,7,22	Mt. Wachusett	5, 6, 6	P.Roberts, F.Bouchard, T.Lipsky	
1;7,13	Mt. Watatic; Ipswich	2; 2, 3	W.Petersen; J.Berry	
18	Mt. Wachusett	3	T.Lipsky	
thr.	Reports of 12 individuals from 12 locations.			
Osprey:				
thr.	Lakeville	pr. at nest	v.o.	
4,8	Westport	24, 48	fide R.Forster, G.Gove#	
8	M.V.	2 pr. at nests	W.Drummond#	
18,21	Mt. Wachusett, Mt. Watatic	5, 9	F.Bouchard#, R.Stymeist#	
21,22	P.I., Mt. Wachusett	2, 16	P.Roberts, T.Lipsky	
3,23	GMNWR, E.Boston	2, 3	A.Williams, S.Zendeh	
29	W.Newbury	5	P.Roberts	
	Reports of 11 individuals from 10 locations.			
Bald Eagle:				
24	Quabbin	1	K.Holmes	
Northern Harrier:				
thr.	P.I.	max 12, total 24	v.o.	
20,22	Cambridge, E.Boston	3, 3	L.Robinson, S.Zendeh	
22,28	N.Scituate, Marshfield	4, 2	W.Petersen, SSBC	
	Reports of 13 individuals from 11 locations.			
Sharp-shinned Hawk:				
18,22	Mt. Wachusett	11, 48	T.Lipsky	
21,22	P.I.	9, 30	P.Roberts, F.Bouchard	
22,29	N.Scituate	33, 26	W.Petersen	
27,29	SRV, W.Newbury	6, 16	R.Forster, P.Roberts	
22,29	E.Boston	15, 15	S.Zendeh	
	Reports of 1-2 individuals from each of 11 locations.			
Cooper's Hawk:				
8,28	Westport, Harvard	1 ad. with prey, 1 m.	C.Floyd#, M.Lynch#	
Northern Goshawk:				
1,7,22	Mt. Wachusett	2-4, 2, 1	v.o.	
1,6	Mt. Watatic, Concord	3 imm., 1	W.Petersen, R.Walton	
29	P.I.	1	H.Merriman	
Red-shouldered Hawk:				
1,7,18,22	Mt. Wachusett	2, 2, 4, 1	v.o.	
14,22	Boxford	1	v.o.	
18-30	E.Middleboro	1-2	K.Anderson	
21,22,29	P.I., Mt.A., Lincoln	1, 1, 1	D.Briggs#, J.Nove, BBC	
Broad-winged Hawk:				
15,20	Dedham, Cambridge	1, 3	J.Marshall, L.Robinson	
18,22	Mt. Wachusett	25, 228	T.Lipsky	
20-30	E.Middleboro	pair	K.Anderson	
	Reports of 1-2 individuals from each of 11 locations.			
Red-tailed Hawk:				
1,7,18	Mt. Wachusett	7, 2, 18	v.o.	
8,29	W.Newbury, Saugus	2, 7	BBC, BBC	
26,31	Westboro, Mansfield	1 on nest, 1 on nest	K.Ryan	
thr.	Reports of 1-2 individuals from each of 10 locations.			
Rough-legged Hawk:				
15,21	P.I.-Newburyport	1, 1	BBC	
Golden Eagle:				
21	P.I.	1 sub-ad.	BBC (E.Nielsen)	
American Kestrel:				
1,15,21,22	P.I.	4, 5, 30, 21	v.o.	
21,22,28,29	N.Scituate	11, 17, 38, 89	v.o.	
29	W.Newbury	53	P.Roberts	
22,29	E.Boston	9, 10	S.Zendeh	
29	Saugus	12	BBC	
Merlin:				
17,22,28,29	P.I.-Newburyport	1, 1 ad., 1, 1 f.	v.o.	
21,22,28,29	N.Scituate	1, 4, 1, 7	v.o.	
18,19	Bolton, Lancaster	1 m., 1 m.	H.Merriman	
Peregrine Falcon:				
1,12;28	Monomoy	1 ad.; 1 imm.	D.Holt#; B.Nikula	
1,6	Barnstable, M.V.	1, 1 ad.	B.Sorrie#, W.Manter	
20,22	P.I., E.Boston	1 imm., 1	D.Briggs#, S.Zendeh	
26	Millis	1	B.Cassie	
Ruffed Grouse:				
8,14	Westport, Canton	2 budding, 5	R.Stymeist#, G.d'Entremont	
14,20	Boxford, E.Middleboro	1 drumming, 1	M.Argue#, K.Anderson	

RAILS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

An adult Purple Gallinule was found dead in Eastham on April 10. The paucity of American Coot records is noteworthy. In ten of the past eleven years there have been April reports of single Lesser Golden-Plover; this year was the first with reports of two and three birds. Oystercatchers were present all month at Monomoy with a maximum of eighteen there. The previous maximum count for April was sixteen in 1983. The Vineyard report of Upland Sandpiper on the third is the earliest date in the BOEM records; the previous early date was April 5. There are very few April reports of Ruddy Turnstone; only six in the last twelve years, and it is difficult to know whether these are winter stragglers or early migrants. Other shorebirds infrequently reported in the records are Red Knot with only three reports and Sanderling with four reports in twelve years, including this year.

An early White-rumped Sandpiper appeared on Monomoy on the twenty-ninth, constituting the first April record. The previous early date was May 4, 1974 at Newburyport. Another record early date was provided by a Stilt Sandpiper photographed on April 7 at Salisbury. The previous early date was April 10 in the BOEM records, and Bailey lists only two spring records, May 10 and 26. Three Stilt Sandpipers were seen in non-breeding plumage on April 23.

The report of the Buff-breasted Sandpiper at Bolton Flats on April 28 is an early record. One on Plum Island/Newburyport on May 12, 1971 is the other early record. Bailey notes that this species is a casual fall visitor. A description of a bird in breeding plumage was provided. The Long-billed Dowitcher seen in a field with Black-bellied Plovers on the Vineyard was only the fifth April record. There have been one March record and four May records previously.

A Bonaparte's Gull continued from March at the Wachusett Reservoir in Clinton. The Falmouth Mew Gull, found in March, was seen again. A description of the bird is in the March records. Iceland and Glaucous Gulls were again found inland, and the Great Black-backed Gulls resting at the Wayland Golf Course are mostly subadult birds. There were six reports of Caspian Terns, totaling 14 birds, and one of these was seen at Great Meadows NWR. A Forster's Tern in breeding plumage was seen in Chatham, and a Least Tern was very early at Plymouth on the twentieth. The observer noted that the earliest date given by Griscom was April 27, but he had found one at Martha's Vineyard on April 25, 1981. He also said that even on Long Island, NY, there is only one record earlier than April 20. "So I went back on April 21 in the teeth of a gale but no bird." A breeding-plumaged Black Guillemot was seen at Manomet Bird Observatory on April 1.

A Common Barn-Owl was found entangled in netting that surrounds a tennis court in Concord. The two observers untangled the bird, photographed it, and released it. One of the observers, R. Walton, noted that he knows of only five records of barn-owl for Concord. Five nests of Great-Horned Owls, some with young in them, were noted and a Snowy Owl was seen feeding at Plymouth Beach on April 4. Northern Saw-whet Owls were seen at four locations. General arrival of Chimney Swifts this year was at month's end, a little later than normal. A pair of Red-bellied Woodpeckers was noted from Carlisle, and Pileated Woodpeckers were reported from four locations. G.W.G.

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Virginia Rail: 29	P.I., Concord	1, 1	J.Grugan, J.Carter	
Sora: 17;21,29	W.Newbury; P.I.	1; 1, 2	J.Grugan; BBC, J.Grugan	
<u>Purple Gallinule</u> : 10	Eastham	1 ad. (dead)	fide R.Prescott	
Common Moorhen: 28	P.I.	1	BBC	
American Coot: 3;7,10	GMNWR; P.I.	1; 1	R.Walton; T.Walsh, A.Williams	
Black-bellied Plover: 1,7 17-21	P.I., Westport Plymouth	2, 6 max 32	SSBC, R.Laubach W.Smith	
Lesser Golden-Plover: 8,22 11-31	M.V., Squantum Monomoy	1, 2 max 3	I.Ciriunas, S.Higginbotham D.Holt#	
Semipalmated Plover: 28	Monomoy	1	B.Nikula	
Piping Plover: 1,17,21 8,14	Plymouth S.Dartmouth, P.I.	1, 2, 2 1, 4	W.Smith C.Floyd#, BBC	
Killdeer: 1	P.I. + Salisbury	18	SSBC	

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Killdeer (cont.):				
7	E.Boston, Waltham, P.I.	2, 1, 41	S.Zendeh, M.Hall, G.Gove	
22	Middleboro	5	BBC	
American Oystercatcher:				
thr.	Monomoy	max 18	v.o.	
8,14	M.V., Squantum	3, 1	W.Drummond#, S.Higginbotham	
Greater Yellowlegs:				
8	Wayland	1	E.Morrier	
7,9-18	Marshfield, Nantucket	9, 1	R.Abrams, E.Andrews	
17,28	Marshfield	40, 65	W.Petersen, SSBC	
25	Squantum	30	K.Ryan	
Lesser Yellowlegs:				
7;8	Marshfield; Newburyport, P.I.	3; 1, 6	R.Abrams; W.Smith, J.Grugan	
17,27	WBWS, Millis	2, 1	J.Aylward, B.Cassie	
Solitary Sandpiper:				
25,28	Nahant, Harvard	1, 2	A.Williams, S.Carroll#	
Willet:				
28,29	Newburyport, Nantucket	1, 12-15	v.o., E.Andrews#	
Spotted Sandpiper:				
26,29	Nantucket, Newbury	1, 1	E.Andrews, H.Merriman	
Upland Sandpiper:				
3,21	M.V., Newburyport	3, 4	V.Laux, BBC	
22,25-29	Norton, E.Middleboro	4, max 8	K.Ryan, K.Anderson	
28,29	Essex, Lincoln	7, 7	v.o., J.Carter	
29	Eastham	2	R.Everett	
Ruddy Turnstone:				
17	Plymouth	1	W.Smith	
Red Knot:				
22	Plymouth	1	W.Smith	
Sanderling:				
21	Plymouth	100	W.Smith	
Least Sandpiper:				
28,29	Essex, GMNWR	4, 2	G.d'Entremont, R.Walton	
29,30	Newburyport, Nantucket	2, 6	H.Merriman, E.Andrews	
White-rumped Sandpiper:				
29	Monomoy	1	B.Nikula	
Pectoral Sandpiper:				
2,7	W.Bridgewater, Marshfield	7, 7	W.Petersen, BBC	
28,29	Essex, P.I.	4, 7	v.o., J.Grugan	
Purple Sandpiper:				
1,10	N.Scituate, P.I.	200+, 3	G.d'Entremont#, A.Williams	
26	Nahant	50	N.King#	
Dunlin:				
21	Plymouth	2	W.Smith	
Stilt Sandpiper:				
7;23	Salisbury; Newburyport	1 (ph); 3	A.Bennett, D.Harrington, S.Bolton; M.Litchfield, B.Nickerson	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper:				
28	Bolton	1 (details)	S.Carroll + M.Lynch	
dowitcher sp.:				
8,12;17,21	M.V., Eastham; Plymouth	12, 1; 5, 1	I.Giriunas#, P.Trull; W.Smith	
Short-billed Dowitcher:				
8	P.I.	1	W.Smith	
14-30	Monomoy	max 42	D.Holt#	
28	Newburyport	7	R.Stymeist	
Long-billed Dowitcher:				
27	M.V.	1	V.Laux + W.Manter	
Common Snipe:				
1-16	Millis	max 61	B.Cassie	
7,11	Marshfield, Concord	50+, 25+	BBC, T.Walsh	
14	Bolton, Concord, Marshfield	41, 40, 75+	G.Gove, E.Morrier, W.Petersen#	
American Woodcock:				
2,10	Cambridge, IRWS	2, 2	J.Paputseanus, BBC	
15-17	Belmont	2	BBC	
Wilson's Phalarope:				
27,29	P.I.	1	BBC	
29-30	WBWS	1 f.	R.Prescott#	
Red Phalarope:				
6	Plymouth	1	W.Smith	
jaeger sp.:				
28	Stellwagen	1	W.Petersen	
Laughing Gull:				
17,21	Chatham, Newburyport	100+, 1	W.Smith, BBC	

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26,27	E.Boston, Nantucket	3, 6	S.Zendeh, E.Andrews	
Little Gull:				
17	Newburyport	2	J.Grugan	
Common Black-headed Gull:				
thr.	Newburyport	1-2	v.o.	
Bonaparte's Gull:				
7	Clinton (Wachusett Res.)	1	W.Smith	
<u>Mew Gull:</u>				
8	Falmouth	1	I.Giriunas#	
Ring-billed Gull:				
8,21	Newburyport, Lancaster	300, 55	BBC, H.Merriman	
Iceland Gull:				
thr.	Newburyport-P.I.	max 15 (4/1)	v.o.	
8,7,14	Bridgewater; Concord	1; 1, 1	SSBC; R.Forster	
17,21	E.Orleans, Bridgewater	1 imm., 1	A.Williams, W.Smith	
28	Stellwagen	2	W.Petersen#	
Lesser Black-backed Gull:				
22	P'town	1 ad.	B.Nikula#	
Glaucous Gull:				
1-24	Newburyport area	1	v.o.	
1,13	Clinton, W.Bridgewater	1, 1 (2W)	H.Merriman, G.d'Entremont	
21,24	Saugus, Squantum	1 (2W), 1	R.Campbell#, S.Higginbotham	
Great Black-backed Gull:				
21	Wayland	120	R.Forster	
Black-legged Kittiwake:				
15,28	P'town, Stellwagen	6, 40+	R.Laubach, W.Petersen#	
Caspian Tern:				
21	Scituate, Plymouth	1, 5	R.Abrams, W.Smith	
24,25	Squantum	2, 4	S.Higginbotham, K.Ryan	
26,29	GMNWR, off P'town	1, 1	P.Roberts, K.Holmes	
Roseate Tern:				
29	Nantucket	25-30	E.Andrews#	
Common Tern:				
23,27	Marion, Squantum	7, 1	R.Forster, D.Brown#	
28,29	Newburyport, P'town	1, 4	H.Merriman, K.Holmes	
Forster's Tern:				
22	Chatham	1	B.Nikula#	
Least Tern:				
20,29	Plymouth, Monomoy	1, 1	W.Smith, B.Nikula	
alcid sp.:				
8	P.I.	2	J.Grugan	
Razorbill:				
8	P.I.	1	J.Grugan	
Black Guillemot:				
1	Manomet	1 (br. pl.)	G.Gove	
Common Barn-Owl:				
8,12	M.V., Chatham	1, 1	W.Drummond#, D.Holt	
30	Concord	1	R.Walton + J.Baird	
Great Horned Owl:				
23,24	E.Middleboro	1, 1 yg. in nest	K.Anderson	
14	Marshfield, Middleboro	1 nest, 1 nest	W.Petersen	
8,15	Mt.A., P.I.	1, pr. at nest	M.Hall, BBC	
1,18	Milton, E.Orleans	1, 1	BBC, A.Williams	
18,27	Westboro, Hardwick	2-3 yg., 1	T.Lipsky, S.Carroll#	
Snowy Owl:				
4	Plymouth	1 f. w/prey	W.Smith	
Barred Owl:				
21	Milton	1	R.Abrams	
27	Hardwick	3	M.Lynch#	
Long-eared Owl:				
22	Nahant	1	J.Barton	
Short-eared Owl:				
12-29,20	E.Boston, P.I.	1-2, 1	S.Zendeh, D.Briggs#	
Northern Saw-whet Owl:				
1,16	P.I., M.V.	1, 1	v.o., W.Manter	
22,27	Mt.A., Hardwick	1, 1	B.+ P.Scott, S.Carroll#	
Chimney Swift:				
27	Attleboro, Essex, Middleboro	5, 1, 1	K.Ryan, F.Hamlen, K.Holmes	
28	Scituate, M.V.	15, 1	K.Ryan, W.Manter	
29	Saugus	2	BBC	
Belted Kingfisher:				
1,7	Squantum, Concord	3, 2	BBC, R.Walton	

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Belted Kingfisher (cont.):				
4,12	Brighton, Mt.A.	1 f., 2	C.Jackson, BBC	
Red-headed Woodpecker:				
8,9-16	M.V., Brookline	1, 1	I.Giriunas#, C.Taylor	
Red-bellied Woodpecker:				
thr.	Carlisle	pr.	K.Harte	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:				
13,23;21	Millis; Wayland	1 f.; 1	B.Cassie; R.Forster	
22;23	Mt.A.	1; 1 m. + 1 f.	R.Hamburger; L.Taylor	
26	Brookline	2	H.Wiggin	
Hairy Woodpecker:				
25-30	E.Middleboro	pr.	K.Anderson	
Northern Flicker:				
7,20	SRV, Mt.A.	4, 10	R.Forster, BBC	
Pileated Woodpecker:				
1-4,14-21	Milton, Boxford	1, 1	v.o.	
2,19	Rutland, Lancaster	1, pr.	L.Falcone, H.Merriman	

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH WARBLERS

Poor weather held up migration until April 27. Thus, the most obvious movement among these species occurred during the last week of the month and included House Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Wood Thrush, the mimids, three vireo and nineteen warbler species. This migration was generally on time but with few of the expected early arrivals such as Yellow and Black-throated Green warblers, for example. Notable numbers included a very low regional count of Blue-gray Gnatcatchers compared to the last five years, and a high count of 50 Pine Warblers in Wareham. The latter report was probably the result of intensive field work in a new area rather than actual change in population status.

Among the more sought-after species, a good variety of "southern" warblers (migratory overshoots) was reported, including one each of Yellow-throated, Prothonotary, Worm-eating, and Hooded Warbler. Common Ravens were seen early in the month, in their usual Mount Wachusett/Watatic haunts.

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Least Flycatcher:				
22,29	Middleboro, ONWR	1, 2	K.Holmes#, M.Lynch#	
Eastern Phoebe:				
14,17-30	W.Bridgewater, Mt.A.	8, max 2	S.Higginbotham, v.o.	
21	N.Scituate, Saugus	3, 2	S.Higginbotham, C.Jackson	
Great-crested Flycatcher:				
25,29	Marshfield, P.I.	1, 1	D.Clapp, J.Grugan	
Eastern Kingbird:				
21,25-26	P'town, Nantucket	1, 1	B.Nikula, E.Andrews#	
30	Westport	1	R.Laubach	
Horned Lark:				
1,14	Scituate, Halifax	1, 100	G.d'Entremont, W.Petersen#	
Purple Martin:				
5,13-29	Wayland, Middleboro	1, max 6	R.Forster, v.o.	
17-29,28	P.I., Marshfield	max 2, 3	v.o., SSBC	
Tree Swallow:				
10,14	Ayer, GMNWR	300, 700	J.Berry, G.Gove	
20,28	Millis, P.I.	1100, 200	B.Cassie, BBC	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow:				
18,19	Westport, E.Brookfield	6, 3	R.Laubach, R.Forster	
20,29	Wayland, N.Scituate	8, 15	T.Walsh, W.Petersen	
Bank Swallow:				
4,19	Milton, Millis	1, 1	R.Abrams, B.Cassie	
19,28	Wayland, Essex	2, 1	R.Forster, T.Leverich#	
Cliff Swallow:				
28	P.I., Marshfield	1, 1	BBC, SSBC	
Barn Swallow:				
1,19	E.Boston, Wayland	1, 35	S.Zendeh, R.Forster	
28	Scituate	50	K.Ryan	
Fish Crow:				
8,12-26	Bridgewater, Mt.A.	1, max 4	SSBC, v.o.	
22,30	N.Scituate, Newton	5, 2	W.Petersen, O.Komar	
Common Raven:				
1	Ashby, Mt.Wachusett	1, 2	W.Petersen#, P.Roberts#	
Red-breasted Nuthatch:				
21,22	Saugus, P.I.	1, 1	C.Jackson, P.Roberts	

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Red-breasted Nuthatch (cont.):				
30	Middleboro, Mt.A.	1, 1	K.Anderson, BBC	
Brown Creeper:				
3,12	Canton, Newton	2, 2	K.Ryan, O.Komar	
14-21,22	Boxford, P.I.	max 10, 5	v.o., F.Bouchard	
29,30	Canton, Newton	2, 2	R.Abrams, O.Komar	
Carolina Wren:				
8,14	Westport, Bridgewater	5, 2	R.Stymeist#, v.o.	
21,22	Mt.A., Canton	1, 1	G.Gove, R.Abrams	
House Wren:				
29	E.Middleboro, Lexington	1, 2	K.Anderson, M.Baird	
30	Newton, Ipswich	1, 1	O.Komar, J.Berry	
Winter Wren:				
14-28,17	Boxford, MNWS	max 2, 1	v.o., J.Smith	
18,22	Mt.Wachusett, P.I.	1, 1	T.Lipsky, F.Bouchard	
27	Mt.A.	1	R.Stymeist	
Golden-crowned Kinglet:				
8,12	Melrose, Newton	2, 4	C.Jackson, O.Komar	
22	Sudbury	3 mig.	R.Forster	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet:				
1,15-30	Milton, Mt.A.	1, max 15 (4/27)	G.d'Entremont, v.o.	
22,27	Waltham, MNWS	8, 21	L.Taylor, C.Blaszczak	
29;29,30	P.I.; P'town	20+; 35, 25	v.o.; B.Nikula	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:				
20	Millis	1	B.Cassie	
Eastern Bluebird:				
10,16	Middleboro, Harwich	1 pr., 3	R.Harju, R.Comeau	
22	Hardwick	2	C.Jackson#	
Hermit Thrush:				
17,18-30	P.I., Mt.A.	1, max 4 (4/30)	M.Murphy#, v.o.	
21,29	Boxford, Newbury	3, 7	T.Leverich, H.Merriman	
Wood Thrush:				
29	Newburyport	1	J.Grugan	
Gray Catbird:				
26,30	Rockport, P.I.	1, 1	P.Parsons, J.Grugan	
Brown Thrasher:				
25,29-30	P.I., 5 loc.	2, 5 singles	BBC, v.o.	
Water Pipit:				
12,28	Millis, Middleboro	1, 3	B.Cassie, K.Holmes	
Cedar Waxwing:				
3,28	Westport, Marshfield	25, 12	R.Laubach, SSBC	
White-eyed Vireo:				
25,30	M.V., MNWS	1, 1	W.Manter, J.Smith	
Solitary Vireo:				
21-30,28-30	Boxford, Mt.A.	max 3, max 3	v.o.	
28,30	Waltham, Salem	2, 3	L.Taylor, J.Smith	
Warbling Vireo:				
30	Wayland	1	R.Forster	
Nashville Warbler:				
30	Mt.A.	1	M.Hall	
Northern Parula:				
30	Salem	1	J.Smith	
Yellow Warbler:				
28,29	Worcester, Saugus	2, 1	S.Carroll#, BBC	
30	Lincoln, Middleboro	1, 1	J.Carter, D.Briggs	
Black-throated Blue Warbler:				
30	Mt.A.	1 m.	D.Lange	
Yellow-rumped Warbler:				
14,18	Marshfield, Braintree	10, 10	W.Petersen#, R.Campbell	
28,29	Waltham, Saugus	28, 20	L.Taylor, BBC	
29,30	Wayland, Newton	21, 11	R.Forster, O.Komar	
Black-throated Green Warbler:				
30	Mt.A., Newton	1, 1	BBC, O.Komar	
30	Wayland	1	R.Forster	
Yellow-throated Warbler:				
30	Wareham	1 m.	L.Robinson	
Pine Warbler:				
14,17	Osterville, E.Middleboro	3 m., 1	J.Berry, K.Anderson	
22,30	3 loc., Wareham	4 total, 50+	v.o., L.Robinson	
Prairie Warbler:				
28,30	Gardner, Salem	1, 1	J.O'Regan, J.Smith	
Palm Warbler:				
13,14	Dedham, P.I.	1, 1	J.Marshall, BBC	

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Palm Warbler (cont.):				
18,22	Braintree, Waltham	6, 13	R.Campbell, L.Taylor	
29,30	Saugus, Newton	5, 5	BBC, O.Komar	
Black-and-white Warbler:				
26,27	Mt.A., Millis	2, 1	BBC, B.Cassie	
28,30	Wayland, Mt.A.	3, 25	R.Walton, v.o.	
American Redstart:				
29,30	Squantum, MNWS	1, 1	G.d'Entremont#, J.Smith	
Prothonotary Warbler:				
18	Nantucket	1	P.Starr	
Worm-eating Warbler:				
19-21	Stoneham	1	M.Martinek	
Ovenbird:				
30	Newton, Salem	1, 1	O.Komar, J.Smith	
30	Middleboro	3	K.Anderson	
Northern Waterthrush:				
27,29	Millis, Newbury	1, 1	B.Cassie, H.Merriman	
29,30	E.Middleboro, Mt.A.	2, 2	K.Anderson, BBC	
Louisiana Waterthrush:				
14-21,22	Boxford, Quincy	max 7, 1	v.o., R.Abrams	
28,29	Waltham, Middleboro	2, 1	L.Taylor, D.Briggs	
Common Yellowthroat:				
29	Waltham	1	L.Taylor	
Hooded Warbler:				
30	MNWS	1	J.Smith	

TANAGERS THROUGH EVENING GROSBEAKS

Within these latter passerine genera, migration did not exhibit as much concentration into the last week of the month. The total of four Summer Tanager reports constituted another April high similar to 1983 and was tightly clustered beginning April 17. Interestingly, several of the southern warblers arrived at the same time, most likely as a result of storms of southerly origin. As has been observed for the last few years, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks and Indigo Buntings arrived in the southeastern part of our region during the first week in April, but took almost the whole month to push on to the northeast. Blue Grosbeaks were seen in the southern coastal part of Massachusetts during the last half of April.

More unusual species for April included a Dickcissel in Chatham and a male Yellow-headed Blackbird on Plum Island. L.E.T.

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Summer Tanager:				
17,18	M.V., Nantucket	1 m., 1 m.	V.Laux, M.Cain	
18-21,19	Mt.A., Wareham	1 m., 1 m.	L.Taylor#, R.Barker	
Scarlet Tanager:				
23,27;26	Nantucket; Rockport	1, 1; 1	B.Broughton; P.Parsons	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak:				
7-31,7	Outer Cape Cod, M.V.	6+ total, 1	B.Nikula#, v.o.	
26,29	Harvard, P.I.	1, 2 m.	T.Urquhart, J.Grugan	
Blue Grosbeak:				
16-27,17-30	M.V., Outer Cape Cod	1, 6+ total	V.Laux#, B.Nikula#	
Indigo Bunting:				
8-31,17-30	Outer Cape Cod, M.V.	25+ total, 15+	B.Nikula#, fide R.Forster	
17	Nantucket, Hingham	9, 2	E.Andrews#, fide W.Petersen	
Dickcissel:				
26	Chatham	1 at feeder	H.Rich	
Rufous-sided Towhee:				
14,17	Fowl Meadow, N.Scituate	1, 1	G.d'Entremont, W.Petersen	
26,30	Rockport, Boston	1, 1	P.Parsons,P.Thayer	
American Tree Sparrow:				
10,18	Wayland, IRWS	20, 8	T.Walsh, J.Smith	
Chipping Sparrow:				
3,6	Dedham, Millis	1, 1	J.Marshall, B.Cassie	
12-30,28	Mt.A., SRV	max 3, 18	v.o., R.Forster	
Field Sparrow:				
4,21	Milton, Medford	1, 1	G.d'Entremont,C.Jackson	
26,29	Bolton, Saugus	2, 2	A.Williams, BBC	
Vesper Sparrow:				
17,21	Canton, Medford	1, 1	R.Campbell, C.Jackson	
27	Millis	1	B.Cassie	

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Savannah Sparrow:				
7,12	Sudbury, Lynnfield	1, 2	R.Forster, A.Williams	
14,15	W.Bridgewater, P.I.	20, 5	W.Petersen#, BBC	
"Ipswich" Sparrow:				
1	Scituate	1	D.Brown#	
14,24	Scituate, Essex	1, 1	B.Nickerson, R.Forster	
Fox Sparrow:				
1-4,3	Milton, Dedham	2, 8	G.d'Entremont, J.Marshall	
10,27	Wayland, Millis	1, 1	T.Walsh, B.Cassie	
Song Sparrow:				
7	SRV	72	R.Forster	
Swamp Sparrow:				
12,24	Lynnfield, Boxford	1, 1	A.Williams, R.Forster	
27,29	Milton, Saugus	2, 3	G.d'Entremont, BBC	
White-crowned Sparrow:				
thr.,15	M.V., Middleboro	1, 1	W.Manter#, D.Briggs	
Dark-eyed Junco:				
8-18,30	Mt.A., Newton	max 88, 1	v.o., O.Komar	
Bobolink:				
29	Essex	1	T.Leverich	
Eastern Meadowlark:				
1,8	Concord, Newburyport	2, 3	R.Walton, BBC	
21,28	E.Boston, Marshfield	1, 2	S.Zendeh, SSBC	
Yellow-headed Blackbird:				
3	P.I.	1	v.o.	
Rusty Blackbird:				
1-20,14	SRV, Marshfield	max 22, 2	v.o., W.Petersen#	
17,26	Milton, Bolton	4, 75	T.Leverich, B.Parker	
Orchard Oriole:				
30	Wareham	1 m.	L.Robinson	
Northern Oriole:				
18,28	Nantucket, Lancaster	3, 7	E.Andrews#, G.Wasmer	
Purple Finch:				
10,21	Wayland, Boxford	15, 8	T.Walsh, BBC	
22-28	4 loc.	4 singles	v.o.	
Pine Siskin:				
1-20,1-4	Middleboro, Milton	36-12, 10	D.Briggs#,G.d'Entremont	
21,30	Boxford, Newton	4, 2	BBC, O.Komar	
Evening Grosbeak:				
thr.,14	Middleboro, Osterville	max 35, 5	v.o., J.Berry	
25,27	Wayland, Milton	8, 15	T.Walsh, G.d'Entremont	

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

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