

Field Records

November 1984



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November 1984 was dry, sunny, and a little on the cool side. The temperature averaged 44.6°, 0.6° below normal. The highest was 68° on November 11, and the coldest was 25° on November 20. The season's first freeze came four days earlier than average when the mercury dropped to 29° on November 3. The thermometer seemed to be on a seesaw, ranging from 13° below normal to 15° above normal with the final five days averaging 9° above normal.

Precipitation totaled 1.68 inches, 2.53 inches less than normal and the least in November since 1976. Snowfall was but a trace, and that all melted as it fell. The first flakes of the season came on the thirteenth, one day earlier than in 1983 and six days later than average.

LOONS THROUGH HERONS

The Arctic Loon seen in October (see paper in this issue by D. Evered on loon identification) was again reported off Plymouth Beach by another observer on November 3. The November bird was visible, feeding actively, for nearly twenty minutes at close range and could be compared with a nearby Common Loon. The following details were given by the observer of the November bird: "two-tone bill, gray with black tip; brown eye with no white above, front, or behind; white cheek with some smudging at chin and eye; forehead and back, dark black or black-brown; neck, white; paler black-gray back of head and neck; high contrast - black and white; straight demarcations on neck; white on sides clearly visible, especially when diving; slight speckling on shoulders; dived by pulling head back and lunging forward."

There were good numbers of Pied-billed Grebes reported with a high count of twenty-nine from the Lakeville area. A Red-necked Grebe was also found in Lakeville, and the count of Horned Grebes there was twenty-five at the beginning of the month, nearly doubling (forty-nine) at the end of November. The Western Grebe returned to Nantucket on November 22.

Northern Gannets were in good supply, especially on Nantucket where counts were over a thousand most of the month. The only Great Cormorants reported were all immatures, all from inland locations.

Late heron reports included three Great Egrets and four or five Snowy Egrets. The most bizarre report of the month came from Yarmouth where a Least Bittern was found dead, hanging from a utility wire along busy Route 28 in the middle of town. The bird had somehow caught its bill between the wires and could not get loose. R.H.S.

<u>SPECIES/DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OBSERVERS</u>	<u>NOVEMBER 1984</u>
Red-throated Loon:				
1-25,4	Lakeville, Winthrop	1-3, 5	D.Briggs#+v.o., J.Cumming	
1,23	P.I.	37, 130	M.McClellan#, E.Nielsen	
7-27,15	Barnstable, Westport	max.30(11/7), 25	P.Trimble, R.Laubach	
Arctic Loon:				
3	Plymouth Beach	1 (details)	A.Bennett	
Common Loon:				
10,24	Nantucket	25+, 50+	E.Andrews#, M.Litchfield	
12,23	Waltham (Cambridge Res.)	1, 1	R.Forster	
18,23	P.I.	22, 47	P.Roberts#, E.Nielsen	
Pied-billed Grebe:				
4,25	Lakeville	18, 29	W.Petersen#+v.o.	
4,12	Plymouth	5, 8	G.d'Entremont#, W.Petersen	
10,25	Nantucket, Falmouth	7, 5	E.Andrews#, P.Trimble	
Other reports of 1-3 individuals from seven locations.				

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Horned Grebe:				
4	Lakeville, Plymouth	25, 16	G.Gove#, G.d'Entremont#	
9,10	Wollaston, Falmouth	225, 30	R.Abrams#, R.Heil#	
25,27	Lakeville, Plymouth	49, 43	W.Petersen#, D.Evered#	
Red-necked Grebe:				
4,8	Lakeville, Manomet	1, 15	W.Petersen#, D.Evered#	
23,27	P.I., Barnstable	4, 2	E.Nielsen, P.Trimble	
Other reports of 1-2 individuals from eight locations.				
Western Grebe:				
22	Nantucket	1	B.,M.J.+ M.F.Litchfield	
Northern Fulmar:				
24	Provincetown	1	SSBC	
Manx Shearwater:				
14	Barnstable (S.N.)	1	P.Trimble	
Northern Gannet:				
1,10	P.I.	125, 85	D.Arvidson#, BBC	
10,13	Salisbury, Manomet	300, 500	R.Forster, D.Evered#	
14,18	Nantucket	2200, 1500	M.Litchfield, R.Abrams	
Great Cormorant:				
12,17	Woburn, Winchester	1 imm., 1 imm.	R.Forster, BBC	
23	Waltham (Cambridge Res.)	1 imm.	R.Forster	
Double-crested Cormorant:				
25,26	P.I., Marblehead	4, 1	J.Nove#, J.Smith	
American Bittern:				
1-25,11	P.I., Essex	1-2, 1	v.o., I.Giriunas#	
Least Bittern:				
mid-November	S.Yarmouth	1 (dead)	P.Trull + v.o.	
Great Blue Heron:				
4	Lakeville, GMNWR	5, 6	G.Gove#, R.Vernon#	
7,11	Saugus, Salisbury	6, 4	J.Berry, BBC	
Other reports of 1-2 individuals from various locations.				
Great Egret:				
12,25	N.Middleboro, Dartmouth	1, 1	K.Holmes, R.Laubach#	
30	Eastham (Nauset)	1	P.Goodrich	
Snowy Egret:				
1;3,12	Squantum; P.I.	2; 2, 1 imm.	G.Wilson; M.Argue#, W.Smith	
Black-crowned Night-Heron:				
9-30	Cambridge (Fresh Pond)	1-2	J.Barton	
24	Nantucket (Great Point)	12 in roost	M.Litchfield	

WATERFOWL

Two Tundra Swans were seen flying over Great Blue Hill in Canton on November 22, and a dozen were counted at Chilmark on Martha's Vineyard on November 25. At South Monomoy the following waterfowl counts were reported: 250 Green-winged Teal, 75 Northern Pintail, 50 Northern Shoveler, 35 Gadwall, 1-2 Eurasian Wigeon, 150 American Wigeon, 90 Ring-necked Ducks, 20 Hooded Mergansers, and 260 Ruddy Ducks. At Fresh Pond in Cambridge, Greater Scaup consistently outnumbered Lesser Scaup by a wide margin, but the highlight here was the good numbers of Canvasbacks present on the pond - over a hundred most of the month and a high count of 260 on November 14. Also at Fresh Pond were good numbers of Ring-necked Ducks, and an Oldsquaw was observed there on the twenty-second of November. At Plum Island, twenty-three Snow Geese were noted, and 400 Green-winged Teal, 46 Northern Pintails, and 21 Northern Shovelers were among the highlights on the refuge. Other interesting waterfowl observations included 75 Wood Ducks in Concord, Eurasian Wigeon on Nantucket and in Plymouth, big counts of Common Eider one mile east of Chappaquiddick and off South Monomoy, 4 reports of King Eider, 6 Harlequin Ducks, inland Oldsquaw at Sherborn, Lakeville, and in Cambridge, and fair numbers of both Hooded and Common mergansers and also Ruddy Ducks. R.H.S.

Tundra Swan:				
22	Canton (Blue Hills)	2	R. Titus	
25	M.V.	12	W. Manter	
Mute Swan:				
10,12	Ipswich, Plymouth	10, 49	BBC, W.Petersen#	
18	Nantucket	150	W.Petersen	
Snow Goose:				
thr.,25	P.I., Wareham	max.23(11/18), 1	G.Gove+v.o., B.Sorrie	
Brant:				
12	Duxbury-Plymouth	750+	W.Petersen#	
19,24	Orleans, Eastham	500, 100	N.Waldron#, SSBC	
Canada Goose:				
10	Ipswich	1500	BBC	

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Wood Duck:				
3	Concord (Ball's Hill Road)	75	B.Phillips	
22	Boston (Fenway)	4	P.Thayer	
Green-winged Teal:				
thr.	S.Monomoy	max.250 + 1 albino	B.Nikula#	
11,17	P.I.	400, 150	J.Cumming	
American Black Duck:				
24	Plymouth	680	R.Titus	
Northern Pintail:				
thr.	S.Monomoy	max. 75	B.Nikula#	
9,25	Centerville, P.I.	100, 46	P.Trimble, P.+ J.Roberts	
Northern Shoveler:				
thr.	P.I.	max.21(11/10)	R.Forster#+v.o.	
thr.	S.Monomoy	max.50(11/8)	B.Nikula#	
Gadwall:				
thr.	S.Monomoy	max.35(11/4)	B.Nikula#	
10,12	P.I., Plymouth	8, 11	BBC, W.Petersen	
Eurasian Wigeon:				
1-10	Nantucket	1 m.	E.Andrews#	
12-30;22,24	Plymouth; S.Monomoy	1; 1, 2	W.Petersen#; B.Nikula#	
American Wigeon:				
thr.	S.Monomoy	max.150(11/24)	B.Nikula#	
3,4	Ipswich, GMNWR	75, 50	BBC, R.Vernon#	
10,11	Nantucket, Acoaxet	110, 90	R.Stymeist#, SSBC	
Canvasback:				
thr.	Cambridge (Fresh Pond)	max. 260(11/14)	v.o.	
11,25	Acoaxet, Falmouth	100, 70	SSBC, P.Trimble	
Redhead:				
10,12-30	Nantucket, Plymouth	27, 1-2	R.Stymeist#,R.Campbell+v.o.	
Ring-necked Duck:				
thr.	Lakeville	max.1500(11/4)	G.Gove(BBC)+v.o.	
thr.	Cambridge	max.61(11/9)	J.Barton+v.o.	
thr.	S.Monomoy	max.90	B.Nikula+v.o.	
Greater Scaup:				
9,10	Squantum, Nantucket	450, 400	R.Abrams,R.Stymeist#	
Lesser Scaup:				
4	Lakeville	300±	W.Petersen(SSBC)	
thr.,10	Cambridge, Ipswich	1-3, 2	J.Barton, R.Forster	
Common Eider:				
7	Chappaquiddick	11500	M.Litchfield	
8,24	S.Monomoy, Orleans	15000, 2000	B.Nikula#, G.Gove	
24,27	Plymouth, Nantucket	925, 800	R.Titus, M.Litchfield	
King Eider:				
3	Scituete, Plymouth	1 subad., 1 subad.	G.d'Entremont#	
13,25	Manomet	1 2nd yr., 1 1st yr.	D.Evered	
Harlequin Duck:				
8,12	Manomet	3, 1	D.Evered#	
23-24,25	Winthrop, Rockport	pr., 1 m.	J.Cumming#, A.Bennett	
Oldsquaw:				
3,4	Sherborn, Lakeville	1, 3	B.Cassie#, W.Petersen#	
20,22	Nantucket, Cambridge	10000+, 1	E.+ C.Andrews, J.Barton	
Black Scoter:				
24	Orleans	2000	G.Gove	
Surf Scoter:				
4,27	Winthrop, Barnstable	10, 3	J.Cumming, P.Trimble	
White-winged Scoter:				
11,18	P.I.	70, 350	J.Cumming, P.+ J.Roberts	
Common Goldeneye:				
4,9-15	Lakeville, Cambridge	12, 1-4	G.Gove#, J.Barton#	
18,25	Waltham, Falmouth	11, 90	R.Stymeist, P.Trimble	
Barrow's Goldeneye:				
25	Plymouth Harbor	1 m.	B.Sorrie	
Bufflehead:				
1,9	P.I., Wollaston	95, 1500	D.Arvidson#, R.Abrams	
10,11	Falmouth, Acoaxet	600, 200	R.Heil#, SSBC	
Hooded Merganser:				
thr.	S.Monomoy, E.Quabbin	max.20, max.116(11/16)	v.o., T.Gagnon#+v.o.	
thr.	Waltham (Cambridge Res.)	max.28(11/23)	R.Forster#+v.o.	
thr.	Braintree	max.52(11/12)	S.Higginbotham#+v.o.	
19,25	Eastham, Lakeville	49, 31	N.Waldron#, W.Petersen#	
Many other reports of 3-20 individuals.				
Common Merganser:				
thr.	Waltham	max.161(11/23)	R.Forster#	
thr.	Lakeville	max.100+(11/25)	W.Petersen#	

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Common Merganser (continued):				
10,12	E.Quabbin, Braintree	40, 26	T.Gagnon, S.Higginbotham	
Red-breasted Merganser:				
4	Lakeville, Winthrop	1, 380	SSBC, J.Cumming	
8,10	S.Monomoy, N.Monomoy	3000, 7000	B.Nikula#	
24	P'town, Nantucket	962, 2500+	SSBC, M.Litchfield	
Ruddy Duck:				
thr.	S.Monomoy	max.260(11/24)	B.Nikula#+v.o.	
thr.	Waltham (Cambridge Res.)	max.46(11/12)	R.Forster#+v.o.	
thr.	Lakeville	max.50+(11/6)	W.Petersen#+v.o.	
3,20	W.Newbury, Jamaica Plain	26, 24	M.Argue#, H.Coolidge	

HAWKS THROUGH COOT

An Osprey was present in Lakeville at least through the third week of the month, and Bald Eagles were noted at seven locations with one being present at Snipatuit Pond in Rochester throughout the month. A maximum of three were seen in the Newburyport area. Cooper's Hawks and Northern Goshawks were noted at several locations, and three Red-shouldered Hawks were reported. Rough-legged Hawks were sparse this month. Two Golden Eagles, an adult and a subadult, were noted at Quabbin throughout most of the month. All of the falcons were represented with up to nine Peregrine Falcons seen, and a gray Gyrfalcon was spotted on South Monomoy Island.

Three Wild Turkeys were seen in Athol. American Coot numbers have been low for the past couple of years, and one observer noted that this year was very poor in reports of that species.

G.W.G.

Osprey:				
4	Lakeville, Concord	2, 1	v.o., BBC	
12,24	Wayland, Lakeville	1, 1	R.Walton#, R. Titus	
Bald Eagle:				
thr.	Rochester	1	K.Elkins	
2,8	W.Wareham, Lakeville	1 imm., 1	E.Kraus, C.Norton	
10-24	E.Quabbin	at least 6	v.o.	
14,18	E.Orleans, Topsfield	1 imm., 1 imm.	D.Williams, C.Floyd#	
12-26	Newburyport	max. 3(11/26)	B.Blodget#	
Northern Harrier:				
3-25	P.I.	max.7(11/12)	v.o.	
18,24	Salisbury, Pembroke	3, 1	G.Gove, SSBC	
Sharp-shinned Hawk:				
1,3	E.Middleboro, Westport	1, 1	K.Anderson, R.Laubach	
9,10	Concord, E.Quabbin	1, 1	J.Carter, T.Gagnon	
24	Weston, Orleans	1, 2	L.Robinson, G.Gove	
Cooper's Hawk:				
4,11	Middleboro, Fall River	1, 1	K.Holmes, W.Petersen#	
25	Falmouth	1	P.Trimble	
Northern Goshawk:				
4,7	Middleboro, E.Orleans	1 ad., 1 imm.	SSBC, D.Williams	
12,18	Lakeville, Brookline	1, 1	K.Holmes, H.Coolidge	
24,25	Quabbin, Rockport	1, 1	G.d'Entremont, M.Heindel	
Red-shouldered Hawk:				
1,11	E.Middleboro, Weston	1, 1	K.Anderson, R.Stymeist	
18	Southboro	1	J.Gordon#	
Red-tailed Hawk:				
3	Ipswich, Southboro	2, 2	BBC, K.Anderson	
18;25	Nant., Salisbury; P.I.	15, 3; 3	W.Petersen#, BBC; BBC	
Rough-legged Hawk:				
thr.	Nantucket	1	fide E. Andrews	
12,25	P.I., Marshfield	1, 1	R.Emery#, D.Clapp#	
Golden Eagle:				
10-23	E.Quabbin	1 ad. + 1 imm.	v.o.	
American Kestrel:				
11,18	Ipswich, P.I.	1, 4	BBC, P.Roberts#	
18	Nantucket	3	R.Abrams	
Merlin				
10	P.I., Nantucket	1 ad. m., 1	P.Roberts#, R.Stymeist#	
11,14	Westport, Manomet	1, 1 m.	B.Sorrie, D.Evered#	
24,25	Eastham, P.I.	1, 1	SSBC, G. Gove	
Peregrine Falcon:				
1,12	P.I.	1, 1	M.McClellan#,D.Evered#	
3,18,25	N.Monomoy	1 imm., 1 ad., 1 ad.	B.Nikula#	
Reports of 4 others from four locations.				
Gyrfalcon:				
22,24	S.Monomoy	1 (gray)	B.Nikula#	

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Ruffed Grouse:				
4	Lakeville	1	SSBC	
Wild Turkey:				
27	Athol	3	K.Hamilton	
Northern Bobwhite:				
25,26	E.Middleboro	16	K.Anderson	
Virginia Rail:				
4,14	GMNWR, Norwell	1, 1	BBC, fide W.Petersen	
Common Moorhen:				
4	Nantucket	1	E.Andrews	
American Coot:				
thr.	Cambridge	max.12(11/8)	J.Barton	
thr.	S.Monomoy	max.150(11/11)	B.Nikula#	
4,25	Lakeville	10, 21	BBC, W.Petersen#	

SHOREBIRDS

Lesser Golden-Plover were seen inland at Halifax where up to four remained at least through November 12. Again there is a November record for American Oystercatcher that reflects the increase in the local breeding population. These birds have normally departed by the first of October as have Spotted Sandpipers. There have been six reports of the latter bird in four out of the eleven past years. The Eurasian Curlew reappeared for one day on November 23 after being unreported since October 1. Hudsonian Godwits, normally gone by the first week of the month, were seen through November 22 in the Newburyport area. The latest date in BOEM records for that species is November 27. The Marbled Godwit seen at Wollaston last month was last reported on the first. The latest date and only prior November BOEM record for Short-billed Dowitcher is November 5. These dowitchers are not generally seen after the first week of October. The thirty-six Common Snipe seen at the Norton Reservoir is a good count for this season.

G.W.G.

Black-bellied Plover:				
3,4	N.Monomoy, Ipswich	900, 63	B.Nikula, J.Berry	
10	Nantucket, P.I.	75, 85	R.Stymeist, BBC	
12,25	Halifax, Dartmouth	100, 2	W.Petersen#, R.Laubach	
Lesser Golden-Plover:				
1;4,12	Halifax	2; 4, 2	K.Anderson; W.Petersen#	
2,3	Nantucket, Orleans	5, 1	E.Andrews, C.Ewer	
4	P.I., Bridgewater	1, 1	D.Evered, BBC	
Semipalmated Plover:				
3-25	P.I.	1-2	v.o.	
Killdeer:				
3,11	Concord	27, 5	R.Forster	
4,6	Middleboro	35+, 6	SSBC, K.Anderson	
American Oystercatcher:				
3	Chatham	6	B.Nikula	
Greater Yellowlegs:				
1, 5	P.I., Squantum	14, 10	D.Arvidson#, R.Abrams	
11,24	E.Boston, Wellfleet	17, 8	J.Cumming, D.Clapp	
Lesser Yellowlegs:				
11,24	Ipswich, Wellfleet	1, 2	BBC, D.Clapp	
Spotted Sandpiper:				
3	Danvers	1	T.Raymond	
Eurasian Curlew:				
23 (from Oct.)	N.Monomoy	1	R.Prescott#	
Hudsonian Godwit:				
1-22	P.I.-Salisbury	1-4 (2 on 11/22)	v.o.	
1	Everett	2	J.Berry	
Marbled Godwit:				
1 (from Oct.)	Wollaston	1	D.Brown	
Ruddy Turnstone:				
24	Plymouth	4	R.Titus	
Red Knot:				
3,10	N.Monomoy, Scituate	120, 12	B.Nikula, E.Nielsen	
Sanderling:				
3,14	N.Monomoy, Barnstable	1000, 100	B.Nikula, P.Trimble	
27	Nantucket	100	M.Litchfield	
Semipalmated Sandpiper:				
3	P.I.	1	BBC	
Western Sandpiper:				
24	P.I.	1 juvenile	R.Heil	
White-rumped Sandpiper:				
1-12,5	P.I., Squantum	max.4(11/4), 5	v.o., R.Abrams	

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White-rumped Sandpiper (continued):				
4,8	S.Monomoy, N.Monomoy	5, 6	B.Nikula#	
Pectoral Sandpiper:				
1-12,4	Halifax, Norton	max.15(11/4), 19	v.o., B.Cassie	
5,12	Concord	3, 2	R.Forster	
18	Mashpee	3	P.Trull	
Purple Sandpiper:				
10,11	Rockport, N.Scituate	150, 450	M.Heindel, W.Petersen	
Dunlin:				
3-25,3	P.I., N.Monomoy	max.1500(11/12), 1800	v.o., B.Nikula	
9,11	Wollaston, Acoaxet	300, 150	R.Abrams, SSBC	
24,25	Eastham, Dartmouth	1250, 150+	SSBC, R.Laubach	
Short-billed Dowitcher:				
3	N.Monomoy	1	B.Nikula	
Long-billed Dowitcher:				
1-24	P.I.	max.11(11/1)	v.o.	
Common Snipe:				
4	Norton, Halifax	36, 1	B.Cassie, SSBC	
American Woodcock:				
9,11,27	E.Middleboro	1	K.Anderson	
Red Phalarope:				
4,21	Cape Ann, Manomet	2, 1	D.Evered#	

JAEGERS THROUGH BLACK GUILLEMOT

Pomarine and Parasitic jaegers were both seen at Rockport at month's end. Little Gull was conspicuous at Newburyport by its absence, but reports of Common Black-headed Gull were back to the frequency of a few years ago. Excellent numbers of both Bonaparte's and Ring-billed gulls were reported. A number of Iceland Gulls moved into the region for the winter, but there was only one report of Glaucous Gull. Three species of terns were represented in November reports, all from Nantucket. Dovekies, Thick-billed Murre, Razorbill, and Black Guillemot were all noted in small numbers throughout the month at various coastal locations. G.W.G.

Pomarine Jaeger:				
11,29	S.Dartmouth, Rockport	4, 3	SSBC, M.Heindel	
Parasitic Jaeger:				
29	Rockport	2 ad.	M.Heindel	
Laughing Gull:				
10,19	Falmouth, Sandwich	180, 4	R.Heil#, P.Trimble	
26	Barnstable	1	P.Trimble	
Little Gull:				
7;28	Plymouth; Manomet	1(1W); 1 ad., 1(2W)	D.Evered	
11	Westport	1	SSBC	
Common Black-headed Gull:				
10	Manomet	1(1W), 1 ad.	D.Evered	
25	Salisbury, E.Boston	1, 2(1 ad. + 1 imm.)	D.Briggs#, K.Norris	
Bonaparte's Gull:				
1,7	P.I., Acoaxet	400, 1000	D.Arvidson, v.o.	
23,27	Falmouth, Nantucket	1200, 300	G.Gove#, M.Litchfield	
Ring-billed Gull:				
1,23	Halifax, Falmouth	500, 600	K.Anderson, G.Gove#	
Iceland Gull:				
thr.	Nantucket	max.4 (2 ad. + 2 1W)	M.Litchfield	
22,24	P.I., Provincetown	1 (1W), 1	D.Evered, SSBC	
Lesser Black-backed Gull:				
10,22	Nantucket, Lynn	2, 1 (1W)	R.Stymeist#, R.Heil#	
26	Peabody	1 (1W)	M.Heindel	
Glaucous Gull:				
22	P.I.	1 (1W)	M.Heindel	
Great Black-backed Gull:				
10	Salisbury-P.I.	900 (mostly ad.)	R.Forster	
Black-legged Kittiwake:				
10-12,11	Rockport, S.Dartmouth	1000 each day, 200	M.Heindel, SSBC	
10,24	Manomet, Orleans	900, 500	D.Evered, G.Gove	
27	Nantucket	600	M.Litchfield	
Common Tern:				
4,14,21	Nantucket	71, 36, 1	E.Andrews#	
Forster's Tern:				
4-27	Nantucket	max.8(11/7)	E.Andrews#	
Black Tern:				
4	Nantucket	1	E.Andrews	

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Dovekie:				
10-25 thr.	Rockport Manomet	max.4(11/10) max.8(11/28)	v.o. D.Evered#	
Thick-billed Murre:				
8-17	Manomet	1	v.o.	
23,25	Newburyport, Rockport	1, 1	H.Weissberg, v.o.	
Razorbill:				
1-19,10-29	Manomet, Rockport	1, max.45(11/29)	D.Evered#, v.o.	
10,24	P.I., Nantucket	2, 1	P.Roberts, M.Litchfield	
Black Guillemot:				
11-29	Rockport	max.15(11/25)	v.o.	
24,25	Provincetown, Manomet	1, 1	D.Clapp, B.Sorrie	

MOURNING DOVE THROUGH WOODPECKERS

A Common Barn-Owl was present at Logan International Airport for two to three weeks and in the evenings was frequently seen flying in there from the direction of the harbor islands. Two Snowy Owls were present in the Plum Island-Salisbury area, and one was seen sitting on a building in Brookline. A Ruby-throated Hummingbird was coming to plants on a porch in Newburyport, possibly the same bird that appeared there in October. Six reports of seven Pileated Woodpeckers were more than usual for the region. G.W.G.

Mourning Dove:				
thr.	Brookline (at feeder)	max.15(11/25)	H.Wiggin	
1,11	Westport, SRV	45, 300	R.Laubach, R.Forster	
Common Barn-Owl:				
7	E.Boston (Logan Airport)	1	N.Smith	
Eastern Screech-Owl:				
4,6	Lexington, Ipswich	2, 2	L.Taylor, J.Berry	
8,11	E.Middleboro, Topsfield	1, 1	K.Anderson, G.d'Entremont#	
Great Horned Owl:				
thr.	E.Middleboro	1-2	K.Anderson	
4-11,4	Ipswich, Lakeville	2, 1	v.o., K.Holmes	
23,24	Westport, Salisbury	1, 1	R.Laubach, D.Briggs#	
Snowy Owl:				
9-25	P.I.-Salisbury	max.2	v.o.	
26,28	Duxbury, Brookline	1, 1	J.Gady, H.Wiggin	
Short-eared Owl:				
7,12	Plymouth, P.I.	1, 1	D.Evered, W.Smith	
18,25	N.Nomony, Nantucket	1, 1	B.Nikula#, M.Litchfield	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird:				
10	Newburyport	1	fide J.Grugan	
Belted Kingfisher:				
7;28,30	E.Middleboro; Cambridge	(Fr.Pd) 1; 1	K.Anderson; J.Barnett	
Red-headed Woodpecker:				
30	Dover	1	J.Clancy	
Red-bellied Woodpecker:				
7,25	Westport, M.V.	1, 1	R.Laubach, V.Laux#	
Hairy Woodpecker:				
thr.	E.Middleboro	1 m. + 1 f.	K.Anderson	
Northern Flicker:				
17,28	Belmont	2, 1	L.Taylor	
Pileated Woodpecker:				
4	Norfolk, Petersham	1, 1	B.Cassie, J.Baird	
23,25	Holden, Dracut	1, 1	M.Salmi, G.Alberts	
26,27	Hopkinton, Royalston	1, 2	T.Russell, K.Hamilton	

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH WARBLERS

An *Empidonax* flycatcher was carefully observed for about half an hour at Peabody on November 18. Its plumage most closely resembled Least or Hammond's, and its wing and tail flicking behavior was typical of the latter species. Unfortunately, attempts to capture the bird failed. The count of five Common Ravens at Royalston was the highest for a single day in recent years. Red-breasted Nuthatch reports were up a bit from October's dearth. The only good numbers, however, were from Worcester County sites; similarly, the highest count of Golden-crowned Kinglet was from Hardwick.

A Wood Thrush at Royalston on November 26 was a very late record although there is a precedent of November individuals in 1979 and 1980. Three vireos were reported for November, not typically a vireo month, with the latest being a solitary on Nantucket at midmonth. Notably late warblers included a Yellow at Falmouth, a Magnolia at Royalston, and a Wilson's at Wellesley. Yellow-rumped Warbler reports were rather scanty.

L.E.T.

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<u>Empidonax</u> sp.:				
18	Peabody	1 (well-described)	R.Heil	
Western Kingbird:				
4-20,15-30	Nantucket, WBWS	5 total, 2	E.Andrews#, v.o.	
23	M.V.	1	V.Laux#	
Horned Lark:				
3,3-12	Scituate, P.I.	40, 250 max.	G.d'Entremont#, v.o.	
3-12, 11	Ipswich, Concord	40 max., 11	v.o., R.Forster	
11,18	Middleboro, Nantucket	35, 12	SSBC, R.Abrams#	
American Crow:				
3,17	Ipswich, Hardwick	60,190	BBC, G.Gove#	
Fish Crow:				
1,25	Middleboro, Sudbury	3, 5	D.Briggs, R.Forster	
Common Raven:				
28	Royalston	5	K.Hamilton	
<u>Jackdaw:</u>				
thr.	Nantucket	2	v.o.	
Black-capped Chickadee:				
10,26-28	Hardwick, Athol	60+, 428	T.Gagnon, K.Hamilton	
Red-breasted Nuthatch:				
10	P.I., Hardwick	1, 13	BBC, T.Gagnon	
26-28,30	Athol, Wakefield	61, 1	K.Hamilton, M.Martinek	
Brown Creeper:				
10,24	Hardwick, Weston	9, 9	T.Gagnon, L.Robinson	
Carolina Wren:				
1,4	Millis, Lakeville	1, 4	B.Cassie, K.Holmes	
10,11	Falmouth, Westport	25, 6	R.Heil#, SSBC	
25	M.V.	6	V.Laux#	
House Wren:				
3,12	Eastham (2 loc.)	1, 1	C.Ewer	
Winter Wren:				
4,10	Lakeville, Falmouth	2, 3	W.Petersen#, R.Heil#	
12,26	Eastham, Athol	1, 2	C.Ewer, K.Hamilton	
Marsh Wren:				
25,27	Newburyport, Plymouth	2, 1	R.Heil, D.Evered	
Golden-crowned Kinglet:				
thr.,3-11	Middleboro, Ipswich	8 max., 2	v.o., BBC	
10	P.I., Falmouth	4, 10	BBC, R.Heil#	
10,22	Hardwick, Milton	47, 6	T.Gagnon, R.Titus	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet:				
10,12	Falmouth, Woburn	4, 2	R.Heil#, R.Forster	
18	Mashpee, Watertown	1, 1	R.Heil#, R.Stymeist	
19,28	Cambridge, Westport	1, 1	J.Paputseanos, R.Laubach	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:				
3,4	Hingham, Bridgewater	1, 1	W.Smith, BBC	
10,14-18	Falmouth, Cambridge	2, 1	R.Heil#, L.Robinson#	
22	Boston	1	P.Thayer	
Hermit Thrush:				
8,10	Boston, Falmouth	1, 2	J.Berry, R.Heil#	
11,18	Acoaxet, Westport	1, 1	SSBC, R.Laubach	
24,25	Nantucket, M.V.	1, 2	B.Litchfield, V.Laux#	
28	Waltham	1	L.Taylor	
Wood Thrush:				
26	Royalston	1	K.Hamilton	
American Robin:				
3,18	Ipswich, Lexington	25, 106	BBC, L.Taylor	
Gray Catbird:				
3, 4	W.Newbury, Lexington	4, 1	BBC, L.Taylor	
10,25	Falmouth, M.V.	4, 4	R.Heil#, V.Laux#	
Brown Thrasher:				
6,10	MNWS, Falmouth	1, 3	J.Smith, R.Heil#	
11,25	Acoaxet, M.V.	1, 1	SSBC, V.Laux#	
Water Pipit:				
4	P.I., S.Monomoy	30, 30	D.Evered, B.Nikula#	
4,11	Middleboro, Concord	20, 115	SSBC, R.Walton#	
24,25	Middleboro, S.Hanson	12, 60	R.Titus, W.Petersen#	
Cedar Waxwing:				
4,11	Lakeville, Belmont	20, 60	K.Holmes, L.Taylor	
11,17	Westport, Hopkinton	60, 30	SSBC, J.Gordon	
30	E.Middleboro	7	K.Anderson	
Northern Shrike:				
11,24	Sudbury, Orleans	1, 1	R.Forster, C.Gove	

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Solitary Vireo: 6,15	MNWS, Nantucket	1, 1	J.Smith, E.Andrews	
Red-eyed Vireo: 3	Eastham	1	C.Ewer	
Yellow Warbler: 10	Falmouth	1 m. (details)	R.Heil	
Magnolia Warbler: 28	Royalston	1	K.Hamilton	
Yellow-rumped Warbler: 3,10	P.I., Falmouth	15, 15	BBC, R.Heil#	
Pine Warbler: 25	Lakeville	2	W.Petersen#	
Prairie Warbler: 10	Nantucket	1	R.Stymeist#	
Palm Warbler: 4-25,24	6 locations, Orleans	9 total, 6	v.o., G.Gove	
26,28	Cambridge, Westport	2, 8	L.Robinson, R.Laubach	
Blackpoll Warbler: 20-21	Lincoln	1	R.Forster	
Common Yellowthroat: 25	M.V., Falmouth	2, 1 m.	V.Laux, P.Trimble	
Wilson's Warbler: 12	Wellesley	1 m.	C.Quinlan	
Yellow-breasted Chat: 25	E.Orleans	1	D.Williams	

DICKCISSEL THROUGH EVENING GROSBEAK

Fox Sparrows exhibited a very light migration this fall. Conversely, impressive numbers of Dark-eyed Junco were seen, especially at Worcester County sites. The 3000 Snow Buntings for the month stands high compared to recent-year November totals of about half that number. Three individual Yellow-headed Blackbirds were reported, constituting the only November records in the last seven years. A Northern Oriole was present for the last week of the month at a feeder in Westwood. Most winter finch species finally began to show up, with the only significant numbers occurring well inland. L.E.T.

Dickcissel: 3	Cambridge	1	R.Stymeist#	
Rufous-sided Towhee: 10,25;18	Falmouth; Reading	6, 1; 1	v.o.; M.Martinek	
25	M.V.	8	V.Laux#	
American Tree Sparrow: 9,11	Sudbury, Ipswich	20, 20	R.Forster, BBC	
17,25	Woburn, Bridgewater	11, 2	BBC, D.Briggs#	
Chipping Sparrow: 4,11	Bridgewater, Ipswich	1, 1	G.Gove#, I.Giriunas#	
15	Lincoln	1	R.Forster	
Field Sparrow: 4,23	Bridgewater, Braintree	6, 5	BBC, G.d'Entremont	
23,28	Holbrook, Westport	1, 2	G.d'Entremont, R.Laubach	
"Ipswich" Sparrow: 3-21,10-25	Plymouth, P.I.	3 max., 3 max.	v.o.	
18	Salisbury, Nantucket	5, 2	M.Heindel, W.Petersen#	
Sharp-tailed Sparrow: 22	P.I.	2	M.Heindel	
Seaside Sparrow: 25	Newburyport	9	R.Heil	
Fox Sparrow: 18-30	Reading	4	M.Martinek	
Swamp Sparrow: 4,11	Lakeville, Ipswich	10, 3	SSBC, R.Campbell#	
23	Holbrook	4	G.d'Entremont	
White-throated Sparrow: 4,18	Bridgewater, Reading	10, 20	BBC, M.Martinek	
Dark-eyed Junco: 4,10	Lakeville, Hardwick	8, 145	SSBC, T.Gagnon	
18,26	Salisbury, Royalston	7, 985	P.Roberts#, K.Hamilton	
Lapland Longspur: 1-18,7-27	P.I., Plymouth	15 max., 22 max.	v.o.	
12-18	Salisbury	150 max.	v.o.	
Snow Bunting: thr.,3	P.I., Ipswich	600 max.(11/11),160	v.o., BBC	

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Snow Bunting (continued):				
11,18	Salisbury, Barnstable	250, 200	P.Roberts, J.Aylward	
18,24	Nantucket, S.Monomoy	1000, 800	W.Petersen#, B.Nikula#	
Red-winged Blackbird:				
11,13	Ipswich, Sudbury	30, 250	BBC, J.O'Regan	
16-30,28	E.Middleboro, Westport	5+, 8	K.Anderson, R.Laubach	
Eastern Meadowlark:				
4,12	M.V., Marshfield	3, 20	P.Hallowell, W.Petersen#	
25	Nantucket, Marshfield	10, 15	M.Litchfield, D.Clapp#	
Yellow-headed Blackbird:				
4,9	Rochester, Wakefield	1 m., 1 imm. m.	L.Robinson, L.Lord-Moon	
9	Nantucket (Madaket)	1 f.	Mrs. A. McCleave	
Rusty Blackbird:				
10,11	Hardwick, Halifax	2, 100	T.Gagnon, K.Anderson	
15	Sudbury	2	R.Forster	
Common Grackle:				
4,10	Lakeville, Essex	500+, 200+	SSBC, BBC	
24,29	Nantucket, Westport	2, 1	M.Litchfield, R.Laubach	
Brown-headed Cowbird:				
4,11	Bridgewater, Westport	400, 700	BBC, SSBC	
20,30	Peabody, Dover	6, 1350	G.d'Entremont, J.Clancy	
Northern Oriole:				
23-30	Westwood	1 at feeder	B.Wicks	
Pine Grosbeak:				
26	Athol	3	K.Hamilton	
Purple Finch:				
4,7-26	Sudbury, E.Middleboro	8, 2	R.Forster, K.Anderson	
17	Belmont	1	L.Taylor	
Red Crossbill:				
22	Canton (Big Blue Hill)	1	R.Titus	
White-winged Crossbill:				
18,27	Hardwick, Athol	28, 5	v.o., K.Hamilton	
Common Redpoll:				
25	Lanesville	1	A.Bennett	
Pine Siskin:				
4,10	Sudbury, Hardwick	2, 4	R.Forster, T.Gagnon	
16,27	Framingham, Athol	42, 285	K.Hamilton	
Evening Grosbeak:				
7,20-28	Weymouth, Nantucket	6, 4 max.	R.Campbell, E.Andrews#	
25,28	Manomet, Royalston	15, 68	D.Evered, K.Hamilton	

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		

CORRIGENDA AND ADDENDA TO AUGUST 1984 FIELD RECORDS

				Page No.
Black-crowned Night-Heron:				
thr.	Eastham (Hemenway)	max.166 (6/20)	B.Nikula#+v.o.	330
	should read:			
thr.	Eastham (Hemenway)	max.166 (8/20)	B.Nikula#+v.o.	
Common Scoter:				
20	Eastham	2 f.	B.Nikula#	330
	should read:			
Common Goldeneye:				
20	Eastham	2 f.	B.Nikula#	

In RAILS THROUGH WOODPECKERS summary, delete from second from last paragraph the following part of the sentence that describes adult and immature skimmers at Monomoy: "and probably included the young fledged at Monomoy." 331

Stilt Sandpiper:				
2;17,19	N.Monomoy; S.Monomoy	25; 8, 8	R.Heil; B.Nikula#	333
	should read:			
17,19	S.Monomoy	8, 8	B.Nikula#	
Common Nighthawk:				
21,31	Brookline	total 1035	R.Stymeist#	334
	should read:			
21-31	Brookline	total 1035	R.Stymeist#	
Snowy Egret:				
thr.	E.Boston (Belle Isle)	max. 194 (8/4)	S.Zendeh#	
Lesser Yellowlegs:				
thr.	E.Boston (Belle Isle)	max. 39 (8/12)	S.Zendeh#	
Upland Sandpiper:				
12,16	N.Monomoy	1, 1	B.Nikula	
30	E.Boston (Belle Isle)	1	S.Zendeh#	
Hudsonian Godwit:				
thr.	E.Boston (Belle Isle)	max. 47 (8/12)	S.Zendeh#	
Red-necked Phalarope:				
16	N.Monomoy	4	B.Nikula	
Common Black-headed Gull:				
thr.	E.Boston (Belle Isle)	1	S.Zendeh#	
Sharp-tailed Sparrow:				
thr.	E.Boston (Belle Isle)	max.5 (8/4)	S.Zendeh#	
Seaside Sparrow:				
4,12	E.Boston (Belle Isle)	1, 2 ad. carrying food	S.Zendeh#	

CORRIGENDA AND ADDENDA TO SEPTEMBER 1984 FIELD RECORDS

Northern Shoveler:				
23	Monomoy	250	J.Barton#	339
	should read:			
23	Monomoy	30	J.Barton#	
Gadwall:				
	Delete:			
23	Monomoy	200	R.Prescott#	339
Merlin:				
6-30	Monomoy	5+	v.o.	340
	should read:			
16-30	Monomoy	5+	v.o.	
Roseate Tern:				
4,19	Monomoy	15000, 10000	B.Nikula#	344
	should read:			
Common/Roseate Tern:				
4,19	Monomoy	15000, 10000	B.Nikula#	
Barred Owl:				
8;16,25	Lakeville;E.Middleboro	1; 1, 1	K.Homes; K.Holmes,K.Anderson	345
	should read:			
8;16,25	Lakeville;E.Middleboro	1; 1, 1	K.Holmes; K.Anderson	
Western Tanager:				
22	Boston, Middleboro	1 imm. m.(good details), 1 P.O'Neil#,D.Briggs		349
	should read:			
22	Boston (Long I.), Middleboro	1 imm. m.(good details), 1	B.Sorrie#, D.Briggs	
Snowy Egret:				
thr.	E.Boston (Belle Isle)	max. 190 (9/2)	S.Zendeh#	
Common Black-headed Gull:				
thr.	E.Boston (Belle Isle)	1	S.Zendeh#	
Orange-crowned Warbler:				
16	E.Boston (Belle Isle)	2	S.Zendeh#	