



# Field Records

## May 1985

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May 1982 was mild and very cloudy with slightly less than normal rain. The temperature averaged 59.3°, just 0.8° above normal. The high was 89° on May 11; the lowest temperature was 39° on May 4. Rain totaled 3.36 inches; there were measurable amounts on eleven days, traces on six days, and fourteen days with none. The rain was well distributed in the month providing adequate moisture for lawns and gardens, but it was not enough to fill depleted reservoirs. Spring 1985 averaged mild and dry with less than average sunshine. Southerly winds were noted on May 5, 9-11, 13, 15-16, 20-21, and 30-31, all from the southwest.

### LOONS THROUGH HERONS

Common Loons were migrating all month, and as many as eleven Red-throated Loons were counted at Plum Island. For the first year in this writer's memory, there were no reports of Pied-billed Grebe at Plum Island, either at Stage Island Pool, where there was little water, or at Hellcat Swamp, where there was enough. A Horned Grebe in full breeding plumage was seen in Newburyport on the late date of May 21.

About eight miles off Chatham, several tubenoses were reported, and a Leach's Storm-Petrel was well observed at Stellwagen on May 11. Great Cormorants were reported from three areas, and nesting was anticipated in other locations.

Least Bitterns were reported from five locations with as many as six individuals at Plum Island and three in Milton. There were no large numbers of Snowy Egrets reported, and Little Blue and Tricolored herons were few and far between. Cattle Egrets and Glossy Ibis, on the other hand, were seen much more regularly this year than last year. Interesting was the report of an adult Yellow-crowned Night Heron trying to gather sticks at Mt. Auburn Cemetery. Subsequent reports of possibly a second bird in the area led to speculation about nesting nearby.

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<u>SPECIES/DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OBSERVERS</u>	<u>MAY 1985</u>
Red-throated Loon:				
19,23	Lynn, P.I.	2, 11	R.Stymeist#, R.Forster	
Common Loon:				
1	Truro	75+ migr.	B.Nikula	
11,18	Stellwagen, P'town	12 migr., 30	W.Petersen, P.Trimble	
Pied-billed Grebe:				
19	S.Monomoy	2	J.Barton#	
Horned Grebe:				
21	Newbypt	1 br. pl.	A.Williams#	
Northern Fulmar:				
26	off Chatham	4	W.Harrington#	
Sooty Shearwater:				
26	off Chatham (8 mi.)	15	W.Harrington	
Wilson's Storm-Petrel:				
19	S.Monomoy, Stellwagen	5, 1	J.Barton#, K.Holmes	
26	off Chatham (8 mi.)	50	W.Harrington	
Leach's Storm-Petrel:				
11	Stellwagen	1	W.Petersen	
Northern Gannet:				
4	F.E.(Eastham), S.N.(Barnstable)	75, 30+	B.Nikula, P.Trimble	
11	Stellwagen	20+	W.Petersen	
19	N.Monomoy, S.Monomoy	250, 100	J.Barton, R.Prescott	
Great Cormorant:				
11,19	Plymouth, Swampscott	10, 3 imm.	W.Petersen, G.Gove#	
23	Marblehead	6	R.Forster	
Double-crested Cormorant:				
thr.	Somerville area	max. 50 (5/23)	J.Berry	
thr.	Newbypt area	max. 150+ (5/23)	J.Berry + v.o.	

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American Bittern:				
1;4,11	Norfolk; P.I.	1; 1, 2	B.Cassie; H.Wiggin#, R.Stymeist#	
16,19	Needham, Lancaster	1, 3	G.d'Entremont, M.Lynch#	
Least Bittern:				
11-31	P.I.	max. 6 (5/11)	G.d'Entremont# + v.o.	
13,19	F.M.(Milton)	3, 1	S.Higginbotham, J.Paputseanos	
18,19,25	W.Newbury	1	D.Arvidson#, K.Hartel, SSBC	
19	W.Harwich,Lancaster	1, 1	B.Nikula, M.Lynch#	
Great Egret:				
2-12	Wayland	1 (4 dates)	R.Forster	
4,11,19,25	Ipswich	1	M.Argue# + v.o.	
25,26	P.I., Gloucester	4, 4	K.Griffis#, H.Wiggin	
Snowy Egret:				
thr.	P.I. area	max. 21 (5/25)	J.Berry + v.o.	
12,16	Squantum, Manchester	6, 19	SSBC, BBC	
Little Blue Heron:				
4,16	Manchester	1, 2	G.Hotz#	
11,15	P.I., Rowley	1, 1	G.d'Entremont#, R.Alexander	
Tricolored Heron:				
23,25	P.I.	1	R.Forster, B.Petersen	
24-27	M.V.	1	BBC (J.Barton)	
Cattle Egret:				
thr.	Ipswich-Essex	max. 10 (5/12)	G.Gove# + v.o.	
8+24,10	Sandwich, Wayland	1, 7	P.Trimble, B.Howell + v.o.	
11;12	P.I.; Gloucester, Eastham	1; 1, 1	R.Emery#; BBC, D.+ E.Williams	
18,29	Marshfield, Rockland	1, 3	SSBC, B.Petersen	
Green-backed Heron:				
thr.	1-2 birds reported from a wide area; no significant movement noted at any one location.			
Black-crowned Night-Heron:				
thr.	Watertown	max. 39 (5/30)	D.Arvidson + v.o.	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron:				
5,19,24	P.I.	1 ad.	P.W.Smith# + v.o.	
19,30	Marshfield, Mt.A.	1, 1 ad.	B.Litchfield, J.Barton# + v.o.	
Glossy Ibis:				
thr.	Ipswich-Essex	max. 32 (5/12)	G.Gove# + v.o.	
thr.	Squantum area	max. 9 (5/13)	S.Higginbotham# + v.o.	
11,12	E.Boston, Wayland	8, 1	R.Stymeist#, R.Forster#	
14,16	Rowley, Manchester	15-20, 2	R.Alexander#, G.Hotz#	

#### WATERFOWL

The most interesting report of the month was that of a subadult male Garganey (Anas querquedula) at Plum Island, found on May 11 and seen on at least three other dates during the month. The only other records for Massachusetts were in May 1968 at Plum Island and in Marshfield from April 1-18, 1978. This bird was a perfect Garganey except that it lacked the prominent white eyestripe of a breeding male. The bird was found with Blue-winged Teal and was seen by many observers the following day.

Mute Swan families were noted in South Carver and in Ipswich. Brant continued through the third week of the month with maximum counts during the first week. A nest of Common Eider with four eggs was found on Bird Island off Marion, where a female King Eider was also observed. Hooded Merganser reports included large family groups in Dover and in the Bolton Flats area of Lancaster. The low water level at Stage Island Pool on Parker River NWR was directly responsible for the lack of Ruddy Duck on Plum Island this year. R.H.S.

Mute Swan:				
14,18	S.Carver, Ipswich	pr.+4 yg., pr.+3 yg.	K.Anderson, R.Stymeist#	
Brant:				
1-22	Newbypt	max. 320 (5/5)	W.Petersen# + v.o.	
1-18	Squantum	max. 300 (5/5)	J.Paputseanos# + v.o.	
18	N.Monomoy, Eastham	250, 40	J.Barton#, E.Williams	
Wood Duck:				
thr.	Oxbow NWR, Bolton Flats	max. 5, max. 6	M.Lynch, S.Carroll	
thr., 3	P'town, Yarmouthport	max. 10, 3	B.Nikula + v.o., J.Aylward	
7	Bridgewater-Middleboro	6	K.Holmes	
14,18	Topsfield(IRWS), Milton	15-20, 7	R.Alexander#, G.d'Entremont	
Green-winged Teal:				
18,23	P.I., Ipswich	6, 1	W.Drummond#, R.Forster	
Northern Pintail:				
19,25	S.Monomoy, Ipswich	12, 2	J.Barton#, W.Petersen#	

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<u>Garganey:</u> 11,12,14,17	P.I.	1 subad. m.	R.Stymeist# + v.o.	
Blue-winged Teal: 18,19	P.I., Monomoy	6, 4	W.Drummond#, J.Barton#	
Northern Shoveler: 19	S.Monomoy	6	J.Barton#	
Gadwall: 12,19 19,22	Rowley, Ipswich S.Monomoy, P.I.	6-8, 16 12, 8	J.Berry J.Barton#,A.Blaisdell#	
American Wigeon: 18-19,20	Ipswich, P.I.	1 m., 2	R.Stymeist#, G.d'Entremont#	
Greater Scaup: 11+20,18	P.I., Squantum	1 m., 2	R.Stymeist# +D.Brown#, G.d'Entremont#	
Common Eider: 13 27	Marion(Bird I.) Elizabeth I.	nest + 4 eggs 7	P.Trull P.Trimble	
<u>King Eider:</u> 13	Marion (Bird I.)	1 f.	I.Nisbet	
Harlequin Duck: 1-4,19	N.Scituate, Lynn	1 m.+4 f., 1 subad. m.	G.d'Entremont#, C.Floyd#+v.o.	
Oldsquaw: 1-25	Newbypt	max. 2500 (5/2)	J.Grugan# + v.o.	
Black Scoter: 4 18,19	N.Scituate, Manchester Lynn	1, 2 2 f.	G.d'Entremont, G.Hotz# G.Gove#	
Surf Scoter: 4	Manchester	2	BBC (G.Hotz)	
White-winged Scoter: 15, 18-19	Chatham, Lynn	125 migr., 180	B.Nikula, R.Stymeist#	
Bufflehead: 6,11	Nantucket, S.Dartmouth	13, 18	E.Andrews, R.Maker	
Hooded Merganser: 9 19	Dover Lancaster (Bolton Flats)	1 f. + 12 yg. 1 f. + 20 yg.	P.Hallowell M.Lynch + S.Carroll	
Red-breasted Merganser: 11,19,25	P.I.	10,16,2	R.Stymeist#,C.Floyd#,W.Petersen#	
Ruddy Duck: 19	S.Monomoy	9	BBC (J.Barton#)	

#### RAPTORS THROUGH NORTHERN BOBWHITE

A Black Vulture was observed over Eastham on May 20; there was also a report of this species in April in Essex. Turkey Vultures were noted from many areas with as many as ten birds in the east Quabbin area. Bald Eagles were noted from Lakeville and from North Monomoy. At South Monomoy, three nests of Northern Harrier were located. Interesting was the report of a Red-tailed Hawk found dead on the Southeast Expressway in Quincy. The adult bird, apparently flying low over the highway, was struck by a passing vehicle, and clenched in its talons was a young rabbit that the hawk had caught. At least six Peregrine Falcons were reported and included one at Mt. Auburn Cemetery that was seen by many observers through telescopes.

A Northern Bobwhite was seen at Mt. Auburn Cemetery, only the second time this bird was recorded there, though they have occurred recently in nearby Belmont and in Newton on a more regular basis. R.H.S.

<u>Black Vulture:</u> 20	Eastham	1	C.Goodrich	
Turkey Vulture: thr.,4 8,9 19	Dover, S.Dartmouth Holliston, Ipswich F.M.(Milton), Petersham	2, 3 2, 3 6, 10	E.Taylor, R.Maker R.Hildreth, R.Forster SSBC (P.O'Neill#), M.Lynch#	
Other reports of single birds from seven locations.				
Osprey: thr. 19-27	Lakeville, Mashpee P.I.	nesting pr., 2 pr. 1	D.Briggs#+v.o., P.Trimble v.o.	
Bald Eagle: 10 12	Lakeville N.Monomoy	1 1 imm.	K.Holmes P.Trull, B.Nikula	
Northern Harrier: thr.	S.Monomoy	3 nests	W.deRagon	
Sharp-shinned Hawk: 11	Newbury	3+	BBC (G.d'Entremont)	

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Northern Goshawk:				
7-31,17	Norfolk, W.Newbury	pr., 1	B.Cassie# + v.o., J.Grugan	
19	Framingham	1 m.	R.+ K.Forster	
Red-shouldered Hawk:				
thr.	Scituate, Norwell nesting	pr., nesting pr.	W.Petersen	
thr.	E.Middleboro, Rochester	pr., pr.	K.Anderson#, J.+ S.Teal	
1,19	Norfolk, Petersham	1, 2	B.Cassie, M.Lynch#	
Broad-winged Hawk:				
thr.	One to four birds reported from a wide area.			
Red-tailed Hawk:				
5	Quincy (SE Expressway)	1 ad. dead with prey	W.Petersen	
thr.	Lexington, Newbypt	nesting pr., nesting pr.	R.Stymeist#	
American Kestrel:				
5	Lakeville	pr. + 4 eggs	R.Turner	
Merlin:				
1,5	Scituate, GMNWR	1, 1	R.Campbell#, G.Gove#	
5,11	Oxbow NWR, P.I.	1, 1	M.Lynch#, L.Taylor#	
Peregrine Falcon:				
1-15, 18	N.Monomoy	1, 2	v.o.	
1; 24	WBWS; P.I., Mt A.	1; 1, 1	R.Prescott; S.Surner, v.o.	
Ruffed Grouse:				
11	Concord	3	G.Gove#	
Northern Bobwhite:				
2+11,13	Ipswich, Rowley	1, 1	J.Berry, R.Alexander	
16-19,17	Belmont, Mt.A.	1, 1	L.Taylor, G.d'Entremont#+v.o.	
19,26	Lancaster, Newton	1, 1	M.Lynch#, O.Komar	

#### RAILS THROUGH ALCIDS

At Bolton Flats in Lancaster, seven Virginia Rails and five Soras were noted. Lesser Golden-Plover, not a numerous spring migrant here, were seen in three locations with the bird in Ipswich being in breeding plumage. Semipalmated Plover, Semipalmated Sandpiper, and White-rumped Sandpiper generally arrived on their northward migration around the second week of the month. About twelve pairs of American Oystercatchers were present on North and South Monomoy, and some were said to be nesting in several places at Chappaquiddick. Greater and Lesser yellowlegs arrived in good numbers, and a high count of 62 Solitary Sandpipers was made at a sewer bed in Millis. Twenty Spotted Sandpipers were counted at Scituate (compare with a count of 99 there in May of 1982). Only two reports of Whimbrel (two each) came in, but Ruddy Turnstones were present in good numbers at North Monomoy and at Plymouth Beach, and the number of Red Knot at North Monomoy was high for May. Two Dunlin were seen in Wayland, not a usual place for this coastal species, and Stilt Sandpiper is not a usual spring migrant here either. Reeves were seen in Halifax and in Newburyport, and Ruffs in Newburyport and Plymouth Beach included a black Ruff at the latter location. Both Red-necked and Red phalaropes were reported this month; because these species are pelagic, records of their occurrence are spotty but probably do reflect their migration.

Northward migrating Parasitic Jaegers arrived on schedule. Little Gulls were present at Newburyport, and two Black-headed Gulls were seen at Monomoy after midmonth. The flock of Ring-billed Gulls at Newburyport consisted almost entirely of subadult birds. A Lesser Black-backed Gull in unreported plumage was noted from Newburyport where both an Iceland Gull and a Glaucous Gull were also seen.

The only Caspian Terns reported were two or three at Newburyport. Roseate, Common, and Least Terns appeared at several coastal breeding locations, and Arctic Terns were noted at two of their southern breeding locations. A subadult Forster's Tern was described from North Monomoy where a Black Skimmer was also noted. Black Terns were reported from two locations. A very late Razorbill was seen on Stellwagen Bank, and lingering Black Guillemots were observed at North Scituate and at Gloucester. G.W.G.

Clapper Rail:				
19	Yarmouth	1	P.Trull	
King Rail:				
12-18	WBWS	1	D.Keynolds#	
Virginia Rail:				
2,8-21	Saugus, Lynnfield	2, max. 5 (5/14)	C.Jackson, v.o.	
19,25	Lancaster, P.I.	7, 3	BBC, J.Berry	
Sora:				
5,8-21	GMNWR, Lynnfield	1, max. 4 (5/21)	G.Gove, v.o.	
19	Lancaster, S.Monomoy	5, 1	BBC, J.Barton#	
Common Moorhen:				
5,18	GMNWR, Wayland	1, 2	G.Gove, R.Forster	
15-19	P'town	max. 2 (5/18)	v.o.	

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Common Moorhen (continued):				
21,25	Lynnfield, P.I.	2, 2	A.Williams, BBC	
Black-bellied Plover:				
thr., 12	N.Monomoy, Squantum	max. 1000 (5/20), 175	B.Nikula, S.Higginbotham	
18-26,22	Plymouth, Newbypt	max. 500 (5/18), 500	v.o., BBC	
Lesser Golden-Plover:				
12,16,25	Newbypt	1	R.Stymeist#, J.Barton, W.Petersen#	
12,18	Squantum, Ipswich	1, 1 ad.	S.Higginbotham, G.Gove	
Semipalmated Plover:				
11-25	Newbypt	max. 30 (5/22)	v.o.	
12	Gloucester, Squantum	3, 12	BBC, SSBC	
26	Plymouth	5	BBC	
Piping Plover:				
thr., 4	New Seabury, P.I.	2, 1	W.Strahle, H.Wiggin#	
17,18	Mashpee, Plymouth	4, 5	P.Trimble, SSBC	
Killdeer:				
5,11-21	Middleboro, P.I.	6-8, max. 18 (5/18)	D.Briggs, v.o.	
25,26	Newbypt-W.Newbury, Plymouth	20, 8	BBC, BBC	
American Oystercatcher:				
thr.	N.Monomoy, S.Monomoy	8 pr., 4 pr.	R.Humphrey#	
thr.	Quincy	1 pr.	G.Reams	
Greater Yellowlegs:				
5,5-18	Middleboro, Newbypt-P.I.	30, max. 450 (5/9)	D.Briggs, v.o.	
13-21	Halifax	max. 30 (5/14)	K.Anderson	
Lesser Yellowlegs:				
9-18,23	Newbypt-P.I., Rowley	max. 25 (5/9), 6	v.o., R.Forster	
13-21	Halifax	max. 20 (5/14)	K.Anderson	
Solitary Sandpiper:				
4-14,8	Halifax, Medfield	max. 2 (5/14), 22	v.o., B.Cassie#	
11,15	GMNWR; Millis, Medfield	3; 6, 9	R.Stymeist; B.Cassie	
18, 22	SRV, M.V.	7, 5	R.Forster, V.Laux#	
One or two individuals seen in fourteen locations.				
Willet:				
thr.	N.Monomoy	max. 15 (5/30)	B.Nikula	
5-25	P.I.	max. 6 (5/18)	v.o.	
17,22	Mashpee, M.V.	3, 5	P.Trimble, V.Laux#	
Spotted Sandpiper:				
12-31,14	Mt.A., E.Sandwich	max. 2 (5/21), 4	v.o., P.Trimble	
19,29	Lancaster, Scituate	3, 20	BBC, W.Petersen	
One or two individuals reported from fifteen locations.				
Upland Sandpiper:				
12-25	Newbury, Newbypt	max. 4 (5/20)	v.o.	
thr.	Hanscom AFB (Bedford)	max. 7	v.o.	
13-27	Halifax	max. 2	v.o.	
5	Falmouth	2	P.Trimble	
Whimbrel:				
19,30	Chatham, N.Monomoy	2, 2	A.Williams, B.Nikula	
Ruddy Turnstone:				
thr.	N.Monomoy	max. 325 (5/30)	B.Nikula	
18,25	Nahant, Plymouth	4, 200	G.Gove, R.Stymeist#	
24-27	M.V.	30	BBC	
Red Knot:				
thr.	N.Monomoy	max. 150 (5/26)	B.Nikula + v.o.	
18	E.Orleans, P.I.	5, 20	A.Williams, C.Leahy	
22-27	M.V.	2	v.o.	
Sanderling:				
thr.	N.Monomoy	max. 900 (5/30)	B.Nikula + v.o.	
11	Revere, Lynn	100, 60	R.Stymeist#	
23,24-27	Nahant, M.V.	150, 50	R.Forster, BBC	
Semipalmated Sandpiper:				
thr.	N.Monomoy	max. 1000 (5/26,30)	B.Nikula + v.o.	
11-25	Newbypt-P.I.	max. 100 (5/22)	v.o.	
26,24-27	Plymouth, M.V.	20, 50	BBC	
Least Sandpiper:				
thr.	N.Monomoy	max. 350 (5/12)	B.Nikula + v.o.	
9-21,11	Halifax, P.I.	max. 200 (5/14), 250	v.o., BBC	
12,25	Rowley-Newbypt,P.I.	150, 40	J.Berry, BBC	
White-rumped Sandpiper:				
thr.	N.Monomoy	max. 25 (5/30)	B.Nikula	
9-25	Newbypt-P.I.	max. 25 (5/23)	R.Forster + v.o.	
Pectoral Sandpiper:				
9-14,18	Halifax, Mashpee	max. 3 (5/9), 1	K.Holmes + v.o., P.Trimble	

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Purple Sandpiper:				
thr., 1-23	Scituate, Lynn	max. 150-200, max. 200	v.o.	
Dunlin:				
thr., 9-22	N.Monomoy, Newbypt	max. 900 (5/5), max. 450 (5/9)	B.Nikula, R.Forster	
19	Wayland	2	R.Forster#	
Stilt Sandpiper:				
22,23	P.I.	1	H.Parker#	
Ruff:				
9,9-16	Halifax, Newbypt	1 f., 1 f.	K.Holmes, R.Forster# + v.o.	
24,25	Newbypt, Plymouth	1 m., 1 m.(black)	I.Giriunas#, R.Stymeist#	
Short-billed Dowitcher:				
thr., 5	N.Monomoy, Newbypt	max. 15 (5/12), 2	B.Nikula, J.Grugan	
24-27,25	M.V., Newbypt	2, 8	BBC, SSBC	
Common Snipe:				
11,19	Newbypt, Lancaster	2, 1	BBC	
American Woodcock:				
8,18	Bridgewater, S.Wellfleet	1, 6(display)	D.Briggs, A.Williams	
23,24	W.Newbury, Sudbury	6, 5	R.Forster#	
Wilson's Phalarope:				
9;9-19	Newbypt; Ipswich	1 f.; 1 m., 1 f.	R.Forster# + v.o.	
18	Squantum	1	G.d'Entremont#	
Red-necked Phalarope:				
11,18	Stellwagen, M.V.	7, 2	W.Petersen#, W.Manter	
26	off Chatham	1	W.Harrington	
Red Phalarope:				
11,19	N.Monomoy, Stellwagen	1, 15+	P.Trull, K.Holmes	
Parasitic Jaeger:				
11,18,19	Stellw., N.Monomoy, S.Monomoy	4, 1-2, 2	W.Petersen, R.Humphrey#, BBC	
Laughing Gull:				
5,19	Stellwagen, Lynn	1, 1 (2S)	BBC, C.Floyd#	
18,19	N.Monomoy, S.Monomoy	200, 6	BBC	
22	M.V.	8	V.Laux#	
Little Gull:				
14,19,25	P.I.-Newbypt	1, 1 imm., 1 (1S)	R.Forster#, R.Stymeist#, W.Petersen#	
11	Stellwagen	1 imm.	W.Petersen	
Common Black-headed Gull:				
9;17,18	Newbypt	1 (1S); 1	R.Forster#; D.Briggs, D.Davis	
5,15;18	N.Monomoy	1 ad.; 2	B.Nikula#; J.Russell	
Bonaparte's Gull:				
23	Lynn, Newbypt	175, 500	R.Forster	
Ring-billed Gull:				
25	Newbypt	450 (c.100% 1S)	W.Petersen#	
Iceland Gull:				
18	Newburyport	1 (3S)	S.Surner + G.d'Entremont#	
Lesser Black-backed Gull:				
14	Newburyport	1	J.Grugan	
Glaucous Gull:				
25-27	Newburyport	1 imm.	W.Petersen# + v.o.	
Black-legged Kittiwake:				
5,19	Stellw., S.Monomoy	3, 2	BBC	
Caspian Tern:				
18	Salisbury	2-3	D.Briggs	
Roseate Tern through Black Guillemot can be found on page 222.				

#### CUCKOO THROUGH WOODPECKER

More than forty Black-billed Cuckoos were noted; Yellow-billed Cuckoos seemed to be scarcer than usual this spring. A pair of Great Horned Owls off Route 2 in Belmont fledged two young about May 11; birds with young were also noted in Millis and Milton. At least four Barred Owls were present in Boxford State Forest, and Short-eared Owls were noted from offshore islands. A Northern Saw-whet Owl was noted in South Wellfleet.

Common Nighthawks were a trifle earlier than usual and were not seen in any numbers. A Whip-poor-will was heard and later seen in Wellesley, and one was found dead under a perch used by a Peregrine Falcon on North Monomoy. Whip-poor-wills were said to be calling every night after May 20 on Martha's Vineyard. Ruby-throated Hummingbirds were much in evidence all month with one seen on a pelagic trip and a maximum of fifteen at Mount Auburn Cemetery on May 14. A possible nesting Red-bellied Woodpecker was noted in Millis, and a Black-backed Woodpecker was reported from Eastham on two occasions with no accompanying details, however.

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Black-billed Cuckoo:  
11 Mt.A., Newbypt 1, 2 J.Marshall, BBC

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Black-billed Cuckoo (continued):				
19,25	Wayland, Milton	5, 4	J.Hines#, R.Stymeist#	
25	W.Newbury	6+	W.Petersen#	
Twenty-three individuals from sixteen locations.				
Yellow-billed Cuckoo:				
17,22	P.I.	1, 2	J.Grugan, BBC	
24-27	M.V.	2	BBC	
Nine individuals from nine locations.				
Barn Owl:				
thr.	M.V.	2	v.o.	
Eastern Screech-Owl:				
thr.	Lakeville, Millis	1, 4 pr.	R.Turner, B.Cassie	
11-25	Newbypt	1	v.o.	
Great Horned Owl:				
thr.	Belmont	pr. + 2 yg.(fledged 5/11)	v.o.	
9,20	Millis, Milton	pr. + 1 yg., 1 ad. + 1 yg.	B.Cassie#, R.Vernon	
Barred Owl:				
5,19	Lakeville, Boxford	1, 4	S.McLean, G.Gove#	
18-31,31	Medfield, Middleboro	pr., 1	B.Cassie + v.o., D.Briggs	
Short-eared Owl:				
11,19	N.Monomoy, S.Monomoy	2, 1	P.Trull#, BBC	
24-27	M.V.	2	BBC	
Northern Saw-whet Owl:				
18	S.Wellfleet	1	R.Prescott + D.Reynolds	
Common Nighthawk:				
14,22,29	Mt.A.	1, 1, 1	S.Perkins#, v.o., BBC	
15-18,21	Lexington, P.I.	1, 1	J.Carter, A.Williams#	
23,27	Newbury-W.Newbury, Nant.	12, 1	R.Forster, K.Blackshaw	
Whip-poor-will:				
14,15	Wellesley, N.Monomoy	1, 1(dead)	K.Winkler, B.Nikula#	
18,24-27	Middleboro, M.V.	2, 5	SSBC, BBC	
Chimney Swift:				
1	E.Bridgewater, Braintree	6, 2	K.Holmes	
10-31,12	Mt.A., Gloucester	5-10 daily, 20	fide R.Stymeist, BBC	
19,22	Sherborn, Newbypt	25, 10	E.Taylor, BBC	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird:				
5	Mass.Bay, Middleboro	1, 1	BBC, K.Holmes	
13,14-31	MNWS, Mt.A.	5, max.15 (5/14)	BBC, D.Lange + v.o.	
17,22	P.I., M.V.	7, 3	J.Grugan, V.Laux#	
One or two individuals from seven locations.				
Belted Kingfisher:				
thr., 16	Mt.A., Manchester	1, 2	v.o., BBC	
Red-headed Woodpecker:				
15-21,16	Mt.A., Manchester	1 ad., 2	v.o., BBC	
20-21,24-27	Nantucket, M.V.	1, 2	J.Folger#, BBC	
Red-bellied Woodpecker:				
2-31,24-27	Millis, M.V.	2, 4	B.Cassie#, BBC	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:				
1-6	Nantucket	1 m.	J.Andrews	
Black-backed Woodpecker:				
7,18	Eastham	1 (no details)	C.Goodrich, fide D.Reynolds	
Pileated Woodpecker:				
5;20,25	Tyngsboro; Boxford, Milton	1; 1, 1	R.O'Neil; G.d'Entremont#	

#### FLYCATCHERS THROUGH VIREOS

Counts of migrants from these groups were generally lower than in recent years. This scarcity was particularly noticeable with some of the flycatchers and thrushes. Reports of Olive-sided Flycatcher for the month totaled five as compared to a more typical average of eleven. Similarly Acadian Flycatchers totaled two versus the norm of five; Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, two versus ten; Gray-cheeked Thrush, five versus twelve; and maximum counts of Swainson's Thrush per site were eleven versus thirty to fifty. The most notable exception to the low counts was White-eyed Vireos, which totaled twenty-three individuals for the month; this breaks the previous recent high of seventeen. The only remotely rare species recorded for the month was the Jackdaw, which continued on Nantucket. L.E.T.

Olive-sided Flycatcher:			
18,24	Mt.A., P.I.	1, 1	M.Lynch#, I.Giriunas#
27	Newbypt, P.I.	1, 1	G.Gove#, G.d'Entremont#
30	Waltham	1	L.Taylor
Eastern Wood-Pewee:			
9,13	Bridgewater, MNWS	1, 3	K.Holmes, BBC

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Eastern Wood-Pewee (continued):				
14-31,24-27	Mt.A., M.V.	5 max.(5/26), 13 total	v.o., BBC	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:				
14,20	Waltham	1, 1	L.Taylor	
Acadian Flycatcher:				
27,31	Annisquam, Bridgewater	1, 1	H.Wiggin, K.Holmes	
Alder Flycatcher:				
19,23	Lancaster, Lynnfield	1, 1	BBC, R.Forster	
Willow Flycatcher:				
15, 18	Wayland, Lynnfield	1, 2	R.Forster, H.Wiggin#	
19,25	Lancaster, W.Newbury	5, 5	BBC, W.Petersen#	
27,30	Pembroke, Milton	4, 4	W.Petersen, R.Vernon#	
Least Flycatcher:				
1,7-29	Boxford, Mt.A.	2, 7 total	W.Drummond, v.o.	
8-31,11,26	8 loc., MNWS, Hardwick	12 total, 8, 15	v.o., J.Smith, M.Lynch#	
Eastern Phoebe:				
11,19	S.Dartmouth, Sherborn	3, 3	R.Maker, E.Taylor	
Great Crested Flycatcher:				
1-31,5	Norwell, Quincy	2, 1	B.Litchfield#, S.Peterson	
5-31,16	Mt.A., Manchester	10 max.(5/27), 6	v.o., BBC	
21,24-27	Milton, M.V.	3, 8 total	J.Paputseanos, BBC	
Eastern Kingbird:				
1,2-31	Milton, Mt.A.	1, 12 max.(5/25)	R.Campbell, v.o.	
11,26	P.I., Acoaxet	6, 12	BBC, J.Marshall	
Horned Lark:				
25	Plymouth	6 ad. + 1 yg.	J.Heywood#	
Purple Martin:				
7,11-25	Millis, P.I.	1 m., 150 max. (5/18)	B.Cassie, v.o.	
22,25	S.Dartmouth, Wellesley	1, 1 f.	R.Maker, R.Forster	
Tree Swallow:				
11-22,12	P.I., Quincy	600 max.(5/18), 35	v.o., SSBC	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow:				
thr.	Mt.A., Lynnfield	2, 4-6	v.o.	
4-16,18	Manchester, P'town	9 max.(5/4), 10	BBC, P.Trimble	
Bank Swallow:				
4-14,13	Manchester, Rowley	3, 4	BBC, R.Alexander#	
18-25,18	P.I., Provincetown	100 max.(5/18), 3	v.o., P.Trimble	
24-27,26	M.V., Plymouth	30 total, 6	BBC	
Cliff Swallow:				
11-22,12	P.I., Gloucester	21 max.(5/22), 15	v.o., BBC	
18,19	Essex, Marshfield	4, 3	BBC	
Barn Swallow:				
12,18	Gloucester, Rowley	75, 60	BBC	
19,26	S.Monomoy, Plymouth	20, 20	R.Prescott#, BBC	
Fish Crow:				
thr., 1	Mt.A., Gloucester	2-4, 3	v.o., R.Heil	
18,19	Milton, Wayland	2, 4	SSBC, R.Forster	
19,27	Provincetown, Norwell	2, 3	B.Nikula, W.Petersen	
Jackdaw:				
thr.	Nantucket	1	E.Andrews#	
Red-breasted Nuthatch:				
thr., 11	Boxford, Hamilton	2 pr., 2-3	v.o., J.Berry	
25,26	Newbypt, Hardwick	1 pr. nesting, 6	BBC, S.Carroll#	
29	Scituate	1	W.Petersen	
Brown Creeper:				
5	Dover, Saugus	2, 8	E.Taylor, BBC	
11-21,12	Bridgewater, Boxford	1, pr.nesting	K.Holmes, W.Petersen#	
18-25,27	Milton, Pembroke	3, 3	G.d'Entremont, W.Petersen	
Carolina Wren:				
4,5	Bridgewater, Falmouth	1, 12	W.Petersen, P.Trimble	
8,14	Holliston, S.Dartmouth	1, 4	R.Hildreth, R.Maker	
24-27, 26	M.V., Acoaxet	2, 11	BBC, J.Marshall	
House Wren:				
1-27,2	20 loc., Millis	44 total, 10	v.o., B.Cassie	
Winter Wren:				
4-14,20	Manchester, Hopedale	1, 1	BBC, K.Holmes	
Marsh Wren:				
7,14	Lakeville, Lynnfield	2, 5	D.Briggs, BBC	
24,25	Needham, P.I.	6, 10	J.Marshall, BBC	
27	Hanover-Norwell	55 m. singing	W.Petersen#	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet:				
1-19,2-19	Mt.A., P.I.	12 max.(5/6),20 max.(5/2)	v.o.	
16	Manchester	3	BBC	



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Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:				
1,1-7	Truro, Provincetown	5, 8 max. (5/7)	B.Nikula	
1-26,12-19	10 loc., Boxford	21 total, 3 pr.	v.o.	
19	Lancaster	5	BBC	
Eastern Bluebird:				
1,5	Boxford, Middleboro	1 pr., 1 pr.	v.o., R.Turner	
8,18,19	Holliston,Sherborn,Hardwick	2, 1 pr., 8	R.Hildreth,E.Taylor,M.Lynch#	
21,24-27	Mt.A., M.V.	1, 2	R.Forster, BBC	
Veery:				
7-28,8	Mt.A.,Bridgewater	1-5, 2	v.o., D.Briggs	
13,17	MNWS, P.I.	5, 2	BBC, D.Davis	
Gray-cheeked Thrush:				
8,22	Newton, Newbypt	1, 1	O.Komar, BBC	
22,27-28	M.V., Mt.A.	1, 2	V.Laux#, v.o.	
Swainson's Thrush:				
7-31,8	Mt.A., Newton	11 max.(5/21), 1	v.o., O.Komar	
11-27,22	7 loc., Newbypt	9 total, 3	v.o., BBC	
Hermit Thrush:				
1-20,5	Mt.A., Falmouth	8 total, 3	v.o., P.Trimble	
13,20,26	Ipswich, MNWS, Hardwick	2 m., 2, 6	J.Berry, D.Brown#, S.Carroll#	
Wood Thrush:				
1-30, 1	Mt.A., Brookline	6 max.(5/10), 1	v.o., H.Wiggin	
13,18	MNWS, Milton	8, 25	BBC, G.d'Entremont#	
24-27,26	M.V., Acoaxet	10, 8	BBC, J.Marshall	
Gray Catbird:				
2-31,2-18	Mt.A., P.I.	18 max.(5/21), 50 max.(5/18)	v.o.	
12,18	Gloucester, Quincy	35, 20	BBC, SSBC	
Brown Thrasher:				
5,6-26	Saugus, Mt.A.	3, 3 max. (5/25)	BBC, v.o.	
11-22,13	P.I., MNWS	6 max.(5/18), 4	v.o., BBC	
Cedar Waxwing:				
10,11	Brookline, P.I.	8, 10	R.Stymeist, BBC	
12-29,25	Mt.A., W.Newbury	40 max.(5/24),60	v.o., BBC	
25,31	Wellesley, Dedham	48, 30	R.Forster, J.Marshall	
White-eyed Vireo:				
5-30, 9-14	12 loc., Mt.A.	13 total, 2 total	v.o.	
18,20	Quincy, Milton	2, 2	SSBC, R.Vernon#	
26	Acoaxet	4	J.Marshall	
Solitary Vireo:				
1-20, 1-14	Mt.A., MNWS	7 max.(5/10), 12 max.(5/7)	v.o., J.Smith	
5, 9	Falmouth, Newton	2, 2	P.Trimble, O.Komar	
Yellow-throated Vireo:				
9,11	Mt.A., Newbypt	1, 1	v.o., BBC	
12-24	8 loc.	11 singles	v.o.	
Warbling Vireo:				
1,7	Boxford, Belmont	6, 5	W.Drummond, L.Taylor	
12-20,25	Mt.A., W.Newbury	3 max.(5/14), 3	v.o., W.Petersen#	
Philadelphia Vireo:				
14	P.I., Gloucester	1, 1	R.Forster, C.Leahy	
20,24	MNWS, P.I.	1, 1	G.d'Entremont#, I.Girunas	
27,29	Medfield, Mt.A.	1 m., 1 m.	B.Cassie, D.Arvidson#	
Red-eyed Vireo:				
10-31, 10	Mt.A., Middleboro	15 max.(5/14), 4	v.o., D.Briggs	
18, 24-27	Milton, M.V.	6, 24 total	SSBC, BBC	

#### WARBLERS

The spring warbler watchers at Mt. Auburn Cemetery had little to complain about this May with eleven days of southwesterly winds and two days with southeast winds. May 10 was thought to be the best day at Mt. Auburn in many years by veteran observers. On that day, twenty-five species of warblers were seen, and they were in evidence everywhere you turned within the cemetery. The wave movement continued this way most of the month, and the only complaints were about the lack of southern warblers reported as compared with last year's migration. The other complaint was the perennial favorite - "too many leaves." Other highlights of the migration had to be May 1 and May 7 at Marblehead where an estimated 600 Yellow-rumped Warblers invaded Marblehead Neck. And in Brookline, eighteen species of warblers visited a birdbath including Orange-crowned and Yellow-throated!

Blue-winged Warblers outnumbered Golden-winged as usual, and only two hybrids - both Brewster's - were reported. Mt. Auburn watchers reported it was a good year for Nashville, Northern Parula, and Black-throated Blue and especially good for Blackburnian and Bay-breasted warblers. It was a poor year on the whole for southern warblers, and

Canada and especially Wilson's were not easy to come by. The more unusual and sought-after warblers, of which there were few, included three Orange-crowned, four Yellow-throated, four Cerulean, five Prothonotary, thirteen Worm-eating, seven Kentucky, and four Hooded.

A Kentucky Warbler at Fowl Meadow returned to the exact location for the third year and sang constantly all month, but there was no evidence of a second bird. At least nineteen Mourning Warblers were recorded after May 22 with four each at Plum Island and at Mt. Auburn. R.H.S.

Blue-winged Warbler:

1,2	Cambridge, Millis	1, 1	P.Pratt#, B.Cassie
5	Stoneham, W.Newbury	1, 2	M.Martinek, P.W.Smith
6-14,11-30	Mt.A., W.Newbury	max. 4 (5/6), max. 12 (5/11)	v.o., R.Stymeist#+v.o.
11,12,13	Holliston, Oxbow NWR, Hopkinton	3, 8, 2	R.Hildreth, M.Lynch#, G.Gove
17,18	Bridgewater, Brewster	2, 2	K.Holmes, B.Nikula
19,25	Sherborn, F.M.(Milton)	2,6	E.Taylor, R.Stymeist

Golden-winged Warbler:

10,11	Mt.A., Wellesley	1, 2	v.o., K.Winkler
11-23	W.Newbury	max. 3 (5/11)	v.o.
12, 18	Ipswich (2 loc.)	1, 1-2	J.Berry

"Brewster's" Warbler:

8,13	Holliston, Mt.A.	1, 1	R.Hildreth, R.Stymeist#+v.o.
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Tennessee Warbler:

7-31	Mt.A.	max. 35 (5/14,5/20)	v.o.
7	Middleboro, Bridgewater	1, 1	D.Briggs, K.Holmes
12,13,14	Milton, MNWS, Waltham	10, 8-12, 6	S.Higginbotham, BBC, L.Taylor
14,17	Brookline, Worcester	4, 5	H.Wiggin, M.Lynch#

Orange-crowned Warbler:

9,14,24	Millis, Brookline, M.V.	1, 1, 1	B.Cassie, H.Wiggin, BBC
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Nashville Warbler:

1-20	Mt.A.	max. 12 (5/7)	R.Stymeist# + v.o.
1	E.P.(Gloucester), Wollaston	4, 1	R.Heil, S.Higginbotham
5,8	W.Newbury, Newton	3, 4	P.W.Smith, O.Komar
Many reports of one or two individuals from May 8-20.			
25,27	Milton, Annisquam	1, 1	G.d'Entremont, H.Wiggin

Northern Parula:

1-30,1-14	Mt.A., MNWS	max. 16(5/12), max. 45 (5/7)	v.o., J.Smith
1,2	Brookline, Needham	1, 2	J.Paputseanos, J.Marshall
7;9	Waltham, Nant.; Brookfield	11, 2; 11	L.Taylor, E.Andrews; M.Lynch#
11	Hamilton, Newbypt	10+, 10	J.Berry, BBC(G.d'Entremont)
12,16	Gloucester, Manchester	18, 7	BBC(J.Nove), BBC(G.Hotz)

Yellow Warbler:

thr.	Mt.A., P.I.	1-4 daily, max.60 (5/18)	v.o., W.Drummond# + v.o.
5,12	Middleboro, E.P.(Glouc.)	60+, 25	D.Briggs, J.Nove#
13,18	MNWS, F.M.(Milton)	10-15, 20	M.Kasprzyk, P.O'Neill
24-27,26	M.V., Acoaxet	32, 37	J.Barton#, J.Marshall

Chestnut-sided Warbler:

4-27	Mt.A.	max. 5 (5/7)	v.o.
4,5	Manchester, Stoneham	2, 1	BBC, M.Martinek
7	Bridgewater area, Waltham	3, 2	K.Holmes, L.Taylor
11;12	Newbypt; E.P.(Glouc.), Oxbow	7; 3, 5	BBC; BBC, M.Lynch#
13,18	MNWS, W.Newbury	7, 10	M.Kasprzyk#, W.Drummond#

Magnolia Warbler:

5	Nantucket, Nahant	1, 1	E.Andrews, F.Hamlen
5-28	Mt.A.	max. 10 (5/20)	v.o.
7	Needham, Waltham	1, 7	J.Marshall, L.Taylor
13;18,22	MNWS; P.I.	7; 6, 4	M.Kasprzyk#; BBC
Many other reports of one or two individuals from many locations.			

Cape May Warbler:

2, 6	Boxford, Middleboro	1, 1	W.Drummond, D.Briggs
7,7-20	Bridgewater, Mt.A.	1, 12 ind.	K.Holmes, v.o.
9,11	Newton, Newbypt	1, 2	O.Komar, BBC
12,14	Gloucester, Stoneham	2, 1	J.Nove, M.Martinek
14,22	Newbypt, Nantucket	1, 1	J.Grugan, E.Andrews

Black-throated Blue Warbler:

1	Brookline, Wollaston	1, 1	J.Paputseanos, S.Higginbotham
5-24, 5	Mt.A., Marshfield	max.7(5/12), 1	v.o., D.Clapp
7,8	Lakeville, Newton	1, 1	K.Holmes, O.Komar
11,13	Newbypt, MNWS	10, 6	BBC, M.Kasprzyk#
30	Waltham	1	L.Taylor

Many other reports of 1-3 individuals from many areas.

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**Yellow-rumped Warbler:**

1-23, 1      Mt.A., MNWS      max. 75 (5/12), 600+      v.o., J.Smith  
 1, 5      Brookline, Nahant      20, 100      J.Paputseanos, F.Hamlen  
 11,13,19      P.I., MNWS, P'town      35, 12-15, 30      BBC, BBC, P.Trimble

Other reports of 5-15 birds between May 1 and 15 from many locations.

**Black-throated Green Warbler:**

1-27, 1-14      Mt.A., MNWS      max. 10 (5/7), max. 25 (5/7)      v.o., J.Smith  
 2      Nantucket, Saugus      1, 1      E.Andrews, C.Jackson  
 11,18;19      P.I. area; P'town      5, 6; 12      BBC; P.Trimble  
 19,27      Lancaster, Annisquam      1, 1      M.Lynch#, H.Wiggin#

**Blackburnian Warbler:**

6-28, 7-24      Mt.A., Nant.      max. 6 (5/14 + 5/24), 3      v.o., E.Andrews  
 7,19      Waltham, P'town      3, 10      L.Taylor, P.Trimble

Other reports of one or two individuals from many locations.

**Yellow-throated Warbler:**

1,2      Nantucket, Saugus      1, 1      E.Andrews, C.Jackson  
 9,16      Brookfield, Brookline      1, 1      M.Lynch#, H.Wiggin

**Pine Warbler:**

thr.      E.Middleboro, Concord      2, 1-2      K.Anderson, C.Floyd# + v.o.  
 thr.      Oxbow NWR      max. 7 (5/12)      M.Lynch + S.Carroll  
 18,19      Ipswich, Boxford      1, 1      J.Berry, R.Stymeist#  
 19,25      Lancaster, W.Newbury      2, 1      S.Carroll#, BBC

**Prairie Warbler:**

5      Nahant, Saugus, Milton      1, 5, 1      F.Hamlen, C.Jackson, J.Paputseanos  
 7-12,7      Mt.A., Halifax      4 ind., 1      v.o., K. Holmes  
 11,13,18      W.Newbury, MNWS, Milton      3, 2, 3      BBC, BBC, SSBC

Other reports of one or two individuals from many areas.

**Palm Warbler:**

1-10      Mt.A.      max. 5 (5/1-4)      v.o.  
 5,8,9      Nahant, Newton, P.I.      1, 1, 1      F.Hamlen, O.Komar, M.McClellan

**Bay-breasted Warbler:**

7,7-31      Bridgewater, Mt.A.      1, max. 18 (5/14,5/20)      K.Holmes, v.o.  
 8,11      Middleboro, Dedham      1, 3      D.Briggs, J.Marshall  
 17+20,26      Waltham, Acoaxet      4 + 7, 2      L.Taylor, J.Marshall

Other reports of one or two individuals from many areas.

**Blackpoll Warbler:**

12-31,13      Mt.A., MNWS      max. 25+ (5/24), 4      v.o., BBC  
 13,18      Bridgewater, P.I.      1, 1      K.Holmes, BBC  
 19,26      P'town, Acoaxet      8, 18      P.Trimble, J.Marshall

**Cerulean Warbler:**

1, 4-5      Norfolk, Mt.A.      1 m., 1 f.      B.Cassie#, B.+ W.Drummond#+v.o.  
 6      Nantucket, Littleton      1 m., 1 m.      E.Andrews, J.Baird

**Black-and-white Warbler:**

1-26;2      Mt.A.; Bridgewater, P.I.      max.20(5/10); 1, 1      v.o., K.Holmes, J.Grugan  
 5      Saugus, Falmouth      4, 10      C.Jackson, P.Trimble  
 7,8      Waltham, Newton      13, 10      L.Taylor, O.Komar  
 12,13      E.P.(Gloucester), MNWS      6, 20+      BBC, BBC

Other reports of 1-5 individuals from many areas.

**American Redstart:**

7,7-31      Middleboro, Mt.A.      1, max. 25 (5/20)      K.Holmes, v.o.  
 11,12,13      Newbypt, Gloucester, MNWS      5, 2, 15-20      BBC  
 18,19,20      P.I., P'town, Waltham      10, 10, 12      BBC, P.Trimble, L.Taylor  
 26,27,28      Acoaxet, SRV, P'town      14, 28, 20      J.Marshall,R.Forster,B.Nikula

**Prothonotary Warbler:**

14-16,17-19      Mt.A., P'town      1, 1-2      D.Lange#+v.o., P.Trimble#+v.o.  
 18,21      Nahant, Topsfield      1, 1      C.Leahy, F.+ M.McClellan

**Worm-eating Warbler:**

5,7-8      Mt.A., Bridgewater      1, 1      H.D'Entremont# + v.o., K.Holmes + v.o.  
 8+15,11      Medfield, P'town      1, 1      E.Taylor, W.+ P.Bailey#  
 12,18      Boxford, Dover      1, 1      W.Petersen#, P.Hallowell#  
 18,22      Lakeville, Melrose      1, 1      K.Holmes, C.Jackson  
 25      Millis, Blue Hills      1, 3-4      B.Cassie, G.d'Entremont

**Ovenbird:**

1-28,1-14      Mt.A., MNWS      max. 10 (5/10), max. 25 (5/7)      v.o. J.Smith  
 4+7      Bridgewater-Middleboro      4, 12      K.Holmes  
 18,20      F.M.(Milton), Waltham      12, 6      P.O'Neil#, L.Taylor  
 26      Petersham-Dana      14      M.Lynch + S.Carroll

Other reports of 1-4 individuals from many locations.

**Northern Waterthrush:**

1-20,13,18      Mt.A., MNWS, P.I.      1-3 daily, 6-8, 2      v.o.; BBC, BBC

**Louisiana Waterthrush:**

1-25,1      Milton, MNWS      1 (from 4/21), 2      G.d'Entremont, J.Smith  
 2,4,15      Mt.A.      1, 1, 1      R.Forster#, O.Komar#, D.Arvidson#

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Louisiana Waterthrush (continued):				
4,19	Boxford State Forest	6, 3	R.Stymeist# + v.o.	
18,21	Medfield, Lincoln	1, pr.(nest + eggs)	B.Cassie#, V.Turner	
Kentucky Warbler:				
5,6-31	Mt.A., F.M.(Milton)	1, 1 m. ph.	D.Taylor, R.Vernon# + v.o.	
8-9;11	Newton; WBWS, MNWS	1; 1 b., 1	O.Komar; J.Fisk, J.Smith	
10,21	Mt.A., Westford	1, 1	M.Lynch#, R.Emmet	
Mourning Warbler:				
22,23	Millis, Brookline	1, 1	B.Cassie, B.Hallett	
24,25	P.I., Wayland	4, 1	I.Giriuinas, R.Walton	
25,27-31	Milton, Mt.A.	1, max. 4 (5/27)	G.d'Entremont, R.Stymeist#+v.o.	
27	P.I., W.Newbury	1, 1	R.Campbell#, G.d'Entremont#	
28,30	WBWS, Ipswich	1, 1	D.Rynolds#, J.Berry	
30;31	Nahant; Milton, Manchester	1;1,1	L.Pivachek;J.Paputseanos,H.Weissberg	
Common Yellowthroat:				
5-28,11	Mt.A., Newbypt	max. 9 (5/24), 15	v.o., BBC	
12,13	Gloucester, MNWS	18, 16-20	BBC	
16,19	Manchester, P'town	15, 15	BBC, P.Trimble	
19,22	Marshfield, P.I.	10, 20	BBC	
24-27, 26	M.V., Acoaxet	40, 19	BBC, J.Marshall	
Hooded Warbler:				
1,9-11	MNWS, Mt.A.	1, 1 f.	J.Smith, E.Taylor# + v.o.	
10-11,23	Brookline, Cambridge	1, 1 m.	R.Hamburger#+v.o., D.Arvidson	
Wilson's Warbler:				
9	Bridgewater, W.Newbury	1, 1	K.Holmes, D.Arvidson#	
10,12	Middleboro, Newbypt	1, 1	D.Briggs, D.Alexander#	
12-20,13	Mt.A., MNWS	max. 3 (5/20), 8	v.o., BBC	
A poor flight - reports of one or two individuals from many areas.				
Canada Warbler:				
10-30, 11	Mt.A., Middleboro	max. 7 (5/20), 1	v.o., D.Briggs	
13,28	MNWS, Nantucket	2, 1 b.	BBC, E.Andrews	
A poor flight - reports of single individuals from 14 locations.				
<u>TANAGERS THROUGH EVENING GROSBEAK</u>				
Five Summer Tanagers were reported. This is down from seven last year and thirteen in 1983. It was also a slow year for Blue Grosbeak with just three noted, compared to seven of last May. A Clay-colored Sparrow at Marblehead Neck was the sixth spring record for this species. An excellent flight of both White-throated and White-crowned Sparrows occurred May 7. On the flip side, there was a very poor flight of Lincoln's Sparrow with only five birds reported all month.				
Orchard Orioles continue to be reported in increasing numbers throughout our area. Rare after March, a Snow Bunting on May 5 provided one of the few May reports. Pine Siskins, probably nesting, continued in fair numbers in the Quabbin area, where four Red Crossbills were seen as late as May 26. R.H.S.				
Summer Tanager:				
4,18-19	P'town, Nahant	1 ph., 1	R.Everett, R.Stymeist#	
16-17,19-21	Mt.A., Nantucket	1 m. ph., 1 m.	BBC, D.Holt# + v.o.	
7	E.P. (Gloucester)	1 f.	R.Heil	
Scarlet Tanager:				
4,7	Wayland, Nant.	1, 1	R.Forster, E.Andrews	
5-31,17	Mt.A., Middleboro	max. 6 (5/16), 4	v.o., K.Holmes	
18,19	Milton, Sherborn	6, 8	SSBC, E.Taylor	
24-27,25	M.V., Newbypt	5, 8	BBC	
Northern Cardinal:				
24-27	M.V.	34	BBC	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak:				
5	GMNWR, Nant.	1, 2	G.Gove#, E.Andrews#	
7-31,12	Mt.A., Newbypt	max. 20 (5/14), 6	v.o., R.Emery#	
19	Lancaster	4	BBC	
Blue Grosbeak:				
12,14	P.I., MNWS	1, 1+	F.Bouchard#, J.Smith	
21	Mt.A.	1	BBC	
Indigo Bunting:				
2	Brookline, Millis	1, 1	H.Wiggin, B.Cassie	
8-31,6-8	Mt.A., Nant.	max. 4, 2	v.o., E.Andrews#	
18,25	Milton, Newbypt-W.Newbury	3, 10	SSBC, BBC	
Rufous-sided Towhee:				
1,5	Brookline, Saugus	1, 7	J.Paputseanos, BBC	
18,19	P.I., Marshfield	16, 6	BBC	
24-27	M.V.	115	BBC	

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Chipping Sparrow:				
5-31, 5	Mt.A., Saugus	max. 15 (5/8), 2	v.o., BBC	
16,18	Manchester, Rowley	5,16	BBC, W.Drummond#	
Clay-colored Sparrow:				
13	MNWS	1	J.Smith + v.o.	
Field Sparrow:				
7,17	Burlington, Falmouth	3-4, 3	J.Berry, P.Trimble	
24-27	M.V.	3	BBC	
Vesper Sparrow:				
18,24-27	Eastham, M.V.	3, 1	P.Trimble, BBC	
Savannah Sparrow:				
8,18	Holliston, P.I.	12, 10	R.Hildreth, BBC	
24-27	M.V.	40	BBC	
Grasshopper Sparrow:				
13,17	Concord, Falmouth	1, 5	J.Carter, P.Trimble	
24-27,26	M.V., Naushon I.	7, 1	BBC(J.Barton), P.Hallowell	
Sharp-tailed Sparrow:				
5,11-25	GMNWR, P.I.	1, max. 5 (5/25)	R.Walton, v.o.	
19,24-27	E.Orleans, M.V.	8, 6	A.Williams, BBC	
Lincoln's Sparrow:				
7,11	Waltham, Newbypt	1, 1	L.Taylor, BBC	
11,14	Mt.A.	1, 2	M.Lynch#, D.Lange	
Swamp Sparrow:				
2,8	P.I., Lynnfield	15, 8	J.Grugan, J.Berry	
19	Lancaster	5	BBC	
White-throated Sparrow:				
1-14,2	MNWS, Mt.A.	max. 400+ (5/7), 250+	J.Smith, F.Bouchard#	
2,7	E.P.(Gloucester)	400, 400+	R.Heil	
2-12	P'town	max. 350 (5/7)	B.Nikula	
White-crowned Sparrow:				
4	Mt.A., P.I.	1-3, 1	BBC, M.Argue#	
6-9, 7	Hopkinton, Marblehead	3, 30	J.Gordon, J.Smith	
7	Burlington, E.P.(Glouc.)	8-10, 10	J.Berry, R.Heil	
6-20	1-2 individuals	18 loc.	v.o.	
Dark-eyed Junco:				
18,20	Essex, Boxford	1, 1	BBC, G.d'Entremont#	
<u>Snow Bunting:</u>				
5	N.Monomoy	1	B.Nikula	
Bobolink:				
2,5	Millis, Middleboro	small flock, 3	B.Cassie, D.Briggs	
14,15	Waltham, Lincoln	90+, 80+	L.Taylor, J.Carter	
18,25	Wayland, W.Newbury	150, 30	R.Forster, BBC	
Eastern Meadowlark:				
11,18	Newbypt, W.Newbury	3, 16	BBC	
29	Lincoln	1 fledgling	J.Carter	
Rusty Blackbird:				
4	Wayland	2	R.Forster	
Orchard Oriole:				
4-31	Wayland	1 ad. m. + 1 f. (5/16)	R.Forster	
11,15-16	Mt.A., Norwell	2, 1 (15)	H.Wiggin, B.Litchfield	
	One or two individuals from 12-14 locations.			
Northern Oriole:				
thr.	Mt.A.	max. 12 (5/20)	v.o.	
5	GMNWR, Nant.	1, 3	G.Gove#, E.Andrews#	
18,22	Milton, P.I.-Newbypt	18, 20	SSBC, BBC	
Purple Finch:				
1,4-16	Milton, Manchester	1, 3	S.Higginbotham, BBC	
19	P'town	8	P.Trimble	
House Finch:				
4,13	Manchester, MNWS	22, 15-20	BBC	
Red Crossbill:				
26	Quabbin (Gate 40)	4	M.Lynch + S.Carroll	
Pine Siskin:				
5,8;14	P'town; Lincoln	1, 1; 1	B.Nikula; W.Harrington	
19,26	Quabbin (Gate 40)	8, 10	M.Lynch, S.Carroll	
American Goldfinch:				
thr.,12,18	Mt.A., Ipswich, P.I.	16-20, 7, 60	v.o., J.Berry, BBC	
Evening Grosbeak:				
1-8	Middleboro	max. 12 (5/1)	D.Briggs	
1,22	Truro, M.V.	3, 1	B.Nikula, V.Laux#	

CORRIGENDUM to FEBRUARY 1985 FIELD RECORDS. The 1000 Common Goldeneye reported from E. Orleans by A. Williams on February 3 should read: 1000 Common Eider.

ADDENDA TO MAY 1985 RECORDS: omitted from the end of RAILS THROUGH ALCIDS on page 214.

Roseate Tern:			
5,11,17	Marion, P.I., Mashpee	50, 1, 15	R.Forster,H.Wiggin,P.Trimble
18;26	N.Monomoy,Plymouth;Plym.	2, 1; 14	BBC, SSBC; BBC
Common Tern:			
18;19	N.Monomoy;Plymouth,S.Mon.	500; 500, 24	BBC
5,18,24-27	Marion, P.I., M.V.	150, 16, 130	R.Forster#, BBC, BBC
Arctic Tern:			
18-26,18	Plymouth, N.Monomoy	max.10, 3	v.o., BBC
Forster's Tern:			
26	N.Monomoy	1 sub-ad.(details)	B.Nikula#
Least Tern			
11,19	P.I., Ipswich	2, 9	BBC, J.Berry
19,26	S.Monomoy, Plymouth	12, 30	BBC
17,18,24-27	Mashpee, Scituate, M.V.	25, 10, 55	P.Trimble, SSBC, BBC
Black Tern:			
19,22	S.Monomoy, M.V.	2, 1	BBC, V.Laux#
Black Skimmer:			
11	N.Monomoy	2	R.Humphrey#
Razorbill:			
31	Stellwagen	1	W.Petersen
Black Guillemot:			
4,12	N.Scituate, Gloucester	1, 1	G.d'Entremont#, BBC

#### MILEAGE CHART FOR PLUM ISLAND

Plum Island is a stretch of land roughly eight miles in length that must be traveled at a very modest speed by car. To assist those birders who enjoy hiking the distance and those who scurry back and forth on the island by vehicle to chase the bird of the day, to maneuver between "getting on the island early" and "catching the tide in the harbor," or to meet and pick up friends who decide to "just walk along the road birding until you come back," here is a convenient summary chart of distances along the island (omitted from R. A. Forster's "Birding Plum Island" in BOEM 13: 116, June 1985) to help you plan your time.

Miles from Rolfe's Lane to -		Miles from PRNWR entrance to -	
Sportsman's Lodge	0.1	Parking Lot 1 (rest rooms)	0.1
Plum Island Airport	0.5	Parking Lot 2	0.7
The Pink House	1.0	Salt Panne	1.0
Plumbush	1.3	Kettle Hole and Lot 3	1.3
Turnoff to PRNWR	2.0	The Warden's	2.4
		New Pines	2.8
(going south)		Hellcat and Lot 4	3.6
PRNWR entrance gate	2.5	Camp Sea Haven	4.0
		Old Pines and Lot 5	4.3
(going north)		Cross Farm Hill	5.5
Church on North End	2.7	Parking Lot 6	5.7
Headquarters on North End	3.5	Stage Island Pool (Lot 7)	6.3
		State Reservation Lot	6.5