



White-faced Storm-Petrel
Hydrographer Canyon
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Photo by Richard Bowen

Field Records

September 1985

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September 1985 was a little on the warm side and slightly dry, but the weather highlight was Hurricane Gloria's visit on the twenty-seventh. The temperature averaged 65.4°, 0.8° above normal and 3.4° warmer than a year ago. The high mark was 90° on the fourth and the low was 45° on the thirteenth, which tied the record low for that date set in 1945. Rain totaled 3.00 inches, 0.41 inch less than normal. The two hurricanes of the month left just small amounts of rain. The month's first tropical storm was Henri, which produced no notable winds and only 0.14 inch of rain in Boston on September 24. Hurricane Gloria did little better in bringing rain (only 0.28 inch resulted) but unfortunately, did bring seriously damaging winds. The 76 mph wind gust was the highest recorded at Boston since the blizzard of February 6, 1978, which had gusts to 79 mph. Gloria's rampage affected mostly trees and utility lines, with clean-up and repairs still underway at the end of the month.

LOONS THROUGH CORMORANTS

Hurricanes such as Gloria arouse keen hopes in birdwatchers of a storm-driven vagrant or great numbers of pelagic birds. Birders all over the state planned pre-dawn trips to the coast in anticipation of rarities, but the storm's potential, much publicized in the media all week, never fully developed. Gloria was indeed a strong hurricane, but its aftereffects were not lasting as far as the birds were concerned. During the storm, those able to get out saw some fancy southern species. These storms are a regular feature of the western North Atlantic during the late summer and early fall, usually passing offshore giving Massachusetts a northeast gale, but on some memorable occasions the centers have struck New England, notably in 1938, 1944, 1954 and 1960. These storms brought numbers of vagrants such as Sooty, Bridled, Sandwich, Royal and Gull-billed terns; Brown Pelicans and tropicbirds. Also landbirds from the South may appear as a result of reverse migration (blowback).

Gloria peaked just after noontime here in Massachusetts, and by early afternoon, hundreds of Leach's Storm-Petrels were seen at Cackle Cove in Chatham where an adult White-tailed Tropicbird was carefully observed, apparently flying backwards. The bird was headed south, but being blown northeastward by the wind. (See Blair Nikula's report of this sighting elsewhere in this issue.) The center of Gloria passed through central Connecticut, and Fran McMenemy was stationed at Wachusett Reservoir in Clinton where he observed a Northern Fulmar and three Leach's Storm-Petrels; another inland record was of a single Leach's Storm-Petrel in Littleton.

The day after Gloria, nearly a hundred birders were lined up at First Encounter Beach in Eastham before sunrise to a much diminished wind and a low tide. Just a few Leach's Storm-Petrels and three Black Skimmers were seen, dashing the hopes of most everyone present for great numbers of rarities. Some compensation was afforded by the sight of a competition between two Peregrines, with the winning falcon settling down on the beach to mantle and consume its kill.

The day was not a total loss for some lucky individuals. An immature White-tailed Tropicbird was found exhausted sitting on the soccer field of the Governor Dummer Academy in South Byfield. A member of the academy faculty took the bird home and cared for it for two weeks before escorting it on the plane (at the expense of the Governor Dummer Academy) to Bermuda for release. (See elsewhere in this issue for full details.) Several birders viewed this bird at the Abusamras' home, every one of them wishing that they had found it in the field. Another storm-related specialty was an immature (or two or three) Brown Pelican. The bird was first seen (and photographed) at Norton's Point (near Katama) on Martha's Vineyard by six observers. Later that afternoon, this bird (or another) was seen from the Nantucket ferry as it entered Nantucket Harbor at 5:45 P.M. The bird was observed flying down along Coatue Beach directly behind the ferry and then south to Nantucket Sound. On September 29 (the next day) an

immature landed on the fishing boat *Mandy-Ray* on Georges Bank; it was fed by the crew and remained on board until the boat returned to Boston on October 1. The bird was taken to Franklin Park Zoo to recuperate.

The Bird Observer trip to Hydrographer Canyon on September 7 found all the shearwaters including three Audubon's. A White-faced Storm-Petrel was well observed and photographed as it fed in a slick near the boat. At least one Band-rumped Storm-Petrel was carefully studied by observers familiar with this species. As many as twenty Leach's Storm-Petrels were also recorded on this pelagic trip.

Standard September fare included increased numbers of Pied-billed Grebes after September 20, and good numbers of Manx Shearwaters on Stellwagen Bank. R.H.S.

<u>SPECIES/DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OBSERVERS</u>	<u>SEPT. 1985</u>
Common Loon:				
2	Lakeville, Wareham	3, 5	W.Petersen, L.Robinson	
3,29	Barnstable (SN), Lakeville	5, 11	P.Trimble, W.Petersen	
Pied-billed Grebe:				
10,15	GMNWR, N.Dartmouth	1, 1	L.Babineau, K.Holmes	
21	Sandwich, Wareham	1, 1	P.Trimble, L.Robinson	
22,25	S.Monomoy, Nantucket	7, 8	B.Nikula, R.Forster	
Northern Fulmar:				
7,28	Hydrographer Canyon, P'town	2, 1	BOEM, W.Petersen	
27	Clinton (Wachusett Reservoir)	1	F.McMenemy	
Cory's Shearwater:				
2+8,7	Stellwagen, Hydrographer Canyon	1+2, 20	R.Stymeist#+BBC, BOEM	
Greater Shearwater:				
2,8	Stellwagen	85, 150	G.Gove#, BBC	
Sooty Shearwater:				
2,8,22	Stellwagen	35, 40, 5	C.Floyd#, BBC, J.Berry	
Manx Shearwater:				
2,8,22	Stellwagen	45, 75, 3	R.Stymeist#, BBC, J.Berry	
28	P'town	2	W.Petersen#	
Audubon's Shearwater:				
7	Hydrographer Canyon	3	BOEM (W.Petersen)	
Wilson's Storm-Petrel:				
2,8;7	Stellwagen; Hydrographer Canyon	1200+, 2400; 3500	J.Gordon#, BBC; BOEM	
White-faced Storm-Petrel:				
7	Hydrographer Canyon	1 (ph.)	N.Proctor (BOEM trip)	
Band-rumped Storm-Petrel:				
7	Hydrographer Canyon	1	B.Basham (BOEM trip)	
Leach's Storm-Petrel:				
7	Hydrographer Canyon	20	BOEM (W.Petersen)	
27	Chatham (2 locations)	100+, 3+	B.Nikula, P.Trull	
27,28	Littleton, Eastham	1, 3	J.Baird, v.o.	
27	Clinton (Wachusett Reservoir)	3	F.McMenemy	
Northern Gannet:				
8,14	Stellwagen	2, 1	BBC, K.Holmes	
White-tailed Tropicbird: (See details elsewhere in this issue)				
27	Chatham (Cockle Cove)	1 ad.	B.Nikula, P.Trull	
28-30	S.Byfield (Gov. Dummer Acad.)	1 imm. (ph.)	L.+D.Abusamra + v.o.	
Brown Pelican:				
28	M.V. (Norton's Pt.)	1 imm. (ph.)	V.Laux + v.o.	
28	Nantucket (Harbor area 5:45 P.M.)	1 imm.	M.Pakras	
29	Georges Bank (landed on fishing boat)	1 imm.	fide R.Wilson	
Great Cormorant:				
1,8	Newbypt., Boston Harbor	1, 1	J.Berry, J.Cumming	
15,21	Scituate, Lakeville	2, 5 imm.	W.Petersen	
28,29	Rockport, P.I.	2, 1	J.Berry, K.Griffis#	
Double-crested Cormorant:				
8,22	Monomoy, E.Boston (Belle Isle)	2000, 521	B.Nikula, S.Zendeh	

HERONS THROUGH WATERFOWL

Single American Bitterns were reported from five locations and the last Least Bittern of the season was noted on September 9. Snowy Egrets totaled 140 at Duxbury on September 7, which was the maximum number reported for this species all month. Little Blue Herons were noted from eight locations and Tricolored Herons were found in only two places. Hemenway Landing in Eastham was the spot to see good numbers of night-herons all month.

Snow Geese were seen migrating at two locations, and the Brant continued at Plum Island. An amazing 192 Wood Ducks were tallied at Stony Brook Wildlife Sanctuary in Norfolk.

This is the maximum number ever reported from a single location in Massachusetts!

An Eurasian Wigeon was present on Monomoy, where as many as thirty Northern Shovelers were found. Canvasback and other diving ducks were returning and Ring-necked Ducks continued to build up in Lakeville.
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American Bittern:				
2;3,23	Monomoy; Eastham (Hemenway)	1; 1, 1	M.Lynch#; B.Nikula	
7,22,28	P.I.	1, 1, 1	BBC, E.Nielsen, BBC	
10,15,21	Marshfield,Lakeville,Harwich	1, 1, 1	D.Clapp,W.Petersen,P.Trimble	
Least Bittern:				
9	M.V.	1	R.Sargent#	
Great Blue Heron:				
thr.	Saugus-Revere	max. 15 (9/16)	J.Berry	
9,12	M.V., Scituate	15, 12	R.Sargent#, SSBC	
13,18,24	S.Dartmouth	13, 9, 7	LCES	
15,26,28	P.I., Eastham, GMNWR	12, 40, 12	S.Carroll#,R.Forster,F.Bouchard	
Great Egret:				
thr.	Eastham, Monomoy	4+, 2	B.Nikula	
13,18,24	S.Dartmouth	23, 11, 20	LCES	
15,18,22	S.Hanson, P.I., Yarmouthport	1, 4, 1	W.Petersen,R.Forster,J.Alyward	
29	Westport, Rowley	32, 9	W.Petersen#, R.Stymeist#	
Snowy Egret:				
thr.	Saugus-Revere	20+	J.Berry	
1	N.Monomoy, Ipswich	36, 25	J.Cumming, J.Berry	
7	Duxbury Beach	140	SSBC (D.Clapp)	
8:15,28	E.Boston (Belle Isle)	63; 14, 10	S.Zendeh; J.Cumming	
13,18,24;15	S.Dartmouth; P.I.	25, 19, 13; 125	LCES; S.Carroll#	
Little Blue Heron:				
5,7	N.Monomoy, Duxbury	1, 1	B.Nikula, SSBC	
14,15	Essex, Scituate	3, 2 imm.	J.Berry#, W.Petersen	
15,22	N.Dartmouth, Newbypt.	1, 1 imm.	K.Holmes, E.Nielsen	
24,26	S.Dartmouth, Orleans	1, 1 imm.	LCES, R.Forster	
Tricolored Heron:				
1-2,15	Monomoy, Eastham	1, 1	J.Cumming#+v.o., H.Wiggin#	
Cattle Egret:				
1,8	Ipswich (Appleton Farm)	35, 43	J.Berry	
1,2	Essex	12, 31	G.d'Entremont, J.Berry	
28,29	M.V., P.I.	2, 1	V.Laux, R.Stymeist#	
Green-backed Heron:				
22,25	Holliston, Eastham	3, 6	R.Hildreth, R.Forster	
Black-crowned Night-Heron:				
thr.	Yarmouthport	max. 124 (9/28)	J.Aylward	
3,14,23	Eastham (Hemenway)	162, 132, 133	B.Nikula	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron:				
3,14	Eastham (Hemenway)	2, 4	B.Nikula	
7,17	Newbury, Yarmouthport	1 imm., 1	R.Forster, J.Aylward	
19	Nantucket (Eel Pt.)	1 imm.	R.Stymeist#	
Glossy Ibis:				
thr.	Monomoy	max. 12 (9/1)	W.Drummond# + v.o.	
7,27	P.I., S.Dartmouth	1, 2	BBC, LCES	
Mute Swan:				
thr.	Ipswich area, Nantucket	max. 5, max. 59	v.o., R.Stymeist#	
9,12	M.V., E.Gloucester	150, 2	fide S.Whiting, J.Berry	
Snow Goose: (all migrants)				
14,22	Wachusett Mt., Ipswich	50, 18	NEHW+SSBC (K.Ryan), R.Forster	
Brant:				
thr.	P.I.	1	v.o.	
Wood Duck:				
thr.	Quabbin (Gate 40)	max. 21 (9/11)	S.Carroll#	
12	Norfolk (Stony Brook)	192	B.Cassie	
14,15	Bolton/ONWR, S.Hanson	10, 35	M.Lynch#, W.Petersen#	
21,29	Harwich, Nantucket	35, 5	P.Trimble, M.Litchfield	
Green-winged Teal:				
7,28	P.I.	25, 65	BBC, SSBC	
15,22	S.Monomoy	100, 400	B.Nikula	
Mallard:				
2	Lakeville	150	W.Petersen	
Northern Pintail:				
15,22,29	S.Monomoy	20, 20, 35	B.Nikula	
Blue-winged Teal:				
7,9	P.I., M.V.	100, 165	BBC (I.Giriunas), fide V.Laux	

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Blue-winged Teal (cont.):				
15,22,29	S.Monomoy	50, 75, 20	B.Nikula	
23,24	GMNWR, Nantucket	50, 10	R.Forster	
Northern Shoveler:				
7;15,22	P.I.; S.Monomoy	4; 5, 30	BBC (I.Giriunas); B.Nikula	
Gadwall:				
7,15	P.I., Scituate	10, 1	BBC (I.Giriunas), W.Petersen	
15,22,29	S.Monomoy	10, 10, 20	B.Nikula	
Eurasian Wigeon:				
22,29	S.Monomoy	1	B.Nikula	
American Wigeon:				
7,28	P.I.	4, 23	BBC, SSBC	
15,22	S.Monomoy	30, 40+	B.Nikula	
25	Nantucket (Long Pd.)	47	R.Forster	
Canvasback:				
28	Cambridge (Fresh Pd.)	2	F.Bouchard	
Ring-necked Duck:				
2,15	Lakeville	44, 225+	W.Petersen	
15,22	S.Monomoy	4, 7	B.Nikula	
Greater Scaup:				
14;15,21	P.I.; Lakeville	1 f.; 1, 8	G.d'Entremont#; W.Petersen	
25	Nantucket	36	R.Forster	
Lesser Scaup:				
21	Lakeville	1	W.Petersen	
Common Eider:				
7,15	Duxbury Beach, Scituate	65, 40	SSBC, SSBC	
28	S.Dartmouth, Rockport	32, 20	LCES, J.Berry	
Black Scoter:				
2	Wareham	2	L.Robinson	
Surf Scoter:				
2:28	Wareham;P'town,Rockport	1; 18, 3	L.Robinson;M.Lynch#,J.Berry	
Hooded Merganser:				
1,23,29	Newbury,GMNWR,S.Monomoy	3, 1, 2	R.Forster,R.Forster,B.Nikula	
Ruddy Duck:				
15,22,29	S.Monomoy	4, 8, 35	B.Nikula	

RAPTORS

There was a good flight of Osprey this fall observed at Wachusett Mountain with 21 reported on September 1, and a total of 265 recorded by the New England Hawk Watch (NEHW) September 11-15. Six Bald Eagles and two Golden Eagles were recorded in all from that site, and another Bald Eagle was noted from Monomoy. A total of fifteen Cooper's Hawks was reported during the month. Sharp-shinned Hawks at Wachusett Mt. during the five-day NEHW tallied 325, and a count made at South Wellfleet on September 22 totaled 118. Seven Northern Goshawks were recorded at Wachusett. Northwest winds predominated from September 11-15 and resulted in the bulk of the Broad-winged Hawk movement. No massive migration was noted, but the total of 15,613 was considered about normal. The reports suggesting an increase in number of Peregrine Falcons were encouraging - a total of twenty-six sightings. A maximum of five birds was reported on Martha's Vineyard on September 28. There was also a good flight of Merlins noted.

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Turkey Vulture:

1,8	Newbury, Newbypt.	1, 3	R.Forster, R.Boothroyd
11,13	Wachusett Mt.	2, 3	NEHW (P.Roberts)
14,15;22	Ipswich	1, 1; 1	J.Berry; R.Forster
15	Wachusett Mt.,N.Dartmouth	10, 1	M.Lynch#, K.Holmes
16,22	Quabbin (Gate 40), Hardwick	10, 9	M.Lynch#, S.Carroll#
Osprey:			
1,11,12,13,14,15	Wachusett Mt.	21, 38, 21, 17, 9, 20	NEHW (P.Roberts)
5,9	Boston	4, 2	K.Ryan
9,12,15	M.V.,E.Gloucester,Bolton	12, 1, 8	fide V.Laux, J.Berry,NEHW
16-30	Saugus	1-2 (2 on 9/30)	J.Berry
28	7 locations	9 individuals	v.o.
Bald Eagle:			
14	N.Monomoy	1 imm.	v.o.
12,13;14,15	Wachusett Mt.	2, 1; 2, 1	NEHW;SSBC (K.Ryan), BBC (P.Roberts)
Northern Harrier:			
1	Wachusett Mt.	13	P.Roberts
7,13	P.I. area, S.Dartmouth	6, 5	BBC, LCES
12,13,14,15	Wachusett Mt.	4, 5, 5, 4	NEHW
14	Bolton-ONWR	5	BBC (M.Lynch)

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Sharp-shinned Hawk:				
1;11,12,13,14,15	Wachusett Mt.	19; 108, 45, 41, 67, 64	P.Roberts; NEHW	
14	Nantucket (Great Pd.)	46	J.Husted	
15	Bolton, Cuttyhunk, Eastham (1 hr.)	17,8,27	NEHW,P.Trimble,H.Coolidge	
22,25	S.Wellfleet, Nantucket	118, 10	D.Morimoto#, R.Forster	
Cooper's Hawk:				
1;5	Halifax, P.I.; Boston	1 imm., 1; 1	W.Petersen, C.Floyd#; K.Ryan	
11,13;14	Wachusett Mt.; ONWR	2, 1; 1	NEHW; BBC	
14;15	Halifax, Essex; Bolton	1 imm., 1; 1	W.Petersen, G.Gove#; v.o.	
18,21;21	P.I.; Eastham	1 imm., 1; 1	C.Leahy#, BBC; M.Lynch#	
22	Holiston, Wareham	1, 1	R.Hildreth, L.Robinson	
Northern Goshawk:				
1,12	Wachusett Mt.	6, 1	P.Roberts, NEHW	
14,19	Lakeville, Canton	1, 1	K.Holmes, K.Ryan	
16,22	Quabbin (Gate 40)	1, 2	S.Carroll, M.Lynch	
Red-shouldered Hawk:				
11,12,13	Wachusett Mt.	1, 1, 2	NEHW	
22,29	Hardwick, Lakeville	1, 1	M.Lynch#, W.Petersen	
Broad-winged Hawk:				
1	Wachusett Mt.	16	P.Roberts	
14,15	Bolton-ONWR	43, 1725	BBC, NEHW	
11,12,13,14,15	Wachusett Mt.	4842, 4226, 4953, 1104, 448	NEHW (P.Roberts)	
22	S.Wellfleet, Petersham	10, 5	D.Morimoto#, J.Baird	
28	P'town	1	R.Heil#	
Golden Eagle:				
12	Wachusett Mt.	2	NEHW	
American Kestrel:				
1,14	Hanscom AFB,Ipswich-Essex	5, 5	J.Carter, J.Berry	
11,12,13;14,15	Wachusett Mt.	20, 2, 6; 10, 15	NEHW; SSBC (K.Ryan), BBC (P.Roberts)	
15;22	Bolton,S.Monomoy;Petersham	9, 4; 7	NEHW, B.Nikula; J.Baird	
Merlin:				
7	P.I., W.Newbury, Newbypt., Essex	2, 1, 1, 1	R.Forster	
8,9	Stellwagen, Boston	1, 1	BBC, K.Ryan	
14	P.I., Wachusett Mt.	5, 3	W.Petersen, NEHW	
22	S.Wellfleet, P.I.	1, 3	D.Morimoto, E.Nielsen	
24-25	Nantucket	11+	R.Forster	
Peregrine Falcon:				
1	Newbypt., P.I.	1, 1	R.Forster	
4,5,7	Hanscom AFB,Boston,P.I.	1, 1, 1	J.Carter, K.Ryan, J.Cumming	
14	Newbypt.,Dorchester (SE X-Way)	1 imm., 1	W.Petersen	
14,30	N.Monomoy	1, 2	P.Trull	
16,21	Canton, Nantucket (2 locations)	1, 2 ad.	K.Ryan, R.Stymeist#	
22,25	S.Monomoy, Nantucket	2+, 3	B.Nikula, R.Forster	
28	Eastham, M.V.	3, 5+	v.o., V.Laux#	

RAILS THROUGH SKIMMER

Clapper Rails were seen at three locations including three birds seen at high tide at Fort Hill. Among the many reports of Lesser Golden-Plover was one of a flock of thirty birds coming in off the ocean at Scituate and heading west. The four reports of Piping Plover noted only one or two birds each; these birds are in possible trouble due to encroachment by humans and due to consequent increased predation. Killdeer were seen in the usual autumn flocks of thirty to seventy birds. An American Avocet was present at Plum Island for at least four days, where it was photographed. This species has been reported in six of the last thirteen Septembers.

Among the Willets reported this month were four of the western race at Plum Island. There were at least nine to eleven Marbled Godwits seen this month with a maximum of five present at North Monomoy on September 29. The highest September total in the *BOEM* reports since 1973 was of ten birds at Monomoy in 1975. Twenty Western Sandpipers were noted at Orleans and thirty-five White-rumped Sandpipers were seen at North Monomoy. Reports of Baird's Sandpiper continue to be scant with only two birds reported this month. Pectoral Sandpipers were present in good numbers the last two weeks of the month. The first Purple Sandpipers of the winter were noted at North Scituate on September 4. A Curlew Sandpiper, constituting only the third September report in *BOEM* records, was found in a horse pasture in Ipswich on September 21 and was seen by many. The following is excerpted from the details provided by the initial observer:

While (the observer was) looking for a reported Buff-breasted Sandpiper, a shorebird appearing slightly larger than nearby Pectoral Sandpipers was noted. It had a long, decurved bill, long legs, and a relatively long neck. Because of its overall gray appearance, it was first thought to be

an adult Curlew Sandpiper, but a closer look revealed a buff tinge and faint streaking on the upper sides of the breast and a scalloped back, suggesting a juvenile plumage. The bird was observed with a 22x60 telescope for about 40 minutes at a distance varying between 30 and 150 yards. The following details were noted: crown dark gray (gray extending forward to bill); distinct white supercilium, widest behind eye; blackish lores and line behind eye; ear coverts dark gray; bill long (approx. 1.25 times head), black, fairly broad at base, decurved over entire length, and rather pointed at tip; hind-neck gray (lighter than crown). The underside was almost entirely white but with a buff tinge and faint streaking on sides of upper breast. Mantle dark, brownish-gray with wings appearing alightly lighter; fairly distinct whitish-buff edges to feathers on back giving bird a scaly appearance; white rump; tail dark gray; legs long and black (compared to Pectoral Sandpiper).

The observer added that he had previously seen Curlew Sandpiper feeding in a field, most recently in 1984, early September - a juvenile in a flock of about 300 Greater Golden-Plover! (in Europe, of course).

Two immature, or first-year, Sabine's Gulls were seen and photographed on a BBC pelagic trip to Stellwagen Bank. With the increasing numbers of observers and the increasing numbers of whale-watching trips to Stellwagen out of various ports, many more pelagic species are being reported. This is good as it will allow a better estimate of seabird populations and occurrences. However, there are instances of reports of widely differing numbers of birds on the same day. This is probably due to different observers being on different parts of the bank. Stellwagen extends from a few miles north of Provincetown to New Hampshire, so it probably would be helpful if observers would note on which part of the bank - North, Middle, or South - they are on. This information could be obtained from the boat's captain.

Several weeks after the September pelagic trips on which the birds were seen and photographed, two pictures of juvenile Long-tailed Jaegers surfaced. One photo was taken on September 7 over Georges Bank by Rick Cech on the Bird Observer Hydrographer Canyon trip and the other at Stellwagen Bank by Richard Forster on the next day on a BBC pelagic. Neither sighting was called on these trips. The reason for the oversight is very clear if the similarly-plumaged jaeger pictured in Harrison's seabird guide (drawing 201e of plate 55 on page 132) is studied. (See P. Harrison, *Seabirds: An Identification Guide*, 1983, Boston: Houghton Mifflin, pages 132 and 326.) Further details of this confusing plumage stage will be published in a future issue of *Bird Observer*.

Among the birds in this section of the records that were associated with Hurricane Gloria were the following: Parasitic Jaeger (60), jaeger species (75), skua species (1), Caspian Tern (20), Royal Tern (185), Sandwich Tern (75), Forster's Tern (200), and Sooty Tern (3). The skua was thought to be a South Polar Skua based on the apparent uniform dark tan body color. The Sooty Terns were all adults. A Forster's Tern was seen at Lakeville two days after the storm. G.W.G.

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Clapper Rail:				
20,29	N.Monomoy, Newbypt	1, 1	P.Trimble, C.Floyd	
21,25	Eastham	3, 1	M.Lynch#, R.Forster	
Virginia Rail:				
7,14	Newbypt., Lakeville	1, 1	J.Berry, K.Holmes	
15,20	Marshfield, Harwich	2, 3	W.Petersen, P.Trimble	
Sora:				
14,21;21	Halifax; P.I.	1, 2; 2	K.Holmes,W.Petersen;BBC	
26	Truro, Eastham	2, 2	R.Forster	
Common Moorhen:				
23,24	GMNWR, S.Dartmouth	3, 1	R.Forster, LCES	
29	S.Monomoy	1	B.Nikula#	
Black-bellied Plover:				
thr.	N.Monomoy	max. 1600 (9/30)	B.Nikula# + v.o.	
28	P.I., Ipswich	250, 68	SSBC, J.Berry	
Lesser Golden-Plover:				
1,2	Newbypt., Bridgewater	7, 11	R.Forster, W.Petersen	
2,3	M.V., E.Quabbin	25, 3	S.Whiting#, T.Gagnon#	
2,8	Scituate, W.Newbury	30, 5	W.Petersen, L.Robinson	
7,21,22,29	P.I.	2 imm., 10, 4, 1	juv. v.o.	
19,22	Nantucket, Monomoy	15, 9+	R.Stymeist, B.Nikula	
Semipalmated Plover:				
2	Monomoy, Scituate	350+, 250+	S.Carroll#, W.Petersen	
7	P.I., Duxbury	175, 40	BBC, SSBC	
Piping Plover:				
2	Monomoy, Scituate	2, 1	M.Lynch#, W.Petersen	

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Piping Plover (cont.):				
15,29	Cuttyhunk, Nantucket	2, 1	P.Trimble, M.Litchfield	
Killdeer:				
2,7	Bridgewater, Essex	50, 37	W.Petersen, R.Forster	
8	W.Newbury, Ipswich	66, 36	L.Robinson, J.Berry	
28,29	Ipswich, W.Newbury	40+, 62	J.Berry, R.Stymeist	
American Oystercatcher:				
thr.	N.Monomoy	max. 44 (9/8,30)	B.Nikula	
thr.	M.V.	max. 30 (9/29)	V.Laux#	
15,28	Cuttyhunk, Nantucket	6, 17	P.Trimble, E.Andrews	
29	S.Monomoy	24	W.Bailey	
American Avocet:				
5,8	P.I.	1, 1 (ph.)	R.Kaufman, L.Robinson	
Greater Yellowlegs:				
thr.	E.Boston	max. 96 (9/22)	S.Zendeh	
7,14	Duxbury, Essex	45, 5	SSBC, J.Berry	
28	P.I.	60	SSBC	
Lesser Yellowlegs:				
thr., 1	E.Boston, Halifax	max. 12 (9/2), 50	S.Zendeh, K.Anderson	
14,18	Essex, Lincoln	32, 6	J.Berry, J.Carter	
Solitary Sandpiper:				
1,9	Carver, M.V.	5, 12	L.Robinson, fide V.Laux	
18,29	Lincoln, Weston	2, 2	J.Carter, L.Robinson	
	Reports of 1 or 2 individuals from 8 locations throughout September.			
Willet:				
8,14	P.I., N.Monomoy	4 (Western), 5	L.Robinson, H.Coolidge#	
28,29	E.Boston, Westport	1, 1	S.Zendeh, W.Petersen#	
Spotted Sandpiper:				
15	Scituate	5	SSBC	
Upland Sandpiper:				
1,9	Essex, Chatham	1, 2	R.Forster, B.Nikula	
15	Plymouth	1	W.Petersen#	
Whimbrel:				
2,6	N.Monomoy, Nantucket	9, 14	S.Carroll#, N.Waldron	
14,15	P.I., N.Dartmouth	9, 6	G.Gove#, K.Holmes	
28,29	Eastham, P.I.	9, 1	M.Lynch#, J.Berry	
Hudsonian Godwit:				
2-22, 1-22	E.Boston, N.Monomoy	max. 7 (9/8), max. 15 (9/5)	S.Zendeh, B.Nikula	
2,7	M.V., Newbypt.	12, 7	R.Culbert, v.o.	
Marbled Godwit:				
thr.	N.Monomoy	max. 5 (9/29)	v.o.	
14,15;17	S.Monomoy; Orleans	1; 1	v.o., B.Nikula	
28;28-29	M.V.; Nantucket	3; 1	V.Laux#; E.Andrews#	
Ruddy Turnstone:				
2,7	Winthrop, Duxbury	50, 35	J.Cumming, SSBC	
15	Scituate	50	SSBC	
Red Knot:				
2,7	Scituate, Duxbury	200, 45	W.Petersen, SSBC	
7	P.I.	12	J.Berry	
Sanderling:				
7,15	Duxbury, Plymouth	750, 1500+	SSBC, W.Petersen	
thr.	N.Monomoy	max. 1200 (9/14,30)	B.Nikula + v.o.	
29	Nantucket	525	E.Andrews	
Semipalmated Sandpiper:				
2,12	Halifax, E.Gloucester	400, 125	W.Petersen, J.Berry	
17,28	Orleans, P.I.	200, 100	B.Nikula, SSBC	
Western Sandpiper:				
1,14	Scituate, P.I.	2, 4	W.Petersen	
8,17	Squantum, Orleans	3+, 20	G.d'Entremont#, B.Nikula	
29	Westport	5	W.Petersen#	
Least Sandpiper:				
1,thr.	Lincoln, Halifax	21, max. 200 (9/2)	J.Carter, v.o.	
7,15	Duxbury, Scituate	50, 80	SSBC	
White-rumped Sandpiper:				
8,22	N.Monomoy, P.I.	35, 17	B.Nikula, E.Nielsen	
Baird's Sandpiper:				
3;28	Squantum, E.Quabbin; P.I.	1, 1; 1	R.Abrams, T.Gagnon#; SSBC	
Pectoral Sandpiper:				
thr.	Halifax	max. 70 (9/21)	v.o.	
14-28	Ipswich	max. 70 (9/14)	J.Berry#	
22,29	S.Monomoy	80, 60	B.Nikula	

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Purple Sandpiper: 15	N.Scituate	4	SSBC	
Dunlin: 7,28;29	P.I.	1, 150; 200+	BBC, SSBC; J.Berry	
Curlew Sandpiper: 21,22	Ipswich	1 imm. (details)	E.Nielsen + v.o.	
Stilt Sandpiper: 7,18; 9	P.I.; M.V.	1, 1; 1	J.Berry, R.Forster; V.Laux	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper: 14-21,15-21	Ipswich, Nantucket	max. 2 (9/14), 2	v.o., R.Stymeist#	
Short-billed Dowitcher: 2-28,7 28	E.Boston, P.I. Ipswich	max. 14 (9/8), 30 2 (calling)	S.Zendeh, J.Berry J.Berry	
Long-billed Dowitcher: 2-28 14,18 22,28	E.Boston P.I. Ipswich	1-2 40, 50 2, 2 (calling)	S.Zendeh R.Forster R.Forster, J.Berry	
Common Snipe: 14,28	Lancaster, Ipswich	3, 5	SSBC, J.Berry	
American Woodcock: 14	ONWR	4	BBC	
Wilson's Phalarope: 1;22,29	Newbury,P.I.;S.Monomoy	1(same bird); 1,1	R.Forster,G.d'Entremont;B.Nikula#	
Red-necked Phalarope: 1,8,14	P.I., Stell., Plymouth	1, 5, 12	R.Forster, BOEM, K.Holmes	
Red Phalarope: 7,8	Stell., Georges Bank	12, 20+	K.Holmes, BOEM	
Pomarine Jaeger: 7,28	Hydrographer C., Eastham	3, 1	BOEM, S.Carroll#	
Parasitic Jaeger: 2,8,22 7,28 27	Stellwagen Hydrographer C., C.Cod Chatham (2 loc.)	15, 25, 5 10, 10 5, 40+	G.Gove#, BBC, J.Berry BOEM, W.Petersen# B.Nikula, P.Trull	
Long-tailed Jaeger: 7,8	Georges Bank, Stell.	1 imm.(ph), 1 imm.(ph)	R.Cech, R.Forster	
jaeger sp.: 27,28	Chatham, M.V.	40+, 35	B.Nikula#, V.Laux#	
skua sp.: 27	Chatham	1	B.Nikula + P.Trull	
Laughing Gull: 2,14 8-29,23 14,22	N.Monomoy E.Boston, Winthrop Nantucket, Stellwagen	150+, 60 max. 36 (9/29), 75, 10	M.Lynch#, H.Wiggin# 165+ S.Zendeh, J.Cumming M.Litchfield, J.Berry	
Little Gull: 22	Newbypt	3 ad.	R.Forster	
Common Black-headed Gull: 8,15	Boston, Winthrop	1, 1 ad.	M.Lynch#, J.Cumming	
Bonaparte's Gull: 2-11,22	Winthrop, Newbypt.	max. 725 (9/9), 500	J.Cumming, R.Forster	
Lesser Black-backed Gull: 4 18,19 24,25	Annisquam Nantucket Nantucket	1 ad. 1 ad., 2 (sub-ad.) 1 (2W), 1 ad.	H.Wiggin L.Taylor, R.Stymeist R.Forster	
Black-legged Kittiwake: 1,8 22	Barnstable, Stellwagen Stellwagen	3, 25 3 imm.	P.Trimble, BBC J.Berry	
Sabine's Gull: 8	Stellwagen	2 imm. (ph.)	BBC	
Caspian Tern: 8 28 28 28	N.Monomoy M.V., Nantucket N.Monomoy, S.Dartmouth Chatham	1 15, 1 2, 1 1	B.Nikula V.Laux, E.Andrews B.Nikula#, LCES R.Forster	
Royal Tern: 19,27 28 28 29	Nantucket, Chatham M.V., Nantucket Eastham,P'town,N.Monomoy Nantucket	1, 1 150, 20 1, 3, 3 8	R.Stymeist, B.Nikula V.Laux#, S.Perkins v.o. M.Litchfield	
Sandwich Tern: 28 28,29	M.V., Nantucket Chatham, Nantucket	40, 25-30 1, 7	V.Laux#, S.Perkins R.Heil#, E.Andrews	

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Roseate Tern:				
1	Barnstable, N.Monomoy	50, 250	P.Trimble, BBC	
8,25	Stellwagen, Nantucket	70, 250	BBC, R.Forster	
8	N.Monomoy	5000	B.Nikula	
Common Tern:				
8	Stellwagen, N.Monomoy	2000, 10000	BBC, B.Nikula	
22	Stellwagen	500	J.Berry	
Forster's Tern:				
1,6	N.Monomoy, Nantucket	10, 2	BBC, N.Waldron	
19,25	Nantucket	6, 6	R.Stymeist#, R.Forster	
28,29	M.V., N.Monomoy	200+, 5+	V.Laux#, B.Nikula	
29	Lakeville, Westport	1, 2-3	W.Petersen	
Least Tern:				
1,6	Barnstable, Hyannis	1, 6	P.Trimble	
Sooty Tern:				
27	Eastham	3 ad.	C.Goodrich	
Black Tern:				
8,15	Stellwagen, S.Monomoy	2, 5+	K.Holmes, B.Nikula	
22,29	P'town, Nantucket	1, 1	D.Morimoto#, M.Litchfield	
Black Skimmer:				
1-8	N.Monomoy	3	v.o.	
28	M.V., Eastham	13+, 3	V.Laux#, v.o.	

DOVES THROUGH WOODPECKERS

Cuckoo reports continue to reflect low numbers of these two species. An "Owl Prowl" in Middleboro and adjacent towns garnered numbers of several species of owls. That area of the state is where A.C. Bent did a lot of his observations of raptors. The nighthawk migration continued through the fifth of the month in force with the latest date being September 29. Whip-poor-wills were found on the Vineyard on the ninth where 50 Chimney Swifts were noted on September 28.

A Black-backed Woodpecker was reportedly seen by several observers on Nantucket on the tenth. This fits in with reports of this species on the Cape in the fall in past years. A Green-winged Macaw was seen in the Common Pastures of Newburyport on September 14 and was said to be "an obvious escape" by the observers. Still, it must have been quite a thrill and surprise to find such a bird! G.W.G.

Mourning Dove:				
6,29	ONWR, Weston	140+, 100+	M.Lynch#, L.Robinson	
Black-billed Cuckoo:				
5,20	Annisquam, Manomet	1, 1 (b.)	H.Wiggin, MBO staff	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo:				
9,5	M.V., Annisquam	1, 1	V.Laux, H.Wiggin	
15,18	P.I., Lincoln	1, 2	S.Carroll#, J.Carter	
Common Barn Owl:				
9	M.V.	1	fide V.Laux	
Eastern Screech Owl:				
thr.	Ipswich	1	J.Berry	
9	M.V.	6	fide V.Laux	
21	Lakeville, Middleboro, Halifax, Bridgewater	13	K.Holmes	
	Reports of four other individuals in each		of four locations.	
Great Horned Owl:				
2,thr.	P.I., Ipswich	2, 1	J.Grugan, J.Berry	
14,21	Bridgewater-Lakeville, Middleboro-Halifax	4, 2	K.Holmes	
Barred Owl:				
11	Petersham	1	M.Lynch#	
21,29	Lakeville	2, 1	K.Holmes, W.Petersen	
Long-eared Owl:				
14	Lakeville	1	K.Holmes	
Northern Saw-whet Owl:				
28	P.I.	1	fide J.Baird	
Common Nighthawk:				
2-4	Watertown	293	R.Stymeist	
2,3	Worcester	95, 100	K.Powers	
4,5	Bedford	49, 65+	J.Carter	
21,29	Milton, M.V.	3, 1	K.Ryan, S.Perkins	
1-20	Other reports of small flocks from 8 locations.			
	On 9/2, there were 4 flocks of 7-34 plus singles in Worcester from 6:55-7:25 P.M., all moving southwest.			
Whip-poor-will:				
9	M.V.	10	fide V.Laux	

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Chimney Swift: 1,28	Canton, M.V.	20, 50	G.d'Entremont#, V.Laux#	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 2,25	Lexington, Watertown Reports of 1-2 individuals from each of 8	1, 1	L.Taylor, R.Stýmeist#	
Belted Kingfisher: 26	Eastham	7	R.Forster	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 15,22	N.Scituate, P.I.	1, 3	SSBC, R.Forster	
Hairy Woodpecker: 24	Petersham	4	S.Carroll#	
Black-backed Woodpecker: 10	Nantucket	1 m.	N.Waldron#	
Northern Flicker: 9,11	M.V., Petersham	100, 13	fide V.Laux, S.Carroll#	
Pileated Woodpecker: 3:22,29	E.Quabbin;Petersham	4; 2, 2	T.Gagnon#; M.Lynch#	

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH VIREOS

Five Olive-sided Flycatchers in a single day at one site, Plum Island on September 7, was indicative of the good magnitude of migration for this species, and compares well with other notable movements in 1977 and 1984. Western Kingbird reports for the month totalled five, which is right on the recent norms. The single-day count of 75,000 Tree Swallows around the Elizabeth Islands on September 15 is exceeded only by a report of 90,000 in 1978, and is significantly greater than the typical 10-20,000 highs. At least two swallow species, Northern Rough-winged and Cliff, were reported on notably late dates, possibly associated with the hurricane. During the last nine Septembers, Rough-wings have occurred in only four, and then typically earlier in the month than this year's two September 28 reports. The single Bank Swallow for the month, at Plum Island on September 18, constituted a low number compared to the more normal twenty.

Among the corvids, the report of seven Common Ravens at Wachusett Mountain on September 14 was the highest single-day count for this species in any month of recent years. The Nantucket Jackdaw continued to be seen, generally near Siasconsett. Swainson's Thrushes were quite lightly reported, and the only two Gray-cheeked Thrushes recorded were nabbed by banders. L.E.T.

Olive-sided Flycatcher: 6,7	Nantucket, P.I.	1 b., 5	E.Andrews#, v.o.
Eastern Wood-Pewee: 7,16	P.I., Petersham	2, 1	G.Gove#, M.Lynch#
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 1-22,7	Nantucket, P.I.	5 b., 3	E.Andrews#, BBC
7,9	Duxbury Beach, M.V.	2,1	SSBC, fide V.Laux
"Traill's" Flycatcher: 1-13	Nantucket	5 b.	E.Andrews#
Least Flycatcher: 1-22	Nantucket	3 b.	E.Andrews#
<u>Empidonax</u> sp.: 7,26	Duxbury, Eastham	5, 1	D.Clapp, R.Forster
Eastern Phoebe: 6,7	ONWR, P.I.	5, 6	S.Carroll#, BBC
13,16	Wayland, Petersham	5, 12	R.Forster, M.Lynch#
29	Holliston	2	R.Hildreth
Great Crested Flycatcher: 2,7	MNWS, P.I.	3+, 2	J.Cumming, G.Gove#
Western Kingbird: 4,7	M.V., P.I.	1, 1	W.Manter, J.Cumming#
7,12	M.V., Middleboro	1, 1	W.Manter, K.Holmes
29	Ipswich	1	BBC
Eastern Kingbird: 7,25	P.I., Nantucket	40+, 4	M.Lynch#, R.Forster
Purple Martin: 1-7,9	P.I., M.V.	4 max., 2	v.o., fide V.Laux
Tree Swallow: 7,13	P.I., South Dartmouth	20000, 200	J.Berry, LCES
15,29	Elizabeth Is., Halifax-Middleboro	75000+, 10000+	P.Trimble, W.Petersen
Northern Rough-winged Swallow: 14-20,28	W.Harwich, M.V.	4 max., 1	B.Nikula#, V.Laux#

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Northern Rough-winged Swallow (cont.): 28	E. Boston	1	S. Zende	
Bank Swallow: 18	P. I.	1	R. Forster	
Cliff Swallow: 15, 18 21, 28	S. Monomoy, P. I. Halifax, E. Gloucester	1, 4 1, 2	B. Nikula, R. Forster W. Petersen, J. Berry	
Barn Swallow: 5, 7 18, 29	Annisquam, Duxbury Beach P. I., Halifax	6, 30 25, 6	H. Wiggin, D. Clapp R. Forster, W. Petersen	
Common Raven: 12, 14, 15	Wachusett Mt.	1, 7, 2	NEHW, SSBC, BBC	
Jackdaw: thr.	Nantucket	1	E. Andrews#	
Red-breasted Nuthatch: thr., 2 4-20, 16	Nantucket, MNWS 4 locations, Petersham	14 b., 5 11 total, 14	E. Andrews#, M. Martinek v.o., M. Lynch#	
White-breasted Nuthatch: 7, 29	Weston, Petersham	12, 18	L. Robinson, S. Carroll#	
Carolina Wren: thr., 2-28 15, 21 20-29	Easton, 4 locations Falmouth, Bridgewater Ipswich	2 max. (9/10), 4 7, 4 1	total K. Ryan, v.o. P. Trimble, W. Petersen J. Berry	
House Wren: 11, 28	Petersham, Marshfield	9, 3	M. Lynch#, R. Campbell#	
Winter Wren: 7, 22 28, 29	N. Scituate, Petersham P. I., Ipswich	1, 1 1, 3	G. d'Entremont, S. Carroll# E. Nielsen, BBC	
Marsh Wren: 7, 21	Newbypt., Harwich	3, 7	J. Berry, P. Trimble	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 7, 22	P. I., Petersham	1, 5	BBC, M. Lynch#	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 2, 6 22, 28	Scituate, Cambridge P. I., Falmouth	3, 1 1, 2	W. Petersen, F. Bouchard R. Shriber, P. Trimble	
Eastern Bluebird: 11, 14 20, 22	Petersham, Middleboro Medford, Hardwick	7, 1 3 imm., 8	S. Carroll#, K. Holmes P. Roberts, M. Lynch#	
Veery: 1, 7, 9	MNWS, P. I., M. V.	2, 5, 1	R. Forster, S. Carroll#, V. Laux	
Gray-cheeked Thrush: 20, 23	Nantucket, Rockport	1 b., 1 b.	E. Andrews#, R. Norris	
Swainson's Thrush: 1-26, 11	4 locations, Petersham	5 total, 3	v.o., M. Lynch#	
Hermit Thrush: 21	Sandwich	1	P. Trimble	
Northern Mockingbird: 7, 14	N. Scituate, Essex	10, 12 together	G. d'Entremont, R. Forster	
Brown Thrasher: 1-29, 6 14	P. I., ONWR Wareham	max. 8 (9/7), 6 5	v.o., S. Carroll# L. Robinson	
Water Pipit: 14, 21 28, 29	4 locations, Halifax Ipswich, E. Boston	7 total, 5 25, 53	v.o., W. Petersen BBC, S. Zende	
Cedar Waxwing: 1, 9	Ipswich, M. V.	20, 600	J. Berry, fide V. Laux	
White-eyed Vireo: 14	Gloucester	1	R. Forster	
Solitary Vireo: 16, 21 26, 28	Petersham, Milford Nantucket, Chatham	7, 1 1 b., 1	M. Lynch#, R. Hildreth E. Andrews#, R. Forster	
Yellow-throated Vireo: 7, 22	P. I., Nantucket	1, 1	J. Berry, L. Taylor#	
Warbling Vireo: 1, 29	Rowley, S. Monomoy	3, 1	R. Forster, B. Nikula#	
Philadelphia Vireo: 2-29	11 locations	18 total	v.o.	
Red-eyed Vireo: 9, 21	M. V., Eastham	30, 7	fide V. Laux, S. Carroll#	

WARBLERS

A total of thirty-one species of warbler was reported for September. This compares quite closely with the average warbler species count of thirty-two over the preceding seven Septembers; the range is remarkably tight, with a high of thirty-four and a low of thirty-one. Many of the notably high counts were from the annual "Labor Day" census on Martha's Vineyard, and are the result of numerous parties combing the whole island on September 9.

The Yellow-rumped Warbler at Marblehead Neck on September 1 constituted a notably early migrant. Uncommon "southern" warblers reported included single Yellow-throated, Kentucky, and Hooded individuals, all at coastal sites as would be expected. A look at the last five years' September reports shows a pretty consistent single Yellow-throated, more times than not on Nantucket as was this year's September 15 individual. Reports of generally uncommon warbler species included a single Orange-crowned at Oxbow NWR on September 6, and totals for the month of nine Connecticut and eight Mourning Warblers. These *Oporornis* counts compare to averages over the last nine years of nine Connecticut and eleven Mournings. The three Connecticut Warblers banded in one day, September 20, at Manomet is noteworthy. Yellow-breasted Chat reports totaled fifteen for the month, with almost half of them coming out of banders' nets. This was the first month in five that Cerulean Warbler was NOT reported! L.E.T.

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Blue-winged Warbler:				
6,7	ONWR, P.I.	2, 1	M.Lynch#, BBC	
9,21	M.V., Milton	1, 1	fide V.Laux, G.d'Entremont	
Tennessee Warbler:				
7,14	P.I., ONWR	10, 8	BBC, S.Carroll#	
Orange-crowned Warbler:				
6	ONWR	1	M.Lynch#	
Nashville Warbler:				
7,22	P.I., Petersham	4, 3	BBC, S.Carroll#	
Northern Parula:				
7,14	P.I., ONWR	9, 6	M.Lynch#, S.Carroll#	
Yellow Warbler:				
7,22	P.I., Holliston	8, 3	M.Lynch#, R.Hildreth	
25,30	Nantucket, Sudbury	1, 1	R.Forster	
Chestnut-sided Warbler:				
21,22	Milton, Petersham	1, 3	G.d'Entremont, S.Carroll#	
Magnolia Warbler:				
1-22,22	Nantucket, Petersham	7 b., 3	E.Andrews#, M.Lynch#	
Cape May Warbler:				
1-26,9	Nantucket, M.V.	27 b., 25	E.Andrews#, fide V.Laux	
15	Scituate	10	SSBC	
Black-throated Blue Warbler:				
3,8-14	Manomet, 3 locations	1 m.b., 3 total	MBO staff, v.o.	
Yellow-rumped Warbler:				
1,7	MNWS, P.I.	1, 10	R.Forster, M.Lynch#	
11,29	Petersham	26, 31	S.Carroll#	
Black-throated Green Warbler:				
14,22	Lakeville, Petersham	1, 6	K.Holmes, M.Lynch#	
Blackburnian Warbler:				
12,14	Annisquam, Lakeville	1, 1	H.Wiggin, K.Holmes	
21,22	Sandwich, Petersham	1, 2	P.Trimble, S.Carroll#	
Yellow-throated Warbler:				
15	Nantucket	1 m.	R.Stymeist#	
Pine Warbler:				
thr.,21	E.Middleboro, Wareham	2, 9	K.Anderson, L.Robinson	
22,28	Petersham, P.I.	31, 1	M.Lynch#, E.Nielsen	
Prairie Warbler:				
9,14	M.V., Wareham	12, 9	fide V.Laux, L.Robinson	
Palm Warbler:				
7,20	Duxbury, Manomet	1, 1 b.	SSBC, MBO staff	
Bay-breasted Warbler:				
1-25,1	Nantucket, MNWS	11 b., 8	E.Andrews#, R.Forster	
16,29	Petersham	16, 1	M.Lynch#	
Blackpoll Warbler:				
1,14	MNWS, Wareham	1, 5	R.Forster, L.Robinson	
15,29	Scituate, Petersham	6, 28	SSBC, S.Carroll#	
Black-and-white Warbler:				
7,9	N.Scituate, M.V.	5, 8	G.d'Entremont, fide V.Laux	
22,29	Petersham, Ipswich	4, 1	M.Lynch#, BBC	

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American Redstart:				
1-26,6	Nantucket, ONWR	28 b., 15	E.Andrews#, M.Lynch#	
7,9	Weston, M.V.	12, 25	L.Robinson, fide V.Laux	
Ovenbird:				
1,1-15	MNWS, Nantucket	6, 3 b.	R.Forster, E.Andrews#	
7,28	N.Scituate, Marshfield	2, 1	G.d'Entremont, R.Campbell#	
Northern Waterthrush:				
1-25,1	Nantucket, MNWS	9 b., 5	E.Andrews#, R.Forster	
7	P.I., N.Scituate	10, 9	S.Carroll#, G.d'Entremont	
9,22	M.V., Holliston	12, 1	fide V.Laux, R.Hildreth	
Kentucky Warbler:				
12	Manomet	1 b.	MBO staff	
Connecticut Warbler:				
5,7	P.I.	1, 1 (details)	J.Grugan, M.Lynch#	
8:13,20	Georges Bank; Manomet	1; 1 b., 3 b.	BOEM; MBO staff	
20,22	Nantucket, Petersham	1 b., 1 (details)	E.Andrews#, S.Carroll#	
Mourning Warbler:				
1-13,1	Nantucket, MNWS	2 b., 1	E.Andrews#, R.Walton#	
1,7	Milton, N.Scituate	1 f., 1	G.d'Entremont#	
7,9	Duxbury, M.V.	1, 1	SSBC, fide V.Laux	
15	Scituate	1	W.Petersen	
Common Yellowthroat:				
1-26,9	Nantucket, M.V.	37 b., 35	E.Andrews#, fide V.Laux	
Hooded Warbler:				
7	P.I.	1 m.	BBC	
Wilson's Warbler:				
1-22,1-7	Nantucket, P.I.	6 b., max. 3	E.Andrews#, v.o.	
7,9	N.Scituate, M.V.	6, 2	G.d'Entremont, fide V.Laux	
Canada Warbler:				
1,14-28	MNWS, 3 locations	8, 3 total	R.Forster, v.o.	
Yellow-breasted Chat:				
1-22,7-14	Nantucket, P.I.	7 b., 2 singles	E.Andrews#, v.o.	
7	Duxbury, N.Scituate	2, 1	SSBC, G.d'Entremont	
9,21	M.V., Eastham	2, 1	fide V.Laux, M.Lynch#	

SCARLET Tanager THROUGH EVENING GROSBEEK

At nine total individuals for September, Blue Grosbeaks were reported in very close to average numbers at least for the last few years. Similarly Lark Sparrow counts, at six individuals for the month, were very close to what should be expected. Yellow-headed Blackbird reports, always rare enough to be of interest, consisted of a single individual from Mashpee on September 15 and two birds on Martha's Vineyard on September 30. Additionally, several were said to be at Bartlett's Farm on Nantucket during mid-September, although no formal reports were submitted.

Early bare-ground species migrants from the north included Snow Bunting at Wachusett Mt. on September 9, and Lapland Longspur at Plum Island on the eighteenth. The bunting was close to two months early compared to arrival norms! Both species of crossbill, Red at Duxbury and White-winged at Medway, were reported on September 7. Crossbills are notoriously irregular in their movements, but early September records are uncommon.

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Scarlet Tanager:				
9:16,29	M.V.; Petersham	3; 5, 1	fide V.Laux, S.Carroll#	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak:				
9,14	M.V., ONWR	10, 6	fide V.Laux, M.Lynch#	
Blue Grosbeak:				
14,22	Halifax, Newton	1, 1	W.Peterson, B.Hallett	
24,28	Newton, 4 locations	1, 6 total	O.Komar, v.o.	
Indigo Bunting:				
1,15	Halifax	6, 18	K.Anderson, W.Petersen	
Dickcissel:				
2,15	Halifax	1, 1	W.Petersen	
9,25	M.V., Nantucket	1, 1	fide V.Laux, R.Forster	
Rufous-sided Towhee:				
9,15	M.V., Carver	40, 12	fide V.Laux, L.Robinson	
Chipping Sparrow:				
11-29,28	Petersham, P'town	max. 15 (9/11), 50	S.Carroll#, R.Forster	
Field Sparrow:				
2,26	Annisquam, Truro	6, 9	H.Wiggin, R.Forster	
28,29	P'town, Holliston	15, 10	R.Forster, R.Hildreth	

SPECIES/DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	SEPT. 1985
Vesper Sparrow:				
21	Plymouth	1	W.Petersen	
Lark Sparrow:				
4,7	Nantucket, Duxbury	1, 1	N.Waldron, SSBC	
7,12	M.V., Annisquam	1, 1	R.Shriber, H.Wiggin	
29	Nantucket	2	M.Pokras	
Grasshopper Sparrow:				
15,18	Falmouth, Manomet	2, 1 b.	P.Trimble, MBO staff	
26,29	Belmont, Petersham	1 ad., 1	L.Taylor, M.Lynch#	
29	P.I.	1 ad.	J.Berry	
Sharp-tailed Sparrow:				
2,9	Monomoy, M.V.	25, 3	S.Carroll#, fide V.Laux	
15,18	Scituate, S.Dartmouth	14, 16	W.Petersen, LCES	
26,29	Eastham, Newbypt.	19, 40	R.Forster, H.C.Floyd	
Seaside Sparrow:				
7,26	Newbypt., Eastham	3 juv., 2	J.Berry, R.Forster	
Song Sparrow:				
9,29	M.V., Petersham	25, 37	fide V.Laux, M.Lynch#	
Lincoln's Sparrow:				
3,21	E.Quabbin, Halifax	1, 2	T.Gagnon#, W.Petersen	
22,29	Nantucket, Petersham	1 b., 3	E.Andrews#, S.Carroll#	
White-throated Sparrow:				
11-29,22	Petersham, Salisbury	max. 42 (9/29), 110	M.Lynch#, R.Forster	
White-crowned Sparrow:				
22	Salisbury	1 imm.	R.Forster	
Dark-eyed Junco:				
14,15	P.I., Nantucket	1, 1 b.	R.Forster, E.Andrews#	
22,28	Salisbury, Ipswich	45, 6	R.Forster, J.Berry	
Lapland Longspur:				
18,22	P.I.	1, 4	R.Forster, E.Nielsen	
Snow Bunting:				
9	Princeton (Wachusett Mt.)	1	K.Durham#	
Bobolink:				
1,7	Halifax, Georges Bank	75, 18	K.Anderson, BOEM	
9,29	M.V., Bridgewater	350, 150	fide V.Laux, W.Petersen	
Red-winged Blackbird:				
13,27	Ipswich, Concord	4200, 3000	J.Berry, R.Forster	
Yellow-headed Blackbird:				
15,30	Mashpee, M.V.	1 m., 2	P.Trimble, S.Perkins	
Rusty Blackbird:				
15,27	Truro, Sudbury	12, 12	H.Coolidge#, R.Forster	
Brown-headed Cowbird:				
1-15	Ipswich	max. 100 (9/14)	J.Berry	
Northern Oriole:				
9	M.V.	40	fide V.Laux	
Purple Finch:				
9,28	M.V., P.I.	50, 40	fide V.Laux, E.Nielsen	
Red Crossbill:				
7	Duxbury	1	SSBC (D.Clapp)	
White-winged Crossbill:				
7,18	Medway, Millis	2, 1 f.	C.Quinlan, R.Forster	
Pine Siskin:				
29	Petersham	1	M.Lynch#	
American Goldfinch:				
11-29,12	Petersham, E.Gloucester	max.48 (9/22), 1 m.	feeding juv. S.Carroll#, J.Berry	
Evening Grosbeak:				
12,15	Norfolk, Wellesley	2, 3	B.Cassie, R.Forster	
28,29	P.I., Petersham	8, 9	E.Nielsen, M.Lynch#	

RUPICOLA ON THE MARKET

Ollie Komar, a young Newton birder who has contributed greatly to Bird Observer for several years as a field birder reporting records, as a member of the Field Studies Committee, and as an author, has announced that RUPICOLA, a trivia game created by him, is now generally available in stores throughout Boston and suburbs. Although named for a bird, it is not a bird-game; such a game is, however, in the works for the future.
