



Field Records

March 1986

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March was warm; the temperature averaged 40.7°, 2.3° above normal and the warmest since 1979. The high mark was 77° on March 30 (Easter Sunday). The lowest temperature was 7° on March 8. Precipitation totaled 3.42 inches, 0.71 inch less than normal. The total snowfall was 2.6 inches, 5.1 inches less than average. The seasonal total now stands at 18.1 inches, 22.2 inches less than average or the seventh least amount in 96 years of record. Good strong southwest winds on March 28, 29, and 30 brought many migrants into the area.

LOONS THROUGH WATERFOWL

Migrating Red-throated Loons were passing by Siasconset, Nantucket, at a rate of a hundred per minute on March 17; Common Loons were reported there in fewer numbers. Red-necked Grebes peaked at sixty-three at North Scituate on the twenty-second. A Western Grebe was discovered on March 27 in Winthrop, where it remained through the end of the month and was seen by many observers.

The first herons returned at the end of the month with single Great and Snowy egrets reported from many areas. An adult White Ibis was observed flying over Pilgrim Heights on March 27. Another or the same bird was found in Marshfield on March 31.

A Tundra Swan was present from March 1 through 18 at West Harwich. Snow Geese were migrating at the end of the month with large flocks noted in central Massachusetts. Migrating waterfowl returning at the end of the month included thirty-one Wood Duck in Wayland, and good numbers of Green-winged Teal included several of the Eurasian type among them. Blue-winged Teal were first noted on March 23 and had increased by the end of the month. Over 120 Redheads were still present on Nantucket, where as many as sixty Canvasbacks were also counted. Harlequin Ducks were still being seen in North Scituate, and others were noted up river in West Newbury; three of this species were present in Winthrop. The Oldsquaw flock at Madaket, Nantucket, was estimated at over thirty thousand. As many as seven Barrow's Goldeneye were found most of the month in Newburyport Harbor. The large flocks of Red-breasted Mergansers continued off Provincetown, and three were seen at Eddy Pond in Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge. R.H.S.

<u>SPECIES/DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OBSERVERS</u>	<u>MARCH 1986</u>
Red-throated Loon:				
4,8;5	Plum Island; Wellfleet	1, 2; 5	W.Ellison#; N.Martin#	
17	Nantucket	525	J.Barton#	
Common Loon:				
2	Gloucester, Newbypt area	12, 15	M.Lynch#, BBC (R.McHale)	
17	Nantucket	50	J.Barton#	
18,22	Chatham, Bass Rocks (Gloucester)	5, 14	W.Ellison#, J.Berry#	
28,29	N.Scituate, Salisbury area	6, 6	S.Carroll#, BBC (S.Bolton)	
Pied-billed Grebe:				
16,23	Newburyport, Falmouth	1, 2	M.Lynch#, P.Trimble	
27,29	S.Natick, Holliston	1, 1	R.Hildreth	
Horned Grebe:				
2,4	Gloucester, P.I. area	14, 15	S.Carroll#, W.Ellison#	
9,16	Lakeville, N.Scituate	1, 45	W.Petersen#	
18,22,28	Winthrop	5, 9, 10	J.Cumming	
22,23	Gloucester, N.Scituate	20+, 30	J.Berry#, G.d'Entremont#	
Red-necked Grebe:				
thr.	N.Scituate	max. 63 (3/22)	G.Gove# + v.o.	
2,22,25	Corporation Beach (Dennis)	12, 35, 25	J.Aylward + B. Nikula	
22	Gloucester, Winthrop	27, 1	J.Berry#, J.Cumming	

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Western Grebe:				
27-31	Winthrop	1	M.+ C. Atkinson + v.o.	
Northern Gannet:				
18, 19	Winthrop, Orleans	3, 150	J. Cumming, W. Ellison#	
20, 22	Eastham, Rockport	45, 10+	N. Martin#, J. Berry#	
28	Rockport (Halibut Point)	30+	K. David	
Great Cormorant:				
2, 15	Newburyport area	40, 32	BBC (R. McHale), (I. Giriunas)	
2; 19	E. Boston; Chatham, Orleans	28; 30, 17	S. Thomas; W. Ellison#	
23, 29	N. Scituate, Bridgewater	85+, 10	G. d'Entremont#, K. Holmes	
Double-crested Cormorant:				
2	Newburyport, S. Boston	1 imm., 1 imm.	BBC (R. McHale), G. d'Entremont#	
20, 23, 28	Eastham, Woods Hole, Lakeville	1, 25, 2	W. Ellison#, P. Trimble, R. Titus	
29; 30	Clinton; P.I., Falmouth	1; 60+, 3	M. Lynch#; D. Briggs#, J. Aylward	
American Bittern:				
22	Bolton Flats	1	M. Lynch#	
Great Blue Heron:				
2, 16	Lakeville, Newburyport	1, 1	W. Petersen#, H. Wiggin	
15, 18	Nantucket, Eastham	1, 12	J. Cumming, W. Ellison#	
23, 30	Woods Hole, Yarmouth	3, 12	P. Trimble	
Great Egret:				
26, 27	Middleboro, Saugus	1, 1	L. Spaulding, J. Berry	
Snowy Egret:				
26, 30, 31	E. Boston (Belle Isle)	1, 4, 5	M.+ C. Atkinson	
26, 30	Cohasset, Plum Island	1, 1	D. Clapp#, D. Briggs#	
Black-crowned Night-Heron:				
18	Eastham	6	W. Ellison#	
White Ibis:				
27	Truro (Pilgrim Heights)	1 ad.	R. Everett	
31	Marshfield (DWWS)	1 ad.	D. Clapp + v.o.	
Tundra Swan:				
1-18	West Harwich	1	N. Reider + v.o.	
Mute Swan:				
thr.	S. Dartmouth (Allens Pond)	max. 37 (3/4)	LCES (R. Marshall)	
2, 12	Gloucester, Webster	4, 1	S. Carroll#, F. Markiewicz	
30	Ipswich (Clarks Pond)	pair on nest	J. Berry	
Snow Goose:				
14, 23-31	Concord (9-Acre), N. Monomoy	1, 1	R. Walton, B. Nikula#	
28, 29, 30	Newburyport-Plum Island	60+, 80+, 1	D. Briggs#, W. Petersen#, J. Berry	
29, 30	Petersham	175 migr., 1250 migr.	E. Nielsen	
29	Quabbin (Gate 43)	350 (2 flocks)	G. Gove#	
"Blue" Goose:				
29	Newbypt, Quabbin (G.43)	1, 2	W. Petersen#, G. Gove#	
Brant:				
18, 19, 21	Brewster, Orleans, P'town	280, 400, 175	W. Ellison#	
22, 28	E. Boston, Winthrop	300, 200	J. Cumming	
Canada Goose:				
15	GMNWR, Newburyport area	60, 300	E. Nielsen, BBC (I. Giriunas)	
25, 28	S. Dartmouth, W. Bridgewater	501, 250	LCES (R. Maker), W. Petersen	
28, 29	Wachusett Res., Bolton Flats	810, 800+	M. Lynch, S. Carroll	
Wood Duck:				
9	Middleboro	7	D. Briggs	
23, 25	Milford, Wayland	3, 31	R. Hildreth, G. Gove	
29	Oxbow NWR, Bolton Flats	7, 12	M. Lynch, S. Carroll	
Other reports of 1 or 2 individuals from various locations.				
Green-winged Teal:				
20, 28; 23	W. Bridgewater; Bridgewater	26, 80+; 30	W. Petersen	
22, 29	S. Monomoy, W. Harwich	75, 18	B. Nikula#, J. Aylward#	
26, 29	Newburyport area	35, 85	BBC (A. Blaisdell), (S. Bolton)	
29, 30	Petersham, P.I.	50, 170	E. Nielsen, J. Berry	
"Eurasian" Green-winged Teal:				
28-29, 29	W. Bridgewater, P.I.	1, 3	W. Petersen#, BBC (S. Bolton)	
American Black Duck:				
2	E. Boston	203+	S. Thomas	
4, 20, 25	S. Dartmouth (Allens Pond)	451, 236, 225	LCES (R. Marshall)	
14, 31	Halifax	30, 1000+	K. Anderson + v.o.	
29, 30	Petersham	80, 20	E. Nielsen#	
Northern Pintail:				
1-2, 1-19	Lexington, Yarmouthport	3, max. 40	L. Taylor, J. Aylward	
20, 28; 22	W. Bridgewater; S. Monomoy	8, 40; 20+	W. Petersen#; B. Nikula#	
22, 26	E. Boston (Belle Isle), Hull	3, 5	J. Cumming, D. Clapp	
29, 30; 30	Petersham; Plum Island	12, 4; 20	E. Nielsen; J. Berry	

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Blue-winged Teal:				
23,27	Newbypt, Concord (9 Acre)	1 m., 2	H.Wiggin#, R.Forster	
28,29	P.I., Lakeville	3, 1	J.Berry, K.Holmes#	
Northern Shoveler:				
22,27	S.Monomoy, Concord(9 Acre)	8+, 5	B.Nikula#, R.Forster	
29	Plum Island	6	BBC (S.Bolton)	
Gadwall:				
4,9	Plum Island, Quincy	20, 6	W.Ellison#, W.Petersen#	
22,29	S.Monomoy, P.I.	20+, 3	B.Nikula#, BBC (S.Bolton)	
American Wigeon:				
2,15	Belmont, Stoneham	30, 1	N.Brine, J.Berry	
27,30	Wayland, Newburyport	14, 4	R.Forster, J.Berry	
Canvasback:				
2,19-20	Lakeville, Eastham (Great Pond)	12, 5	K.Holmes, W.Ellison#	
11,15-17	S.Dartmouth, Nantucket	11, 60	LCES (R.Marshall), J.Barton#	
23	Falmouth	35	P.Trimble	
Redhead:				
15-17	Nantucket	120	J.Barton#	
Ring-necked Duck:				
2,29	Lakeville	4, 2	K.Holmes#	
2,5	Newbypt area, W.Carver	12, 30±	BBC(R.McHale), K.Anderson	
19-20;23,29	Eastham; Milford	45; 15, 23	W.Ellison#; R.Hildreth	
28;29,30	Middleboro; Petersham	50; 30, 6	W.Petersen#; E.Nielsen#	
Greater Scaup:				
2,16	Hyannisport, Quincy	170, 150+	P.Trimble, L.Taylor#	
22,30	E.Boston, Newburyport	50; 50+	J.Cumming, J.Berry	
Lesser Scaup:				
1,4	Lakeville, S.Dartmouth	13, 5	K.Holmes, LCES (R.Marshall)	
8,19	Newburyport, Eastham	5, 5	W.Ellison#, N.Martin#	
22;23	Rockport; Falmouth, Newbypt	1; 10, 1	J.Berry; P.Trimble, H.Wiggin#	
Common Eider:				
2	Salisbury, Hyannisport	23, 130	D.Chickering, P.Trimble	
23	Woods Hole	650	P.Trimble	
Harlequin Duck:				
15,16	W.Newbury, N.Scituate	1 m., 2 m.	BBC (I.Giriunas), W.Petersen	
22-28	Winthrop	1 m., 2 f.	J.Cumming	
Oldsquaw:				
15-17	Nantucket	30,000	J.Barton#	
16,18	Newbypt, Chatham (Hardings Beach)	200+, 60	D.Chickering, W.Ellison#	
Black Scoter:				
15-17	Nantucket	200	J.Barton#	
4,29	Plum Island	20, 2	W.Ellison#, D.Chickering	
18	Orleans	11	N.Martin#	
Surf Scoter:				
15-17	Nantucket	400	J.Barton#	
20	Wellfleet, N.Scituate	15, 50	W.Ellison#, G.d'Entremont	
23	Woods Hole	60	P.Trimble	
White-winged Scoter:				
15-17	Nantucket	600	J.Barton#	
20	Wellfleet	164	W.Ellison#	
Common Goldeneye:				
1,2,16	Newburyport	200+	D.Chickering + v.o.	
1,4	Lakeville, S.Dartmouth	30, 19	K.Holmes, LCES (R.Marshall)	
22	Gloucester (Bass Rocks)	40+	J.Berry	
Barrow's Goldeneye:				
thr.	Newburyport Harbor	max. 7 (3/4,3/29)	J.Grugan + v.o.	
9,16	Quincy, N.Scituate	3, 1	W.Petersen#	
Bufflehead:				
15-17	Nantucket	200+	J.Barton#	
15,19	Newbypt area, Orleans-Chatham	200, 184	BBC (I.Giriunas), W.Ellison#	
Hooded Merganser:				
1,8,29	Lakeville (Long Pond)	4, 9, 5	K.Holmes	
3,14	Hyannis, Bridgewater	22, 9	J.Aylward, K.Anderson	
18,22	Sudbury, Bolton Flats	10, 5	B.Howell, M.Lynch#	
Common Merganser:				
1,2	Lakeville (2 loc.)	15, 10	K.Holmes	
8,20	Newburyport, Wellfleet	2, 10	W.Ellison#, N.Martin#	
28	Waltham (Cambr.Res.)	12	J.Cumming	
29	Wachusett Reservoir	15	M.Lynch#	
Red-breasted Merganser:				
14,15	Bridgewater, E.Bridgewater	3, 7	K.Anderson, W.Petersen	
23-31;21,20	Cambridge(Mt.A.); P'town	1-3; 455, 500	J.Heywood; W.Ellison#, B.Nikula	

RAPTORS THROUGH NORTHERN BOBWHITE

Turkey Vultures were reported from everywhere in our area with the largest numbers coming from inland locations. Ospreys were back in Lakeville on March 22 and in South Dartmouth by the last day of the month. An American Swallow-tailed Kite was photographed flying over Barnstable on March 15 for the first March record for this species. Bald Eagles were found in Provincetown and Lakeville as well as at Quabbin, and good numbers of Northern Harriers were noted. Red-shouldered Hawks were noted at six locations, and Northern Goshawks were reported from five places. The first Broad-winged Hawk of the season was noted on March 28. Rough-legged Hawks were seen in the usual numbers through the end of the month. An adult Golden Eagle was noted most of the month in east Quabbin, and others were reported from Newbury and Bridgewater. In addition to a pair of Peregrine Falcons in Boston, there was a total of eight single birds noted from as many locations.

R.H.S.

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<u>Turkey Vulture:</u>				
2,5	Sturbridge, Foxborough	1, 2	N.Waldron, J.Johnston	
8,11	Newburyport, Stoughton	1, 1	W.Ellison#, R.Titus	
16,29,30	Petersham	2, 22, 8	E.Nielsen#	
17	Leominster, Sudbury	2, 1	I.Giriunas#, R.Forster	
17-25,23	Sharon, Pocasset	1+, 1	R.Titus, D.Casoni	
24,26	Plymouth, Lincoln	1, 1	D.Casoni, R.Forster	
28	Easton, Milford	1, 2	K.Ryan, R.Hildreth	
29	W.Newbury, E.Middleboro	2, 1	W.Petersen#, K.Anderson	
30	Hopkinton, Marshfield	1, 1	J.Gordon, D.Clapp	
30,31	Lakeville, Needham	1, 2	K.Holmes, D.Chickering	
<u>Osprey:</u>				
22 on	Lakeville	1-2	G.Gove# + v.o.	
31	S.Dartmouth	1	LCES (R.Maker)	
<u>American Swallow-tailed Kite:</u>				
15	Barnstable	1 ph.	G.Martin + R.Everett	
<u>Bald Eagle:</u>				
thr.	Lakeville	1 ad.	K.Holmes# + v.o.	
16,17	Salisbury, Quabbin(Gate 43)	1 imm., 6	D.Chickering, I.Giriunas#	
30	Provincetown	1 imm.	B.Nikula	
<u>Northern Harrier:</u>				
2,16,29	Salisbury	3, 2, 1	D.Chickering + v.o.	
2,13;8	E.Middleboro; P.I.	1; 1	K.Anderson; W.Ellison#	
18-21	Outer Cape Cod (4 loc.)	4 ind.	W.Ellison, N.Martin	
23,29	Falmouth, Halifax	1, 2	P.Trimble, K.Holmes#	
29,30	Petersham	2, 1	E.Nielsen	
<u>Sharp-shinned Hawk:</u>				
2,24;5	Easton; Canton	1, 1 imm.; 1	K.Ryan, R.Titus	
15,29;23	Lakeville; Falmouth	1, 1; 1	K.Holmes; P.Trimble	
<u>Cooper's Hawk:</u>				
1,15	Quabbin(Gate 43), Worcester	1 imm., 1 ad.	M.Lynch, S.Carroll	
16,29	Waltham, Quabbin (Gate 43)	1 ad., 1 imm.	L.Taylor#, J.Gordon#	
29	Wellesley, Topsfield	1, 1 imm. (dead)	R.Forster, J.Cumming	
<u>Northern Goshawk:</u>				
4,9	Brookline, Wenham	1, 1 imm.	H.Wiggin, B.Barnard#	
16,26	Newbury, Sudbury	1, 1	M.Argue#, R.Forster	
29	Petersham	1	E.Nielsen#	
<u>Red-shouldered Hawk:</u>				
thr.	E.Middleborough	1-3	K.Anderson + v.o.	
9,16;14	Lakeville; Rowley	2; 1 ad.	W.Petersen#; T.Dowd	
16,19;25	Petersham; Sharon	1; 1	E.Nielsen#; R.Titus	
28	Middleborough	1	W.Petersen#	
<u>Red-tailed Hawk:</u>				
1,2,16	Salisbury	2, 4, 3	D.Chickering	
2,14	Halifax	2, 3	K.Anderson	
2,16	Middleborough	3, 5	K.Holmes#	
26	Canton	8 (5 migr.)	R.Titus	
29	Lakeville	8 migr.	K.Holmes	
<u>Rough-legged Hawk:</u>				
1,2,16	Salisbury	3, 2, 2	D.Chickering + v.o.	
1	Middleborough, Westborough	3, 1	W.Petersen#, B.Blodget	
5,8	Canton, Newburyport	1, 4	R.Titus, W.Ellison#	
30,31	Nantucket, Middleborough	1, 1	E.Andrews, K.Holmes	
<u>Golden Eagle:</u>				
1	Quabbin (Gate 43)	1 ad.	M.Lynch + S.Carroll	
16	Bridgewater, Newbury	1 imm., 1	K.Holmes, H.Wiggin#	
16-17	Quabbin	1 ad.	J.Swedberg + v.o.	

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American Kestrel:				
20	Wellfleet	5	W.Ellison#	
Merlin:				
1,5	N.Chatham, Stoughton	1, 1	J.Aylward, R.Titus	
12	Harwich	1	B.Nikula	
Peregrine Falcon:				
thr.	Boston	pr.	J.Grugan + v.o.	
1,3	Wareham, M.V.(Felix Neck)	1, 1 imm.	L.Robinson, G.Ben David	
19	Harwich, Milton	1 m., 1	W.Ellison#, E.Nielsen	
28	Middleborough, W.Bridgewater	1 ad., 1	R.Titus, W.Petersen	
28,29	N.Monomoy, Chatham	1, 1	B.Nikula, P.Trimble	
Wild Turkey:				
1	Quabbin (Gate 43)	6	M.Lynch + S.Carroll	
Northern Bobwhite:				
23	Marshfield	1	G.d'Entremont#	

RAILS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

Piping Plovers arrived at the usual time and in the usual numbers. This species has been placed on the Federal Endangered Species list as noted elsewhere in this issue. The staff at Parker River NWR has distributed a four-page handout describing this bird and the threats to its survival and has closed the area east of the road from Parking Lot 1 to Camp Sea Haven to protect the nesting habitat of this species and the Least Tern.

A Least Sandpiper was reported from South Dartmouth on March 25. There is only one other March report of this species in *BOEM* records. A Long-billed Dowitcher was seen and heard in Marshfield.

Up to five Little Gulls were noted in Newburyport Harbor, and the Mew Gull continued from December at Raccoon Island in Quincy. A Common Murre in breeding plumage was reported from Provincetown.

Eight Eastern Screech-Owls and three Great Horned Owls were counted on an "owl prowl" in the Lakeville area. The reports of Snowy Owls were relatively scarce this winter and spring, but the remains of one were found in Wareham. A Northern Saw-whet Owl was found in a bird nesting-box in Holliston. G.W.G.

Virginia Rail:				
10	Chatham	1	B.Nikula	
American Coot:				
2,23	Medford, Falmouth	3 (from Dec.), 2	L.Taylor, P.Trimble	
Piping Plover:				
23,26	Scituate, Nantucket	2, 1	G.d'Entremont#, P.Dunwiddie#	
27,29	S.Dartmouth, Barnstable	2, 6	LCES (R.Marshall), P.Trimble	
Killdeer:				
4,7	S.Dartmouth, Sharon	1, 1	LCES (R.Marshall), R.Titus	
16,22	Salisbury, Marshfield	3, 5	D.Chickering, G.Gove#	
29,30	E.Boston, Bourne	5, 2	J.Cumming, P.Trimble	
American Oystercatcher:				
16,28	Nantucket, N.Monomoy	1, 7	M.Litchfield, B.Nikula + v.o.	
27	S.Monomoy, Morris Island	1, 1	R.Prescott, R.Humphrey	
Lesser Yellowlegs:				
17,18	Sharon, Salisbury	1, 1	R.Titus, M.+C.Atkinson	
28,29	W.Bridgewater, Rowley	1, 1	W.Petersen#	
Ruddy Turnstone:				
15	Nantucket	2	J.Cumming	
Sanderling:				
29,30	Barnstable, Salisbury	5, 45	P.Trimble, J.Berry	
Least Sandpiper:				
25	S.Dartmouth	1	LCES (R.Marshall)	
Pectoral Sandpiper:				
22,25	Halifax, S.Dartmouth	3, 2	R.Abrams, LCES (R.Marshall)	
26,27	W.Bridgewater, Concord	12, 3	W.Petersen, R.Forster	
Purple Sandpiper:				
22,27	Rockport, Winthrop	20, 6	J.Berry#, M.+C.Atkinson	
Dunlin:				
4,20,25	S.Dartmouth	158, 32, 89	LCES (R.Marshall)	
21	Wellfleet	29	W.Ellison#	
Long-billed Dowitcher:				
22	Marshfield	1	R.Abrams	

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Common Snipe:				
18,22	Eastham, Marshfield	2, 8	W.Ellison#, G.Gove#	
29	Marshfield, Halifax	36, 30+	D.Clapp, SSBC (K.Holmes)	
American Woodcock:				
16,19	Middleboro, Hamilton	2, 5-6	W.Petersen#, J.Berry	
21,30	Malden, Ipswich	3, 2	D.Gibson, J.Berry	
Laughing Gull:				
17,24	Chatham	1, 2	M.+C.Atkinson, B.Nikula	
Little Gull:				
8;16,30	Newburyport 1 ad.; 1 ad., 4 ad. + 1 imm.		W.Ellison; J.Berry	
Common Black-headed Gull:				
1;28	Yarmouth; Quincy, Winthrop	1 ad.; 2, 1 imm.	J.Aylward; R.Titus, J.Cumming	
30	Newburyport	1 ad.	J.Berry	
Bonaparte's Gull:				
4-8,30	Newburyport	30+, 50	W.Ellison#, J.Berry	
Mew Gull:				
28 (from Dec.)	Quincy	1	R.Titus	
Iceland Gull:				
4,20	Provincetown, Wellfleet	4, 2	P.Trimble, W.Ellison#	
30	Salisbury	10-12 (2W)	J.Berry#	
Lesser Black-backed Gull:				
4,28	Provincetown, Quincy	1 ad., 1 (3S)	P.Trimble, R.Titus	
Ring-billed Gull:				
4,20	S.Dartmouth	166, 206	LCES (R.Marshall)	
Glaucous Gull:				
4,15	Provincetown, Nantucket	3, 1 (2W)	P.Trimble, J.Cumming	
17,28	Gloucester, N.Scituate	1, 1 (1W)	M.McClellan, W.Petersen	
Black-legged Kittiwake:				
18	Chatham	3	W.Ellison#	
Common Murre:				
4	Provincetown	1 br. pl.	P.Trimble	
Razorbill:				
4	Provincetown	10	P.Trimble	
Black Guillemot:				
4,16	Provincetown, N.Scituate	1 (br.pl.), 3	P.Trimble, W.Petersen	
2,23	Rockport, N.Scituate	4 (1 br.pl.), 8	J.Berry, G.d'Entremont#	
Eastern Screech-Owl:				
3,30;9,16	E.Middleboro; Middleboro	1 red-phase; 4	K.Anderson; W.Petersen#	
9	Lakeville-Bridgewater-Middleboro	8	BBC (K.Holmes)	
Great Horned Owl:				
thr. Norwell, Lexington	pr.nesting, pr.+ 2 yg.(3/29)		fide W.Petersen, D.Arvidson	
8,9	S.Dartmouth, Middleboro-Halifax	1, 3	LCES(R.Maker), BBC(K.Holmes)	
10,16	Ipswich, Lakeville	3 (2 m., 1 f.), 4	J.Berry, W.Petersen#	
Snowy Owl:				
2,1-18	Wareham, Plum Island	1 (dead), 1	L.Robinson, v.o.	
23	N.Monomoy	1	B.Nikula	
Barred Owl:				
2-16,22	Lakeville, Hamilton	max. 4, 1	W.Petersen#, J.Berry#	
29	Holliston	2	R.Hildreth#	
Long-eared Owl:				
9	Nantucket	1	E.Andrews#	
Short-eared Owl:				
1,2	E.Boston, Salisbury	1, 1	J.Cumming, D.Chickering	
3;9,23	S.Wellfleet; N.Monomoy	1; 1, 1	D.Reynolds; B.Nikula	
10,15	Chatham, E.Orleans	1, 2	P.Trull#	
Northern Saw-whet Owl:				
1,2;3-9	Plum Island; Nantucket	1; 1	D.Chickering; fide E.Andrews	
3,12	Holliston, Sudbury	1 (in bird box), 1	R.Hildreth, H.Lean	
17,26	Middleboro, Gardner	1, 1 (dead)	D.Briggs, K.David	
Belted Kingfisher:				
6,15	Watertown, GMNWR	2, 2	J.Heywood, E.Nielsen	
18,27	Brewster, W.Peabody	2, 1	W.Ellison#, G.d'Entremont	
Red-headed Woodpecker:				
22	Marshfield	1	C.Floyd#	
Northern Flicker:				
16	E.Middleboro	1 (first)	K.Anderson	
30	Ipswich-Newburyport, Petersham	3-4, 6	J.Berry, E.Nielsen	
Pileated Woodpecker:				
3-31,4,7	DFWS, Milton, Whitman	1-2, 1, 1	D.Schwenk, J.Touger, K.Holmes	
9,29	Westford, Petersham	1, 1	S.Bell, E.Nielsen	

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH NORTHERN SHRIKE

The very high total of twenty Eastern Phoebes was reported from the east Quabbin area on the last Saturday of the month. Common Ravens were reported in the same area for most of the month, reaching a maximum of four individuals. In Barnstable, an Eastern Kingbird seen on the twenty-sixth was a full month earlier than the usual first arrival date. Pioneer Carolina Wrens successfully wintered in Ipswich and Winchester, sites relatively far north for this species. The feeder-host in Ipswich was miffed when that bird departed in mid-March, possibly to push even farther northeast. A good winter for Bohemian Waxwing was capped by the occurrence of a flock of nineteen individuals seen and photographed at Truro on March 4. Northern Shrike reports, at six individuals for the month, were what would be expected in a non-flight year. L.E.T.

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Eastern Phoebe:				
13,17	Eastham, Byfield	1, 1	P.Trimble, T.French	
28,29	ONWR, Petersham	3, 20	S.Carroll#, E.Nielsen	
Eastern Kingbird:				
26	Barnstable	1	C.Morano	
Horned Lark:				
1,1-22	Middleboro, E.Boston	150, 25 max.	W.Petersen, v.o.	
8,16	Salisbury, Bridgewater	25, 100+	M.Lynch#, G.d'Entremont	
25	S.Dartmouth	60	R.Marshall	
Tree Swallow:				
15,16	Harvard, Hardwick	6, 2	E.Nielsen, G.Gove	
22,23	Lakeville, W.Brookfield	200+, 40	K.Holmes, K.Ryan	
30	Nantucket, Plum Island	2, 15	E.Andrews, J.Berry	
Fish Crow:				
3-12,16	E.Middleboro, Scituate	4 max. (3/12), 1	K.Anderson, W.Petersen	
17,26	Byfield, Stoughton	1, 23	T.French, R.Titus	
Common Raven:				
1-17	Quabbin (Gate 43)	4 max.	v.o.	
16	Quabbin	21 (on carcass)	J.Swedberg	
<u>Eurasian Jackdaw:</u>				
thr.	Nantucket	1	E.Andrews#	
Red-breasted Nuthatch:				
5,18	Duxbury, Brewster	7, 6	D.Clapp, W.Ellison#	
16-30,30	Petersham, Plum Island	15 max.(3/30), 6	E.Nielsen, J.Berry	
Brown Creeper:				
20,23	Wellfleet, Wenham	7, 2 m.	W.Ellison#, J.Berry	
29	Bridgewater, Petersham	4, 12	SSBC, E.Nielsen	
Carolina Wren:				
thr.(from Aug.)	Winchester	1	M.McClellan#	
from Sept.-14	Ipswich	1	J.Berry	
thr., 5-18	Holliston, 5 loc.	2 max., 5 ind.	R.Hildreth, v.o.	
23	Falmouth	6	P.Trimble	
Marsh Wren:				
12	W.Harwich	1	B.Nikula	
Golden-crowned Kinglet:				
5,19	Duxbury, N.Chatham	2, 2	D.Clapp, W.Ellison#	
29	Bridgewater, Petersham	4, 10	SSBC, E.Nielsen	
Eastern Bluebird:				
16-29,16-30	Lakeville, Petersham	4 max.(3/29), 6 max.(3/30)	v.o.	
25-29,29	Marshfield, Rockport	4 max.(3/29), 10	D.Clapp, W.Pfefferkorn	
31	E.Middleboro, Lincoln	1 m., 2	K.Anderson, P.Swift	
Hermit Thrush:				
22,30	S.Dartmouth (LCES), Salisbury	1, 1	R.Maker, J.Berry	
American Robin:				
1,13	Holliston, E.Middleboro	5, 14	R.Hildreth, K.Anderson	
17,30	SRV, Petersham	9, 35	R.Forster, E.Nielsen	
Gray Catbird:				
1,23	Holliston, Falmouth	2, 2	R.Hildreth, P.Trimble	
Water Pipit:				
23,29	Rowley, Harvard	3, 1	J.Gugan, S.Carroll#	
<u>Bohemian Waxwing:</u>				
4,21-30	Truro, Quincy	19 ph., 1	P.Trimble, W.Cornwell#	
Cedar Waxwing:				
3,14	Easton, Hanover	40, 40	K.Ryan, W.Petersen	
16,21	Chatham, Lincoln	80+, 50	B.Nikula, M.Atkinson	
Northern Shrike:				
thr.	6 locations	6 ind.	v.o.	

WARBLERS THROUGH EVENING GROSBEEK

A Western Tanager was seen for the single day of March 22 at a feeder in Eastham. Another remarkable feeder bird was the Painted Bunting that lingered in Salem from February through the early part of March. The blackbird species staged a general arrival from March 12 on, with no evidence this year of the usual early March large flocks. Reflective of the fairly good finch winter, grosbeaks, crossbills, redpolls, and siskins were all seen in moderate numbers at a variety of locations. L.E.T.

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Yellow-rumped Warbler:				
17-20,20	E.Boston, Eastham	1, 12	S.Thomas, W.Ellison#	
23	Falmouth	30	P.Trimble	
Pine Warbler:				
thr.,23	Nantucket, Falmouth	4 max.(3/1-18), 1	E.Andrews, P.Trimble	
28-31	6 locations	12 total	v.o.	
Palm Warbler:				
20,28	Newburyport, Bridgewater	1, 1	J.Grugan, R.Titus	
<u>Western Tanager:</u>				
22	Eastham	1 at feeder	M.O'Connor	
<u>Painted Bunting:</u>				
from Feb.-11	Salem	1 m. at feeder	C.Rhodes#	
Rufous-sided Towhee:				
from Jan.-9,30	Whitman, Wilmington	1, 2 m.	W.Petersen, M.Chalifour	
American Tree Sparrow:				
14,29	Halifax, Holliston	25, 2	K.Anderson, R.Hildreth	
Field Sparrow:				
thr.,9	Middleboro, Lakeville	10, 2	D.Briggs#, J.Cumming	
29,30	Randolph, Sandwich	4, 3	G.d'Entremont, P.Trimble	
Lark Sparrow:				
22	Quincy	1	S.Thomas	
"Ipswich" Sparrow:				
4-8,22	P.I., S.Monomoy	1, 1	W.Ellison#, P.Trull#	
23,29	N.Monomoy, Salisbury	1, 1	B.Nikula, J.Cumming	
Seaside Sparrow (details):				
20	Eastham	1	W.Ellison#	
Fox Sparrow:				
8,18	S.Dartmouth, Wayland	1, 1	LCES (R.Maker), B.Howell	
21-30,25	10 loc., Marshfield	16 total, 6	v.o., D.Clapp	
Song Sparrow:				
29,30	Holliston, Plum Island	24, 25	R.Hildreth, J.Berry	
Swamp Sparrow:				
9,18	Lakeville, Brewster	1, 2	J.Cumming, W.Ellison#	
Lapland Longspur:				
28-29	W.Bridgewater	1	W.Petersen	
Snow Bunting:				
2,8	E.Boston, Halifax	4, 75	S.Thomas, K.Holmes	
Red-winged Blackbird:				
15	Harvard, Hardwick	200, 300+	E.Nielsen, S.Carroll#	
16,29	Plum Island, Halifax	100, 300+	J.Berry, SSBC	
Eastern Meadowlark:				
29,30	E.Boston, Sandwich	1, 2	J.Cumming, P.Trimble	
Rusty Blackbird:				
16	Canton, Belmont	5, 9	R.Vernon, C.Floyd#	
18,29	Sudbury, Bridgewater	12, 20	B.Howell, SSBC	
Common Grackle:				
2,5	Holliston, Beverly	1, 1	R.Hildreth, J.Berry	
12,29	Hanover, Lancaster	100, 100+	W.Petersen, M.Lynch#	
Brown-headed Cowbird:				
14,16	Halifax, IRWS	10, 40	K.Anderson, M.Argue#	
29	Petersham, Middleboro	18, 30+	E.Nielsen, SSBC	
Northern Oriole:				
22	Winchester	1 f.	F.+M.McClellan	
Pine Grosbeak:				
from Feb.-12,17	Waltham, Hardwick	23, 6	J.Horowitz, I.Giriunas#	
21,30	Lincoln, Chatham	1, 2	R.Walton, B.Nikula#	
Purple Finch:				
23,25	Quabbin(Gate 40), Newbury	1, 1 m.	S.Carroll#, H.Wiggin#	
Red Crossbill:				
5,15	Canton, Quabbin(Gate 40)	3, 1	R.Titus, M.Lynch#	
16,29	Petersham	4, 1	E.Nielsen	
White-winged Crossbill:				
20,30	Wellfleet, Plum Island	5, 6	W.Ellison#, J.Berry	

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Common Redpoll:				
2,2-16	Holliston, Belmont	19, 29 max.	R.Hildreth, L.Taylor	
4,18	Plum Island, Brewster	40, 70	W.Ellison#	
25,27	Worcester, Squantum	12, 15	M.Knufson, W.Cornwell	
Pine Siskin:				
thr.	Middleboro, Nantucket	10, 20 max.(3/1)	D.Briggs, E.Andrews#	
thr.,28	S.Dartmouth, Norwell	8, 2	LCES (R.Maker), W.Petersen	
Evening Grosbeak:				
thr.,16	Middleboro, Petersham	30, 25	D.Briggs, E.Nielsen	

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ad.	adult	F.M.	Fowl Meadow, Milton
b.	banded	H.P.	Halibut Point, Rockport
br.	breeding	I.	Island
dk.	dark (phase)	M.V.	Martha's Vineyard
f.	female	Mt.A.	Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge
imm.	immature	Nant.	Nantucket
ind.	individuals	Newbypt	Newburyport
loc.	location	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)
ph.	photographed	BBC	Brookline Bird Club
pl.	plumage	BOEM	Bird Observer of Eastern Massachusetts
pr.	pair	CCBC	Cape Cod Bird Club
S	summer (1S = first summer)	DFWS	Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary
thr.	throughout	DWWS	Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary
v.o.	various observers	FCBC	Felix Cutler Bird Club
W	winter (2W = second winter)	GMNWR	Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge
w/	with	IRWS	Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary
yg.	young	LCES	Lloyd Center for Environmental Studies
#	additional observers	MAS	Massachusetts Audubon Society
A.A.	Arnold Arboretum	MBO	Manomet Bird Observatory
A.P.	Andrews Point, Rockport	MNWS	Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary
B.R.	Bass Rocks, Gloucester	NEHW	New England Hawk Watch
Buzz.	Buzzards (Bay)	ONWR	Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge
C.	Cape as in Cape Cod	PRNWR	Parker River National Wildlife Refuge
Cambr. Res.	Cambridge Reservoir	SRV	Sudbury River Valley
E.P.	Eastern Point, Gloucester	SSBC	South Shore Bird Club
F.E.	First Encounter Beach, Eastham	WBWS	Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
F.H.	Fort Hill, Eastham		

ADDENDA

DECEMBER 1985 Field Records:

Summer Tanager:

mid-Dec. Arlington 1 at feeder (ph.) R.Wheeler

Mew Gull:

15 on Quincy 1 D.Brown# (Quincy CBC)

NOVEMBER 1985 Field Records:

Painted Bunting:

14-18 Beverly 1 m. at feeder (ph.) L.+E.Talbot

SEPTEMBER 1985 Field Records:

Yellow-throated Vireo:

1 Great I. (Wellfleet) 1 fide Tom Prince

Lark Sparrow:

1 Great I. (Wellfleet) 1 fide Tom Prince

FEBRUARY 1986 Field Records (in this issue):

Virginia Rail:

10 Nantucket 1 M.Litchfield