

Field Records

August 1986



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August was very cool and cloudy, with near normal rain. The temperature averaged 70.5 degrees, 1.4 degrees below normal. The high was 87 degrees on the ninth, and the low was 47 degrees on August 29, which tied the record low for the date, set in 1908. Rain totaled 3.32 inches, 0.36 inch less than normal but frequent enough to promote lush lawns. Rain from "Charley" was less in the north, the Boston area recording 1.18 inches of rain and the suburbs generally getting less than an inch. More fell to the south with some southern suburbs heavily hit. At Hull, for example, more than four inches fell on the eighteenth, causing local street flooding. Five days had thunderstorms, one more than average for August.

COMMON LOON THROUGH GLOSSY IBIS

A Red-necked Grebe in nearly full breeding plumage was found at midmonth at Wachusett Reservoir and was seen several times through the end of the month. The shearwater story was grim this August with very few reports of Cory's, Greater, or Sooty on Stellwagen Bank. The sand lance were gone, the Humpback whales were gone, and the birds were also gone. Wilson's Storm-Petrels were noted in fair numbers but again nowhere near the August numbers of previous years. A single Leach's Storm-Petrel was seen at First Encounter on August 28. An immature Great Cormorant was noted at Lakeville at the end of the month.

A Least Bittern was found at Great Meadows, and as many as five, including 3 young, were found throughout the month at Hellcat Swamp at Plum Island. Great Egrets were noted from seven localities with a high location count of 47 birds at Allens Pond in South Dartmouth on August 25. A maximum count of 270 Snowy Egrets was reported at Plum Island on the last day of the month. Little Blue Herons were reported from eight locations, and Tricolored Herons were seen on Monomoy. A maximum count of 49 Cattle Egrets was made in Ipswich on August 31. Yellow-crowned Night-Herons were found in four locations, and Black-crowned Night-Herons totaled 178 birds at Hemenway Landing in Eastham and 163 birds in Yarmouthport, two roosting areas. R.H.S.

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Common Loon:				
1, 14	P'town, Duxbury Beach	1, 2	P.Trimble, W.Petersen	
26, 28	N.Scituate, Barnstable	1, 3	W.Petersen	
29	Lakeville	1	W.Petersen	
Pied-billed Grebe:				
3-31; 17, 30	P.I.; Lakeville	1; 1	v.o.; W.Petersen	
Red-necked Grebe:				
14	Sterling(Wachusett Res.)	1	F. McMenemy	
Seen several times after the 14th.				
Cory's Shearwater:				
1	off S.Wellfleet (Atlantic)	1	P.Trimble	
23, 28	Stellwagen, Eastham(F.E.)	1, 3	K.Holmes, W.Petersen	
Greater Shearwater:				
1, 22; 27	Stellwagen-Jeffreys Ledge	1, 4-6; 25	J.Berry; D.Morimoto	
1	off S.Wellfleet (Atlantic)	5	P.Trimble	
Sooty Shearwater:				
1	off S.Wellfleet (Atlantic)	3	P.Trimble	
19, 27	P'town, Jeffreys Ledge	1, 2	W.Petersen#, D.Morimoto	
28	Eastham(F.E.)	5	W.Petersen#	

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Manx Shearwater:				
1	off S.Wellfleet (Atlantic)	3	P.Trimble	
19	Eastham(F.E.), P'town	4, 8	W.Petersen#	
19, 27	Monomoy, Jeffreys Ledge	2, 1	R.Heil, D.Morimoto	
28	Eastham(F.E.)	15	W.Petersen#	
Wilson's Storm-Petrel:				
1, 22, 31	off Gloucester	195, 250, 165	J.Berry	
1	off S.Wellfleet (Atlantic)	700+	P.Trimble	
2, 9	N. Monomoy (flats)	1	R.Stymeist#	
19, 23	P.town, Stellwagen	200, 500+	W.Petersen#	
22, 23	Cape Cod Bay	500+, 1000+	D.Briggs#, K.Holmes	
27	Jeffreys Ledge	40	D.Morimoto	
28	Eastham(F.E.)	700	W.Petersen#	
Leach's Storm-Petrel:				
28	Eastham(F.E.)	1	W.Petersen#	
Northern Gannet:				
thr.	Stellwagen-Jeffreys	1-2 imm.	v.o.	
19, 28	P'town, Eastham(F.E.)	2, 20	W.Petersen#	
Great Cormorant:				
29, 30	Lakeville	1 imm.	W.Petersen#	
Double-crested Cormorant:				
thr.	Winthrop	max. 100 (8/18)	J.Cumming	
thr.	Gloucester Harbor	max. 100 (8/22)	J.Berry	
thr.	Beverly-Boston (train)	max. 140+ (8/11,8/12)	J.Berry	
22	Marshfield(DWWS)	170	D.Clapp	
American Bittern:				
10, 27	P.I., GMNWR	1, 1	BBC(T.Prince), G.Gove	
Least Bittern:				
thr.	P.I.	max. 5 incl. 3 yg.(8/14)	D.Arvidson + v.o.	
3	GMNWR	1	J.Heywood	
Great Blue Heron:				
thr.	P.I.	max. 12 (8/3,8/28)	M.Lynch + v.o.	
thr.	Saugus-Revere(train)	max. 7	J.Berry	
4, 25	Uxbridge, S.Dartmouth	8, 14	R.Hildreth, R.Marshall	
30	Eastham(Nauset Marsh)	12	S.Carroll#	
Great Egret:				
thr.	P.I., S.Monomoy	max. 15 (8/4), max. 2	v.o., v.o.	
thr.	S.Dartmouth, Medford	max. 6, 2	LCES(R.Maker), H.Roddis	
15, 17	Marshfield, E.Boston	1, 2	W.Petersen#, J.Cumming	
23	Centerville	5	J.Aylward#	
25	S.Dartmouth(Allens Pond)	47	LCES(R.Marshall)	
Snowy Egret:				
thr.	P.I.	max. 270 (8/31)	R. Heil + v.o.	
thr.	Salem-Revere(train)	max. 55(8/21)	J.Berry	
25, 30	Eastham(Hemenway)	109	R.Prescott#	
30	Scituate	75+	W.Petersen#	
Little Blue Heron:				
thr.	P.I.	max. 5 imm. (8/31)	R.Heil + v.o.	
4, 10-23	Halifax, S.Monomoy	1, 1	L.Pratt, v.o.	
15, 26	Marshfield, Rowley	1 ad., 3 imm.	R.Forster, R.Heil	
30	Scituate	1	W.Petersen#	
30	Rowley, Essex	1, 1 (both ad.)	R.Forster	
Tricolored Heron:				
2	N.Monomoy	1	G.Gove#	
23-31	S.Monomoy	max. 2	B.Nikula#	
Cattle Egret:				
thr.	Ipswich-Essex	max. 49(8/31)	R.Stymeist# + v.o.	
11	Middleboro, Berkley	1, 1	P.Griffith, M.+A.Stetson	
Green-backed Heron:				
thr.	P.I.	max. 6(8/10)	v.o.	
thr.	E.Boston(Belle Isle)	max. 3(8/3)	J.Cumming	
31	Holliston	1	R.Hildreth	
Black-crowned Night-Heron:				
thr.	Eastham(Hemenway)	max. 178	R.Prescott + v.o.	
thr.	P.I.	max 15(8/24)	v.o.	
thr.	Yarmouthport	max. 163	J.Aylward	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron:				
thr.	P.I.	1 ad.	v.o.	
7, 10	Saugus, Cuttyhunk I.	1 ad., 3	B.Sorrie, P.Trimble	
30	Eastham(Nauset)	1 imm.	M.Lynch#	

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Glossy Ibis:				
thr.	P.I.	max. 20 (8/17)	V.Albee + v.o.	
2, 6-19	N.Monomoy, Revere	8, 2	R.Stymeist#, J.Berry	
10	S.Monomoy	5	B.Nikula#	
10	Cuttyhunk I.	1	P.Trimble	
30	Ipswich	7	R.Forster	

WATERFOWL

At Stony Brook in Norfolk, the count of Wood Ducks totaled 318 on August 31, a new high for August. At Plum Island good concentrations of ducks were tallied at the end of the month and included 500 Green-winged Teal, 110 Blue-winged Teal and 10 Northern Shovelers. A drake Eurasian Wigeon in eclipse plumage was found at Plum Island on the twenty-first. Early fall migrants included Ring-necked Ducks in Lakeville, building up to 60 individuals at the end of the month. R.H.S.

Canada Goose:				
3, 23	P.I.	52, 93	M.Lynch, S.Carroll	
Wood Duck:				
2, 4	GMNWR, Uxbridge	45, 8	R.Stymeist, R.Hildreth	
23, 31	Milford, Norfolk	17, 318	R.Hildreth, B.Cassie	
Green-winged Teal:				
25, 26	Sharon, P.I.	2, 500	W.Petersen, R.Heil	
American Black Duck:				
23	P.I.	63	M.Lynch#	
Northern Pintail:				
30	Scituate, P.I.	1, 4	W.Petersen#, R.Forster	
Blue-winged Teal:				
16, 26	P.I.	100+, 110	J.Berry, R.Heil	
29, 31	E.Orleans, Ipswich	8, 60+	D.+E.Williams, J.Berry	
Northern Shoveler:				
26, 30	P.I.	10, 9	W.Petersen, R.Forster	
Gadwall:				
26, 28	Scituate, P.I.	1, 5	W.Petersen, M.Lynch#	
Eurasian Wigeon:				
21	P.I.	1 m.	E.Harper#	
American Wigeon:				
3, 16	GMNWR, P.I.	1, 1	R.Stymeist#, J.Berry#	
Ring-necked Duck:				
29, 30	Lakeville	20, 60	W.Petersen#	
Greater Scaup:				
17-29, 31	Lakeville, P.I.	1 m., 1 m.	W.Petersen, R.Heil	
Common Eider:				
1, 22, 31	Gloucester Harbor	35, 12, 15+	J.Berry	
31	S. Monomoy	25	B.Nikula#	
King Eider:				
27-30	Nant.(Low Beach)	1	S.Perkins	
Black Scoter:				
16-31	P.I.	1	R.Forster + v.o.	
16	Scituate	1	W.Petersen	
31	S.Monomoy	4	B.Nikula#	
Surf Scoter:				
31	S.Monomoy	3	D.Holt#	
White-winged Scoter:				
28	P'town	2	W.Petersen#	
31	S.Monomoy, Scituate	2, 3	D.Holt#, D.Morimoto	
Hooded Merganser:				
25, 26	S.Hanson, Ipswich	1, 3	W.Petersen, E.Harper#	
Red-breasted Merganser:				
16, 30; 17	P.I., N.Scituate	1, 1; 4	R.Forster; G.d'Entremont	
30	N.Scituate	2	W.Petersen#	

RAPTORS THROUGH RAILS

A Black Vulture reported from Wingsheek Beach in Gloucester was surely the same individual reported in July in the Cape Ann area. A kettle of 42 Turkey Vultures was noted in Barre, and Ospreys were on the move by August 23. An immature Bald Eagle was found in Lakeville on August 30. Merlins were found on Plum Island and at Wellfleet Bay, and an adult Peregrine Falcon was reported tormenting shorebirds at Plum Island several times between August 21-27. R.H.S.

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<u>Black Vulture:</u>				
1	Gloucester	1	N.Claflin	
<u>Turkey Vulture:</u>				
2, 17, 24	Barre	6, 18, 42	M.Lynch+S.Carroll	
4, 5	Norton, Holliston	1, 1	K.Holmes, R.Hildreth	
19, 24	Framingham,Ipswich	1, 1	K.Hamilton, J.Berry	
24, 27-28	Millis, Haverhill	1, 2	R.Hildreth, Mrs. Kimball	
<u>Osprey:</u>				
23, 29	Uxbridge, Millis	1 mig., 1 mig.	R.Hildreth, R.Forster	
30, 31	Marshfield, Natick	1, 2	D.Clapp, J.Miller	
<u>Bald Eagle:</u>				
30	Lakeville	1 imm.	W.Petersen#	
<u>Northern Harrier:</u>				
10, 30	Newbypt-P.I.	4, 5	BBC(T.Prince), R.Forster	
25, 28	S.Dartmouth(Allens Pond)	3	LCES(R.Marshall)	
28	WBWS	2	M.Lynch#	
<u>Sharp-shinned Hawk:</u>				
25, 26	Hingham, MNWS	1, 2 imm.	D.Morimoto, R.Forster	
<u>Cooper's Hawk:</u>				
24	P.I.	1	J.Gordon#	
<u>Red-shouldered Hawk:</u>				
thr.	E. Middleboro	1-3 daily	K.Anderson	
2, 3	Plymouth, Hamilton	1, 1	G.d'Entremont#,J.Berry	
15, 16	Marshfield, Norwell	2, 1	W.Petersen	
28, 30	W.Hanover, Scituate	2, 1 imm.	G.d'Entremont#, W.Petersen	
<u>Broad-winged Hawk:</u>				
thr.	E.Middleboro	1-2	K.Anderson	
1, 8	Topsfield, Medfield	1-2, 1 ad.+3yg.	J.Berry, D.Arvidson#	
29	Rockport	3 imm.	R.Heil	
<u>Red-tailed Hawk:</u>				
4	Uxbridge	4 ad.+3 imm.	R.Hildreth	
26	P.I.	1 imm.	W.Petersen	
<u>American Kestrel:</u>				
thr.	Salem-Boston	max. 7 (8/15)	J.Berry	
15, 17	Halifax, N.Scituate	4, 1	K.Anderson, G.d'Entremont	
30	Truro, Wellfleet	3, 2	G.d'Entremont#, D.Brown#	
<u>Merlin:</u>				
28, 30	P.I., WBWS	2, 1	M.Lynch#, S.Carroll#	
<u>Peregrine Falcon:</u>				
21-27	P.I.	1 adult	B.Cassie + v.o.	
<u>Ruffed Grouse:</u>				
9-31	E. Middleboro	1-3 daily	K.Anderson	
<u>Wild Turkey:</u>				
26	Royalston	6	R.Freudenheim	
<u>Northern Bobwhite:</u>				
30	Wellfleet, Belmont	12, 1	G.d'Entremont#, L.Taylor	
<u>Clapper Rail:</u>				
30	Nauset	1	M.Lynch#	
<u>Virginia Rail:</u>				
23	Milford	1	R.Hildreth	
<u>Sora:</u>				
17	Halifax	1 imm.	K.Anderson	
<u>Common Moorhen:</u>				
thr.	P.I.	max.6 (1 ad.+5 yg.)	D.Arvidson + v.o.	
23	Milford	1 imm.	R.Hildreth	

SHOREBIRDS THROUGH SKIMMER

The maximum number of Piping Plover reported from North Monomoy this month was 6. In the ten year period 1973-1982, the greatest numbers were in the range of 15 to 67 birds and have been declining since then. The maximum number of 50+ American Oystercatchers at North Monomoy is the highest total in *Bird Observer* records as is the total of 750 Lesser Yellowlegs at Plum Island. About 240 Whimbrel were roosting at North Monomoy; the highest total of this species was 360 in August 1979. Approximately 30 Hudsonian Godwits were seen departing southeasterly from North Monomoy on August 19, the day after Hurricane Charley, along with dowitchers, yellowlegs, and peep.

A Marbled Godwit was present at Newburyport-Plum Island at month's end. A total of 4 to 6 Western Sandpipers were reported this month and a Little Stint was present for about a week at Duxbury Beach, where it was photographed.

Possible Hurricane Charley-related birds included 75 Red-necked Phalaropes, and 34 Parasitic Jaegers seen on the Cape. Hurricane Charley passed well offshore on August 18. A skua species was seen at Eastham, but "no body color was observed." An adult Franklin's Gull was seen at Plum Island, two Lesser Black-backed Gulls were noted at Annisquam, and an early Glaucous Gull was reported from East Sandwich. A Gull-billed Tern was noted in Eastham, and Caspian and Royal terns were seen at North Monomoy. A total of 10 to 16 Forster's Terns was seen at five locations, and many Black Terns were reported including 60 seen on August 19, a result of Hurricane Charley. G.W.G.

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Black-bellied Plover:				
thr.	P.I.	max. 500	BBC + v.o.	
thr.	N.Monomoy	max. 1000	B.Nikula#	
13-31	Halifax	max. 16(8/29)	K.Anderson#	
20, 26	Scituate, Newbypt	150, 800	W.Petersen	
Lesser Golden-Plover:				
22, 29	S.Monomoy, Halifax	1, 18 ad.	B.Nikula, W.Petersen#	
27-28	Nant.	60	S.Perkins	
23-31	Individuals at 6 locations.			
Semipalmated Plover:				
thr.	P.I.	max. 920 (8/16)	v.o.	
thr.	N.Monomoy	max. 600 (8/24)	B.Nikula#	
15-31	Halifax	max. 3 (8/29,31)	K.Anderson	
16, 17	Scituate, Ipswich	400, 100	W.Petersen, J.Berry	
Piping Plover:				
thr.	N.Monomoy	max. 6 (8/9)	BBC(R.Stymeist) + v.o.	
Killdeer:				
10-31	Halifax	max. 20 (8/10)	K.Anderson	
20	Rockland	35	W.Petersen	
20, 28	Marshfield	26, 51	D.Clapp	
23, 30	Northbridge	16, 10	R.Hildreth	
American Oystercatcher:				
thr.	N.Monomoy	max. 50+(8/10)	B.Nikula#	
thr.	Orleans	max. 29	R.Prescott	
10	Cuttyhunk I.	3	P.Trimble	
Greater Yellowlegs:				
thr.	P.I.	max. 178(8/28)	v.o.	
2, 9	N.Monomoy	28, 80	R.Stymeist#	
25	Dartmouth	37	LCES(R.Marshall)	
31	E. Boston	90	J.Cumming	
Lesser Yellowlegs:				
thr.	P.I.	max. 750(8/23)	v.o.	
10-31	Halifax	max. 23(8/10)	K.Anderson	
Solitary Sandpiper:				
9	Middleboro	6	D.Clapp	
14-30	Halifax	1	K.Anderson	
23, 30	Northbridge	6, 8	R.Hildreth	
Willet:				
thr.	N.Monomoy	max. 45(8/10)	B.Nikula	
thr.	S.Dartmouth	max. 8	LCES(R.Marshall)	
16, 17	P.I., Ipswich	3+1 "Western", 1	R.Stymeist, J.Berry	
Spotted Sandpiper:				
10	S.Monomoy	15	B.Nikula#	
17	N.Scituate	5	G.d'Entremont	
3, 23	P.I., Concord	5, 3	M.Lynch#, L.Taylor#	
13-30	Halifax	max. 2 (8/17)	K.Anderson	
23	Northbridge	3	R.Hildreth	
Upland Sandpiper:				
3	W.Newbury, Newbypt	4, 5	M.Lynch#	
4	Watertown	1	R.Stymeist#	
25, 28	Chatham, P'town	2, 1	B.Nikula#, W.Petersen	
	Individuals from four to six locations.			
Whimbrel:				
thr.	N.Monomoy	max.240(8/10)	B.Nikula#	
thr.	P.I.	max. 18(8/10)	v.o.	
24	WBWS	13	F.Bouchard	
Hudsonian Godwit:				
thr.	N.Monomoy	max.100(8/10)	B.Nikula#	
thr.	E.Boston	max. 21(8/10)	J.Cumming	
thr.	P.I.-Newbypt	max. 42(8/16)	v.o.	
28	P'town	10 mig.	W.Petersen	
Marbled Godwit:				
21-31	P.I.-Newbypt	1	B.Cassie# + v.o.	

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Ruddy Turnstone:				
thr.	N.Monomoy	max. 115(8/9)	v.o.	
16	Winthrop	45	J.Cumming	
Red Knot:				
thr.	N.Monomoy	max.400(8/10)	B.Nikula	
16, 17	Scituate, Winthrop	1200, 55	W.Petersen, J.Cumming	
Sanderling:				
thr.	N.Monomoy	max.1200(8/16,24)	B.Nikula#	
22	Duxbury	390	D.Clapp	
Semipalmated Sandpiper:				
thr.	N.Monomoy	max.200(8/10)	B.Nikula#	
thr.	P.I.	max.600(8/14)	v.o.	
10-31	Halifax	max. 80(8/29)	K.Anderson	
16	Scituate, Newbypt	1200, 4000	W.Petersen, R.Heil	
Western Sandpiper:				
14, 15	Duxbury	1, 2	W.Petersen#	
23	Halifax	1	K.Anderson	
23, 29	P.I.	1, 1	S.Carroll#, H.Wiggin	
Little Stint:				
6-14	Duxbury	1 ph.	W.Petersen#	
Least Sandpiper:				
thr.	N.Monomoy	max.300(8/10)	B.Nikula#	
thr.	P.I.	max. 90(8/23)	v.o.	
10-31	Halifax	max. 18(8/23)	K.Anderson#	
White-rumped Sandpiper:				
thr.	P.I.	max. 18(8/16)	v.o.	
19	Scituate	67	J.Hassett	
19	P'town	15	W.Petersen	
Baird's Sandpiper:				
23	Newbypt, P.I.	1, 1	S.Carroll#, M.Blazis#	
Pectoral Sandpiper:				
7-23	P.I.	max. 10(8/23)	v.o.	
10-31	Halifax	max. 25(8/10)	K.Anderson	
7	Middleboro	7	D.Clapp	
10	S.Monomoy, N.Monomoy	8, 7	B.Nikula#	
31	Mashpee	2	P.Trimble	
Dunlin:				
15, 21	Scituate, P.I.	1, 1	B.Hallett#, B.Cassie	
Stilt Sandpiper:				
2-23	P.I.	max. 34(8/16)	v.o.	
Short-billed Dowitcher:				
thr.	P.I.	max.100(8/2,23)	BBC + v.o.	
thr.	E.Boston	max. 40	J.Cumming	
thr.	N.Monomoy	max.1000(8/10)	B.Nikula#	
Long-billed Dowitcher:				
thr.	P.I.	max. 82(8/16)	BBC + R.Heil	
Common Snipe:				
9	Middleboro	1	D.Clapp	
10-31	Halifax	max. 7(8/23)	K.Anderson	
Wilson's Phalarope:				
23-30	P.I.	1-2	v.o.	
30	Scituate	1	W.Petersen	
Red-necked Phalarope:				
1	off Gloucester	13	J.Berry	
19	P'town	75	W.Petersen	
28, 29	Eastham, Rockport	9, 6	W.Petersen, R.Heil	
Red Phalarope:				
23	Stellwagen	1	K.Holmes	
Pomarine Jaeger:				
28	Eastham	9	W.Petersen	
Parasitic Jaeger:				
2, 9	N.Monomoy	1 ad.	R.Stymeist#	
8	off S.Wellfleet	7	P.Trimble	
19	Eastham	4	W.Petersen	
19	P'town, N.Monomoy	8, 2	W.Petersen	
28	Eastham	12	W.Petersen	
skua sp.:				
28	Eastham	1	W.Petersen, R.Forster	
Laughing Gull:				
5, 11	S.Wellfleet, Nahant	300, 255	R.Forster, R.Heil	
18	Winthrop	22	J.Cumming	
25	S.Dartmouth	22	R. Marshall	

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<u>Franklin's Gull:</u>				
16	P.I.	1 ad.	R.Heil, I.Smith	
<u>Little Gull:</u>				
2-17	P.I.-Newbypt	1 - 2	v.o.	
27	Nant.	1	S.Perkins	
<u>Common Black-headed Gull:</u>				
9, 11	Nahant	1 ad.	R.Heil	
16-17	Winthrop	1 ad.	J.Cumming	
<u>Bonaparte's Gull:</u>				
thr.	Newbypt	max. 350(8/26)	v.o.	
11	Nahant-Winthrop	600	R.Heil	
18	Winthrop	76	J.Cumming	
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull:</u>				
8, 21	Annisquam	1(1S), 1 ad.	H.Wiggin	
27	Nant.(Low Beach)	1	S.Perkins	
<u>Glaucous Gull:</u>				
16	E. Sandwich	1	J.Aylward, R.Pease	
<u>Black-legged Kittiwake:</u>				
19, 28	P'town	1, 1	W.Petersen#	
23	Stellwagen	2	W.Petersen#	
<u>Gull-billed Tern:</u>				
19	Eastham	1 ad.	R.Heil	
<u>Caspian Tern:</u>				
25	N.Monomoy	1 imm.	B.Nikula#	
<u>Royal Tern:</u>				
16, 19	N.Monomoy, Eastham	1, 1	B.Nikula#, R.Heil	
<u>Roseate Tern:</u>				
9, 16	N.Monomoy, Newbypt	120, 15	R.Stymeist#, R.Heil	
<u>Common Tern:</u>				
thr.	P.I.	max.100(8/23)	BBC + J.Berry	
9	N.Monomoy	800	R.Stymeist#	
<u>Arctic Tern:</u>				
9	N.Monomoy	4	C.Floyd#	
<u>Forster's Tern:</u>				
10-31	S.Monomoy	max. 3	B.Nikula	
10	N.Monomoy	4	B.Nikula	
10, 16	P.I.	2, 2	J.Grugan, R.Heil	
24	WBWS	4	F.Bouchard	
30	S.Duxbury	1	W.Petersen	
<u>Least Tern:</u>				
thr.	P.I.	max. 6	BBC	
6	Plymouth	7	B.Sorrie#	
10	Cuttyhunk I.	30	P.Trimble	
30	Scituate	20	W.Petersen#	
<u>Black Tern:</u>				
thr.	N.Monomoy	max. 3	B.Nikula#	
10-31	S.Monomoy	max. 5	B.Nikula#	
2-17	P.I.	max. 7(8/16)	v.o.	
19	Eastham, P'town	60, 6	W.Petersen#	
28	Eastham	5	W.Petersen#	
Individuals reported from five locations.				
<u>Black Skimmer:</u>				
1-14	N.Monomoy	max. 3(8/9)	R.Stymeist#, B.Nikula#	
thr.	Orleans	max. 3	R.Prescott	

DOVES THROUGH WOODPECKERS

A White-winged Dove was photographed in Chatham and was present for three days. Six species of owls were reported, and Common Nighthawks were migrating after August 20. An immature *Selasphorus* species hummingbird (Allen's/Rufous type) was photographed at Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, where it came to a hummingbird feeder for a few days. It was at first thought that the bird was a Rufous Hummingbird and, in all probability, it was. See *Bird Observer* 8: 143, August 1980, for a discussion of the *Selasphorus* species and the likelihood of its appearance in Massachusetts.

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<u>White-winged Dove:</u>				
8-10	Chatham	1 ph.	T. + M. Vose	
<u>Black-billed Cuckoo:</u>				
9, 14	ONWR, P.I.	1, 1	M.Lynch#, J.Grugan	
<u>Yellow-billed Cuckoo:</u>				
28, 30	P.I., Scituate	1, 1	S.Carroll#, W.Petersen#	

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Common Barn-Owl:			
1, 21	N.Middleboro, Lakeville	1, 11	S.Peak, K.Holmes
Eastern Screech-Owl:			
1-21	Ipswich	1	J.Berry
4-22	E. Middleboro	1	K.Anderson
28	Scituate	3	W.Petersen
Individuals from four locations.			
Great Horned Owl:			
thr.	Ipswich	pair	J.Berry
12	Middleboro	1	S.Peak
20	Lakeville	1	K.Holmes
26	Bridgewater	1	K.Holmes
Burrowing Owl:			
thr.	M.V.	1	V.Laux + v.o.
Barred Owl:			
23	Middleboro	1 calling	D.Briggs
Long-eared Owl:			
12	Middleboro	1	S.Peak
Short-eared Owl:			
thr.	N.Monomoy	1-2	v.o.
Common Nighthawk:			
20-31	Lexington	max. 42(8/25), total 190	L.Taylor
20-29	Mt. A.	total 478	R.Stymeist
27	Sherborn-Millis	110	R.Forster
20-31	Many other reports of 1-75 birds.		
Whip-poor-will:			
21	Middleboro	1	K.Holmes
Chimney Swift:			
2, 4; 29	P.I.; Worcester	5, 10; 40	BBC; M.Lynch#
25	Whitman, S. Hanson	50, 40	W.Petersen
20, 29	Mt.A.	30, 20	R.Stymeist
<i>Selasphorus</i> species:			
27-29	WBWS	1 imm. m. ph.	D.Reynolds#
Ruby-throated Hummingbird:			
thr.	E. Middleboro	1-2	K.Anderson
10	Princeton	2	J.Gordon#
22, 23	Hopkinton	2, 2	G.Gove
9-28	Individuals from five locations.		
Belted Kingfisher:			
4	Uxbridge	4	R.Hildreth
24	Millis-Milford	3	R.Hildreth
Northern Flicker:			
28, 31	P.I., Milton(F.M.)	5, 20	M.Lynch#, D.Brown
Pileated Woodpecker:			
27	Weston	1	S.Carroll#

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH GROSBEAKS

Post-breeding dispersal and migration were evident throughout the month and for several species occurred on the early side. Movement in the first weeks of August was most noticeable primarily among the warblers, with Blackpoll, Black-and-white, Ovenbird, Northern Waterthrush and Mourning among others appearing at the usual migrant traps. Dickcissels were also moving in the first half of August. Weather conditions changed to northwest winds accompanied by record low temperatures on the twenty-eighth, bringing a large migratory movement which continued through the thirty-first. Clear migrant reports at this time covered most genera and included Olive-sided Flycatchers, Red-breasted Nuthatches, Veerys, Philadelphia Vireos, Palm Warbler, Yellow-breasted Chats, and Northern Orioles. The Lark Sparrows on August 29 and 30 are matched in the last ten Augusts only by the count of two in 1979. Both of these cases are evidence of the early movement this year.

Counts of 127 Eastern Kingbirds and 50 Cliff Swallows in Norfolk on August 30 eclipse August daily highs for both these species during any of the last ten years. The Eurasian Jackdaw continued on Nantucket and in Annisquam a Common Raven was reported for the second August in a row. This individual was both heard and seen in comparison with American Crows which were mobbing it. Counts of 1 to 2 Carolina Wrens totaling 8 individuals were received from 6 locations, all south and west of Boston; there were also two single individuals reported from northeastern Massachusetts sites. Four hundred American Robins in Lexington were observed late in the day, all flying towards a presumed roost in the same area where several thousand robins congregated several years ago. Warbler species for August totaled thirty, highest in any of the ten years, and provided another indication of early fall migration this year. Southern warbler species of note included a Yellow-throated on Nantucket and a Kentucky in

Annisquam. All Mourning Warbler reports were concentrated in Marblehead Neck. Uncommon sparrows seen included a Clay-colored at Fowl Meadow in Milton on August 31 and a carefully described Lark Bunting in the brown plumage at Monomoy on August 23. For the second straight August, Evening Grosbeaks were reported, this year from Annisquam, last year from Hudson. L.E.T.

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Olive-sided Flycatcher:				
26, 28	Falmouth, P.I.	1, 1	B.Sorrie, M.Lynch#	
29, 30	Lexington, MNWS	1, 1	L.Taylor, R.Forster	
Eastern Wood-Pewee:				
23	Hamilton	8	J.Berry	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:				
31	MNWS	1	B.Hallett	
Least Flycatcher:				
9, 20	Lancaster, Scituate	1, 1	S.Carroll#, W.Petersen	
31	Milton	2	BBC(D.Brown)	
Great Crested Flycatcher:				
25, 28	Annisquam, P.I.	1, 1	H.Wiggin, M.Lynch#	
Western Kingbird:				
27	Nant.	1	S.Perkins	
Eastern Kingbird:				
thr., 30	P.I., Norfolk	max. 32(8/28), 127	v.o., B.Cassie	
Horned Lark:				
9, 23-24	N.Monomoy, E.Boston	8, 18-25	R.Stymeist#, S.Thomas	
Purple Martin:				
thr., 4	P.I.	1-3, 50	v.o., BBC	
1-28	E.Middleboro	1	K.Anderson	
30	Ipswich, E.Middleboro	3, 10	R.Forster, W.Petersen#	
Tree Swallow:				
thr.	P.I.	max. 5000(8/24)	v.o.	
29	Worcester	50+	M.Lynch	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow:				
10, 30	Cuttjhungk, Norfolk	5, 2	P.Trimble, B.Cassie	
Bank Swallow:				
thr.	P.I.	max. 10 (8/4)	v.o.	
Cliff Swallow:				
thr., 30	9 locations, Halifax	9 singles, 8	v.o., W.Petersen#	
30	Norfolk	50	B.Cassie	
Barn Swallow:				
thr.	P.I.	max. 200 (8/4)	v.o.	
Eurasian Jackdaw:				
thr.	Nantucket	1	E. Andrews#	
Fish Crow:				
11-31, 21	W.Hanover, Whitman	1-3, 3	G.d'Entremont, W.Petersen	
25	S.Hanson	2	W.Petersen	
Common Raven:				
28	Annisquam	1 (details)	H. Wiggin	
Red-breasted Nuthatch:				
3, 12	Annisquam, Sherborn	1, 1	H.Wiggin, R.Forster	
23-30, 31	7 locations, P.I.	9 total, 5	v.o., R.Heil	
Carolina Wren:				
thr.	S.Dartmouth, 6 loc.	max. 3, 8 total	LCES(R.Maker), v.o.	
9, 11	Rockport, MNWS	1 b., 1	R.Norris, R.Heil	
16	W. Medway	5	C. Quinlan	
Marsh Wren:				
3, 24	P.I., GMNWR	12, 5	S.Carroll, BBC(A.Clayton)	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:				
9, 17-31	ONWR, 5 locations	6, 5 singles	M.Lynch, v.o.	
26, 29	N.Scituate, Rockport	2-3, 7	W.Petersen, R.Heil	
Eastern Bluebird:				
thr., 18	E.Middleboro, Plymouth	max. 4(8/6), 2 broods	K.Anderson, R.Turner	
Veery:				
13, 30	MNWS, Waltham	1, 3	R.Forster, L.Taylor	
Hermit Thrush:				
1	Hopedale	1	K.Holmes	
American Robin:				
12, 22	Lexington, DWWS	400, 70	L.Taylor, D.Clapp	
Gray Catbird:				
thr., 31	P.I., Milton(F.M.)	max. 50(8/4), 25	v.o., BBC(D.Brown)	
Northern Mockingbird:				
thr., 31	P.I., Watertown	max. 11(8/3), 8	v.o., R.Stymeist#	
Brown Thrasher:				
thr.	P.I.	max. 10(8/23)	v.o.	

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Cedar Waxwing: thr., 23	P.I., Wareham	max. 30(8/2), 9	v.o., F.Bouchard	
Yellow-throated Vireo:				
1, 2	P.I., Holliston	1, 1	B.Hallett#, R.Hildreth	
21, 26	P.I., MNWS	1, 1	B.Cassie, R.Forster	
29, 30	W.Newbury, Waltham	1, 1	D. Briggs, L.Taylor	
Warbling Vireo:				
20 - 30	5 locations	7 total	v.o.	
Philadelphia Vireo:				
25-30, 30	5 locations, Brookfield	5 singles, 2	v.o., R.Hildreth	
Blue-winged Warbler:				
thr., 9	5 locations, ONWR	7 total, 4	v.o., M.Lynch#	
9	Nahant	3	R.Heil	
Golden-winged Warbler:				
20	Manomet	1 b.	MBO	
"Brewster's" Warbler:				
21	Chatham	1	W. Bailey	
Tennessee Warbler:				
30	P.I.	1	R.Forster	
Nashville Warbler:				
9, 31	ONWR, Milton(F.M.)	2, 2	S.Carroll#, BBC(D.Brown)	
Northern Parula:				
29	W.Newbury	1	D. Davis	
Yellow Warbler:				
1-28	P.I.	max. 20(8/4)	v.o.	
Chestnut-sided Warbler:				
9, 26-31	ONWR, 5 locations	3, 10 total	M.Lynch#, v.o.	
Magnolia Warbler:				
26	MNWS	1	R.Forster	
Cape May Warbler:				
3-26	Annisquam	1-2	H.Wiggin	
23-30	3 locations	4 total	v.o.	
25, 26	P.I., N.Scituate	6, 5	J.Grugan, W.Petersen	
Black-throated Blue Warbler:				
26, 29	N.Scituate, S.Dartmouth	2, 2	W.Petersen, J.Smith	
Yellow-rumped Warbler:				
30, 31	WBWS, Mashpee	1, 1	S.Carroll#, P.Trimble	
Black-throated Green Warbler:				
21, 31	Annisquam, Waltham	1, 3	H.Wiggin, L.Taylor	
Blackburnian Warbler:				
29	E.Middleboro	1	K.Anderson #	
Yellow-throated Warbler:				
22	Nantucket	1	S.Perkins	
Pine Warbler:				
thr., 28	E.Middleboro, WBWS	1-2, 4	K.Anderson, R.Forster	
30	Lakeville	8	W.Petersen#	
Prairie Warbler:				
13, 14 - 31	MNWS, 5 locations	1, 8 total	R.Forster, v.o.	
Palm Warbler:				
27	Worcester	1	M.Lynch	
Bay-breasted Warbler:				
23, 26	P.I., N.Scituate	10, 5	S.Carroll#, W.Petersen	
Blackpoll Warbler:				
12, 16	MNWS, P.I.	1, 1	R.Heil, R.Forster	
Black-and-white Warbler:				
18, 21	E.Boston, Annisquam	1, 2	S.Thomas, H.Wiggin	
29, 30	S.Dartmouth	2, 1	LCES(R.Maker)	
American Redstart:				
23, 30	P.I., S.Dartmouth	6, 2	M.Lynch, LCES(R.Maker)	
Ovenbird:				
13, 31	MNWS, Milton(F.M.)	1, 2	R.Forster, BBC(D.Brown)	
Northern Waterthrush:				
13	MNWS	2	R.Forster	
Kentucky Warbler:				
25	Annisquam	1 m. singing	H.Wiggin	
Mourning Warbler:				
11-31	MNWS	6 total	v.o.	
Common Yellowthroat:				
9, 31	Lancaster, Milton(F.M.)	12, 15	M.Lynch#, BBC (D.Brown)	
Wilson Warbler:				
18, 26	Middleboro, MNWS	2 m., 5	D.Briggs, R.Forster	
Canada Warbler:				
17, 17-31	Bridgewater, 4 locations	1, 6 total	W.Petersen, v.o.	

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Yellow-breasted Chat:				
15, 30	Rockport	1 b., 1 b.	R.Norris	
25-29	3 locations	4 total	v.o.	
Scarlet Tanager:				
14, 31	P.I., Waltham	1, 3	J.Grugan, L.Taylor	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak:				
4, 16	Annisquam, Wayland	3, 8	H.Wiggin, BBC(B.Howell)	
Dickcissel:				
6, 12	Annisquam, MNWS	1, 1	H.Wiggin, R.Heil	
23	S.Monomoy	1	B.Nikula#	
Rufous-sided Towhee:				
thr., 3	P.I., Hamilton	max. 12(8/23), 8	v.o., J.Berry	
Chipping Sparrow:				
30	Wellfleet	14	G.d'Entremont	
Clay-colored Sparrow:				
31	Milton(F.M.)	1 ad.	D.Brown#	
Field Sparrow:				
3, 31	Hamilton, Milton(F.M.)	3, 5	J.Berry, BBC(D.Brown)	
Vesper Sparrow:				
19-30, 30	Wellfleet, Truro	max. 8(9/19), 2	v.o., D.Morimoto	
Lark Sparrow:				
29, 30	Newbypt, Scituate	1, 1 imm.	H.Wiggin, D.Clapp	
Lark Bunting:				
23	S.Monomoy	1 f. (details)	B.Nikula#	
Grasshopper Sparrow:				
25	S.Dartmouth	1	R.Marshall	
Sharp-tailed Sparrow:				
thr., 25	P.I., S.Dartmouth	max. 20(8/23), 16	v.o., R.Marshall	
30	Scituate	3	D.Clapp	
Seaside Sparrow:				
11	S.Dartmouth	4	R.Marshall	
15	Duxbury Beach	1 imm.	W.Petersen	
23, 31	Newbypt, P.I.	6, 1	J.Berry#, G.Gove#	
Song Sparrow:				
thr., 9	P.I., Lancaster	15 max., 45	v.o., S.Carroll#	
White-throated Sparrow:				
21	MNWS	1	R.Heil	
Bobolink:				
2, 9	Annisquam, Lancaster	1, 30	H.Wiggin, M.Lynch#	
16, 30	Wayland, Ipswich	75, 300	BBC(B.Howell), R.Forster	
31	Milton (F.M.)	75	BBC(D.Brown)	
Eastern Meadowlark:				
3, 23	Newburyport, Berkley	18, 19	S.Carroll#, M.Stetson#	
Yellow-headed Blackbird:				
12-15, 23-27	Nantucket, P.I.	max. 2(8/13), 1 m.	N.Jenks-Jay, v.o.	
Brown-headed Cowbird:				
2, 20	Rowley, Marshfield	190, 144	J.Berry, D.Clapp	
Northern Oriole:				
5, 26	Holliston, Watertown	10, 3 mig.	R.Hildreth, R.Stymeist	
30	P.I., Wellfleet	8, 5	R.Forster, G.d'Entremont	
Purple Finch:				
26	P.I.	2	W.Petersen	
Evening Grosbeak:				
13	Annisquam	1 m. (details)	H.Wiggin	



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