

# FIELD RECORDS

## SEPTEMBER 1987



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September was a very cloudy and wet month. The temperature averaged 65.4 degrees, and no temperature records were broken. The high mark was 86 degrees on September 9, and the lowest temperature was 48 degrees on September 26. Rain totaled 7.29 inches, 3.88 inches more than normal, and the most in September since 1958. Sunshine was only 47% of possible. Fog was rather frequent. Northwest winds were recorded on September 1, 3, 10, 25, and 27. R.H.S.

### LOONS THROUGH CORMORANTS

Common Loons appeared at coastal locations with 24 at Marshfield, and one was heard calling at Duxbury. Pied-billed Grebes increased through the month with 13 counted at Lakeville. Poor pelagic birding continued through September, and the numbers of birds seen were low compared to previous years.

The reporter of the two Leach's Storm-Petrels said that they were picked up by a friend after landing on a cruise ship at an estimated 100 miles off the Massachusetts coast a day or two prior to September 22. The weather was foggy. When the reporter examined them, the smudgy stripe down the rump and the forked tail were evident. The reporter and friend took them to the beach and released them, and after some strenuous flapping, the birds got underway.

An evening roost of Double-crested Cormorants at Monomoy contained 500 birds, and an estimated 5000 in a migrating flock passed over Ipswich in a 20 to 30 minute period. G.W.G.

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	SEPTEMBER 1987
Common Loon				
5, 6	Scituate, N. Monomoy	2, 2	W. Petersen, BBC (W. Drummond)	
19, 20	Marshfield, Duxbury	24, 7	D. Clapp#, M. Lynch#	
24, 27	Duxbury, Cuttyhunk	2 (1 calling), 2	J. Berry#, P. Trimble	
Pied-billed Grebe				
thr	DWWS	2	D. Ludlow + v.o.	
3, 26	S. Monomoy	8, 4	B. Nikula	
5, 27	Lakeville	6, 13	W. Petersen	
10-26, 26	P.I., Arlington	6 max 9/26, 6	v. o., L. Taylor	
Northern Fulmar				
13	E of Wellfleet	1	B. Nikula	
Cory's Shearwater				
13, 16	E of Wellfleet, off Nantucket	1, 1	B. Nikula, J. Brown	
Greater Shearwater				
13, 15	E of Wellfleet, Provincetown	20, 1	B. Nikula, M. Lynch#	
16	off Nantucket	100	J. Brown	
Sooty Shearwater				
16	off Nantucket	2	J. Brown	
Manx Shearwater				
13, 27	E of Wellfleet, Cape Cod Bay	1, 1	B. Nikula, P. Alden#	
Wilson's Storm-Petrel				
13, 16	E of Wellfleet, off Nantucket	100, 60	B. Nikula, J. Brown	
Leach's Storm-Petrel				
19, 22	Provincetown, "at sea"	1 or 2, 2	W. Petersen#, fide J. Berry	
Northern Gannet				
15, 19	Provincetown	22, 3	M. Lynch#, W. Petersen#	
22	Duxbury	1	D. F. Oliver	

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Great Cormorant				
5, 6	Lakeville, Provincetown	1, 1 imm	W. Petersen#, G. d'Entremont#	
17, 18-30	Orleans, Lexington	2, 1 imm	B. Nikula, R. Forster	
24, 27	Rockport, Cuttyhunk	3, 2	D. F. Oliver, P. Trimble	
Double-crested Cormorant				
4, 12	N. Monomoy, Clinton	500, 200	B. Nikula, M. Lynch#	
17, 26	Ipswich, P.I.	5000, 100	R. McHale, BBC (G. Gove)	
27	Cuttyhunk	250	P. Trimble	

#### HERONS THROUGH WATERFOWL

Up to 50 Great Egrets and 105 Snowy Egrets were at Allens Pond, and 35 Great Egrets and 400 Snowy Egrets were at Plum Island where 11 Little Blue Herons were also seen. Only one Tricolored Heron was reported this month. Cattle Egrets were present at Ipswich early in the month, and Green-backed Herons were noted throughout the month. There were four reports of Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, and Glossy Ibis were present to September 20.

Male Eurasian Wigeons were seen at Plum Island and at Great Meadows NWR; both appeared to be first-year males. Numbers of Ring-necked Ducks built up through the month, and in Scituate, 200 Common Eider included no adult males.

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American Bittern				
5, 26	P.I.	1, 1	v.o., BBC (G. Gove)	
15, 24	N. Monomoy, GMNWR	1, 1	B. Nikula, S. Scelsky#	
Great Blue Heron				
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	22 max 9/4	LCES (J. Lyons)	
6, 15	Westport, Eastham	42, 32	R. Stymcist#, M. Lynch#	
26	P.I.	30	BBC (G. Gove)	
Great Egret				
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	50 max 9/4	LCES (J. Lyons)	
1, 1-26	P.I., S. Monomoy	35, 3	J. Berry, B. Nikula	
6	Westport, S. Dartmouth	25, 10	R. Stymcist#	
Snowy Egret				
thr	P.I.	400 max 9/1	v.o.	
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	105 max 9/4	LCES (J. Lyons)	
4, 6	Cohasset, N. Monomoy	93, 50	D. Clapp, BBC (W. Drummond)	
6, 17	S. Monomoy, Nantucket	20, 25	P. Trimble, J. Brown	
Little Blue Heron				
5	Scituate, Essex	2, 1 ad.	W. Petersen#, K. Griffis#	
5	P.I.	11	I. Giriunas#	
4, 10, 15	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	4, 6, 2	LCES (J. Lyons)	
Tricolored Heron				
3-15	S. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula#	
Cattle Egret				
3	Ipswich	14	J. Berry	
Green-backed Heron				
6	P.I., Westport	4, 3	M. Lynch#, R. Stymcist#	
19, 26	Weymouth, Scituate	1, 2	G. d'Entremont#, W. Petersen	
15, 24	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	5, 1	LCES (J. Lyons)	
Black-crowned Night-Heron				
1-25	Yarmouthport	137 max	J. Aylward	
6, 27	S. Monomoy, Squantum	18, 40	P. Trimble, G. d'Entremont#	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron				
10; 14, 16	P.I.; Eastham	1 ad + 1 imm; 1, 1	R. Forster; B. Nikula#	
Glossy Ibis				
1; 3, 5	P.I.; S. Monomoy	3; 4	J. Berry; B. Nikula#	
20	Duxbury	1	M. Lynch#	
Mute Swan				
6, 26	Acoaxet, P.I.	82, 3	R. Stymcist#, BBC (G. Gove)	
13	M. V.	50	J. Brown	
Canada Goose				
thr	P.I.	400 max 9/5	BBC (J. Center)	
Wood Duck				
6, 27; 7, 26	Holliston; Milford	12, 9; 13, 20	R. Hildreth	

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Green-winged Teal				
thr	S. Monomoy	300 max	v.o.	
26	P.I.	200	BBC (G. Gove)	
American Black Duck				
3, 26; 12	S. Monomoy; P.I.	120, 150; 120	B. Nikula; M. Lynch#	
24, 29	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	149, 223	LCES (J. Lyons)	
Northern Pintail				
5, 26	P.I.	1, 4	G. d'Entremont#, BBC (G. Gove)	
3, 26; 26	S. Monomoy; E. Sandwich	15, 6; 3 f	B. Nikula; B. Porter	
Blue-winged Teal				
3, 26; 19	S. Monomoy; Provincetown	200, 60; 40	B. Nikula; P. Trimble	
5, 13	P.I., M. V.	35, 30	I. Giriunas, J. Brown	
Northern Shoveler				
3-26	S. Monomoy	30 max 9/26	v.o.	
5-26	P.I.	12 max 9/10	v.o.	
19	Provincetown	10	P. Trimble	
Gadwall				
3, 26; 6	S. Monomoy; P.I.	40, 8; 4	B. Nikula; M. Lynch#	
Eurasian Wigeon				
2, 29	P.I., GMNWR	1 m, 1 m	D. F. Oliver, S. Selesky#	
American Wigeon				
3, 26	S. Monomoy	6, 80	B. Nikula	
6-26	P.I.	20 max	v.o.	
Ring-necked Duck				
5, 27	Lakeville	85, 250	W. Petersen#	
5, 27	W. Newbury	8, 50	R. Forster, D. F. Oliver	
Greater Scaup				
27	Lakeville, W. Newbury	2, 3	W. Petersen, D. F. Oliver	
scaup species				
26	S. Monomoy	10	B. Nikula	
Common Eider				
5, 26	Scituate	125, 200	W. Petersen, G. d'Entremont#	
6, 27	S. Dartmouth, Cuttyhunk	6, 16	R. Stymeist#, P. Trimble	
King Eider				
27	Rockport	1 imm m	M. Lynch#	
Oldsquaw				
27	Rockport	7 (1W)	M. Lynch#	
Black Scoter				
27	Cuttyhunk	6	P. Trimble	
Surf Scoter				
27	Rockport, Cuttyhunk	43, 20	M. Lynch#, P. Trimble	
White-winged Scoter				
5, 6	Scituate, S. Monomoy	1, 4	W. Petersen, P. Trimble	
26, 27	P.I., Cuttyhunk	24, 35	BBC (G. Gove), P. Trimble	
Hooded Merganser				
26	P.I.	2	BBC (G. Gove)	
Common Merganser				
20	Duxbury	2	P. Trimble	
Red-breasted Merganser				
6, 27	N. Monomoy, Rockport	4, 20	BBC (W. Drummond), M. Lynch#	
Ruddy Duck				
3, 26	S. Monomoy	2, 40	B. Nikula	
26, 27	Arlington, Lakeville	2, 2	L. Taylor, W. Petersen	

#### HAWKS THROUGH GROUSE

A Mississippi Kite was seen at the Bolton Flats Wildlife Management Area. It appeared to be hawking for insects as its flight was similar to a swallow or a nighthawk with a lot of banking and gliding. The bird was described as appearing like a large falcon having long pointed wings and a long triangularly-shaped tail. It appeared totally dark ventrally when the observer was not using optics but with binoculars, appeared grayish with a lighter head. It was about the size of a Peregrine or slightly smaller. The observer concluded that it was an adult Mississippi Kite and consulting a field guide confirmed this. It was apparently seen again the next day.

A total of 18 migrant Turkey Vultures was reported from Wachusett Mountain; many others were seen but were considered local birds. The reports from the Eastern Massachusetts Hawk Watch (EMHW) and the totals listed are for 21 days of hawkwatching. Both Bald and Golden eagles were noted, the latter a single bird. The Broad-winged Hawk reports were interesting; note the dramatic rise and fall in the numbers reported up to and after September 17.

#### Broad-winged Hawks at Wachusett Mountain

September	3	15	16	17	21	28
Number	1	3820	5368	10095	1045	2

Of interest in the Peregrine Falcon reports is that there were none from Boston.

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DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	SEPTEMBER 1987
<b>Turkey Vulture</b>				
thr	Wachusett	7 max 9/15, 18 total	EMHW	
9, 16	W. Boylston, Lancaster	3, 2	M. Lynch#	
26, 27	Quabbin (G40), Salisbury	5, 8	M. Lynch#, R. McHale	
<b>Osprey</b>				
thr	Wachusett	41 max 9/17, 271 total	EMHW	
1, 6	Mt. A., Westport	2, 18	R. Stymeist#	
16	Bolton	4	D. F. Oliver	
16-27	Reports of 1 or 2 from 8 locations.			
<b>Mississippi Kite</b>				
14, 15	Bolton	1 ad, 1 ad	E. Salmela, J. Barton	
<b>Bald Eagle</b>				
thr	Wachusett	3 max 9/17, 7 total	EMHW	
17, 24	Lancaster	1, 1	EMHW	
<b>Northern Harrier</b>				
thr	P.I., Wachusett	1-6, 42 total	v.o., EMHW	
6, 10-27	S. Monomoy, Bolton	8, 1-3	P. Trimble, E. Salmela	
<b>Sharp-shinned Hawk</b>				
thr	Wachusett	100 max 9/24, 499 total	EMHW	
1; 5, 15, 26	Mt. A.; Waltham	2; 1, 1, 2	R. Stymeist#; L. Taylor	
16, 26	Bolton, Quabbin (G40)	10, 5	D. F. Oliver, M. Lynch#	
21, 27	Lancaster, Cuttyhunk	41, 3	EMHW, P. Trimble	
<b>Cooper's Hawk</b>				
thr	Wachusett	4 max 9/16, 7 total	EMHW	
6; 9, 16	Truro; Bolton	1; 1, 1	G. d'Entremont#; v. o.	
27	Cuttyhunk, Belmont	1, 1	P. Trimble, BBC (R. Clayton)	
<b>Northern Goshawk</b>				
3, 23, 24	Wachusett	1, 1, 2	EMHW	
26	Quabbin (G40)	1 imm	M. Lynch#	
<b>Red-shouldered Hawk</b>				
5, 27	Bridgewater, Lakeville	1, 3	W. Petersen	
9, 16	Bolton	1, 2	M. Lynch#	
10, 22, 23	Wachusett	2, 2, 1	EMHW	
<b>Broad-winged Hawk</b>				
thr	Wachusett	21704 total	EMHW	
3, 16	Hanscom AFB, Bolton	1, 9	J. Carter, D. F. Oliver	
27	Cuttyhunk, W. Newbury	1, 1	P. Trimble, D. F. Oliver	
<b>Swanson's Hawk</b>				
9	P'town (Race Pt)	1	R. Guthrie	
<b>Red-tailed Hawk</b>				
thr	Wachusett	35 total	EMHW	
<b>Golden Eagle</b>				
17	Wachusett	1	EMHW	
<b>American Kestrel</b>				
thr	Wachusett	85 total	EMHW	
1	Carlisle, P.I.	2, 4	P. Overby, D. F. Oliver	
5, 6	Otis AFB, Wellfleet	8, 4	P. Trimble, G. d'Entremont#	
7-16	Bolton	29 total	M. Lynch#	

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Merlin				
6, 12	P.I., Bolton	1, 3	M. Lynch#, G. d'Entremont#	
19	Truro, Provincetown	3, 2	P. Trimble	
22, 27	Duxbury, Cuttyhunk	2, 3	D. F. Oliver, P. Trimble	
12-27	Reports of a total of 22 birds from 10 locations.			
Peregrine Falcon				
1, 5, 14	P.I., Newbury, Wachusett	1, 1, 1	J. Carter#, D. F. Oliver, EMHW	
20, 27	Duxbury, Cuttyhunk	2, 2	P. Trimble	
25, 26	Nantucket, P.I.	1, 1 ad + 1 imm	E. Andrews#, BBC (G. Gove)	
26, 27	S. Monomoy, N. Monomoy	1, 1	B. Nikula	
Ruffed Grouse				
26	Quabbin (G40)	2	M. Lynch#	

#### RAILS THROUGH SHOREBIRDS

A **Yellow Rail** was seen very briefly in the edge of a saltmarsh at Third Cliff, Scituate. The observer noted a small, tan-colored rail with a short, stubby bill flush and fly, with legs dangling, a few yards into the marsh. The bird was about the size of a Fox Sparrow but with longer wings. Because of the angle of flight and the brief look, the observer did not see the white wing patches of the Yellow Rail. A search of the area of the marsh where the bird apparently landed proved fruitless, and the bird was not seen again. The observer had no doubt that what he had seen was a Yellow Rail, a species that he had seen previously in Massachusetts and in Canada. The location, date, and the flood tide conditions were in keeping with the species' status in the state.

A **Purple Gallinule** was photographed on South Monomoy, and American Coot appeared in late September. There were reports from many locations of Lesser Golden-Plover. The most reports and the highest numbers of Killdeer occurred around September 5. American Oystercatcher numbers were low for September; the Monomoy birds may be dispersing to South Monomoy and to the new island formed by the breach of North Beach in Chatham. Two **American Avocets** were found. Hudsonian Godwit numbers were high for September on North Monomoy, where up to 6 Marbled Godwits were also present. Red Knots continue in low numbers. The 250 White-rumped Sandpipers at North Monomoy compares to 100 there and 600 to 800 at Plum Island last September. Baird's and Buff-breasted sandpipers continued from August. Note the impressive increase in Dunlin numbers over the month.

The bird record of the year, if not the century, was that of the **Cox's Sandpiper**, of course. That record was discussed at length in the last issue of *Bird Observer* and will undoubtedly be discussed in the future in this journal and elsewhere. Of interest also is the fact that Cox's Sandpiper was found again in Australia this fall. G.W.G.

<b>Yellow Rail</b>			
26	Scituate	1	W. Petersen
<b>Clapper Rail</b>			
15	Eastham	1	M. Lynch#
<b>Sora</b>			
15, 22	GMNWR	1, 1	D. F. Oliver
24, 26	Peabody, Milford	2, 1	P. Comas#, R. Hildreth
<b>Purple Gallinule</b>			
5-6	S. Monomoy	1 imm (ph)	B. Nikula
<b>Common Moorhen</b>			
5	P.I., S. Monomoy	1 imm, 1 imm	R. Forster, B. Nikula
26, 28	Milford, GMNWR	1, 1 imm	R. Hildreth, R. Forster
<b>American Coot</b>			
27, 28	Lakeville, GMNWR	1, 2	W. Petersen, R. Forster
<b>Black-bellied Plover</b>			
1; 5	P.I.; P.I., Newbury	500; 400, 150	J. Berry; D. F. Oliver
5, 18, 27	N. Monomoy	700, 1000, 900	B. Nikula
24	Duxbury	200	J. Berry
<b>Lesser Golden-Plover</b>			
thr	P.I.	1-3	v. o.
1-16	Hanscom AFB	2 or 3	J. Carter
1, 8, 20	Nantucket	8, 1, 3	E. Andrews#
3-15, 15-27	N. Monomoy, S. Monomoy	2-5, 1 or 2	B. Nikula

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<b>Semipalmated Plover</b>				
1-6	P.I.	300 max 9/5	v.o.	
5, 18, 27	N. Monomoy	300, 50, 35	B. Nikula	
<b>Piping Plover</b>				
6; 18, 27	N. Monomoy	4; 1, 5	BBC (W. Drummond); B. Nikula	
<b>Killdeer</b>				
5	Bridgewater, Rockland, Plymouth	36, 31, 40	W. Petersen	
5	Otis AFB, Hamilton	10, 30	P. Trimble, R. Stymeist#	
6, 19	Ipswich, Truro	20, 12	J. Berry, P. Trimble	
<b>American Oystercatcher</b>				
thr	N. Monomoy	22 max 9/14	v.o.	
27	Cuttyhunk	2	P. Trimble	
<b>American Avocet</b>				
5-7	P.I.	1 basic pl	D. F. Oliver + v.o.	
10	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1	LCES (J. Lyons)	
<b>Greater Yellowlegs</b>				
4, 5	S. Dart. (Allens Pd), P.I.	53, 250	LCES (J. Lyons), BBC (J. Center)	
6, 26	N. Monomoy, E. Sandwich	50, 24	BBC (W. Drummond), B. Porter	
<b>Lesser Yellowlegs</b>				
2; 6, 12	Topsfield; P.I.-Newburyport	3; 32, 40	B. Porter; M. Lynch#	
<b>Solitary Sandpiper</b>				
1, 5	DFWS, S. Monomoy	1, 2	P. Overby, B. Nikula	
6	Truro, Provincetown	8, 3	G. d'Entremont#	
15, 26	WBWS, Belmont	3, 2	M. Lynch#, L. Taylor	
<b>Willet</b>				
5	Newbury, P.I.	3, 3	D. F. Oliver, R. Forster	
5, 15, 27	N. Monomoy	5, 20, 1	B. Nikula	
10, 26	Ipswich, P.I.	3, 1	R. Forster, BBC (G. Gove)	
<b>Spotted Sandpiper</b>				
6, 19	S. Dartmouth, Duxbury	8, 1	R. Stymeist#, W. Petersen	
12, 27	Provincetown, W. Newbury	2, 2	D. F. Oliver	
<b>Upland Sandpiper</b>				
1-6, 5	Hanscom AFB, Halifax	7 max 9/1, 1	J. Carter, W. Petersen#	
6	P.I., Nantucket	1, 8	M. Lynch#, E. Andrews#	
<b>Whimbrel</b>				
thr	P.I.	16 max 9/6	v.o.	
2, 5	Chatham, Scituate	35, 8	J. Aylward, W. Petersen	
15, 17	N. Monomoy, Nantucket	25, 11	B. Nikula, J. Brown	
<b>Hudsonian Godwit</b>				
thr	P.I.	15 max 9/6	v.o.	
5, 15, 18	N. Monomoy	45, 12, 2	B. Nikula	
<b>Marbled Godwit</b>				
5, 15, 18	N. Monomoy	2, 6, 4	B. Nikula	
<b>Ruddy Turnstone</b>				
2, 3	Winthrop, Lexington	4, 1	J. Cumming, J. Carter	
6	N. Monomoy, S. Dartmouth	12, 25	BBC (W. Drummond), R. Stymeist#	
20, 24	Duxbury	30, 10	M. Lynch#, J. Berry#	
<b>Red Knot</b>				
5, 18, 27	N. Monomoy	50, 40, 15	B. Nikula	
10, 26	P.I.	6, 2	D. F. Oliver, BBC (G. Gove)	
20	Duxbury	30	M. Lynch#	
<b>Sanderling</b>				
5, 18, 27	N. Monomoy	500, 500, 1100	B. Nikula	
24	Duxbury	50	J. Berry	
<b>Semipalmated Sandpiper</b>				
1, 24	P.I., Duxbury	200, 300	J. Berry#	
5, 18, 27	N. Monomoy	150, 80, 30	B. Nikula	
<b>Western Sandpiper</b>				
4-12	P.I.	10 max 9/12	v.o.	
5, 7	Newbury, Scituate	3, 8	D. F. Oliver, W. Petersen	
17, 18	Eastham, N. Monomoy	15, 2	B. Nikula	
20	Duxbury	4	M. Lynch#	
<b>Least Sandpiper</b>				
5, 18, 27	N. Monomoy	50, 15, 15	B. Nikula	
6, 10	P.I., Newbury	175, 20	M. Lynch#, D. F. Oliver	

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White-rumped Sandpiper				
1, 4; 5	P.I.; Newburyport	3, 11; 86	D. F. Oliver; G. Gove	
5, 18, 27	N. Monomoy	5, 250, 20	B. Nikula	
10, 12	Newburyport, P.I.	90, 35	R. Forster, G. d'Entremont#	
Baird's Sandpiper				
1-6, 7	P.I., Scituate	3 max, 1	v.o., W. Petersen	
15, 27-28	S. Monomoy, Squantum	5, 1	L. Jonsson#, G. d'Entremont#	
Pectoral Sandpiper				
1, 12	P.I.	3, 2	D. F. Oliver, J. Berry#	
Cox's Sandpiper				
16-22	Duxbury Beach	1 ph	M. Kasprzyk# + v. o.	
Purple Sandpiper				
26	N. Scituate	1	W. Petersen	
Dunlin				
5, 26	P.I.	1, 150	I. Giriunas#, BBC (G. Gove)	
5, 18, 27	N. Monomoy	1, 100, 1000	B. Nikula	
Stilt Sandpiper				
1-27	P.I.	10 max 9/6	v. o.	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper				
1-7, 8	P.I., Nantucket	1 (from Aug), 2	v. o., E. Andrews#	
5, 15; 16	S. Monomoy, WBWS	1 or 2, 2; 1	S. Perkins#, L. Jonsson#; B. Nikula	
Short-billed Dowitcher				
1-4, 5	Barnstable, P.I.	55, 100	J. Aylward, BBC (J. Center)	
Long-billed Dowitcher				
6, 27; 20	P.I.; Duxbury	10, 15; 1	M. Lynch#; W. Petersen	
Common Snipe				
1, 27	P.I., Peabody	1, 1	D. F. Oliver	
12	S. Monomoy	4	D. Holt	
American Woodcock				
27	Hamilton	1	J. Berry	
Wilson's Phalarope				
3, 5	S. Monomoy	2, 3	B. Nikula	
6, 8	Acoaxet, Nantucket	1, 1	R. Stymeist#, E. Andrews#	
Red-necked Phalarope				
13, 16	E of Chatham, Nantucket	10, 1	B. Nikula, E. Andrews#	

#### GULLS THROUGH SKIMMERS

As many as 2500 Laughing Gulls were noted at Cuttyhunk at month's end, perhaps congregating for a southward flight since most individuals of this species should be gone from our area by mid-November. Little Gulls have been uncommon in the records this year, and there was but one report of this species and of Common Black-headed Gull this month. A young Lesser Black-backed Gull was seen sporadically during the month in the Brighton area; others were seen at Plum Island, Nantucket, and Scituate, the latter being the youngest of this species that the reporter has seen in Massachusetts. Two Sabine's Gulls were also noted, one inshore.

A **Gull-billed Tern** was found in Lynn, apparently ill. It was caught, nursed back to health, and released. This is the first September record of this species in *Bird Observer* records. The roost of Common and Roseate terns on Monomoy was down from the past few years' totals of 10 to 15 thousand. Up to 20 Black Terns were present on South Monomoy through most of the month, and 8 were noted on North Monomoy, where a maximum of 10 Black Skimmers was also seen. G.W.G.

Pomarine Jaeger				
16, 19	off Nantucket, N. Truro	4, 1	J. Brown, P. Trimble	
24	Nantucket	2	A. Bennett#	
Parasitic Jaeger				
19	Eastham, Marshfield	3, 1	W. Petersen, D. Clapp#	
19, 20	N. Truro, Dennis	4, 1	P. Trimble, B. Nikula	
Laughing Gull				
6	N. Monomoy, Westport	150, 300	BBC (W. Drummond), R. Stymeist#	
12, 27	Winthrop, Cuttyhunk	35, 2500	J. Cumming, P. Trimble	
Little Gull				
6	Newburyport	1	M. Lynch#	

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Common Black-headed Gull				
12	Winthrop	1	J. Cumming	
Bonaparte's Gull				
2, 12	Winthrop	228, 300	J. Cumming	
6, 12	Newburyport	60, 80	M. Lynch#	
Ring-billed Gull				
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	55 max 9/15	LCES (J. Lyons)	
2, 12	Winthrop	268, 250	J. Cumming	
Lesser Black-backed Gull				
thr	Boston-Brighton	1 (2W)	O. Komar + v. o.	
5, 7	P.I., Scituate	1 ad, 1 (1W)	R. Forster, W. Petersen	
17-18, 20	Nantucket	1, 1 ad	J. Brown, A. Bennett	
Black-legged Kittiwake				
13, 15	Stellwagen, Provincetown	2, 2	J. Cumming, M. Lynch#	
19	P.I.	2	BBC (I. Giriunas)	
Sabine's Gull				
12	Orleans	1	J. Barton	
27	N of Provincetown	1 imm	P. Alden, V. Laux	
Gull-billed Tern				
23-25	Lynn	1	J. Quigley + v. o.	
Caspian Tern				
25, 27	Manomet, Newburyport	2, 3	J. Atwood#, v. o.	
Roseate Tern				
5, 13-14	N. Monomoy, M. V.	200, 2000	M. Lynch#, J. Brown	
Common Tern				
5, 13-14	N. Monomoy, M. V.	300, 100	M. Lynch#, J. Brown	
7, 12	Scituate, P.I.	250, 65	W. Petersen, J. Berry#	
19, 30	P.I., Cuttyhunk	30, 30	BBC (I. Giriunas), P. Trimble	
Common/Roseate Tern				
4, 7	N. Monomoy	6000	B. Nikula	
Forster's Tern				
1-26, 5	Nantucket, P.I.	2-4, 31	E. Andrews#, I. Giriunas#	
7	N. Monomoy, Scituate	4, 10	R. Humphrey#, W. Petersen	
17, 26	Orleans, P.I.	54, 2	B. Nikula, BBC (G. Gove)	
Least Tern				
4, 7; 15	N. Monomoy; S. Monomoy	30, 15; 6	B. Nikula	
4, 20	S. Dart. (Allens Pd), Duxbury	3, 3	LCES (J. Lyons), W. Petersen#	
Black Tern				
3-26, 7	S. Monomoy, N. Monomoy	20 max 9/15, 8	B. Nikula, R. Humphrey	
2, 14	Barnstable, New Bedford	2, 4	J. Aylward, B. Sorric#	
19, 24	Manomet, Nantucket	1, 1	W. Petersen#, E. Andrews#	
Black Skimmer				
1-18	N. Monomoy	10 max 9/3	v. o.	
5-6, 17	P.I., Orleans	1, 1 imm	v. o., B. Nikula	

#### DOVES THROUGH SHRIKES

A total of 7 Yellow-billed Cuckoos was reported this September compared with just one bird last year. Black-billed Cuckoo numbers remained the same, with two reports both this year and last. A Common Barn-Owl was picked up dead on the Southeast Expressway in Dorchester by a commuter whose daily routine is inching along in stalled traffic.

Common Nighthawks were migrating in good numbers during the first week of the month when a total of nearly 8700 individuals was recorded, over 6100 of which were seen in the Worcester area. Few were noted after September 7, and very late birds were noted on September 28, 29, and 30.

A roost of Chimney Swifts in Watertown totaled about 165 individuals on a late date of September 6, and very late birds were seen in small groups from September 24 to 26 from seven locations. A total of 21 Ruby-throated Hummingbirds was counted by hawkwatchers (they do look at other birds!) at Wachusett September 4-17.

Two Western Kingbirds were reported during the month, one more than last year. September 5 on South Monomoy was a good day for *Empidonax* flycatchers with over 16 birds tallied. At Great Neck in Ipswich on Labor Day over 250 Purple Martins were counted on the water tower; on September 3, 1984, a similar count of over 175 birds was noted on the same water tower. In both cases, all the birds



appeared to be immatures. Blue Jays were moving in large flocks from about midmonth and were reported from many locations.

With the exception of Quabbin, Red-breasted Nuthatch migration was a fizzle; only 9 birds were reported. Good numbers of Golden-crowned Kinglets were noted near month's end.

Unusual reports included a Sedge Wren at Bolton Flats and another on Cuttyhunk Island, a Gray-cheeked Thrush in Scituate, and 3 reports of Loggerhead Shrikes.

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Mourning Dove				
6, 24	Holliston, Peabody	122, 98	R. Hildreth, D. F. Oliver	
Black-billed Cuckoo				
6	S. Monomoy, S. Dart.	1, 1	P. Trimble, R. Stymeist#	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo				
6, 15	S. Monomoy, Nantucket	1, 1	P. Trimble, J. Brown#	
24, 27	DWWS, Truro	1, 1	D. Clapp, R. Comeau	
27	Nahant, P.I.	1, 1	J. Cumming, D. F. Oliver	
29	Boxford (C.P.)	1	J. Brown	
Common Barn-Owl				
3	Dorchester (SE Expressway)	1 dead	F. Gardner	
Great Horned Owl				
3, 5	Hanson, Middleboro	2, 2	W. Petersen	
7, 30	Ipswich	2	J. Berry	
12, 19	Hopkinton, Centerville	1, 1	G. Gove, P. Trimble	
Short-eared Owl				
thr, 15	S. Monomoy, Nant.	1+, 1	v. o., J. Brown#	
Common Nighthawk				
1-10	Worcester	6108	B. Kamp + F. McMenemy	
28	Worcester	1	S. Whittum#	
1-6, 6	Watertown, Newton	974, 625+	R. Stymeist#	
3-5, 7	Lexington, Westwood	343, 114	L. Taylor, E. Nielsen	
1-5; 15, 22	GMNWR	423; 12, 2	C. Stoops, S. Selesky	
1-6	Holliston	12	R. Hildreth	
1, 8	Topsfield	1, 1	J. Brown	
5, 7	Wakefield, Lowell-Lancaster	25, 68	R. Stymeist, M. Lynch#	
14	DWWS, Cuttyhunk	2, 2	D. Ludlow, B. Sorrie#	
21, 29	Duxbury Beach, Wayland	6, 4	M. Martinek#, G. Gove	
30	Haverhill	1	V. Yurkunas	
Chimney Swift				
1-4	Mt. A.	50+	R. Stymeist#	
6	Watertown	165 (in chimney)	R. Stymeist#	
12, 19	Hanson, Hingham	20, 25	W. Petersen, G. d'Entremont	
24, 25	Watertown, Lynn	2, 4	R. Stymeist, D. F. Oliver	
26	E. Middleboro, Scituate	3, 1	K. Anderson, G. d'Entremont#	
26	Milford, Holliston	4, 9	R. Hildreth	
26	E. Sandwich	2	B. Porter	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird				
3, 5	Nahant, Waltham	1, 2	J. Cumming, L. Taylor	
4-17	Wachusett	21 total	EMHW	
7; 14, 16	Milford; Bolton Flats	1; 1, 1	R. Hildreth; M. Lynch#	
Belted Kingfisher				
6, 13	S. Monomoy, Orleans	3, 2	P. Trimble, M. Lynch#	
24	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	3	LCES (J. Lyons)	
26	E. Sandwich	3	B. Porter	
Reports of single birds from 5 locations.				
Red-headed Woodpecker				
25, 27	Marshfield, Cuttyhunk	1, 1	D. Clapp, P. Trimble	
Red-bellied Woodpecker				
14	M. V.	3	J. Brown#	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				
15	Bolton Flats, WBWS	1, 1	E. Salmela, M. Lynch#	
26	P.I., Quabbin (G40)	1, 2	BBC (G. Gove), M. Lynch#	
27	Cuttyhunk, Nantucket	1, 2	P. Trimble, E. Andrews + v. o.	
Northern Flicker				
5, 6	Winchester, S. Dart.	9, 27	B. Porter, R. Stymeist#	
7; 14, 17	Ipswich; Bolton Flats	12; 17, 7	BBC (J. Berry); M. Lynch#	

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Northern Flicker (continued)				
15, 21	Bolton Flats	21, 24	E. Salmela	
Pileated Woodpecker				
26	Quabbin (G40)	2	M. Lynch#	
Olive-sided Flycatcher				
5, 10	S. Monomoy, Bolton Flats	1, 1	B. Nikula#, E. Salmela	
Eastern Wood-Pewee				
10, 13	MNWS, Chatham	1, 4	D. F. Oliver, R. Stymeist	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher				
6, 8	P'town, Bolton Flats	1, 1	G. d'Entremont#, E. Salmela	
Least Flycatcher				
12, 14	P.I., M. V.	1, 1	G. d'Entremont#, J. Brown#	
<i>Empidonax</i> species				
5	S. Monomoy	16+	S. Perkins#	
Eastern Phoebe				
7, 9, 14, 16, 17	Bolton Flats	4, 4, 11, 4, 12	v. o.	
26	Scituate, Quabbin (G40)	4, 29	W. Petersen#, M. Lynch#	
Great Crested Flycatcher				
1, 4	P.I., Marblehead	1, 1	D. F. Oliver, J. Cumming	
15	Nantucket	1	J. Brown#	
Western Kingbird				
8-9, 12	Bolton Flats, Eastham	1, 1	E. Salmela + v. o., D. F. Oliver	
Eastern Kingbird				
1, 6; 2	P.I.; DWWS	42, 19; 27	D. F. Oliver, M. Lynch#; D. Clapp#	
8, 11, 17	Bolton Flats	30, 4, 1	E. Salmela + v. o.	
24	Rockport (A.P.)	1	D. F. Oliver	
Horned Lark				
15, 17	P'town, Nantucket	2, 7	M. Lynch#, J. Brown#	
Purple Martin				
6, 7	Dartmouth, Newbury	2, 7	B. Sorrie, M. Lynch#	
7	Ipswich	250+	BBC (J. Berry)	
Tree Swallow				
1, 6	P.I., S. Dart.	10000+, 3500+	J. Berry, R. Stymeist#	
7	Ipswich, Barnstable	3000+, 2000+	BBC (J. Berry), J. Aylward	
20, 27	Sandwich (S.N.), Cuttyhunk	3000+, 5000+	W. Petersen, P. Trimble	
27	Halifax-Middleboro	2500+	W. Petersen	
Bank Swallow				
6	P.I.	2	M. Lynch#	
Cliff Swallow				
5, 6	S. Monomoy, P.I.	2, 4	S. Perkins#, D. Chickering	
7	Ipswich	1 or 2	BBC (J. Berry)	
Barn Swallow				
1, 6	P.I., Boxford	100s, 4	J. Berry, J. Brown	
7	Scituate, Ipswich	100, 20+	W. Petersen, BBC (J. Berry)	
15	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	3	LCES (J. Lyons)	
Blue Jay				
14, 15, 17	Bolton Flats	101, 100+, 104	M. Lynch#, E. Salmela, M. Lynch#	
16, 26, 27	Chatham	80, 100, 150	B. Nikula	
26, 27	Quabbin (G40), Cuttyhunk	53, 80	M. Lynch#, P. Trimble	
29	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	65	LCES (J. Lyons)	
American Crow				
27	Scituate, Beverly	400, 200+	D. Clapp#, J. Brown	
29	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	59	LCES (J. Lyons)	
Fish Crow				
5, 10	Halifax, Hanson	1, 1	W. Petersen	
22	Watertown	1	R. Stymeist	
Common Raven				
4, 26	Wachusett, Quabbin (G40)	1, 2	EMHW, M. Lynch#	
Black-capped Chickadee				
26	Quabbin (G40)	39	M. Lynch#	
Red-breasted Nuthatch				
5	Ipswich, Lakeville	1, 4	J. Berry#, W. Petersen#	
15, 17	WBWS, Nantucket	2, 2	M. Lynch#, J. Brown#	
26	Quabbin (G40)	36	M. Lynch#	

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White-breasted Nuthatch 26	Quabbin (G40)	18	M. Lynch#	
Brown Creeper 12, 25	Chatham, Winchester	1, 1	D. F. Oliver, B. Porter	
26	P.I., Quabbin (G40)	1, 5	BBC (G. Gove), M. Lynch#	
Carolina Wren 3, 5; 5	Nahant; Lakeville	1; 6	J. Cumming; W. Petersen#	
6, 10	S. Dart., Manomet	6, 1	R. Stymeist#, J. Brown#	
12	Eastham, Whitman	1, 1	D. F. Oliver, W. Petersen	
15, 20	Marshfield, Manomet	2, 2	D. Clapp, P. Trimble	
House Wren 5, 6	Winchester, S. Dart.	3, 2	B. Porter, K. Griffis#	
24, 26	Peabody, Quabbin (G40)	2, 3	D. F. Oliver, M. Lynch#	
Winter Wren 4, 26	Boxford, Quabbin (G40)	1, 1	J. Brown, M. Lynch#	
Sedge Wren 14, 15	Bolton Flats, Cuttyhunk	1, 1	M. Lynch#, B. Sorrie	
Marsh Wren 6, 27	P.I.	3, 1	M. Lynch#	
Golden-crowned Kinglet 5, 19	Lakeville, P.I.	6, 1	W. Petersen#, BBC (I. Giriunas)	
26	Scituate, P.I.	4, 25	W. Petersen, BBC (G. Gove)	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet 25	Scituate, Lynn	7, 1	D. Clapp, D. F. Oliver	
26	Scituate, P.I.	1, 6	J. Brown, W. Petersen	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 6, 12	S. Dart., P'town	1, 1	J. Heywood#, D. F. Oliver	
15, 27	Eastham, Rockport	1, 1	M. Lynch#	
Eastern Bluebird thr	E. Middleboro	20 max 9/12	K. Anderson	
26	Quabbin (G40)	35	M. Lynch#	
Veery 5	Nahant, MNWS	6, 4	R. Stymeist#	
5, 13	Marshfield, M. V.	4, 1	W. Petersen#, J. Brown#	
Gray-checked Thrush 26	Scituate	1	W. Petersen	
Swainson's Thrush 4	P.I., Cambridge	2, 1	D. F. Oliver, F. Bouchard	
5	Nahant, MNWS	3, 3	R. Stymeist#, J. Cumming	
24	DWWS	1	D. Ludlow	
Hermit Thrush 26	Quabbin (G40)	9	M. Lynch#	
Wood Thrush 1, 4; 5	P.I.; MNWS	1; 1	D. F. Oliver; R. Stymeist#	
6	S. Dart., Topsfield	1, 1	R. Stymeist#, J. Brown	
7, 10	Newbury, MNWS	1, 1	D. Chickering, D. F. Oliver	
American Robin 3	Lexington (Whipple Hill)	304 in 30 min.	L. Taylor	
6, 14	S. Dart., DWWS	70, 610	R. Stymeist#, D. Ludlow	
7, 9, 14	Bolton Flats	75+, 15+, 25+	M. Lynch#	
12	P.I.	84	M. Lynch#	
Gray Catbird thr	Bolton Flats	26 max 9/14	M. Lynch# + v. o.	
5, 12	Winchester, P.I.	12, 36	B. Porter, M. Lynch#	
27	Rockport (Halibut Pt)	8	M. Lynch#	
Northern Mockingbird 6, 14	Holliston, Bolton Flats	14, 5	R. Hildreth, M. Lynch#	
15, 24	S. Monomoy, Peabody	2, 7	B. Nikula, D. F. Oliver	
Brown Thrasher thr	P.I.	11 max 9/1	D. F. Oliver + v. o.	
27	Squantum	3	G. d'Entremont	
Water Pipit 20, 24	Nantucket, Wachusett	1, 1	F. Bouchard, EMHW	
27	Peabody	1	D. F. Oliver	

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Cedar Waxwing				
10, 15	MNWS, Belmont	21, 55	D. F. Oliver, L. Taylor	
27	Cuttyhunk	25	P. Trimble	
Loggerhead Shrike				
10, 16	WBWS, Bolton Flats	1, 1	R. Prescott#, E. Salmela#	
27	P'town (Race Pt)	1 ph	R. Stymeist#	

#### VIREOS THROUGH FINCHES

White-eyed Vireos were still singing in South Dartmouth early in the month. Nearly as many Philadelphia Vireos were reported this September as last year, but Yellow-throated Vireos totaled 8 individuals, compared with 5 last year.

A total of 33 species of warblers was reported during the month, better than average and two more than last year. Uncommon warblers included a Golden-winged on Plum Island, 3 Orange-crowned, 2 Worm-eating, 2 Prothonotary, 5 Connecticut, 9 Mourning, 2 Hooded, and an amazing 31 Yellow-breasted Chats. Last September only 2 Yellow-breasted Chats were reported. The real passerine highlight of the month was the **Black-throated Gray Warbler** at Morris Island in Chatham, which was seen in a few trees September 9-13. This is just the eighth record for Massachusetts.

Seven Blue Grosbeaks were found at Nantucket while 5 were found at Hillside Farm in Truro during the month. A total of 8 Dickcissels was reported, as compared with just 2 last year. Sparrow highlights included 8 Clay-colored and 5 Lark sparrows. A Yellow-headed Blackbird was found in Chatham, and Pine Siskins were noted at Quabbin and in Truro.

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White-eyed Vireo				
6	S. Dart., S. Monomoy	3, 1	R. Stymeist#, P. Trimble	
27	Cuttyhunk	1	P. Trimble	
Solitary Vireo				
26, 27	Quabbin (G40), Lakeville	3, 1	M. Lynch#, W. Petersen	
27-28	Topsfield	1	J. Brown	
Yellow-throated Vireo				
14, 16, 17	Bolton Flats	3, 3, 1	M. Lynch#	
26	Boxford (C.P.)	1	J. Brown	
Warbling Vireo				
5, 6	Brookfield, Topsfield	2, 1	R. Hildreth, J. Brown	
6; 7, 17	S. Dart.; Bolton Flats	1; 1, 1	R. Stymeist; M. Lynch#	
Philadelphia Vireo				
4, 5	Marshfield, S. Monomoy	1, 8	D. Clapp, S. Perkins#	
5	Nahant, MNWS	2, 4	K. Griffis#, R. Stymeist#	
5, 12	Winchester, P.I.	1, 2	B. Porter, M. Lynch#	
12, 14	Chatham, Waltham	4, 2	B. Nikula#, L. Taylor	
Red-eyed Vireo				
5	Nahant, MNWS	8, 26	R. Stymeist#	
26, 27	Quabbin (G40), Cuttyhunk	2, 2	M. Lynch#, P. Trimble	
Blue-winged Warbler				
4, 5, 6, 10	MNWS	1, 2, 2, 1	v. o.	
6	Topsfield, Nahant	1, 1	J. Brown, G. Gove#	
14, 15	Bolton Flats, Marshfield	1, 1	M. Lynch#, D. Clapp	
23-24	Manomet	1 b	J. Atwood	
Golden-winged Warbler				
2, 5	MNWS, P.I.	1, 1	D. F. Oliver, R. Forster	
Tennessee Warbler				
1, 5	P.I., MNWS	1, 1	D. F. Oliver, R. Stymeist#	
14, 15	Bolton Flats, Nantucket	2, 1	M. Lynch#, J. Brown#	
Orange-crowned Warbler				
26	Quabbin (G40), N. Scituate	1, 1	M. Lynch#, G. d'Entremont#	
27	Wellfleet	1	R. Stymeist#	
Nashville Warbler				
5, 7	MNWS, Ipswich	1, 1	R. Stymeist#, BBC (J. Berry)	
14, 16	Bolton Flats, Waltham	2, 3	M. Lynch#, L. Taylor	
Northern Parula				
5, 12	MNWS, ONWR	3, 3	R. Stymeist#, M. Lynch#	
25	Lawrence	1	V. Yurkunas	

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<b>Yellow Warbler</b>				
6	P.I.	2 (Labrador race)	J. Gordon#	
14	Bolton Flats	3	M. Lynch#	
<b>Chestnut-sided Warbler</b>				
2, 6	MNWS	3, 1	D. F. Oliver, R. Stymeist#	
5, 12	Waltham, ONWR	3, 6	L. Taylor, M. Lynch#	
<b>Magnolia Warbler</b>				
5	Nahant, MNWS	6, 4	K. Griffith#	
12	P'town	1	D. F. Oliver	
<b>Cape May Warbler</b>				
1, 7	P.I., MNWS	6, 7	D. F. Oliver, R. Stymeist#	
13	Chatham	8	R. Stymeist#	
<b>Black-throated Blue Warbler</b>				
5, 12	MNWS, P'town	1, 2	K.Griffis#, D. F. Oliver	
13, 27	Chatham, P.I.	6, 1	R. Stymeist#, D. F. Oliver	
<b>Yellow-rumped Warbler</b>				
12	P'town, ONWR	1, 3	D. F. Oliver, M. Lynch#	
26	Quabbin (G40), P.I.	63, 15	M. Lynch#, BBC (G. Gove)	
<b>Black-throated Gray Warbler</b>				
9-13	Chatham (Morris I)	1	R. Guthrie# + v. o.	
<b>Black-throated Green Warbler</b>				
26, 27	DWWS, Quabbin (G40)	2, 6	D. Ludlow, M. Lynch#	
<b>Blackburnian Warbler</b>				
2, 12	MNWS, ONWR	1, 1	D. F. Oliver, M. Lynch#	
<b>Pine Warbler</b>				
thr	E. Middleboro	1-3 singing daily	K. Anderson	
6, 19	Boxford, Hingham	7, 6	J. Brown, G. d'Entremont#	
25, 26	Winchester, Quabbin (G40)	1, 48	B. Porter, M. Lynch#	
<b>Prairie Warbler</b>				
5, 12	S. Monomoy, P'town	10, 2	S. Perkins#, D. F. Oliver	
12, 14	ONWR, Bolton Flats	1, 1	M. Lynch#	
<b>Palm Warbler</b>				
10, 15	MNWS, GMNWR	1, 3	D. F. Oliver, P. Comas#	
15, 16	Belmont, Bolton Flats	1, 5	L. Taylor, E. Salmela	
20, 26	Nantucket, Quabbin (G40)	8, 14	F. Bouchard, M. Lynch#	
27	Holliston, Scituate	2, 3	R. Hildreth, D. Clapp#	
<b>Bay-breasted Warbler</b>				
5, 26	MNWS, Quabbin (G40)	9, 1	R. Stymeist#, M. Lynch#	
27	Beverly (airport)	1	J. Brown	
<b>Blackpoll Warbler</b>				
6, 26	P.I.	2, 3	M. Lynch#, BBC (G. Gove)	
27, 29	Holliston, Boxford	5, 1	R. Hildreth, J. Brown	
<b>Black-and-white Warbler</b>				
3, 12	Lexington, ONWR	3, 7	P. Overby, M. Lynch#	
<b>American Redstart</b>				
2, 5	Mt. A., S. Monomoy	6, 18	P. Overby, S. Perkins#	
5, 6	Nahant, MNWS	4, 16	R. Stymeist#, D. F. Oliver	
12, 13	ONWR, Chatham	4, 8	M. Lynch#	
14, 27	Bolton Flats, Beverly	8, 1	M. Lynch#, J. Brown	
<b>Prothonotary Warbler</b>				
10, 13	Nantucket	1 imm f b	E. Andrews#	
12-13	Chatham (Morris I)	1	W. Bailey# + v. o.	
<b>Worm-eating Warbler</b>				
12, 26	Nantucket, Scituate	1 b, 1	E. Andrews#, W. Petersen	
<b>Ovenbird</b>				
1, 7	Cambridge, Holliston	1, 1	F. Bouchard, R. Hildreth	
26	DWWS	1	D. Ludlow	
<b>Northern Waterthrush</b>				
5, 27	Marshfield, Bridgewater	4, 1	W. Petersen#	
<b>Connecticut Warbler</b>				
10	MBO, Nantucket	1, 1	J. Brown#, E. Andrews#	
12, 14	ONWR, M. V.	1, 1	M. Lynch#, J. Brown#	
15	Bolton Flats	1	E. Salmela	
<b>Mourning Warbler</b>				
2, 4, 25	Nantucket	2, 1, 1 (all b)	E. Andrews#	

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Mourning Warbler (continued)				
5	S. Monomoy, Halifax	1, 1	S. Perkins#, W. Petersen#	
10, 15	Manomet, Nantucket	1, 1	J. Brown#	
14	Waltham (Met. State)	1	L. Taylor	
Common Yellowthroat				
7, 14	Bolton Flats	15+, 22	M. Lynch#	
Hooded Warbler				
2, 11	MNWS, Bolton Flats	1 m, 1	D. F. Oliver, E. Salmela	
Wilson's Warbler				
6, 7	S. Monomoy, P'town	3, 2	P. Trimble	
14, 24	Bolton Flats, Peabody	3, 1	M. Lynch#, D. F. Oliver	
27	Truro	2	L. Taylor#	
Canada Warbler				
4-5, 6	MNWS, S. Monomoy	1, 1	J. Cumming, P. Trimble	
13, 14	Chatham, Bolton Flats	1, 1	M. Lynch#	
Yellow-breasted Chat				
3-25	Nantucket	16 b	E. Andrews#	
5	S. Monomoy, MNWS	2, 2	S. Perkins#, R. Stymeist#	
5, 7	Nahant, Bolton Flats	1, 1	J. Cumming, M. Lynch#	
10, 12, 14	MBO, P.I., M. V.	1, 1, 1	J. Brown#, G. Gove#, J. Brown#	
12, 27	Chatham	1, 1	W. Bailey, B. Nikula	
15, 27	Bolton Flats, Scituate	1, 1	E. Salmela, D. Clapp#	
27	Truro, Wellfleet	1, 1	G. Gove#, L. Taylor#	
Scarlet Tanager				
25, 26	Worcester, Quabbin (G40)	3, 2	M. Lynch#	
27	Wellfleet	1	L. Taylor	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak				
4, 5	P.I., Nahant	3, 8	D. F. Oliver, R. Stymeist#	
7, 31	Ipswich, Hudson	5 or 6, 6	J. Berry#, E. Salmela	
Blue Grosbeak				
13, 16	M. V., Nantucket	1, 7	J. Brown#	
19, 27	Marshfield, Truro	1, 5	D. Clapp#, R. Stymeist#	
Indigo Bunting				
19, 27	Marshfield, Halifax	2, 2	D. Clapp#, W. Petersen	
27	Truro, P'town	4, 3	R. Stymeist#	
Dickcissel				
10, 12-13	P.I., Truro	1, 1	R. Forster, D. F. Oliver + v. o.	
15	S. Monomoy, Chatham	1, 1	L. Jonsson#, B. Nikula#	
27	Peabody, Scituate	1, 3	D. F. Oliver, D. Clapp#	
Rufous-sided Towhee				
1, 26	P.I.	6, 6	D. F. Oliver, BBC (G. Gove)	
26	Quabbin (G40)	8	M. Lynch#	
Chipping Sparrow				
27	P'town, Wellfleet (Marconi)	30, 60+	R. Stymeist#, L. Taylor#	
Clay-colored Sparrow				
6-7, 27	P.I., Peabody	1, 1	M. Lynch#, D. F. Oliver	
27	P'town, Cuityhunk	1, 2	R. Stymeist, P. Trimble	
27	Beverly (airport)	1	J. Brown	
Field Sparrow				
24	Peabody	10	D. F. Oliver	
Vesper Sparrow				
5, 13	Plymouth, Orleans	1, 1	W. Petersen, P. Trimble	
27	P'town, Wellfleet	3, 12	R. Stymeist#, G. Gove#	
Lark Sparrow				
13-14	Nantucket (Squam)	1	N. Claffin + v. o.	
19, 26-27	Scituate	3, 1	D. Clapp# + v. o.	
Savannah Sparrow				
7, 14, 16	Bolton Flats	5, 18, 5	M. Lynch#	
26, 27	P.I., Scituate	8, 30	BBC (G. Gove), D. Clapp	
Sharp-tailed Sparrow				
5, 10	N. Monomoy, S. Dart.	25+, 8	M. Lynch#, LCES (J. Lyons)	
12	Newbypt (across airport)	25	G. d'Entremont#	
16, 17	Bolton Flats, Nantucket	1, 4	M. Lynch#, J. Brown#	
26	P.I., Scituate	8, 5	BBC (G. Gove), W. Petersen	

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	SEPTEMBER 1987
Seaside Sparrow				
5	Scituate, Monomoy	2, 1	W. Petersen#, M. Lynch#	
10, 26	P.I.	4, 2	R. Forster, BBC (G. Gove)	
12	Newburyport	6	G. d'Entremont#	
Song Sparrow				
6; 7, 14	P.I.; Bolton Flats	20+; 35+, 41	M. Lynch#	
Lincoln's Sparrow				
5; 14, 16, 26	P.I.; Belmont	1; 1, 1, 1	R. Forster; L. Taylor	
26, 27	Quabbin (G40), Scituate	2, 1	M. Lynch#, D. Clapp#	
27	Peabody	1	D. F. Oliver	
Swamp Sparrow				
7, 9, 14	Bolton Flats	15+, 15+, 26	M. Lynch#	
White-throated Sparrow				
12, 15	P.I., Belmont	3, 2	M. Lynch#, L. Taylor	
16, 17	Bolton Flats, Nantucket	1, 1	D. F. Oliver, J. Brown#	
26	Quabbin (G40), P.I.	7, 8	M. Lynch#, BBC (G. Gove)	
White-crowned Sparrow				
22, 29	Bolton Flats	1, 1	E. Salmela	
26	Quabbin (G40)	1	M. Lynch#	
Dark-eyed Junco				
26, 30	P.I., Watertown	6, 3	BBC (G. Gove), R. Stymeist	
Bobolink				
6-30, 6	Nantucket, Ipswich	25, 85+	E. Andrews#, J. Berry	
14, 15	M. V., DWWS	20+, 28	J. Brown#, D. Ludlow	
27	Scituate, Peabody	6, 8	D. Clapp#, D. F. Oliver	
Red-winged Blackbird				
15, 16	Bolton Flats	400+, 600+	E. Salmela + v. o.	
29	Wayland	240	G. Gove	
Yellow-headed Blackbird				
13	Chatham	1	G. Gove + v. o.	
Rusty Blackbird				
19, 25	Hingham, Peabody	5, 1	G. d'Entremont#, D. F. Oliver	
Common Grackle				
6	Newbury	1 part albino	M. Lynch#	
blackbird species				
10, 17	Danvers	3000+	J. Berry	
Northern Oriole				
12, 26	P.I., Scituate	6, 2	M. Lynch#, W. Petersen	
27	Wellfleet	6	R. Stymeist#	
Purple Finch				
3; 5	Hanson; Scituate, Lakeville	1; 2, 1	W. Petersen	
20	MBO	2	P. Trimble	
Pine Siskin				
26, 27	Quabbin (G40), Truro	6, 1+	M. Lynch#, R. Stymeist#	
American Goldfinch				
1	DWWS	160	D. Clapp	

## BIRD OBSERVER FIELD RECORDS

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### LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ad	adult	F.P.	Fresh Pond, Cambridge
b	banded	G37 or 40	Gate 37 or 40, Quabbin
br	breeding	H.	Harbor
dk	dark (phase)	H.P.	Halibut Point, Rockport
f	female	I.	Island
imm	immature	M.V.	Martha's Vineyard
ind	individuals	Mt.A.	Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge
juv	juvenile	Nant.	Nantucket
loc	location	Newbypt	Newburyport
lt	light (phase)	Noanet WR	Noanet Woodland Reservation
m	male	P.I.	Plum Island
max	maximum	Pd	Pond
mi	mile	P'town	Provincetown
migr	migrating	Quab.	Quabbin
n	nesting	Res.	Reservation
ph	photographed	R.P.	Race Point, Provincetown
pl	plumage	S. Dart.	South Dartmouth
pr	pair	S.N.	Sandy Neck, Barnstable
S	summer (1S = first summer)	Stellw.	Stellwagen (Bank)
thr	throughout	BBC	Brookline Bird Club
v.o.	various observers	BOEM	Bird Observer of Eastern Massachusetts
W	winter (2W = second winter)	CBC	Christmas Bird Count
w/	with	CCBC	Cape Cod Bird Club
yg	young	DFWS	Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary
#	additional observers	DWWS	Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary
A.A.	Arnold Arboretum	EMHW	Eastern Massachusetts Hawk Watch
A.P.	Andrews Point, Rockport	FCBC	Felix Cutler Bird Club
B.	Beach	GMNWR	Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge
B.I.	Belle Isle, E. Boston	IRWS	Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary
B.R.	Bass Rocks, Gloucester	LCES	Lloyd Center for Environmental Studies
Buzz.	Buzzards Bay	MAS	Massachusetts Audubon Society
C.	cape as in Cape Cod	MBO	Manomet Bird Observatory
Cambr.	Cambridge	MNWS	Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary
Corp. B.	Corporation Beach, Dennis	NEHW	New England Hawk Watch
C.P.	Crooked Pond, Boxford	ONWR	Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge
E.P.	Eastern Point, Gloucester	PRNWR	Parker River National Wildlife Refuge
F.E.	First Encounter Beach, Eastham	SRV	Sudbury River Valley
F.H.	Fort Hill, Eastham	SSBC	South Shore Bird Club
F.M.	Fowl Meadow	WBWS	Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary



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